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Languages spoken: Korean

Currency: Won

Plug sockets: types C and F



Type C Type F

Top 15 recommended cocktail bars in Seoul

1. Speakeasy Boxing tiger	
2. Southside Parlor	
3. 찰스 H Charles H.	
4. d.still	5. Alice Cheongdam
6. Cobbler	7. SookHee
8. Le Chamber	9. Sangsu-ri Acorn Bar 상수리
10. Tender Bar	11. Ugly Society
12. Banchang-Go	13. Bar Old-fashioned
14. Speakeasy Mortar	15. Why Not

Speak Easy Bars by District

- Gangnam-gu
- Yongsan-gu
- Jongno-gu
- Mapo-gu
- Jung-gu

Map of the districts in Seoul



Seoul Districts

Mapo-gu: Contains the vibrant neighbourhood of Hongdae, a centre for youth culture and arts. The Chelsea of Seoul with many universities. With a large student population, the neighborhood is known for its youthful and energetic vibe. (full of very young people).

Gangnam-gu: Famous for its affluent image and shopping opportunities.

Seocho-gu: Art. The district is home to the Seoul Arts Centre, which includes an Opera House, Music Hall, and art museums focused on calligraphy and visual arts

Seong-dong-gu: parks has relaxing green spaces

Songpa-gu: Fun area. Lotte world, lotte tower and Olympic park

Yeongdeungpo financial district

Jongno-gu: Known for its historical and cultural sites, including Gyeongbokgung Palace and Bukchon Hanok Village.

Jung-gu: The historic central district, home to sites like Deoksugung Palace and Namdaemun Market.

Myeongdong: shopping. A popular choice, known for its abundance of boutiques and department stores. It's also great for first-time visitors

Yongsan-gu: Encompasses the international and diverse neighborhood of Itaewon. Affluent area with high end restaurants. Itaewon is known for its cosmopolitan dining and nightlife, with Korean BBQ restaurants, bars, hip dance clubs and DJs.

Public transport

The subway is very cheap and easy to use, but you cannot use credit cards. Purchase T-Money cards (per person) from any convenience store and load them up with 10,000 won each.

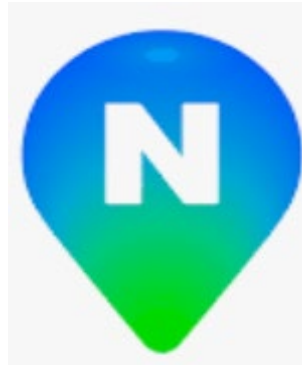
Taxis are also cheap, but we could only get them from our hotel. They refused to be flagged down in the street. Use a taxi app like Uber to get a taxi home or be prepared to walk.

KTX is the bullet train, book tickets and reserve seats 30 days before travel. They get very busy.

Recommended Mobile Phone Apps



Rail Ninja



NAVER maps



Catch Table



Seoul Subway



Uber

Tipping in South Korea

- **Restaurants & Cafes:** Do not tip; prices include service, and staff often return tips.
- **Hotels:** Not expected for bellhops or cleaning staff; some upscale hotels even discourage it.
- **Taxis:** Not required; drivers might accept keeping small change if you pay with cash and say so, but card payments leave no cash for tips.
- **Spas & Salons:** Prices cover service; tipping is not the norm.
- **Tour Guides/Private Drivers:** May be appreciated for excellent service, especially if catering to international tourists, but it's discretionary