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I. Traveling Outside of Seoul

a. Transportation

1. Trains: Typically for travel to cities outside of Seoul the easiest and fastest way is usually taking the KTX train. The KTX train is similar to the HSR of Taiwan, and similarly, the costs may be the most expensive method. Although there are other trains but the travel duration of these trains sometimes is double to triple the time compared with KTX trains. KTX can be taken from Seoul Station or sometimes certain ones make stops at Cheongnyangni which is closest to KCB campus. On the other hand, Seoul Station is on the same metro line as Hoegi Station so travel to Seoul Station is still convenient. Train tickets can be booked in advanced via the KORAIL app, however, a Korean phone number and bank card will be needed. The easiest way to secure tickets would be to visit Seoul Station ahead of your travel dates and purchase the tickets directly from the counter as then you can pay with cash or an international credit card. Also, certain times the counter will have seats while the app will show there are no seats remaining.

2. Buses: There are many bus stations within Seoul that depart to various cities outside of Seoul. It is important to research and double check the correct bus station beforehand. A few more commonly used bus stations are Seoul Station, Cheongnyangni, Dong Seoul, and the Express Bus Terminal. Similarly, to train tickets, you can book via an app but sometimes to ensure its successful the best bet would be to go directly to the station a few days prior to book in person.

3. Flights: Although you can take flights from Gimpo/Incheon to cities like Busan, it is easier to just take the train or buses. However, if you wish to travel to Jeju the best way will be to take a flight. Flights can be easily booked online via the airline's websites directly and with these you are typically able to use non-Korean bank cards. Jeju Air, T-Way, and Air Premia are just a few more notable budget airlines from South Korea.

b. Accommodations

South Korea does have some local booking websites, however, most only provide the interface in Korean and require identification certification. Due to this, most times when I traveled outside Seoul for overnight trips, I booked my accommodations via Booking.com or Airbnb. Sometimes these sites have limited selections but most times they have enough to select from. As a recommendation I would also check the accommodations via Google/Google Maps before booking for the reviews and ensure

the location is convenient. Furthermore, occasionally motels will not be explicitly notated when checking available rooms so before booking any accommodations be sure to double check you are not booking a motel. It is also good to note that many hotels do not provide breakfast or daily cleaning services.

c. Budget and Planning

1. Budget: Transportation will typically cost between 25,000KRW to 60,000KRW for one-way buses and trains. Accommodations vary depending on the type, however, if traveling with friends it is easy to find places that will cost between 30,000KRW to 50,000KRW per night per person. For other costs, usually I budgeted 70,000KRW to 100,000KRW per day for things like transportation, food, miscellaneous items, etc. As a result, typically for a 3D2N trip with friends I usually spend on average between 300,000KRW to 400,000KRW.

2. Planning: As a recommendation I would plan for weekend trips at least one week before your departure dates. Although it is still possible to plan trips within one day of trips, however, you may find trouble with affordable accommodations and seats on buses and trains. However, it is totally doable to plan and book trips within the week you wish to travel.

II. Photos From Cities I Traveled To

a. Suwon



b. Gangneung



c. Busan



d. Gyeongju



e. Jeju

