

## Events & Attractions Commemorating The Korean War

Did you know that 25th June is a meaningful day for Koreans? The day commemorates North Korean soldiers who invaded South Korea in 1950, initiating the Korean War, also known as the 6.25 War.

After World War II, South and North Korea were divided and occupied by the United States and the Soviet Union, respectively. Consequently, the differences in political system, ideology, and economic situation in the two countries were exacerbated, which triggered North Korea's plan to attack South Korea and unify.

To remind citizens of the lessons learned from the war, the country facilitates various commemoration activities, such as special exhibitions, educational programmes, cultural events and performances. If you visit South Korea around that time, you can learn more about the Korean War-themed events. The following are museums and activities about the war.

### The War Memorial of Korea

The War Memorial of Korea is a museum located in Yongsan-gu, Seoul, renowned for displaying the war's history. This year, 'Records-Archives-Memories' and 'We Call Your Name Once Again' are the Korean War-related special exhibitions.



The War Memorial of Korea

### The National Cemeteries

In South Korea, there are two national cemeteries located in Dongjak-gu, Seoul and Yuseong-gu, Daejeon. While descendants of the sacrificed soldiers regularly visit to pay tribute to their ancestors, the cemetery and exhibition spaces are opened for tourists as well. This year, at Seoul National Cemetery, a patriotic concert will be held on 27th June from 7:30PM.



The National Cemetery in Seoul

### Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)

Even if you miss those events, there are other relevant attractions that are available all year. The Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Paju, Gyeonggi province, is the most renowned one. There are several exclusively tour-operated services that include hotel pickup and an English tour guide to the 3rd infiltration tunnel, dug by North Korea to invade South Korea. There is also the Joint Security Area (JSA), a shared area between South and North Korea where the Armistice Agreement was signed, symbolising the end of the Korean War. Goseong and Cheorwon in Gangwon province are also DMZ attractions.



DMZ, Paju (left) & Goseong (right)