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The skyline capital and largest city of South Korea, Seoul, is as impressive as it is beautiful. As one of the biggest cities in the world, Seoul has a history that extends back 2000 years, during which time it has always been a very important major settlement. It's this long history that gives Seoul its color, in the form of historical landmarks and beautiful and complex culture. Take this history and throw in neon lights and skyscrapers, and you have the Seoul of today. Traveling to Seoul requires that you have a passport, including a [child pass port](#) for minors in your group.

If you don't have a passport or are in need of any passport related service, going online to get them is your best bet. Not only does going online for passport services drastically reduce the 8-14 week processing period, but it's much more convenient and much less stressful. Services from getting a new passport to getting an expedited damaged American passport replacement are available, along with much more.

There are five breathtaking royal palaces in Seoul, which served as the home of royal families for much of Korea's history. There are two that stand out from the rest for being exceptionally impressive and historically important: Changdeok-gung, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Gyeongbok-gung. The complex around Changdeok-gung has several gorgeous buildings worth checking out, such as the King's bedchambers and his secret garden, and the whole thing is surrounded by beautifully maintained landscaping. Constructed six centuries ago, Gyeongbok-gung is the more imposing, and it is breathtaking to witness. The complex is also where you'll find the National Museum of Korea, as well as the National Folk Museum.

As mentioned before, the National Museum of Korea is located inside the Gyeongbok-gung complex. This is the largest museum in the country, with more than 220,000 items on display. Centered around reflecting the deep and intricate Korean culture, you'll find both fine art and historical artifacts within its walls. It also features cafes and shops for a quick bite and some souvenirs.

Samcheong-dong Bukchon is a little neighborhood where both locals and tourists can enjoy a laid-back day of shopping, eating, exploring, and people watching. With plenty of cafes, restaurants, art galleries, clothing shops, and places to sit back and relax, it's a great way to experience an authentic Korean neighborhood and gather some great memories.

There's a pretty little spot right in the middle of Seoul that is dedicated to art and nature. Cheonggyecheon did not used to be the beautiful, tranquil location it is now. Cheonggyecheon is a stream that acts as a walkway for those looking to escape the hectic city and just enjoy a little nature. The stream runs for a little over five miles, meaning you can spend plenty of time walking along and enjoying the scenery.

Even though Seoul is one of the world's most influential metropolises and even through all the bright lights, cultural and historical influences can still be found all over the city, something that makes it unique among other cities of the world. So if you get a chance to travel to Seoul, don't miss out. Just don't forget your passport, as well as a child USA Passport for minors. [expedited damaged pass port](#) replacement is also available if your passport shows wear and tear, and it's quick and simple to get.

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