

LOTUS LANTERN FESTIVAL



Exhibition of Traditional Lanterns



Eoulim Madang



Lantern Parade



Hoehyang Hanmadang



Traditional Cultural Events



Cultural Performances



2017
연등회

Exhibition of Traditional Lanterns April 28 (Fri) ~ May 7 (Sun)

Come and absorb the spirit of the lanterns!

With soft, lovely light the lanterns convey the aspirations and careful attention to detail of their creators. You can browse through traditional hanji paper lanterns in all colors and shapes.

LOCATION Jogye-sa Temple (Subway Line ④, Anguk Station)

Bongeun-sa Temple (Subway Line ④, Bongeunsa Station)

Cheonggye-cheon Stream Area (Subway Line ①, Jonggak Station)

Eoulim Madang (Buddhist Cheer Rally) April 29 (Sat) 4:30 ~ 6:00 pm

A round of cheerful togetherness to excite you!

Before marching onto the streets to begin the lantern parade, participants heighten their joy watching the spectacular dance movements and upbeat songs held on stage by various performance groups. Afterward is the ceremony of bathing the baby Buddha and a Dharma service.

LOCATION Dongguk University Stadium (Subway Line ③, Dongguk Univ. Station)

Lantern Parade April 29 (Sat) 7:00 ~ 9:30 pm

All participants become stars of the luminous lantern parade!

Thousands of lanterns create magnificent waves of light that flow through the heart of metropolitan Seoul like an earthbound Milky Way.

Anyone can participate and become a star of the festival.

LOCATION Along Jongno Street (From Dongdaemun Gate to Jogyesa temple)

(You can enjoy the parade at any of the following stations: Subway Lines ①, ③, 5 at Jongno 3-ga Station / Line ① Jonggak Station or Jongno 5-ga Station)

Hoehyang Hanmadang (Post-Parade Celebration) April 29 (Sat) 9:30~11:00 pm

The rain of flower petals expresses the aspiration for happiness for all!

The cultural performances unfolding under a rain of flowers and the lively group dance of Ganggang Sullae bring all participants together as one, transcending nationality, gender, ethnicity and religion.

LOCATION Jonggak Intersection (Subway Line ①, Jonggak Station)

Traditional Cultural Events April 30 (Sun) Noon ~ 7:00 pm

A variety of hands-on experiences to satisfy your senses!

The street festival pulsates with the unique aesthetics of Korea. You can enjoy various cultural experiences including making lanterns and sampling temple food.

LOCATION Street in front of Jogye-sa Temple

(Subway Line ①, Jonggak Station / Line ④, Anguk Station)

Cultural Performances April 30 (Sun) Noon ~ 6:00 pm

See lively performances overflowing with deep emotion and joy.

Come and enjoy traditional folk performances like songs, dances and rope walking, along with Buddhist performances and various traditional performances from other Asian countries.

LOCATION Performance Stages on the street in front of Jogye-sa Temple

(Subway Line ①, Jonggak Station / Line ④, Anguk Station)



Yeondeungnori



Yeondeungnori (Final Celebration) April 30 (Sun) 7:00~9:00 pm

Beautiful performances and a mini parade of splendid lanterns

Following the performance groups, another lantern parade will be held to express the aspiration for peace and happiness all over the world.

LOCATION Insa-dong ~ Street in front of Jogye-sa Temple

(bway Line ①, Jonggak Station / Line ③, Anguk Station)



Lantern Parade

Buddha's Birthday

The 8th day of the 4th lunar month is the Buddha's Birthday. Temples nationwide light lanterns to symbolically transmit the wisdom and compassion of the Buddha.

They also perform ceremonies in celebration of his birth.

Yeon Deung Hoe (Lighting Lantern Festival)

The Yeon Deung Hoe Festival originated in the Silla era more than 1,200 years ago. It has since been passed down through the Goryeo era, the Joseon era (where it was called "Palgwan Hoe"), and is still an annual tradition today. This traditional festival is designated Korea's National Intangible Cultural Property No. 122.

By lighting lanterns at the Yeon Deung Hoe Festival, participants brighten their own hearts as well as the world. People flock to South Korea from all over the world to attend this festival.

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