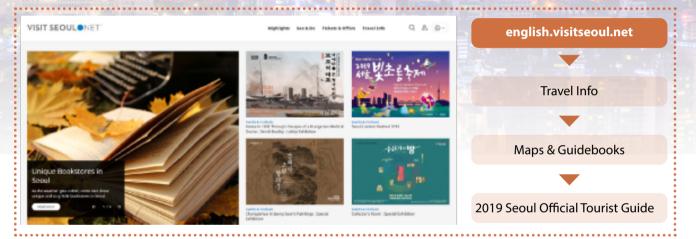
Korea 101: Tourism

The Seoul Capital Area: Seoul Special Metropolitan City, Gyeonggi-do, Incheon Metropolitan City, Gangwon-do

(1) The Seoul Special Metropolitan City

As the capital of Korea, Seoul serves as the center of the country's politics, economy, culture and history. Though accounting for only 0.6 percent of Korea's total land area, Seoul is home to almost 10 million people (as of June 30, 2019), representing a high population density. Over the past few decades, Seoul has developed fast into the economic and cultural hub of Asia



(2) Gyeonggi-do

Gyeonggi-do is a province located in the western part of central Korea with the Seoul Special Metropolitan City and the Incheon Metropolitan City in what would be its center. Gyeonggi-do is the most populous province in Korea with over 13 million people (As of March 2019). As most subway lines in Seoul extend their services to Gyeonggi-do, access to Seoul is very convenient from the province.



(3) Incheon Metropolitan City

Traditionally a key port city, Incheon now serves as a transportation hub connecting the entire country to the whole world through Incheon International Airport. As the plan for GTX (Great Train eXpress) has recently been approved by the government, the travel time between Incheon and Seoul will be shortened soon, raising the prospect of further development of the metropolitan city.



(4) Gangwon-do

Gangwon-do is mostly mountainous. It also has extremely long shores, and a large number of tourists visit the province to enjoy nature and relax.

