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# Official Prayer for World Youth Day Seoul 2027

Loving Lord of all young people,  
we thank you for inviting us into your infinite love and mercy.

Our Father, we entrust ourselves to you.  
May young people everywhere be comforted in the embrace of your Church,  
and come to share deeply in the joy of communion and unity.

Lord Jesus Christ, you overcome the world, both now and forever.  
May all people discover the hope that lies in your call to take courage,  
realizing that the cross of love and forgiveness is the true victory over the world.

Oh, Holy Spirit, Flame of Love,  
by your wondrous hand  
you have sown the seeds of faith in Korea.  
Kindle the flame of the Korean martyrs' faith in our hearts,  
making us into disciples who live out the gospel of peace, love, and truth.

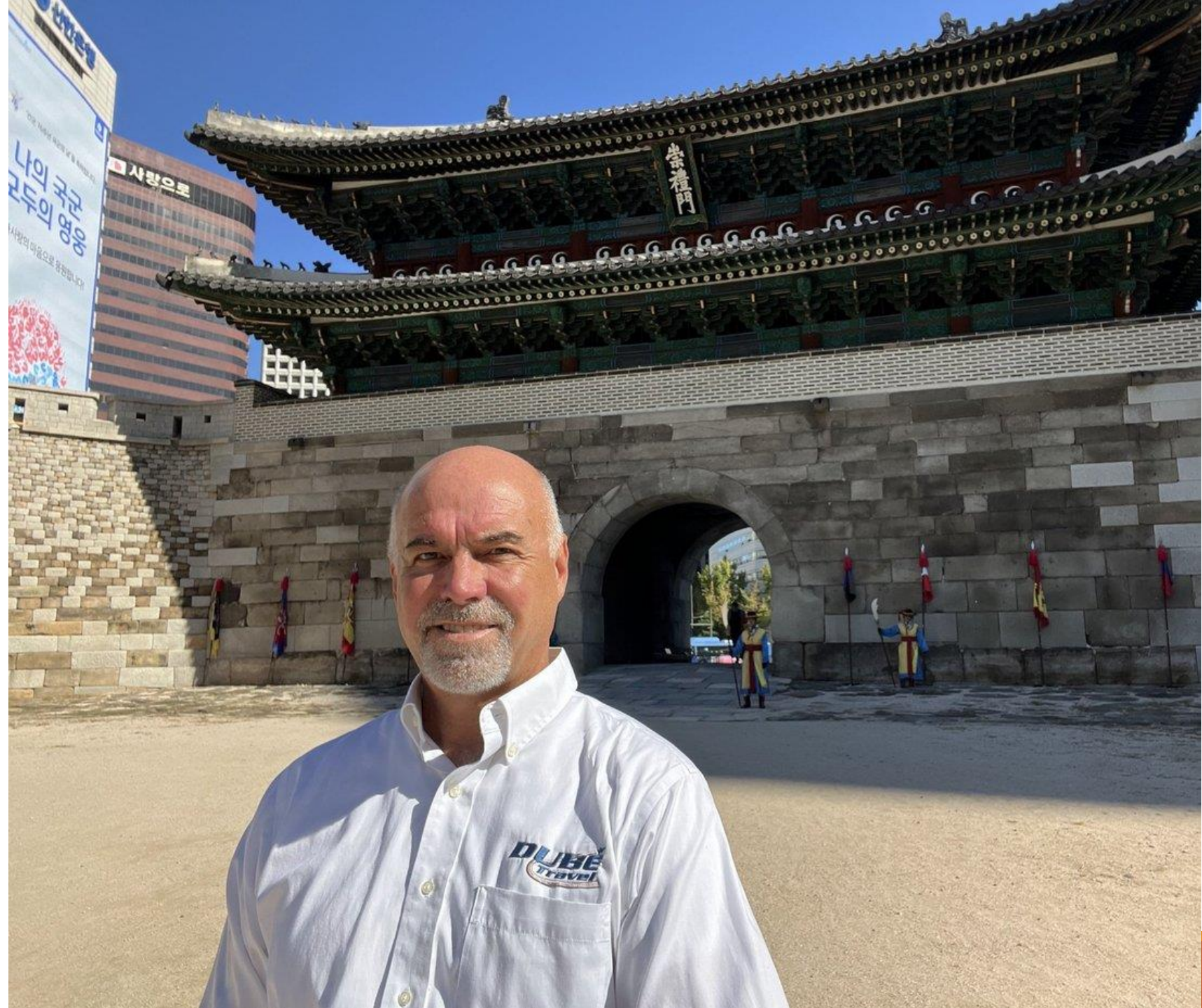
Lord, we pray that through this pilgrim journey of World Youth Day  
we may listen to each other, discern your will,  
and become a synodal Church,  
walking together with all of God's people. Amen.

Our Lady of mercy and peace,  
© pray for us.  
Holy patrons of World Youth Day Seoul 2027,  
© pray for all young people.

# Chris Dube

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- § Reside in Topsham, Maine
- § In travel business for 35 years
- § Attended 7 WYD's
- § I'm Catholic !



# Objectives

*Intro to WYD*

*Introduction to South Korea and Seoul*

*Our Partners for WYD*

*Why WYD Seoul*

*What's Next*

# About Dube Travel

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Based in Auburn Maine

63 Years in Business

Founded by Paul Dube

Offices in Auburn,& Hallowell Maine

Part of Travel Leaders

WYD Experience since 1997

Official US Agency for WYD Krakow Travel Company





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# About Channel K

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■ **Channel K** is one the leading Destination Management Companies in Korea specializing in large events.

■ In business since 2008

■ They will work with us on ***comprehensive services***:

- Hotel
- Ground Transportation
- Guides
- Event Planning
- Tours (Seoul, Pre& Post, DMZ)



1<sup>ST</sup> WYD

1985 or 1986

ROME, Italy



# World Youth Day timeline



**1985** | Rome, Italy

**1987** | Buenos Aires, Argentina

**1989** | Santiago de Compostela, Spain

**1991** | Czestochowa, Poland

**1993** | Denver, USA

**1995** | Manila, Philippines

**1997** | Paris, France

**2000** | Rome, Italy

**2002** | Toronto, Canada

**2005** | Cologne, Germany

**2008** | Sydney, Australia

**2011** | Madrid, Spain

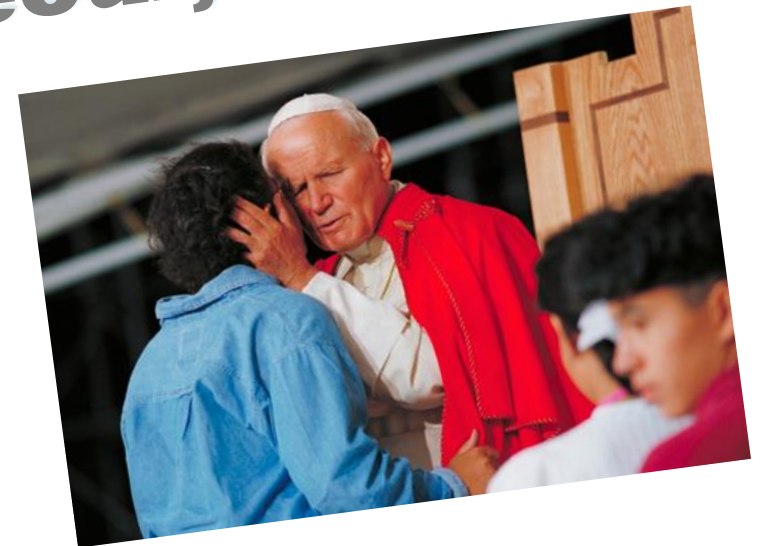
**2013** | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**2016** | Krakow, Poland

**2019** | Panama City, Panama

**2023** | Lisbon, Portugal

**2027**  
**Seoul, S. Korea**



# Goals of WYD

- A moving and sanctifying pilgrimage in faith
- An experience of the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the faith of our young people
- Rediscover the centrality of the Word and Sacrament
- Enable pilgrims to be witnesses to Christ
- **To provide “An encounter with Jesus Christ, His Spirit and His Church.” JP2**



Joe the  
bus  
driver

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# Who can attend World Youth Day?

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Sixteen years of age at time of departure

“Each minor (aged 16 & 17) must have an adult responsible for them in Seoul” -USCCB

Minors must have extensive permission forms

Ratio of adults to young people

Over 1 million expected for Sunday Mass

# WYD SCHEDULE & EVENTS

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## CENTRAL EVENTS

- Opening Mass
- Welcome of the Holy Father
- Stations of the Cross

## CATECHESIS

- Coordinated by Language
- Located in churches/locations throughout city

## “YOUTH FESTIVAL”

- Concerts, speakers, entertainment
- USCCB Event

## CLOSING EVENTS

- Vigil
- Closing Mass



제12회 1997년  
프랑스 파리

제11회 1995년  
와서 보아라  
- 8월 1, 28-31



제20회 2005년  
독일 베를린

우리는 그분을  
경배하러 왔습니다.  
마카 3:2



제6회 1991년  
폴란드 쉥스토호바

여러분은 개척의 선도를  
해 주시는 명을 받았습니다.  
로마 8:15



제41회 2027년  
한국 서울





Take courage!  
I have overcome the world.  
(Jn 16:33)

Theme for  
this WYD

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# LOCATION



East Asia



# General Information

|              |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Time Zone    |  | EST +13 hours (no daylight savings)                    |
| Population   |  | 51+ million  |
| Capital City |  | Seoul, pop. of 10 million                              |
| Language     |  | Korean *English widely spoken and English signs avail. |
| Government   |  | Democracy  |
| Currency     |  | <del>₩</del> South Korean Won   1 US = 1350 Won        |
| Tipping      |  | No Tipping   |

# Common Phrases



- o Yes – 네 (neh)
- o No – 아니요 (ah-nee-oh)
- o Hello – 안녕하세요 (an-nyeong-ha-se-yo)
- o Thank you – 고맙습니다 (gahm-sah-hahm-ni-da)
- o You're welcome – 천만에요 (chon-mahn-eh-yo)
- o Excuse me – 실례합니다 (sil-le-hahm-ni-da)
- o Goodbye – 안녕히 가세요 (ahn-nyong-hee-ga-se-yo)



# Why WYD Seoul?

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Different WYD Experience!

- First WYD in Asia since 1995 in Manilla

Asian gateway

Amazing country of South Korea

- Destination
- Culture

Korean Martyrs



# Martyrs

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# Korean Cuisine



K-Drama Restaurants



Traditional Markets



Michelin Star Restaurants



Traditional Cooking Classes



Street Food



Traditional Alcohol

# SEOUL Gems



**Royal Palaces**

**Highlights:**  
Changing of the Guards Ceremony  
Hanbok Experience



**Lotte Tower**



**National Museum of Korea**



**Gwangjang Market**



**Shopping**

# Must visit Gems- SEOUL



Changdeokgung Palace  
Changgyeonggung Palace  
Deoksugung Palace  
Gyeonghuigung Palace

# North Seoul Tower



# SEOUL - Gems

한옥 Hanok : Korean traditional homes originated from the Joseon Dynasty



Bukchon Hanok Village



Hanbok Experience



Hanok Stays



Traditional Workshops



Traditional Snacks



DMZ 전시관  
DMZ Pavilion

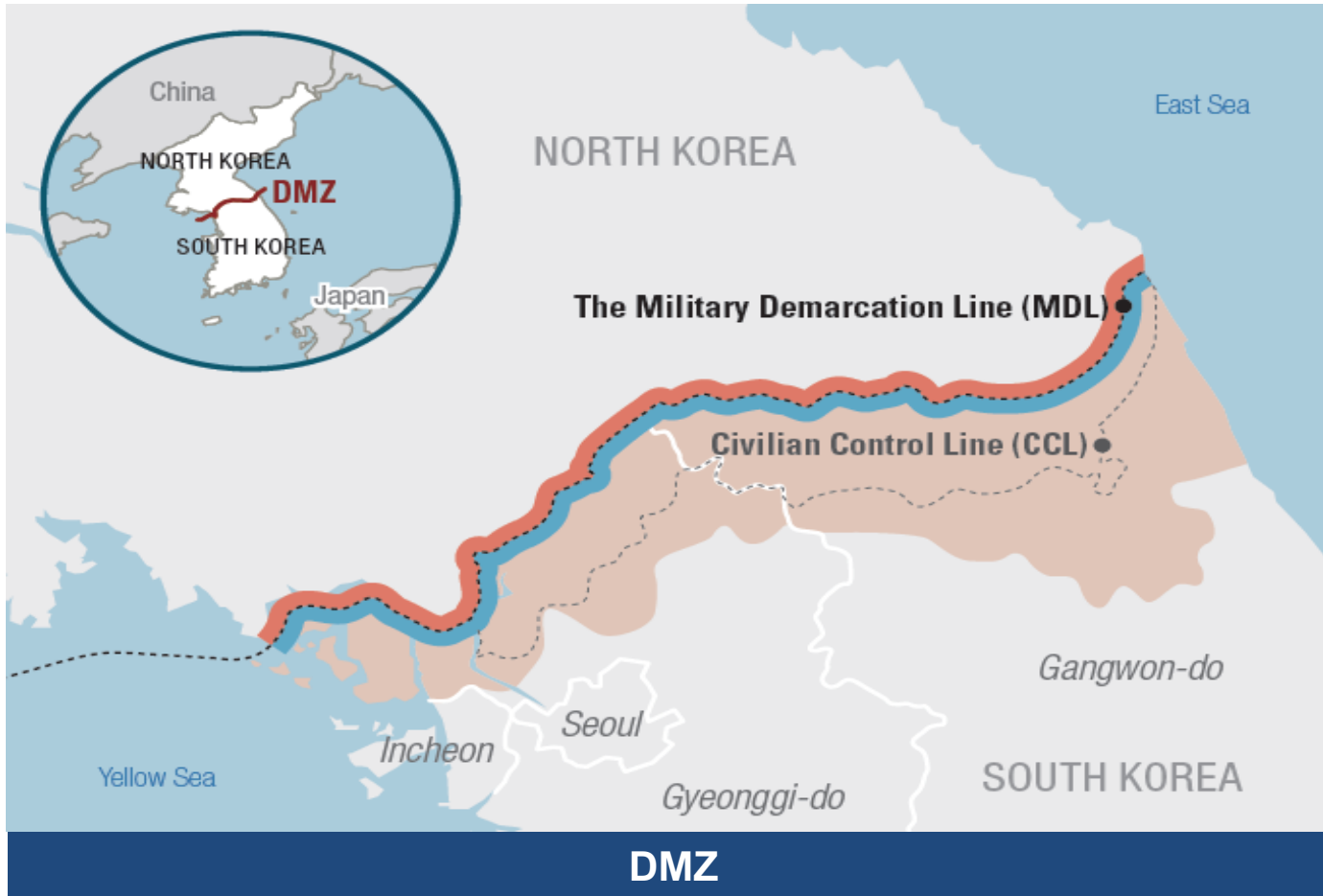
DMZ 전시관

DMZ 展览馆  
DMZ Pavilion  
DMZ 展示館  
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DMZ

# First Timer's Guide to Korea - SEOUL

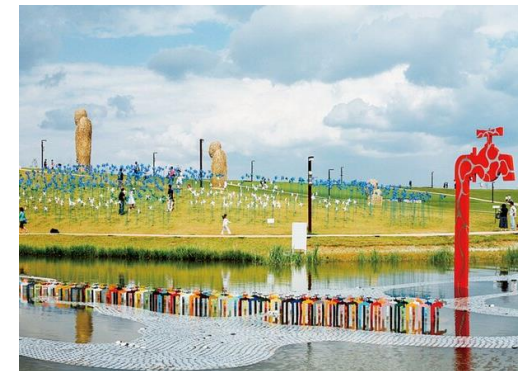
DMZ: Demilitarized Zone between North Korea and South Korea



Infiltration Tunnels



Joint Security Area



Imjingak Park



Camp Greaves

# Itinerary

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| Friday, July 30:   | Depart USA  |
| Saturday, July 31: | Arrive Seoul mid to late afternoon. Check into hotel. Dinner    |
| Sunday, Aug. 1:    | Mass. Visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace                             |
| Monday, Aug. 2:    | Visit to DMZ. Free time to explore during evening               |
| Tuesday, Aug. 3:   | Morning Free to explore. Opening Mass later in the afternoon    |
| Wednesday, Aug.4:  | Catechesis and WYD events                                       |
| Thursday, Aug.5:   | Catechesis in the AM and Papal arrival in the afternoon         |
| Friday, Aug.6:     | Catechesis in the AM and Stations of the Cross in the afternoon |
| Saturday, Aug. 7:  | Departure for Vigil Site and evening Vigil with Holy Father     |
| Sunday, Aug. 8:    | Closing Mass with Holy Father. Farewell celebration.            |
| Monday, Aug 9:     | Return to USA   |

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# TRAVEL TO SOUTH KOREA

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# Airlines flying to South Korea

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# Incheon International Airport



# SEOUL



# SEOUL Iconic Districts

- **Jongno**: Home to royal palaces, traditional hanok villages, and cultural landmarks.
- **Myeongdong**: A bustling shopping hub, famous for its trendy fashion boutiques, street food stalls, and vibrant nightlife.
- **Insadong**: Known for its charming alleys filled with antique shops, teahouses, and art galleries
- **Itaewon**: offers an eclectic mix of global cuisines, trendy bars, and a lively expat community.
- **Hongdae**: A youthful and energetic area near Hongik University, with an indie music scene, street performances, and hip cafés.
- **Gangnam**: One of Seoul's most affluent districts, Gangnam boasts luxury shopping, high-end dining, and vibrant nightlife.
- **Bukchon Hanok Village**: Featuring well-preserved traditional Korean hanok houses, offering a glimpse into Seoul's past.
- **Apgujeong**: An upscale area known for its luxury boutiques, K-beauty clinics, and trendy cafés
- **Dongdaemun**: Massive malls, wholesale markets, and 24-hour shopping experiences.
- **Garosugil**: A stylish tree-lined street in Sinsa-dong-chic boutiques, designer cafés, and artistic vibe.



# HOTEL CONSIDERATIONS



# Our Approach to Accommodations in Seoul

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No Simple accommodations

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No Hostels

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3-4 Star Hotels

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Convenient locations in/near Metro

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Reliable service

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Reliable standards

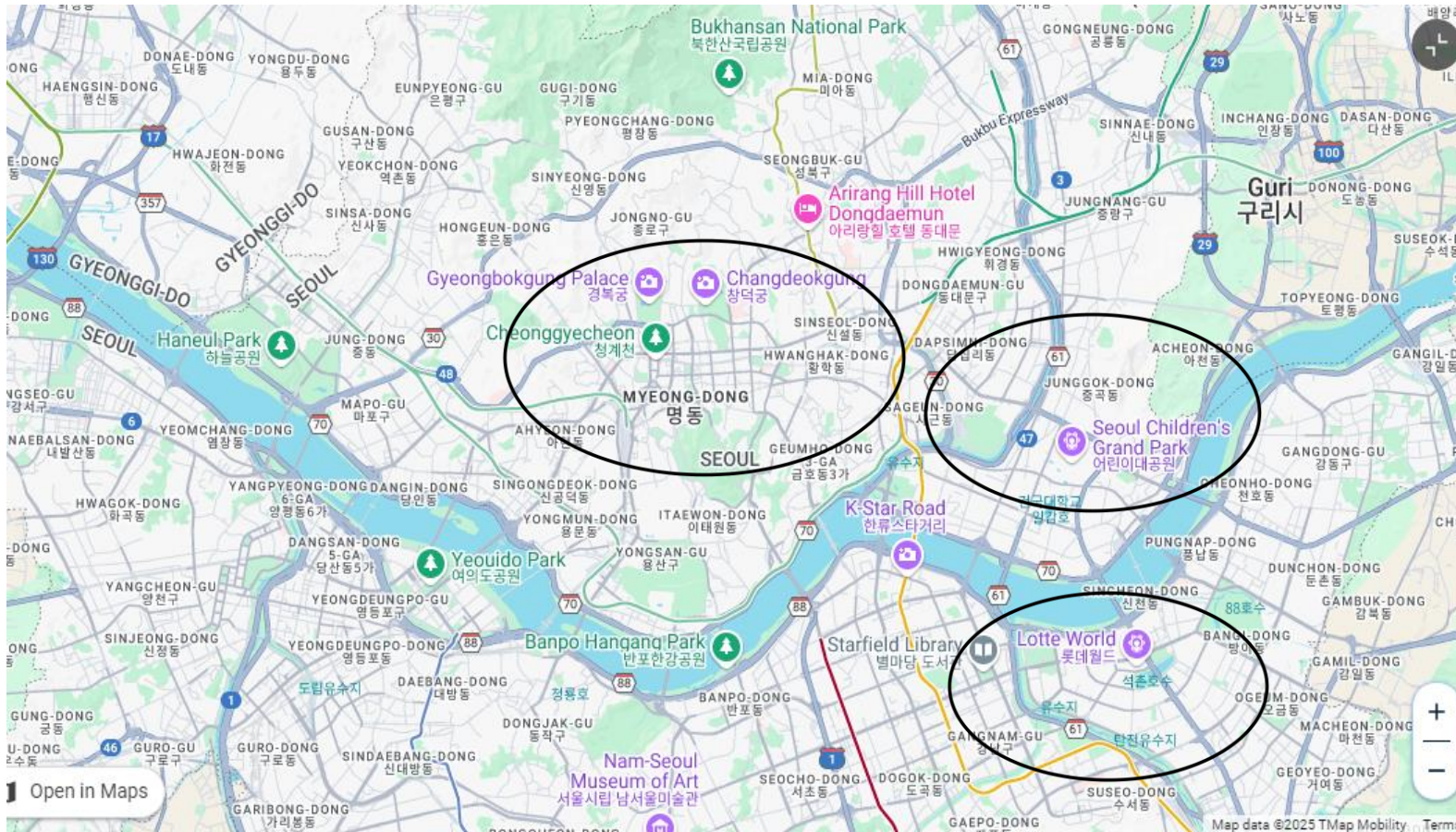
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Air conditioning

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Majority are 2 twin beds however most hotels will have some doubles

# HOTEL INVENTORY



- HOTELS IN KOREA DO NOT CONTRACT OUTSIDE OF 1 YEAR FROM TRAVEL DATES
- OBJECTIVE IS BALANCING COST AND LOCATION
  - Historically groups are thankful to have paid a bit more for a better location!!!
  - Pricing will be at premium during WYD but still within reason
- Our Inventory includes a large percentage of 3 & 4 star
- Hotels throughout the city, but mostly in Northern!!
  - North 34
  - South 20
  - West & East 5

# Gwanghwamun Square

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Location of Pope Francis Mass and Beatification of Korean Martyrs in 2014

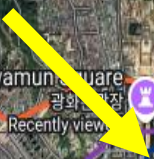
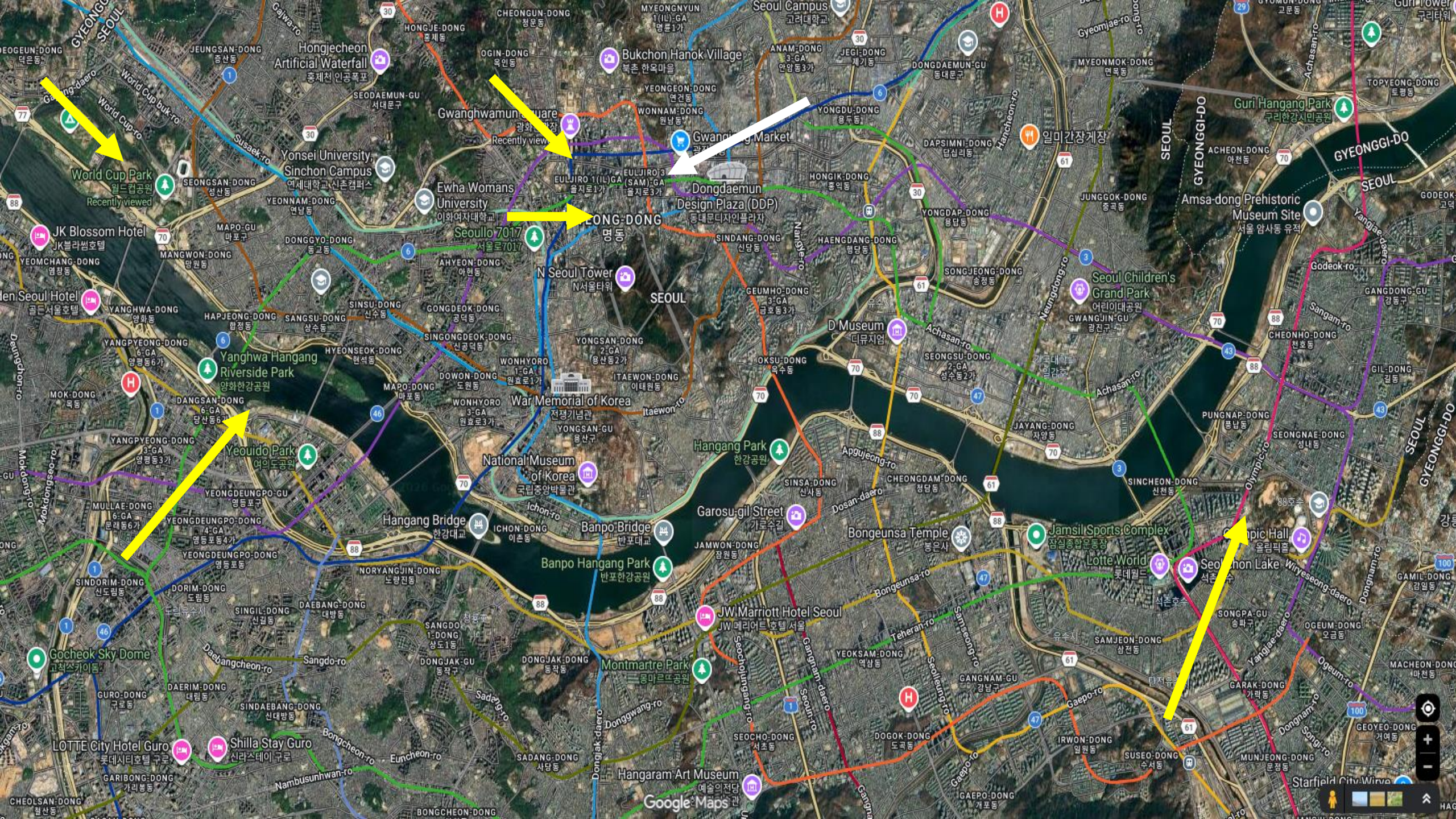
Gyeongbokgung Palace

US Embassy

Very accessible for many metro lines

Center of City







The World Youth  
Day Pilgrimage  
to Seoul will  
include the  
following:

Roundtrip airfare from US

Airport/hotel transfers

9 nights hotel accommodations in Seoul

Breakfast daily

Day trip to DMZ Peace Park

Welcome and Farewell Dinner

Korean Speaking guide

Luggage Tags

WYD Registration

Services of Dube Travel escort for duration of trip


**ESTIMATED AT \$5,500 PER PERSON**

# \* Fine print

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Currency exchange  
Fuel Surcharges  
Airline fees & Govt. Taxes  
WYD Registration cost

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# Documentation Requirements

## PASSPORT

US Citizens must have A valid Passport with expiration date at least 6 months from the date of your return

Takes 4 – 6 weeks

\$130

Go to passport office (often Post office)

## VISA

No visas are required for US Citizens





KOREA  
TOURISM  
ORGANIZATION

# K-ETA

The K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization) is an online electronic travel authorization.



A dark, semi-transparent overlay covers a background image of several business professionals in a meeting. They are gathered around a table, looking at documents and using mobile devices. The scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the white text overlay.

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REGISTRATION WILL  
OPEN SOON!

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# Travel Insurance

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Do I need insurance?



What is Covered?



How do I purchase it?



What if I do not want to buy it?

# Questions...

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Imagine  
your  
Korea

WYD  
SEOUL  
2027

DUBC  
Travel

Thank you

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(gam-sa-ham-nee-dah)