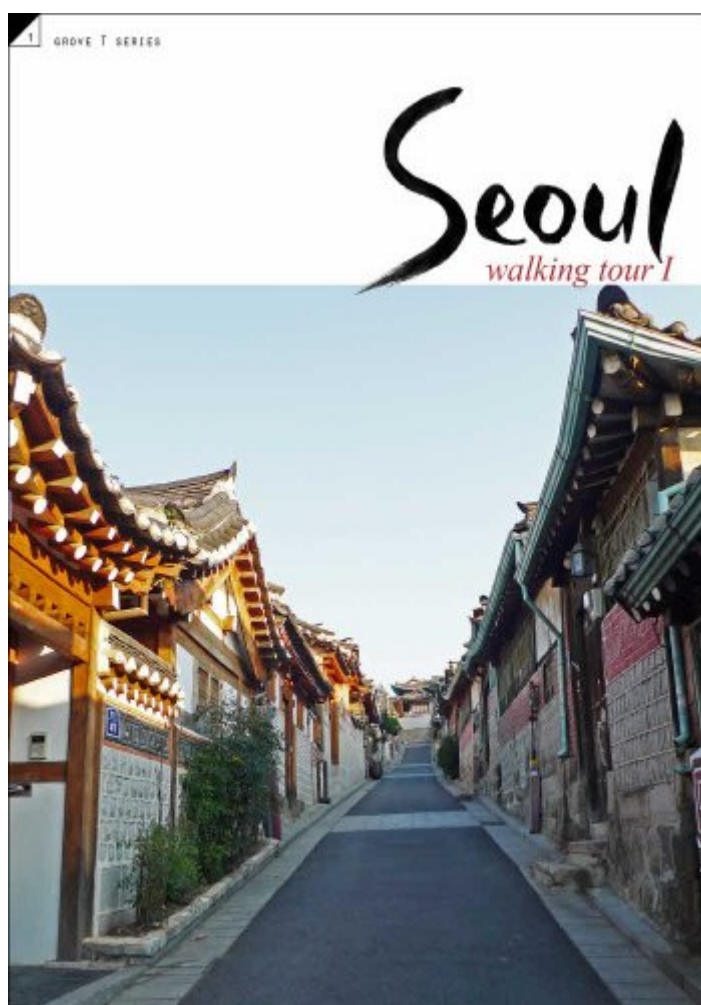


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The official name of South Korea is Republic of Korea, but the native residents refer to it as Korea. Recently, through Korean dramas, pop music called K-POP, and sports, people around the world have been learning more about Korea. The Olympic Games of 1988 and the World Cup of 2002 were held in Seoul, and the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics will be held there in 2018. Because of Korean young entertainers who are popular both domestically and internationally these days, it may seem that Korea is a young and dynamic country. However, the truth is that the history of South Korea is deep and rich, with the capital, Seoul, having over six hundred years of history. The areas introduced in this book are politically and geographically important. In these particular areas, you can see the history and the present at the same time. I wrote this book for those who plan to visit Seoul and even for people who are just interested in Hallyu—The Korean Wave; I wanted to share with you my stories and the experiences I—ve had while visiting these places. This book does not focus on directions, accommodation recommendations, or expenses, as a common tour guide book would do. Instead, I have included the links and the websites of the places I mention, written in English for your easy access to extra information. I have included the best attractions and places for you to visit, and I guarantee that you won—t be disappointed if you follow these suggestions. Although there are many other great places as well, I—m going to reserve those for another book. Now, let—s begin our journey~! Let—s walk! Let—s enjoy Seoul! In Seoul, you don—t need cars or bikes—just your feet. The transportation system in Seoul is very efficient; it takes you anywhere in one or two hours. Jongno-gu, the area where I live, is in the heart of Seoul. You can see Cheongwadae (the president—s residence), Gwanghwamun Plaza, Gyeongbokgung (Gyeongbok Palace), and Hanok Village. I have lived here for three years, having been fascinated by the hanoks, galleries, and cafes along the street trees. What attractions are in this area? What is unique about the similar-looking palaces? It is a special feeling to have bibimbap with a glass of wine at a hanok cafe or to have an espresso—or tarts made by a patissier who was trained in Japan, or pasta sold by a chef who studied cooking in Italy..Why does this place attract so many people?

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