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South Korea is located on the Korean Peninsula, and its capital, Seoul, is situated in the northwest part of the country. It is the capital of the Republic of Korea and the center of its economy, technology, and culture, as well as the most populous city on the Korean Peninsula.

Busan is located at the southeastern tip of the Korean Peninsula and is a Special Municipality in South Korea. It is the second-largest city in South Korea after Seoul, the largest port city, and the economic center of the southeastern economic zone of South Korea.

CITY OVERVIEW

Seoul



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PROBLEMINTHISCITY

Urban deterioration

Background:

After the Korean War, the country's economic development focused on Seoul, which led to the concentration of half of the national population and 70% of the economic power in the capital region, thereby limiting the development of other areas.

Impacts:

Overcrowding leads to excessively high population density.

Aging infrastructure cannot function effectively.

Environmental pollution and massive resource consumption.

Social instability and rising crime rates.
Cultural and historical buildings face
the risk of destruction and
redevelopment.

PROBLEMINITHISCITY

Overtourism in urban areas



The issue of overtourism in South Korea has gained attention in recent years, particularly in Seoul's Bukchon Hanok Village. In response to the impacts of overtourism, the local government began testing a curfew in November 2024, with plans to officially implement it in March 2025.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE TOURISM?

Meaning

Sustainable tourism emphasizes the protection of the environment and the balance between the ecological environment, social culture, and local economy. It involves protecting the natural environment and maintaining biodiversity; respecting the social culture and values of local communities; creating employment and economic opportunities for communities; and fairly distributing economic benefits. All of these are key elements in achieving the sustainable development of the tourism industry.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE TOURISM? SDGs

SDGs 1: Eradicate all forms of poverty everywhere.

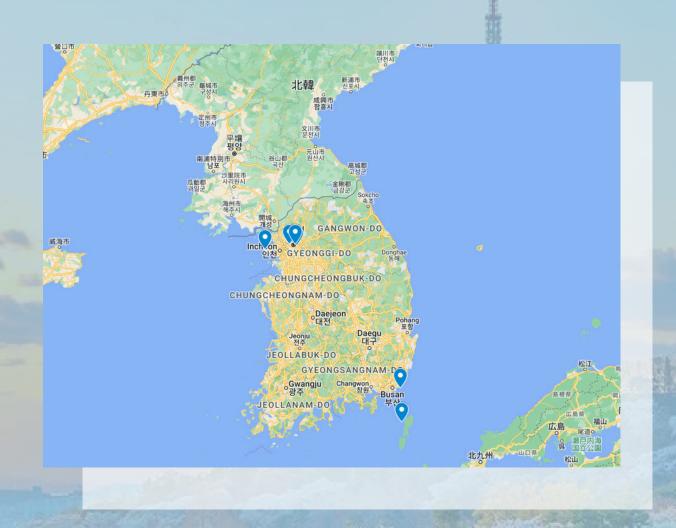


SDGs 11:

Build cities and communities that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.



ITINERARY WITH GOOGLEMY MAP





Seoul Forest

It was once a hunting ground for Korean monarchs, but it has now become an outdoor recreational space for locals, exuding a peaceful and leisurely atmosphere.



It boasts four distinctive spaces: a cultural and arts park, an experiential learning garden, an ecological forest, and a wetland ecological park, all connected to the Hangang River.

Seoul Forest



Cheonggyecheon



It was reconstructed from a sewer system dating back to the Joseon Dynasty. It serves to regulate urban temperatures, increase wind speed to purify the air, and more. Additionally, the willow wetlands at the confluence of Cheonggyecheon and Jungnangcheon are a habitat for various migratory birds and have now become a bird sanctuary, effectively preserving biodiversity.

Cheonggyecheon



Oil Tank Culture Park

It was transformed from the abandoned industrial facilities of the Oil Tank Culture Park and is now a cultural park that preserves historical value, promotes sustainable ecology, and provides a space for citizens to engage

in cultural activities.



The original five oil storage tanks have been converted into performance venues, exhibition halls, and a multi-purpose exhibition center, with an additional information exchange center built.

Oil Tank Culture Park



Haneul Park

The park was built to commemorate the 17th FIFA World Cup in 2002 and to restore the Nanji Island landfill. Because it is located at the highest point in Seoul, it is known as the park closest

to the "sky."



If you climb the Sky Stairs, which consist of 291 steps, you can enjoy the refreshing view of Seoul and the Han River. Every autumn, the park also features four major beautiful sights: the famous purple muhly grass, broom grass, pampas grass, and cosmos flowers.

Haneul Park











Haeundae Blueline Park



It was transformed from the old southeastern East Coast Line railway and constructed in an environmentally friendly manner. Visitors can enjoy beautiful views of Busan's coastline along the route. In addition, it has created job opportunities and attracted tourists, promoting the sustainable development of both the environment and society.

Haeundae Blueline Park



Gamcheon Culture Village



It was originall built by refugees from the Korean War and Taoist practitioners of Taiji, it later hosted several public art projects, transforming into a popular tourist spot with a strong artistic atmosphere.

Gamcheon Culture Village



RESOURCE

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