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An Introduction to Cruise Destinations in Korea



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The Korean peninsula provides ideal conditions for calling of cruise ships. Dotted with thousands of islands, the shorelines in the south and west offer a natural environment to house ships, while the deep depth of water along the east coast allows easy access even for bigger ships.

The 12 major ports of Korea and their nearby vicinities are popular tourist attractions with their own styles and local flavors. Along these ports you can discover a flourishing city flush up against beautiful mountains, a volcanic island recognized as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage, wetlands full of rare migratory birds, and even traditional markets bursting with history and culture.

Tourists to Korea will also experience the hottest trends and the dynamic energy of the Korean Wave, the sights and sounds of which have been taking Asia - and now the rest of the world - by storm.



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RUSSIA

CHINA

EAST SEA



JAPAN



Korea's second largest
city and its most
beautiful coastlines

Busan

Busan is an urban and vibrant port city. It has Haeundae Beach, the No.1 summer holiday destination in Korea, luxury hotels on the beautiful coastline, bustling shopping districts, and exciting entertainment areas. Busan is also home to the world's largest shopping complex, Shinsegae Centum City Department Store, which has made the city a mecca for shopping in Asia.



BUSAN PORT INFORMATION

Busan Port has been Korea's number one port since its opening in 1876. Busan Port is located on the world's main trunk route connecting oceans and continents, and has satisfied various fields of maritime business for over 130 years with its accumulated know-how and infrastructure. In the 21st century, Busan is paving its way to become a global hub of maritime logistics through the establishment of a new port, creating a logistics complex, and the embarkation of its North Port Redevelopment Project.

BUSAN CRUISE TERMINAL

Since its opening in April of 2007, a great many cruise ships have called at Busan Port. Busan Port successfully accommodates nearly 2 million passengers annually, and continues to make concerted efforts to expand immigration-related facilities and services for its respective passenger terminals. The construction of Busan Port's brand-new International Cruise Terminal by 2014, the development of the city port, tourist and shopping facilities, and the introduction of a highly efficient Intermodal Transit Center for passengers are to transform Busan Port into a maritime tourist destination and global gateway, accommodating some of the largest and most majestic cruise vessels to sail the seas.

Name	Busan International Cruise Terminal	New Busan International Passenger and Cruise Terminal
Location	17, Haeyang-ro 301beon-gil, Yeongdo-gu	206, Chungjang-daero, Dong-gu
Berthing capacity	1 vessel of 80,000 tons	1 vessel of 150,000 tons
Quay length	360m	360m
Quay width	25.5m	30m
Water depth (mean)	11.5m	12m
Website	www.busanpa.com	

SERVICES

1. Welcome or farewell ceremonies
2. Welcome plaque for newly entering cruise liners
3. Free shuttle bus
4. Translation service
5. Port due discount
6. Free Familiarization tour for crew
7. Hospitality desk (free guidebook)
8. Souvenirs

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- Gimhae International Airport ← 30min → Busan Port
- Busan Express Bus Terminal ← 30min → Busan Port
- Busan Station ← 5min → Busan Port

Major Attractions in Busan

<http://tour.busan.go.kr>

❶ Centum City This department store is a landmark of Busan that has been listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the biggest shopping complex in the world. Centum City includes shopping facilities such as Shinsegae Department Store and Lotte Department Store, a hot spring, an ice rink, a large bookstore, and a golf school.

🕒 2h 📍 20.7km

❷ Haeundae Beach This beach is one of the most popular summer holiday destinations in Korea and is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most number of parasols, with 10,000 covering the beach every summer. Surrounding Haeundae Beach are skyscrapers, premium hotels, shopping centers, and entertainment facilities.

🕒 1h 📍 23.1km

❸ Busan Aquarium Located underwater, the main aquarium weighing 3,500 tons. There are also theme aquariums, and an 80m long acrylic tunnel. It features about 35,000 deep sea fishes of 280 species.

🕒 2h 📍 23.9km

❹ Nurimaru APEC House The 3rd APEC Summit Meeting was held at Nurimaru, which was cited as the most beautiful venue for the summit by participants.

🕒 1h 📍 23.2km

❺ Haeundae Spa It is said that Queen Jinseong of the Shilla Kingdom cured her smallpox after taking a bath in Haeundae Spa. Haeundae Spa is known for being effective on arthritis, rheumatism, skin diseases, and anemia.

🕒 2h 📍 24.1km



6 Haedongyonggungsa Temple While most Buddhist temples are located in mountains, Haedongyonggungsa Temple is on a cliff overlooking the sea. It has Haesugwaneundaebul, the biggest Buddhist stone statue in Korea.

🕒 1h 📍 31.3km

7 Haeundae Dalmaji-gil Road This art and culture street is full of large and small art galleries, art shops, and trendy restaurants. The hill, overlooking the sea, possesses a romantic and artistic feel to it.

🕒 2h 📍 26km

8 Seven Luck Casino This luxurious European style casino offers eight different games tables, poker, and slot machines.

🕒 2h 📍 12.6km

9 Yongdusan Park The 120m Busan Tower is located at this park. As it has beautiful night scenery, the park is a popular night sightseeing destination. Also, it was the filming site for the Korean movie <Friends> starring Jang Donggun.

🕒 2h 📍 7.4km

10 Gwangalli Beach Gwangalli Beach is a must-visit attraction at night, as it is the best place to see Gwangan Bridge, the landmark architecture in Busan. Around the beach are about 300 high-end restaurants, cafes, and sushi restaurants.

🕒 1h 📍 16.9km

11 Jagalchi Market This market is the largest fish market in Korea. About 500 fish stores sell fresh seafood caught in the sea off Busan and the South Sea.

🕒 1h 📍 7.3km

12 Shanghai Street This street has been home to the Chinese community in Korea and became a Chinese commercial street since China opened a consulate office here in 1884. Today, it is a popular tourist attraction, where tourists can see the Chinese culture and lifestyle.

🕒 1h 📍 7.5km



Symbol Key 🕒 Average visit in hours 📍 Distance (km) from terminal by road





A volcanic island listed as a
UNESCO World Heritage Site

Jeju

Jeju is a popular holiday destination featuring Halla Mountain, 360 parasitic volcanoes, lava areas between volcanoes, the vast blue ocean, and fine sand. As a volcanic island, Jeju displays lava areas and bizarre-shaped stones. Jeju offers a very unique and magnificent landscape of long palm trees and tropical fruits, set against the unique background of black volcanic rocks. The island is annually the No.1 vacation destination for Koreans, and more and more international visitors have been coming to Jeju since its recognition as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site.



JEJU PORT INFORMATION

Thanks to completion of a tourism redevelopment plan, Jeju Port has moved from its roots as a busy, local harbor to one that proudly serves a large traffic of domestic and international boats. It already operates several lines of car ferries that cover over three thousand tons, and is ready to expand its capacity. As a result, Jeju Port is becoming an important cruise stop for lines connecting China and Japan, and interest by international cruise operators and more international cruise operators and tourists are showing their interest in this emerging cruise destination, Jeju Island.

Name	Jeju Port
Berthing capacity	1 vessel of 80,000 tons
Quay length	360m
Quay width	30m
Height of quay above lowest tide	3.8m
Water depth (mean)	12m
Tidal range	Almost none
Website	www.jeju.go.kr

SERVICES

1. Welcome ceremony
2. Bottled water (Samdasoo) and tourism promotion materials

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 Jeju International Airport ← 5min → Jeju Port

 Jeju Express Bus Terminal ← 20min → Jeju Port

Major Attractions in Jeju

<http://jejoutour.jeju.go.kr>

1 Jeju Volcanic Island Jeju is a volcanic island created through five-times volcanic eruptions 1 million years ago. In 2007, 10 percent of the Jeju area including Halla Mountain, Seongsan Ilchulbong (sunrise peak), and Geomunoreum lava tube system were listed as UNESCO World Natural Heritage sites.

• **Hallasan National Park** Mount Halla is a shield volcano located in the center of Jeju. It is called the “Galapagos Island of Korea” as it shows different fauna and flora at its many levels of elevation, and it is home to rare plants and animals.

🕒 7h 📍 24.8km

• **Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak** This formation was created through an underwater volcanic eruption in the low sea 100,000 years ago. It is very unique in that there is a crown-shaped crater on the summit.

🕒 2h 📍 42.8km

• **Geomunoreum Lava Tube System** The fascinating white patterns seen here are created by lime that permeated into the lava cave. Manjanggul (Cave) are now open to the public.

🕒 2h 📍 28.6km

2 Gimnyeong Maze Park This outdoor maze is formed by 1,300 leylandii trees. It has a total of four courses representing Jeju’s symbols of Jeju.

🕒 2h 📍 27.4km

3 Jeju Bunjae Artpia Museum This outdoor bunjae park was built over three decades by a farmer. It is now well-known to the world, as high-profile figures at home and abroad have visited the park and called it “a paradise garden.”

🕒 2h 📍 39.5km

4 Jeju Glass Castle This glass-themed park displays super-large glass sculptures by glass artists from Korea and abroad, and a fantastic space made of glass.

🕒 2h 📍 37.8km

5 O’ Sulloc Tea Museum Jeju accounts for more than 50 percent of green tea production in Korea. This museum specializes in green tea and has a gallery, a shop, a cafe, and an observatory for visitors.

🕒 2h 📍 35.8km

6 Jeju Olle Trail These trails can be found around throughout Jeju, and can take the hiker on a roundabout journey of the whole island. Each course is 3-8 hours long, and reward explorers with spectacular views and a bit of understandings on local culture.

🕒 3-8h







The biggest gateway to Korea

Incheon

Incheon, which has the Port of Incheon and Incheon International Airport, is the main gateway to Korea. It is also the most frequently visited city by foreigners, as it is close to Seoul. With the China Town built during the Ching Dynasty, 150 islands nearby, theme parks, and filming sites, Incheon is a popular tourist destination in Korea. The Port of Incheon is accessible within one hour from downtown Seoul by bus, subway, and airport railway.



INCHOEN PORT INFORMATION

The Port of Incheon opened in 1883 and has been an important gateway for continental culture to enter Korea and for Korean culture to spread overseas. As the West Sea has a big tidal range, it was difficult to unload cargo in Incheon. However, Incheon has become an international port that can berth a 70,000-ton vessel and 30 large vessels simultaneously, thanks to docks and lock gates.

Name	Incheon Port(Seoul) Inner Port	Incheon Port(Seoul) North Port
Berthing capacity	1 vessel of 70,000 tons	1 vessel of 70,000 tons
Quay length	300m	360m
Quay width	32.3m	25.5m
Height of quay above lowest tide	4m	4m
Water depth (mean)	11.5m	14m
Tidal range	None	9m
Website	www.icpa.or.kr	

SERVICES

1. Welcome or farewell ceremony
2. Welcome plaque for newly entering cruise liners
3. Shuttle bus for FIT
4. Port due discount
5. Free familiarization tour for crew
6. Hospitality desk (free guidebook)
7. Translation service

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Inner Port

Incheon International Airport ← 30min → Incheon Port

Incheon Express bus Terminal ← 15min → Incheon Port

North Port

Incheon International Airport ← 30min → Incheon Port

Incheon Express bus Terminal ← 30min → Incheon Port

Major Attractions in Incheon

<http://english.visitincheon.org>

1 Songdo International City This center of the Korean Wave was the location for several movies and music videos. A few scenes from PSY's Gangnam Style music video were filmed here. Visitors will enjoy the Central Park, European-style canal-lined streets, and the spectacular new skyline.

Inner Port 🚗 4h 🚗 13.2km / North Port 🚗 4h 🚗 19km

2 China Town This is a little China in Korea. Qipaos, tea leaves, special Chinese products and other small accessories are sold here. A big draw for Koreans is the food, including the beloved black soybean sauce noodles (jjajangmyeon) and also authentic Chinese food.

Inner Port 🚗 3h 🚗 6.6km / North Port 🚗 3h 🚗 6.8km

3 Sinpo Market Favorite local Korean street foods can be found at this traditional market, such as fried chicken in sweet sauce, steamed dumplings, and spicy rice cakes (ddeokbokki). Underground malls, brand outlets, and cafes can also be found at this exciting market.

Inner Port 🚗 1h 🚗 6.8km / North Port 🚗 1h 🚗 6.1km

4 Jeondeungsa Temple This temple was built around 400 A.D. when Buddhism was first introduced in Korea. There are number of artifacts and buildings such as Daeungbojeon, Yaksajeon and Beomjong, which have been registered as national treasures.

Inner Port 🚗 1h 🚗 44.6km / North Port 🚗 1h 🚗 31.2km

5 Incheon Open Port Area Unique modern architecture can be found along this area, which was a designated area to commemorate the opening of Incheon Port. Here, one can see the statue of General MacArthur at Jayu Park and admire a sweeping view of Incheon Port, Incheon-Daegyo Bridge, and beautiful night lights in the evening.

Inner Port 🚗 1h 🚗 6.2km / North Port 🚗 1h 🚗 8.4km

6 Wolmido Island The Wolmi observation platform provides an entire view of Incheon Port, Incheon Airport and the city of Incheon. The Korean traditional garden here has reproduced old houses. These attractions are now popular with tourists, but during the Korean War, it was a battlefield where Operation Chromite took place.

Inner Port 🚗 2h 🚗 8.9km / North Port 🚗 2h 🚗 9.6km

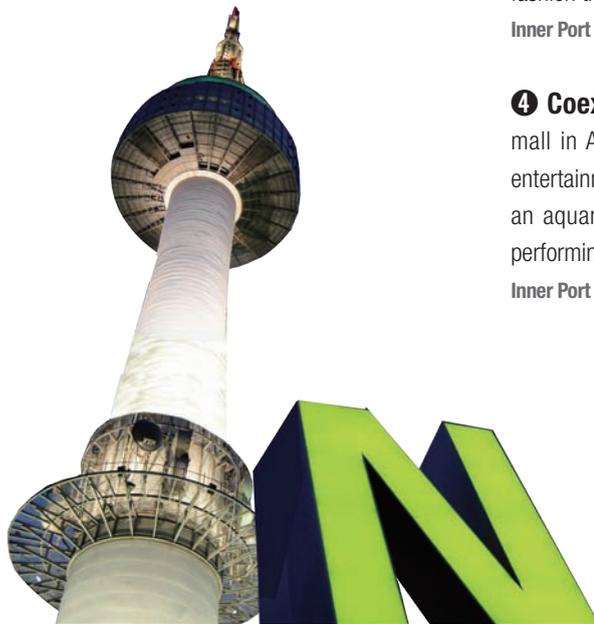
7 Ganghwa Peace Observation This is an observatory in which the closest and the widest view of the North Korea can be seen from the South Korea. From this location, visitors can directly view North Korean daily life. It is the northernmost located security post open to tourists.

Inner Port 🚗 1h 🚗 74.7km / North Port 🚗 1h 🚗 48.6km



Major Attractions in Seoul

www.visitseoul.net/en



1 N Seoul Tower This landmark architecture of Seoul is located on Namsan Mountain. At night, it glows in different colors and patterns according to time. Inside the tower are an observatory, Teddy Bear Museum, restaurants, and cafes.

Inner Port 🚗 2h 📍 48km / North Port 🚗 2h 📍 43km

2 Cheonggyecheon Stream This 5.84km stream cuts across downtown Seoul. After restoration, it became an ecological stream highly praised by the press around the world. Around the banks of the stream are trendy cafes and bars.

Inner Port 🚗 3h 📍 47km / North Port 🚗 3h 📍 42.1km

3 Myeongdong The No.1 shopping district of Korea has department stores including Lotte Department Store, Shinsegae Department Store and also features duty-free shops, large-scale shopping malls, and road-side shops that create and lead the fashion trends of Korea.

Inner Port 🚗 2h 📍 44km / North Port 🚗 2h 📍 40km

4 Coex As the largest underground shopping mall in Asia, it hosts not only shopping but also entertainment and cultural facilities. It also features an aquarium, fine restaurants, and the Artium, a performing arts center.

Inner Port 🚗 2h 📍 53.7km / North Port 🚗 2h 📍 49km

5 Lotte World Just like Disneyland in the U.S. and Japan, Lotte World is a well-known world-class theme park. It features about 40 attractions and holds various festivals according to season.

Inner Port 🚗 5h 📍 57.3km / North Port 🚗 5h 📍 52.8km

6 Bukchon Hanok Village This village was a high-end residential area where high-ranking officials, royal families, and nobility lived during the Chosun Dynasty. About 1,400 traditional Korean houses are preserved in the village. Tourists can learn about Korean traditions in Hanok guest houses.

Inner Port 🚗 2h 📍 45km / North Port 🚗 2h 📍 40.4km

7 Samcheongdong Street Modern trends are mixed with traditional elements in the street, as traditional Hanok houses are re-born into cafes, wine bars, art shops, road shops, and designer shops.

Inner Port 🚗 2h 📍 44.7km / North Port 🚗 2h 📍 40.1km

8 Korea House At this traditional Hanok house visitors can learn about traditional Korean lifestyle and culture. In the house, tourists can personally experience and appreciate court cuisine, folk music, and traditional Korean dance.

Inner Port 🚗 1h 📍 45.1km / North Port 🚗 1h 📍 40.5km





A Tourism Destination Immersed in
a Beautiful Natural Environment

Gangwon

(SOKCHO • DONGHAE)

Sokcho and Donghae are the two major harbor cities of Gangwon-do, and both are blessed with beautiful landscapes. Sokcho's famous Seoraksan mountain is a popular location for its hiking, hot spring districts, and spa resorts. Meanwhile, the beautiful valleys and caves of Donghae have appeared in many recent movies and drama sets. For that reason, there is increasing number of visits to the area by Asian fans of the Korean Wave.



GANGWON PORT INFORMATION

Sokcho Port is an important traffic center of northeast Asia that connects northeast China, far east Russia, and the west sea region of Japan. It became a representative port of Gangwon ever since a coastal route was developed in 1905. In the port, there is a naturally formed lagoon Cheongchoho Lake. It is used as the inner harbor of Sokcho Port. By using the lake as the inner harbor, outer influence is minimized, which stabilized berthing. A notable aspect of East Sea Port is that it was built on a grand scale in 1979 for trading underground resources.

Name	Sokcho Port	Donghae Port
Berthing capacity	1 vessel of 20,000 tons	1 vessel of 30,000 tons 1 vessel of 10,000 tons
Quay length	270m	1,190m
Quay width	120m	30m
Water depth (mean)	11m	9~12m
Tidal range	Almost none	Almost none
Website	http://donghae.mltm.go.kr	

SERVICES: Sokcho Port 1. Welcome ceremony 2. Port due discount
3. Special export market and travel information center
Donghae Port 1. Welcome ceremony

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Sokcho

- Yangyang International Airport ← 40min → Sokcho Port
- Sokcho Express Bus Terminal ← 15min → Sokcho Port

Donghae

- Yangyang International Airport ← 80min → Donghae Port
- Donghae Express Bus Terminal ← 15min → Donghae Port
- Donghae Station ← 15min → Donghae Port

Major Attractions in Gangwon

Sokcho www.sokchotour.com

Donghae www.dhtour.go.kr

Sokcho

❶ **Seoraksan National Park** Seoraksan is the 3rd highest mountain in Korea and it is also registered as a biosphere reserve by UNESCO. The rocky shape of the mountains create a beautiful variety of scenery for different hiking paths.

🕒 7h 📏 12.7km

❷ **Hotspots (Cheoksan Oncheon Jigu, Seorak Waterpia, Footbath park etc.)** Visitors can choose among open-air baths, spa theme parks using 100% hot springs water, and healthy mineral water hot springs while enjoying the scenery of Seoraksan. The whole area is a large scale hot spa district.

🕒 5h 📏 6.5km

❸ **Sokcho Fish Market** This is a traditional market that sells all the fresh marine products from the East Sea. Traditional seafood and fresh sashimi are available.

🕒 2h 📏 1.4km

❹ **Sokcho Beach** This sandy beach is graced with clean, unpolluted waters and has a dense pine forest next to it.

🕒 1h 📏 3.2km

❺ **Youngrangho Lake** This lagoon and natural lake has beautiful scenery and a nice hiking course. Fishing, boating, water-skiing and golfing can be enjoyed here.

🕒 1h 📏 1.3km



Donghae

❶ Cheongok Cave This limestone cave is presumed to have been created 400 to 500 million years ago. It is also called “underground palace,” as there are well-preserved rare stones including stalactites, stalactite waterfalls, stalagmites, and stalactite columns within the cave. As the cave is located in downtown Donghae, tourists can visit both the cave and downtown attractions.

🕒 1h 📍 4.5km

❷ Mukho Seafood Market Mukho is a port famous for squids. Among popular dishes are shredded squid, seafood stew using fresh fish caught in the East Sea, hot fish stew, and grilled fish. From winter to following spring, snow crabs caught in the East Sea are moderately priced.

🕒 1h 📍 7.8km

❸ Mangsang Auto Camping Resort This is an auto camp site meeting international standards on the Mangsang Beach, one of the most beautiful beaches in Korea with fine sand and a cozy pine forest. Campers can comfortably stay here using exotic cabin houses, various camping facilities, and other convenient facilities.

🕒 3h 📍 15.9km

❹ Mureung Valley After Ha Jiwon took a bath here in <Hwangjini>, a popular TV drama, Mureung Valley became a popular destination for foreigners who love Korean pop culture. The valley boasts breathtaking scenery befitting the legend that Taoist hermits strolled there. It is also a popular trekking course with clear water flowing along the valley.

🕒 2h 📍 10.9km

❺ Bukpyeong Five-day Market This is one of the top three traditional markets in Korea and the largest traditional market in Gangwon-do. On both sides of the market alley are more than 800 street vendors selling fresh seafood caught in Mukho Port and medicinal herbs and wild greens picked in nearby mountains. Also, there are a lot of local restaurants that present traditional Gangwon-do cuisine.

🕒 1h 📍 1.5km



A World-Class Industrial City

Ulsan

Ulsan has the largest industrial complex in Korea, and when it is viewed with the skyscrapers in the city, the skyline delivers a modern look and dynamic atmosphere. Rural areas nearby the city have beautiful landscapes including Yeongnam Alps' silver grass, Jangsaengpo, where visitors can observe whales, and the sunrise viewing location Ganjeolgot. Ulsan is a city of modernity and nature in harmony.

ULSAN PORT INFORMATION

Ulsanhang is a natural port with deep water and low tidal range. As it is part of a large-scale port complex along with nearby Onsanhang Port and Mipojang Port, it offers well-equipped berthing facilities and other amenities.

Name	Ulsan Port
Berthing capacity	4 vessel of 30,000 tons 2 vessel of 20,000 tons 1 vessel of 10,000 tons
Quay length	16,639m
Quay width	over 300m
Water depth (mean)	9~13m
Tidal range	Almost none
Website	www.upa.or.kr

- SERVICES**
1. Welcome ceremony
 2. Promotional materials and souvenirs

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 Ulsan Express Bus Terminal ← 10min → Ulsan Port

 Ulsan Station ← 10min → Ulsan Port

Major Attractions in Ulsan

<http://guide.ulsan.go.kr>

① Daewangam Park Alongside this park, one can admire the beautiful blue ocean, a pine forest, and a pleasant path that leads to a lighthouse. The park offers a breathtaking view of uniquely-shaped rocks and cliffs and the sunrise.

🕒 2h 📍 17.7km

② Jangsengpo Whale Museum Jangsengpo was the largest whale fishing base in Korea. The museum displays the history of whale fishing in Korea since prehistoric times.

🕒 1h 📍 2.18km

③ Tongdosa Temple This Buddhist temple enshrines genuine bone relics and a robe of Buddha. Tongdosa is unique in that it does not have a statue of Buddha.

🕒 2h 📍 40.6km

④ Jasujeong Cave It is an artificial cave built in a former amethyst mine. Tourists can explore the cave on a boat, and experience the health benefits of amethyst stones in the Energy Experience Room.

🕒 2h 📍 35.3km



A Cutting-Edge City Built From a Powerful Steel Industry

Pohang

Pohang city is known to be the engine of Korea's fast economic growth and industrialization. World class steel company POSCO and Korea's finest engineering school Postech made the city to be recognized as one of the most technologically advanced cities in Korea. The city is surrounded by the blue ocean of Yeongil bay and Homigot at the end of the bay is a tourist attraction famous for the earliest sunrise viewing in Korea.

POHANG PORT INFORMATION

Pohang Port is located in Yeongil bay, a natural bay and the largest one in Korea. In 1960, Pohang opened a new harbor that can bear 100,000 ton ships along with POSCO construction. It was the first harbor built in Korea to handle such large ships. In August 2009, New Yeongil Harbor was opened and Japanese international cruise ships enter the port every year.

Name	Pohang Port
Berthing capacity	4 vessels of 30,000 tons 2 vessels of 20,000 tons
Quay length	1,000m / 420m
Quay width	350m
Water depth (mean)	12m
Tidal range	Almost none
Website	http://pohang.mltm.go.kr

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 Pohang Express Bus Terminal ← 25min → Pohang Port

 Pohang Station ← 25min → Pohang Port

Major Attractions in Pohang

<http://phtour.ipohang.org>

1 POSCO POSCO was reviewed as the world's most competitive steel company by WSD (World Steel Dynamics) from 2009~2012. Tourists can visit the steel mill and view the manufacturing process through a site visit.

🕒 1h 📍 7.9km

2 Homigot This is the first geographic location in Korea where the sunrise can be seen. The landmark sculpture 'Hand of Harmony' was installed in the year 2000 to celebrate the new millennium and to wish for the harmony of the Korean people.

🕒 1h 📍 35.6km

3 National Lighthouse Museum This is the one and only lighthouse museum in Korea. Visitors can view the history of navigation aid, instruments, and installments in three indoor exhibitions, one on the water exhibition and three outdoor exhibitions.

🕒 1h 📍 35.7km

4 Robolife Museum Robolife Museum is operated by the Korea Institute of Robot and Convenience. Robot exhibitions, lectures on robots and a hands-on experience zone for touching and controlling robots are available for visitors.

🕒 1h 📍 8.8km

5 Guryongpo Modern Culture and History Street This was the Japanese residential sector during the Japan's colonization of Korea. Visitors can learn about Japanese lifestyle by exploring the well-preserved buildings from the early 20th century.

🕒 2h 📍 23.7km



A City of Art and Culture,
Where the Islands Meet the Sea

Tongyeong

Tongyeong forms an archipelago consisting of 570 islands. Beautiful islands such as Somaemuldo Island, Jangsado Island, Bijipdo Island and etc. are only 1 hour away by ferry. Tongyeong is especially known as the home town for many artists. Hence art viewing spaces such as art museum, craft museum, literature collection hall are available for tourist visit. Also, there are annual art events such as Tongyeong International Music Festival and Tongyeong Theatre Art Festival.

TONGYEONG PORT INFORMATION

Tongyeong is an international port mainly for importing and exporting marine products. Recently, the city became a tourist attraction, and passenger ships have been arriving frequently. Tongyeong is also a hub for marine transportation, connecting many islands in the south sea.

Name	Tongyeong Port
Berthing capacity	6,000 tons
Quay length	140m
Quay width	50m
Water depth (mean)	7.3~10m
Tidal range	2~3m
Website	http://harbor.gsnd.net

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Major Attractions in Tongyeong

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① Hallyeo Waterway Observation Cable Car

This cable car travels up and down Mount Mireuksan (461m), where one can enjoy a great view of the Hallyeo Waterway and the south sea of Korea.

🕒 2h 📍 4.5km

② Jangsado Oceanside Park (Camellia)

This national park is famous for its beautiful camellia flowers, but is also home to 1,000 varieties of plants. The beautiful flowers and plant life next to the stunning ocean scenery makes for a picturesque, romantic landscape.

🕒 3h 📍 0.4km

③ Somaemuldo Island

This island is accessible by a 1 hour 40 minute boat ride from Tongyeong. The lighthouse towering over the sheer cliffs creates a very exotic scene.

🕒 4h 📍 26km (by ship)

④ Dongpirang Mural Village

Located at the top of the hill that overlooks Tongyeong harbor, Dongpirang was a poor village set to be demolished by city planners. But painters and artists transformed the once plain houses and walls into colorful paintings and artwork—successfully revitalizing and beautifying the village.

🕒 2h 📍 1km

⑤ Ottchil Art Museum

This is the only government authenticated lacquer work museum in the country. The museum exhibits about eighty lacquer works by artists who represent an age-old tradition of Korean lacquerware. In Korea, lacquerware has an over four-hundred year tradition, and Tongyeong has remained the hometown.

🕒 1h 📍 3.5km



The Charms of Korea's Central Region, All in One Place

Pyeongtaek

Pyeongtaek is on the border between Gyeonggi-do and Chungcheongnam-do. The Seoul metropolitan area and major cities in Chungcheongnam-do are within one hour by car from Pyeongtaek. Tourists can easily visit exciting attractions such as Everland and Korean Folk Village and famous hot springs in Chungcheongnam-do.

PYEONGTAEK PORT INFORMATION

The Port of Pyeongtaek is a gateway to the Seoul metropolitan area, the center of Korea. As it is surrounded by natural breakwaters, the port is protected from typhoons or tidal waves. With the opening of new routes to the U.S., Europe, and Southeast Asia as well as to China and Japan, the Port of Pyeongtaek is reborn as a leading international port in the West Coast.

Name	Pyeongtaek Port
Berthing capacity	3 vessels of 30,000 tons
Quay length	720m
Quay width	250m
Water depth (mean)	12m
Tidal range	9~10m
Website	http://pyeongtaek.mltm.go.kr

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 Gwangmyeong Station ← 40min → Pyeongtaek Port

Major Attractions in Pyeongtaek

www.pyeongtaek.go.kr

1 Sapgoyo Marine Park This warship theme park features two warships decommissioned after 50 years of service. Visitors can experience the life of naval forces in the actual bridge, radar room, captain's cabin, and barracks.

🕒 2h 📍 20km

2 Pyeongtaekho Lake This artificial lake was created after the Sapgoyo Breakwater was built in 1973. It is a popular weekend destination with the beautiful view of the West Sea and tranquil lake.

🕒 2h 📍 8.7km

3 Asan Spavis This hot spring theme park operates healing bath programs using hot spring water. In the park are large indoor bathing pools, family pools, an oriental medicine center, and a health promotion center.

🕒 3h 📍 20km

4 Paradise Spa Dogo The high quality hot spring water of this spa contains sulfur and is recognized as one of the four major hot springs in Asia. It is designed to focus on healing diseases and has advanced aqua therapy facilities.

🕒 3h 📍 34km

5 Korea Folk Village This outdoor folk museum is a recreation of Korea 150 years ago, in the latter years of the Joseon Dynasty. It features 270 traditional Korean buildings, folk games, traditional tight-rope performances, and other traditional performances for visitors.

🕒 4h 📍 50.8km

6 Everland Along with its thrilling rides and attractions, Everland has seasonal events such as the annual Flower Festival and also daily parades. A zoo and water park are also part of the massive resort.

🕒 5h 📍 29.2km



The Seaside City with Fantasy-like Scenery

YEOSU

Yeosu is the city that successfully hosted the Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea. Its Dadohae National Marine Park offers a breathtaking view of crystal-clear seawater and dotted islands. The view of the islands from the beach and the sun rising between the islands is one of Yeosu's prides. The best part of Yeosu travel is visiting Odongdo Island, where a beautiful garden of camellias attracts a lot of visitors in early spring.

YEOSU PORT INFORMATION

Yeosu is a beautiful port city surrounded by clean sea and more than 300 islands. A lot of islands in front of the port serve as natural breakwaters. Also, the water is deep and the port is wide, providing excellent natural port conditions. Yeosu Port is well-equipped with its own quarantine facility, customs inspection, immigration office, passenger terminal, and other facilities needed for arriving and departing international visitors.

Name	Yeosu Port
Berthing capacity	1 vessel of 80,000 tons
Quay length	400m
Quay width	150m
Water depth (mean)	9m
Tidal range	1.8m
Website	http://yeosu.mltm.go.kr

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1. Subsidy of 15,000 won for each foreigner staying one night in Yeosu
 2. Tourism and promotional materials

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Major Attractions in Yeosu

www.yeosutransel.net

❶ The Site for the Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea

The Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea was successfully held in Yeosu. It is globally recognized as a city with potential to become one of the major maritime cities. Its main tourist attractions consist of the Big-O, an aquarium, Sky Tower, and more.

🕒 3h 📍 1.9km

❷ Naganeupseong Folk Village

This village is on the Tentative List of potential nominees to the World Heritage List, as it still maintains about 100 traditional thatched houses including guest houses, vernacular houses, and markets. As a filming site for <Jewel in the Palace>, a big-hit TV drama, it is also a must-visit destination for Asian tourists who love Korean pop culture.

🕒 3h 📍 55.2km

❸ Jinnamgwan Hall

This building was used as a command center for the navy for 400 years during the Joseon Dynasty period. Admiral Yi Sun-Shin used this building during the Japanese invasion. The building dimensions are 75m in length, 14m in height, and it has 64 pillars with a 2.4m circumference. It is the largest one-storied wooden building in Korea.

🕒 2h 📍 1.6km

❹ Hyangiram Hermitage

This is a Buddhist hermitage overlooking the Dadohae National Marine Park. It boasts a thick camellia grove and the magnificent view of the Dadohae National Marine Park. It also features one of the most beautiful sunrises in the South Coast.

🕒 2h 📍 27.5km

❺ Suncheon Bay

This bay preserves the natural ecosystem of the coast and mud flats created over the past 5,000 years. The S-shaped waterway of the bay is one of top 10 most beautiful sunset sites cited by Korean photographers and famous as a filming site of Jewel in the Palace.

🕒 3h 📍 39.8km

❻ Geomundo Lighthouse

This is the first lighthouse in Korea built in 1905. The view from the lighthouse offers bizarre-shaped cliffs and rocks against the backdrop of the beautiful Dadohae National Marine Park.

🕒 4h 📍 114.7km (by ship)

❼ Yeongchwisan Mountain

The 510m tall mountain is famous for azalea blossoms. As one of the three major azalea colonies in Korea, it has tens of thousands azaleas up to 30 to 40 years old, offering a breathtaking view of a pink mountain every April.

🕒 3h 📍 13.4km



A port city keeping
antiquities underwater

Mokpo

Mokpo still bears a traditional harbor dating back to pre-modern era of Korea and also has a fish market with fresh seafood. Also, there is the National Research Institute of Maritime Cultural Heritage which preserves the frequent discoveries of underwater artifacts from past merchant vessels that used to travel through the coastal waters.

MOKPO PORT INFORMATION

Mokpo is a natural port with peninsulas and islands serving as breakwaters. It is located in the middle of Shanghai and Nagasaki, connecting Korea, China, and Japan since the end of the 19th century. Today, it is vibrant with trade with China. The New Port of Mokpo is surrounded by peninsulas and small islands and the inner port is closed like a lake. Therefore, it requires no artificial facilities to deepen the water and has very favorable conditions as a port.

Name	Mokpo Port
Berthing capacity	3 vessels of 30,000 tons
Quay length	750m
Water depth (mean)	12~15m
Tidal range	4m
Website	www.mokpoport.com

- SERVICES**
1. Tour guides for Mokpo City and surrounding areas
 2. Welcome ceremony

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Major Attractions in Mokpo

<http://tour.mokpo.go.kr>

❶ Yudalsan Mountain This mountain is called “Mount Geumgang in Honam,” as it has sharp peaks and bizarre-shaped rocks and cliffs. There is also an outdoor sculpture park that displays 44 pieces of works by renowned artists home and abroad.

🕒 3h 📍 1.8km

❸ National Research Institute of Maritime Cultural Heritage This is an archaeological research institute that focuses on preserving, exhibiting, and studying the maritime history of Korea. It displays underwater relics, fishing village traditions, and unique boats from each region of Korea.

🕒 2h 📍 4.7km

❷ Uhangri Dinosaur Museum Uhangri is a world-famous fossil site, where the biggest dinosaur footprints and largest number of dinosaur footprints have been found. The museum is built with the theme of dinosaur.

🕒 2h 📍 49.7km



The Habitat for Migratory Bird from Around the World

Gunsan

Gunsan had been a city where grain produced in the Honam Plains, the largest breadbasket of Korea, were traded. In winter, rare migratory birds flock to Gunsan to eat leftover grains on the field, creating an amazing scene. The Saemankeum Reclamation Project is now carried out to fill the Saemankeum Breakwater, the world's longest breakwater. You can fully appreciate Korea's nature and tradition in Gunsan, which has beautiful sea and fertile fields, and is close to Jeonju, a city of Korean tradition.

GUNSAN PORT INFORMATION

Since its opening in 1899, Gunsan has been growing based on trade with Japan. In 1988, an embankment was constructed to prevent soil and sand flow from the mouth of the Geum River. Today, a large-scale wharf is under construction in the outer port of Gunsan. With the completion of the port redevelopment, the Saemangeum Reclamation Project will be the biggest land reclamation, and a large industrial complex will be established.

Name	Gunsan Port
Berthing capacity	2 vessels of 50,000 tons 3 vessels of 30,000 tons
Quay length	1,300m
Water depth (mean)	11.5m
Website	http://gunsan.mltm.go.kr

- SERVICES**
1. Welcome ceremony
 2. Subsidy for tourist buses based in Gunsan
(for group tours of 200 people or more)
 3. Souvenirs

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Major Attractions in Gunsan

<http://tour.gunsan.go.kr>

❶ Gogunsan Island Cluster This archipelago consists of 63 islands and is known for its salt farming, which is widely conducted widely in the slands. One may enjoy a spectacular view of sheer cliffs various forms and shapes. Some of the islands are connected by bridge for easy accessibility for visitors.

🕒 4h 📍 50km (by ship)

❷ Byeonsan Peninsula National Park The park is famous more for its well-preserved natural resources and environment. The mountain and seaside cliffs provide a breathtaking view.

🕒 3h 📍 61.1km

❸ Saemangeum This area consists of the world's longest breakwater and the world's largest land reclamation project. The mud flats and the large scale sea-to-land development have been attracting many visitors as of late.

🕒 2h 📍 24.9km

❹ Geumgang Migratory Bird Observatory

This observatory is a treasured spot for bird watchers, as hundreds of thousands of wild ducks migrate to the Geumgang area during the winter.

🕒 1h 📍 8.2km

❺ Gunsan Modern History Museum This museum shows the history of the once busy and prospering harbor of Gunsan. It gives a fascinating depiction of the area in the area in the 1930's

🕒 2h 📍 0.25km



Korea at a Glance

The Korean Peninsula is located in the eastern tip of the Asian Continent and among East Asian countries along with China and Japan. Its total area is 222,135km²: South Korea has 99,461km² (41% of the land) and North Korea has 122,762km² (55% of the land). The Korean Peninsula borders Manchuria of China and the Maritime Province of Siberia of Russia over the Yalu and the Tumen to the north, Japan over the East Sea and South Sea to the east and north, and the mainland China over the West Sea to the west.

Climate

Korea has temperate climate with distinct four seasons of spring, summer, autumn, and winter, as it is in the mid-latitudes of the northern hemisphere.

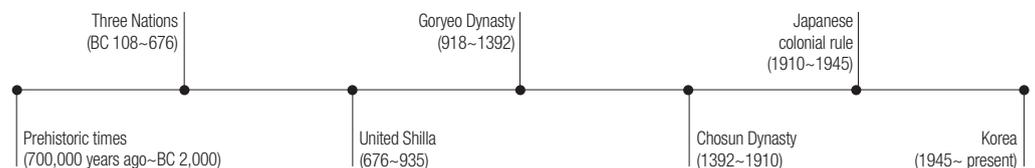


Average Monthly Temperatures

Category	Average temperature(°C)	Precipitation(mm)
Jan.	-2.5	21.6
Feb.	-0.3	23.6
Mar.	5.2	45.8
Apr.	12.1	77.0
May	17.4	102.2
Jun.	21.9	133.3
Jul.	24.9	327.9
Aug.	25.4	348.0
Sept.	20.8	137.6
Oct.	14.4	49.3
Nov.	6.9	53.0
Dec.	0.2	24.9

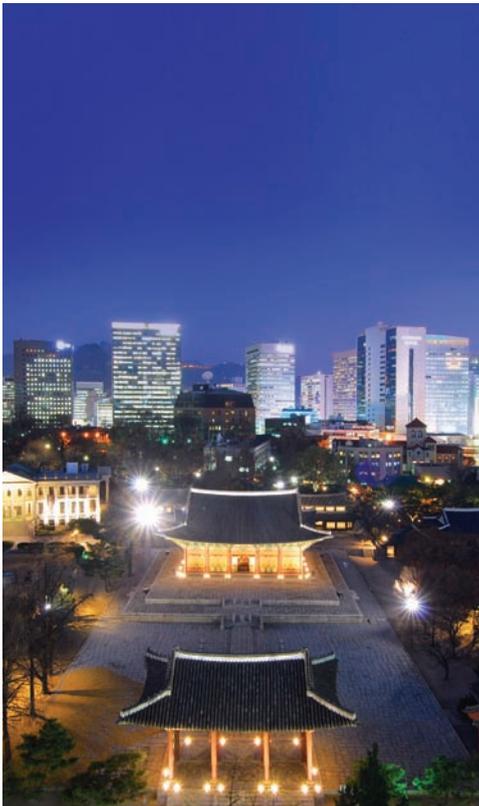
History

Prehistoric times began on the Korean Peninsula about 700,000 years ago when people started to settle down on the Korean Peninsula. BC 2,000, the Bronze Culture was introduced to the peninsula, leading to establishment of Gochosun, the first nation in Korea's history. After Gochosun perished in BC 108, the Three Nations emerged. After the Three Nations were united by United Shilla and then United Shilla collapsed, Goryeo was created. Goryeo perished at the end of the 14th century. For the next 500 years, Chosun Dynasty ruled the Korean Peninsula. Chosun was forcefully opened to the outside world by the Japanese in 1876 and colonized by Japan with the Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty in 1910. After liberalization in 1945, the Republic of Korea was founded. However, the Korean Peninsula was divided into South and North Korea with the Korean War in 1950. Today, two Koreas are engaged in various exchange programs to prepare for a re-unification.



Fast Facts

- Official Name: Republic of Korea (South Korea)
- Capital City: Seoul
- Location: 33°-43° latitude & 124°-131° longitude (Entire Korean Peninsula)
- Territory: 223,343km² (Korean Peninsula), 100,212km² (South Korea)
- Population: 48.58 million (South Korea) (2010)
- Economic Status: GDP US\$ 1,014 billion (2010)
- Leading Companies: Samsung Electronics, Hyundai-Kia Motor, POSCO, LG Electronics, etc.
- Time Zone: GMT+9
- Monetary Unit: Korean won (₩)
- Exchange Rate: US\$=1,087.0 won (2013.1)
- Units of Measure: Metric system
- Electricity: 220V
- Driving: On the right



[Map of Korea]



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