

## Blue House (Cheongwadae), Seoul



Seoul's Blue House (Cheongwadae) serves as the presidential residence of South Korea

Blue House aka **Cheong Wa Dae** is the presidential residence of South Korea. Cheong Wa Dae, means '**Pavillion of blue tiles**.' The roof of the main building is covered with blue granite tiles. It is a complex of buildings featuring a conflux of the Korean architectural style and modern amenities. Due to obvious reasons, the presidential residence is a highly secured area. A 40-minute tour of the two-storied Blue House entitles you to watch a five-minute film show and stroll around the impressive palace gardens and pools.

The presidential house comprises of the chief presidential office, conference rooms, reception rooms, and living quarters. Its extensions include Chunchugwan and Yeongbingwan, the Secretariat and Security Service Office. The site of the palace served as a royal villa in the past. During the Goryeo Dynasty, it was used as a palace where the future queens were invited to stay for the marriage ceremonies of kings and crowning ceremonies of princes. The colonial era saw the destruction of several buildings and the establishment of the functionary mansion of the Japanese Governor-General of Korea in their place.

The liberation of Korea from the shackles of colonialism led to the formation of the Republic of Korea. Syngman Rhee became the first president of independent Korea and changed the name of the complex to "Gyeongmudae". In **December 1960**, the then president – Yun Po-sun officially named the compound Cheong Wa Dae.

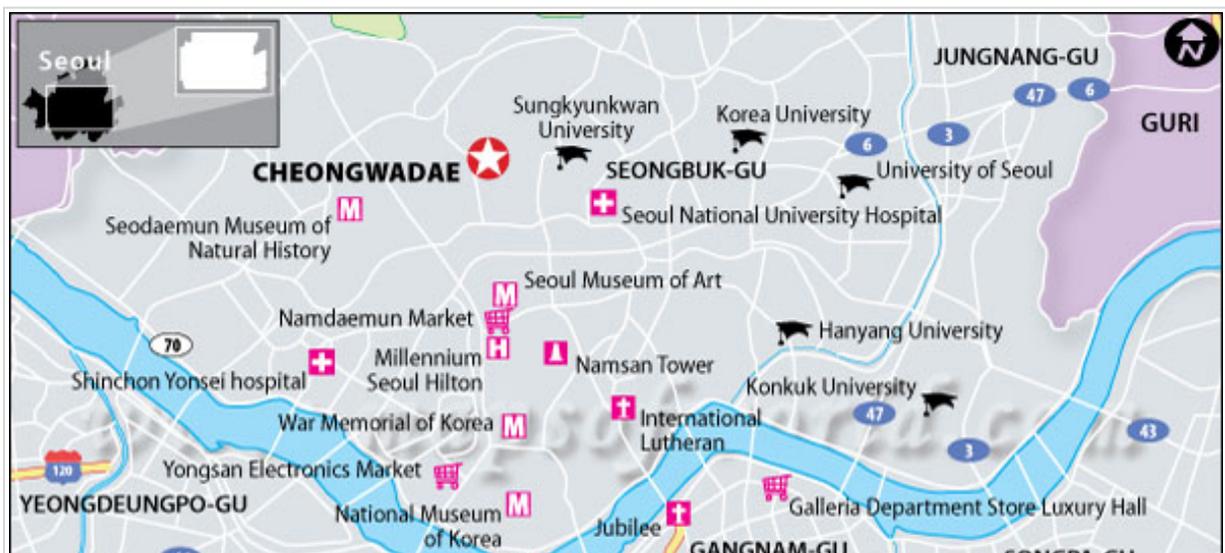
### Tips for visiting the Blue House

You must carry your passport to enter the Blue House.

Wear casual clothes accompanied with comfortable shoes for the tour.

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### Blue House Location Map



## Facts about Blue House (Cheongwadae)

The current building along with the residence quarters was constructed in 1991. The previous main building was Gyeongmudae was destroyed in 1993. A team of 31 North Korean commandos was seized about 500 meters away from the presidential residence in 1968. They were sent to assassinate President Park Chung-hee.

## Where is Blue House ?

The Blue House is located in the Jongno-gu district of South Korea. You can reach the Cheong Wa Dae within a two-hour combined journey by subway and bus from the Incheon International Airport.

**Address : Yeonpungmun, 1 Cheongwadae-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, South Korea**

## Best time to Visit Blue House

The best time to visit Korea is spring (April-May) and autumn (September-November).

## Blue House Opening Hours

Tours operate from **Tuesdays to Saturdays** at **10:00 a.m.**, **11:00 a.m.**, **2:00 p.m.** and **3:00 p.m.**

## Blue House Tickets

Cheong Wa Dae tours are free of cost. You need to pre-book tours via the official website and get the tickets at the ticket office in Gyeongbokgung's car park.

## More on Blue House

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