

At the Travel Agent's

A person walks into a travel agent's office. The travel agent looks up from the desk and says,

AGENT Hi! What can I help you with today?

TOURIST Hi. My company is sending me to Seoul, South Korea next month and I'd kind of like to get some information about the place before I go. Can you help me?

AGENT Sure have a seat. What kind of information do you need?

TOURIST Well, while I'm there I'd like to do some sightseeing and shopping, but I'm afraid that I won't be able to find my way around since I don't know the language. Is there someplace in Seoul where I can find information in English?

AGENT Actually there are several places. Once you arrive in Seoul you should go to the City Hall. There is an information center behind the City Hall that has information booklets in several languages. You should be able to find help there.

TOURIST That sounds great. What about shopping? I'd really like to bring back some souvenirs for my family and friends. Where can I go to find some good bargains?

AGENT Of course, you can buy souvenirs at any tourist attraction, but you should really try to go to either Itaewon, or NamDaemoon.

TOURIST Oh really. Why's that?

AGENT Because you can find some really good buys there, especially if you take the time to bargain with the merchants.

TOURIST That sounds like a great idea. I'll have to check those places out. What about hotels, are they pretty expensive?

AGENT Yea, generally speaking hotels in Korea are expensive. But, you can find some inexpensive motels as well. They're called yogwons and they provide fairly cheap rooms.

TOURIST Umm, that sounds okay, but are the rooms in a yogwon clean?

AGENT Well, you have to be careful, of course. You should ask to see the room before you pay. If you don't like the room you can always go somewhere else.

TOURIST Yea, I suppose you're right. Umm... What about places to see? Are there any interesting historical sites that I should see while in Seoul?

AGENT Oh my! There is so much you should see that you won't have time to see it all.

TOURIST Really!! Like what?

AGENT Well, let's see. You really should see Kyong Bok Palace. It's really beautiful this time of the year.

TOURIST That sounds really exciting.

AGENT Yea, and there's lots more to do and see. What you really should do is pick up a tourist guide at the information office that I told you about earlier.

TOURIST Yea, you're right. I really must do that.