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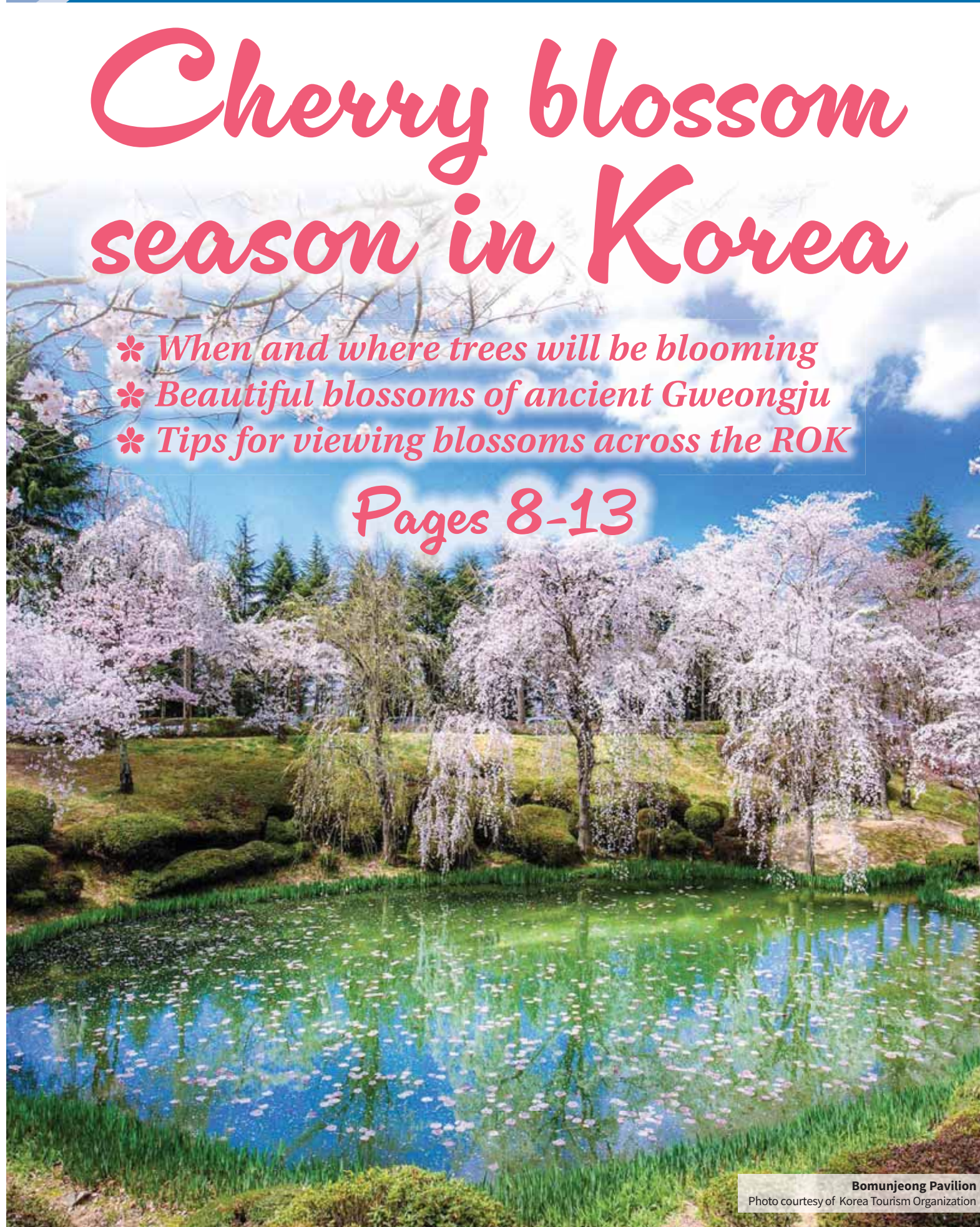
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8 ways military life makes you a better person

During the darkness of mid-winter, it's easy to get the blues. On dreary, cold days when the snow is dingy with soot, the car is hazy with salt and your skin is as flaky as a stale croissant from the day-old bin at Stop & Shop, you can slide into negative thinking as easily as snot slips from your toddler's nostrils.

In those bleak moments, military spouses might wonder, "Why do I live this difficult life with all of its moves and deployments? Why do I put up with the inconveniences and hardships? Is it my destiny to never pursue my career? Will our kids ever be able to stay in school long enough to make long-term friends and pursue their interests? If I have to iron another uniform, will I have a nervous breakdown? Will I stick a fork in my eye if I see one more moving sticker? Will the commissary ever carry unsweetened oat milk?!"

I'm here to tell you, it's not as bad as you think. In fact, I've discovered eight ways that military life actually makes you a better person.

1. Military spouses are random-car-search-ready. On the off chance that they are pulled over while driving through the base gate, military spouses periodically clean up the stale Goldfish, french fries, crayons, used tissues, juice bags and gummy bears under the minivan seats to minimize any potential embarrassment.
2. Military spouses never stop honing their social game. From boot camp to retirement, military spouses are forced to seek new friends throughout active duty life. With each successive move or housing turnover, military spouses revisit their middle school insecurities and wonder, "Does anyone like me? Will I be included? Will I ever win Crystal Bingo?" To meet this continuous challenge, military spouses constantly self-assess in order to adapt to the diverse people they meet.
3. Military spouses bring it. They aren't strangers to wearing pajama pants all day; however, military spouses know how and when to gussy up for formal events. On ball days, a military spouse might pick her kids up from school in sweatpants, but by 9 p.m., she's elegantly sheathed in beaded silk, respecting protocol and gracefully setting her champagne flute on the dining table before she hits the dance floor to

The Meat and Potatoes of Life

Lisa Smith Molinari



do the Stanky Leg.

4. Military spouses purge stuff regularly. Single Polly Pocket shoes, dried-up markers, snagged sweat-ers, rusted bikes, dog-chewed flip flops and scratched furniture get discarded before each move. Half-used bottles of cocktail sauce, jars of jelly and boxes of chicken patties are given away to neighbors. Bags bursting with gently used

clothes and household goods are given to charity. Military spouses are rolling stones — they gather no moss, nor excess Lego bricks.

5. Military spouses are free to let their freak flags fly. Patriotic fashions, home decor and behavior that may seem obnoxious to everyday civilians is embraced by military families. Navy families make their beds with nautical sheets and get misty when they see a gray ship. Army spouses carry camo diaper bags and hang paintings of tanks in their living rooms. Marines think nothing of barking "oorah!" in public. Air Force kids have every airplane toy ever made.
6. Military spouses develop sophisticated palates. Having to live in different locations means getting to sample indigenous cuisines. Granted, this experience isn't always enjoyable, like the time I ordered "Suk-rut Royale" in Europe, not knowing that I'd requested steaming organ meats, or when I bought boiled peanuts thinking they might actually taste like peanuts. But every bad meal is worth every local delicacy such as Roman-Jewish Fried Artichokes, Southern Shrimp and Grits, Korean Budae-Jjigae Stew and German Schneeballen.
7. Military spouses are strong and flexible. I'm not talking yoga poses here — although putting your foot behind your head is certainly an admirable feat — I'm referring to military spouses' ability to adapt to varying environments, to spin multiple plates in the air, to run entire households solo, to handle constant change and to manage military life's many curveballs with grace and agility.
8. Military spouses are awesome. More than 700,000 active duty spouses and nearly 12 million veteran spouses are living proof that, despite the obvious challenges, military life has its perks.

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5 great walks by Camp Carroll

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Chilgokgun is full of wonderful walks and these ones will take you to this Korean region's many reservoirs. Trails vary from easy to moderate, and in a couple of cases, can be slightly strenuous.

Looking for a change of pace? There are some great walks to take around Chilgokgun which will allow you to reconnect with nature and get some fresh air. Below are five spots for a nice mix of beautiful countryside and picture-perfect waters.



1 Nakdonggang Riverside Walk

This walking track makes for an easy stroll along the Nakdonggang River with scenic views, historic spots and great wildlife-watching opportunities.

The walk loops around the expansive river, so you can choose whatever starting point is convenient for you. If you are coming from Camp Carroll, make the bridge over the river your start and end point. If you have a car, you can start your family-friendly jaunt at Chilgokbo Weir. The building serves as one of the certification centers where cyclists get their stamps to certify completion of the River Bike Path Tour.

From there, you can also set off on a bike ride as the park also has a fantastic bicycle path that leads to Busan where Nakdonggang River ends.

Along the route near the dam, look down for the rare fish ladder structures. These are artificial steps built to facilitate natural migration of fish. If you're lucky, you can spot a school of fish moving through the fishway on the side of the weir.

The weir generates electricity for the region, so you'll be able to see the roaring waters as you cross the weir bridge. Once you've crossed, the trail will lead you past a pavilion to the Gwanho Fortress, which is over 1,500 years old. Go up the hill, then you can get a bird's eye view of the river and its beautiful surroundings.

Down the hill, you'll reach a camping site on the river's edge, which is also accessible from the bridge. The campsite is an easy place for family-friendly fun and a great spot for

a casual BBQ.

Past the campsite, there is a 265-meter-long bridge that takes you to the largest outdoor pool in the Gyeongsangdo area. At night, the bridge is lit up with LED lights, creating a beautiful sight.

If you want to see a different side of the river, make a bee-line for Waegwan Railroad Bridge from the bicycle tour certification center. The short 1.3-kilometer-long walking path will have you walking across different landscapes including sand, grass, wooded and paved roads. During the hot summer season, don't miss the musical fountain with water perfectly synchronized to popular K-Pop songs.

For a touch of history, stop at the Waegwan Railroad Bridge near the end of the second walking course. During the Korean War, this bridge played an important role in slowing North Korean soldiers who were advancing south. The 1st U.S. Cavalry Division, blasted off one-floor section of the bridge, which made it difficult to cross. There are still remnants of this damage on the steel structure, a reminder of the devastation caused by the war.

From there, cross the bridge and walk in a counterclockwise direction if you want to explore more of the area. On this walk you'll enjoy stunning views of flora and fauna and plenty of spots to catch your breath and take it all in.

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3 Yuhakji Reservoir Circular

Yuhakji (유학지) is a serene 1.7-kilometer-long trek and a perfect pondside stroll. The walk also features a tiny, wobbly suspension bridge, forested roads, and the refreshing scent of the water nearby. You can reach this walk via a 20-minute drive from Camp Carroll.

For a look at the entire pond and a shaded place for wildlife observation, stop at the pavilion in the parking lot. The pavilion and trail are popular among local residents, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of the day. There are also coffee shops near the pond to get your caffeine fix and take a rest for a while. Your furry friends are welcome but must be on a leash.

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2 Jicheonji Reservoir Circular

For a road less traveled, head to Waegwan's Jicheonji (지천지), a 3.5-kilometer-long loop walk with a couple of steep hills and stairs. Though part of this walk may be difficult for small children and elderly people, half of the walk features a flat, paved path ideal for walkers of all ages and fitness levels. It's only a 10-minute drive from Camp Carroll.

Before I visited this spot, I had no idea that it is a perfect place for all kinds of recreation, including water skiing, camping and much more. Nature lovers will enjoy the ducks and birds that call this place home. Go up to Nakwahdam Observatory at the top of the hill for a stunning view of the reservoir.

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4 Dumanji Reservoir Walk

Dumanji Reservoir (두만지) is a well-maintained path in Yangmok and is only a 15-minute drive from Camp Carroll. Drive past secluded villages and Yangmok traditional market, and then you'll reach the reservoir. Park your car at the shrine adjacent to the walking path.



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If you're interested in history, stop at the shrine where General Sin Yu's tablet is enshrined. General Sin Yu is known for his defeat of the Russian Army around the Amur River in the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1897).

From the shrine, take a leisurely stroll along a wooden walkway. This little-known spot is also a place for cherry blossom-viewing in the spring season. The 150-meter-long cherry blossom promenade might be too short but worth a visit.

Take the path through the forest for more incredible views and soon you'll reach a high spot for a look from above at the reservoir.

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5 Dongmyeongji waterfront ecological park

Dongmyeongji Reservoir (동명지) is a picturesque spot about a half-hour drive away from Camp Walker and Camp Carroll. With its wide-open spaces, dazzling waterfront views, and beautiful parks, the path offers the perfect setting for a lovely escapade or quality family time. The reservoir paths feature floating walkways that allow you to walk on the water so you can feel close to nature.

This beautiful spot is also part of the Pilgrim's Way that starts from Gasil Catholic Church and ends at the historical Hanti Martyrs' Site where martyrs were killed and buried in the mid-1800s. The pilgrim route was recently created as a 40-kilometer-long trekking course consisting of five themed sections inspired by the path that Catholics used to walk to the Hanti Martyrs' Site in the early 19th Century to escape persecution.

While you're making your way through this trail, keep an eye out for native birds like mallards that populate the reservoir. When night comes, you'll have an opportunity to take in the beauty of the suspension bridge illuminated with vibrant colors.



Photo courtesy of Chilgok-gun

Make a quick stop at Songnimsa Temple(송림사), known for its five-story brick pagoda that dates back to the ninth century, on your way back home. If you have no idea what to eat in the area, head to Donggungjeong(동궁정), a Korean restaurant that serves up tasty rice with seasoned vegetables and cheonggukjang (fast-fermented bean paste).

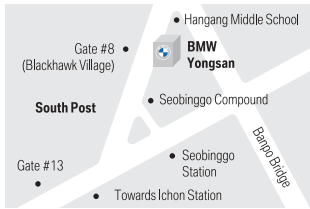
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Seongsu-dong neighborhood.

Find the hipster in you in Seongsu-dong

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Seongsu-dong is one of the most tagged location in Instagram in 2022, proving itself as currently the most trending neighborhood in Korea. World-famous luxury brands as well as up-and-coming local brand stores and select shops have settled in Seongsu-dong, making it a shopper's haven. Exploring themed cafés and restaurants that serve delectable desserts and foods is another great way to enjoy what Seongsu-dong has to offer.

Another perk of Seongsu-dong is handmade shoes shopping. Handmade shoes business has deep roots in Seongsu-dong and you'll find many well-established shoe shops scattered around the area. If you're interested in finding or ordering one-of-a-kind shoes just for you, take the subway to Seongsu Station and take Exit 3 or 4 to find hipster shoe stores and workshops clustered together.

Seongsu-dong is popular for handmade shoes.

Recommended spots



Seongsu Yeonbang, a multipurpose culture center.



Seongsu Yeonbang

Seongsu Yeonbang is a multipurpose culture center renovated from an old factory. The building is filled with diverse shops and stores ranging from handmade caramel shop, lifestyle select store, jewelry shop, cafés and restaurants. The most iconic shop can be found on the 3rd floor, a popular eco-friendly greenhouse café named Cheonsang Gaok. Seongsu Yeonbang has also earned some fame among K-pop fans for it was used as a birthday party event venue for Jimin of BTS.

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Café serves delicious coffee and desserts.

Daelim Changgo Gallery

Daelim Changgo Gallery best represents the modern transformation of Seongsu-dong, which was once accepted as an industrial zone. A café and gallery renovated from a warehouse, Daelim Changgo Gallery has a unique atmosphere created by preserving the raw and bold interior from its original form. The unusual blend of exhibitions taking place in a café that resembles a warehouse pretty much sums up Seongsu-dong's quirky charms!

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Munchies and Goodies façade.



Adorable props on display.

Munchies and Goodies

Munchies and Goodies is a bakery and wine shop popular for its signature salted butter rolls, called soeumppang in Korean. The salted butter rolls come out at 11:00 and 15:00, and both times usually require lining up by the store. The store has no seats inside and offers only take-out. Another dessert that's worth a try is the shop's original tigré, made using Korea's traditional sweets called yak-gwa (honey cookie).

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The latest trending attraction, DOOR to Seongsu.



Beer tap and wine dispenser.

DOOR to Seongsu

DOOR to Seongsu is a premium flagship store opened by the convenience store brand GS25. DOOR to Seongsu appeals to consumers through a unique concept that separates itself from regular convenience stores. The most eye-catching difference is the Drinking Zone where customers can enjoy a variety of beer and wine on tap. The store also sells bread and chicken that are prepared on a daily basis as well as their bestselling products. With chairs and tables, the store feels like a café by night and a bar by night.

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LCDC Seoul's intriguing exterior.

A variety of stores are found inside.

LCDC Seoul

→ Once a building with a shoemaking factory and an auto repair shop, LCDC Seoul has transformed the place into a trending multipurpose culture center. The building's façade shows a glimpse of the mini plaza encircled by concrete walls with stairways in between, which all make up to turning this place a reputed Instagrammable photo spot. Inside the building, you'll find several quirky and adorable shops including select shops, cafés, and a rooftop bar. Seasonal pop-up stores that open occasionally are also fun to look around.

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An old building transformed into Onion Seongsu.

Dessert available at Onion Seongsu.

Onion Seongsu

Onion Seongsu is a bakery café renovated from a 1970s building that received much attention for its unique interior and tasty baked goods. Onion Seongsu added transparent glasses and metal frames onto the original old framework for an overall vintage look with a modern touch. You can try a variety of breads and desserts here, from ang-butter bread (red bean paste butter bread) that uses handmade red bean paste and chewy rye ciabatta to sweet, soft Pandoro.

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DIY ballpoint pen station.

Monami Factory Seongsu

Monami Factory Seongsu is where you can see, try, and buy a wide range of products by Monami, Korea's prominent office supplies and stationery brand particularly well-known for their ballpoint pens. The store has a DIY station where you can make your very own ballpoint pen and fountain pen ink. Several packaged products are also available that make for perfect souvenirs.

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A café with a great view.

Magpie&Tiger Seongsu offers traditional Korean tea and desserts

Magpie & Tiger Seongsu Tea Room

Magpie&Tiger Seongsu Tea Room is a must-visit place for tea aficionados. This tea house specializes in East Asian tea, serving tea brewed from tea leaves grown and dried locally in Korea as well as other East Asian countries. You can pair your tea with a variety of tea foods available, from traditional Korean desserts like tteok (rice cake) and baked sweets to Western deserts and pound cake and cheese cake.

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Automobile photo zones at Peaches. D8NE.

Peaches. by D8NE

Peaches. D8NE is an offline flagship store launched by Peaches., a lifestyle brand inspired by automobiles. The store uses cars as a theme to create a unique atmosphere both inside and out. Not only does the store sell and showcase products by Peaches., but also has well-known food franchises like Downtowner burger house and Knotted donuts.

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This artificial lake in western Pyeongtaek created by building a sea-wall for Asan-ho Lake, is another cherry blossom hot spot. Enjoy a walk under the blossoms along the decks that border the edge of the lake. If you're lucky, you might catch some traditional music performances at the Soriter Art Center, see some local art at the Asan-ho Art Gallery and enjoy Moraetop Park, which all located inside the complex. Bring your blanket and some snacks for a scenic picnic on the grass near the art gallery.

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Get ready for cherry blo

Pyeongtaek University



This spot is about a 20-minute drive from Camp Humphreys. The campus itself is beautiful and the bell tower building which houses the school's library make for a great backdrop to the season's blush blooms. Pyeongtaek University is considered one of the most popular cherry blossoms viewing spots in Southern Gyeonggi-do and usually hosts a festival to herald the blossoms' arrival. Though the festival is postponed again this year, this is still a good spot to get your cherry blossom fix!

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Kookje University (Eunhye-ro road)



Another go-to place to see the cherry blossoms in all their glory is at Kookje University near Osan Air Base. Every year in early April, the 1.2-km-long Eunhye-ro Road is lined with blush blossoms spanning from the entrance of the Ichung Cultural Center to Eunhye Middle and High School. Take a leisurely stroll under the cherry blossoms reminiscent of a wedding arch with a cup of coffee in hand and you'll soon learn nothing can't beat this view. I recommend you park your car in the Ichung Lep-orts Park then walk towards Eunhye Middle School.

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Gakwonsa Temple



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Enjoy the warm spring weather and king cherry trees with a trip to the beautiful temple. Gakwonsa Temple sits at the foot of Mt. Taejosan, which creates a relaxing, peaceful place to breathe in the fresh air, reflect and enjoy the picturesque scenery. What I like about this area is that there is more than just a beautiful temple and stone pagodas. There are also walking paths where you can stroll at your own pace and a street in front of the temple full of restaurants and stores. And, there's a giant Buddha! If you have a penchant for traditional architecture and want to check out this well-known temple – you're killing two birds with one stone!

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Tongbokcheon Stream



Tongbokcheon Stream runs 10 kilometers through Pyeongtaek City and is one of the most popular bike paths amongst cyclists and locals. In the spring, this path turns into a cherry blossom spot crowded with visitors who want to enjoy the pretty pink flowers lined up along the stream. Before you hit the path, rent a bike from the Pyeongtaek Public Bike Rental Shop across from the Boo-Young Apartment building near Tongbokcheon Stream. A little bit of exercise and a lot of cherry blossoms sounds like the perfect way to take in the spring air.

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Cherry blossom viewing is probably the spring in South Korea with you see the delicate pink flowers begin and into early April and peak a week later. The early report shows the blooms will start to appear in Pyeongtaek, the blossoms will arrive a bit later. Those cities have some amazing views and a close look at these famous spots, but to avoid crowds, make plans

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Cherry bloss

HAPS KOREA

Spring is near and it's almost time for cherry blossoms blooming around the nation.

The early report shows that some cities are ahead of last year which is two weeks earlier. Busan's blooms are expected to begin around March 24th, while Seoul will begin around March 21st, a little earlier than last year.

It usually takes about a week for cherry blossoms to come into full bloom, around March 31 in Busan and the southern coast and April 1st – 7th inland.

Cherry blossoms typically bloom in late March or early April, when temperatures vary. The timing of bloom generally differs by a few days

DATES B

Seogwipo/Jeju - March 20	Yeosu - March 20
Jinhae - March 21	Pohang - March 21
Gwangju - March 22	Daegu - March 22
Jeonju - March 29	Gyeongju - March 29
Busan - March 24	Jeonju - March 24
Ulsan - March 24	Daejeon - March 24

Pyeongtaek
Region

Daegu
Region

Photo courtesy of Daegu City Hall

Riverside of Geumhogang River

Well known for its beautiful river scenery and various spring flowers such as forsythias, the Geumhogang River Cherry blossom street is yet another fantastic spot to enjoy the warmer temperatures of spring. This spot also holds evening illuminations, so grab a sweater and head over for a magical evening walk surrounded by bright blossoms.

ADDRESS: 대구 동구 검사동 984-9 (KOR), 984-9, Geomsa-dong, Dong-gu, Daegu (ENG) Daegu Subway Metro Line 1 - get off Dongcheon Sta. - exit # 2 or 3
NAVEP MAP: <http://naver.me/GPwnxQCX>

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REGION

Blossoms in South Korea

OS BY CHIHON KIM,
KOREA

ly one of the best ways to fully enjoy our family and friends. Usually you'll begin to appear the last week of March later. This year, the forecast for Daegu around March 21 through 25 and for around March 26 through 29. Locations for enjoying the springtime us blossoms. Below are a few of the to visit on weekdays.

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Chungju - March 31
Gangneung - March 31
Suwon - April 1



Daegu E-World

Photo courtesy of E-World

This theme park features a 1.4-km-long road lined with cherry blossoms. Love taking photos to share on SNS? You'll spot the more than 83 spots for snaps in the park where the delicate blooms become the perfect backdrop for your Instagram photoshoot. And, make plans to stay into the evening, as the pink neon lights go up and the cherry blossoms put on a vibrant glowing display.

ADDRESS: [이월드] 대구 달서구 두류공원로 200 (KOR), 20, Duryugongwon-ro 28-gil, Dalseo-gu, Daegu (ENG)
NAVEP MAP: <http://naver.me/FAZo7AqL>
WEBSITE: <http://www.eworld.kr/>



Suseongmot Lake

Photo courtesy of Suseong district

Every year, the banks of Suseongmot Lake in southern Daegu are blanketed in faux snow. The lake had been developed for agriculture during the Japanese colonial era, now serves as a great place for leisure. The king cherry trees line the 2-km-long lakeside make it an ideal spot for a picnic or leisurely stroll. This area is host for many activities beyond flower-viewing like open-air concerts, exhibitions, and street performances. Grab a bite or a nice cup of coffee at the many outdoor cafés and restaurants by the lake. As a bonus, the nearby Suseongland, a small amusement park, is a great spot for kids!

ADDRESS: 대구 수성구 두산동 512 (KOR), 512, Dusan-dong, Suseong-gu, Daegu (ENG)
NAVEP MAP: <http://naver.me/xRQC8yK4>



Palgongsan Mountain

Photo courtesy of Daegu City Hall

One of Daegu-area's most popular provincial parks is Mt. Palgongsan. This place is a favorite for hiking and every year the mountain goes blush with pink flowers from the many cherry blossoms trees, drawing many from near and far for a peek. Here you'll find Gatbawi, a giant stone buddha known for granting visitor's earnest wish, housed at the Donghwasa Temple built in 1732. If, like me, you're not a big fan of hiking, opt for a drive through the cherry blossom-lined road called "Palgongsan-ro" that circles around the mountain.

ADDRESS: [수태골 공영 주차장-Parking lot] 대구 동구 신무동 13 (KOR), 13, Sinmu-dong, Dong-gu, Daegu (ENG)
NAVEP MAP: <http://naver.me/xewZNYDb>



Yeungnam University

Photo courtesy of Yeungnam Univ

Yeungnam University, which boasts the second-largest campus size on the Korean Peninsula, is a wonderful place to visit in spring when it is covered in cherry blossoms. Make a plan to spend a half-day walking along the cherry tree-lined paths and picnicking in its open knoll behind the university. As a bonus, there is a folk village where you can take in the charm of the architecture. The highlight of the place is "Love Road," a romantic, a tunnel created by the cherry blossoms. It is said that couples who are interested in each other can fall in love together if they walk down the road without looking back until they've reached the end.

ADDRESS: 경북 경산시 대학로 280 (KOR), 280, Daehak-ro, Gyeongsan-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do (ENG) Take Daegu Metro Line 2 (green) - get off Yeongnam University Station - exit3 or 4
NAVEP MAP: <http://naver.me/xxXOEJs0>

Osan
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Osancheon Cherry Blossom Road

OSAN
REGION

Photo courtesy of Osan City Hall

Considered as one of the prettiest spots for cherry-blossom viewing in Osan, Osancheon (오산천 벚꽃길) that runs across the city is an ecological park, a home to resident birds such as mandarin duck, kestrel, white heron and more.

Take a relaxing stroll along the riverside promenades and gardens with thousands of cherry trees planted along the stream. When you go there, don't forget to swing by octagonal pavilion(팔각정), a beautiful photoshoot location. Spring is not just a great time to visit the road for its popular cherry blossoms. Every spring, beautiful orsythia in full bloom also greet visitors here.

Another good way to see cherry blossom at this place is from the seat of your bike. Here you'll find a path that will take about a 20-minute bike ride where you'll be surrounded by cherry blossom trees and a shower of petals. Too short to ride a bike? Don't worry, the road is connected with Sinricheon and Dongtan Lake Park which great spots for cherry blossom viewing and longer rides.

ADDRESS: 경기 화성시 노작로 10 (KOR), 10, Nojak-ro, Hwaseong-si (ENG)
NAVEP MAP: <http://naver.me/IFjI36Vc>

Osan Mal-geum-teo Park

Photo courtesy of Osan City Hall

Situated in the southern region of Osan, the Mal-geum-teo Park (오산말씀터공원) is primarily a cherry blossom viewing spot during the spring season. This park originally a home to a sewage treatment plant serving Osan, turned into a great park that features sculptures, attractions and open space in 2005.

The park is gorgeous at any time of year. But in the spring, several sections light up with pink blossoms, plum blossoms, forsythia and rape. Look for a pink weeping cherry trees put on a breathtaking, pastel show, when their elegantly arched branches bloom pale pink flowers.

Inside the park, Osan Ecorium allows visitors a glimpse of the process of recycling. The museum has a 76-meter-high observatory offering stunning views of the whole city including the park full of cherry blossoms. This kids-friendly park has swimming pool, fountain square, eco pond and even rabbit hutch where you can feed bunnies.

ADDRESS: 경기 오산시 누읍동 115-1 (KOR)
NAVEP MAP: <http://naver.me/5dxynISP>
ENTRY: Free (Open throughout the year)

Mulhyanggi Arboretum

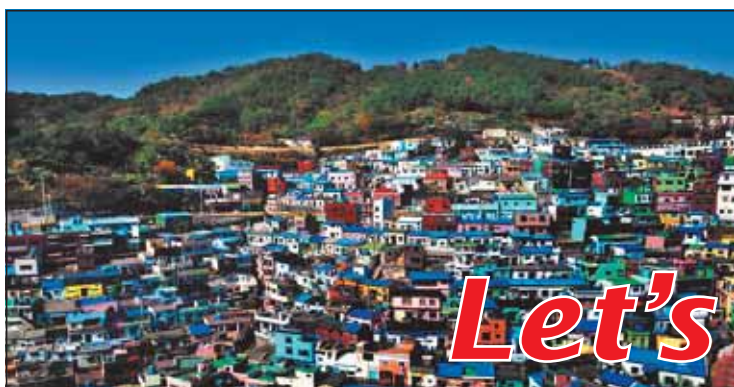
Photo courtesy of Gyeonggi Province

With 19 different themed gardens with over 1,920 different plants and flowers, the Mulhyahgii Arboretum (물향기 수목원) is the perfect spot for a walk in all seasons. Spring is an especially glorious time to enjoy cherry blossoms along with other flowers.

The path in the garden is a mixture of level walkways and challenging hills. The garden features many unique themed sections to explore, including Mankyungwon, which is comprised of vines and creepers, Yousilsoowon where trees that bear edible fruit are planted, and Korea's Pine Exhibit.

It's only 30-minute drive from Osan Air Base or it is also accessible via the subway. Take the subway from Songtan Station to Osan College Station. From there it's only a short five-minute walk to the arboretum. Make sure to pick up a map at the front entrance or it would be easy to find yourself wandering around all afternoon!

ADDRESS: 경기 오산시 청학로 211 (KOR) 211, Cheonghak-ro, Osan-si (ENG)
ENTRANCE TICKET ADULTS: 1500 won/ Teenagers (Ages 13 - 18): 1000 won/ Children (Ages 12 and under): 700 won *Free admission: Preschoolers, senior citizens (ages 65 & older)
HOURS: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Mar. - Oct.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Jun. - Aug), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. - Feb.) * Last admission is one hour before closing. * Closed on every Monday
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Gyeongju City

Capital of ancient Korean kingdom top cherry blossom destination

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If you're planning a special trip during cherry blossom season, you should check out Gyeongju City, the ancient capital of Silla Kingdom, as it's one of the most beloved destinations to see the blooms.

There were three kingdoms in ancient Korea, and

Silla unified the three kingdoms. From the beginning to the end of Silla, Gyeongju, previously called "Seorabeol," was the capital for a thousand years.

Today, this historical city preserves the glorious history of Silla and is referred to as "a museum without walls." Here you'll find the most of Korea's UNESCO World Heritage sites concentrated in one city. Gyeongju is one of the oldest cities on the Peninsula

and is home to so much history that relics are still being discovered to this day.

The city attracts visitors year-round, but its historical buildings and streets are transformed when the cherry blossoms make their yearly appearance. Exploring Gyeongju at this time will be one of the most enchanting experiences you can have in Korea!

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1. Cheomseongdae (첨성대)

The symbolic landmark of Gyeongju, Cheomseongdae was constructed in 633 during the reign of Queen Seondeok for star observation to forecast the weather.

Cheomseongdae is the oldest astronomical observatory in Asia, preserving its original appearance for 1,400 years. Both daytime and evening are great to take a trip around the flower garden of this scientific stone building.

✿ **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.

(Open all year)

✿ **ENTRANCE FEE:** Free



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2. Daereungwon (대릉원)

These giant tumuli are placed through downtown Gyeongju, marking the city's past and present. Make sure to take your time to wander the 23 ancient tombs belonging to the kings of the Silla era. Don't miss the photo zone for a pic with the beautiful, majestic magnolia tree nestled among the royal tombs.

✿ **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Open all year)

✿ **ENTRANCE FEE:** Adults 3,000 won / Youth 2,000 won / Children 1,000 won



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3. Donggung & Wolji (동궁과 월지)

Donggung Palace and its adjacent Wolji Pond were originally part of the royal grounds and banquet venues for princes of the Silla era. The palace and the pond are a must-visit, especially in the evening, to see the spectacular scene of illuminated palaces and trees reflected in the water.

✿ **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Open all year)

✿ **ENTRANCE FEE:** Adults 3,000 won / Teenagers 2,000 won / Children 1,000 won



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4. Woljeonggyo Bridge (월정교)

& Gyochon Hanok Village (교촌한옥마을)

The bridge is built over the Namcheon Stream and located right next to Gyochon Traditional Hanok Village. In the daytime, walking from the bridge through the village is a great way to enjoy viewing canola flowers and cherry blossoms along the stream. In the evening, don't miss the stunning night view of the bridge and stream.

✿ **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

(Open all year)

✿ **ENTRANCE FEE:** Free

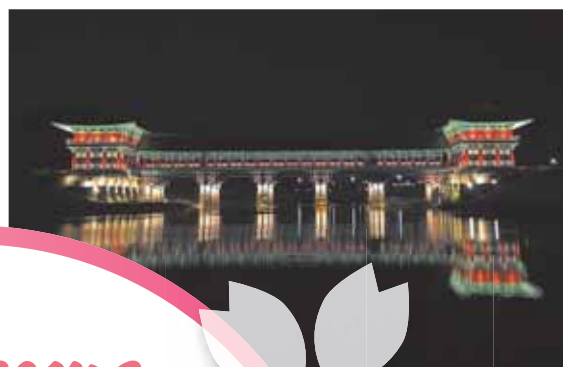


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Blossoms in Gyeongju

Top 6 cultural sites for cherry blossom viewing

Gyeongju is famous for its numerous cherry blossom spots. The most popular are where visitors can simultaneously enjoy the city's cultural assets and the season's pale pink beauty.

March 25 – April 15

(Peak: beginning of April)

5. Bomunjeong (보문정)

This park was named by CNN as one of the "Beautiful scenic locations in Korea." When you visit, you'll see why.

Bomunjeong's ponds and pavilion are stunning, but especially in the spring with cherry blossoms and fall for its amazing autumn leaves. This place is open anytime without an entrance fee.

6. Bulguksa (불국사) & Seokguram (석굴암)

The foremost Buddhist heritage sites of Korea, Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto are both located on Tohamsan Mountain. These two cultural sites are within eight kilometers from each other, making them easy to explore on the same trip. Bulguksa Temple is especially a famous spot for the double-layer type of cherry blossoms that usually flower two weeks later than regular ones.

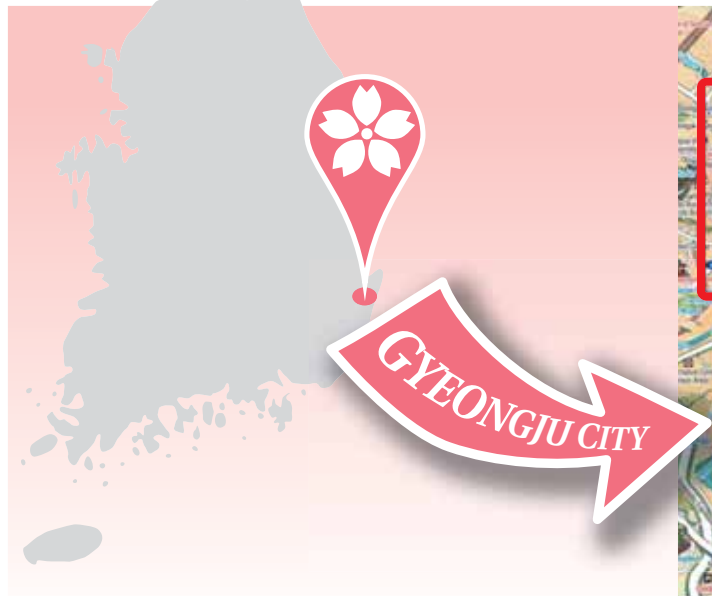
✿ **HOURS (BULGUKSA):** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Open all year)

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✿ **ENTRANCE FEE:** Adults 6,000 won / Youth 4,000 won / Children 3,000 won



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Map courtesy of Gyeongju Tourguide

Trip tips!

1

Plan ahead

Gyeongju is not only a historical city with numberless cultural assets from the Silla era and Joseon Dynasty, but also a coastal city with a variety amusement parks and resorts. Plan ahead so you can prioritize the spots you really want to see.



Photo courtesy of Gyeongju Tourguide

2

Choose from the city's important districts

With a plenty of destinations, here are the top districts in Gyeongju to check out.

- * **DOWNTOWN GYEONGJU:** The most important attractions of Gyeongju are located within walking distance here.
Cheomseongdae, Woljeonggyo Bridge, Daereungwon, Donggung and Wolji, Gyeongju National Museum, Hwangridan-gil Street (food & dessert street) and more.
- * **BOMUN TOURIST COMPLEX:** Gyeongju World (amusement park), Bomunjeong, Bomun Lake, Gyeongju Expo Park, and more.
- * **COASTAL AREA:** Tomb of King Munmu, Jeonchon Pine Beach, Gampo Port, Songdaemal Lighthouse and more.

3

Try to stay at a special accommodation

Staying at a traditional house (hanok) hotel is very affordable in Gyeongju. They are usually located near the mountains but not far from downtown. It's absolutely a must-try experience to spend a night at a traditional house surrounded by peaceful forests and mountains. Also, Gyeongju is a famous glamping (glamorous camping) spot in the summer and fall because of its beautiful nature.



Tips for viewing cherry blossoms

1

Check the time and weather

Check the flowering and peak time of the area you're planning to view cherry blossoms in full bloom. Make sure to go on a trip before a heavy rain comes.

2

Prepare picnic items

Bring a picnic mat, blanket, Bluetooth speaker and bunch of food and drink to chill under cherry blossom trees. You can prepare or simply buy them near the viewing areas.

3

Expect crowds

During cherry blossom season, most of the best viewing spots will be crowded and there will be limited parking. Bring comfortable shoes because you'll likely be walking a lot.

4

Take photos

Blink and cherry blossom season will be over. Don't hesitate to take photos and selfies with the beautiful blossoms while they're around!



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Jeju Fire Festival



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DATE: March 17-19

ADDRESS: San 59-8, Bongseong-ri,
Jeju-si, Jeju-do

LOCATION: Saebyeoloreum Volcanic
Cone

INTRODUCTION: Jeju Fire Festival is
a representative cultural festival

related to Jeju's culture of livestock care. Held every
March at Saebyeoloreum Volcanic Cone, the night
sky lights up with fiery red. The festival features
a media façade show, torch march, fire show, and
more as well as various programs and food trucks.

PROGRAMS: Set fire, fireworks, etc.

ADMISSION/PARTICIPATION FEES: Free

Lighting Festival at The Garden of Morning Calm



HOME PAGE

DATE: Until March 19

ADDRESS: 432, Sumogwon-ro,
Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do

LOCATION: Main gardens

INTRODUCTION: Held at the Garden of
Morning Calm, the Lighting Festival
was the first light festival in Korea

to combine the natural surroundings with lights,
covering 330 thousand
square meters. Held from
December to March,
the environmental-
friendly LED lights shine
throughout the garden.

ADMISSION/PARTICIPATION

FEES: Adults 9,500 won, Teenagers 7,000 won,
Children 6,000 won * Children (age 3 to elementary
school student) / Teenagers (middle & high school
students)

DURATION OF PERFORMANCE: 1 hour 30 minutes



Hueree Maehwa Festival



HOME PAGE

DATE: Until March 24

ADDRESS: 256, Sillyedong-ro,
Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do

LOCATION: Hueree Natural Park

INTRODUCTION: Held in Hueree
Natural Park at the foot of Hallasan
Mountain on Jeju Island, Hueree

Maehwa Festival is held every spring when the air
is filled with the scent of plum flowers. Visitors can
enjoy the beautiful plum flower fields at Hueree
Natural Park. Photo zones are set up throughout
the field, and visitors can also see black pig and
peacocks in the park.

PROGRAMS: Feeding animals, wildflower lesson,
traditional games, etc.

ADMISSION/PARTICIPATION FEES: Individuals - Adults
13,000 won / Teenagers 11,000 won / Children
10,000 won / Senior citizens 6,500 won

Groups - Adults 11,000 won / Teenagers 9,000 won /
Children 8,000 won / Senior citizens 5,000 won

* Groups - 30 or more people

* Free admission: Preschoolers (ages 2 and under)
* Senior citizens (ages 65 & older) require valid ID

Herb Island Light Festival



HOME PAGE

DATE: Until March 31

ADDRESS: 35, Cheongsin-ro 947beon-
gil, Pocheon-si, Gyeonggi-do

LOCATION: Pocheon Herb Island

INTRODUCTION: Herb Island Light
Festival features a romantic
ambience created by splendid

lighting displays. The festival is a spectacular
evening event that entertains visitors year-round
with aromatic herbs from spring to fall, and even
more light decorations in winter.

ADMISSION/PARTICIPATION FEES: Individuals Adults
9,000 won / Children 7,000 won * Children (ages 36
months to middle school students)

Gyeongju Cherry Blossom Festival



HOME PAGE

DATE: March 25 – April 16

ADDRESS: 140-25, Cheomseong-ro,
Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do

LOCATION: rea of Daereungwon
Stone-walled Road

INTRODUCTION: Historical city of
Gyeongju will hold the Gyeongju

Cherry Blossom Festival from late March to early
April. Visitors to Gyeongju will be able to enjoy a
festival that combines cherry blossoms with art and
culture.

ADMISSION/PARTICIPATION FEES: Free

Jeju Cherry Blossom Festival



HOME PAGE

DATE: March 31 – April 2

ADDRESS: Jeonnong-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-
do

LOCATION: Jeonnong-ro and Jangjeon-
ri, Aewol-eup

INTRODUCTION: Jeju's King Cherry
Tree blossoms can be seen all over

the island. The petals of Jeju's King Cherry Tree
blossoms are the largest and most luxurious among
all cherry blossoms. The peak of the King Cherry
Trees blossoms lasts for only 2 to 3 days, but the
beautiful blossoms can be seen for weeks, from late
March to the second week of April.

ADMISSION/PARTICIPATION FEES: Free

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Hangul of the week



Language Lesson

Do you drink alcohol?

Sul ma-syeo-yo? (술 마세요?)

술
Sul (Alcoholic drink)

Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Part of SASE

5 "Lane" anagram

9 Door fastener

13 To no

15 Legendary Horne

16 Balm ingredient

17 Horror or sci-fi, e.g.

18 Quiche base

19 Hollywood Blvd. sight

20 Indigenous

22 Adam of "Idol" fame

24 Least populous state capital

26 1961 film, "_____ in the Grass"

29 Dungaree cloth

32 Hamburger grade

33 Caddie's offering

35 Catch

36 Fly ball's path

37 Harbor city

39 Hanoi holiday

40 Industry magnate

42 Zero, in tennis

43 Scoop holder

44 Upper crust

45 Columbus, e.g.

47 University official

50 Dangerous fan

52 Joy, for one

56 French Riviera city

57 Took off

59 Charger maker

60 Part of CPU

61 Anagram for "diet"

62 Siesta sound

63 Said, as a farewell

64 Earring holder

65 Husky's tow

1 In a dead heat

3 Secure, as a contract

4 Hook-and-ladder riders

5 Kind of college

6 Flight segment

7 Hidden agenda

8 Twangy-sounding

9 Washed-up star

10 Car's current provider

11 Fly high

12 Sassy

14 Donut filling

21 Sundance entry, often

23 In the _____ of (amongst)

25 Pop the question

26 Writing tablet of old

27 Danger

28 Food preservative

30 Goodnight girl of song

31 Taxi ticker

34 Short book

37 Kind of preview

38 Bailiwick

41 Any Olympian

43 Egg holders

46 Whole or General follower

48 Staircase post

49 Tenet

50 Give the cold shoulder

51 Turner who sang "Nutbush City Limits"

53 Elvis, to some

54 Grimm beast

55 What have-nots have

58 Point

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Answers to Previous Crossword:

A	M	M	O	U	S	E	D	R	E	N	T		
L	E	A	P	S	N	E	E	R	E	W	E	R	
P	A	L	E	P	I	L	L	O	W	C	A	S	E
O	N	A	N	D	O	F	F	P	A	I	N	T	S
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P	O	U	R	R	O	D	E	K	E	P	T		

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium

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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:

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

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Chicken teriyaki with gyoza from Happy Teriyaki.



Happy Teriyaki offers “Asian Fusion” dining within walking distance of Osan Air Base.

Fast-casual Japanese spot near Osan affordable, delicious

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Happy Teriyaki is a great place to stop for lunch if you're looking to spend less than \$10 near Osan Air Base, South Korea.

It was challenging to find this restaurant on the second floor of a tall building across from a fabric store and clothing shops. But, once inside, I was immediately

greeted by a friendly hostess who seemed genuinely excited to see me.

The interior was very clean and organized. It has modest décor, but might be a good spot for a business lunch or dinner date.

While Happy Teriyaki describes itself as an “Asian Fusion” restaurant, the menu is mostly Japanese-style foods like katsu fried cutlets,

yakisoba noodles and, of course, the eponymous teriyaki.

I ordered the lunch special of chicken teriyaki and gyoza and tea.

At 10,000 won, my total came to about \$9.

My plate arrived with hefty portions of chicken, rice and vegetables. The teriyaki sauce glistened atop the chicken and every bite delighted the senses and teased the taste buds. Overall, I was satisfied.

Here are some other lunch options that caught my eye: yakisoba chicken (13,000 won), spicy pork and vegetable stir fry (14,000 won), chicken katsu (12,000 won)

Happy Teriyaki

LOCATION: 24, Jungangsijang-ro 6beon-gil, Pyeongtaek-si, South Korea

HOURS: Daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

PRICES: Lunch specials are 10,000 won.

DRESS: Casual

DIRECTIONS: A short walk from the main gate at Osan Air Base.

INFORMATION: 031-665-7942



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and egg drop soup (3,000 won).

I'll definitely be returning to this hidden gem, not only for the great food, but also the reasonable prices.

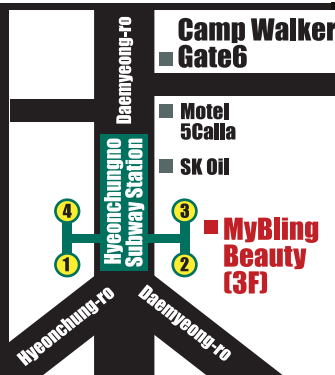
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