

November
Edition

Hanok Stay & Templestay

Imagine sleeping on a wooden floor, warmed by traditional ondol heating, or sipping a cup of tea in the utmost comfort!

Come stay overnight in a beautiful hanok, a type of traditional Korean house with ondol

(underfloor heating), wooden floors, a kitchen, and a front yard.

Hanok, a word coined to distinguish Korean architecture from Western modern architecture following the opening of Korean ports to the West, refers to Korean houses built in the country's unique traditional architectural style.

Read on to learn more about the hanok, which reflect Korea's unique cultural heritage.



Templestay

A templestay is a traditional cultural experience program where participants immerse themselves in the daily routines of Buddhist practitioners at a temple, filled with the living, breathing 1,700-year history and culture of Korean Buddhism.

Templestays began as a way to promote Korean traditional culture and now represent the ultimate cultural experience in Korea, lauded by the OECD as an "outstandingly creative and competitive cultural product."

Each of the seven major temples in Seoul—Bongeunsa Temple, Geumseonsa Temple, Hwagyesa Temple, International Seon Center, Jingwansa Temple, Jogyesa Temple, and Myogaksa Temple—offers its own specialized templestay program, giving a broad range of choices to any visitor interested in taking a closer look at temple life. The temples have well-organized systems in place, with English guides readily available whenever needed, to ensure that even non-Korean speakers can enjoy a comfortable templestay experience.

Discover the true beauty of Korea and restore your peace of mind by staying at a traditional Korean temple, where nature, history and culture are alive.

One day Templestay

Bongeunsa

Thursday Templelife program
#TempleTour #Da-Seon (Tea Ceremony)
#CopyingSutra



Fee: KRW 30,000

Geumseonsa

2023 Daily Templestay
#TempleTour #108Prostrations
#SingingBowlMeditation



Fee: KRW 40,000

Jingwansa

Relish the nature
#TempleTour #Da-Seon (Tea Ceremony)



Fee: KRW 80,000

Myogaksa

"Where is your mind?" for one day Templestay
#108Prostrations #Meditation
#Da-Seon (Tea Ceremony)



Fee: KRW 35,000

Experience Templestay

Bongeunsa

Regular Templestay program
#TempleTour #Da-Seon (Tea Ceremony)
#SutraCopying #SeonMeditation
#108Prostrations



Fee: KRW 90,000

Hwagyesa

Only Don't Know
#TempleTour #WalkingMeditation
#DawnChanting #108Prostrations



Fee: KRW 60,000

International Seon Center

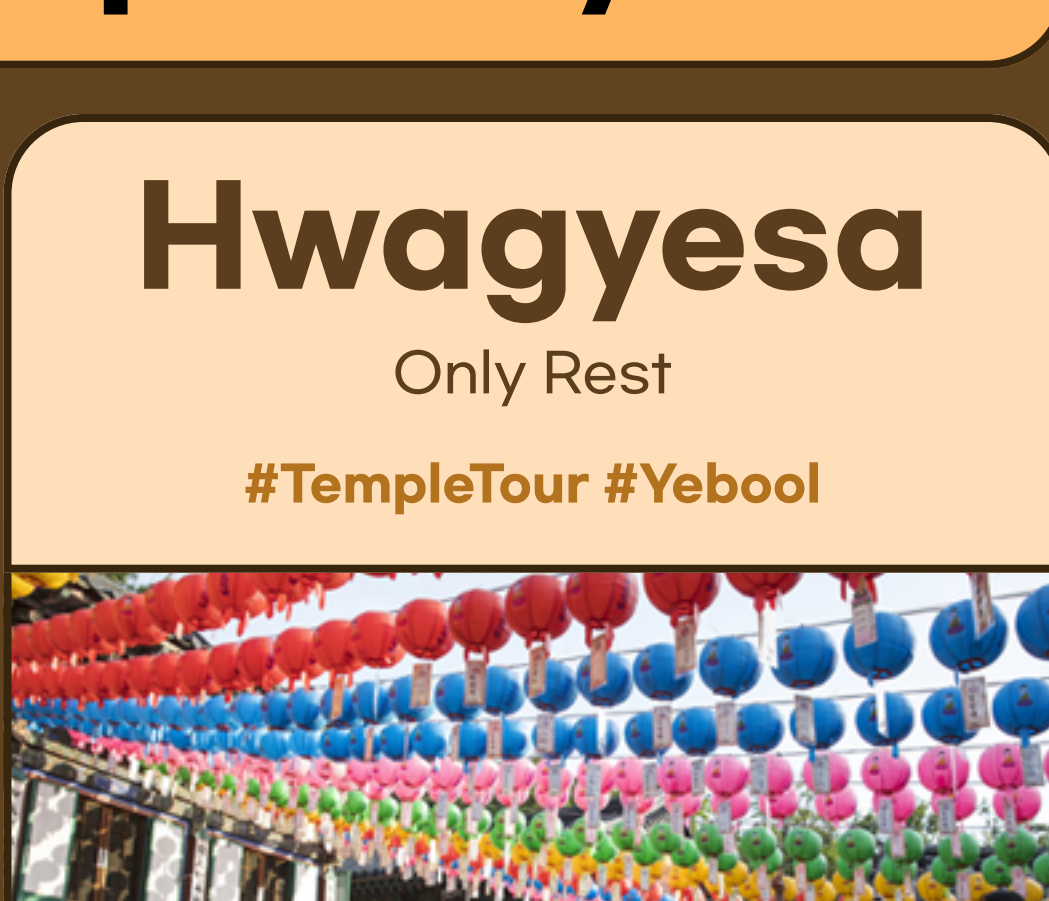
Healing Meditation
#TempleTour #Yoga #Singing BowlMeditation
#Balwoo-gongyang #MakingYeomju



Fee: KRW 100,000

Jogyesa

"Round Echo" Experience Templestay
#TempleTour #MakingPaperLotusFlowers
#108Prostrations #SingingBowlMeditation



Fee: KRW 80,000

Free-style Templestay

Geumseonsa

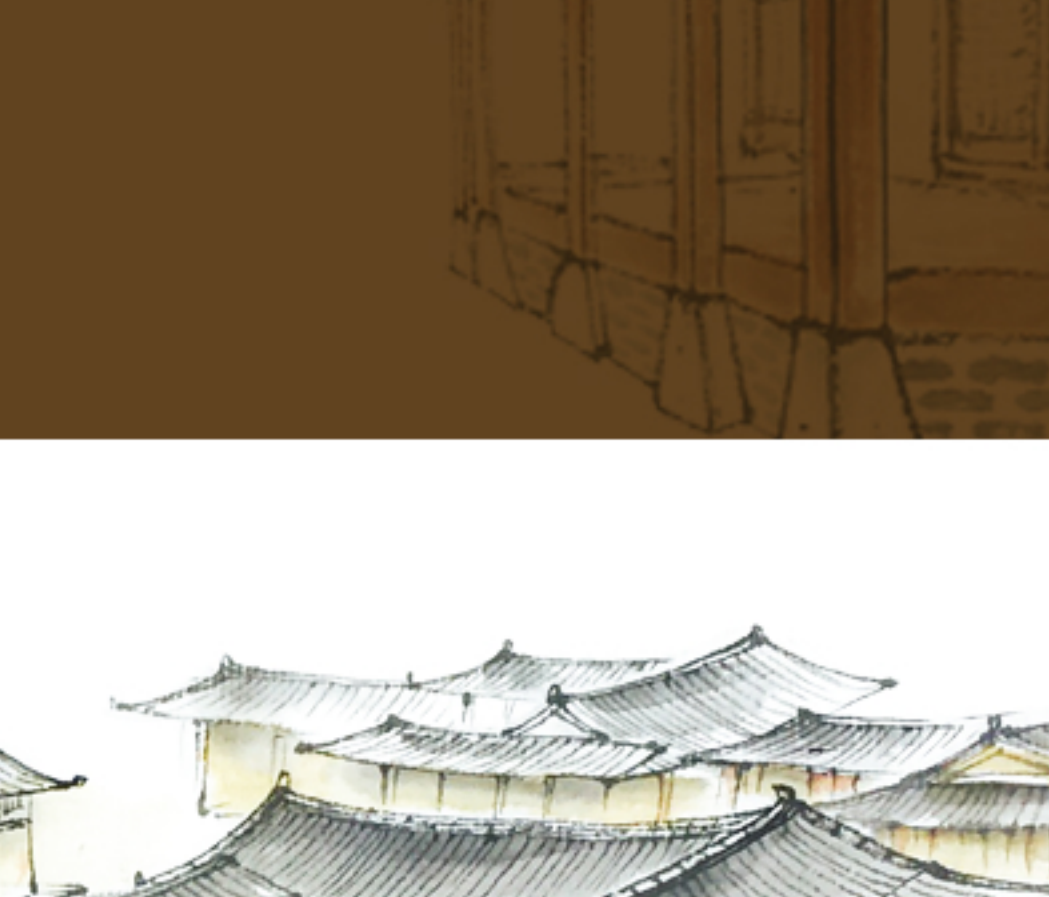
Relaxational Templestay (IN2D)
#TempleTour #SingingBowlMeditation
#Chanting



Fee:
Adults KRW 80,000
Students KRW 70,000

Hwagyesa

Only Rest
#TempleTour #Yebool



Fee:
Adults KRW 70,000
Students KRW 60,000

Jogyesa

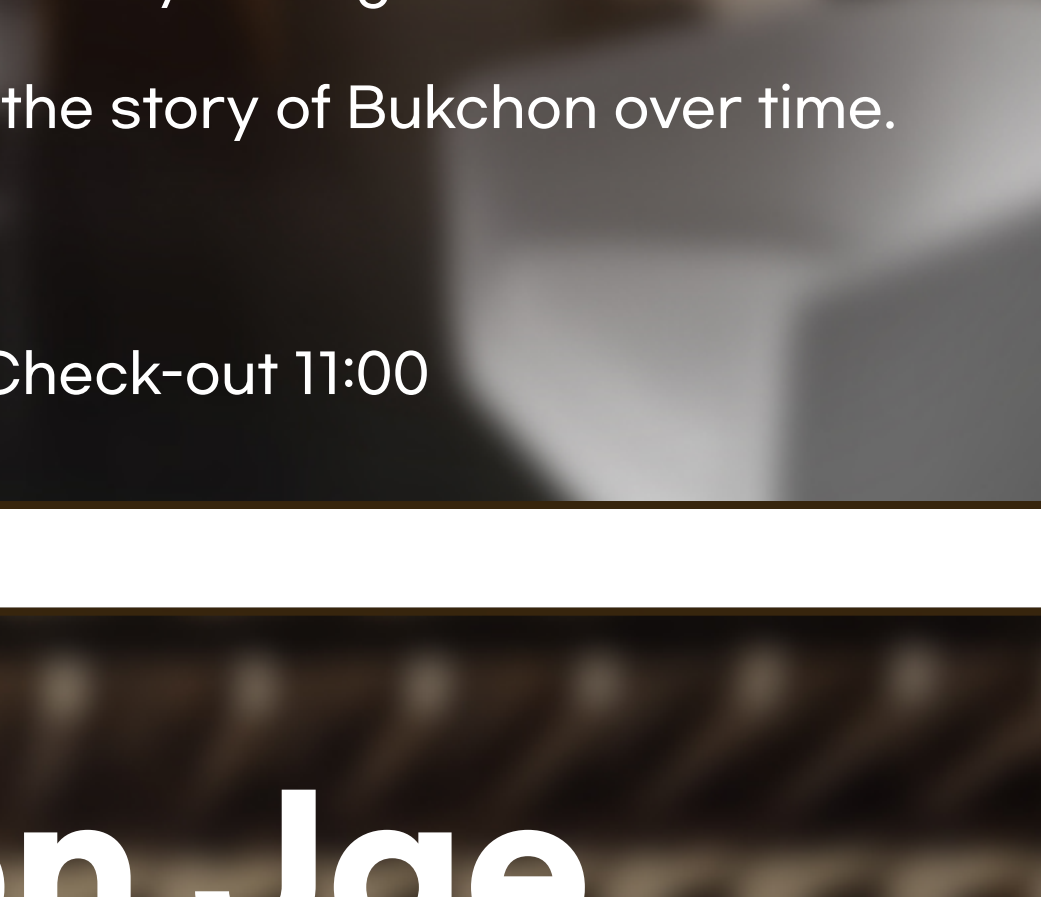
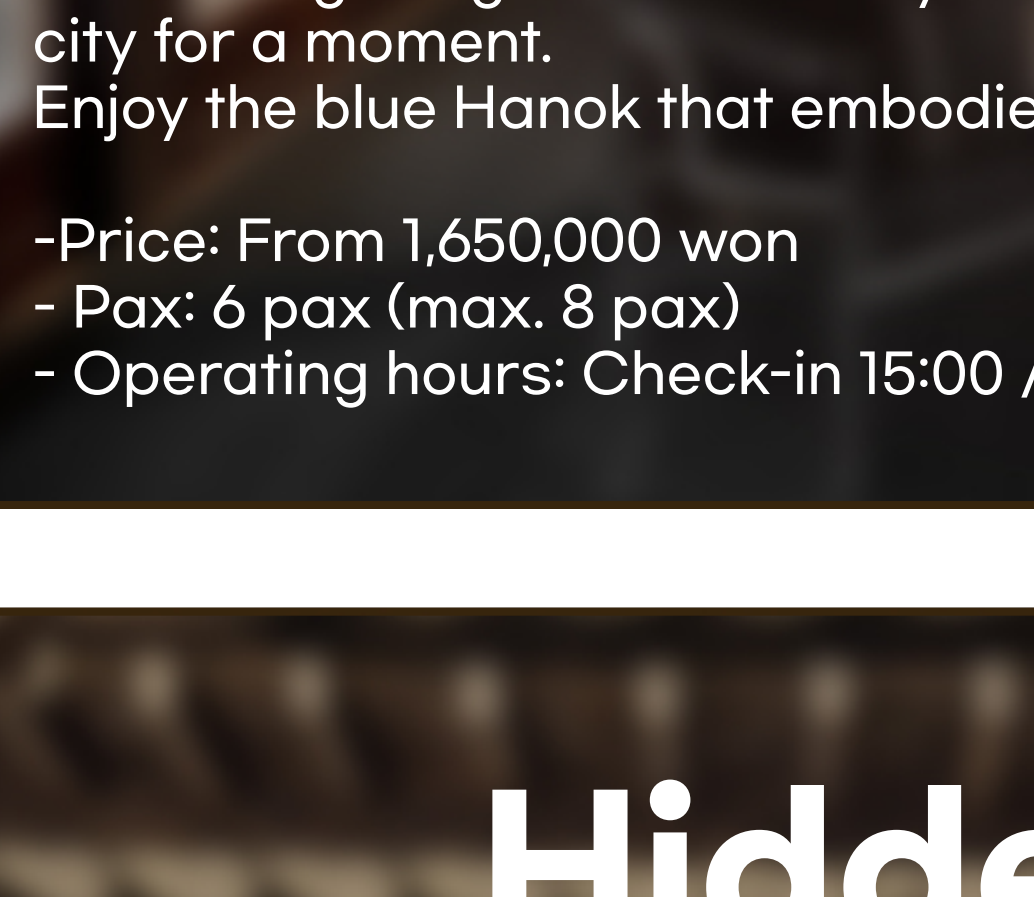
"Balance on" Rest Templestay (IN2D)
#TempleTour #PaperLotusFlowerMaking
#DawnChanting #108Prostrations



Fee: KRW 60,000

HanokStay

Blue Jae



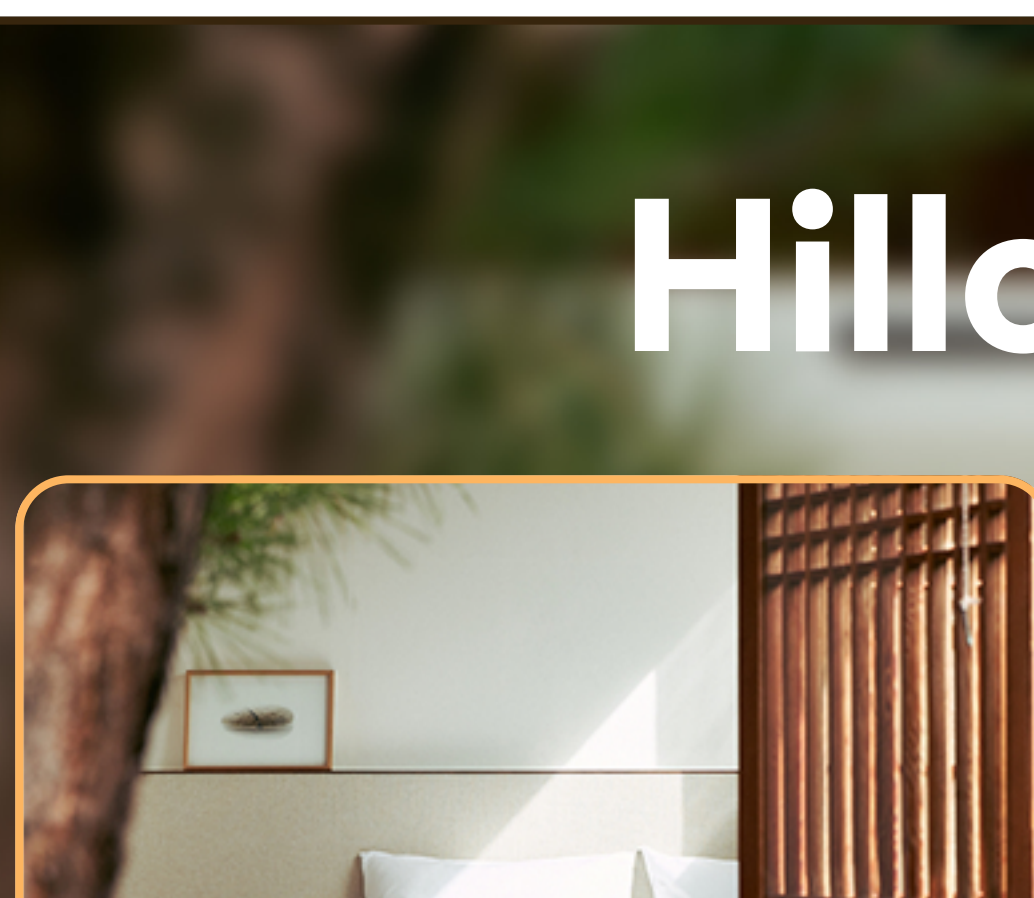
Blue Jae is the only Hanok that has the same blue tiles that are used for the Blue House of Korea. Its unique beauty will capture your attention the moment you set your eyes on it.

With the perfect union of tradition and modernity, as well as the blend of East and West elements, Blue Jae conveys a sense of luxury through its well-preserved traditional interior, oriental paintings, specially curated antique furniture and contemporary artworks. A soothing soak in the hot tub while gazing at the blue sky will make you forget that Seoul is a bustling city for a moment.

Enjoy the blue Hanok that embodies the story of Bukchon over time.

- Price: From 1,650,000 won
- Pax: 6 pax (max. 8 pax)
- Operating hours: Check-in 15:00 / Check-out 11:00

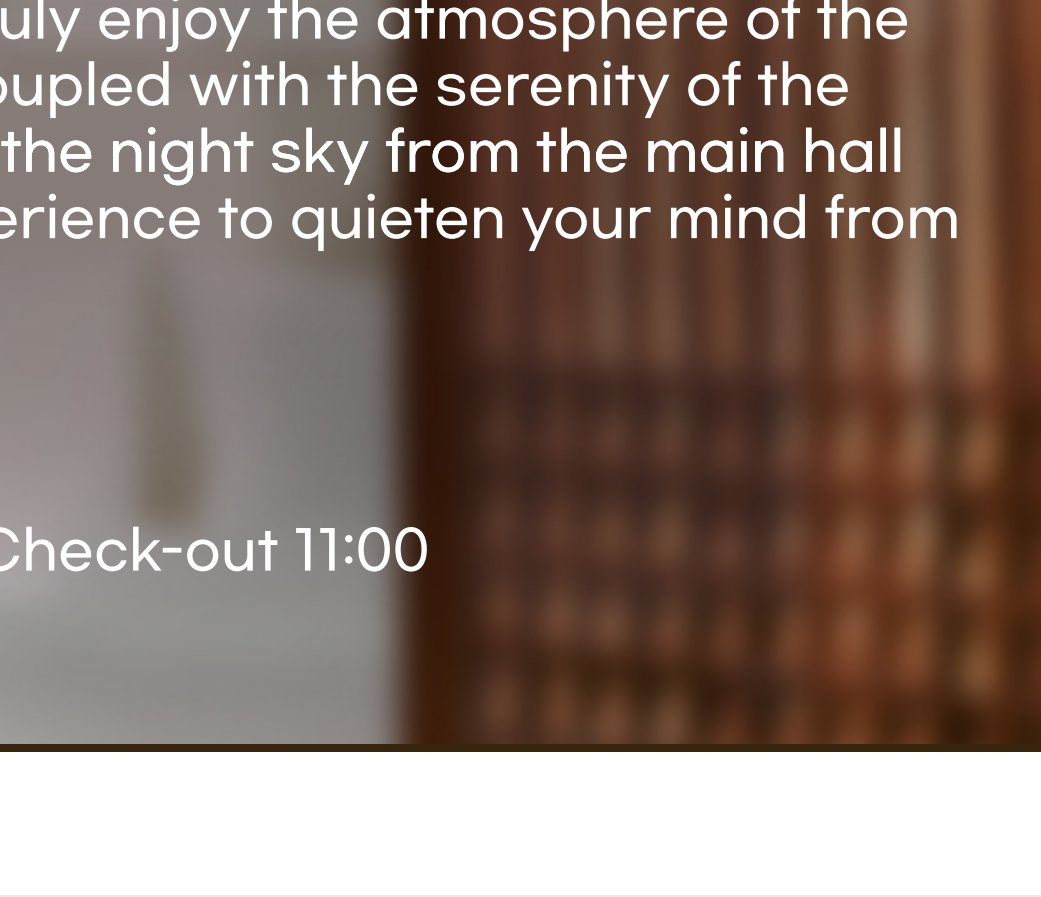
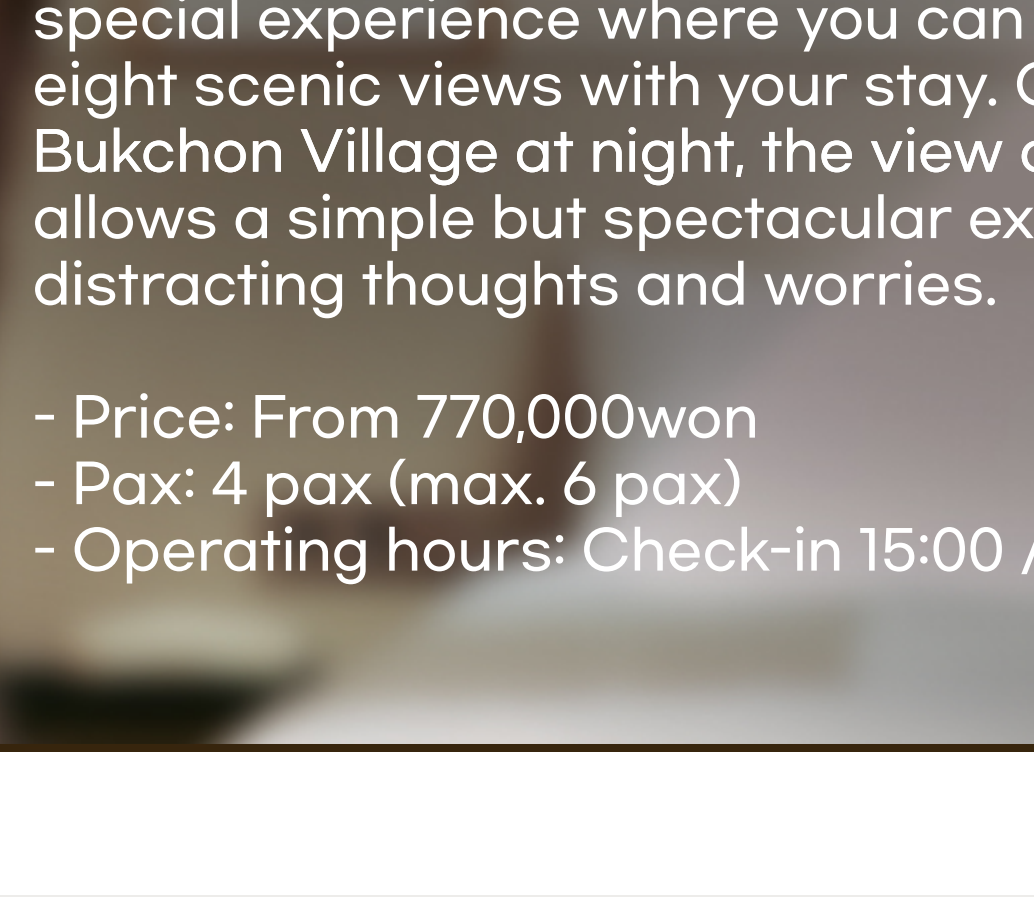
Hidden Jae



Found at the end of an alley, the mysterious Hidden Jae presents the pleasure of discovering an unexpected space. When you open the main gate in the middle of the narrow alley, you are greeted by an open sky, small garden, outdoor jacuzzi, and a mysterious 'cave' hidden in one of the rooms. Discover the joy of unexpected encounters that is unique to Hidden Jae.

- Price: From 770,000won
- Pax: 4 pax (max. 6 pax)
- Operating hours: Check-in 15:00 / Check-out 11:00

Hillo Jae



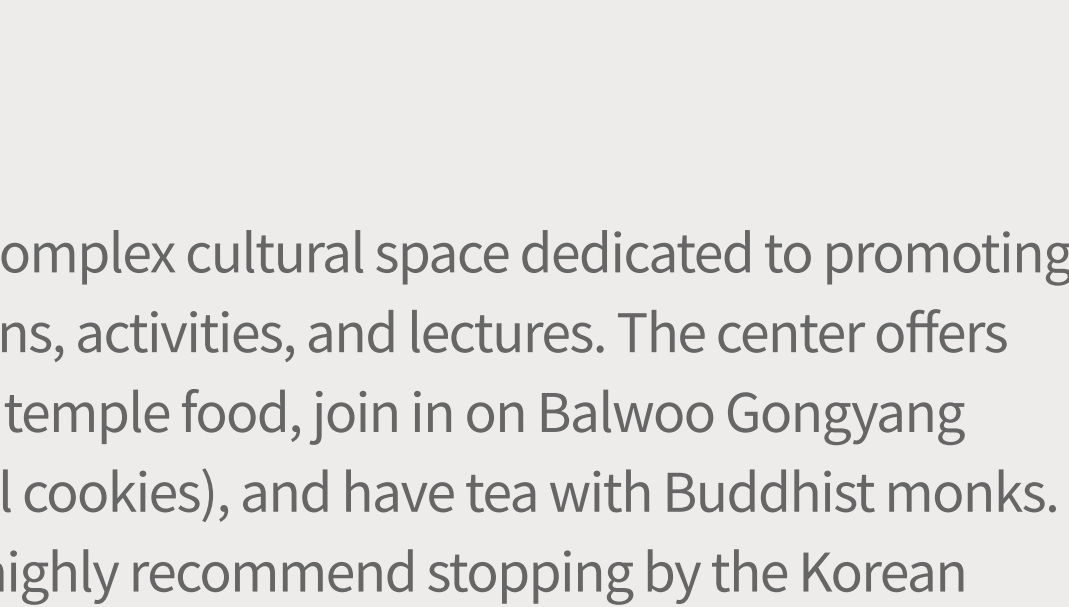
The word 'Hillo' in Hillo Jae comes from an archaic form of 'hello', and represents a greeting to welcome everyone staying at this house.

Located in Scenic View 7, which is widely praised by countless visitors as the best of the Eight Scenic Views of Bukchon, Hillo Jae presents a special experience where you can truly enjoy the atmosphere of the eight scenic views with your stay. Coupled with the serenity of the Bukchon Village at night, the view of the night sky from the main hall allows a simple but spectacular experience to quieten your mind from distracting thoughts and worries.

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A word from the Seoul Tourism Organization!

* Templestay Information Center



The Templestay Information Center, located across from Jogyesa Temple for easy access by both locals and visitors, provides information and services related to templestays and temple food. The Templestay Information Center also offer various programs free of charge, such as tea sessions with Buddhist monks, wood block printing, and traditional cultural activities. Traditional Buddhist cultural items are also sold and displayed at the center.

- Hours: Weekdays 9:00–19:00 (Open until 18:00 on weekends)
- Address: 56, Ujeongguk-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

* Korean Temple Food Center

The Korean Temple Food Center is Korea's first complex cultural space dedicated to promoting Korean temple cuisine through diverse exhibitions, activities, and lectures. The center offers one-day activities so that participants can make temple food, join in on Balwoo Gongyang (Buddhist meal offering), make dasik (traditional cookies), and have tea with Buddhist monks.

If you are interested in Korean temple food, we highly recommend stopping by the Korean Temple Food Center.

- Hours: Tuesdays to Sundays, 9:00–18:00 (Closed on Mondays)
- Address: 2F, 39, Yulgok-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

* Seoul Sustainable Tourism Conference 2023

The Seoul Tourism Organization (STO), in collaboration with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), is hosting Seoul Sustainable Tourism Conference 2023 to promote a sustainable tourism ecosystem. Held under the theme "One Planet: Responsible Consumption and Sustainable Travel," the event will feature conferences on the first day, and on the second day, a "Seoul Hiking Tourism" familiarization tour will be held by STO. We look forward to your enthusiastic interest in this upcoming event!

- Date: November 16 (Thu) - 17 (Fri), 2023
- ※ November 17 (Fri) Seoul Hiking Tourism / Bugaksan Mountain Fam Tour (morning), Seoul Fam Tour (afternoon)

- Venue: Sofitel Hotel Seoul

- Attendees: Approx. 100 attendees from Korea and abroad

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