

Out and about in Daegu

A CITY RICH IN CULTURE, HISTORY

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The city of Daegu enjoys a rich history dating back more than 3,000 years. Daegu is an ancient city defined by its topography and people and is famous for its Busa apples.

Korea's third largest city, with a population of more than 2 million people, is located in a valley. To the north lies the Palgong Mountains and to the south runs the Nakdong River. Shinchon stream runs north through the center of the city and Gumho River flows in the northern hill areas. Because the city lies in a pocket surrounded by a continental basin, combined with the many rivers and streams, it maintains a consistent temperature. The city's topography causes the temperature to be hot and humid during the summer and very cold throughout the winter.

Koreans recognize Daegu as a cultural and intellectual city. There are two major universities, Daegu University and Kyungpook National University, as well as Buddhist relics, temples and art.

If you enjoy shopping, Daegu has several great traditional Korean marketplaces; noteworthy are the Chilsung, Somun and Bongduk markets.

Daegu is most revered for its Busa or Daegu apples. These large red apples, which often grow to softball-size proportions, are very sweet and crunchy. The apples grow so large because they can flourish in the Daegu climate.

Mt. Palgong Natural Park and Aspen Park offer tremendous views of the city; for a sky-high view within Daegu, there is the Woobang (or Daegu) Tower, which resembles the Seattle space needle. In addition, there are temples, amusement parks, U-bang Towerland, a children's park, and other historic and scenic locations, many of which hold national treasures.

