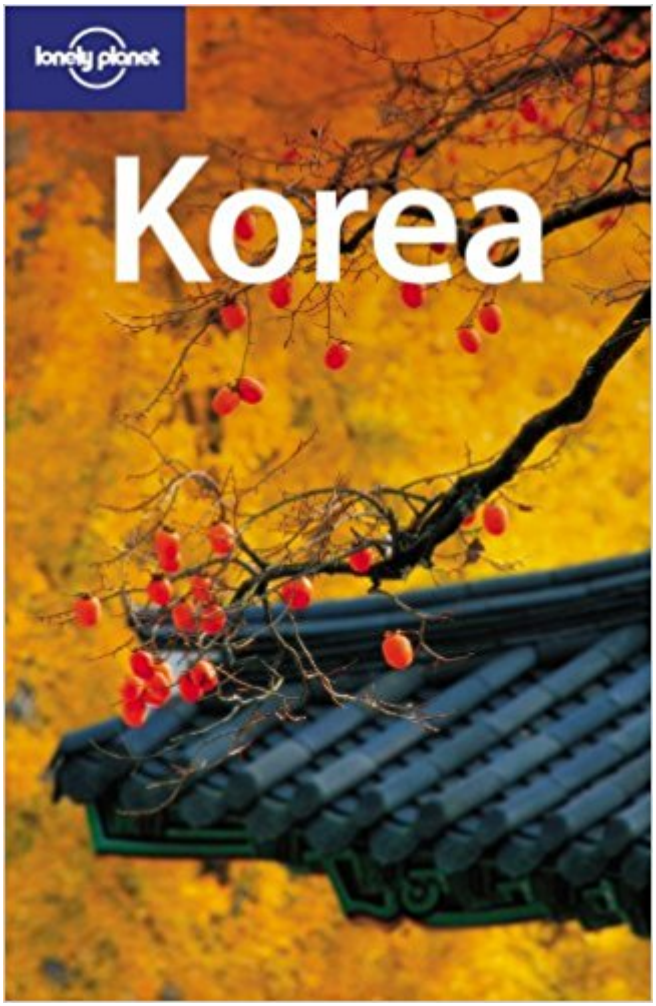
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I've purchased Lonely Planet travel guides for many of the places I went on vacation. Korea was my

first, and my longest. I lived and worked in Korea for 2 and a half years, and this guide was helpful on numerous occasions throughout that time.At first, of course, I used it for the maps and descriptions for just getting around. Then I was able to check out some of the hot spots and nicer hotels in Seoul before really being able to understand Korean.Even after a year and a half in the country, I used it to help find some other interesting places to go when I had friends visiting from the US. By the way, this book will be twice as expensive in Korea if you can even find a place to buy it there(Kyobo Bookstore in Gangname).Very useful for any amount of time you plan to spend in the country.

I just spent a week in Seoul and I used this book along with the Moon handbook. I didn't purchase any of the Seoul focused books because they hadn't been updated recently. While some aspects of this book were good there were a few drawbacks. The good parts -- there were two good walks which allowed you to see parts of Seoul, the average tourist may not. The only non-Koreans we passed on these walks had the same guide book.The downside is that much of the information was not current. Prices have changed for sights, for base taxi fare, etc., etc. Also, this book did not focus on the very clean, quick, and useful subway system.While it was better overaall than the Moon book (less encyclopedic) -- I'd still rely on the KNTO, local websites, and a good concierge.

For an overview on Korea, it's a good travel pointer for getting around and deciding what to see. Korea is no France or Italy when it comes to great places to visit, but it is a lovely country and you can drive or train just about everywhere.

A wonderful book that really enriched my experience in Korea. Even though it's a bit old, it still gives a lot of good information. The Lonely Planet series is great and can help you find places that might not be mentioned on the internet.

This book was great for navigating around, but failed miserably when listing detailed information about particular destinations. I had to resort greatly to my own savvy and smart phone. Thank god for free wifi...

I bought this for my son who has now been living in Korea for a year and a half. We visited, and the book was helpful in choosing places to visit, eat, stay.

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