



# ISRS 2009 Seoul, South Korea

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## Must-See Attractions in Seoul

Seoul offers such a multitude of different activities that it is almost impossible to make an exhaustive list. Nevertheless, here are some very interesting and outstanding places to discover in this Asian megalopolis.

### **N Seoul Tower and Myeong-dong Area**

- From the **N Seoul Tower** you can enjoy the most beautiful view of Seoul. If you have the opportunity to visit the N Seoul Tower by night you should not miss it! You will experience a fascinating light show.
- The **Myeong-dong Street** is a very fashionable and financial street in the heart of Seoul. Located there, are a multitude of shops and many large shopping malls.
- The **Namdaemun Market** is the most famous traditional market in Seoul. You can find all kinds of items at very low prices. It is especially interesting to go there for the market's unique atmosphere.



*Namdaemun Market*

### **Insa-dong Area**

- **Insa-dong Street:** As you enter this lively area you will discover the traditional culture of Korea. There are many different shops ranging from antique shops and art galleries to souvenir boutiques. Traditional coffee and tea shops are also easily found in these alleys. There are also plenty of traditional Korean as well as international restaurants to satisfy almost every visitor's needs.
- The **Jogyesa Temple** is the centre of Zen Buddhism in Korea. It is a small, colourful and noteworthy temple mainly because it is located in the centre of Seoul and not in one of the quieter area as many of the other temples are.

### **COEX Area**

As a symbol of one of the most design and technology-concerned cities, the COEX area offers a multitude of different facilities. Be it shops, restaurants, theatres, museums or the COEX Aquarium, you can find everything there.

It is also an important site for international business.



*COEX Centre: The hot spot for international business*

### **The City Hall Area**

- The **Seoul Plaza** is located in the centre of Seoul. It is a very popular place for tourists and as well as for citizens. Some of the city's major events take place in this street.
- The **City Hall** is a government building which houses the Seoul Metropolitan Government.



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## Palaces

There are five important palaces in Seoul. These palaces show the traditional face of Seoul making them almost into a kind of outdoor museum. Of them the most recommendable for visits are the following:

- The **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, built in 1395, is the most representative palace of the Joseon Dynasty. This palace is also the biggest and the most impressive in Seoul.
- The **Deoksugung Palace** is located near the City Hall. The palace is special since it is surrounded by western buildings. This really makes obvious the contrast between the ancient and the modern Seoul. It is the smallest of all the palaces.
- The **Changdeokgung Palace** is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The palace is very interesting as it is located in an outstanding area. It is its outstanding location which makes this palace so special: Surrounded by the mountains, and built harmoniously into the nature, this palace is one of the most beautiful in Seoul.



*Gyeongbokgung Palace: a place to discover*

## Museums

- The **National Museum of Korea** is the most important museum in Seoul retracing the history and showing the culture of Korea.
- The **Seoul Museum of Arts** is located in the City Hall area and displays a collection of Korean modern art as well as paintings and sculptures of foreign contemporary artists.

For more information on Seoul's major attractions, please visit the following website:  
<http://english.visitseoul.net>.