

Seeing Seoul in a different mode

LIKE A LOTUS FLOWER EMERGING FROM MUDDY WATERS, SEOUL HAD BEEN BACK ON TRACK WITH A BEAUTIFUL RECOVERY FOLLOWING THE MIDDLE EAST RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (MERS) SCARE IN JUNE 2015



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 d around in a Pedicab
 Relaxing way to cover the pretty
 Gyeongdong Street would be to be ferried
 Seoul's very own ARTEE Rickshaw
 e pedicabs bring you around the little
 y efficiently, while the friendly guides
 ntly full of stories about the rich
 d history behind each building.
 lovely stroll through Bukchon Hanok
 hile taking in the delicate architecture
 onal Korean houses. The light brown
 oors complement the grey brick walls
 te green plants so very well. This
 rved traditional village is made up of
 alleys and 'hanok', known as Korean
 l house, to create a quaint 600-years
 al feel.



BOAT Cruise along the Han River with Pang Pang Performance and Bread Making Experience

Fancy a nice relaxing cruise down the famous Han River, with the cold wind blowing through your hair? Sign up for a Pang Pang Cruise to enjoy the entertaining local Korean's comedy dance and act brought to you by a group of talented young local artists. You can also bring home a piece of your own homemade red bean bun specially made on board the cruise ship just before the show. The Pang Show and bread-baking experience is inspired by the 2010 Korean Drama Hit called King of Baking, where the sudden craze for bread baking in Korea started. Enjoy the full experience of the baking, cruising and performance at approximately KRW48,000 (S\$58).

Tubster boat ride at Some Sevit

Get away from the crowded shopping streets and escape to the waterfront of Seoul's new Some Sevit. A series of three floating platforms forms an astonishingly beautiful spectacle at night when they are lit up all at once.

The tubster ride is a popular choice to end off the night after a heavy dinner at the cluster of restaurants at Some Sevit. You can enjoy a lavish buffet dinner at Chavit Cuisine situated on the 2nd floor, which has a tantalizing spread of fresh seafood, Western, Indian and local Korean delights. It will definitely have something for every palette.

After the meal, proceed down to the river front where the little boats are docked. Each boat come with little self-operated engine that brings you and your friends around for a leisurely tour of the compound.

Each boat which can hold up to 4-6 people costs KRW30,000 (S\$36) per hour. For more information, visit www.somesevit.com.



FOOT
Hiking up Namsan Park to N Seoul Tower

Put on your walking shoes and get moving. A trek around Namsan Park - one of the most treasured nature parks in Seoul, can be completed comfortably between 40 - 50 minutes for all ages. Do not be surprised though, to see an 'ajumma (a Korean word for middle age woman) overtaking you with her little dog. Once you reached the top, be rewarded by the beautiful view of N Seoul tower, amidst fences of love locks. Highly recommended to visit the park during the autumn season, where the trees will be flushed with hues of red, orange and yellow, or in winter, where the entire place is coated in white blanket of snow.

Moonlight Walking Tour at Changdeokkung Palace

An evening walk you should not miss would be the Moonlight Walk of Changdeokkung Palace. This exclusive access into the grounds at night is only available during the full moon season, with tickets on a first-come, first-served basis. Expect a visually impressive display as lights bounce off each tile and carving, bringing to life the fine intricate architectural details within the palace. Bookings can be made from <http://ticket.interpark.com> and tickets costs KRW30,000 (S\$36) each.



So the next time you come to Seoul, do opt for these fun modes of transport (foot, boat, and bicycle) to experience the beauty of this city in a less conventional mode.

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KOREAN FOOD EDITION

No trip is perfect without enjoying some of the best local Korean dishes. Try these 4 local delicacies between your fun and games.

1. Kalbi

One of the specialties of Korea, this sweet seasoned grilled beef can be enjoyed at Jinjinbara Restaurant. Reservations for the set course can be made at www.jinjinbara.com



2. Ginseng Chicken Soup (Samgye-tang)

A nourishing broth with ginseng root stuffed in the centre of the chicken and boiled till tender softness. This can be enjoyed at Tosokchon Samgyetang Restaurant.



3. Steamed Oysters with Brown rice and Spicy Tofu Soup

This tasty meal at Buckchon (549-2792) Restaurant is a perfect dish on a cold day. The homemade tofu is soft as silk, with the brown rice and fresh oysters complimenting it perfectly.



4. Barbeque Beef and Pork (Samgyeopsal)

Indulge in the premium side of things, with beautiful marbled barbeque beef at Hansik Byeok-Je Galbi Restaurant, known to be one of the best barbequed beef restaurants around. For those who are more adventurous, they have raw beef dishes as well, which are surprisingly tasty.

