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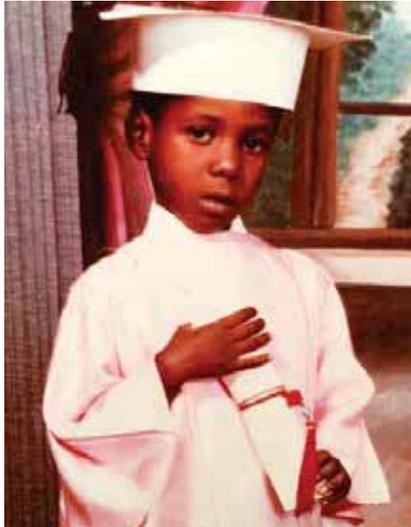
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Larwens Subtil poses for a kindergarten graduation photo while living in Haiti. Subtil now serves as the 8th Civil Engineer first sergeant. Courtesy photo

# From Haiti to the greatest Air Force in the world

BY STAFF SGT. JOSHUA EDWARDS,  
 8TH FIGHTER WING

KUNSAN AIR BASE – Every Airman has their own story, unique with diverse educational backgrounds, mixed upbringings and different heritages.

For Master Sgt. Larwens Subtil, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant at Kunsan Air Base, his Air Force story begins in Haiti.

“Things are tough in a third world country,” said Subtil. “In a lot of third world countries, although you get education, it’s very bad. I remember our mom working 16 to 18 hours a day, just

to make sure that she put us through a private school. It came at a cost though. We would go about 20 days throughout the year with no food. My mom’s ideology was that education is more valued than food. It was good to know that my mom believed that when we got good grades, there was a possibility that we could make a name for ourselves.”

To help out with finances, Subtil’s father left his family to accept a job in the U.S. With the money he earned, he was able to support the family modestly and eventually obtain visas for his

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# HAITI: 'Military helped shape me'

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family to come to the U.S. Subtil was 19 at the time.

"The hope is that if you do well in school, maybe, if you get to the United States, then things will be better," he said.

In Subtil's view, this ideology is standard for some Haitians. For many, being in the U.S. creates a possibility for hope. That idea, plus the high value his mother placed on education, stuck with him.

He enrolled in college, but while attending he faced several challenges. He had to learn English, due to not being a citizen he wasn't eligible for most scholarships, and his family didn't have enough money to pay for him.

With this in mind, Subtil got a job at a grocery store making \$6.15 an hour. An unsettling incident at this job ultimately led to him enlisting in the Air Force.

"I was working the dairy aisle and I was trying to put the products that expire sooner closer to the front and put the later date in the back. I had just cleaned up my aisle and was thinking how good it looks. There was this woman that just came in and she was trying to get items from the

back, but she basically knocked out everything to grab what she needed, while I was right next to her. She looked at me and made me feel like I was not worth anything. At that time, I was just furious. I asked my manager to take a 30-minute break and I went to the dairy cooler and cried," Subtil said. "It was there that I started to question, 'What is my purpose here?'"

Shortly thereafter, Subtil met with a recruiter, enlisted in the Air Force and became an X-Ray technician.

Once he completed his training, he moved to Keesler Air Force Base, where he would spend most of his first enlistment. It was there that he decided he wanted to stay in the military and obtained his citizenship through the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows service members to file for naturalization based on their military service.

"I was enjoying [my job]. There were a lot of things that the military offered me in that sense of brotherhood. It wasn't just work," Subtil said.

Subtil is now a first sergeant at Kunsan where he is responsible for the morale and welfare of the



Master Sgt. Larwens Subtil immigrated to the U.S. from Haiti, joined the Air Force, and is currently serving his 15th year in the military. Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards, U.S. Air Force

8th CES. He accomplishes this task by assisting with leave requests, pay issues and a variety of other daily occurrences.

"I enjoy helping people. The simple things matter to every Airman and you're at the center of that. [The support] is endless and it's extremely rewarding to hear, 'thank you.'"

Subtil's story and his Haitian heritage affect the way he operates every day at work and in his personal life.

"In Haitian culture, we have a close-knit family and it helps me in the military because it gives me a sense of belonging. It helps me understand my Air Force family as well so I can get close

to them. My family taught me the importance of staying together," he said.

As a first sergeant, Subtil has worked for the 22nd Airlift Squadron and the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, before coming to Kunsan. He has been in the Air Force for 15 years and he wants to continue serving as long as he can.

"From Haiti to the greatest Air Force in the world... what are the chances?" Subtil asked aloud. "I don't ever want to think about the day I'm leaving, because the military helped make me who I am today."

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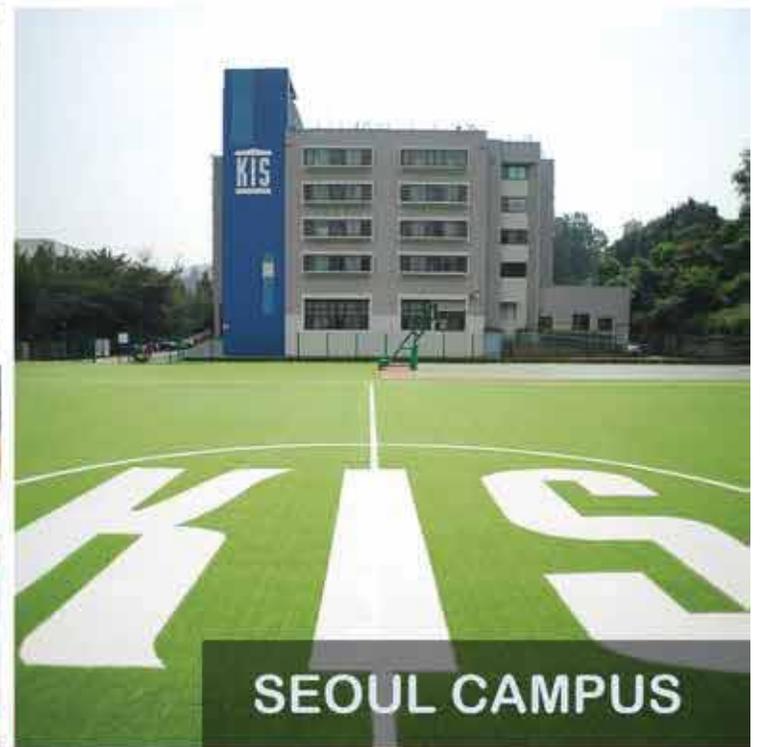
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# Growing pains

## Traffic jams cause headaches for Camp Humphreys' increasing population



Cars line up in the morning to enter Camp Humphreys in the rural area of Pyeongtaek, Friday, Jan. 18, 2019. Traffic jams are posing a major headache for the growing population on the recently expanded Army garrison.

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**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Traffic jams are posing a major headache for the growing population on Camp Humphreys, the U.S. military's new headquarters in South Korea, with many complaining about a dearth of access gates and guards to man them.

Lines of cars are frequently backed up for several blocks on the roads outside and inside the Army's largest overseas base as drivers wait to file through sometimes a single lane during rush hours. Scanners used by the guards to check IDs often don't work promptly, causing even more frustration.

One man was injured when the grab barriers deployed as he was driving through one of the access points in November.

"It is out of control," said Elyse Hendriksen-Bannon, who must battle traffic twice in the morning to get on post – first

when she takes her husband to work and later to take her 13-year-old son to the middle school.

The garrison responded to the complaints by borrowing soldiers from the Eighth Army to increase the number of scanners and ease congestion at the two most-used vehicle gates known as Anjeong-ri and Dongchang-ri.

But commander Col. Scott Mueller said Friday that was a stop-gap measure and the soldiers had to return to their units for regular duty.

He called for patience, saying the number of guards and gates is out of his hands and a request for additional funds to hire more gate security staff had been denied by Installation Management Command. He promised another traffic study would be conducted in February/March.

"It is important to note that USAG Humphreys does not control the security guard contract," he said,

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recommending that people drive to less-used gates known as Dodu-ri and Hamjeong-ri when possible.

The inconvenience, which some worry also is a safety hazard, is a side effect of the base's rapid expansion to accommodate a push to finally implement the problem-plagued relocation of most U.S. forces south of Seoul.

The three main commands — U.S. Forces Korea, Eighth Army and the 2nd Infantry Division — have all moved to Camp Humphreys, nearly tripling the population to more than 32,000, compared with 12,000 in 2017.

Most Americans and South Korean employees live off post and need to commute to work and to drop kids off at school.

But the walled-off compound, which is spread over some 3,500 acres in the rural

area of Pyeongtaek, has only five access gates that are staffed by guards employed by a local contractor. One of those is for pedestrians only, while two others have limited hours and are closed on weekends.

Traffic woes have been a constant complaint at community town halls since the moves from Seoul and areas to the north began in force two years ago, transforming the former remote helicopter outpost into something resembling an American suburb.

A social media backlash erupted this week when the garrison posted a cryptic message on its Facebook page warning that things were about to get worse "due to the gates having less capability to scan/check garrison personnel's entry."

"Are we to take to the skies and parachute in?" one

commenter wrote.

Mueller explained Friday that more delays were expected because the soldiers who had been helping had to return to their units "in order to maintain their 'fight tonight' readiness."

The use of soldiers was "a bridging strategy, while we conducted an additional traffic study and submitted the data to the Installation Management Command ... along with our concerns about transit times and vehicle congestion outside of our gates, in an effort to get funding for additional contract security guards," Mueller said in a statement posted Friday.

"This request was denied," he said. "We do not have funding with our budget to hire additional guards on our own, and the number of gates we can operate is determined by the number of guards we have."

Hendriksen-Bannon, 45, who has been based at Humphreys with her family for two years, said traffic is already heavy

## Camp Humphreys' gate hours

Here's a list of available gates and their hours, provided by USAG Humphreys

- **Pedestrian walking gate:** Open 24 hours/seven days a week for pedestrians, escorts and bicycles
- **Dodu-ri Gate:** Open 24 hours/seven days a week for military vehicles, POVs, buses, contract type utility vehicles, motor bikes and bicycles
- **Dongchang-ri Gate:** Open 24 hours/seven days a week for POVs, pedestrians, buses, contract type utility vehicles, motor bikes and bicycles.
- **Anjeong-ri gate:** Open 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all lanes entry and exit; 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. one entry lane only for DBIDS-registered POVs, contract vehicles, bikes and motor bikes; all exit lanes. Closed weekends and American holidays.
- **Hamjeong-ri gate:** Open 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. for DBIDS-registered POVs, buses, contract type utility vehicles, small commercial vehicles, motor bikes, bicycles and pedestrians. Closed weekends and American holidays.

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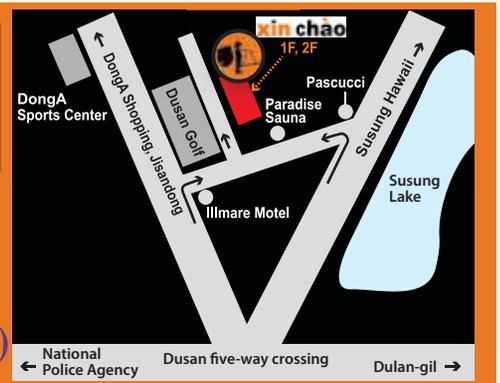
"At the main gate, you have people driving down the wrong lane and everybody's trying to jockey for position," she said.

"You can't even get around it to go to other gates from where we are because you've got traffic on the main road."

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AFN - Pacific Commander Air Force Lt. Col. Eric Badger says the survey will help focus the network's efforts to better serve its audience of more than 160,000 military members, Department of Defense and other U.S. government civilians, and family members in the Pacific region.

"The news, sports and entertainment programming we

deliver provides our audience members a touch of home while also helping connect commanders with their community members," Badger said. "This survey empowers our audience to help us determine if our current efforts are effective."

The 2019 AFN Pacific Audience Survey, which takes less than five minutes to complete, is open through Feb. 15 and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9FB9MWG> or by scanning the survey's QR code.

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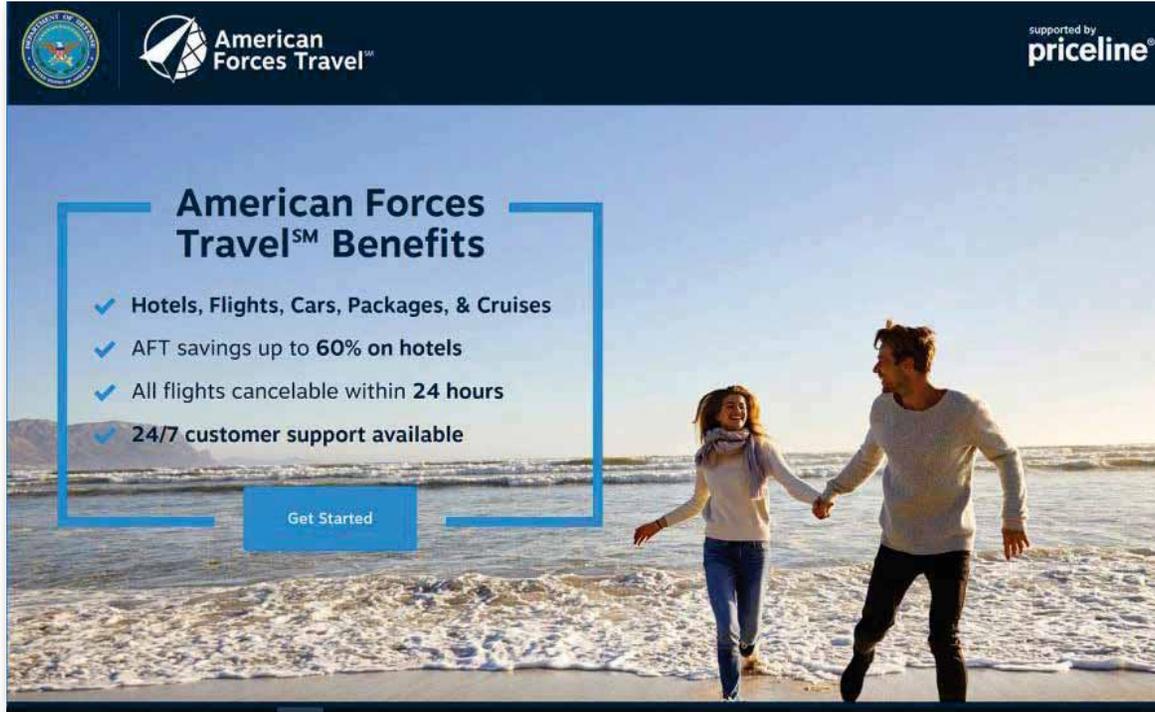
The United States Department of Defense has enlisted the online travel agency Priceline to create a new leisure travel site for current and retired U.S. military personnel.

The new website, American Forces Travel, will give the military community access to hotel, flight, car rental and cruise deals. There will also be negotiated prices on vacation homes, apartments and packages for savings up to 60 percent.

More than 1 million hotel deals will be available in more than 71,000 destinations around the world.

The Department of Defense has about 1.3 million people in active service around the world.

But at launch, American Forces Travel will be open to



more than 6.5 million active and retired members of the U.S. military community.

(See the complete eligibility list at the end of the story.)

All five branches of the U.S. armed forces – including the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard – will be part of the program. Others who are eligible to become users are Medal of Honor recipients and American Red Cross and USO paid personnel serving outside of the USA.

Department of Defense civilians serving within and outside of the USA will also be able to sign up. Family members of all of these groups will be able to use the site.

First-time users will have to verify their eligibility with the Department of Defense through a secure process.

Previously, employees could use travel agents on military bases to book their leisure travel.

The Department of Defense says it wanted to create an online platform that would be more modern, fast and accessible.

Priceline, which is part of Booking Holdings, was selected after a competitive bidding process among many of the largest online travel agencies.

Priceline will continue to offer “opaque” pricing on hotels, flights and rental cars that can often yield discounts on its own website. But on American Forces Travel, users will not get deals in which they would have to book without knowing the name of the hotel. All travel suppliers on American Forces Travel will be fully disclosed, Priceline says.

Members of the military

“have dedicated themselves to service, and deserve our thanks and our respect. To honor that service, we have negotiated deep discounts for personal travel, across flights, hotels, car rentals, cruises and more,” says Brett Keller, CEO of Priceline.

American Forces Travel will also feature “bundled” booking options, which could mean savings of hundreds of dollars. Bundled options combine private rates that are usually only available with packages and that travelers can’t book on their own.

All transactions will generate a commission. The Department of Defense and Priceline would not disclose the commission percentage but said it will be used to support quality of life programs within each service branch.

Such programs include family and youth activities, fitness centers, athletic venues and games, and entertainment programs. Active, Reserve and Guard members, and their families, are eligible to use them.

A portion of commissions will also go toward Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs on military bases.

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# Incheon's Chinatown offers history, architecture and lots of food

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If you're looking for a nice daytrip or craving some Chinese food, Incheon's colorful Chinatown is the place to go. Centered in an old port area, the district is full of red and gold buildings nestled on a steep slope with lots of narrow streets to explore. Just about every turn features a slew of Chinese restaurants serving localized dishes, but it is the history of the area that is intriguing. It is host to several museums offering a glimpse into Korea-China relations and heritage. The area also offers many places to explore with your family, including buildings with architecture from the Japanese colonial period which lasted from 1910 to 1945. Even if history is not your thing, a pair of good walking shoes are necessary to explore everything Incheon Chinatown has to offer.

## Samgukji Mural Street



One of Chinatown's most popular attractions, Samgukji Mural Street is located at the top of the stairs between the Qing and Japanese settlements. The street is a 150-meter-long stretch of road which boasts a colorful display of murals depicting the classic novel of China's three kingdoms, called Samgukji in Korea, glazed into the tiles on the walls. The story is written in Chinese and Korean, but the paintings are worth a look and are a great photo op.

Stairs between Qing and Japanese settlements



## Stairs between Qing and Japanese

At the end of Samgukji Mural street, check out the stairway that dates to the Japanese colonial period. View the different architectural styles on either side dividing the Japanese and Chinese concession of 1880 from the top of the stairs.

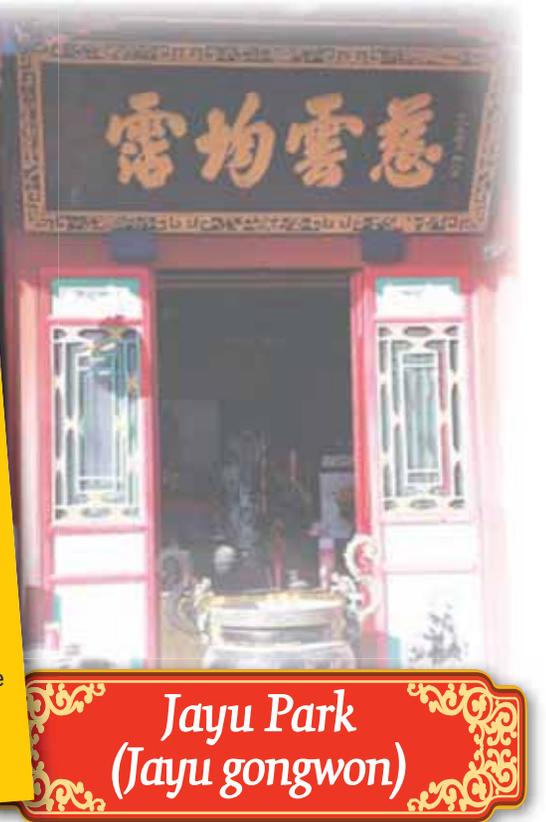
The two stone lanterns at the entrance of stairs leading to a statue of Confucius, represent the Japanese style on the right and the Chinese style on the left.

A statue of Confucius





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**Jayu Park (Jayu gongwon)**

A short walk from the staircase will lead you to Jayu Park, also known as Freedom Park, where you can get a panoramic view of the ocean, old port and Incheon city. Here, you will find the statue of General MacArthur, who led the allied Incheon Amphibious Landing Operation during the Korean War.



**Jajangmyeon Museum**

History buffs will want in on the all-in-one admission ticket offering access to the Jajangmyeon Museum, Incheon Open Port Modern Architecture Museum and Incheon Open Port Museum. The buildings housing the museums were once used as banks and are prime examples of Japanese architecture and how Chinatown offers a blend of Chinese culture, Korea's modern history and splashes of Japanese colonial architecture.

Jajangmyeon (noodles with black bean sauce) is undoubtedly one of Korea's most favorite dishes, and the museum is one of my favorite places. The museum building is located in the same spot where the dish was first introduced and is a love letter to Korea's beloved black bean noodle dish. Learn about its rich history and how Chinese laborers working in the port brought this dish to the country.



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**RESTAURANT - Jin Heung Gak**

No visit to Chinatown would be complete without sampling Chinese food. Probably the most famous restaurant among tourists in the area is the new Gonghwachun, the original Jajangmyeon maker. Take note, however, that many locals say the new location isn't as good as the old one and lines to get a seat can get pretty long. Jin Heung Gak, another local favorite, serves up Jajangmyeon and sweet and sour pork. The restaurant also serves Jjambbong, a Korean spicy noodle soup that is very common in Korea. At Jin Heung Gak, however, their signature Jjambbong comes topped with abalone and sea food (KRW 6000-8000). It wasn't as spicy and the taste of the soup was not as strong as I expected. If Jin Heung Gak is too crowded, try Joong Hwa Ru, a good alternative if you're hungry and don't want to wait.





# CHINATOWN: Foodies rejoice!

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Crunchy balloon bread (Gonggal-ppang)



Tanghulu



Mooncakes

## Street food

All over Chinatown, you can find many eateries, bakeries and shops selling street snacks. Walk up the main road from the Paeru (entry gate) until you reach the T-shaped alley. To the right of the alley, you'll find many food stalls selling baked goods and sweets. Try the moon pie (KRW 2,000), a delicious treat filled with sweet bean paste and a variety of flavored creams like green tea or cheese. The line to get one might seem long, but it's worth the wait.

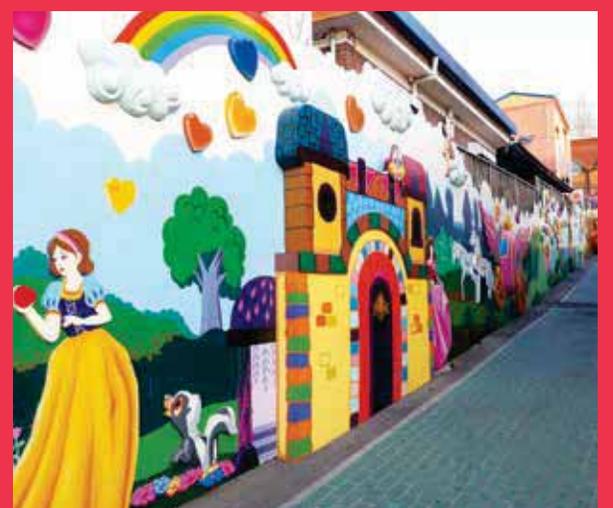
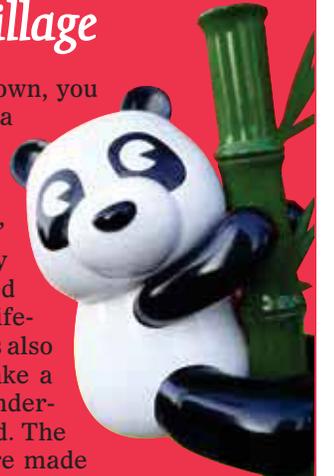
## Wiseondang

At this small Chinese temple dating back to 1893, visitors can take in the colorful murals on the yellow exterior walls. You can also enjoy the quiet surroundings and look up to see the dragons on top of the golden tiled roof and the architecture that is quite different from Korean temples.  
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## Fairytale Village

On your walk of Chinatown, you may find yourself making a turn and stumbling upon Fairytale Village, a neighborhood made to be photographed. Mostly a kids' attraction, this area heavy on bright, pastel-colored buildings, murals and life-sized cartoon characters, is also for the young at heart. Take a selfie with Pinocchio, Cinderella or Alice in Wonderland. The homes and streets here are made to make you feel like you're in a childhood story book. Best of all, there is no entrance fee, so spend as much time exploring the area and taking photos as you'd like. Though Fairytale Village is a tourist attraction, people do live here, so please be respectful and remember to keep your voice down.



# 10 islands to visit in Korea during the winter

HAPS KOREA MAGAZINE

Winter may not seem the best time to visit islands in Korea, but if you're not able to escape to a warmer climate this season, there are plenty of options around the country for a weekend getaway.

There are advantages to hitting some of the attractions during the off-season — fewer crowds, plenty of things to do and better deals to be had.

You may want to bundle up, but many of the islands offer a slightly warmer climate and fresher air than the peninsula.

Here are 10 islands around Korea to check out this winter.

## Heuksan-do, Jeollanam-do

Located in the Shinan Islands in the southwest of Korea about 97 km from Mokpo, Heuksan-do has a beautiful eight-kilometer long walking trail, spectacular views and several peaks including Munamsan, the highest at 400 meters.

## Jaeun-do, Jeollanam-do

Known for its beautiful sunrises, Jaeun-do has beautiful nature to take walks along its five major routes which span 12 kilometers around the island.

## Cheongsan-do, Wando County, South Jeolla Province

Just less than 20 km off the southern coast of the peninsula, Cheongsan-do is located within Dadohae National Park. Also designated as Asia's first slow city in 2007, the island features beautiful scenery with terraced rice paddies known as gudeuljangnon. It was also voted one of the top places to visit by the Korean National Tourism Organization.

## Geumo-do, Yeosu, South Jeolla Province

With 18.5 kilometers of cliff-lined coastal cliffs, Geumo-do in Yeosu is a great place to go hiking or relax at Ando beach. Checking out the coastal monuments spread around the countryside is one of the highlights of this charming island.



## Four Islands, Goheung-gun, Jeollanam-do Province

The four islands — Geogeum, Naro, Yeonheung, and Shiho — are part of the excellent marine tourism products of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries in 2018 for their "4 islands, 4 colors" campaign. Take a scenic tour of the island which features history, art, healing eco-tourism and science.

## Yukji-do, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province

With panoramic views, Yukji-do has become a popular overnight stay with pensions popping up

around the island. Don't miss out on the chance to eat sweet potatoes here, as they are known to be the best in the country for their sweet flavor.

## Chu-do, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province

Located about 21 kilometers from Tongyeong port, Chu-do has become a popular destination for photographers for its beautiful nature and beautiful sunsets.

## Soan-do, Wando County, South Jeolla Province

With an abundance of forested area, Soan-do is a popular hikers destination with two courses to choose from, including a 5-kilometer course which offers great views of the ocean. It is also home to Song Nae-ho, a patriot who fought for the independence of Korea as one of the leaders of the Anti-Japanese colonialism movement and a Memorial Hall was established on the island to honor the history of the islands rebellion.

## Yeonhwa-do, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province

A great place for a day trip and a couple hour hike, Yeonhwa-do has great places for trekking and fishing about an hour-long ferry ride from the port. The highlight of the island is Yeongmeori, a rock sculpture that looks like the head of a dragon.

## Chubong-do, Tongyeong, South Gyeongsang Province

Developed as a theme island in 2007, Chubong-do has excellent facilities for taking a hike along one of the trails which offer stunning views and nature. It also is known historically for being a prisoner of war camp for 8,000 people during the Korean War.

### N62 Bus Service (Yancheon - Myeonmok-dong)



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 ■ **MAJOR BUS STOPS:** Yangcheon Bus Depot → Mokdong Station → Deungchon Station → Hapjeong Station → Hongik Univ. Station → Sinchon Station → Jonggak → Dongdaemun Station → Dongdaemun History & Culture Park Station → Wangsimni Station → Konkuk Univ. Station → Gunja Station → Myeonmok-dong

#### BUS STOP HONGIK UNIVERSITY STATION



■ **PAT BINGSU**  
 Bingsu (shaved ice), originally a summer dish, is now loved and enjoyed by people year round. Dessert cafés in the area around Hongdae (Hongik University Street) are especially popular among young people for offering unique bingsu flavors that fill the senses. From cheesecake bingsu topped with real cheesecake to bingsu shaped like a snowman or sweet bingsu made from frozen fruits, the offer of charming and delicious bingsu is non-stop!  
 ■ **ADDRESS:** Area of Hongik-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul

#### BUS STOP KONKUK UNIVERSITY STATION



■ **KONDAE FOOD STREET**  
 Lit up as bright as day all through the night, the Avenue of Youth at Jonggak Station is the top spot for enjoying Korea's night life. Visitors can get their first taste of the Korean drinking culture at the pubs here. There are also many restaurants serving various foods from samgyeopsal (grilled pork belly), galbi (short ribs) and other barbecued meats to chicken, kimchi jjigae (kimchi stew), jeon (pancake), hoe (sliced raw fish) and more. All you have to do is decide what delicious Korean food you want to eat!  
 ■ **ADDRESS:** Area of Dongil-ro 22-gil, Gwangjin-gu, Seoul

#### BUS STOP SINDANG STATION

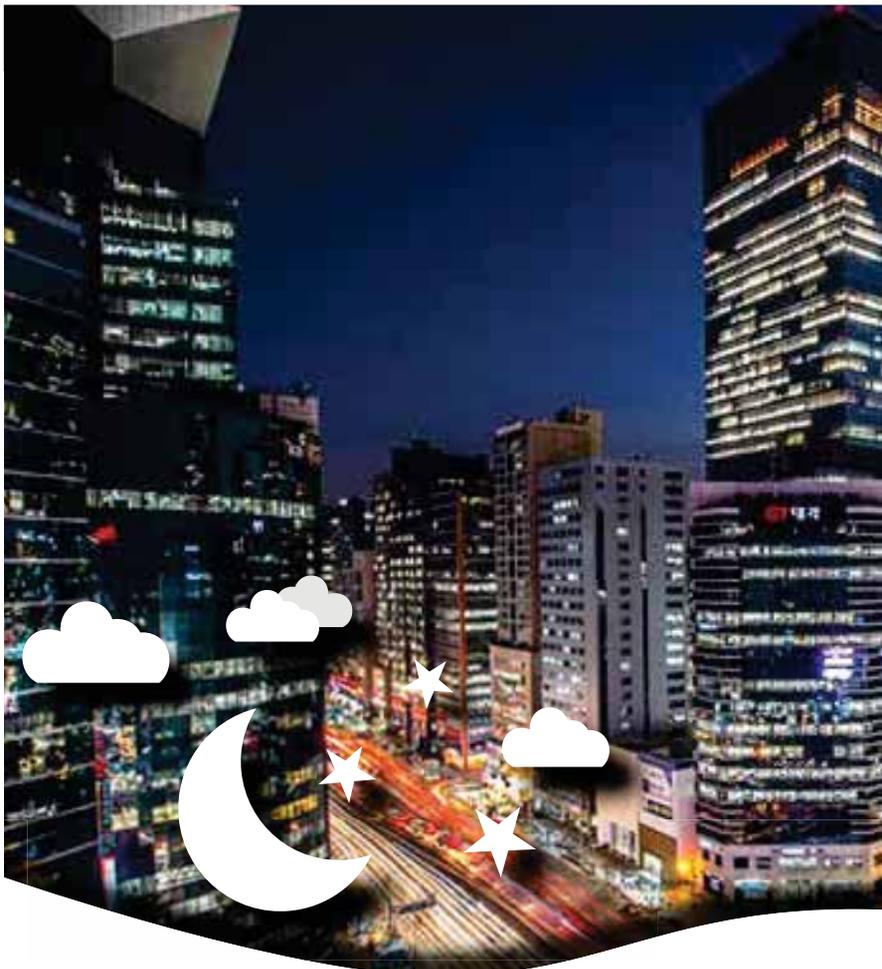


■ **TABLE-TOP TTEOKBOKKI**  
 Sindang-dong has been well-known for tteokbokki since the late '70s. Many of the food vendors here remain open 24 hours so you can find people enjoy the sweet and spicy snack at all hours of the day. The shops all make their own sauce, making the taste unique to each vendor. They also sell sets with toppings to choose at will such as eggs, ramyeon noodles, mandu (dumplings), fish cakes and more. Choose your favorite toppings and chow down!  
 ■ **ADDRESS:** Area of Toegye-ro 76-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul

### N26 Bus Service (Gaehwa - Jungnang)



■ **OPERATING HOURS:** First bus 00:00, Last bus 06:00 / Intervals approx. 25min.  
 ■ **MAJOR BUS STOPS:** Gangseo Bus Depot → Songjeong Station → Balsan Station → Deungchon Station → Dangsang Station → Hapjeong Station → Hongik Univ. Station → Sinchon Station → Jonggak → Dongdaemun Station → Sinseol-dong Station → Cheongnyangni Station → Sangbong Station → Jungnang Bus Depot



# DELICIOUS EXCURSION

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Eating delicious food is always enjoyable, but staying out and eating late at night in Korea is a special experience that is sure to create memories that will last. In particular, the vibrant night culture of Seoul serves as the perfect backdrop

## WHAT IS A "LATE NIGHT BUS"

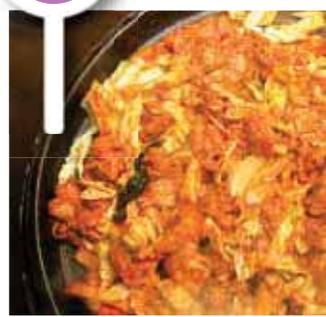
Late night buses in Seoul refer to buses operating from midnight to 3:00 AM. These buses provide public transportation during the hours when most buses are not in service. Each bus route starts with the letter "N" to indicate it is a night bus. These buses operate in areas around popular tourist areas such as Gangnam Station. The fare is the same as a regular bus.

#### BUS STOP HAPJEONG STATION



■ **HAPJEONG-DONG CAFÉ STREET**  
 The alleyways of Hapjeong-dong are a hip and artistic zone, dotted with dozens of vintage coffee shops and dessert cafés. Hapjeong-dong Café Street in particular is lined with cafés and cultural spaces of varying themes, all vying for the attention of passersby. More than just cafés, Hapjeong-dong Café Street also has pubs, wine bars, and restaurants serving a blend of Eastern and Western cuisine. The mix of cultures and styles has created a unique atmosphere.  
 ■ **ADDRESS:** Area of Eoulmadang-ro 5-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul

#### BUS STOP SINCHON STATION



■ **DAKGALBI**  
 Sinchon is becoming well known for its variety of food, including spicy stir-fried chicken (spicy stir-fried chicken) through the efforts of many epicureans. Dakgalbi is a dish made of chicken and a variety of vegetables including cabbage and onions, served in a spicy seasoning and stir-fried to your liking. In bustling Sinchon, restaurants serving this dish are thriving, including restaurants serving seafood combos and even some all-you-can-eat restaurants. Sinchon is a must-visit place for lovers of this dish.  
 ■ **ADDRESS:** Area of Yonsei-ro, Seoul



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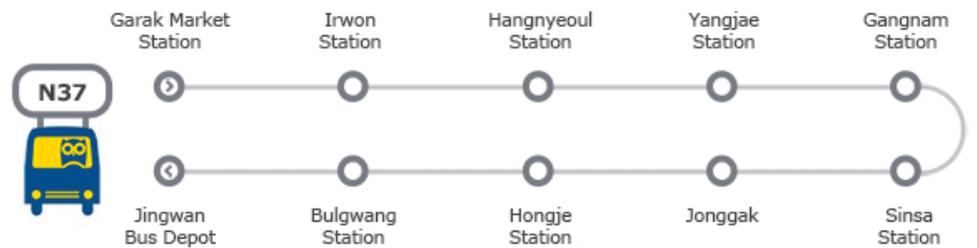
# LATE NIGHT BUS IN SEOUL

for hungry travelers to fill their empty stomachs after a full day of exploring. Night buses in operation throughout major areas provide travelers with the best means of enjoying a late night tour without having to worry about excessive cab fares for the return trip. Read on to learn more about these late night tours to discover more fun and great eats by riding on a night bus!

## “WORTH THE NIGHT BUS?”

to early dawn. These buses are a great way of moving around town on service. As of January 2018, nine late night bus routes are in operation signify it is a ‘night’ bus. These late night buses cover the high traffic a bit higher than day buses, priced at 2,250 won when paying with cash.

## N37 Bus Service (Songpa - Jingwan)



■ **OPERATING HOURS:** First bus 00:00, Last bus 02:00 / Intervals approx. 25-30min.

■ **MAJOR BUS STOPS:** Garak Market Station → Irwon Station → Hangnyeoul Station → Yangjae Station → Gangnam Station → Sinsa Station → Jonggak → Hongje Station → Bulgwang Station → Jingwan Bus Depot



### YEONSINNAE STATION



#### KALGUKSU POJANGMACHA

Those in the know will tell you that Yeonsinnae is synonymous with kalguksu (noodle soup) due to the high concentration of food stalls selling kalguksu in the area. Kalguksu is a bowl-full of handmade noodles that substitutes for a single meal. The thick noodles in eomuk (fish cake) broth and spicy seasoning make the perfect late-night meal to appease your appetite.

■ **ADDRESS:** Entrance of Yeonsinnae Rodeo Shopping Street, Galhyeon-dong, Eunpyeong-gu, Seoul



### JONGGAK STATION



#### JONGGAK AVENUE OF YOUTH

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■ **ADDRESS:** Area of Jong-ro 12-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul



### GARAK MARKET STATION



#### SAENGSEON HOE

Garak Market is the nation's largest agriculture and marine products market. Fresh vegetables, fruits, seafood and other products are brought directly to the market from the countryside and sold in auctions from evening until dawn. If you're looking for a unique experience, watch the products going so fast that it will leave even bystanders breathless trying to keep pace. For dinner, visit the marine products section, where you can pick the seafood you want to eat at prices cheaper than anywhere else in the city.

■ **ADDRESS:** 932, Yangjae-daero, Songpa-gu, Seoul



### JONGGAK STATION



#### CHEONGGYECHEON STREAM

The paths along Cheonggyecheon Stream are full of visitors all year round. The stream is dotted with people escaping the heat of summer or coming to view the colorful lights during the Seoul Lantern Festival in fall. The length of Cheonggyecheon Stream is lined with cafés, making it easy to stop for a cup of coffee while enjoying a relaxing view of the stream.

■ **ADDRESS:** Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul



### DONGDAEMUN STATION



#### SAENGSEON GUI

In the vicinity of Dongdaemun Shopping Complex is a narrow alley, densely packed with small restaurants selling saengseon gui (grilled fish). Your meal will pass quickly as bite after bite of freshly grilled fish and warm rice sates your appetite. The fish are grilled in advance, and lightly grilled again after an order is placed so you can still enjoy a warm meal in record time.

■ **ADDRESS:** Area of 5, Jong-ro 40ga-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul



### DONGDAEMUN STATION



#### STREET FOOD FROM FOOD STALLS

It's easy to find pojangmacha (food stall) on the streets of Dongdaemun at all hours, as the wholesale fashion market is open until the early hours of the morning. Among the variety of late-night snacks available, most foreigners prefer dak kkochi (chicken skewers), tteokbokki (spicy rice cake), and gopchang-bokkeum (stir-fried tripe). Dak kkochi are made by skewering pieces of chicken and spring onion onto a stick, which are then grilled and coated in either a sweet soy sauce or a spicy seasoning for a taste loved by all. Another popular food is mayak gimbap (literally translated to "narcotic gimbap" because it is that delicious) dipped in spicy tteokbokki sauce and eaten in one bite.

■ **ADDRESS:** Area of Jangchungdan-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul

# SEOUL: Hop on bus for a tasty tour of city

## N13 Bus Service (Sanggye-dong - Songpa)

## N30 Bus Service (Gangdong - Seoul Station)



■ **OPERATING HOURS:** First bus 00:00, Last bus 02:15 / Intervals approx. 25~30min.  
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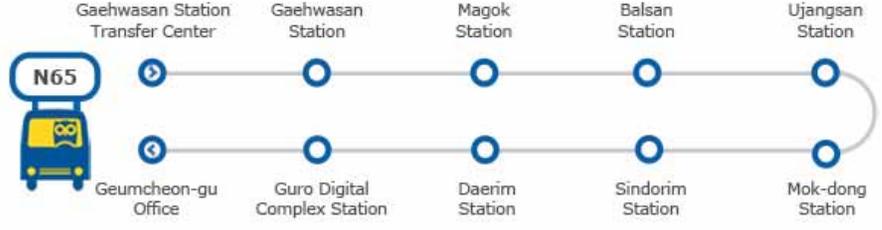


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■ **OPERATING HOURS:** First bus 23:40, Last bus 04:10 / Intervals approx. 20~25min.  
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## N16 Bus Service (Dobongsan - Onsu Station)

## N65 Bus Service (Gaehwa - Siheung)



■ **OPERATING HOURS:** Dobongsan departure - First bus 00:10, Last bus 03:45 / Onsu-dong departure - First bus 00:20, Last bus 03:45 / Intervals approx. 25~30min.  
 ■ **MAJOR BUS STOPS:** Dobongsan → Banghaksageori Four-way Intersection → Ssangmun Station → Suyu Station → Gireum Station → Hyehwa Station → Dongdaemun Station → Dongdaemun History & Culture Park Station → Seoul Station → Yeongdeungpo Station → Sindorim Station → Guro Station → Onsu Station

■ **OPERATING HOURS:** First bus 00:00, Last bus 03:10 / Intervals approx. 25~30min.  
 ■ **MAJOR BUS STOPS:** Gaehwasan Station Transfer Center → Gaehwasan Station → Magok Station → Balsan Station → Ujangsan Station → Mok-dong Station → Sindorim Station → Daerim Station → Guro Digital Complex Station → Geumcheon-gu Office

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# Haeundae Market

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**H**aeundae is best known as Busan's most famous tourism spot, full of modern skyscrapers, a sprawling beach and lots and lots of people from around the world. But, it's still also home to many locals.

To get a taste of that local scene, be sure to check out Haeundae Market.

Located on the left side of Gunam-ro, the big pedestrian road leading to Haeundae Beach, one can easily find this market's entrance.

The signature seafood specialty here is grilled jangeo (sea eel). Many restaurants offering grilled sea eel

have called Haeundae Market home for a long time. For folks looking for something a little more snack-centric, tteokbokki (rice cakes and fish cakes in a hot and spicy sauce) and kalguksu (hand-made noodle soup) are also prominently featured in the market area.

Most restaurants offer menus in several languages, including English, Chinese and Japanese, meaning Haeundae Market is definitely a place first-time tourists can explore without fear.

How to get there: Haeundae Station (Metro line 2), exit 3. Walk toward the beach for about 400 meters and find the market entrance on the left.



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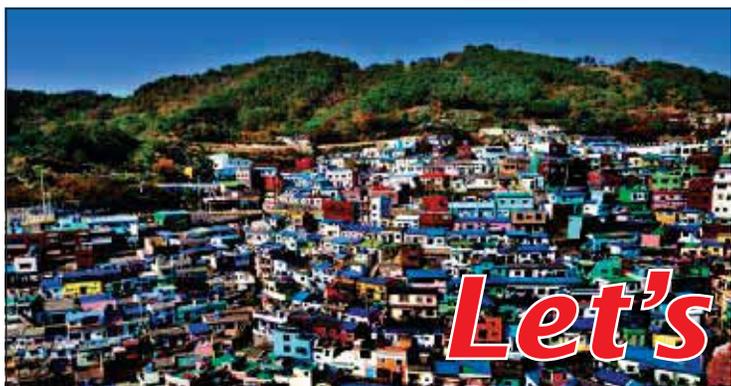
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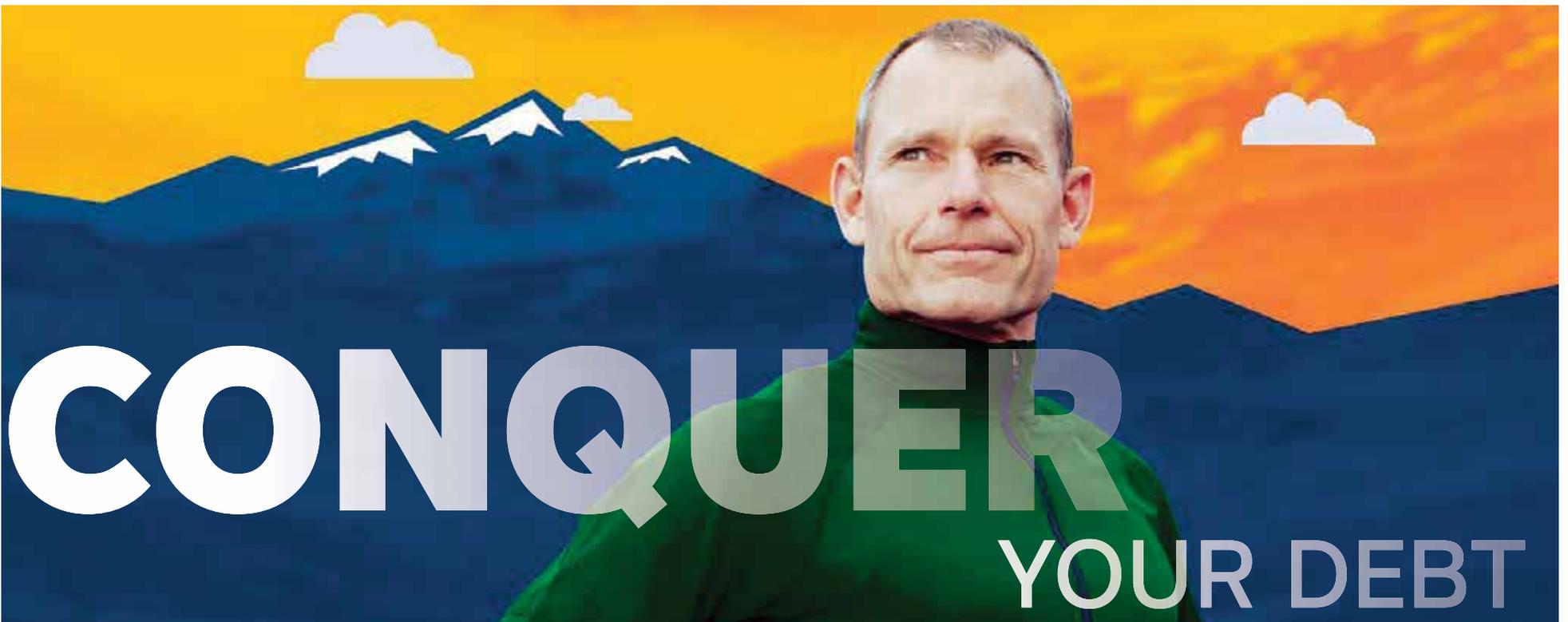


## Fine dust and pollution? There's an app for that!

STORY AND PHOTO BY CHIHON KIM,  
STRIPES KOREA

If you've been in South Korea recently, you may have found yourself coughing and choking under the thin layer of dust sweeping the country. The fine dust, which most Americans commonly refer to as "Yellow Dust," originates in the deserts of Mongolia and China and is a major health hazard. Despite its name and visual similarity to city smog, it should not be taken lightly. Every year, the dust sickens thousands. In extreme cases, it can be deadly. Those exceptionally vulnerable to the dust storm phenomenon include infants, pregnant women, and the elderly.

During times of high dust counts, local governments issue warnings which include directions limiting vehicles on the road, limiting outdoor activities, and suggesting facemask use. These warnings, unfortunately, are usually only issued in Korean. Not anymore! Monitor the air quality in your area (and in other parts of the world) in English with the AirVisual app. Not only will it help you plan out your day according to the dust index, but it will also send you notifications when your area is at critical levels. The app is available for iPhone and Android. More information: <https://www.airvisual.com/air-quality-app>  
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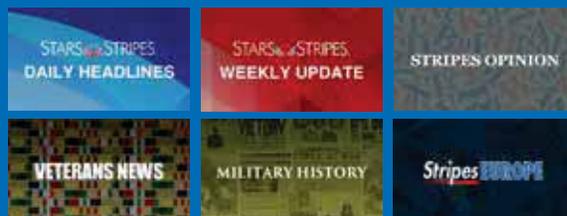


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A local farmer plants his crop in the calf-deep water near Karangasam.



The magical houses of Green Village, designed by Elora Hardy, are available for sale or rent and were inspired by the Hardy family's commitment to sustainable building.



# Bali an idyllic island struggling to maintain its identity

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ROBIN ABCARIAN,  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**G**iven the situation, I was moving as fast as I could.

I was walking cautiously on a foot-wide earthen berm separating water-soaked rice paddies. A big cross-body garbage bag banged against my hip as I clutched a 6-foot pole with a pointed metal tip.

Rivulets of sweat ran down my back as I speared yogurt cups, candy wrappers and plastic bags.

And then I lost my balance.

It was our first full day on the Indonesian island of Bali, and nine of us were on a "trash walk" near the upland town of Ubud in the heart of the island. The walk was organized by Cynthia Hardy, a friend who had invited us to Bali. She moved to the island in the '80s and has been here, on and off, ever since.

With Cynthia in the lead, we

traipsed through terraced green rice paddies, along slippery brown riverbanks and centuries-old waterways in search of demon trash. We picked our way past men, women and children bathing in the irrigation canals, the heart of the Balinese irrigation system known as subak, so unique that UNESCO has designated it a World Heritage site.

## Price of popularity

New wealth has meant that Bali's roadways are overrun by motorbikes. Its waterways and rice paddies are choking on trash that has turned this once pristine island into a cautionary tale about the perils of plastic and consumption in an agrarian society ill-equipped for the challenge.

You can overlook the problems, or engage with them, as we tried to do on our trash walk. But however you experience Bali, you will be charmed by its spiritual people, its intense beauty and its tropical melange of fecundity and decay.

## Drums in the night

My nine-day visit to the island in November was unusual, but anyone can replicate the itinerary. I went to Indonesia because of my friendship with the Hardys; I paid for my accommodations, airfare and the rest of my trip, in keeping with Los Angeles Times policy.

Nine women, most of them friends of Cynthia's since her childhood in Marin County, Calif., had come to visit the place she has called home for 30 years. We put ourselves in her experienced hands, and she arranged treks, day trips, shopping outings, dinners and, of course, yoga classes.

We were all eager to know more about the multifarious world that Cynthia and her husband, John, have created here, all in the cause of promoting sustainability and an appreciation for the world's natural balances.

The Hardys first became known for their jewelry business, which John founded in 1975. A tour of the workshops and design center was high on our to-do list. The company employs hundreds of Balinese artisans who make the distinctive John Hardy woven bracelets, earrings and necklaces sold in high-end stores around the world.

After our tour, we sat down with some of the company's employees for a lunch of corn fritters, fish wrapped in banana leaves, salad, rice and banana cake.

Happy and full, we meandered into the boutique, a 90-foot-tall bamboo marvel that looks like a ship's hull and appears to float on rice paddies.

About a decade ago, the Hardys sold



On the east side of Bali, in Karangasam, American film director and avid surfer Rob Cohen ("The Fast and the Furious" and "Dragonheart") built this spectacular long house, based on a traditional Sumatran design by the architect and bamboo crusader, the late Linda Garland.



At an evening cocktail party, Cynthia Hardy, in orange, steps off a revolving mandala of flower petals.

the business, which gave them the means to create the eco-centric luxury hotel Bambu Indah, the private Green School and Green Village, a small community of spectacular, custom bamboo homes designed by John's daughter, Elora Hardy.

The Bambu Indah is built on a ridge overlooking the Ayung River, its 2½ acres dotted with vegetable gardens, coconut and frangipani trees, and rock-lined pools that look like natural ponds.

The accommodations consist of 11 antique Javanese bridal houses, charmingly rustic but with fridges, AC, good lighting and plumbing. A couple of new bamboo cottages, designed by Elora Hardy, are perched on the river and surrounded by jungle.

Before dinner one night, I was lolling in my spacious cottage, Afrika House, ensconced behind white muslin bed curtains, safe from mosquitoes.

The frogs were just starting their nightly arias when the rhythmic sound of bells and drums wafted into my room. The mysterious sound would swell, subside, then rise again. I felt as if I were being summoned by some ineffable force.

I walked out of my cottage and wandered into the hotel's open-walled restaurant, where I found a dozen or so Balinese musicians sitting on the floor making hypnotic



music with metallophones, which look like xylophones; bonangs, which look like brass kettles; and drums. It was a traditional Balinese gamelan orchestra. The percussive music was ethereal.

As we sat down at a big round dinner table, servers and cooks fussed nearby with a whole roasted pig on a spit.

After we finished our feast, the orchestra accompanied a topeng dance in which elaborately costumed dancers in grotesque masks acted out Balinese folk tales. Even without knowing the stories, it was easy to see that good triumphed over evil.

### A closed society

Most visitors do not rent cars on Bali and instead hire drivers, easy to do through hotels and local companies. This is the safest choice, because Bali streets are choked with motor scooters and driving is on the left side. The obstacles on any given road — trucks, tour buses, vans, dogs, chickens and the occasional cow — make driving daunting.

One day, our Bambu Indah drivers took us from Ubud to Karangasem, a two-hour drive to Bali's east coast,

where we planned to spend one night.

On the way, we visited the ancient village of Tenganan, whose residents are known as Bali Aga, or original Balinese. Theirs is a closed society; you can live in the village only if you were born there. If you marry an outsider, you must leave.

There was a small fee to enter the village, which was laid out along a wide, grassy path. The homes on either side doubled as workshops and stores. Inside one, we watched women weaving double ikat fabric, an ancient, painstaking process that produces exquisite fabric highly valued by textile collectors.

The prices were astronomical — \$600 for a length of ikat about the size of a long, wide scarf — so I bought some fine-gauge rattan baskets and hollow eggs painted with Hindu gods instead.

### Plastic proliferates

We arrived late in the day in Karangasem, where we stayed at Villa Campuhan, a beachfront complex of six villas and a long house on the Lombok Strait. It is owned by director Rob Cohen, whose movies include "The Fast and the Furious" and "DragonHeart."

Cohen was drawn by the excellent surf break and the view of Mount Agung, an active volcano that plays a central role in Balinese spirituality. (When we sat on mats during our welcome ceremony at Bambu Indah, Cynthia instructed us not to point our feet toward the mountain, a sign of disrespect.)



"Lost Soles," a sculpture made of castoff, color-coordinated rubber flip flops, welcomes guests to Potato Head, a popular beach club at the Katamama Hotel in Seminyak.



A Bali trash walk is not for the faint of heart. Kathleen Morrison, with a pointed stick for picking trash, makes her way along the Ayung River.

# HAPPENINGS OFF BASE

# FESTIVALS



## Seoul Photo Festival

**DATE:** Until Feb. 10  
**LOCATION:** Buk Seoul Museum of Art  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 Seoul Photo Festival is held with the participation of citizens of Seoul and Seoul Museum of Art. The festival consists of series of workshops and exhibitions held at Buk Seoul Museum of Art, Changdong Photo Art Gallery area, and SeMA storage facility. The workshops are aimed to evaluate and communicate with local photo art galleries as well as to explore the current state of the changing environment and society and its effect on photography.  
**TRANSPORTATION:**  
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 Gwanghwamun Station (Seoul Subway Line 5)  
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 Get off at City Hall Station Bus Stop.  
 - Green Bus: 1711, 7016, 7022  
 - Blue Bus: 103, 150, 401, 402, 604  
 - Village Bus: Jongno 09, Jongno 11  
**HOMEPAGE:** sema.seoul.go.kr (Korean only)



## Jaraseom Singing Winter Festival

**DATE:** Until Feb. 17  
**LOCATION:** Gapyeongcheon Stream area in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 Jaraseom Singing Winter Festival offers various hands-on programs to tourists and participating residents of Gapyeong-eup. Various events will be available during the festival.  
**TRANSPORTATION:**  
**Bus**  
 ■ From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Gapyeong.  
 \* Bus Schedule: 06:35-22:05, runs 31 times a day  
 ■ From Jamsil Station (Seoul Subway Line 2), Exit 9  
 Take Bus 7000 to Gapyeong.  
 \* Bus No. 7000 Schedule: runs 17 times a day (Inquiries: +82-2-3431-3994)  
**Train**  
 Gapyeong Station  
 \* ITX Train Schedule: 06:00-22:00, runs 20 times a day  
**Subway**  
 From Sangbong Station (Seoul Subway Line 7 or Jungang Line), Transfer to Gyeongchun Line and get off at Gapyeong Station.  
 It is a 10min-walk from Gapyeong Bus Terminal, and a 15min-walk from Gapyeong Station.  
 \* Note: Times and schedules for public transportations are subject to change, please check to confirm before visiting.  
**HOMEPAGE:** www.jarasumfestival.co.kr (Korean only)



## Chilgapsan Ice Fountain Festival



**DATE:** Until Feb. 17  
**LOCATION:** Area of Alps Village Festival Ground in Cheongyang-gun, Chungcheongnam-do  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 Chilgapsan Ice Fountain Festival features a large-scale ice fountain creating an Alps Castle where fairy tale characters are living together. The ice fountain and sculptures create a splendid ambience during the nighttime opening. This festival serves to create valuable memories for children and a romantic winter dating spot for couples alike. Located 5 minutes away, a suspension bridge over Cheonchangho Lake is famous as a filming location of the popular variety program "Two Days and One Night."  
**TRANSPORTATION:**  
**Express/Intercity Bus**  
 From Central City Terminal, take an express bus bound for Jeongsan Bus Terminal.  
**Bus**  
 From Jeongsan Bus Terminal, transfer to a local bus bound for Cheongyang-Jeongsan and get off at Cheonjang-ri Bus Stop (3 bus stops).  
 Walk along the road in the same direction of the bus toward Cheonjangho Lake for 830m.  
**HOMEPAGE:** www.alpsvill.com (Korean only)



## Cheongpyeong Snowflake Festival

**DATE:** Until Feb. 24  
**LOCATION:** Cheongpyeong Recreation Area for Cheongpyeong Snowflake Festival  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 Cheongpyeong Snowflake Festival located in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do includes fun activities such as catching

trout with bare hands, ice fishing, riding on tradition sleds and many other hands-on activities. Visitors who had paid admission to the fishing reservoir are also invited to watch the free circus performance offered.  
**TRANSPORTATION:**  
**Subway**  
 Cheongpyeong Station (Gyeongui-Jungang Line), Exit 1.  
 The festival venue is about 5-min walking distance away from the station.  
**Bus**  
 From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus bound for Cheongpyeong. The festival venue is about 7-min walking distance from Cheongpyeong Bus Terminal.  
**HOMEPAGE:** www.cpfestival.net (Korean only)



## Daegwallyeong Snow Festival



**DATE:** Until Feb. 27  
**LOCATION:** Hoenggye-ri Songcheon area  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 The Daegwallyeong Snow Festival is held in the Hoenggye-ri area, which is located in Daegwanryeong-myeon, Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do. The festival will be full of events for visitors to enjoy. Daegwallyeong Snow Festival first began in 1993 and thanks to its increasing popularity each year, the festival was selected as one of the top twelve cultural festivals in Korea in the year 2000. The festival's venue, Daegwallyeong, is often referred to as the Alps of Korea due to its 700 m high valley that receives heavy snowfall every winter.  
**TRANSPORTATION:**  
**Bus**  
 From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Heonggye.  
 - Exit to the right out of Heonggye Bus Terminal.  
 - Walk along Daegwallyeong-ro Street until you reach Heonggye Rotary.  
 - Turn right onto Jangseon-gil Road and the festival is about 200 m ahead.



## Little Prince Lighting Festival of Petite France

**DATE:** Until Feb. 28  
**LOCATION:** Petite France  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 Little Prince Lighting Festival of Petite France is held throughout the Petite France Park with beautiful lighting landscapes at nighttime. Pretty buildings and night streets as well as Christmas trees are decorated with sparkling lights like a fairy tale. Adding a more romantic mood to winter nights, various event like orgel performance & explanation, marionette performance, puppet performance, magic performance, plaster art experience, and wish tree event will be available for visitors to enjoy the festival throughout Petite France.  
**TRANSPORTATION:**  
**Express/Intercity Bus**  
 Take a bus from Dong Seoul Bus Terminal or Sangbong Bus Terminal to Cheongpyeong.  
 From Cheongpyeong Terminal, take a local bus bound for Goseong-ri.  
**HOMEPAGE:** www.pfcamp.com (Korean, English, Chinese)



## Korea Grand Sale

**DATE:** Until Feb. 28  
**LOCATION:** Seoul Metropolitan Areas and major regions nationwide  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 Korea Grand Sale is an integrated festival that promotes culture, tourism and shopping to international visitors. Shopping, accommodations, transportation, entertainment, beauty and health, food and other various participating companies will be offering lots of benefits and discounts to all international tourists visiting Korea during this period.  
 In particular, many events will be held and convenient services such as free Wi-Fi, language interpretation service, information center and others will be available.  
**HOMEPAGE:** www.koreagrandsale.co.kr (Korean, English, Chinese, Japanese)



## Byeokchoji Botanical Garden Lighting Festival

**DATE:** Until March 3  
**LOCATION:** The Botanical Garden BCJ (Byeokchoji)  
**INTRODUCTION:**  
 Byeokchoji Botanical Garden features Paju's sole lighting festival close to nature. The festival is held every year from mid-November to early-March. Visitors can enjoy this festival in the

venue which is a famous filming spot for more than 100 dramas, movies, advertisements, and music videos annually.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Taxi**

Approx. 20 min from Paju Station (Gyeongui-Jungang Line)

**HOMEPAGE:** www.bcj.co.kr (Korean only)

**Lighting Festival at The Garden of Morning Calm**



**DATE:** Until March 31

**LOCATION:** Main gardens

**INTRODUCTION:**

Held at the Garden of Morning Calm, the Lighting Festival is the biggest festival of lights in Korea, covering 100 thousand pyeong illuminated by 30,000 lights. The gleaming lights add a festive glow to the garden during the winter season. The main gardens are Hakyung Garden, Hometown House Garden, Bonsai Garden, Moonlight Garden, Sky Path and Garden of Eden, with colorful lights adorning the trees. In the event of inclement weather, lights may be turned off for safety.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Bus**

■ From Sangbong Bus Terminal or Dong Seoul Bus Terminal take a bus bound for Cheongpyeong Bus Terminal.

**Or,**

- Take bus No. 1330 at Cheongnyangni Transfer Center (in front of Lotte Department Store).

- Get off at the Cheongpyeong Bus Terminal.

■ From Cheonpyeong Terminal, take a bus bound for The Garden of Morning Calm.

**Subway**

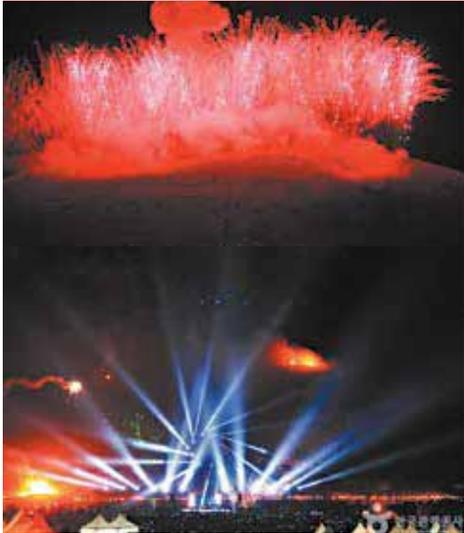
- Cheongpyeong Station (Gyeongchun

Line), Exit 1.

- Go left until you reach the 3-way intersection and turn right.
- Continue straight toward the Cheongpyeong Catholic Church.
- Pass by Cheongpyeong Elementary School, turn left, and you will see the Cheonpyeong Bus Terminal.
- From the terminal, take a bus bound for The Garden of Morning Calm.
- Alternatively, take the Gapyeong City Tour Bus.

**HOMEPAGE:** www.morningcalm.co.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

**Jeju Fire Festival**



**DATE:** March 10- March 10

**LOCATION:** Saebyeol Oreum

**INTRODUCTION:**

Jeju Fire Festival is held to pray for a good harvest and good health in the new year. Various folk games and hands-on programs are available, and the beautiful natural environment of Jeju Island makes the festival even more enjoyable.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Bus**

■ From Jeju International Airport, take Bus 100 to Jeju Intercity Bus Terminal.

■ From Jeju Intercity Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus bound for Pyeonghwa-ro Road.

Get off at Hwajeon Village .

\* Shuttle buses available during the festival period.

\* Transportation inquiries:

Tourism Policy Division (+82-2-64-728-2751), Air Traffic Division (+82-2-64-728-3191), Information Officers (+82-2-64-728-2021)

**HOMEPAGE:** buriburi.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

**Jindo Miracle Sea Road Festival**



**DATE:** March 21- March 24

**LOCATION:** Area of Hoedong-ri, Gogunmyeon, Jindo-gun

**INTRODUCTION:**

Once a year at Jindo Island in Jeollanam-do, the sea mysteriously parts and visitors can walk through the sea from the main island to a smaller nearby island. This phenomenon is due to the buildup of pebbles and sand created over time with the tide, creating a 2.8-kilometer-long road measuring 40-60 meters in width that appears at extreme low-tide.

The Jindo Miracle Sea Road Festival takes place at the same time as this phenomenon. Visitors can enjoy walking along the sea road, gathering abalone and various other fun activities that make up the festival program. The spectacular sight of the sea parting is widely known and about half a million visitors flock from all over the world just to witness this amazing event.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Express/Intercity Bus**

Take a bus from Seoul Central City Terminal or Dong Seoul Bus Terminal to Jindo.

**Bus**

From Jindo Bus Terminal, take the Gagye-Hoedong or Songgun-Hoedong bus

Get off at Hoedong.

Go 40m along the sea to reach the festival venue.

**HOMEPAGE:** tour.jindo.go.kr (Korean, English)

**Yeongdeok Snow Crab Festival**



**DATE:** March 21- March 24

**LOCATION:** Gangguhang Port area

**INTRODUCTION:**

Yeongdeok Snow Crab Festival is an annual event that celebrates local snow crabs, which were once served to the kings. Among festival highlights, the Snow Crab Public Auction as well as the snow crab market are the most popular. In addition, visitors can ride a snow crab fishing boat, participate in a snow crab cooking competition, and sample various snow crab dishes for free.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Bus**

From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Yeongdeok.

**Taxi**

Approx. 10 min from Yeongdeok Bus Terminal.

**HOMEPAGE:** ydcrabfestival.com (Korean only)

**Taeon Tulip Festival**



**DATE:** April 13 - May 12

**LOCATION:** Korea Flower Park

**INTRODUCTION:**

Taeon Tulip Festival offers excellent photo opportunities for both local residents and tourists alike with beautiful and vibrant tulips in full bloom. The festival



venue is divided into sections, which are decorated in different themes, allowing visitors to enjoy the sight of colorful tulips among creative and fun backdrops.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

**Bus**

From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Taeon.

From Taeon Intercity Bus Terminal, take a village bus bound for Gomseom and get off at Morenon Bus Stop.

**HOMEPAGE:** www.koreaflowerpark.com (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

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### Concerts

#### K.Will

Gwangju, Feb. 9, 6 p.m., Kimdaejung Convention Center - Multi-Purpose Auditorium, 88,000-99,000-121,000-132,000 won.

#### Kim Hyun Joong

Seoul, Feb. 9 & 10, 6 p.m., Blue Square Imarket Hall, Daegu, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., Chunma Arts Center Grand Hall, Busan, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Busan KBS Hall, 121,000 won.

#### Eric Nam

Seoul, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., Feb. 5 p.m., Blue Square Imarket Hall, 99,000 won.

**Bohemian 'Rhapsody Queen' Concert in Korea & Freddie Mercury's Undisclosed Photos Exhibition**  
Busan, Feb. 16, 3 & 7 p.m., BEXCO Auditorium, 60,000-80,000-100,000-120,000 won.

#### Urban Music Concert #6 featuring Standing Egg, The Ade

Seoul, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., COEX Auditorium, 70,000 won.

#### Urban Music Concert #6 featuring Yang Da-il, 1415

Seoul, Feb. 17, 4 p.m., COEX Auditorium, 70,000 won.

#### Maroon5

Seoul, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Gocheok Sky Dome, 77,000-99,000-121,000-132,000-143,000 won.

#### Josh Groban

Seoul, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Jamsil Indoor Stadium, 132,000-165,000-220,000 won.



#### Lim Taekyung

Seoul, Mar. 2, 7 p.m., LG Arts Center, 88,000-99,000-121,000 won.

#### Astro

Seoul, Mar. 2, 2 & 7 p.m., Olympic Park Olympic Hall, 45,000 won.

#### O.When

Seoul, Mar. 9, 6 p.m., Art Center Grand Theater, Hongik University, 66,000-77,000-88,000 won.

#### Dynamic Duo

Seoul, Mar. 9, 6 p.m., LOTTE Concert Hall, 33,000-66,000-88,000-99,000-110,000 won.

#### Jae Rim Choi

Seoul, Mar. 9, 7 p.m., Mar. 10, 4 p.m., Baekam Art Hall, 77,000-88,000 won.

#### Years & Years

Seoul, Mar. 10, 6 p.m., Blue Square

Imarket Hall, 110,000 won.

#### Crush

Seoul, Mar. 10, 6 p.m., LOTTE Concert Hall, 33,000-66,000-88,000-99,000-110,000 won.

#### Thomas Quasthoff

Seoul, Mar. 19, 8 p.m., LG Arts Center, 40,000-60,000-80,000-100,000 won.

#### Tom Odell

Seoul, Mar. 18, 8 p.m., Blue Square Imarket Hall, 88,000 won.

#### T-Square

Seoul, Mar. 23, 6 p.m., Sang Myung University, Sang Myung Art Center, Main Theater, 88,000-99,000-110,000 won.



#### Jim Gaffigan

Seoul, Apr. 2, 8 p.m., ECC Samsung Hall, 77,000 won.

#### Ed Sheeran

Incheon, Apr. 21, 6 p.m., Songdo Moonlight Festival Park, 110,000-121,000-132,000 won.

#### Kraftwerk

Seoul, Apr. 26, 8 p.m., Olympic Park Olympic Hall, 99,000-110,000 won.



#### Chucho Valdes

Seoul, Sep. 17, 8 p.m., LG Arts Center, 40,000-60,000-80,000-100,000 won.

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**Answer**

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- 39 Doomed one
- 41 iPhone assistant
- 42 Send to a specialist
- 44 Belly button
- 46 Restroom sign
- 47 Bone-boring tool
- 49 Replant timber
- 51 Befitting a king
- 53 Courtroom request
- 54 Out of control
- 57 Drink of the gods
- 61 Musical based on "La boheme"
- 62 Like some tumors
- 64 Unit of measure
- 65 More eccentric
- 66 Bratty talk
- 67 Genealogy diagram
- 68 Repulsive
- 69 Pony's gait

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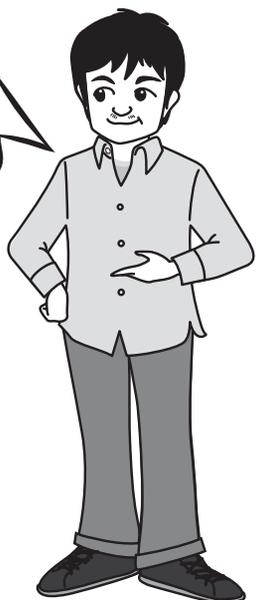
- 2 Computer symbol
- 3 Word with up or down
- 4 It has 100 seats
- 5 Sign of an injury
- 6 Theme of the 1968 movie "Where Eagles Dare"
- 7 Final, e.g.
- 8 Tooth trouble
- 9 Salad follower
- 10 Flower used in herbal teas
- 11 "Wait your turn!"
- 12 Guys-only party
- 13 Pulled apart
- 18 Coronet
- 22 Carry on
- 24 Big name in cameras
- 26 Lifeless
- 27 Bekins worker
- 28 First choice
- 29 Like some calendars
- 31 Societal norms
- 32 Out of \_\_\_\_\_
- 35 Pivoting bar
- 38 Ancient drug for grief
- 40 Petroleum plant
- 43 Temper tantrum
- 45 Successful dieter
- 48 UN member
- 50 Get a new actor for
- 52 Lavin or Blair
- 54 Worry
- 55 Derriere
- 56 New England fishes
- 58 Ski lift
- 59 Moreover
- 60 Staff symbol
- 63 Parrot or puppy

**Answers to Previous Crossword:**

M	O	O	T	S	C	U	D	B	A	W	A	L	S	
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## DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 90% of the world's seaweed used for consumption comes from South Korea. Although most associate seaweed with sushi, many folks enjoy just eating it by itself. In South Korea, a traditional birthday dish is seaweed soup.



## Hangul of the week



Nun ( Snow )

## Language Lesson

What time is it?

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## SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Easy

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			2	4				3
	9			7	1	4		
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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.

**Answers to Previous Sudoku:**

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