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JEOLLANAM-DO:

HARMONY OF NATURE AND HERITAGE

Just a short journey from Gwangju, Jeollanam-do offers a captivating retreat into Korea's rich cultural heritage and breathtaking natural landscapes. From tranquil temples tucked into misty mountains to picturesque coastlines and time-honored villages, this region is where timeless nature meets enduring tradition.

Discover the heart of Korean heritage—and a slower, more soulful rhythm of life—waiting just beyond the city.

Damyang, the home of bamboo, blends lush natural beauty with a rich heritage of lyrical scholarship, showcased in Juknokwon and the iconic Metasequoia Road.



Yeosu, a scenic port city in Jeollanam-do, invites visitors with its stunning ocean views, romantic night cruises, and rich marine heritage.



Suncheon, a nature-lover's haven in Jeollanam-do, captivates with its lush wetlands, the Suncheonman National Garden, and a peaceful blend of ecology and tradition.



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The XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology (ISA WCS 27) will be held in Gwangju, Korea — a city recognized with UNESCO's triple crown, a vibrant hub of Asian culture, and a symbol of democratic hope through the May 18 Democratic Uprising in 1980.

We hope your visit to Gwangju for the Congress will offer a meaningful opportunity to experience Korea's rich diversity in history, culture, and natural beauty.

KOREAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The Korean Sociological Association (KSA), founded in 1956, has made continuous efforts over the past half-century to contribute meaningfully to the public, the media, and national policymaking by addressing pressing social issues.

The KSA seeks to broaden its role in sharing Korea's sociological experiences and engaging with contemporary global issues and knowledge through hosting the ISA World Congress of Sociology.

GWANGJU:

UNESCO TRIPLE CROWN CITY

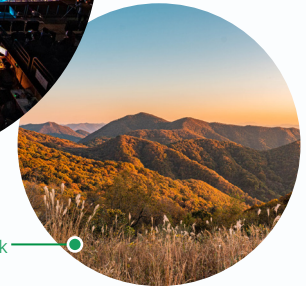
Gwangju, the cultural heart of Korea and Asia, is a UNESCO Triple Crown City that embodies Korea's democratic spirit, natural beauty, and artistic innovation. It is home to the May 18 Democratic Uprising, the Mudeungsan Global Geopark, and Korea's first UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts.



UNESCO Memory of the World Record
May 18 Democratic Uprising



UNESCO Media Arts
Creative City
Gwangju



UNESCO Global Geopark
Mudeungsan

A PLACE WHERE THE CULTURE OF ASIA BLOOMS

Asia Culture Center

As the world's largest cultural complex, the center holds lots of activities such as Asian Cultural exchanges, content creation, exhibitions, and performances.



Yangnim History and Culture Village

Yangnim History and Culture Village is a place where Korea and the West, Confucianism and Christianity, and tradition and modernity coexist.



CITY OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND PEACE

May 18th National Cemetery



This cemetery is a historical landmark that honors the defense of democracy in South Korea. It stands as a symbol of hope and a commitment to the future, rising above the sorrow of the Democratic Uprising.

Jeonil Building 245



Jeonil Building 245 is one of the few remaining historical sites on Geumnam-ro that preserves its original form from the May 18 Democratic Uprising, visibly marked by 245 bullet holes.