

# Tour in Gwangju

## 1. Taste of Gwangju



Gwangju is well-known for its authentic Korean cuisine and warm local hospitality. Ideally located in between the west coast plains and the West Sea, Gwangju has always had access to rich variety of fresh ingredients. Such natural conditions allowed it to develop a great culinary tradition of healthy eating.

## 2. Mt. Mudeung Jusangjeollidae(pillar-shaped joint cliff)



It is the product of volcano activity which took place during the Cretaceous period in the Mesozoic Age, and formed in the process of eruption, cooling and contraction of lava, and shows off the splendid scene taking the shape of pillars or folding screen by weathering for a long time. It boasts of very beautiful scenery with surrounding trees and Mt. Mudeung.

## 3. Gwangju Confucian School



Gwangju Confucian School is located in the Gwangju Park in Sa-dong. There are many traditional houses here estimated as built during the 1st year of the Joseon Dynasty in 1392. This is a precious national asset as this school continues to hold memorial ceremonies for Confucius twice a year.

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## 4. Jeungsimsa Temple



Seon Master Chulgam (798~868) first built Jeungsimsa in the era of the Unified Shilla Kingdom. It was destroyed and rebuilt. Obaekjeon, built around 1609, is a hall still in its original form, and it enshrines the statues of Sakyamuni Buddha, his 16 disciples, and 500 arahants. In addition, Jeungsimsa possesses an iron statue of Vairocana Buddha and a standing statue of Bodhisattva from the Goryeo era.

## 5. Chungjangno Street



Chungjangno, a fashion street filled with vitality, offers the latest in fashion trends for those who make it their destination. Enjoy shopping by price here, as well. The brand name and small boutiques line the streets from Chungjangno 1-ga to 3-ga.

## 6. Gwangju Lake Ecological Park



Gwangju Lake Ecological Park gives the feeling of being buried into a landscape of paintings. A wooden bridge and a field of reeds are connected. A field for learning about nature, a grass resting square, an area of wild flowers and an ecological pond are all very beautiful.

# Tour Sites near Gwangju

## 1. Baekyangsa Temple



The name Baekyangsa means "White Sheep Temple". This is because white sheep used to come down from the mountain to listen to the monks chanting and then return. The Temple is completely surrounded by nature and offers amazing scenery year –round .

Home page : <http://www.baekyangsa.kr/eng/>

## 2. Boseong's Green Tea Fields



Boseong is famous for its green tea leaves. Boseong's tea plantations account for 40% of Korea's total green tea production. With not only the exotic scenery of slanted slopes of green tea fields, but also the taste and scent, the place has many unique attractions.

Home page : <http://www.boseong.go.kr/en/>

## 3. Suncheonman Bay



Suncheon Bay is outstanding for its display of dense reeds, its provision of habitat to a variety of bird species (local as well as migratory) and its tidal setting. The natural "S" shape of the Bay is one of Korea's best settings for sunset photography.

Home page : <http://www.suncheonbay.go.kr/english/>