Seoul Capital Area

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Seoul — The Five Royal Palaces of Seoul

The five palaces of Seoul are royal palaces of the Joseon Dynasty and symbols of Korea's culture and history. Each palace has its unique charms: Gyeongbokgung Palace, the royal residence; Changdeokgung Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site inscribed in 1997 with remarkable beauty; Deoksugung Palace, a combination of Korean aesthetics and Western architecture; Changgyeonggung Palace, which suffered from the damages caused by Japanese occupation; and Gyeonghuigung Palace, humble and simple.

Gyeongbokgung Palace ❶161 Sajik-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul ☎+82-2-3700-3900
Changdeokgung Palace ❶99 Yulgok-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul ☎+82-2-3668-2300
Deoksugung Palace ❶99 Sejong-daero, Jung-gu, Seoul ☎+82-2-771-9955
Changgyeonggung Palace ❶185 Changgyeonggung-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul ☎+82-2-762-4868
Gyeonghuigung Palace ❶45 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul ☎+82-2-724-0274

Seoul — Hongik University (Hongdae) Street

The heart of Seoul's youth culture is this eclectic collection of cafes, restaurants, bars, clubs, art markets, galleries, and shops. Its numerous alleys wind through the area, carrying unique themes like clubbing, art, and murals (Picasso Street). Busking, performances, events, and the powerful energy of youthful freedom draw numerous youths to the area, especially on weekends. ❶160 Tongmo-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul ☎+82-2-3153-8650

Seoul — Seoul Forest

This interactive park is the first of its kind and has become a representative forest-structured park made in collaboration with its citizens. In spring, the cherry blossoms and tulips bloom and in summer, the ground fountain and water playground opens for everyone to enjoy. Visitors can also participate in various eco experiences at the Butterfly Garden, Deer Habitat, and Insect Garden. The Mirror Pond, Land of Giants, and ginkgo tree forest are the perfect spots for beautiful photos. There are also various cultural and experience events as well as picnics at the main grass field. ❶273 Thuksom-ro, Seongdong-gu, Seoul ☎+82-2-460-2905

Seoul — Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP)

This cultural space and design platform is a hub of exhibitions, fashion shows, conferences, and events both domestic and international. Its distinct curves and mega-sized roof are a triumph of 21st-century architectural architecture. This design, which symbolizes Dongdaemun area in the state of the Gyeongbokgung Palace, the royal residence: Changdeokgung Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site inscribed in 1997 with remarkable beauty; Deoksugung Palace, a combination of Korean aesthetics and Western architecture; Changgyeonggung Palace,