Nine of CNN Travel’s 50 beautiful places to visit in Korea are in Gyeongnam.

In 2012, CNN Travel selected the ‘50 beautiful places to visit in Korea.’ Nine of these places are in Gyeongnam (Gyeongsangnam-do Province).

Gacheon Darangee Village in Namhae (3rd), Kyeongwha station in Jinhae (5th), Upo Marsh in Changnyeong (6th), Haeinsa Temple in Hapcheon (13th), Chunwang Peak in Jirisan Mountain (14th), Yeojwacheon Stream cherry blossoms in Jinhae (17th), terraced fields in Hamyang (29th), Royal Azalea Festival in Hwangmaesan Mountain (34th), Chokseongnu Pavilion in Jinju (49th).

Gyeongnam, the province with the most number of beautiful places in Korea.

Come to Gyeongnam and enjoy the true beauty of Korea.

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Yeojwacheon (Romance) Bridge in Jinhae
Yeojwacheon Stream offers such a fantastic view that it is called the Seine River of Jinhae. Yeojwacheon Bridge is a favorite dating course for young people. During the Jinhae Daehang Festival held in April, the area is covered under a cherry blossom tunnel, so make sure to bring a camera for some fascinating photos. Pass over the bridge to get to the Jinhae NFRDI Environment Eco Park where you will find a reservoir and wetland.

Upo Wetland
The largest natural wetland in Korea, Upo is an expansive eco museum. The quiet wetland, the end of which is out of sight, is home to various plant species like iris, reed, and prickly water lily. The wetland was put on the Ramsar List in 1998.

Haeninsa Temple
Located in the south of Gayasan mountain, Haeninsa is one of the three major temples in Korea and one where the Palman Daejanggyeong, or Tripitaka Koreana, is housed. The temple is surrounded by Gayasan Mountain in the back and Maeshwasan Mountain in the front, offering a splendid landscape of pine tree groves. In addition to the Tripitaka Koreana (listed on the UNESCO Memory of the World register), Haeninsa is home to 70 or so relicts, including Maaebul Buddha, statue of Samyoeng Daebasi, and Gilsangtap stone pagoda.

Hamyang Yeonipbap (Rice wrapped in lotus leaf)
The white lotus of Hamyang is produced near Jirisan Mountain and Deogyusan Mountain and comes with pesticide-free agricultural product certification. Yeonipbap is multi-grain glutinous rice wrapped in white lotus leaves. The rice is made with ten ingredients (glutinous rice, black rice, millet, Indian millet, white rice, brown rice, black bean, peanut, jujube, and pine nut) that are locally grown in Hamyang.

Jinju Silk
A modernized silk factory was introduced in Jinju in the 1910s. Through facilities replacement and development of processing technology over time, the area has become one of the five top silk production centers in the world. Jinju silk is a natural fabric. Silk is a safe material and has an elegant shine and color. It is easy to wear, highly hydrosopic, dampproof, warm, and offers protection from UV radiations.

Hadong Green Tea
The green tea fields in Hadong County are humid due to their proximity to the Seomjingang River. The considerable difference of day-time and night-time temperatures and moist, subacid soil also offer ideal growing conditions for green tea. From the past, Hadong green tea has been processed using artisanal methods called deokkeum. Compared to green tea produced in other regions, Hadong green tea is recognized for its excellent quality both in terms of components and flavor.

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