



May 11 (Fri) ~ 13 (Sun), 2018

Korea's lantern festival is a venue where the hearts of all participants come together as one!
A festival in which all participants wish for each other's happiness!
We invite all to share the millennial heritage of "Yeon Deung Hoe," the Lotus Lantern Festival!

Lantern Parade

May 12 (Sat) 7:00 ~ 9:30 pm

Along Jongno Street
(From Dongdaemun Gate to Jogyesa temple)

Traditional Cultural Events

May 13 (Sun) Noon ~ 7:00 pm

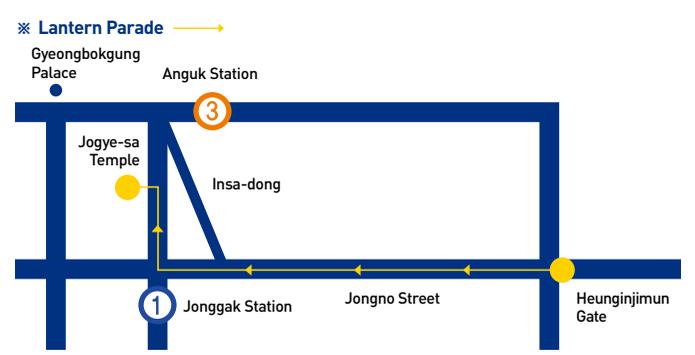
Street in front of Jogye-sa Temple



2018 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Exhibition of Traditional Lanterns	May 11 (Fri) ~ May 23 (Wed)	Jogye-sa, Bongeun-sa Temples / Cheonggyecheon Stream
<i>Eoulim Madang</i> (Buddhist Cheer Rally)	May 12 (Sat) 4:30 ~ 6:00 pm	Dongguk University Stadium
Lantern Parade	May 12 (Sat) 7:00 ~ 9:30 pm	Jongno Street (Dongdaemun ~ Jogye-sa Temple)
<i>Hoehyang Hanmadang</i> (Post-Parade Celebration)	May 12 (Sat) 9:30 ~ 11:00 pm	Jonggak Intersection
Traditional Cultural Events	May 13 (Sun) Noon ~ 7:00 pm	Street in front of Jogye-sa Temple
Cultural Performances	May 13 (Sun) Noon ~ 6:00 pm	Performance Stage on the street in front of Jogye-sa Temple
<i>Yeondeungnori</i> (Final Celebration)	May 13 (Sun) 7:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm	Insa-dong ~ Street in front of Jogye-sa Temple
Buddha's Birthday Dharma Ceremony & Lantern Lighting	May 22 (Tue) 10:00 am ~ 7:00 pm	Jogye-sa Temple and all temples nationwide

Course of Lantern Parade



SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR TWO DAYS 2018

May 12 (Sat)		
afternoon	Jogye-sa, Bongeun-sa Temples / Cheonggyecheon area	View Exhibition of Traditional Lanterns
5 pm	Vicinity of Insa-dong	Have dinner
7 pm	Jongno Street	Watch lantern parade
9:30 pm	Jonggak Intersection	Participate in <i>Hoehyang Hanmadang</i> (Post-Parade Celebration) (ends around 11 pm)

May 13 (Sun)		
Noon ~ 5 pm	Street in front of Jogye-sa Temple	Participate in Traditional Cultural Events / View Cultural Performances
5 pm	Vicinity of Insa-dong	Have dinner
7 pm	Insa-dong-gil	Watch final celebration parade
8 pm	Street in front of Jogye-sa Temple	Enjoy performances (ends around 9 pm)

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodations available around Insa-dong, Jogye-sa Temple, or Jongno Street (room charge)

TRANSPORATION

KTX Train : Arrive at Seoul or Yongsan Station by KTX and then take Subway Line 1 to Jonggak Station.
Express Bus: Arrive at Gangnam Express Bus Terminal and then take Subway Line 9 to Anguk Station.
Car: Park your car at Sejongno or Gyeongbok Palace Parking Lot. (fee parking)

SUBWAY STATIONS FOR THE EVENT VENUES

Jogye-sa Temple (Subway Line 9, Anguk Station)
Jongno Street (Subway Line 1, Jonggak Station)
Bongeun-sa Temple (Subway Line 9, Bongeunsa Station)



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Exhibition of Traditional Lanterns

May 11(Fri) ~ May 23 (Wed)

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 ⑤, Bongeunsa Station)
Cheonggye-cheon Stream Area (Subway Line ①, Jonggak Station)



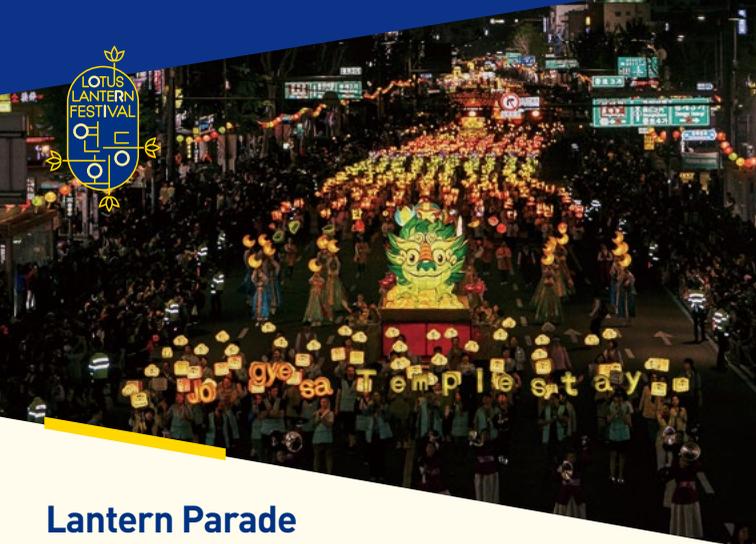
Eoullim Madang (Buddhist Cheer Rally)

May 12 (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 ⑤, Dongguk Univ. Station)



Lantern Parade

May 12 (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, ②, ③ at Jongno 3-ga Station
Line ① Jonggak Station or Jongno 5-ga Station



Hoehyang Hanmadang (Post-Parade Celebration)

May 12 (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 Kang Kang Sullae bring all participants together as one, transcending nationality, gender, ethnicity and religion.

LOCATION Jonggak Intersection (Subway Line ①, Jonggak Station)

Traditional Cultural Events

May 13 (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 / Subway Line ④, Anguk Station)

Cultural Performances

May 13 (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 / Subway Line ④, Anguk Station)

Yeondeungnori (Final Celebration)

May 13 (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
(Subway Line ①, Jonggak Station / Subway Line ④, Anguk Station)

Buddha's Birthday

The 8th day of the 4th lunar month is the Buddha's Birthday in Korea. Temples nationwide light lanterns to symbolically transmit the wisdom and compassion of the Buddha. They also perform ceremonies in celebration of his birth. In 2018, Buddha's Birthday falls on May 22(Tue).

Yeon Deung Hoe (Lotus 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.

