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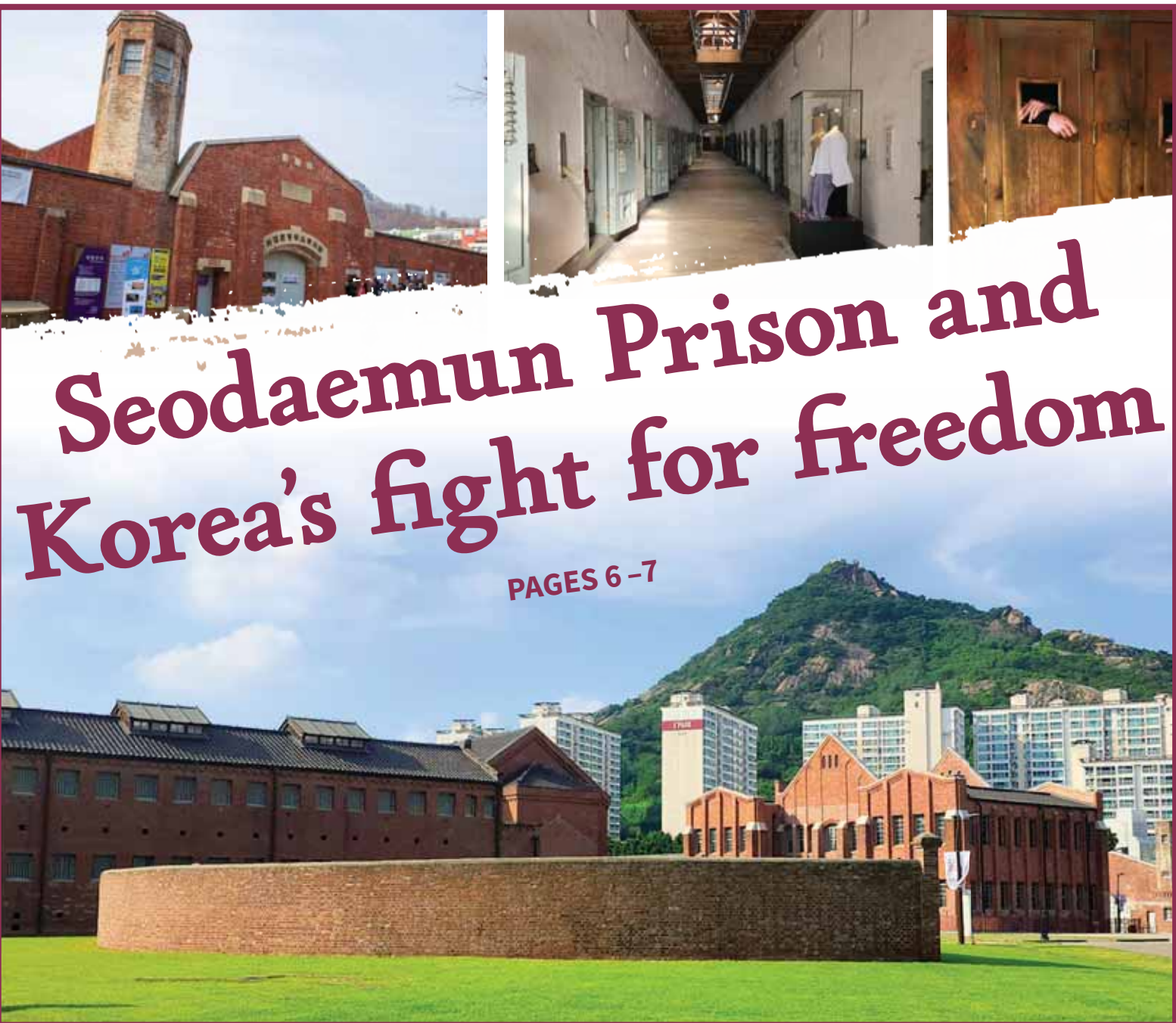


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Chaplain helps save airman after pit viper bite

STORY AND PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JESSICA MUN,
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Capt. Joseph Kim

OSAN AIR BASE – The sharp strike was immediate, a searing pain that felt like a hammer slamming into his fingertip – except the pain never eased.

On July 5, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Haskins, 607th Air Operations Center survival, evasion, resistance, escape specialist was spending a Sunday afternoon at Buraksan Park with his Bible study group when he suffered a venomous pit viper bite.

Haskins's children explored the wooded trails while the adults gathered nearby. His 4-year-old son first spotted the snake, then called his 10-year-old brother over to carefully capture it. They brought it proudly before their father.

"My son came up and said, 'Dad, I caught a snake, and it's not venomous,'" said Haskins.

Years of survival training immediately told Haskins otherwise.

As his son approached him, Haskins recognized the triangular head shape and its box-like features, both tell-tale signs of a venomous pit viper.

Immediately going into dad mode without alarming his son, Haskins calmly took the snake and began pointing out the features that distinguished it from harmless species.

As he explained why the snake was dangerous, his son noticed how tightly he was holding it and expressed his concern for the pit viper's life.

"I told him, 'No, I'm not going to kill the snake. I just don't want to get bit,'" said Haskins.

Wanting to assuage his son's unease, Haskins loosened his grip involuntarily.

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Seoul essentials:
Understanding Korea's capital

Seoul is more than a city. It is movement, emotion, history, flavor, beauty, chaos, harmony, and innovation woven together into one unforgettable experience. It is a world where ancient palaces stand beside glass skyscrapers, where quiet riverside paths blend with neon-lit nightlife, where tradition and modernity coexist effortlessly.

The spirit of Seoul

Seoul feels alive. It moves fast but welcomes gently. It shines brightly but holds quiet corners. It is competitive yet warm. It is bold yet emotional. Seoul is a city built by people who rose from hardship and rebuilt their world with ambition and heart.

The neighborhoods every American should know

1. Myeongdong — Shopping & Energy
A vibrant district filled with shops, street food, brand stores, and cosmetic boutiques. Loud, colorful, fun, and perfect for first-time visitors.

2. Hongdae — Youth, Music, Art
Street performances, indie artists, cafés, nightlife, creativity. A place filled with artistic spirit and youthful energy.

3. Insadong — Traditional Culture
Tea houses, handmade crafts, calligraphy, antiques. Perfect for travelers who want to feel the old soul of Korea.

4. Itaewon — International, Diverse, Familiar
Home to people from all over the world. Great for Americans looking for English menus, global food, and a multicultural atmosphere.

5. Gangnam — Modern, Stylish, High-End
Luxury shops, business districts, trendy restaurants, and the famous “Gangnam

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Style” vibe. Fast, polished, and very modern.

6. Han River — Peace in the Middle of Motion
A space where locals relax, ride bikes, picnic, and enjoy the simplicity of life. Go at sunset — you’ll understand why Koreans love this place.

Food experiences you shouldn't miss

Korean BBQ: A must. Cook meat at the table, share side dishes, experience the warm spirit of eating together.

Street Food: Try the spicy rice cakes, sweet pancakes, fish cake skewers, and Korean-style corn dogs.

Traditional Tea Houses: Peaceful and deeply cultural. Perfect for slowing down.

Cafés: Seoul's café scene is world-class. Some are themed. Some are artistic. Some feel like warm sanctuaries.

Transportation: Your Best Friend
Seoul's subway system is:

- clean
- safe
- affordable
- reliable

- extremely easy to navigate

Use a transportation card and you'll move around effortlessly.

Safety and comfort
Seoul is one of the safest cities in the world. You can walk at night with confidence. People are helpful.
Lost items are often returned. This sense of safety gives Seoul its calm, trusting atmosphere.

Emotional highlights of Seoul
There are moments in Seoul that stay with you:

- a quiet walk through a palace garden
- the warmth of a local restaurant owner
- the glow of neon reflecting on rainy streets
- laughter from a nearby café
- the sound of the river at night
- a stranger offering help without hesitation

These small, emotional experiences reveal the heart of the city.

Why Americans fall in love with Seoul
Because Seoul touches every part of your senses: Taste. Sight. Energy. Emotion. Warmth. Human connection.
Korea's capital is not just a destination — it's an experience that follows you long after you leave. Seoul is memory, movement, and magic.



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Korea Tip of the Day

Save with Karrot, Korea's top secondhand app

BY HYEMIN LEE,
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One of the biggest challenges newcomers face in Korea is figuring out where to buy affordable household items and, most importantly, how to get rid of them before PCSing. Unlike in the States, Korea doesn't have many second-hand shops. Instead, most Koreans rely on Karrot (Danggeun 당근), the most popular app in Korea for buying and selling used items. Karrot also serves as a local lifestyle platform where millions of Koreans check daily for neighborhood news, recommendations, meetups and even lost-and-found posts. Check out how to use the app step by step so you can save money and connect with your local community!

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FEATURES OF THE KARROT APP

1. Find secondhand items at affordable prices

On Karrot, you can find almost anything you need for daily life, including furniture, home appliances, clothing, baby strollers, bicycles, kitchenware and more. (Keep in mind that certain items such as alcohol and medicine are not allowed for sale.) Prices are usually affordable, and many sellers offer big discounts when they need to move quickly.

Many neighbors who simply want to clear space even post items for free. Many Koreans replace furniture not because it's broken, but because they want a new interior style or an upgraded model. Since the official disposal process usually requires buying a paid sticker from the local government, many people find more value in giving their items away to someone who needs them through Karrot.

So, if you're lucky, you may pick up high-quality furniture and household goods at no cost. You can also donate your items when you need to move.

2. Connect with your local community

Another useful feature of Karrot is the Local Life (동네생활) board, where neighbors exchange information, ask questions, and share about everyday life in the neighborhoods. Posts include restaurant recommendations, pet care, fitness and childcare tips, beauty salons, medical clinics, housing, moving services and more.

I also used this feature when I moved to Pyeongtaek a few years ago. I asked

for a hair salon recommendation and many residents replied to my post. That's how I found a great shop where I still go today.

Neighbors also share updates if a major incident happens nearby. One of the most common uses is helping find lost pets. Owners upload photos of missing cats or dogs while others share sightings or offer temporary shelter.

3. Join meetups in neighborhood communities

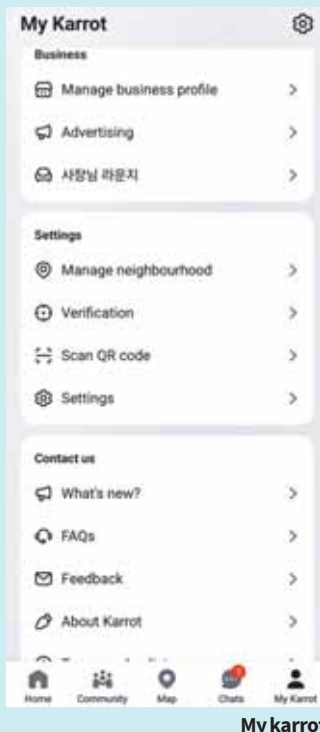
Karrot also offers a feature where users create small meet ups based on their interests, such as hiking, language exchanges, workouts, parties or volunteer activities like helping animal shelters. These groups are popular because they allow people to share hobbies and socialize in a safe, healthy way.

Joining is simple. Browse the available groups around your area in the Meet Ups (모임) board and tap to join. Some groups may ask for certain age ranges or gender requirements, so make sure to check the group description first. For newcomers, this can be a good way to meet locals and make friends outside the base.

■ **BE CAUTIOUS:** Some groups may use Meet Ups for cult-related recruitment. If you ever feel pressured to attend suspicious gatherings, it's safest to walk away.

4. Discover local businesses

Small business owners and service providers can also post advertisements such as restaurant promotions, home rental posts, secondhand cars and job openings. You can discover hidden gems around your neighborhood and connect directly with the people running them.



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Lost pets



Meet ups

Speakin' Korean

BY HYEMIN LEE,
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Useful phrases for Karrot app users

Here are some easy Korean phrases you can use when chatting with sellers or buyers on Karrot. Typing a few short sentences in Korean will make your deal smoother. Even if you're not confident in Korean, sending just "Annyeonghaseyo (안녕하세요)" before your English message makes the conversation more polite and friendly.

Greetings

- Hello: Annyeonghaseyo (안녕하세요)
- Thank you: Gamsahamnida (감사합니다)

Asking for understanding

- I'm not good at Korean, I hope you can understand.: Hangukeo jal mot-haeyo, ihaehae juseyo. (한국어 잘 못해요, 이해해 주세요.)
- I'm using a translator app.: Beonyeokgi sseugo isseoyo. (번역기 쓰고 있어요.)

When asking about an item

- Is this still available?: Ajik itnayo? (아직 있나요?)
- How much is it?: Eolmayeyo? (얼마예요?)
- Can you give me a small discount?: Jogeum kkakka-jusil su innayo? (조금 깎아주실 수 있나요?)

- Is it free?: Muryo-yeyo? (무료예요?)

Making plans to meet

- Where should we meet?: Eodiseo mannal-kkayo? (어디서 만날까요?)
- What time works for you?: Myeot sie gwaenchaneuseyo? (몇 시에 괜찮으세요?)
- Shall we meet in front of the subway station?: Jihacheol-yeok apeseo mannal-kkayo? (지하철역 앞에서 만날까요?)

Completing the deal

- Is it okay if I pay in cash?: Hyeongum-euro deuryeodo doel-kkayo? (현금으로 드려도 될까요?)
- Thank you, I'll make good use of it!: Gamsa-hamnida, jal sseu-ge-sseum-nida! (감사합니다, 잘 쓰겠습니다!)



Capt. Joseph Kim and Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Haskins are all smiles at on off-base hospital. Courtesy photo

CHAPLAIN: No time to waste

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In an instant, the snake twisted its head and struck, sinking its fang into his middle finger.

Understanding the urgency of the situation, Haskins sprang into motion and alerted his wife, letting her know that they needed to go to the hospital immediately.

“From my training, I knew there was nothing medically you can do when you get bit by a venomous snake,” said Haskins. “You have to go seek medical professional help to get antivenom administered.”

After leaving their kids under the care of their friends, the couple prepared to leave the park. Haskins’s wife contacted Osan Air Base’s Urgent Care Clinic, which advised them to seek treatment at a local Korean hospital as they did not carry the necessary antivenom.

Then, another concern surfaced.

“We’re about to leave Buraksan Park when my wife looks over at me and says, ‘You and I don’t speak Korean. We can’t just go into a local hospital and try to Google Translate everything to get you care. It’ll be a nightmare,’” said Haskins.

She immediately called Capt. Joseph Kim, 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group chaplain, who had been attending the same Bible study.

Kim sprinted from the picnic tables to their vehicle.

“I didn’t know it was that serious then,” said Kim. “But when I got the call asking me to come with them, I was like, ‘Absolutely!’”

Unsure which hospital carried antivenom, Kim called Korea’s 119 emergency dispatch and communicated directly with emergency responders in Korean, who advised them to stay where they were and an ambulance would be on its way shortly.

With the ambulance more than 10 minutes away and the swelling getting worse, Kim called the emergency dispatch back to see if they could drive themselves.

“We didn’t want to waste any more time,” said Kim. “I asked them, ‘Can you identify which facility actually has antivenom?’”

Once he received confirmation on which hospital had the medication Haskins needed, Kim drove the couple there while continuing to translate between medical personnel and the family.

“I kept saying to him over and over again, ‘I’m so grateful that you were here during this because it would have been drastically different,’” said Haskins.

Roughly an hour and 40 minutes after the bite, Haskins finally received antivenom and after three days in the hospital, Haskins returned to duty with only slight numbness remaining in his fingertip.

The successful outcome reflected more than quick thinking; it was the product of readiness, resilience and relationships built every day.

“We are in the business of defending freedom and defending our country, and we need to be ready not just physically, but also spiritually, mentally and socially,” said Kim. “That is the warfighter spirit that enables the success of our mission.”

As the group chaplain, Kim embodies that spirit by providing counseling, relationship enrichment classes, resilience training and unit engagement.

“Bottom line, we’ve got to know the people,” said Kim. “We have to be purposeful every week that we go out. Developing those relationships builds trust and promotes better crisis response.”

Looking back, Kim encourages Airmen to see his actions not as extraordinary, but as an example of how anyone can make a difference by stepping forward when others need help.

“I hope people can see they can do the same thing,” said Kim. “Not because I’m an officer or a chaplain, but that they can do the same in their own capability, in their own shop, with other Airmen and their families. When the opportunity comes, they can step up and help others.”

HOW TO USE THE KARROT APP

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD THE APP AND REGISTER

Search “Karrot” or “당근” in the App Store or Google Play. Sign up for Karrot with your phone number. Creating an account requires identity verification through your mobile carrier, which is linked to personal information such as your passport or alien registration number.

Note: Many Korean apps, including Karrot, require identity verification when signing up. If you plan to get an Alien Registration Card (ARC) to make daily life in Korea easier, please check the guide on how to obtain one.



ARC GUIDE

STEP 2: CHANGE THE LANGUAGE (OPTIONAL)

Go to My Karrot (나의 당근) and scroll down to Settings. Then select Language settings and choose English.

Please keep in mind that many menus and item descriptions may still appear in Korean. Most foreigners use the app with help from translation apps like Papago or Google Translate.



STEP 2

STEP 3: VERIFY YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Karrot is built on trust between neighbors, so it requires you to verify your location using GPS. You can register up to two neighborhoods, helping you reach more buyers and sellers in different areas.

For example, you can set one neighborhood to where you live, and the other in an area you often visit or prefer. Busy districts in Seoul like Hongdae or Gangnam tend to have more options for quality items at lower prices, and they also offer more events and meet-up groups compared to suburban areas.

Please note that Karrot requires location verification (동네 인증) to fully set a district as your neighborhood. This means you’ll need to physically visit the area and open the app there. Without verification, you can still browse items in that area, but you won’t be able to start a chat or make a deal.



STEP 3



STEP 4-1

STEP 4-1: POST AN ITEM (IF YOU’RE A SELLER)

- Take clear photos from multiple angles.
- Click Post on the Home board and select Selling My Item (내 물건 팔기).
- Write a title and description, set the price (or mark as free), and add the location where you’ll meet.

STEP 4-2: BROWSE ITEMS (IF YOU’RE A BUYER)

Use the search bar at the top right of the Home board. Keep in mind it usually works best with Korean keywords, so use translation apps if needed. Many free items are posted daily but disappear quickly since most sellers give them to the first person who messages. So, act fast!

Before contacting a seller, check their profile and reviews from past deals. This will help you avoid unreliable users.



STEP 4-2

STEP 5: CHAT WITH BUYERS OR SELLERS

All communication happens inside Karrot’s chat, keeping your phone number private. If you’re selling, buyers will message you and you’ll get a notification.

If you’re buying, send a polite message. Many users appreciate a short greeting in Korean such as “안녕하세요” (Hello). If you’re using a translation app, let them know.

Whether you’re buying or selling, be respectful and responsive as Karrot encourages users to build trust with neighbors.

Please note:

- Confirm the price (negotiation is common, but not guaranteed).
- Decide the exact location and time. Sellers often send a map pin.
- Agree on payment. Koreans usually transfer money via bank app after checking the item, but paying cash on the spot is also fine.

STEP 6: MEET & COMPLETE THE DEAL

Most people meet in public spots like a café entrance, subway station or grocery store parking lot. Since you’re buying secondhand, it’s always smart to double-check before paying.

Please note:

- Inspect the item carefully before paying.
- Once the exchange is complete, mark the item as Sold in the app.
- When a deal goes smoothly, users usually leave reviews for each other. So if you had a good experience, don’t forget to leave a short review for the person you traded with. Positive reviews from other users can help build your reputation for future deals.

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Seodaemun Prison and Korea's fight for freedom

BY HYEMIN LEE,
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Amid many historical places in Seoul, Seodaemun Prison History Hall holds some of the heaviest memories in Korea's modern history. Built in 1908, it became one of the most notorious prisons where countless independence activists were locked away, tortured and never returned home. Today, the prison is preserved as a museum, but it feels more like a memorial and a symbol of resistance. Some visitors say the air here feels colder and heavier in certain corners as if the past still lingers.

Seodaemun Prison is now visited by students, families and travelers who come to learn and connect with history. For many, it is a chance to see that modern Korea's rapid development wasn't just built on economics alone but also on the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom.

History of Seodaemun Prison and the March 1st Movement

Seodaemun Prison was built in 1908 during the final years of the Korean Empire and soon became one of the most infamous tools of Japanese colonial rule. Its darkest role deepened after the March 1st Movement in 1919, the largest nationwide nonviolent demonstration for independence from Japan. On that day, more than two million Koreans, including young students, filled the streets and risked their lives to declare Korea's right to exist. The protests were brutally suppressed; thousands were killed and tens of thousands were arrested. Many of them were brought to this prison. During the Japan's occupation of Korea (1910-1945), Seodaemun Prison stood as a place where activists, students, religious leaders and ordinary people who dared to resist were tortured and executed.

Explore Seodaemun Prison History Hall

■ Inside the prison walls

The prison complex is large, spanning from the main hall to basement cells and smaller buildings. Unlike many other museums, this place confronts visitors with a darker side of history that's painful to face but impossible to ignore. Visitors can still step into the narrow cells where imprisoned activists once spent months or years. Photographs, diaries and records show the faces of those held here.

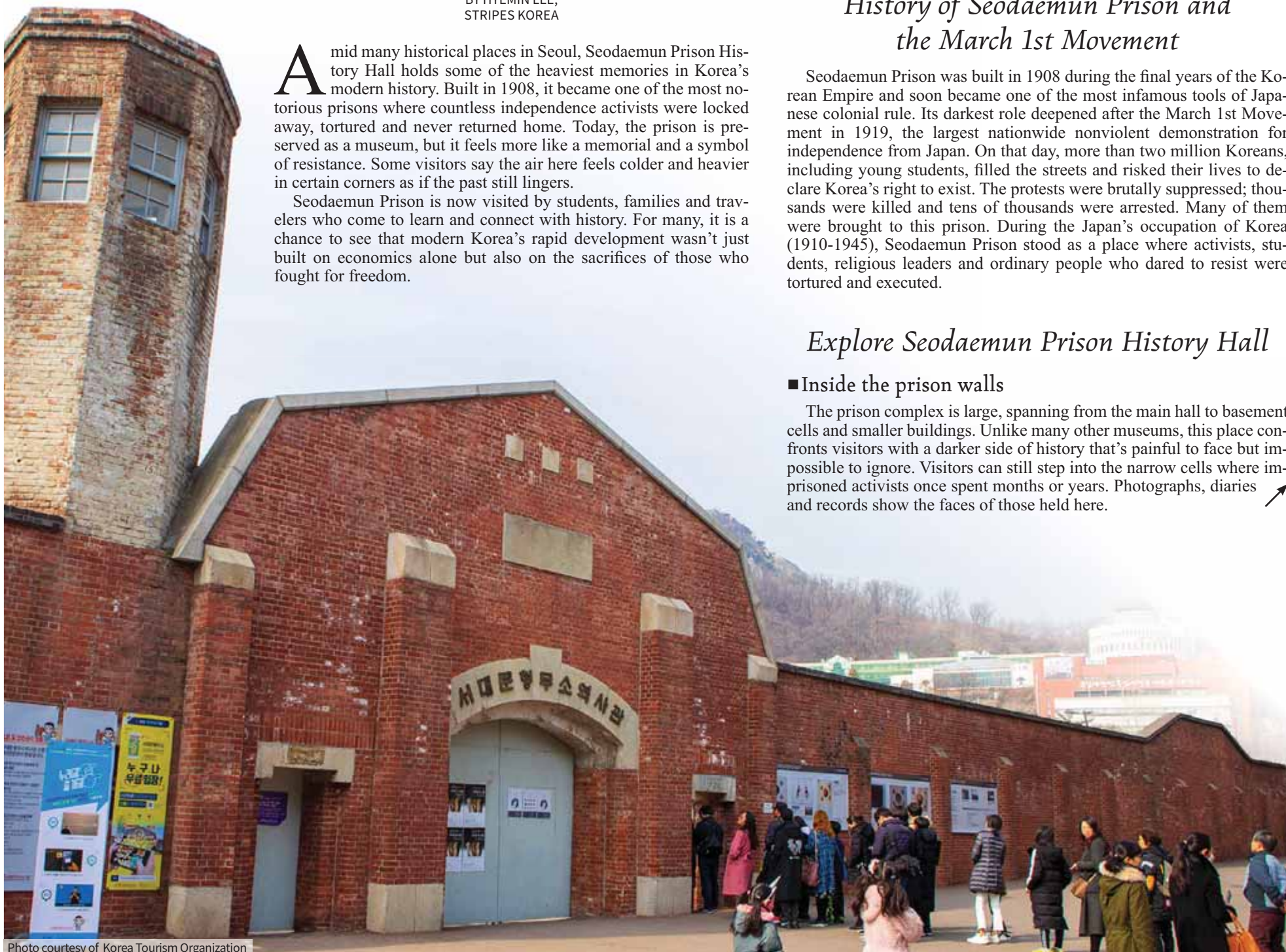
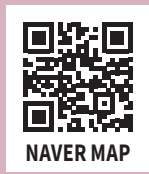


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Things to know



ADDRESS: 251 Tongil-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul (Near Line 3, Dongnimmun Station Exit 5)
HOURS: 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Closed on Mondays, Chuseok and Seollal)
ADMISSION: Adults: 3,000 won / Youth: 1,500 won / Children: 1,000 won / Free for ages 65 and older and children 6 and younger

■ Faces of freedom fighters

Yu Gwan-sun, who at 16 helped organize demonstrations during the March 1st Movement, is one of the most respected figures held at Seodaemun Prison. The young mission school student grew up with a strong sense of dignity and conviction, and her courage never wavered despite being brutally beaten and tortured during her time at the prison. Yu continued to cry out for independence and held on to her faith until she died in 1920.

Walking through the National Resistance Room II filled with photographs of imprisoned independence fighters, I felt a heavy weight. Many were teenagers, half my age, who risked and lost their lives for a free Korea. Today, their peers worry about exams and friendships. It is easy to take freedom for granted when we live in a peaceful, democratic society. Standing inside these walls made me realize how much freedom cost. My ordinary routines like speaking my language freely and writing about Korea are all possible because someone before me was willing to fight against fear and oppression.



A prisoner record card in the National Resistance Room II, which preserves nearly 5,000 inmate records.

■ Interrogation chambers

One spot that visitors never miss is the underground interrogation chambers, which reveal how torture was used as a deliberate tool of colonial control. Japanese authorities used systematic violence to crush the spirit of resistance and instill fear, making their rule one of the harshest examples of colonial repression in modern history.

The displays show the actual tools used to torture prisoners. There are iron clubs for beatings, ropes and basins for water torture where victims were hung upside down, pliers that pulled out fingernails and spiked boxes that tore into prisoners as they were shaken inside. One of the common methods was skewer torture, where sharp sticks were pushed under fingernails or into teeth.

The museum also includes a model of the narrow torture room that visitors can step inside. This method forced prisoners into a tiny standing box where they could barely move, causing total physical collapse and extreme psychological trauma.

Many prisoners died due to the severe torture practiced at the prison. Even those who survived lived with permanent disabilities and trauma afterward.



■ A place where many lost souls dwell

In the backyard, there is an old execution building. Beside it is a hidden passage called the “Secret Corpse Passageway,” once used by guards to secretly remove the bodies of those who died under torture and execution. Today, this area is where visitors say they have experienced ghost sightings. Many visitors claim to have seen something or say the air feels different there. The tragedies that occurred here less than a century ago lend to a heavy atmosphere. However, what we remember here is not fear, but the spirit of courage, the dignity of those who refused to surrender and the reminder that freedom is never free.



Photos by Hyemin Lee, Stripes Korea

The legacy of resistance

By the late 19th century, while Korea was beginning to open after a long period of isolation, Japan had already modernized and defeated Qing China (1895) and later Russia (1905), rising as the most powerful empire in Asia. To Koreans, the empire must have seemed unstoppable and terrifying. Resistance looked like trying to break a rock with an egg, fragile and doomed to shatter. Yet countless Koreans still gathered to shout for freedom, refusing to lose their national spirit. Their courage spread like fire and even in the darkest times the flame endured.

Korea’s liberation in 1945 came with Japan’s defeat in the Pacific War, but dismissing the independence movements as insignificant would be to miss their impact. The March 1st Movement ignited a flame that led to the Provisional Government in Shanghai, later becoming the foundation of today’s Republic of Korea. The Constitution affirms this spirit as part of the nation’s legitimacy.

March 1 is now celebrated as a national holiday to honor those who never gave up. That unbroken spirit planted the seed of Korea’s modern identity and proved that resistance was never in vain even when victory seemed impossible.

Today, Seodaemun Prison stands as a paradoxical place. Once it was the most feared prison, but now it is a symbol of courage against oppression. Visitors come to remember this dark history and the sacrifices made for freedom.



Yu Gwan-sun, who at 16 helped organize demonstrations during the March 1st Movement.



■ Foreign visitors

For foreign visitors, most exhibits include English text under Korean and some sections also provide Japanese and Chinese. The museum offers guided tours in Korean, English, Japanese and Chinese, but reservations must be made in advance online so please check the available schedule on their website. Even if you don’t join a tour, many exhibits feature QR codes that allow you to access a multilingual audio guide through your phone.



Reservation for a guide tour

■ Families with children

Although the museum covers painful history, it is also a popular destination for families, school groups and even couples because of its strong educational value. Through photographs, videos and interactive displays, the museum retells the history and stories of those who were imprisoned here. Even many younger visitors find that the experience sparks meaningful conversations with their parents. Many teachers note that it helps their students appreciate what they have now and many even become more interested in historical topics afterward.

■ Best times to visit

Korea has two major national holidays, honoring the spirit of independence and liberation from Japan: March 1 (Independence Movement Day) and August 15 (Liberation Day). Around these dates, Seodaemun Prison hosts festivals that run for several days, making them the best times for families to visit. During these festivals, admission is free for all visitors and many events take place, including ceremonies, reenactments and hands-on activities such as role-playing independence missions, creating miniature terrariums with the Korean flag and making bracelets or cookies.

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Top 5 activities to enjoy in trendy area

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Hongdae is one of the trendiest neighborhoods in Seoul with shopping, dining, entertainment and nightlife all in one place! Full of youthful energy and endless things to try, you'll always stumble upon something new and exciting here. To help you make the most of your visit, here are the top five activities to enjoy in Hongdae!

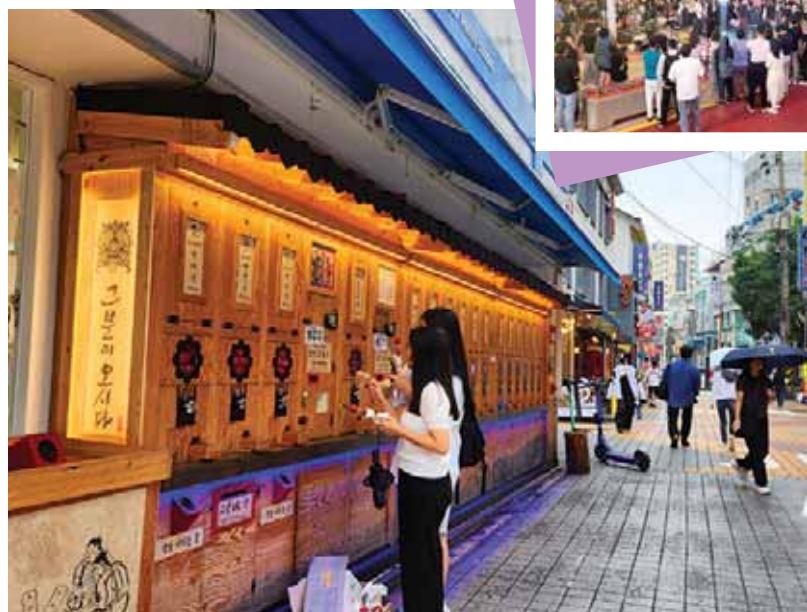
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How to get to Hongdae

Hongdae refers to the area around the Hongik University campus, and it's easily accessible from three subway stations:

- Hongik University Station (Line 2, AREX Airport Railroad, Gyeongui-Jungang Line)
- Hapjeong Station (Line 2, Line 6)
- Sangsu Station (Line 6)

You can start your journey from any of these stations to enjoy this neighborhood, as everything is within walking distance.



Pizza Never Sleeps



Photos courtesy of Pizza Never Sleeps

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Explore the best eateries

Hongdae is one of the great spots to dine out. The streets are filled with diverse eateries featuring not only Korean delicacies, but also other international cuisines. You'll be drooling over the many street food options and restaurants. Make sure to come to Hongdae with an empty stomach to enjoy the delicious treats to your heart's content!

• Pizza Never Sleeps

This pizza joint is famous for its slices topped with pepperoni, fried potatoes and refreshing draft beer. Try a half-and-half pizza so you don't have to choose just one topping!

ADDRESS: 4th floor, 73, Yanghwa-ro 6-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul

HOURS: Noon–11 p.m. (Sun.–Thu.) / Noon–midnight (Fri.–Sat.)



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Photos courtesy of Pizza Never Sleeps

• Gangnam Pork Sanghoe

One of the best unlimited pork BBQ restaurants in Hongdae. With 23,900 won, you'll taste various pork barbecue cuts as well as unlimited cold noodles, fried chicken with a special sauce, soft drinks, and incredibly fresh vegetables on the side.

ADDRESS: 28 Hongik-ro 5an-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul

HOURS: 11:30 a.m – Midnight

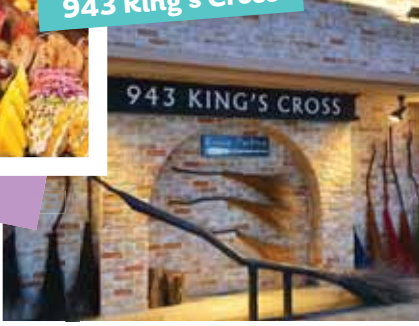


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943 King's Cross



Photos courtesy of 943 King's Cross Wizard Café



Shinleedoga



2. Visit photogenic cafés

Hongdae is a paradise for Instagram lovers who enjoy touring beautiful picture-perfect cafés. There are many different cafés in the neighborhood including animal cafés (See side bar), themed cafés, and others with amazing interiors serving artistic desserts and drinks. Don't miss capturing some amazing pics of your coffee and treats at a few of Hongdae's beautiful cafés!



Photos courtesy of Coconut Box

• Coconut Box

This café transports you to Bali in the heart of Seoul. Enjoy pastries, desserts and beverages, all beautifully crafted by skilled pâtissiers and baristas. Right next to Coconut Box is the Trick Eye Museum, a great spot for creative and unique photo opportunities.

ADDRESS: B2, 20 Hongik-ro 3-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: 9 a.m.–10 p.m. daily



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• 943 King's Cross

If you're a fan of Harry Potter, don't miss the chance to explore the magical world at this Harry Potter-themed café! Visitors can explore photo zones, complete wizard-themed missions and try desserts like Wizard Chocolate and Mandrake Cake. Admission includes one drink and a wizard package for the experience.

ADDRESS: 24 Yanghwa-ro 16-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: 11:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) / 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. (Fri.–Sun.)
ADMISSION: Adults 20,000 won / Children (12 and younger) 15,000 won / Free for children under 48 months



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• Shinleedoga (신이도가)

Shinleedoga is a stylish traditional hanok café where you can enjoy creative desserts like Teddy Bear Cake and Mango Cake paired with flavorful beverages. The café features plenty of photogenic spots, attracting many young visitors, and it connects to the next-door building, offering enough space.

ADDRESS: Jandari-ro 20-12, Mapo-gu, Seoul (near Hapjeong Station Exit 3)
HOURS: 11 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.



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4. Find your inner child

Korean teens grow up enjoying various entertainment facilities, including singing rooms, PC cafés, board game cafés, arcades, and comic book cafés with their friends after school. Hongdae is home to many of these types of businesses. Feel like a kid again and enjoy a board game or an escape room while you're visiting. Many of these entertainment spots have English-speaking staff, so gather your friends and have a blast!

• Real Escape Room Challenge

ADDRESS: 4th floor, 21, Wausan-ro 27-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.



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• Rock-Q Coin Singing Room (Noraebang)

ADDRESS: 10 Hongik-ro 6-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
FEES: 1,000 won for 3 songs or 8,000 won for 1 hour



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5. Enjoy nightlife & bar hopping

Hongdae is undoubtedly one of the best nightlife spots in Seoul alongside Gangnam and Itaewon. Among these spots, Hongdae offers a more free and comfortable vibe, catering to people of all ages, including those new to nightlife. Check out some of the fun themed bars and clubs or bar-hop to find your favorite spot.

• JASE

This trendy cocktail bar has creative drinks, a variety of snacks and adorable interior decorations.

ADDRESS: 6-11, Wausan-ro 19-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: 5 p.m. – 2 a.m.



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• Joseon Sidae (Joseon Dynasty)

Travel back to the Joseon Dynasty and enjoy traditional drinks, great Korean food and fun photo zones for cool pics with your friends.

ADDRESS: B1, 44, Hongik-ro 3-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: Noon–2:30 a.m. (Sun.–Thu.) / Noon–4 a.m. (Fri.–Sat.)



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Hang out with furry friends at animal cafés!

Enjoying cafés is a big part of Korean culture, and the country is home to a wide variety of unique cafés. Animal cafés stand out as a top tourist attraction among them. The blend of delectable desserts and cute animals continues to attract both locals and tourists, particularly in major cities like Seoul.

These cafés originally started with cat or dog themes, but now they have evolved to include even wild animals like meerkats and raccoons.

To ensure a positive and responsible experience, having a proper guide can be helpful to find cafés providing a safe and healthy environment for both the animals and visitors. In the Hongdae area of Seoul, you can explore a cluster of animal cafés conveniently located within a close distance. Visiting those cafés can give you fun and special experience of seeing adorable animals in the city. Check them out!

NOTE: South Korea now prohibits displaying wild mammals outside zoos. However, some existing businesses can continue displaying them through 2027. Also, some animal cafés operate under zoo licenses that allow them to legally display wild animals.



Photos courtesy of Thanks Nature Café



1. Thanks Nature Café

This lovely café not only serves amazing Korean desserts but also offers a unique opportunity to spend time with adorable lambs! Each year, the café owner visits Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm and carefully selects two lambs from the herd struggling to get their mother's milk due to their small or weak physique. These chosen lambs are then raised as the stars of Thanks Nature Café. With dedicated and attentive care, the lambs grow up healthy and lively. As they mature, they are returned to Daegwallyeong, and new baby lambs take their place as the new stars.

Most animal cafés tend to

focus on the interaction with animals, so they often have limited beverage and dessert menus. Also, the presence of roaming wild animals can sometimes lead to an unclean and odorous environment. However, Thanks Nature Café guarantees a leisurely time by separating the spaces for the lambs and the café area. The café also stands out for its desserts, especially its waffles and Korean shaved ice (bingsu). Another advantage is that there is no separate admission fee required unlike other animal cafés.

Enjoy a tasty dessert and hang out with fluffy, chubby lambs in Hongdae!

ADDRESS: B1, 21 Seogyo Prugio Shopping Mall, 10 Hongik-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.



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Photos courtesy of Day of Butler

2. Day of Butler

Day of Butler is home to many rescued cats and welcomes visitors to spend time with them. It also serves as self-sustaining shelter, using café proceeds to care for the abandoned cats.

Each cat here receives good care and training so most of the cats are very healthy and friendly. They enjoy playing with visitors while sitting on their laps. You'll have plenty of opportunities to pet and be surrounded by a bunch of adorable cats. Also, as the café has a spacious and clean environment, it's a great spot to enjoy a refreshing drink. If you want more attention from the residents, you can purchase cat food for 3,000 won.

The café even has an adoption program for visitors who fall in love with any of the cats there. The requirements to apply include

visiting the café at least three times to get to know the cat you're interested in adopting.

Visiting the café costs 10,000 won, drinks are a separate purchase. However, cat lovers see this fee as a donation and willingly contribute.

Please note that children aged 13 and below can only enter if accompanied by a guardian.

ADDRESS: 3F, 19-11 Wawusan-ro 21-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: Noon – 10 p.m.
ENTRANCE FEE: 10,000 won



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3. Winter's Village

This is one of Hongdae's most popular spots, so you may have to wait in line on weekends to hang out with these beautiful dogs. Winter's Village is famous for being home to over 10 Samoyeds, a Malamute and Pomeranian.

If you're looking for a café to relax at a comfortable seat with fancy desserts and beverages, this might not be for you. However, if you want to cuddle, feed and hang out with these large fluffy dogs, then head on over!

Please be aware that since the Samoyeds shed a lot, people wearing dark-colored clothes or those with allergies should be cautious. Admission is available for ages 10 and above, and children aged 13 and below can enter if accompanied by a guardian.

ADDRESS: 19-5, Wausan-ro 17-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
HOURS: 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Tuesday off)
ENTRANCE FEE: 15,000 won



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Photos courtesy of Winter's Village



4.

Table A

Table A is an indoor zoo animal café with the most diverse array of animals in Hongdae. It holds the official verification as an indoor zoo from Seoul City. As a certified zoo, Table A follows animal welfare standards and has trained caretakers looking after the animals.

The indoor zoo houses a variety of animals, including raccoons, meerkats, Fennec Foxes, and more in the five-story building. Visitors can interact with exotic animals like chinchillas and snakes under the instructions of the caretakers during specific program hours. Some animals like raccoons and cats are freely roaming around, but to catch the attention of these mischievous creatures, you might need to purchase some snacks. As there is a lot to see and enjoy, Table A assures a delightful time for visitors of all ages!

Table A also features a cat café in the next-door building, accessible with the same ticket.



Those who purchase an entrance ticket can get a 20% discount on all beverages.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a guardian during their visit.

ADDRESS: 146 Wausan-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul

HOURS: Noon – 9 p.m.

ENTRANCE FEE: 18,000 won (Both the indoor zoo and cat café for 2 hours)



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Snack away the day



Popular street foods in Hongdae!

• 32cm Ice Cream

Enjoy the challenge of finishing this long soft ice cream for 3,000 won. It's served with one or two flavors in a single ice cream cone and the options include chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, mango, yogurt, and green tea. Be mindful of holding it carefully to prevent it from falling to the ground!



• Candied Fruit (Tanghulu)

Candied fruit is a stick of fresh strawberries or grapes, coated with hardened sugar syrup. Every bite offers a great balance of sweetness and tartness.

• Marshmallow Ice Cream

Inspired by roasting marshmallows over an open fire, this sweet treat doesn't require a campfire.

Choose from the available ice cream flavors and watch as the vendor uses a blow torch to roast the outer marshmallow right before your eyes. The toasted marshmallow exterior pairs well with the creamy, ice-cold ice cream inside.



• Crepe

Crepes are a popular street dessert in Hongdae packed with sweet and colorful toppings. You can choose from combinations of fruit, Nutella, whipped cream and more, and strawberry and banana are especially popular choices.



Going on a snacking tour in Hongdae is a fun way to discover a variety of Korean foods and treats. Enjoy the snacks while strolling around the lively streets brimming with a youthful atmosphere, street performances and trendy shops. Sampling the neighborhood's street-food options has become a popular social media trend, so don't be surprised to see locals and tourists taking videos and photos of Hongdae's delicious offerings.

Street Food Street

Head to Hongdae's Street Food Alley where you'll find candied fruit skewers, waffles, cakes, donuts, ice cream and more. FYI, some famous shops may have long lines, but don't hesitate to line up as your turn will come quickly and is worth the wait.

ADDRESS: 365-17 Seogyo-dong, Mapo-gu, Seoul



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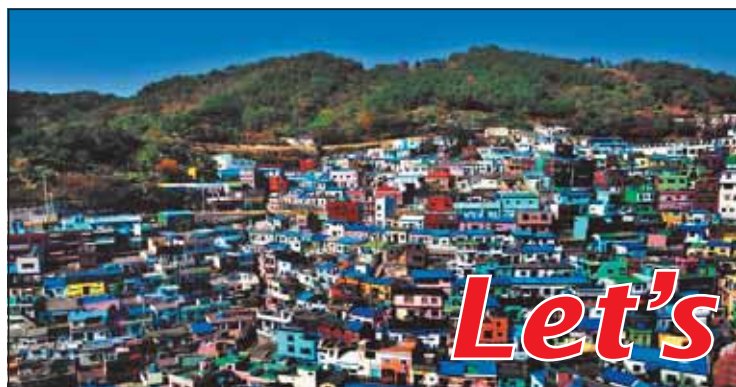
Speakin' Korean

Snacking tour

- Hello: **Annyeong-haseyo** (안녕하세요)
- Thanks: **Gamsa-hamnida** (감사합니다)
- Snack: **Gansik** (간식)

- Let's try this: **Igeo meogeo-boja** (이거 먹어보자) *Informal
- What's inside?: **Ane mwo-ga deureo-isseyo?** (안에 뭐가 들어있어요?)
- Can I have this one?: **Igeo hana juseyo** (이거 하나 주세요)

- How much is it?: **Igeo eolmayeyo?** (이거 얼마예요?)
- What is the other flavor?: **Dareun maseun mwo-yeyo?** (다른 맛은 뭐예요?)
- It's delicious!: **Masisseyo!** (맛있어요!)



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Café Main Street

a piece of New York in Pyeongtaek

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Café Main Street, a New York City-themed eatery near Pyeongtaek Port, is so popular that visitors from all over Korea are making the trek to check it out. The three-story café features a variety of food options as well as fun photo zones to transport you to the streets of the Big Apple without leaving Korea.

The café is about a 35-minute drive from Humphreys and about 40 minutes from Osan.

This popular café has plenty of parking and seating, so getting a table, even on the weekends, is never a problem. If you're heading toward Pyeongtaek's west coast, Main Street is a fun stop for a dessert and a quick taste of New York.

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Explore photo zones

The café entrance is designed to resemble a New York City subway station, and stepping inside feels like being transported to Main Street in New York City. The expansive building is filled with New York-themed murals and decorations and designed like a trick-eye art museum. So make sure to explore the photo zones on all three floors for some fun photos! Don't miss the rooftop as well because it has some amazing ocean views.



Enjoy a variety of food options

Inside the café, visitors can enjoy a variety of pastries, cakes, shakes, coffee and other beverages. Popular items include melon bread, milkshakes and drinks topped with fluffy cotton candy. The café is also especially fun to visit around Halloween and Christmas as the space is decorated for the season.



ADDRESS: 468 Gangbyeon-ro,
Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do
HOURS: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily
PHONE: 031-684-2223
PARKING: Free parking available



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Kids' café and play area

Main Street also has a kids' café with affordable prices. Though the café doesn't offer daycare services, this is a great spot for parents to enjoy a coffee and pastry while they supervise their kids in the play area.

Entrance for parents is free and there is also a seating area where parents can relax nearby while keeping an eye on their children. The kids' café has various play facilities like trampolines, slides, jungle gyms, and a zipline.

FEES: 10,000 won (3 hours)

- Free for children under 12 months who accompany a sibling paying the fee.
- No entry is allowed for those over 150 cm (4 ft 11 in).

NOTE: A gift card of 50,000 won provides free admission (buying a gift card at the counter is beneficial if spending over 50,000 won at Main Street).



Kid's café.
Photo courtesy of Main Street



Pyeongtaek Port and Seohae Bridge. Photo courtesy of Pyeongtaek City

Stop by other attractions nearby

■ Pyeongtaek Marine Center

Just a short drive from Main Street, Pyeongtaek Marine Center is a good place to enjoy wide views of Pyeongtaek Port and Seohae Bridge from the 14th floor. Visitors can also watch large ships, containers and rows of export vehicles at the port. Admission is free.

HOURS: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.



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■ Pyeongtaek Port PR Center

If you want to learn more about the port, Pyeongtaek Port PR Center is another fun stop, especially for families with kids. The free exhibition center introduces Pyeongtaek Port and it also features a small trick-art photo zone and game zone.

HOURS: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Tue.-Sat.)



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9 festivals worth traveling for this fall

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September is one of the best months to travel around Korea, as the worst of the summer heat begins to fade and the fall festival season gets underway.

From illuminated palaces and historic night tours to fireflies, flowers, food, dinosaurs, and traditional mask dancing, the month offers plenty of reasons to get out of the city and explore somewhere new.

Here are 9 festivals and events around Korea to consider this September



Gyeongbokgung Palace Starlight Night Tour Until Oct. 24 / Jongno-gu, Seoul

Gyeongbokgung Palace takes on a completely different atmosphere after sunset. The Starlight Night Tour offers visitors a chance to experience the historic royal grounds in the evening, making it a good option for anyone looking for something beyond a standard daytime palace visit.

Muju Firefly Festival Until Sept. 12 / Muju, Jeonbuk

One of Korea's better-known nature festivals, the Muju Firefly Festival celebrates the clean environment needed for fireflies to survive. The late-summer setting and nighttime focus make this one of the more distinctive September trips on the calendar.

Pyeongchang Hyoseok Cultural Festival Until Sept. 13 / Pyeongchang, Gangwon-do

Inspired by writer Lee Hyo-seok and his famous story When Buckwheat Flowers Bloom, this long-running festival combines literature with Pyeongchang's countryside during buckwheat flowering season.

For visitors looking for an early taste of autumn outside the cities, it is one of September's most scenic options.

Jangsu Hanwoo and Apple Festival Until Sept. 13 / Jangsu, Jeonbuk

Jangsu brings together two of the county's best-known local products — Korean beef and apples — for its annual food festival.

It's a straightforward reason for a weekend trip: eat well, sample seasonal produce, and experience a smaller rural destination that many international travelers might otherwise overlook.

Gamaksan Flower Star Trip Sept. 18 – Oct. 11 / Geochang, Gyeongsangnam-do

Geochang's Gamaksan becomes a fall destination with a festival centered around flowers and the mountain landscape.

Running into October, it provides a good excuse for a road trip through western Gyeongnam as Korea begins transitioning into the cooler fall season.

Suwon Hwaseong Media Art Sept. 19 – Oct. 6 / Suwon, Gyeonggi-do

Historic architecture meets contemporary technology during Suwon Hwaseong Media Art.

The UNESCO-listed fortress provides the backdrop for large-scale media installations, offering a very different way to experience one of Korea's most important historic sites after dark.

Gyeongnam Goseong Dinosaur World Expo Sept. 22 – Nov. 1 / Goseong, Gyeongsangnam-do

One of the more family-oriented choices on the list, the Goseong Dinosaur World Expo returns in late September and continues through November.

Goseong is well known for its dinosaur fossil sites and footprints, making the expo a particularly good destination for families with younger children — or anyone with a long-standing fascination with dinosaurs.

Andong International Mask Dance Festival Sept. 24 – Oct. 4 / Andong, Gyeongsangbuk-do

The Andong International Mask Dance Festival is one of Korea's major cultural festivals and one of the strongest choices for travelers interested in traditional performance.

The event showcases mask dancing and cultural performances while providing an opportunity to explore Andong, a city closely associated with traditional Korean culture and heritage.

Yeonggwang Bulgapsan Amaryllis Festival Sept. 18–27 / Yeonggwang, Jeonnam

For a very different September landscape, head to Bulgapsan Mountain during the flowering season for red spider lilies.

The vivid red flowers spread through the mountain surroundings for a relatively short period each year, making timing important but also giving visitors one of the month's most distinctive seasonal scenes.

September is only the beginning of Korea's busy autumn festival calendar, with many events continuing into October as cooler weather arrives.

As always, festival dates and programs may change due to weather or other circumstances, so visitors should confirm schedules with organizers before traveling.

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THIS BULGOGI RECIPE IS FIRE!

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There are a few choice dishes that one might think of when dreaming of Korean food. Bulgogi, Korean barbecue beef, is one of those.

Literally translated to “fire meat,” bulgogi is just that...

fire because it’s so delicious! As you travel throughout the Peninsula and abroad, you’ll notice there are a few variations on the way it is prepared. For the most part, however, ingredients like soy sauce, minced garlic, sugar, and

sesame oil are standard for bulgogi.

If you’re wanting to bring the taste of Korea to your kitchen, give this one a try. I dug deep into my memory to when I served in the Korean Navy and had to pull kitchen duty aboard ship for this bulgogi recipe.

- **PREP TIME:** 10 mins
- **COOK TIME:** 5 mins
- **MARINATING TIME:** At the least 3 hours or overnight
- **TOTAL TIME:** 15 -20 mins
- **DIFFICULTY:** Easy
- **SERVINGS:** 4

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb thinly-sliced beef (500g)
- Some thinly sliced mushrooms (shiitake, enoki, or button mushrooms) about 40g (optional)
- 1 cup thinly sliced onion (150g)
- 1 cup sliced scallions (80g)
- Sesame seeds (optional)

MARINADE

- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 2 Tbsp minced onion (optional)
- 2 pieces minced pineapple or kiwi, Asian pear, red apple (optional)
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar (or 8 Tbsp pineapple juice)
- 3 Tbsp sesame oil
- 5 Tbsp dark soy sauce
- Black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Choose the cut of meat: Tender parts of beef such as sirloin, blade, tenderloin are commonly used for this dish. While ribeye is used often, if you’re comfortable with tenderizing meat cuts, then choose whichever you prefer. For my recipe, I chose a chuck roll, which is a little tough but less expensive than other cuts, but it still worked well for my bulgogi.

2 My way to make meat more tender: I usually use pre-cut bulgogi from the freezer section of a Korean grocery store. If you have a large portion of meat in your fridge or prefer to cut meat yourself, freeze the meat for about 2 hours, then slice it.

Not every cut of meat is melt-in-your-mouth tender, so I usually use pineapple to tenderize it. This is a good tip that I learned from the battleship kitchen. Minced Korean pear, red apple, or kiwi also work well.

1 Cut the meat into 2-3mm-thick and place them in a deep pan or food container. If you get tough meat such as chuck roll, then cut it into 1-1.5mm-thick slices.

2 Gather all the marinade ingredients into a bowl. Instead of brown sugar, I mixed in the juice from canned pineapple as well as a few pieces of minced pineapple and a minced half onion.

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to make this
hot dish!

3 Marinate the meat for at least 3 hours. I sometimes marinate the meat overnight in the fridge like I learned in the Navy.

4 Remove the bowl of marinated bulgogi from the fridge and set it aside.

5 Slice the veggies thinly, then gently mix them in with the meat.

6 Over high heat, add the mixture into a pan and cook until the meat begins to sear. Be careful not to overcook the meat, so this process should take about 1 to 1.5 minutes per side.

7 Put black peppers and sprinkle sesame seeds on it. Serve it with a bowl of rice. Bon appetite or 잘 먹겠습니다! (Pronounced: jal meok-ke-sseum-nida)!



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Chuseok (추석), often called Korean Thanksgiving, is one of the most cherished traditional holidays in Korea. The day changes every year as it is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month and usually falls between September and October. Chuseok honors the fall harvest and ancestral traditions. Families reunite to share a feast of traditional foods like songpyeon (half-moon rice cakes), jeon (savory pancakes) and galbijjim (braised short ribs), and they perform jesa, ancestral rites. The holiday also includes visits to family graves, folk games and a wish-making tradition to the full moon. It's a time of gratitude, family bonding, and remembering one's roots.

Hangul of the week

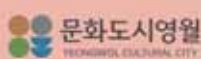


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Language Lesson

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(추석 잘 보내세요!)



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by Margie E. Burke

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19 Give a _____ the back (2 wds.)

20 Major mess

21 They play on the range

23 Math course, for short

26 Projecting window

27 Burst of energy

31 Blood fluids

34 Texas Panhandle city

35 Houston nine

37 _____ King Cole

38 Above all the rest?

40 Don't just sit there

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45 1986 #1 hit for Starship

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48 Pep up

50 Coop residents

51 Safeguard

54 Clothing store section

58 Prince hit, "I Wanna Be Your _____"

59 Wake too late

62 Rehab candidates

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65 Lively Latin dance

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12 Unappetizing food

13 Sharpen, as skills

18 Chipotle offering

22 Pirate's loot

24 Hawaii native, e.g.

25 Seaside soarer

27 Part of a suit

28 Mutual of _____

29 It rises after a good rain

30 Breadbasket items

32 Madonna's son

33 Daisylike flower

36 Orchestral section

39 To _____ his own

42 Poker players, at times

44 Greek vowel

47 Diplomats, e.g.

49 Vice _____

51 Not only that

52 "Undone" actress Salazar

53 Darwin subj.

55 Surrealist

56 Reply to "Shall we?"

57 Kind of check

60 It may need a boost

61 Barbecue bit

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy

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

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HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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



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Saturday, September 12
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HIGHLIGHTS

Wine Tastings

Chef-Prepared Hors d'oeuvres

Premium Wine Selection

Elegant Afternoon Experience

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HIGHLIGHTS

Authentic Bavarian Cuisine

Live Music & Entertainment

Oktoberfest Games

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