

Mt. Seorak National Park & East Coast



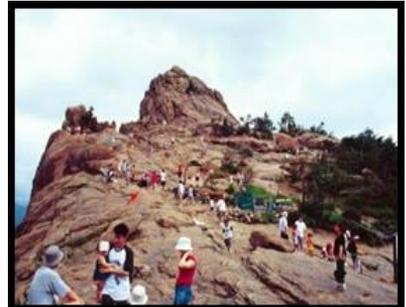
Mount Seorak is the third highest mountain in the country, with the main peak (Daechung) at 5602 feet above sea level. Situated on the east coast of the Korean Peninsula in the Taebaek Mountain range, it is composed of dissected granite and gneiss, with rocky hills and ridges. It is also home to the Asian black bear. The main activities here are hiking, camping and climbing. It is a favorite local hot spot, visited by many, from honeymooners to schoolchildren accompanied by their teachers. Take a short cable-car ride and a short hike to the peak for a breathtaking panoramic view of the surroundings.



The trail to **Biryong Waterfall** is wide, easy to follow, and shaded by deciduous trees. This is typical of the trails near the entrance area, where they are well used. As distances from the park entrance increase, the trails become narrower, more rocky, and steeper.



On the way to Biryong, the trail passes beside Yuktam Waterfall, actually a cascade, rather than a waterfall. The bedrock in the park is a light pinkish-gray granite.



Naksansa Temple is located in Naksan Provincial Park, 24 km coastline of Gangwon province, and it is one of the very few temples that overlook the sea in Korea.. Naksansa was built by Uisangdaesa (a revered Buddhist monk) in the 11th year (671) of King Munmu reign during the Silla Kingdom. Within the park there are many rivers and beautiful beaches to visit.

Naksansa provides spectacular sunrise views and sound of breaking waves from the sea. Inside the temple are cultural artifacts such as the Hongnyeonam Hermitage, a bronze bell and the Hongyemun(gate).



For the languid non-hikers there is a modern cable car. You will take a thrilling cable car which begin on the valley floor (park entrance area) and rises to a panoramic promontory of the entire valley to near the top of a mountain called **Kwongumseong**. The trail goes left from the cable car station to Allak Temple, which has a commanding view of the valley below and the East Sea. When the weather is nice and clear, there are good views of the valley below, the city of Sokcho, the eastern coast of South Korea. The river divides into two tributaries. The left tributary and trail leads to the Chonbuldong Valley. The right tributary and trail leads past the Shinhung Temple to Ulsanbawi. From the upper cable car station, is a good view of the park entrance area at the end of the road.

Itinerary

1st Day

0630 --- Depart at Chekertails, Bldg #924
0810 --- Arrive Rest Stop
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0930 --- Arrive Cable Car Station to Kwon-Kum Peak
1100 --- Depart Cable Car Station
1100~1500 --- Hiking Biryong Waterfall & Lunch
1500 --- Depart Mt. Seorak
1530 --- Arrive Hotel, Check-in and Free Time

2nd Day

0700~0900 --- Wake-up & Breakfast
0930 --- Depart Hotel Lobby
1000 --- Arrive Naksan Temple
1130 --- Depart Naksan Temple
1300 --- Arrive Rest Stop & Lunch
1400 --- Depart Rest Stop (Option: one more rest stop)
1630 --- Arrive Osan Air Force Base

This itinerary is subject to change

Important Things That Tourist Must Know

- * Tourists are responsible for their own lunch and dinner. Recommended to bring Korean Currency for the rest stop and souvenir shops.
- * Tour bus leaves in front of the Chekertails building 924 and departs at 0630 hours. Please be here 15-20 minutes prior to departure time.