



Dragon Hill Lodge

Vacation Guide

Fall & Winter



For more than thirty years, Dragon Hill Lodge has been proudly “Serving Those Who Serve” as the primary gateway to Seoul. The resort hotel is exclusively open to U.S. Military Service members, families, and DoD civilians, and conveniently located in USAG Yongsan.

Our American-style resort rooms in downtown Seoul are modern, spacious, and inviting. You’ll enjoy our comfortable American-style guestrooms, which come with more space to spread out after exploring Seoul’s sights. Neutral tones, plush bedding, and modern comforts create a clean, cozy atmosphere in the center of this vibrant city.

Guestrooms include:

- King bed or two queen beds
- 42” flat-screen high-definition LCD TV
- Free wireless internet
- Spacious private bathroom
- In-room security safe
- Hairdryer, plush towels, coffeemaker, mini refrigerator, iron and ironing board, extra pillows and blankets
- Baby crib and roller bed (free of charge)
- Pet-friendly rooms



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Fall & Winter in Seoul

During the crisp fall and chilly winter seasons, Seoul comes alive with seasonal charm and excitement. Enjoy colorful foliage festivals in the autumn and sparkling light displays in the winter. Explore the city to go adventuring, or find active activities and places to go - the city has so much to offer!



Silvergrass Festival: Up for a little walking adventure? Head over to Haneul Park for the annual Seoul Silver Grass Festival that takes place during the autumn season. Every fall, this festival attracts tons of locals and tourists alike, as the whole hill bursts in a beautiful collage of autumn colors and beautiful silvergrass. Check online for the most updated information and dates.



Temple Stay: The cooler weather makes it a great time for mindfulness and reflection. There are many major Buddhist Temples in Seoul such as Jingwansa Temple where you can try a traditional tea ceremony, temple stay, or some even some vegan Buddhist cuisine. For a quick trip to a temple in the middle of the city, you can also try visiting Jogyesa Temple near Insadong or Bongeunsa Temple by Coex.



Skating Rinks: What better way to enjoy winter in the city than by visiting an ice skating rink? Head over to Seoul Plaza in City Hall for the famous outdoor rink or go to Lotte World to skate indoors! As a bonus, both locations are usually full of holiday festivities, lights, and decorations, making it a great outing for getting into the holiday spirit!



Christmas Decorations: Experience the magic of Christmas in Seoul, where the lights transform the city into a winter wonderland. enjoy dazzling displays at popular spots like Myeongdong, Lotte World, and Dongdaemun Design Plaza. Whether it's shopping, sightseeing, or simply soaking in the cozy atmosphere, Seoul sparkles with holiday cheer.

Pictured: N Seoul Tower



Hiking: If you enjoy going on either short or long walks, head over to Bukhansan National Park or Seoul Fortress Wall. While walking, people can see many forested areas, temples, and granite peaks at the park. While walking and seeing many sites, you can enjoy the beautiful view of Seoul north of the Han River. The Seoul City Wall Trail was built from stone, wood, and other materials to defend and show the boundaries of the city. Time your visit for October to catch the best of the gorgeous fall foliage.

Seoul Bucket List

Make the most out of your stay in Korea and at the Dragon by getting out and exploring all that the city has to offer! The Dragon is located right in the middle of Seoul, so guests have easy access to Seoul's top attractions. Big city sights, traditional culture, rich historical sites, and some fantastic city views await you, and are all reachable on foot, by bus, or subway!

N Seoul Tower: Accessible by a short hike or cable car, N Seoul Tower is the city's most famous attraction. The tower is the second highest point in Seoul and shows the beautiful scenery of the city. There are many fun facilities once you're up there, including an observatory, restaurants, and a beautiful park for hiking.

Gyeongbokgung Palace: Head on over to Gyeongbokgung Palace to experience one of the main royal palaces from Korea's Joseon dynasty. Make the trip even more memorable by renting traditional Korean clothes (hanbok) to wear while walking around the palace and nearby neighborhoods. These outfits and the palace scenery will make for the perfect, once-in-a-lifetime profile picture.

War Memorial of Korea Museum: Just minutes away from the hotel is this #1 top ranked attraction in Seoul. Be sure to take a moment to learn about Korea's military history, which includes a lot of shared history with the U.S. (such as the Korean War). Along with vast indoor exhibitions, outdoors there are tanks, planes and more on display, as well as a somber memorial to those who lost their lives in previous wars.





Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP): This architectural marvel was designed by Zaha Hadid, and it is located in one of Seoul's top shopping districts. Head over to check out exhibitions, fashion shows, and other events. The building is divided into several sections for visitors to explore, shop, and dine.



Lotte World: Do you enjoy the thrill of amusement parks? Head over to Lotte World for an indoor and outdoor experience full of amusement rides, performances, and fun experiences for friends and families. You can spend the day going on thrilling rides and enjoy Korean cuisine and snacks.



Korean Foods to Try in the Fall & Winter

Korean food is deliciously diverse, and there are many special seasonal dishes to try that are perfect for the fall and winter months. If you're looking for some authentic Korean eats, keep an eye out for these local favorites.



Street food: Shows on Netflix and visits by world-renowned chefs have made Korean street food a must-try experience for tourists. The most famous and picturesque place to find some is Gwangjang Market. The Myeong-dong tourist district is also popular for its wide variety of both Korean and international foods. You can also drop by any stall on a nearby street corner for a truly authentic (and delicious) experience.



Bungeo-ppang: is a popular Korean winter street snack shaped like a fish and filled with sweet red bean paste. It's freshly cooked in fish-shaped molds and often enjoyed hot from roadside vendors.



Korean BBQ: is a must-try culinary experience where diners cook premium cuts of meat—such as pork belly, beef short ribs, or marinated chicken—over a tabletop grill. Especially in winter, the heat of the grill and the hearty flavors make it a perfect way to warm up while enjoying a fun, communal meal.



Japchae: is a flavorful Korean dish made with stir-fried glass noodles, colorful vegetables, and thinly sliced beef, all seasoned with soy sauce and sesame oil. Japchae is especially popular during Chuseok, Korea's autumn harvest holiday, when families gather to prepare and share traditional foods. Often served as a side dish or main course, it's a symbol of celebration.



Korean Fried Chicken & Beer: Also known as *chimaek*, this pairing goes so well together that it has developed into a national favorite. Discover all the different flavors, and have it delivered right to you for an outdoor picnic at Hangang Park by the river, or at one of the many specialty restaurants in the city that offer outdoor seating.



Tteok-bokki: is a classic Korean comfort food featuring soft, chewy rice cakes cooked in a rich, spicy-sweet sauce. Commonly found at street stalls, it's often served with fish cakes and green onions for added flavor. This hearty dish is especially popular in winter, offering warmth and a satisfying kick with every bite.

A vibrant street market scene, likely in Korea, featuring a food stall in the foreground. A vendor wearing a red apron and blue gloves is serving food from a large metal tray filled with orange-colored fried items. In the background, a large crowd of people is seated at long tables, eating and socializing. The scene is illuminated by warm, yellow light bulbs hanging from the ceiling. The overall atmosphere is lively and bustling.

The Markets

Whether it is amazing street food, cheap clothes or adorable accessories, Korean markets truly have got it all! There are many markets throughout the city, some bigger than the others and specializing in different products.

- Gwangjang Market
- Mangwon Market
- Dongdaemun Market
- Noryangjin Fish Market

Kids & Teens Activities

Korea offers lots of activities fit for families and children who are looking to spend some quality time together. Kids can get the experience of seeing sea animals at aquariums and pet cafes that allow children to interact with dogs, cats, meerkats, and even sheep! And to all teenagers, don't fret; there are plenty of activities for you as well! Ride thrilling roller coasters at the nearby amusement park, and indulge in as many K-pop related activities as you desire!

Aquariums: Need somewhere indoor to hang out with your kiddos? Head over to Coex Aquarium or Lotte World Aquarium to see many sea animals and learn more about different creatures.

Amusement Park: For those looking for thrills, pay a visit to Lotte world! It has rides for visitors of all ages, and seasonal decorations. Buy a cute themed headband, wear the traditional school uniform and ride away!

Pet Cafes: Do your kids love animals? Do you love cafes? If the answer to both is yes, head over to a pet cafe in Seoul! Have a fun experience getting something refreshing to drink and have various animals keep you company during your time. From dogs, cats, meerkats, and sheep, the cafes have a fun and unique environment for everyone.

K-pop: For fans of Korean Pop, which has become a worldwide phenomenon, Seoul is the most perfect place. The Myeongdong Underground Shopping Center offers a huge variety of merch, covering all of the most famous groups and more, and plenty of stores throughout the city offer all of the newest albums. Fans also should not miss out on cafe events, where goodies and themed food for different groups are given out on important dates like birthdays and anniversaries.




Nearby Subway Stations & Attractions

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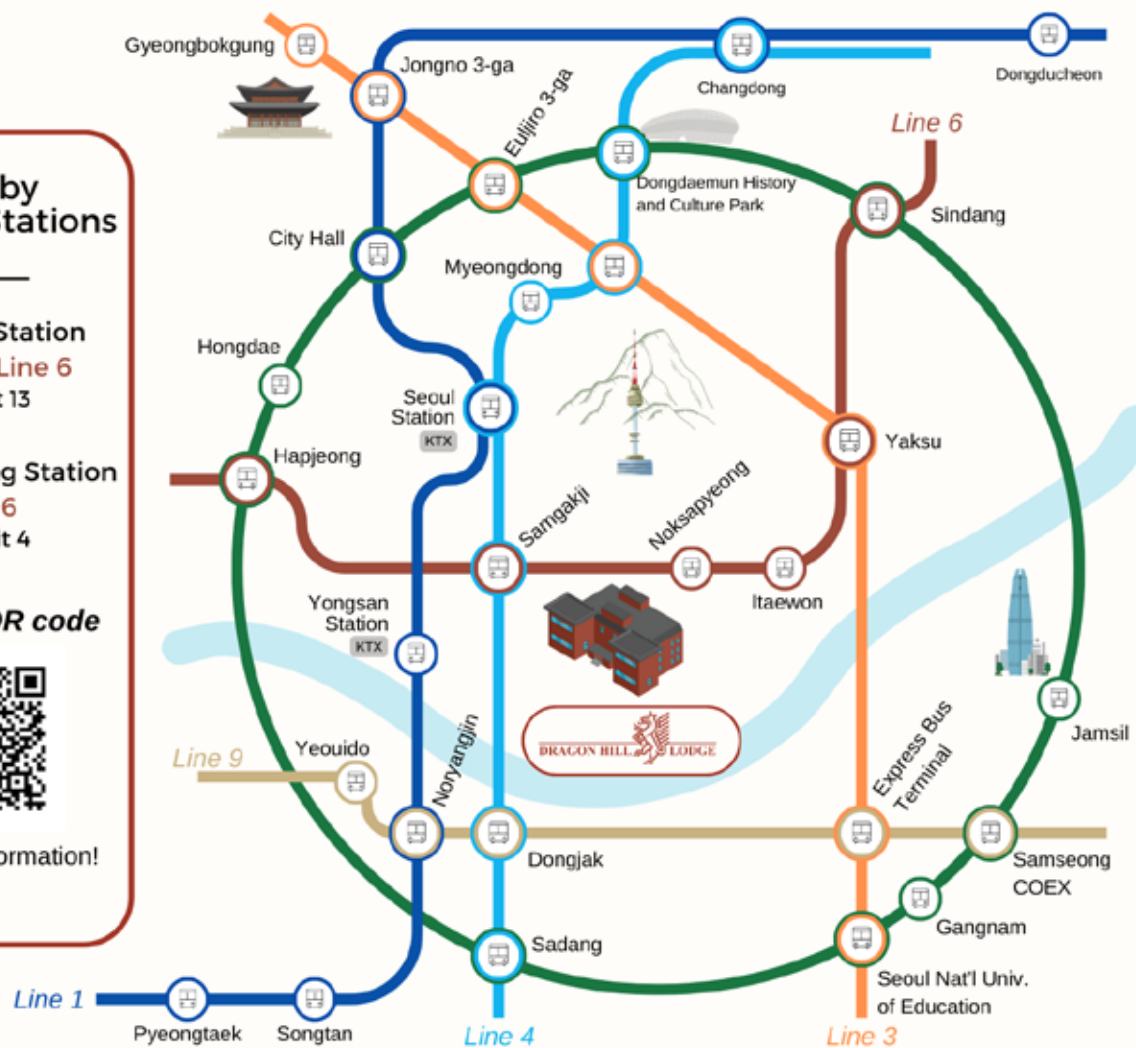
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Line 4 or Line 6
► Exit 13

Noksapyeong Station
Line 6
► Exit 4

Scan the QR code



for more information!





Yongsan: Walk around parks, shop at the nearby I'Park mall, or visit museums and exhibitions - Yongsan is perfect for both sunny and rainy days. Right where the hotel is situated, this area is perfect to walk around, explore the city and learn more about the Korean War at the War Memorial Museum of Korea. You can also walk up to visit N Seoul Tower and enjoy the incredible view.



Itaewon: Itaewon is well known for having a fun and diverse environment that is visited by many foreigners and locals alike. The whole neighborhood is full of international restaurants for people to try out. In the evening, the whole area lights up with clubs, bars, and restaurants offering late night bites - making it the perfect place to end the night with friends.



Samgakji: A short walk away from the hotel, this area has become increasingly popular in the last year and is famous for its new and exotic restaurants, especially in the new Yongnidan Street area. Even big companies like Amore Pacific and Hybe have established buildings in the area due to its newfound popularity.



Haebangchon: Right below Namsan mountain and easily accessible via Noksapyeong Station, this residential area has now become increasingly famous due to its vintage aesthetic and its rich history tied to the war. It offers a lot of beautiful cafes, restaurants and shops, especially along the famous Gyeongnidan street, only a short walk away.

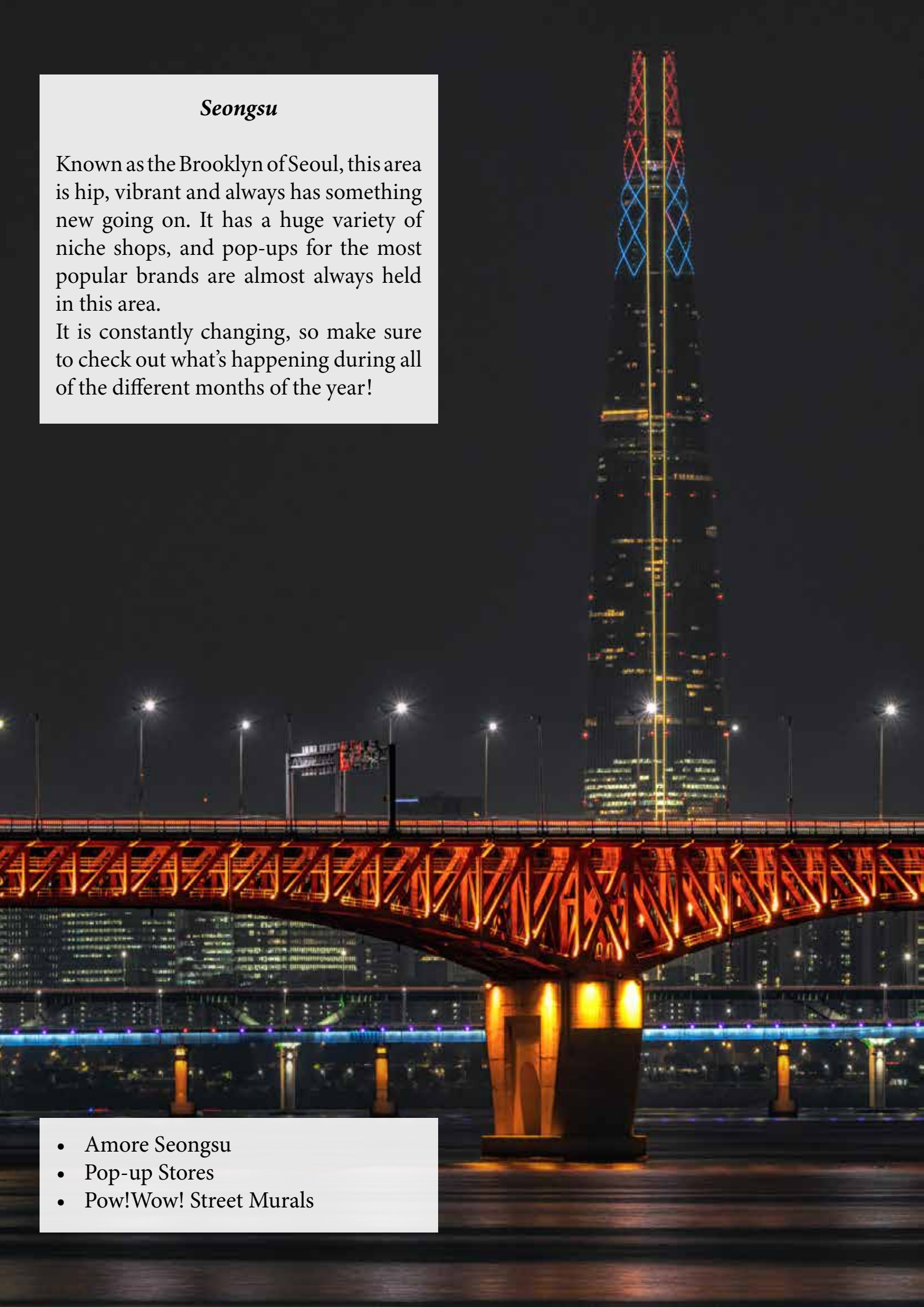


Seongsu

Known as the Brooklyn of Seoul, this area is hip, vibrant and always has something new going on. It has a huge variety of niche shops, and pop-ups for the most popular brands are almost always held in this area.

It is constantly changing, so make sure to check out what's happening during all of the different months of the year!

- Amore Seongsu
- Pop-up Stores
- Pow!Wow! Street Murals





Hongdae

Hongdae is a great place to visit for shopping, food, and night life. This area is great for visitors interested in trying new foods and wanting to buy clothes and souvenirs. There are also many bars, clubs, and restaurants. So if you enjoy you enjoy socializing and dancing into the late hours of the evening, head out to Hongdae on the weekend with your friends.

- Trick Eye Museum
- Hongdae Mural Street
 - Night life

Myeongdong

Ready to spend some time roaming around to shop and try new foods? Head over to Myeongdong to shop for clothes and skincare products. If you are also wanting to try new food, seek out one of the many food vendors in the area for popular Korean street foods and sweets snacks.

- Myeongdong Cathedral
- Nanta Theater
- Namdaemun Market
- Sungnyemun Gate





Bukchon

One of the most picturesque neighborhoods in all of Seoul is Bukchon Hanok Village. Head here to visit famous buildings, rent a hanbok, and try new cafes. People can walk around in traditional Korean clothes, shop for souvenirs, and walk around the city.

Please keep in mind that entrance to the village is restricted after 7 P.M., so plan your visit accordingly.

- Traditional Tea Houses and Cafes
- Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

Insadong

This traditional street is full of traditional crafts, museums and galleries. You can also enjoy exploring the many twisting back alleys to discover Korean restaurants and tea houses. For those interested in Buddhism, be sure to make a stop at Jogyesa Temple nearby.

- Jogyesa Temple
- Art Galleries
- Traditional Goods and Souvenirs





Ikseondong

Ikseondong is a beautiful neighborhood filled with traditional buildings converted into restaurants and cafes. Here, every corner is a great photo opportunity, with beautiful Korean buildings in the background. For a cultural excursion afterwards, stop by Jongmyo Shrine, one of Seoul's UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Cafes and Restaurants in Hanoks
 - Nakwon Arcade
 - Jongmyo Shrine

Shopping

Before or after getting a meal at the Dragon or in the city, head over to many places to go shopping for clothes, products, and souvenirs. From extravagant malls, shopping streets, and traditional markets, you can get all the items you need during your stay.

Shopping Streets:

- Myeongdong
- Insadong
- Hongdae
- Namdaemun Market
- Seongsu

Large Malls:

- Coex Mall
- IFC Mall & The Hyundai
- Yongsan I'Park Mall
- Shinsegae Department Stores





Beauty

In Seoul, makeup stores are everywhere. Popular items are often cheaper than western products and of the same quality, if not better. Myeongdong and Hongdae are great areas for shopping, and Olive Young is without a doubt the most popular retail store.

Skincare clinics and hair treatments are also in high demand lately and incredibly innovative.

Popular stores & treatments

Olive Young: Comparable to Sephora, but for Korean products. It has both makeup and skincare, and a lot of different brands with tons of products that regularly go on sale.

Hemeko: Originally a retail website, it recently opened a physical store in Hongdae. Offers viral but more niche brands that are perfect for K-beauty fanatics that already own all of the most common products.

Facials & Injections: Korean skincare is on another level, and there is a reason why Seoul is known as the plastic surgery capital of the world. Treatments like microneedling, Rejuran and botox are affordable and easy to get, with most clinics offering translation services as well.

Head Spa: Treatments for the scalp have also become increasingly popular, and the famous head spas offer massages and deep cleanses for the scalp that can improve the overall hair condition and unclog hair follicles, promoting healthy growth and length.

HOTEL DINING



MENUS & HOURS



Elegant and Casual Hotel Dining

Breakfast classics made-to-order and just the way you like it. Enjoy a wide range of American and bistro fare for lunch and dinner, such as steaks, salads, and pastas.

Located on Lobby Floor (L)



For a Special Occasion

Sables is a discerning choice for top-quality steaks and seafood. You'll enjoy artisan, USDA Choice hand-cut steaks seared to order and fresh seafood cooked to perfection.

Located on Lobby Floor (L)



Bourbon, Cocktails, and Craft Brews

Cap off the evening with your favorite beverage at Bentley's, or come early for delicious pub foods and drink specials. Proudly serving craft beer made on-site.

Located on Lobby Floor (L)



Baked Fresh Daily

No trip to Dragon Hill Lodge is complete without biting into one of our famous, freshly baked donuts, apple fritters, and other goodies! Come by for your sweet tooth and caffeine fix.

Located on Lower Lobby Floor (LL)

SERVICES & FACILITIES

POiNT Health Club

The fitness facility with everything you need for a full workout: weights, cardio machines, yoga room, and even an indoor pool, hot tub, dry sauna, and steam baths.

Access the POiNT annex by taking elevators to Dragon Tower 3rd Floor



Carnevale Game Room

Come and enjoy our fun and relaxing game room, open 24/7 throughout the year. Only open to authorized patrons 18 years and older.

Located on Lobby Floor (L), past Bentley's



Discover Seoul Desk

Be sure to drop by our in-house travel concierge and rental car service. They are local experts who can help you take full advantage of all the sights, attractions, and culture you can soak up in Seoul.

Located on Lobby Floor (L)



Market Square

Convenient shopping and services right here in the hotel, including a bank, post office, and PX Shoppette, as well as a business center, tailor, beauty salon, dry cleaner, massage, and specialty shops.

Located on Lobby Floor (L)



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