



Mt. Sorak & East Coast Tour 3 Days



Mount Sorak is the third highest mountain in the country, with the main peak (Daechung) at an altitude of 5602 feet. Situated on the east coast of the Korean Peninsula in the Taebaek Mountain range, it is composed of mostly granite with rocky hills and ridges. It is also home to the Asian black bear. The main activities here are hiking, camping, and climbing and is a favorite vacation spot in Korea. Take a short cable-car ride or hike to the peak for a breathtaking panoramic view of the surroundings.



The entrance city for **Mount Sorak National Park** is the sea port of Sokcho in the northeast corner of South Korea. Sokcho is a modern city with a busy harbor area. Being a sea port, it has variety of fish, squid, octopus, shellfish, and other delicacies that you can order either raw or cooked.



Mount Sorak is the highest point in **Mount Sorak National Park**. The park is an area of steep granite cliffs, densely forested slopes, and deep valleys with rivers and waterfalls. The park's bedrock is a light, pinkish-gray granite. There are numerous trails, bridges, temples, and concession stands. Trails near the park entrance are well marked and easy to walk, while further inside the park, the trails become narrow, rocky, and steep.



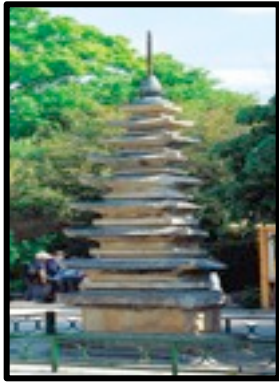
The trail to **Piryong Waterfall** is wide, easy to follow, and shaded by evergreen trees. Piryong Waterfall cascades into a large, deep pool at its base. The pink and yellow colors from the granite contrast beautifully with the green of the forest.



For the non-hikers, there is a modern cable-car begins on the valley floor near the park rises almost to the top of a mountain called **Kwongumsong**. The trail leads to Allak Temple, which has a magnificent view of the valley below and of the East Sea. A river divides the mountain range by its two tributaries. The left tributary and trail leads to the Chonbuldong Valley, while the right tributary and trail leads past the Shinhung Temple to Ulsanbawi. The upper cable-car station also has a good view of the park entrance.

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Naksansa Temple is located in Naksan Provincial Park and is one of the few temples that overlook a sea of Korea. It was built by Uisangdaesa, a revered Buddhist monk in 671. Within the park are many rivers and beautiful beaches to visit. Naksansa provides a spectacular sunrise view and beautiful sounds of breaking waves. Inside the temple are cultural artifacts such as the Hongnyeonam Hermitage, a bronze bell, and the Hongyemun (gate).

When you have free time, visit the 7th **Shinhungsa Temple**, located next to Sorak Tourist Hotel; it claims to be Zen temple. The valley to the left of the temple is Chonbuldong, the country's oldest valley in the park with a view of Miruk majestically above the valley. Legends are told of the heavenly nymphs who come to laugh and play in numerous pools throughout the valley.



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Mt. Sorak Itinerary—subject to change

1st Day

0800 ---- Depart Information Tickets & Travel (ITT) Bldg #924
1000-1020 ---- Munmak Rest Stop
1200-1300 ---- 38th Parallel Rest Stop & Lunch
1330-1500 ---- Naksan Temple
1530 ---- Arrive Sorak Tourist Hotel & Check-in
1600 ---- Depart Sorak Tourist Hotel
1700-1730 ---- Piryong Waterfall
1800 ---- Arrive Sorak Tourist Hotel

2nd Day

0630 ---- Wake-up Call, Breakfast
0830 ---- Depart Hotel Lobby
0900-1100 ---- Hiking Kumkang Cave
1130 ---- Arrive Hotel
1130 / 1230 ---- Lunch
1230 ---- Depart Sorak Tourist Hotel
1300-1700 ---- Sorak Waterpia water park
1730 ---- Arrive Sorak Tourist Hotel

3rd Day

0630 ---- Wake-up Call
0830 ---- Depart Hotel Lobby
0840-1100 ---- Cable Car Station, Kwon-Kum Peak
1120 / 1230 ---- Lunch
1230 ---- Check-out Hotel
1300 ---- Depart Sorak Tourist Hotel
1500-1530 ---- Daekwanryong Rest Stop
1730 ---- Arrive Osan Air Force Base

Important Things To Know

- Tour bus leaves in front of the ITT building 924 and departs at 0800 hours.
- Please be there 15-20 minutes prior to departure time.
- The tour involves strenuous walking, please bring comfortable hiking shoes and gloves.
- Some hiking trails do not have guard rails and it is advisable to leave infants or small children at the hotel.
- Difficulty level of hiking trail (Difficulty 5 - Easy 1)
Naksan Temple - 2, Piryong Waterfall - 3, Kumkang Cave -4, Shinhung Temple - 1, Kwonkum Peak - 2m, Ulsan Bawi - 5
- Tourists are responsible for their own lunch and dinner.
- Recommended to bring Korean Currency for the rest stop and souvenir shops.
- *--ou may bring swimming suit, hat and extra towels for waterpia.