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SEOUL

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

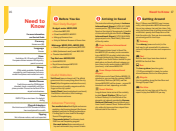
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In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods
What's where

Explore Seoul

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Seoul

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Seoul's Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
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|  Wi-Fi Access |  Subway |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Tram |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

 Map p233, B2

Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Seoul. The bar's showpiece is a large painting of Hemingway, then by Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. Hours: 6.30pm-2a

Lonely Planet's Seoul

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Seoul.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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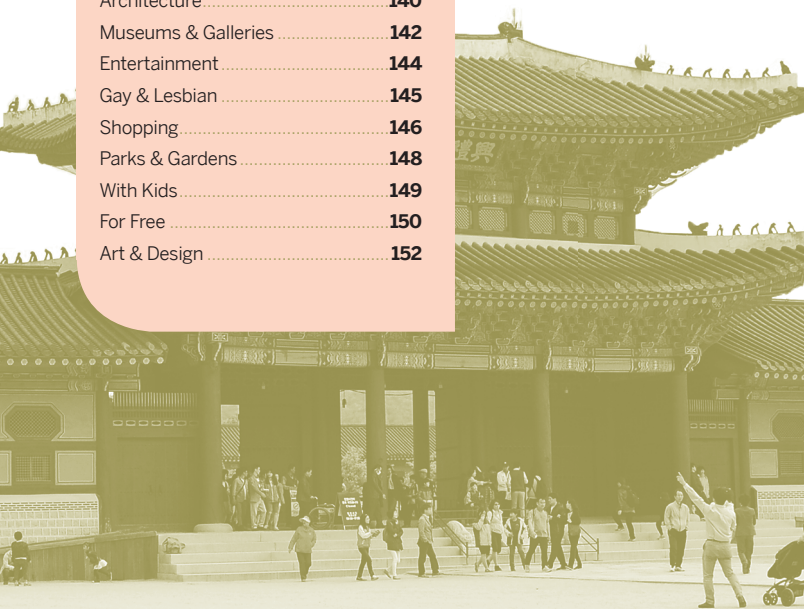
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Welcome to Seoul

Overcoming the upheavals of war, cultural destruction, dictatorships and economic ruin, Seoul has not only landed on its feet, but emerged as one of the world's great 21st-century cities. A fascinating mix of old and new, Seoul balances traditional culture with contemporary attractions. With amazing food, happening nightlife and a lively arts scene, Seoul's enjoying a renaissance not to be missed.

Lantern festival, Cheong-gye-cheon (p34)

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Seoul Top Sights

Changdeokgung (p26)

The World Heritage-listed Changdeokgung was built in the early 15th century as a secondary palace to Gyeongbokgung. The most charming section is Huwon, a 'secret garden' that is a royal horticultural idyll.

