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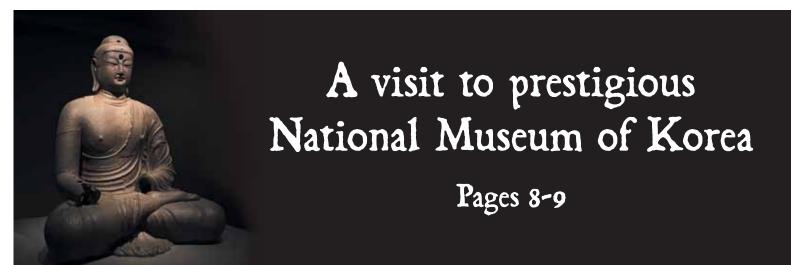


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e loved all of your spooky and fun costumes for this year's Halloween photo contest! Many Stripes readers sent their submissions. This year, Andrea Cercone at Camp Hansen and Jenny Gozum in Guam won \$50 prizes for Best Costume. Check out their submissions as well as some other honorable mentions below. Don't forget to follow us at Facebook.com/StripesPacific and instagram.com/starsandstripespacific for more great contests like this!

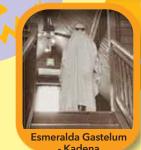








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Wednesday, December 25th

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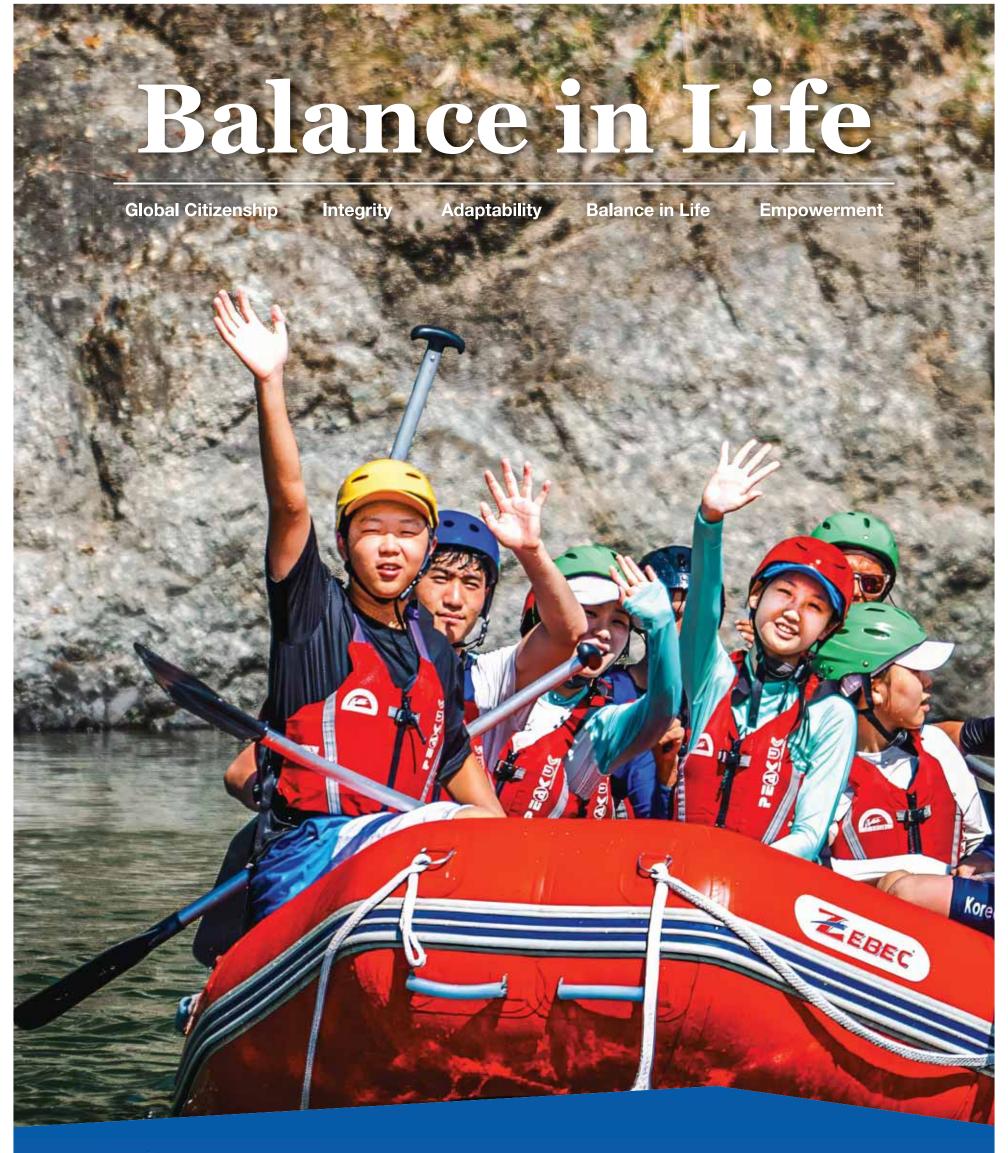
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Shopping Malls

ike most countries, the holiday season is a big commercial event for shopping malls in Korea. Hanging out at a mall is ⊿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.



Since it's a busy mall, 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 in Yeouido, 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



Lotte Department Store (Myeong-dong)

Lotte Department Store has its main branch in Myeongdong, one of the busiest streets during the holiday season. Lotte is lighting it up! The mall is decorated as a Broadway theater for the Christmas season, with thousands of warm lights both inside and out. The Jamsil branch also boasts beautiful illuminations, so you can choose either the Myeongdong or Jamsil location to enjoy Lotte's illuminations.

- DATES: Until Dec. 31
- 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: Line 2, Ulchiro1-ga Station Exit 7

• ANOTHER BRANCH WITH THE SAME CONCEPT: Jamsil



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Shinsegae Department Store (Myeong-dong)

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



- 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



NAVER MAP

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 NAVER MAP



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: 10:30 a.m. 10 p.m.
- ADDRESS: Line 2, Samsung Station Exit 7



NAVER MAP



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. 13
- HOURS: 10 a.m. 10 p.m.



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







he holiday makeover goes beyond the shopping areas, so you'll find many of Korea's famous streets, rivers, beaches A 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!



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 Cheonggyeocheon (Cheonggyeocheon

Square). You can enjoy both in the same area!

- DATES: Dec. 13 Jan. 12
- HOURS: 6 p.m. 10 p.m.
- ADDRESS: Line 5, Gwanghwamun Station Exit



Suseong Light Festival

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.

- SHOWS: Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. (Opening) & Dec. 24-25, 7:30 p.m. (Drone)
- DATES: Dec. 23 31
- **HOURS:** 5 p.m. 11 p.m.
- ADDRESS: (Daegu) Line 3. Suseongmot Station



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

- DATES: Until Jan. 31
- **HOURS:** 5:30 p.m. 11 p.m.
- ADDRESS: (Busan) Line 2, Haeundae Station



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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: Until Feb. 2



• ADDRESS: (Busan) Line 1, Nampo Station Exit 1 NAVER MAP



orea'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 5:30 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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The Garden of Morning

Calm is a popular attraction



Paju First Garden

Paju is one of the best cities for lovebirds because it has a lot of romantic attractions such as Provence and Heyri Art Village, but First Garden is the best dating spot! The garden is composed of a Greek park, flower garden, water garden and more. Also, it has an amusement park, drive-in theater and fun event areas to play with animals and experience 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 Tapsakgol-gil, Paju-si,



Ansan Starlight Village Photo Land



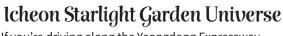
This starlight garden features Animal & Heart Village Light Festival yearround. In Animal Village, you can take a wild adventure with over 200 illuminated animals, giraffes, lions, pandas, elephants and more. The village is also decorated

with thousands of romantic lights so many couples hang out here in the evening. And, for an extra charge, you can also try exploring a mirror maze and riding bumper cars!

- **HOURS:** 4 p.m. 10 p.m.
- LIGHTING: From 5 p.m.
- TICKET: 8,000 won for adults / 5,000 won for children
- ADDRESS: Line 4, Jungang Station Exit 1



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If you're driving along the Yeongdong Expressway, stop at the Deokpyeong Eco-Service Area, for beautiful illuminations. During the day, it's free to enter and you can enjoy taking a walk in beautiful European Gardens. At night, it transforms into starlight universe with fabulous lights and displays.

- HOURS: 5 p.m. 11 p.m. (can vary due to the weather)
- TICKET: 13,000 won for adults / 7,000 won for children
- ADDRESS: Deokpyeong Eco-Service Area



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Cheongdo Provence

Cheongdo Provence is about 16 miles from U.S. bases in Daegu, and features Santa Village Light Festival with over 100 photo zones. It's a wonderful place to visit with friends and family and great for an overnight stay in one of the many travel trailers or hotels because Cheongdo county boasts other good attractions like a wine tunnel and bullfight stadium.

- CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Nov. 11 Feb. 10
- HOURS: 3 p.m. 10 p.m. / Closed (Wed.) • TICKET: 13,000 won
- ADDRESS: 272-23 Iseulmi-ro, Cheongdo-gun, Gyeongbuk



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See more Light Festivals on Page 6

because of its peaceful

atmosphere and beautiful plants and flowers. The holiday season, however, is certainly the best time to

The Garden of Morning Calm

visit because this is when the garden hosts one of the largest light festivals on the Peninsula.

• TICKET: 11,000 won for adults / 8,500 won for

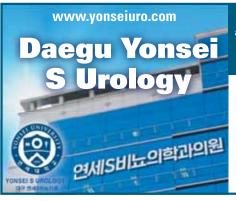
• DATES: Until early March

Gyeonggi-do

- HOURS: 8:30 a.m. 9 p.m. (Sun.-Fri.) & 8:30 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Sat.) • LIGHTING: From 5 p.m.
- teens / 7,500 won for children • ADDRESS: Sumokwon-ro, Gapyeong-gun,



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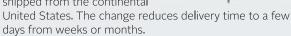
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Amusement Parks



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



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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Seoul Land - Light Festival & Merry Santa Land

- 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



NAVER MAP



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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Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

- DATES: Until Feb. 28
- HOURS: 10 a.m. 8 p.m. (Mon.-Thu.) & 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Fri.–Sat.)
- ADDRESS: (Daegu) Line 2, Naedang Station Exit 2



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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.



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: Mid-Dec. Early Feb.
- **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 **NAVER MAP**
 - ADDRESS: Line 2, City Hall Station Exit 5





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.
- TICKET: 19,000 won for adults / 17,000 won for children (Mon.-Fri.) & 21,000 won for adults / 18,000 won for children (Sat.-Sun., Holidays)
- ADDRESS: Line 2 & 8, Jamsil Station



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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 Christmas lights decorated in the hotel garden.

- **HOURS:** Noon 9 p.m.
- TICKET: 55,000 won (Mon.-Fri.) / 58,000 won (Sat.–Sun.)
- ADDRESS: 322 Sowol-Ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul



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Let's hang out! (Gachi nolja!)

ow 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! lee.hyemin@stripes.com

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 (-대)

To do: Hada (하다) To go: Gada (가다) To eat: Meokda (먹다) To see: Boda (보다)

■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) To hang out: Nolda (놀다) Let's hang out: Nolja (놀자)

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)

Together: Gachi (같이) Friend: Chingu (친구) Hey buddy: Chinquya (친구야) Meat: Gogi (고기) What do you want to do?:

Mwo hago sipeo? (뭐 하고 싶어?

GRAMMAR TIP

- ✓ Verbs are placed at the end of the sentence.
- ✓ Use a postposition word "eh" behind a place and time.

Fill in the blank bubbles with the appropriate Korean phrases. Try to look at the words and phrases in the box above. All the clues are there! Don't worry, the answers are below.



Ok, what do you want to do? Your answer



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3 Gogi meokja! (고기 먹자!)

Seurae, mwo hago sipeo? (그래, 뭐 하고 싶어?)

Uhinguya! Christmas Eve-eh gachi nolja! (친구는 i 의스니스 이브에 같이 같아 나는 i 사기



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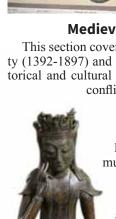
booth. Simply enter the Exhibition Hall building and be sure to grab a guidebook.



This hall displays relics from Korea's earliest civilizations, from

the Paleolithic Era (700,000 years ago) to the Three Kingdoms period and Unified Silla. It highlights the evolution of human life on the Korean Peninsula, from the use of stone tools to the development of the rich cultures of the ancient kingdoms.





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art and cultural herit including Central As China, Japan, and ar

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Museum of Korea, prestigious museum





al and early modern history

rs Goryeo Dynasty (918-1392), Joseon Dynas-Korean Empire (1897-1910) and features hisartifacts that highlight the significant events, cts and achievements during these eras.

Room of Quiet Contemplation

Room of Quiet Contemplation is one of the isseum's most interesting exhibits, featuring two Pensive Bodhisattva statues, both designated as National Treasures of Korea. These masterpieces capture the bodhisattvas deep in contemplation with a mysterious smile, reflecting on the cycle of birth, aging, illness and death.

Created in the late 6th and early 7th centuries, the statues were crafted using the advanced casting techniques of the period. This tranquil space invites visitors to pause and reflect, offering a peaceful moment of connection with these iconic figures.

Photo courtesy of National Museum of Korea

lligraphy and painting

es Korean traditional paintings and calligraphy istinctive brush techniques and colors.

Sculpture and crafts

This hall displays the finest examples of Korean Buddhist sculpture and craftsmanship, offering prime examples of the country's Buncheong ware, white porcelain, celadon, metalwork and sacred art traditions.



resents a collection of the age across diverse regions ia, India, Southeast Asia, acient Greece-Rome.



More than just a museum of Kor

Beyond its role as a museum, National Museum of Korea serves as a cultural hub, educational center and a beautiful place for a peaceful stroll. There is an interactive children's museum, library, Immersive Digital Gallery and outdoor exhibits set within a picturesque garden. Make sure to allow enough time to explore both the indoor and outdoor areas of this magnificent museum.

The museum is also well-equipped with a variety of convenient facilities, including lockers, charging stations, restrooms, lounge areas, souvenir shops, a café, a restaurant, and rental services for strollers and wheelchairs.



Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

Outdoor garden

The vast gardens have waterfalls and scenic views for a perfect stroll to enjoy nature and the museum's outdoor exhibits, including ancient stone pagodas. National Museum of Korea's outdoor area is known as one of Seoul's best photo spots because of its unobstructed view of the iconic N Seoul Tower. The gardens are also surrounded by Yongsan Family Park, creating a perfect urban oasis. Along the way, visitors will also find Hangul (Korean language) Museum





National Museum goods store

Don't forget to stop at the gift shops inside the museum. The large variety of items inspired by exhibits and national treasures is why the museum's shops are often praised as the best souvenir shop in Korea.

The museum's merchandise has become so popular that many visitors come to the museum to specifically visit the shop. The museum also operates an online goods shop, but some products are only available at the store on site.



ONLINE STORE

en's Museum

the interactive displays at National Museum of s Museum. Tiny visitors can see, touch and exsignificant artifacts displayed in the permanent Popular among parents, the museum functions and kids' café, offering a fun and engaging enchildren to develop an interest in Korean history eritage. Through various hands-on exhibits and ograms, children can learn about the lives and ople from the past.

Reservation required

Please note that reservations are required to visit the Children's Museum. The museum accommodates up to 200 visitors per session with five sessions daily. Online reservations open at midnight 14 days prior to the visit date. Reservations can be made on the day of your visit but to secure a spot, it's recommended to make a reservation at least a day in advance.

Visit the website and simply sign up and log in to make a reservation. All you need is an email address, and a Korean phone number is not required if you don't have one.

HOURS: 10 a.m. - 5:50 p.m. (Closed on holidays)

DURATION: 1 hour 20 minutes

ADMISSION: Free



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■ Prehistory and ancient history

■ Medieval and early modern history



■ Calligraphy and painting



■ Sculpture and crafts





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im Brothers' Philosophy of Meat is a fantastic Korean BBQ restaurant where the staff grills delicious, high-quality meat right in front of you. They have branches all over Korea, and fortunately, many of them are located near US bases. This restaurant primarily serves Iberico pork, which is much more luxurious

and flavorful than regular pork. Iberico is a premium breed of pig produced on the Iberian Peninsula in Spain and famous for being used in making Spanish ham and its amazing taste and texture.

I tried various pieces of Iberico at this restaurant, and they were amazingly tender, juicy, and somehow had a similar taste to premium beef steak! In addition to this special pork, it was a treat to watch the professional staff skillfully grill the meat The meat on a small stove. at the corner of our table. After they finished grilling, the staff placed the meat on a small stove to maintain its texture and warmth without losing heat. I was able to comfortably chat with my friend while enjoying per-

fectly grilled BBQ that never got cold. The Iberico plates are priced between 18,000 won to 19,000 won for a 150g serving, which is

Meat options & prices

- Pork shoulder, neck ribs, belly: 17,000-19,000 won
- Hanwoo (Korean beef) ribs and chuck flap tail: 32,000-39,000 won

more than reasonable considering the quality of the meat and the restaurant's exceptional service.

Kim Brothers' serves its meat dishes with grilled potatoes and mushrooms, and each person at your table receives a tray containing several different dipping sauces, including premium salt, ssamjang, and wasabi. The basic side dishes include salad, pickled onion, cabbage, and seasoned vegetables, all adding more delightful tastes to the meat. The menu also includes various side dishes such as bibim guksu (spicy noodles), fried rice, kimchi stew, and more.

In Korea, Korean BBQ is surely a must-try cuisine. However, not everyone is a fan of grilling their own BBQ at the table. And if you fall into that

category, Kim Brothers' Philosophy of Meat is the BBQ joint for you. Let them grill the meat to your liking while you enjoy your meal and quality time with your friends and loved ones.

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Kim Brothers' by US bases

From Camp Humphreys **Pyeongtaek Sosabeol branch**

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ro, Pveonataek-si,

Gyeonggi-do **HOURS:** 4 p.m. - Midnight

PHONE: 031-8029-2030

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From Osan Air Base

Pyeongtaek Godeok branch



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From Kunsan Air Base **Gunsan Susong branch**

ADDRESS: 39, Dongsusongan-gil, Gunsan-si, Jeollabuk-do HOURS: 4 p.m. - Midnight (Mon.-Sat.) / 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Sun)



PHONE: 010-5168-0918

From the bases in Daegu

Suseong-mot branch

ADDRESS: 35 Muhak-ro, Suseong-gu, Daegu HOURS: 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Closed on Mon.) **PHONE:** 010-5786-4370



geo neomu nasisseo-yo.

BY HYEMIN LEE, STRIPES KOREA n Korea, customers at restaurants usually press an electronic bell on the table when they want to order. If it's a busy time and the staff misses your call, then you can say "excuse" me in Korean to staff. Also, you should walk to the counter to pay the bill and you don't need to leave a tip. Remember that in Korea, basic side dishes are unlimited, so feel free to ask the staff to bring more dishes if needed. Here are useful formal phrases to use at a restaurant in Korea.

■Hi = Annyeong-haseoyo (안녕하세요)

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- Thank you = Gamsa-hamnida (감사합니다)
- Excuse me (When you call restaurant staff) = Jeogiyo (저기요)
- Can I sit here? = Yeogi anjado doelkkayo? (여기 앉아도 될까요?)
- ■I really like it = Igeo jeongmal joahaeyo (이거 정말 좋아해요)
- It's very delicious! = Igeo neomu masisseo-yo! (이거 너무 맛있어요!)
- ■It was really delicious = Jeongmal masisseo-seo-yo (정말 맛있었어요)
- l enjoyed the meal (Greeting after a meal) = Jal meogeo-sseumnida (잘 먹었습니다)
- I'd like to pay = Gyesan halgeyo (계산 할게요)
- Bye (When leaving) = Annyeonghi gyeseyo (안녕히 계세요)

When you order something, simply say "juseyo (please give me)" at the end of the sentence.

- Please give me / I'd like to have / Can I have ? = ___Juseyo (___주세요)
- I'd like to have rice = Bap juseyo (밥 주세요)
- ■Can I have more meat? = Gogi deo juseyo (고기 더 주세요)
- Please give me more side dish = Banchan deo juseyo (반찬 더 주세요)
- •Meat = Gogi (고기)
- Water = Mul (물)
- Rice = Bap (밥)
- Cup = Cup (컵)
- Side dish = Banchan (반찬)
- Spoon = Sujeo (수저)

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Take a trip for tasty tacos at Eatus Mexican Grill in East Seoul

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER GREEN, STRIPES KOREA

n a city as large and vibrant as Seoul, there's always something new and exciting waiting around every corner. One of the best parts about visiting Seoul is that there is something for everyone, especially when it comes to food. The variety that you find in the city seems endless. Which is how I found "Eatus Mexican Grill".

Eatus is a Tex-Mex restaurant that I found right down the street from the "Hankuk University of Foreign Studies Station" in Seoul. As I was walking down the street there were a bunch of shops, cafes, and restaurant but nothing caught my eye until I saw a large red banner with "Eatus Mexican Grill" in bold letters. It had pictures of different Tex-Mex dishes, and the smell of grilled steak fajitas was beckoning me.

The restaurant was on the top floor of a tall building, two blocks from the station, once I stepped out of the elevator to get to there I was met with a huge lit "Eatus" sign. When I went inside the seating area I was blown away by the décor. It was very high-class.

I was immediately approached by a waitress, and they escorted me to a seat by myself which was surprising because it was filled with students from the university and people on their lunch. I sat down and my waitress greeted me with complementary water and a tablet that customers use to order their food. The menu on the tablet was in English and Korean to make it easier.

Everything on the menu looked amazing so I asked for two orders of "Carnitas tacos". I should've asked for one order because the tacos they brought looked amazing. The tacos had Pico de gallo a spicy green sauce and marinated beef. It was delicious, each bite was spicy, but it wasn't overwhelming. The Pico de gallo and salsa were very fresh.

If you are looking for a place to eat that is delicious, and healthy, then "Eatus Mexican Grill" is for you.

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Carnitas tacos at Eatus Mexican Grill in Seoul, Nov. 18.

Things to know

ADDRESS: Seoul Dongdaemun-gu Hwi-dong 13 3F
DIRECTION: From Outer Subway Station: Go to Exit 1 and
go straight to the 3rd floor of the building on the left
side of McDonald's. From the main entrance of the
university

HOURS: Monday through Sunday they are open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PRICES: Meals prices vary from 8900 Won to 39,000 Won. **TEL:** 0507-1497-7844



STORY AND PHOTOS BY DENISSE RAUDA, STRIPES KOREA

n Seoul's Jamsil District, you'll never be out of options for shopping, dining and entertainment. There are so many options, in fact, that it's very easy to be overwhelmed. Take a break and unwind while watching some of the ocean's peaceful creatures at Lotte World Mall.

Aqua Garden Café on the B1 floor of the mall offers coffee, desserts paired with modern furniture, ambient lighting and large tanks featuring beautiful fish, turtles and other sea dwellers.

There are no bad seats in the café as each face at least one large tank or one of the many small tanks. During my visit, we sat inside the atrium room at the center of the café, which had a wide tank with a variety of fish, including small goldfish and Peruvian Angelfish. Behind us, smaller tanks had dozens of

sparkling goldfish. At the entrance, large tanks were home to small manta rays and large fish.

The interior of the café also had trees and foliage spreading across the walls and up to the ceiling, giving it a Rainforest Café feel.

The menu prices were a little on the expensive side, so don't expect to drink like a fish for cheap here! We ordered a chocolate Roche cake slice (10,000 won or about \$7), a subtly sweet and not-toochocolatey take on the delightful gold-wrapped Ferrero Roche hazelnut truffles. For drinks, we opted for an Iced Americano (9,500 won), which was standard, nothing special and a Vanilla Bean Latte (10,000 won). The latte was a little on the sweet side and had the tell-tale black specks signaling that at least there was some real

vanilla bean in there.

Midway through our coffee and cake, we took a break and walked around the café to see the other residents. The

turtle tank was impressive, and they were very receptive to human visitors. Unfortunately, they might have been expecting us to feed them, but there is no feed for sale, and you should absolutely not share your dessert with a turtle or fish, no matter how hungry they might look.

All in all, I counted about 20 tanks with many different fish, shellfish and turtles. In the back corner, a showroom sells tanks, greenery, fish and turtles to recreate a sea life oasis at home. There were baby turtles for sale that I was pained to not be able to buy since I don't live in Korea.

Though the experience was not the cheapest, the entertainment made up the difference. It was a nice escape from the busy shopping area and it helped that the other patrons were also there to relax.

Check out Aqua Garden Café on a weekday if you don't want to wait or deal with crowds.

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ADDRESS: 29, Sincheon-dong, Songpa-gu, Seoul; B1 Lotte World Mall (서울특별시 송파구 올림픽로 300 B1) HOURS: 10:30 a.m.- 10 p.m. daily



KOREA KIDS' CORNER

Fun cafés near bases in Pyeongtaek & Daegu!

STORY AND PHOTOS BY HYEMIN LEE, STRIPES KOREA

hen it's hot, chilly, or rainy outside, the idea of finding a place where kids can play freely while parents unwind sounds like a dream. Fortunately, there is a perfect solution as Korea has an abundance of fun kids' cafés where both kids and parents can have a joyful time! These kid-friendly havens allow parents to relax, enjoy good food and beverages while their little ones explore diverse play zones. Check out these fun kids' cafes near your home!

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PYEONGTAEK

Little Chief (리틀치프)

Located inside AK Plaza Mall, this café used to be called "Doctor Balance" but recently changed its name. It is easily accessible, being close to Pyeongtaek Station, and you can also enjoy shopping and other activities at the mall when you visit the café. The place offers a variety of play zones, including a costume fitting room where kids can transform into



movie characters and a fishing zone where they can catch toy fishes. Additionally, the café provides free iced tea and coffee for parents. Other food and beverage options such as pasta, tteokbokki, and corn dogs are available. Parking at the mall is free for up to four hours. Children aged 0-12 years old are allowed to enter.

ADDRESS: 10th floor, Pyeongtaek AK Plaza Mall, 51 Pyeongtaek-ro HOURS: 10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Closed once a month on Monday depending on AK Plaza's schedule which varies every month)

PHONE: 0507-1403-1277

FEES:

KIDS: 10,000 won for the first hour and 1,000 won added for every 10 minutes on weekdays and 1,500 won on weekends/free for kids aged 12 months and under when accompanied by a sibling.

ADULTS: 5,000 won



NAVER MAP





Photos courtesy of Playmom Pyeongtaek

Playmom Pyeongtaek (플레이맘 워터룸)

Located close to Osan Air Base, Playmom Pyeongtaek is a unique kids' café that offers a private rental party room perfect for birthdays and kids' celebrations. The rental provides access to the entire kids' café for five hours, giving plenty of time to

explore and enjoy all the activities.



The party room is fully equipped with photo zones, playroom and swimming pool, as well as a dining area with a large party table and kitchen. The pool has a variety of cute tubes and accessories and a large screen. Party costumes, hairbands, and more toys are also available. There are so many things to keep children entertained so the five hours will fly by in no time.

It's the perfect venue for children aged 0 to 12

to celebrate birthdays, Christmas parties, or simply have a blast with their siblings or friends in the private party room. Many parents also rent this space to teach their children how to swim or to enjoy private family pool time, free from interruptions

Bookings can be made through Naver or by phone. For English inquiries, it's easier to reach the staff via text for assistance.

ADDRESS: 1st floor, Godeokdong 1805-11

HOURS: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Morning time) / 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Evening time)

PHONE: 010-2754-2497

FEES: 120,000 won (Mon.-Fri. Morning time) / 130,000 won (Sun.-Thu. evening time) / 150,000 won (Sat.-Sun. Morning time) / 160,000 won (Fri.-Sat. Evening time)



NAVER MAP

Basic fees cover up to 4 people. An additional charge of 10,000 won per person is required for more than 4 people.

Jumping Go (점핑고)

This is a large kids' café featuring various extensive play zones, catering to both infants and children. Their wide trampoline zone allows kids to jump around freely, and kids can explore VR zones, arcade games, bumper cars, and a slide zone filled with balls and more. For parents, there is a spacious resting area to enjoy snacks and beverages, but no meal options are offered. Children should be under 160cm (5.2ft) in height and



Photo courtesy of Jumping Go

aged from 0 to 12 years old. Parking at the building is free, so make sure to ask the staff for a parking voucher before leaving

ADDRESS: 4th floor, 20-26 Vision 5-ro, Pyeongtaek-si

HOURS: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. (Tue.-Fri.) / 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Sat.-Sun.) /Closed on Mondays

PHONE: 031-654-8688

FEES:

KIDS: 9,000 won for 1 hour / 14,000 won for 2 hours / 19,000 won for 3 hours / Free for kids aged 12 months and under (Need proof) **ADULTS:** 3,000 won



NAVER MAP





Photos courtesy of Kids Dakoong

Kids Dakoong (키즈다쿵)

Kids Dakoong is designed for infants to kids up to age 10. Children ages 11 and up cannot use this café. Kids can first transform into police officers, princesses, or princes in the fitting room before starting their playtime. There's a Nintendo game zone where they can play Mario Kart, a cooking play zone with an adorable toy kitchen, a jungle play zone with big stuffed animals, a fishing playroom where they can catch toy fish and ex-

change them for candy, and many other exciting rooms that kids will love. The café has a coffee shop and snack bar. Parents can relax while using electric massage chairs for 1,000 won. The parking is free for up to three and a half hours. If the underground parking lot is full, you can use Sigaetap parking lot located next to the building.



ADDRESS: 5th floor, 22 Vision 5-ro, Pyeongtaek-si Parking lot: 21 Vision 5-ro, Pyeongtaek-si

HOURS: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. **PHONE:** 031-691-7179

KIDS: 15,000 won for 2 hours / 20,000 won for 3 hours (An additional 3,000 won on weekends) / Free for kids ages 14 months and under

ADULTS: 3,000 won

NAVER MAP (SIGAETAP PARKING LOT)

Dinosaur World (공룡월드)

Just a short drive from the U.S. military bases in Pyeongtaek lies Dinosaur World, a paradise for young dinosaur enthusiasts. Located in Asan, it features a large group of realistic dinosaur model exhibits, rides and shows that captivate kids. Little dino fans can create lasting memories while playing in the world of these majestic creatures!

Dinosaur World is located within Asan First Village Outlet Mall, featuring a fourstory shopping complex, outdoor mall, large Daiso and Provence French Village, as well



Photo by Hyemin Lee, Stripes Korea

as a spacious parking area. This outlet is a perfect destination for families to enjoy a day out with diverse entertainment, shopping and dining options.

ADDRESS: Asan, Dunpo-myeon, Haewian-gil 127 or Dinosaur World (공룡월드) About a 15-minute drive from Camp Humphreys and 30 minutes from Osan Air Base.

HOURS: 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) / 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Sat.-

Sun.) / No shows available on Tuesdays

PHONE: 041-536-0636

FEES: 20,000 won (same price for adults) / Free for children under 1 year old / 10,000 won for children aged 12 to 23 months / 13,000 won per person for a group of 20 or more / 16,500 won for a customer who purchases over 100,000 won at the mall.



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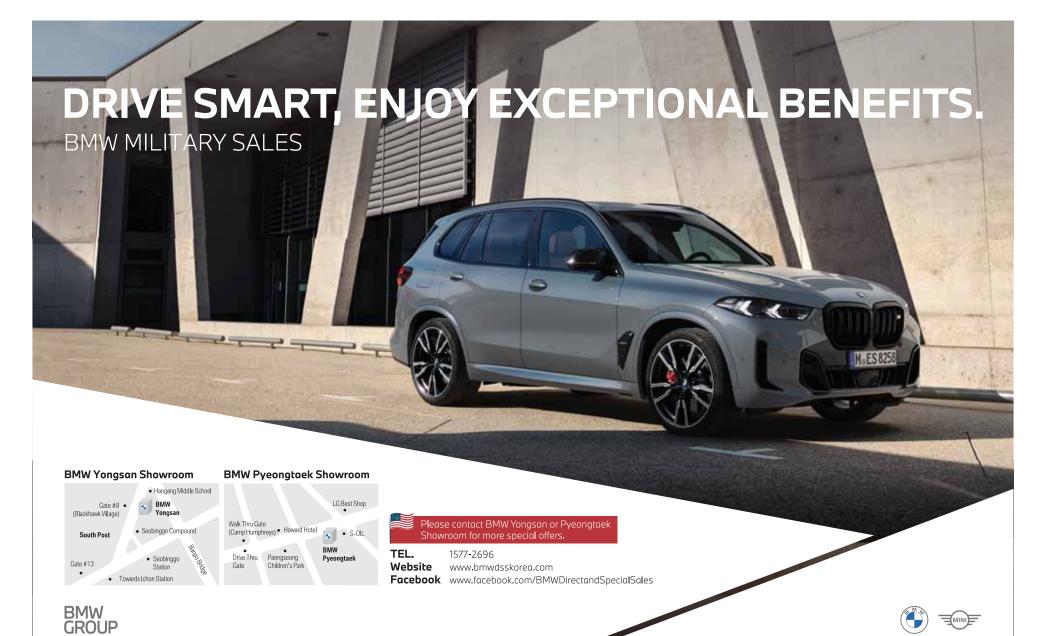
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DAEGU







Photos courtesy of Funderland

Funderland (펀더랜드)

Funderland is one of Daegu's most popular kid cafés, featuring large facilities and a variety of play areas. The wide play space can accommodate energetic kids of all sizes. Funderland offers exciting activities and diverse play zones, including VR games, big ball pools, large slides, trampolines and a lot more. The café ensures children never get bored, even after hours of play. Parents can enjoy food and drinks at the food court with great views of Suseonmot Lake while their kids play.

Extend play time up to two hours with food court purchases over 10,000 won or by adding the café in Kakao Talk. Parking is available at Suseong Hotel, but make sure to get a parking voucher from Funderland staff.

ADDRESS: 2nd floor, Hotel Suseong Square, 106-7 Yonghak-ro,

Suseong-gu, Daegu **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. PHONE: 053-763-5999 FEES:

KIDS: 25,000 won (2-3 hours)

ADULTS: 8,000 won (Includes one free drink)



NAVER MAP





Photos courtesy of Champion

Champion (챔피온)

Champion is inside the Daegu Department Store Plaza and offers both play and sports zones for young children. With small soccer fields, basketball courts, a boxing ring and more, kids can play diverse sports safely. There are also a variety of unique and fun sports play zones, including a netted play area, rope climbing, and roller racing zone where young kids are encouraged to fully express their energy. The friendly staff provides a safe and enjoyable experience perfect for all children. The café is especially loved by parents as it allows them to shop comfortably while their kids are enjoying the

You can park for free for up to three hours at the Daegu Department Store. Only children under 13 years old and under 150 cm in height are allowed to enter. Snacks such as cookies, beverages, and ice cream are available at the café, but meals are not sold. So, if you want to dine, it's recommended to use the restaurants on the 1st and 11th floors of the department store.

ADDRESS: 8th floor, Daegu Department Store Plaza, 333 Myeongdeok-ro, Jung-gu,

Daegu

HOURS: 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. **PHONE:** 053-256-0970

FEES:

KIDS: 16,000-17,000 won for two hours (Additional 1,500 won every

10 minutes) **ADULTS:** 5,000 won



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Waggle I (와글아이)

Waggle Kid's Play Lounge boasts large ball pools that captivate the attention of young children. There are also signature photo zones, allowing both children and parents to capture beautiful moments together. The café features various themed play areas such as a supermarket and kitchen to stimulate the imagination of young kids.

Also, there are other attractions for parents and children to enjoy together, including a tube sled slide, a thrilling racing park for riding carts, and an air gun shooting range.



ADDRESS: B1, 2095 Dalgubeol-daero, Jung-gu, Daegu

HOURS: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) / 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Sat.-Sun.) **PHONE:** 0507-1351-0259

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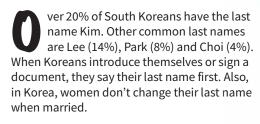
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