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Lotte Department Store Photo by Hyemin Lee, Stripes Korea

# Light up your holiday season!

BY HYEMIN LEE,  
STRIPES KOREA

One of the highlights of the holiday season in Korea is the beautiful illuminations that light up streets, malls, parks, and other venues across the country. Koreans fill the streets to enjoy

the Christmas lights with family and friends and take memorable photos together! The following list are great places to enjoy the illuminations and other fun activities. Take a look, get out and make the holiday season one to remember!

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## Shopping Malls

Like most countries, the holiday season is a big commercial event for shopping malls in Korea. Hanging out at a mall is a great way to enjoy Christmas decorations and participate in cultural activities. The three big department store companies—Hyundai, Lotte and Shinsegae—have branches all over Korea, so you can simply pick whichever is closest. Here are seven of the most popular malls to visit now!

### The Hyundai Seoul

The Hyundai malls are greatly beloved during the holiday season by young adults in Korea. This year, the Christmas theme is Harry's Christmas Show at Le Grand Theatre, which takes you on a fairy tale journey surrounded by adorable bear decorations.



Photo by Hyemin Lee, Stripes Korea

Since The Hyundai Seoul in Yeouido is busy, they accept guests with prior reservations to enter the themed zone (5F). However, visitors without reservations are still encouraged to put their names on the waiting list. Also, you usually enter the village without a reservation from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The mall closes at 8 p.m. or 8:30 p.m., but visitors are allowed to stay until 10 p.m. during the holiday season.

Besides The Hyundai Seoul, you can enjoy the same holiday decorations at other branches listed below. The Hyundai Daegu is also a favorite among Daegu residents and is located near U.S. military bases in the area.

- **DATES:** Until Dec. 31
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) & 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Fri.–Sun.)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 5, Youinaru Station Exit 1
- **OTHER BRANCHES WITH THE SAME CONCEPT:** The Hyundai Daegu, Apgujeong, Trade Center (Gangnam), Pangyo



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### Lotte Department Store (Myeong-dong & Jamsil)

Lotte Department Store has two branches famous for the large-scale holiday decorations: the main one in Myeongdong and another in Jamsil next to Lotte World. They both feature grand Christmas trees, spectacular decorations and thousands of lights that brighten the area. These stores are among the top destinations during the Christmas season to enjoy illuminations and holiday shopping.

- **DATES:** Until Jan. 4
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) & 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Fri.–Sun.)
- **EXTERIOR LIGHTING:** 5 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- **ADDRESS:** (Myeongdong) Line 2, Ujjiro 1-ga Station Exit 7 / (Jamsil) Line 2 & 8, Jamsil Station Exit 3



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### Shinsegae Department Store (Myeong-dong)

This is another main branch in Myeong-dong and has one of the must-see holiday lights. The exterior illumination display features over one million LED lights depicting colorful Christmas scenes.



Photo by Hyemin Lee, Stripes Korea

- **DATES:** Until Dec. 31 (can be extended)
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) & 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Fri.–Sun.)
- **EXTERIOR LIGHTING:** 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- **ADDRESS:** Line 4, Hoehyeon Station Exit 7



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Photo by Jian Lee

### Times Square Seoul

This is a large multipurpose shopping mall which contains Shinsegae Department Store, a multiplex theater, cultural spaces, and a lot of stores and restaurants. It's one of the best malls to find unique Christmas items at pop-up stores and enjoy a variety of holiday decorations.

- **DATES:** Until Dec. 31 (can be extended)
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1, Yeongdeungpo Station Exit 6



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Photo courtesy of Starfield COEX mall

### Starfield COEX

Starfield COEX has a huge and beautiful library, and it's a very famous spot to take pictures. The beautifully decorated giant Christmas tree in front the library makes it an even better photo op.

- **DATES:** Until Dec. 31 (can be extended)
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m.–10 p.m.
- **ADDRESS:** Line 9, Bongeunsa Temple Station Exit 7



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Photo by Jian Lee

### Starfield Anseong (Lego Fantasy Garden)

Starfield Anseong is a favorite among the military community in Pyeongtaek due to its proximity. During the Christmas season, visitors can enjoy the mall's Lego Santa Village, which features many activities and photo zones for the whole family.

- **DATES:** Until Jan. 21
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

• **ADDRESS:** 3930-39 Seodong-daero, Anseong, Gyeonggi-do



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## → Light Festivals

The holiday makeover goes beyond the shopping areas, so you'll find many of Korea's famous streets, rivers, beaches and parks also get the festive treatment. The sparkling light displays transform the chilly winter areas into warm, special places, with some giving off a romantic vibe. Take your loved ones to one of these spots to make beautiful memories and snap some photos!



Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

### Cheonggyecheon Stream Light Festival (Seoul)

Cheonggyecheon Stream is a famous destination during Christmas season because it has two light festivals: Seoul Light Festival (Gwanghwamun Square) and The Light of Cheonggyecheon (Cheonggyecheon Square). You can enjoy both in the same area!

- **DATES:** Dec. 12–Jan. 4
- **HOURS:** 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- **ADDRESS:** Line 5, Gwanghwamun Station Exit 5



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### Suseong Light Festival (Daegu)

This event is held at Suseongmot Lake, which is about 2.5 miles from Camp Walker and Camp Henry. You won't regret taking a walk in the chilly winter near the lake once you see the colorful lights reflecting on the lake.

- **DRONE SHOWS:** Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. & Dec. 25, 7 p.m.
- **DATES:** Dec. 24–Jan. 4
- **HOURS:** 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- **ADDRESS:** (Daegu) Line 3, Suseongmot Station Exit 1



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Photo courtesy of Suseong district office

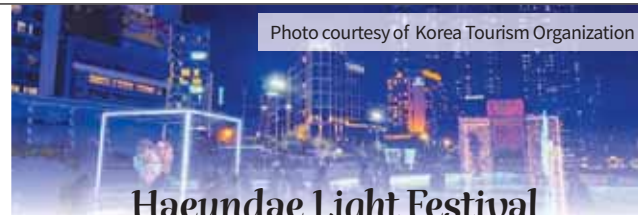


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### Haeundae Light Festival (Busan)

The night view of Haeundae Beach is filled with countless warm lights during the holiday season.

- **DATES:** Dec. 14–Feb. 2
- **HOURS:** 5:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- **ADDRESS:** (Busan) Line 2, Haeundae Station Exit 5



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### Gwangbok-ro Winter Light Tree Festival (Busan)

This popular annual winter event in Busan has an energetic festive vibe. Locals flock to this street for beautiful holiday decorations, concerts, street performances and good food!

- **DATES:** Dec. 5–Feb. 22
- **ADDRESS:** (Busan) Line 1, Nampo Station Exit 1



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## Theme Parks

Korea's many theme parks are arguably some of the best spots for enjoying the Christmas lights and holiday season. The theme parks themselves tend to be in the mountains or outside of the cities, so they make for a great holiday destination. All the gardens on the list have starlight gardens lit up every day of the year except the Garden of Morning Calm.



### Pocheon Herb Island

Pocheon Herb Island is 11 miles from Camp Casey and features a starlight garden, Santa's Village, Venice Village, dinosaur park and herb aroma healing events. Herb Island features a light festival year-round but it's even more fantastic during the holiday season.

- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Closed on Wednesdays)
- **LIGHTING:** From 6 p.m.
- **TICKET:** 10,000 won for adults / 8,000 won for children (Mon.–Fri.) & 12,000 won for adults / 10,000 won for children (Sat.–Sun., holidays)
- **ADDRESS:** 51 Cheongsin-ro 947beon-gil, Pocheon-si, Gyeonggi-do



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### Paju First Garden

Paju City is beloved by couples for its many romantic destinations, including Provence, Heyri Art Village and First Garden. Paju First Garden is illuminated with romantic lights at night and features several themed areas such as Greek Park, Flower Garden, Water Garden and more. It also includes an amusement park and fun event areas where visitors can meet animals and enjoy traditional games.

- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- **LIGHTING:** From 5:30 p.m.
- **TICKET:** 10,000 won for adults / 9,000 won for children (Mon.–Fri.) & 12,000 won for adults / 11,000 won for children (Sat.–Sun., Holidays)
- **ADDRESS:** 260 Tapsagol-gil, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do



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### Cheongdo Provence

Cheongdo Provence is about 16 miles from U.S. bases in Daegu and features the Santa Village Light Festival with over 100 beautiful photo zones. The entire village is filled with romantic illuminations and Santa-themed decorations, welcoming visitors to a fairy-tale Christmas town. At Santa Square and Santa Village Station, snow falls every evening, offering winter magic. Visitors can also enjoy winter snacks, sledding, a merry-go-round and other fun attractions.

- **SNOWFALL:** 7 p.m. & 8 p.m. (Mon.–Fri.) / 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. (Sat.–Sun.)
- **HOURS:** 3 p.m.–9:30 p.m. (Mon.–Tue.) / 1 p.m.–10 p.m. (Sat.–Sun.)
- **TICKETS:** 13,000 won (Weekdays) / 14,900 won (Weekends)
- **ADDRESS:** 272-23 Iseulmi-ro, Cheongdo-gun, Gyeongbuk



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Photos courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

### The Garden of Morning Calm

The Garden of Morning Calm is a popular attraction because of its peaceful atmosphere and beautiful plants and flowers. The holiday season, however, is certainly the best time to visit because this is when the garden hosts one of the largest light festivals on the Peninsula.



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- **DATES:** Dec. 5–March 15
- **HOURS:** 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Sun.–Fri.) & 8:30 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Sat.)
- **LIGHTING:** From 5 p.m.



- **TICKET:** 11,000 won for adults / 8,500 won for teens / 7,500 won for children
- **ADDRESS:** Sumokwon-ro, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do

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# Amusement Parks

Amusement parks offer different themes for the holiday season, but all have wonderful holiday illuminations! Discounted tickets are available at online travel shops like Trazy and Klook.



Photo courtesy of Lotte World

## Lotte World – Miracle Winter

- **DATES:** Until Dec. 31
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) & 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Fri.–Sat.)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 2 & 8, Jamsil Station Exit 4



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Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

## Seoul Land Light Festival & Merry Everyday Christmas

- **DATES:** Year-round (Light Festival) & Until Dec. 31 (Merry Santa Land)
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) & 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Fri.–Sun.)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 4, Seoul Grand Park Station Exit 5



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Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

## Everland illumination

- **DATES:** Dec. –Feb.
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) & 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Fri.–Sat.)
- **ADDRESS:** 199 Everland-ro, Yongin-si, Gyeonggi-do



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## Daegu E-World illumination

- **DATES:** Until Feb. 28
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m.–9 p.m (Mon.–Thu.) & 10 a.m.–10 p.m. (Fri.–Sat.)
- **ADDRESS:** (Daegu) Line 2, Naedang Station Exit 2



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# Ice Skating Rinks

What's the winter season without a little ice skating? There are many rinks around Korea and ice rinks at Olympic Park and Han River are popular, too. Here are my favorite top three spots where you can ice skate until late night with illuminations nearby. All ticket prices include skate rental.



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## Seoul Plaza

The plaza transforms into a big outdoor ice-skating rink every winter. It's a great winter attraction where you can enjoy ice skating at low price and brilliant Christmas decorations in the evening!

- **DATES:** Dec. 19–Feb. 8
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Sun.–Thu.) & 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Fri.–Sat.)
- **TICKET:** 1,000 won for an hour
- **ADDRESS:** Line 2, City Hall Station Exit 5



Photos courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

## Grand Hyatt Hotel

Grand Hyatt is a great spot to spend a luxury holiday vacation. The outdoor swimming pool turns into a big ice rink for the winter season. It's beautiful to ice skate with the thousands of warm holiday lights decorated in the hotel garden.

- **DATES:** Dec. 4–Feb. 27
- **HOURS:** Noon – 9 p.m.
- **TICKETS (INCLUDING SKATE RENTAL):** 55,000–58,000 won. If you bring your own skates, the entrance fee is 15,000 won.
- **ADDRESS:** 322 Sowol-Ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul



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## Lotte World Ice Rink

Lotte World has an ice rink open 365 days a year, and it's absolutely one of the best spots to enjoy Christmas lights and ice-skating at the same time. You can see thousands of holiday lights in Lotte World, Lotte World Tower and Lotte Department Store close by the rink.

- **HOURS:** 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- **TICKETS (INCLUDING SKATE RENTAL):** 20,000 won for adults / 18,000 won for children (Mon.–Fri.); 22,000 won for adults / 19,000 won for children (Sat.–Sun., holidays). If you bring your own skates, a 6,000 won discount is available.
- **ADDRESS:** Line 2 & 8, Jamsil Station exit 4



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# Speakin' Korean

BY HYEMIN LEE,  
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## Let's hang out! (Gachi nolja!)

How do you ask your friends to go out? Let's learn how friends ask each other to hang out in Korean. The winter season is the perfect time to grab a group of your friends to enjoy the Christmas illuminations!

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### Let's + Verb (Informal)

When you learn a foreign language, learning basic verbs is one of the most important skills to make conversation. Let's learn basic form of verbs and how to change them into "Let's" form, so you can ask your friends to hang out!

- Simply add -ja to the stem of a verb/adjective at the end of a sentence.

Basic form: [verb] + da Ex) To do: Ha-da

Let's: [verb] + ja Ex) Let's do: Ha-ja

### Formal vs Informal

Though the Korean language has both formal and informal phrasing, I recommend formal phrasing in most situations as it is respectful towards the culture. However, when you talk to your close friends and people who are younger but not higher position than you, informal speech is a much more natural and friendly way of speaking. Here are the most common phrases of informal speech. Memorize and use them when you speak to your Korean friends!

### Verbs: -da (-다)

To do: Hada (하다)

To go: Gada (가다)

To eat: Meokda (먹다)

To see: Boda (보다)

To hang out: Nolda (놀다)

Chinguya!  
Christmas Eve-eh  
gachi nolja!

### Let's + verb: -ja (-자)

Let's do: Haja (하자)

Let's go: Gaja (가자)

Let's eat: Meokja (먹자)

Let's see: Boja (보자)

Let's hang out: Nolja (놀자)

Geurae,  
mwo hago sipeo?

### Basic phrases

Hi / Bye: Annyeong (안녕)

Thank you: Gomawo (고마워)

Sorry: Mianhae (미안해)

Ok / Good / I like it: Joa (좋아)

Yes / Ok: Geurae (그래)

Yes: Eung (응)

No: Ani (아니)

### Others

Together: Gachi (같이)

Friend: Chingu (친구)

Hey buddy: Chinguya (친구야)

Meat: Gogi (고기)

What do you want to do?:

Mwo hago sipeo? (뭐 하고 싶어?)

Gogi meokja!



Hyemin and her sister, Jian, in front of DDP Fashion Mall.

# Exploring Dongdaemun Fashion Town

STORY AND PHOTOS BY HYEMIN LEE,  
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■ DONGDAEMUN  
FASHION TOWN



WEBSITE

■ DONGDAEMUN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER:

SEE PURPLE MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

Ask questions here and pick up a map!

■ HOURS: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m. daily



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## How to get there

### BY SEOUL METRO

Line 1,4 Dongdaemun St. Exit 6-9

### BY CAR

SEONGDONG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARKING

SEE BROWN MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

If you don't mind walking 8 to 10 minutes, I recommend using this parking lot. It's the cheapest in the area and has plenty of spots. However, if you plan to shop at malls, parking at one can be a better option. Please check the address and fee of each mall in this article.

■ COST: 3,600 won an hour (Open 24 hours)



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## What to bring

- Bring both cash and credit card. Some wholesale shops only accept cash.
- Wear comfortable shoes and carry a backpack if you plan to buy many items.
- Download Naver Map app on your phone to navigate the vast shopping town.

If I had to choose one place to recommend to my foreign friends for shopping, I'd say Dongdaemun. Dongdaemun, a place where you can see both the traditional and contemporary sides of Korea, is home to the popular Dongdaemun Fashion Town, known as the country's shopping mecca and the center of fashion.

With 32 shopping malls, a vast array of markets, and 30,000 stores in all, you can find most any kind of fashion item, clothing and souvenir in Fashion Town. It's a fun, exciting place full of energy that locals and foreigners flock to. And whether you are a night owl or an early bird, you can shop anytime of day or night at this shopping paradise. Seriously, many places open late in the evening till 5 a.m. or later. And don't worry, there are plenty of restaurants open at all hours and street vendors are everywhere selling their delicious treats.

However, I don't think many foreigners experience the real value of this area. Many just buy a couple of

items at overcharged prices, try some street food and then head home. That's it. Because the town is so large, it can be overwhelming to come up with a wise shopping trip plan, even for locals like me.

So, I'm going to show you how to enjoy this area, find bargains and set up a shopping itinerary in advance. So, what are you waiting for, keep reading!

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SEE MAP  
ON PAGES 8-9

## Shopping malls vs. markets

Before I tell you where to shop, I'll quickly break down the differences between malls and markets in the area.

### RETAIL SHOPPING MALLS

SEE GREEN MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

These are like the shopping malls you find in the States selling items at normal retail prices. They have luxury interiors, brand shops, restaurants, food courts, and big parking lots. The shopping malls often hold fashion shows, music and dance performances in front of them since this district is known as a fashion mecca.

■ HOURS: 10 a.m.-midnight.

### WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MARKETS

SEE RED MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

They mostly sell items at wholesale prices to any type of shopper, so it's a place where you should try to buy items at bargain prices.

■ HOURS: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. or 8 p.m.-12 p.m. (Mon-Sat)

## Dongdaemun Night Market Shopping Guide

Dongdaemun Night Market is known as the most important place for fashion in Korea. The dealers here sell products in bulk at wholesale prices to retail vendors from all over Korea and other countries. You can look around and take in the unique scenes of Korea's fashion industry, but also do some shopping of your own! Many of the dealers sell single items to individuals. Believe me, it's a fun place to watch people and take in the hustle and bustle of the fashion industry and buy some fashionable clothes for yourself!

The best way to plan your shopping trip is by visiting the Dongdaemun Tourist Information Center, which closes at 1 a.m., first. The center's staff can help you choose which of the sections you should put on your list for some great shopping.

Ready to hit the ground running? Check out the guide next and start your trip to the night market from Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 and head toward Sinpyeonghwa Fashion Town. Exploring this fascinating district requires some walking, so make sure to wear comfortable shoes and to make time to grab some great street food while you're there!



■ HOURS: 10 p.m.-5 a.m. (Closed from Friday morning and reopen Sunday night)



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### WHAT'S THERE

- WOMEN'S CLOTHING: Kwanghee Fashion Mall, Hello apM, apM, Belpost, Nuzzon, The OT, Studio W, Desingers Club, DDP Fashion Mall, Techno
- MEN'S CLOTHING: Kwanghee Fashion Mall(B1), Hello apM (4th floor), apM(5-6th floors), Belpost (3rd floor), Nuzzon(3rd floor), Studio W (4-5th floor), Team 204 (4-5th floor)
- PLUS SIZE: The OT (B2/Women), Studio W (4-5th floor/Men)
- CHILDREN'S CLOTHING: Elysium, Team 204 (3rd floor)
- SHOES: Dongdaemun Shoe Wholesale Market, Team 204
- BAGS: Nampyeonghwa Market
- CLOTHING & FASHION ITEMS: Jeil Pyeonghwa Market, Pyeonghwa Market, Sinpyeonghwa Fashion Town, Dongpyeonghwa Fashion Town



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● Shopping in Dongdaemun

Wholesale & retail markets

1 Dongdaemun Shopping Complex

This is paradise for those who love crafts and making their own clothes and accessories.

- **ITEMS:** Clothing materials, fabrics, accessories subsidiary materials, cutting supplies, sewing thread, yarn, handicrafts, curtain material, bedding, beads, traditional costumes (hanbok) and more.
- **HOURS:** 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Closed: Sunday)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8-9 or 272 Jongno, Jongno-gu



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2 Dongdaemun Shoe Wholesale Market

- **ITEMS:** shoes
  - A dong: All kinds of shoes, from low-priced to high-quality handmade ones for men and women.
  - B dong: Shoes for children and woman.
  - C dong: Fashionable shoes, mostly for women.
  - D dong: Women shoes and pet shops selling fish, birds and rodents.
- **HOURS:** 2 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Mon-Fri) / 2 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Sat)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 319 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu



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3 Nampyeonghwa Market

- **ITEMS:** All kinds of bags and purses, from low-priced to high-quality ones.
- **HOURS:** Midnight – 12 p.m. (Closed: Fri, Sat)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 282-10 Jangchungdan-ro, Jung-gu



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4 Jeil Pyeonghwa Market

- **ITEMS:** All types of women's clothes and fashion items (shoes, bags, accessories and more).
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Closed: Sunday) / Night Market: 8 p.m. – 5 a.m. (Closed: Fri, Sat)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 13 Majang-ro, Jung-gu



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5 Pyeonghwa Market

- **ITEMS:** Fashion items (scarfs, hats, bags, belts, socks and more), umbrellas, clothes for middle-aged men and women.
- **HOURS:** 10 p.m. – 6 p.m. (Closed from Fri. 6 p.m.-Sat. 9 a.m. and all day Sun.)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8 or 274 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jung-gu



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6 Sinpyeonghwa Fashion Town

- **ITEMS:** Socks, underwear, pajamas, stage costumes, clothes for men and women.
- **HOURS:** 9 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Closed: Weekends)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 298 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jung-gu



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7 Dongpyeonghwa Fashion Town

- **ITEMS:** Socks, underwear, pajamas, clothes for men and women.
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Closed: Weekends) /Night Market: 9 p.m. – 10 a.m. (B1, 1st floor)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 4-7 or 318 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jung-gu



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Nampyeonghwa Market

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Reco shop



Retail shopping malls

1 Migliore

Most products in this mall are fashionable clothes and items for young shoppers. Although this is a shopping mall, Migliore offers a mix of wholesale and retail shops, so prices are reasonable and you can try to bargain with store staff.

- **ITEMS:** Trendy fashion items, accessories for youth and casual, fashion clothes for women and men.
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m.-2 a.m. (Closed: Monday)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 2,4,5 Dongdaemun History & Culture Park Station Exit 14 or 263, Jangchungdan-ro, Jung-gu
- **PARKING:** 1,000 won per 10 minutes



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Once you purchase something at a shop, you'll get a coupon for 30 minutes free parking. You can use a total of 6 coupons (3 hours).

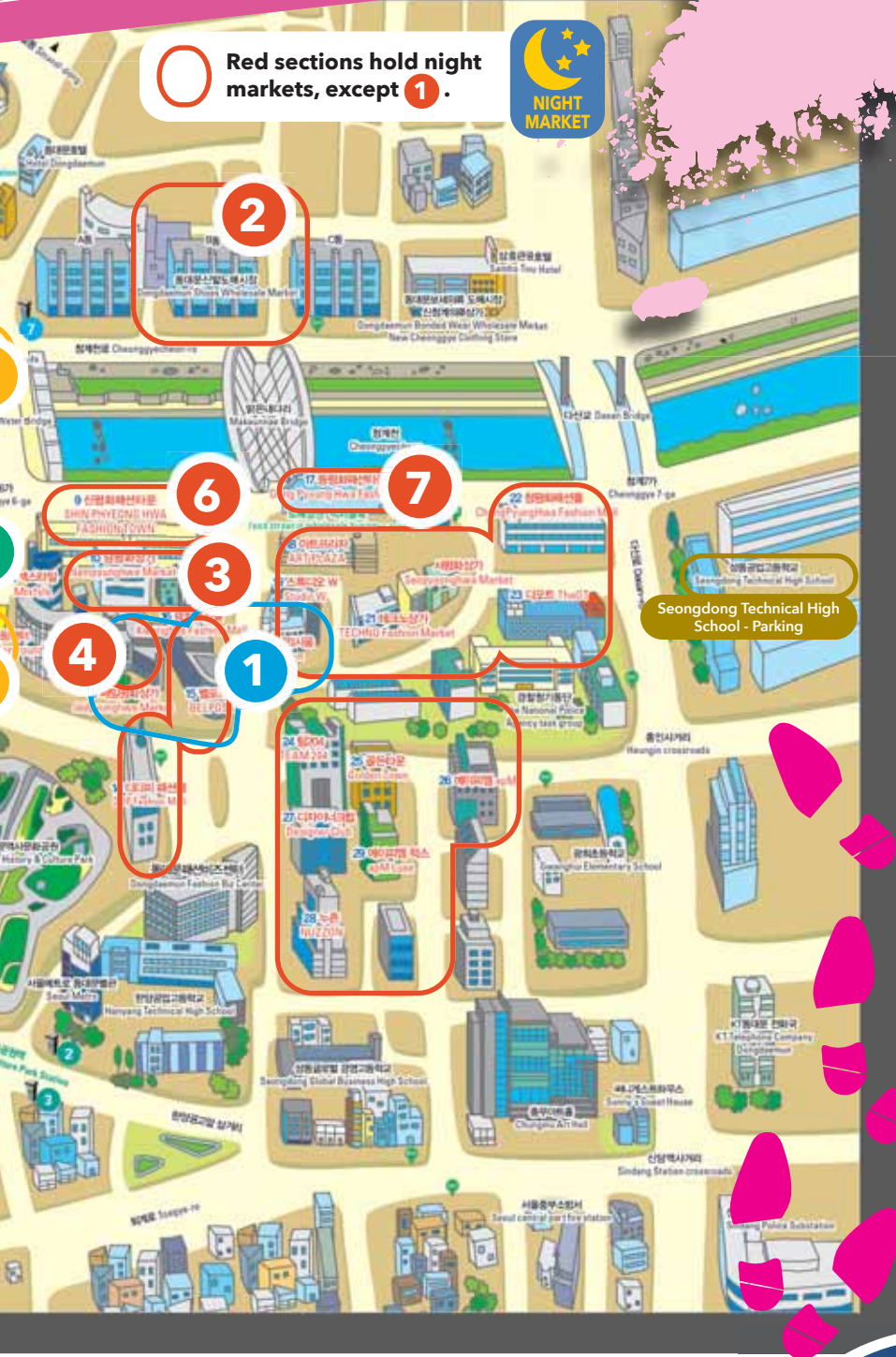


Migliore

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# Recommended shopping places



Dongdaemun/ Seoul

## Shopping in Dongdaemun

### Underground shopping centers

#### 1 Cheonggye 6-ga Underground Shopping Center

- **ITEMS:** Clothes, shoes, bags, fashion items (hats, watches, accessories).
- **HOURS:** 10:20 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Closed: Last Monday of every month)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8



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#### 2 Dongdaemun Underground Shopping Center

- **ITEMS:** Hanbok, beddings
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Closed: Tuesday)
- **ADDRESS:** Inside of Line 4 in Dongdaemun Station Exits 7-8



Dongdaemun Shopping Complex

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### Wholesale street market

#### 1 Sunday Market

It's the cheapest wholesale market in the area. There is no official name for this street, so people usually call it Sunday Market, which makes sense because it's only open on Sundays! Items that weren't sold at wholesale prices to online malls or indoor markets are sold here. Most items here are extremely affordable, ranging from 1,000 won to 10,000 won! This is a great place for bargain hunters!

- **ITEMS:** Fashion items (hats, accessories, scarf, watches, socks, belts), bags, shoes, pet clothes & toys, clothes for all ages, jackets, coats, vintage clothes, bedding and more.
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Only Sunday)
- **ADDRESS:** In front of Kwanghee Fashion Mall



KWANGHEE SHOPPING MALL  
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#### 2 Doota Mall

This mall is known for luxury brand stores, designer shops, interesting stores, good restaurants and food court. You'll be able to check out the latest fashion trends at this mall.

- **ITEMS:** Fashion accessories, casual, fashion and sports clothes, souvenirs and more.
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. – Midnight (Closed: National holidays only)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8 or 275 Jangchungdan-ro, Jung-gu
- **PARKING:** 4,200 won per hour (2.5 hours of free parking with total purchases over 100,000 won)



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Doota Mall

Photo by Korea Tourism Organization

#### 3 Dongdaemun Hyundai City Outlet

Like Doota Mall, it also has a lot of brand shops and good restaurants. They sell a lot of brand products at discounted prices and hold many seasonal sale events.

- **ITEMS:** Fashion accessories, casual, fashion, sports clothes and more
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. (Closed: National holidays only)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8 or 20, Jangchungdan-ro 13-gil, Jung-gu
- **PARKING:** Free for the first 30 minutes. A purchase of 10,000 won gives you another hour of free parking. 600 won for every additional 10 minutes.



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Hyundai City Outlet  
Dongdaemun

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Migliore



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# Tasty street food at Gwangjang Market

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**G**wangjang Market is one of the largest and most famous markets in Korea. Located about 10 minutes away from Dongdaemun Fashion Town, it's a great place to grab a snack after shopping.

You can sample all kinds of Korean street food here and also shop for Hanbok and vintage clothing. This is a popular destination for foreigners because it's a great example of a Korean traditional market and the atmosphere really gives off a local flavor.

If you really want to get your fill,

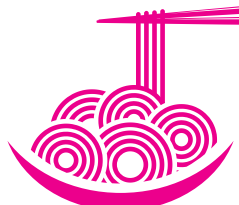


check out Mukja Golmok, a famous street food alley with so many types of delicious Korean food.

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### Tips

- Purchase food at places that show prices on the menu or have price tags.
- Don't finish your meal in one place. Try snacking at least two different places or more. That's the best part of this tour!
- You'll see a few places with a lot of people standing in long lines. They are obviously good places to try, but that doesn't mean they are the only good places. All the food in the alley is good, so don't feel like you always have to wait in line.



Mukja Golmok(먹자골목) is a Korean phrase that literally means "Let's Eat Alley".

- Mukja (먹자): Let's eat
- Golmok (골목): alley



## Take an eating tour of Mukja Golmok

- 12 pieces of salmon sushi = 10,000 won
- Gimbap + Green bean pancake + Tteokbokki (red rice cake) = 11,000 won
- Pork dish = 7,000 won
- Banquet noodles = 5,000 won
- Fried tofu rice balls = 3,000 won

**Total cost**

**= 36,000 won**

This feast fed 4 people!

### Things to know

- **ADDRESS:** Line 1 Jongro 5-Ga Station Exit 7-8
- **Food Market (1F):** 9 a.m.-11 p.m. (Every day)
- **Hanbok Market (1F-2F):** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Mon-Sat)
- **Vintage Shops (2F):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Mon-Sun)



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## Dongdaemun Toy and Stationery Street Toy street a kids' paradise

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If you love toys or have some youngsters running around the house, check out Dongdaemun Toy and Stationery Street (동대문 창신동 문구완구시장)! It's a wholesale market specializing in Korean toys and stationery items. Korean children love cute stationery, pens, pencil cases, and notebooks featuring adorable animal or animated character designs. Many parents take their kids here before the start of school, Christmas and

on Children's Day (May 5).



The entire district is filled with numerous shops selling a diverse range of stationery, toys, and even traditional Korean crafts. You'll find a wide selection of toys, including beloved items from the 1990s as well as modern favorites. Exploring this area promises a unique experience whether you're with kids or not. As Christmas approaches, visit Dongdaemun Toy and Stationery Street to hunt for fun and cute gifts.

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### Make a pact with your children

If you plan to bring your children shopping, I recommend making a deal with them on how many toys they can get or how much money can be spent. Everywhere on this street, you will see excited children urging their parents to get more toys and dragging them from store to store. That will be you and your child. I guarantee it. So, make a pact with them before you hit the street.

### More than stationery!

In Korea, stationery shops not only sell basic stationery, but also accessories, kitchen appliances, home decorations, toys and much more.

#### ■ TYPES OF TOYS

There are tons of fun toys, including figures of movie heroes and famous animation characters, Legos, Korean dolls, costumes, and so many more.

#### ■ SOUVENIRS

Each shop has some Korean-style items that can be good souvenirs: traditional fans, soju glasses, key rings, pens, steel spoons and chopsticks sets, stationery and more.

### Things to know

■ ADDRESS: Line 1,6 Dongmyo Station Exit 6 or 21-1, Jongro 52 gil, Jongro-gu

■ HOURS: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Every day)



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## POP Quiz



When you're shopping in Korea and using won, learning how to count Korean numbers for money can be very helpful. Here is a little quiz to test your knowledge! Korean language has two different number systems: Pure and Sino. For counting money, Sino numbers are used. Take a look at the brief lesson and go through the quiz. The answers are at the bottom, so try not to cheat!

### KOREAN NUMBERS (SINO)

#### ① 1-10,000

1: Il (일) 2: I (이) 3: Sam (삼) 4: Sa (사) 5: Oh (오)  
6: Yuk (육) 7: Chil (칠) 8: Pal (팔) 9: Gu (구) 10: Sip (십)  
100: Baek (백) 1,000: Cheon (천) 10,000: Man (만)

#### ② Let's practice how to count from 1 to 9,999

\*In Korean, you don't need to say "il (one)" before number units like cheon (1,000) or man (10,000). For example, 1,000 won=cheon won, not il-cheon won.

- 1,000: Cheon
- 5,100: Oh cheon baek
- 32,500: Sam (3) man (10,000) I (2) cheon (1,000) oh (5) baek (100)
- 76,400: Chil (7) man (10,000) yuk (6) cheon (1,000) sa (4) baek (100)
- 99,999: Gu (9) man (10,000) gu (9) cheon (1,000) gu (9) baek (100) gu (9) sip (10) gu (9)

### Quiz time!

Below are some fun items you can find at Dongdaemun Toy and Stationery Street! Look at the prices and write (or say) how you would read each one in Korean. When you're done, check the answers at the bottom to see if you got them right!

How much is it?: Eolmayeyo? (얼마예요?)

1. Tony Tony Chopper:  
21,000 won



4. Dragon Ball:  
86,000 won



2. Princess Tiara:  
7,000 won



5. Traditional Korean Fan:  
15,000 won



3. Korean Hanok Lego:  
36,000 won



Answers: 1. I man cheon won; 2. Chil cheon won; 3. Sam man yuk cheon won; 4. Pal man yuk cheon won; 5. Man oh cheon won



# Tips for shopping at wholesale markets

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I've been to a lot of wholesale markets in Korea and even for a local like me, it can be intimidating. Here are some pointers that should help you find good items at perfect prices. Remember, this should be fun!

- Take time to look around and compare prices from at least 2-3 different places. You'll be surprised at the difference in prices between vendors.
  - Most stores/vendors don't have changing rooms, so make sure you really look over the clothing. (Note: You can quickly try something on over your shirt or short pants.)
  - Business hours vary from store to store depending on the vendor's plans and the weather.
  - Try to visit the market way before closing time.



A lot of stores start closing 2-3 hours earlier than the regular closing time.

- There are imitation products, so be cautious!
- Don't take it personally when some vendors behave aggressively. They act the same whether you're a foreigner or Korean. Some yell at people trying to take a picture of their products, while others only welcome retail vendors or shoppers buying items in bulk. Just shrug it off and move on.

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## Speakin' Korean

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Eolmayeyo?

### 1 Sentence (formal & conversational)

\*Using "yo" makes a sentence formal.

\*Using "an" in front of verb and adjective makes a negative sentence.

"How much is it?" = Eolmayeyo? (얼마예요?)

"Please give to me / I'll take it" = Juseyo (주세요)

"Please do it for me" = Hae-juseyo (해주세요)

"Please give me a discount" = Kkakka-juseyo (깎아주세요)

"I'll buy it" = Salgeyo (살게요)

"I won't buy it" = An-salgeyo (안 살게요)

"Can I try on? (Only for clothes)" = ibeo bwado dweyo? (입어봐도 돼요?)

"Can I try on? (Only for shoes)" = Sinuh bwado dweyo? (신어봐도 돼요?)

### 2 Vocabulary

- Igeo (이거) = This
- Jegeo (저거) = That
- Gachi (같이) = Together
- Jogeum (조금) = A little bit

### 3 Prepositions

- Rang (랑) = And, with (or as with)
- Man (만) = Only

### Peaceful name

The name of many old wholesale markets in Dongdaemun is "Pyeonghwa." It's because they were built right after the Korean War. It shows how much South Koreans wished for the peaceful reunification of the peninsula at that time.

- Pyeonghwa (평화): Peace
- Tongil (통일): Reunification



## How to haggle



At wholesale markets, many products are sold at low prices. On top of that, haggling is a part of the wholesale and traditional market culture. If you do it right, you can bring the prices even lower. Even if you don't, it's still a lot of fun! Here are some situations that are ideal for haggling!

- When a vendor tries to get your attention before you enter their store or attempts to sell you specific items, they more than likely are offering it to you at a "foreigner price." In such cases, don't hesitate to haggle. Show them you aren't an easy person to rip off!
- While looking around a few stores, you'll get a rough idea of pricing on specific products. If you think a vendor offers a higher price than others, try to haggle.
- When you buy multiple items, especially in bulk from one store, it's a perfect time to haggle.



Jian was happy to get a purple jacket for 5,000 won!

### Follow my lead

Don't be afraid, it'll be fun speaking Korean while shopping & haggling!

"Igeo-rang jegeo gachi eolmayeyo?"  
(How much for all?)

"I man I cheon won ieyo"  
(22,000 won)"

"Jogeum-man kkakka juseyo"  
(Can I get a little discount?)

"I man won man juseyo"  
(Give me just 20,000 won)"



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If you ask politely, the chance of getting a discount will increase. Say "Jogeum-man" to make a sentence more polite.

"Can I get a little discount?"

= Jogeum-man kkakka juseyo (조금만 깎아주세요)

If "kkakka" is hard to say, using the English word "discount" with "hae-juseyo" will work.

Jogeum-man discount hae-juseyo (조금만 디스카운트 해주세요)





The Carving a Korean Stone Seal with Jeongju workshop teaches you how to make a dojang, the traditional Korean name stamp still used today to sign documents, artwork and personal letters.

# Personal stamps handmade keepsakes

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I didn't expect to walk away from a stone carving class with ink on my hands, a small slab of rock in my pocket and a deeper appreciation for Korean culture. But after 90 minutes in a quiet studio in the Insa-dong section of Seoul, that's exactly what I got.

The Carving a Korean Stone Seal with Jeongju workshop teaches you how to make a dojang, the traditional Korean name stamp still used today to sign documents, artwork and personal letters.

For Koreans, these stamps can be registered for legal use. For foreigners, they serve as handcrafted souvenirs.

The class begins with writing your name in Hangeul, Korea's alphabet. Once transferred to stone, the real work begins: carving each character by hand.

The tools are simple — a metal chisel and a wooden board — but the process demands patience and control. I quickly realized it's

less about strength and more about precision. Thankfully, instructor Jeongju offered tips throughout and helped correct any missteps.

The experience also felt surprisingly international. My session included travelers from Japan, Germany and Singapore. While English was the main language used, most of us communicated more through gestures, shared tools and laughter over cracked stones and happy accidents. The process naturally brought people together.

Once finished, we tested our stamps using thick red ink on rice paper. Mine came out slightly crooked but felt completely unique.

And, yes, I'll be proudly stamping every notebook I own from now on.

The class costs about \$45 and lasts around an hour and a half. I booked through TripAdvisor, but walk-ins are accepted if space allows.

Weekday afternoons are best for avoiding crowds and getting more one-on-one guidance, according to Jeongju, the studio owner.

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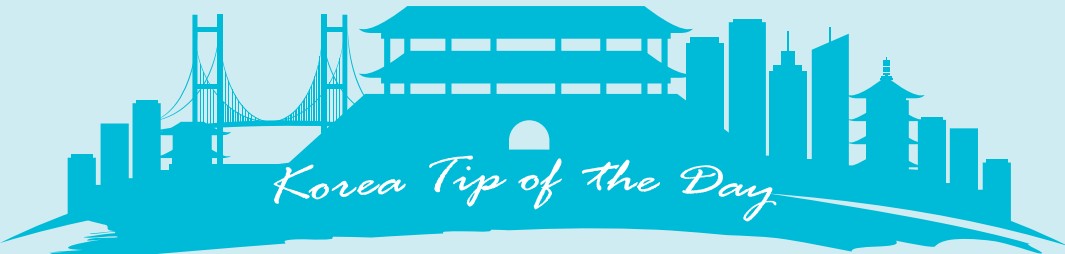
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Students practice Korean calligraphy during a seal-making workshop.



TMO Seoul Station.



## Stop by ROK-US Armed Forces Lounge

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Just like USO and Armed Forces Lounges are found at many airports across the States, Korea also has ROK-US Armed Forces Lounges at most major train stations, welcoming those who serve, offering a place to rest during travel.

One Friday after work, I was stuck at Seoul Station, the busiest in the peninsula, waiting to travel back to Pyeongtaek. It was rush hour, and finding a seat in the massive crowd was nearly impossible. Then I remembered that as a civilian employee working on U.S. military base, I could access the TMO Lounge. I asked one of the station staff about the location and finally found a comfortable seat where I could relax with some

snacks and beverages and charge my phone while waiting for a train.

TMO stands for Transportation Movement Office, operated by the ROK Transportation Command. ROK troops can book train or intercity bus tickets for official duties or vacation through TMO, while those affiliated with the ROK or U.S. military are eligible to use the lounge. Simply show your DoD ID or base access pass upon entry.

TMO lounges are available at most train stations across Korea, especially at major ones. If you'd like to find one at a station, don't hesitate to ask the station staff about its location. Whether you need a place to rest, store your luggage temporarily, or charge your phone, stop by a TMO Lounge!

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### Who can use TMO Lounges?

- Korean military personnel and civilian employees
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- Companions with the above individuals

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- Seats and tables for resting (outside food and eating allowed)
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- Korail or SRT ticket booking (availability varies depending by lounge)

### Locations of TMO Lounges

- Seoul Station: Exit 3 on the 2nd floor, next to Story Way convenience store / 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Yongsan Station: Opposite side of the entrance to I-Park Mall on the 4th floor / 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Suwon Station: Near Exit 3 / 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Pyeongtaek Station: Exit 2 on the 1st floor / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- TMO is available at most of major train stations such as Cheongnyangni, Suseo, Dongtan, Chuncheon, Gangneung, Daejeon, Dong-daegu, Pohang, Busan, Cheonan-Asan Station, and Dong Seoul Terminal.



Snack station.



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# Stripes Sports Trivia

Don't let the nickname confuse you, "Charlie Hustle" was no Charlie or Charles. Who was the player known for his relentless hustle?

**Answer**  
Pete Rose



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Korea is the only East Asian country that celebrates Christmas as a public holiday. This traces back to Syngman Rhee, Korea's first president and an independence activist with strong ties to the United States. Supported by the Christian community and influenced by his years of studying in the U.S. at George Washington, Harvard and Princeton, Rhee promoted American-style democracy. After liberation from Japanese rule in 1945, the U.S. military government designated Christmas as a holiday in South Korea, and Rhee later made it official during his presidency.



## Hangul of the week



Hyeil (Holiday)

## Language Lesson

Christmas is a holiday.

**Christmas-neun hyuil-iyeyo**  
(크리스마스는 휴일이예요)

# Beautiful Yeongwol Awaits!



**MORE INFO**







## Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**  
1 Rumble, as hair  
5 \_\_\_\_ del Sol  
10 Orch. section  
14 "\_\_\_\_ Dinka Doo"  
15 Bread spreads  
16 Opera feature  
17 Working hard  
18 Saving gas, say  
20 Shortcut  
22 Bobby of tennis fame  
23 "The Zoo Story" playwright  
24 Took to jail  
26 Like draft beer  
29 Renders invalid  
33 Taunts on the field  
36 Meetup, slangily  
37 Sculler's need  
38 Gibraltar and Magellan  
40 Nonpro sports gp.  
41 It ebbs and flows  
43 Denier's words  
45 Trap  
47 "Peer Gynt" composer  
48 Street reps  
50 Indian flatbreads  
53 Social no-no  
56 "Calvin and Hobbes" cartoonist  
59 "It's news to me"  
61 Bones, in anatomy  
62 Golfer's cry  
63 Water and elec.  
64 Fortune teller  
65 Heads-up abbrs.  
66 "One of \_\_\_\_ days...."  
67 Latin "to be"

**DOWN**  
1 Sporty Mazda  
2 No further than  
3 Wave-riding platforms  
4 Shiny fabrics  
5 Cola starter  
6 One of five Norwegian kings  
7 More parched  
8 Highest rated  
9 Japanese volcano  
10 Steinbeck's birthplace  
11 H.S. math  
12 Smoke or napkin follower  
13 Yields to gravity  
19 Copier insert: Abbr.  
21 Rogen and others  
25 Trojan War figure  
27 Clothing  
28 Gave up, reluctantly  
30 Quells, as rioters  
31 Son of Isaac  
32 "On the Verge" actress Elisabeth  
33 Shopper's bag  
34 Parade spoiler  
35 \_\_\_\_ Cruces, N.M.  
39 "Goosebumps" writer  
42 Makes a cryptogram  
44 Fragrant bloomer  
46 Elvis' middle name, originally  
49 Sink of "Stranger Things"  
51 Plastic surgery targets  
52 Catch  
53 Minor quarrel  
54 Call to a mate  
55 Italian seaport  
57 Business card nos.  
58 Shock, in a way  
60 Ump's call

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**Answers to Previous Crossword:**

M	A	M	A	C	U	R	T	O	N	C	E
I	C	O	N	S	A	F	A	R	V	E	R
L	A	N	G	E	R	O	S	E	W	A	T
L	I	K	E	N	E	D	H	E	A	R	T
	L	I	L	I	A	N	S	I	L	K	S
I	N	D	E	L	I	B	L	E	T	E	E
L	O	O	S	E	S	A	S	S	E	S	S
L	A	W	H	E	S	S	E	O	V	A	
S	A	N	D	B	A	N	K	T	H	E	M
	S	A	O	F	A	S	T	E	N	E	R
A	S	T	I	R	E	N	T	E	R	S	
D	A	R	L	E	N	E	R	E	D	U	C
A	V	O	I	D	A	B	L	E	E	R	O
P	O	K	E	G	L	E	E	R	E	N	E
T	R	E	S	S	E	E	P	D	E	N	Y

## SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy

4				5	1		
			9		5	4	
	3						6
	7						
9				7	2	3	
			3		4	1	
1							
3	4			6			
2		9	1	4		8	7

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**HOW TO SOLVE:**  
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

3	8	5	4	9	7	1	6	2
9	2	6	3	8	1	4	5	7
1	4	7	5	2	6	3	9	8
6	1	3	7	4	5	2	8	9
7	9	4	2	6	8	5	1	3
8	5	2	9	1	3	7	4	6
5	7	1	8	3	9	6	2	4
4	6	9	1	7	2	8	3	5
2	3	8	6	5	4	9	7	1

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## KOREA KIDS' CORNER

# Family fun at spa water parks in Asan City

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**A**san City, located close to Pyeongtaek and renowned as a hot spring vacation spot, is home to two major spa water parks perfect for families during winter months: Paradise Spa Dogo and Asan Spavis. The water at these parks is sourced 100% from natural hot springs, offering numerous therapeutic benefits for skincare and health. While enjoying various spa zones, your body will rejuvenate, and your skin will become soft and glowing. The water is not too hot, so no worries, you can bring young children along.

With a water park pass, you can also access the bathhouse at these two facilities. lee.hyemin@stripes.com



Photos by Asan Spavis

## Asan Spavis

Asan Spavis is a more affordable option than Paradise Spa Dogo and is conveniently located about 25 minutes (20 km) away from Camp Humphreys, making it an excellent outing spot for families without much time on the road. Since it's more geared toward families with young children, it may seem a bit simple for those seeking an exciting water park experience. You can explore indoor and outdoor zones with various spas. There is a water playground for young kids, a variety of hot spring baths, lazy river pool and more. The water park also has a wave pool and slides, but they are open only during the summer peak season.

Outside food, snorkeling goggles, swim fins, and slippers aren't allowed. You can purchase food and other items on-site. If you have a big tattoo, you must wear a rash guard or a full-body swimsuit to conceal them. Parking is available for free.

**ADDRESS:** 67, Asan Oncheon-ro 157 beon-gil, Asan-si

**HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Waterpark) / 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sauna/Bathhouse)

**CONTACT:** 041-539-2000

**TICKET:** 50,000 won (the price may vary slightly depending on the season). A 50% discount is available with your DOD/Military ID card. The discount is applicable for up to 4 people in your party. Booking through Naver also offers a 50% discount.



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## Paradise Spa Dogo

About 40 minutes away from Camp Humphreys by car, Paradise Spa Dogo is considered the best spa water park in Asan City. It is highly rated for well-maintained facilities, excellent water quality, and temperature. The park offers a variety of exciting spa zones, attracting families, couples, and individuals of all ages. It is divided into indoor and outdoor zones, with the outdoor section featuring diverse fun spas such as a wave pool, lazy river pool, infinity pool, and wooden bath, as well as grape, peach, and mugwort baths. There is also a water playground for kids with slides, and a fountain.

Outside food is not permitted. There are restaurants and shops inside for food and items for playing in the water. Rental sunbeds are available for a fee (30,000 won to 100,000 won), but I'd recommend using free lounge facilities after purchasing food. The park is closed from March to April. Free parking is available.

**ADDRESS:** 176 Dogo Oncheon-ro, Asan-si

### HOURS

- **WATERPARK:** 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Mon.-Thu.) / 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Weekends & Holidays)

- **SAUNA/BATHHOUSE:** 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Mon.-Thu.) / 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Weekends & Holidays)

**CONTACT:** 041-537-7100

**TICKET:** 50,000 won (price may vary slightly depending on season).

A 30% discount is available with your DOD/Military ID card.

Booking through Naver also offers a 20-30% discount.



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## Things to bring to spa parks

- Bring swimwear or a rash guard, swimming glasses, and toiletries.
- Towels, body wash, and shampoo are provided.
- Donut-shaped tubes under 100 cm in size are allowed.
- Aqua shoes are recommended for outdoor activities (Other shoes aren't allowed).
- At Paradise Spa Dogo, a life jacket is required for the wave pool, regardless of your age (Rental fee is 5,000 won). Wearing a cap is optional.
- At Asan Spavis, a life jacket is required for the lazy river pool, regardless of age (Rental fee is 6,000 won). Those under 130 cm in height must wear a life jacket at the water park. Wearing a swim cap or regular cap is a must.

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