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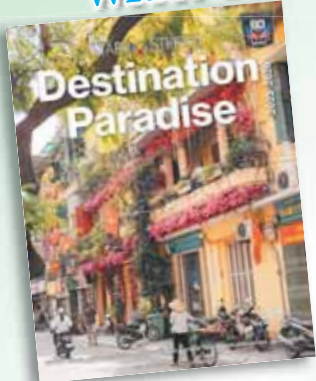
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A Food Guide for Americans

Korean food is often the first part of Korean culture that captures an American's heart. Sometimes it's the flavor. Sometimes the comfort. Sometimes the warmth of sharing a meal. Sometimes the surprise of discovering something entirely new. Food in Korea is not just eaten. It's experienced.

The Spirit of Sharing

Korean meals are built around sharing — dishes placed in the center, side dishes for everyone, and conversations flowing naturally. It feels communal, warm, and welcoming.

American visitors often tell me: "Korean meals feel like family." And they're right.

The Best "First Dishes" for Americans

These dishes are nearly universally loved by American newcomers:

Bulgogi - Sweet, tender marinated beef — familiar, comforting, delicious.

Bibimbap - A colorful bowl of rice, vegetables, beef, and egg. Mixing everything feels grounding and satisfying.

Galbi (Short Ribs) - Flavorful grilled ribs with a sweet-savory marinade — a Korean BBQ classic.

Korean Fried Chicken - Crispy, addictive, mind-blowing. Often better than American fried chicken.

Kimbab - A Korean-style rice roll — light, portable, and very beginner-friendly.

For the Adventurous American

Try these once you're comfortable:

- Kimchi stew
- Tofu stew
- Black bean noodles
- Spicy pork
- Grilled pork belly

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Gianni Youn



These dishes show the deeper, bolder flavors of Korea.

Spice Levels

Korean food has a proud spicy tradition, but don't worry:

You can always say: "Not spicy, please." Koreans will happily adjust.

If you accidentally choose something too spicy, drink milk or yogurt — it works instantly.

How Ordering Works

Many Korean restaurants specialize in one thing. Short menus are a good sign — it means everything is made with mastery.

Table Etiquette, Made Simple

- Don't stick chopsticks upright in rice.
- Wait for the eldest person to start eating.

- Try a little bit of everything.
- Compliment the food — Koreans love it.
- Don't feel pressure to finish everything.

Street Food: The Soul of Korea

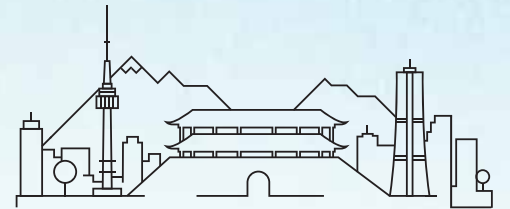
For true local flavor:

- spicy rice cakes
- sweet pancakes
- fish cakes
- Korean corn dogs
- dumplings
- egg bread

Street food connects you to everyday Korean life. It's inexpensive, warm, and unforgettable.

Why Korean Food Stays in Your Heart

Because it's not just flavor — it's emotion. Care. Generosity. Comfort. Togetherness. It's Korea's personality served on a plate.



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How to use Coupang, Korea's top shopping app

BY HYEMIN LEE,
STRIPES KOREA

Coupang is Korea's most beloved shopping app, often referred to as "Amazon in Korea" by Americans. You can find everything from groceries and beauty products to electronics and home essentials. It offers discounts on many products, and more importantly, most items arrive the next day, sometimes within hours! Try it once, and you'll see why it's part of daily life for millions of Koreans, including myself.

The good news is Coupang now supports English and accepts foreign cards. Your experience may vary, however, depending on whether you have an Alien Registration Card or not. So, here's a guide to help you make the most of Korea's top shopping app. Once you get used to how to use it, Coupang might become your new favorite Korean life hack!

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QUICK NOTE: WHAT IS ARC?

Alien Registration Card (ARC) is a foreigner's ID used in Korea like a social security number. While SOFA members are not required to obtain one, applying for an ARC can make life significantly easier when using Korean services. Check out the Tip of the Day on how to get your ARC.



HOW TO GET YOUR ARC

USING COUPANG WITHOUT ARC

You might not want to get an ARC due to a short stay in Korea, but you can still use Coupang for fast delivery on thousands of items. Believe me, it's still much more efficient than in-person shopping when it comes to finding good deals. Here's what to expect:

- The app supports English, and foreign credit/debit cards are accepted.
- A minimum order of 19,800 won is required per purchase.
- Features like Rocket Wow, Rocket Fresh and Coupang Play are not available for non-ARC holders.

Tip: If you have Korean friends or coworkers with Rocket Wow, they can always help you out, especially for items that are difficult to find in stores.

THOSE WITH ARC

Once you register your ARC and link to your phone, you can unlock Coupang's full features through a Rocket Wow membership. If you're living off-base or staying longer than a few months, this version of Coupang could truly transform your daily routine.

■ Rocket Wow membership

This service offers diverse features, including Rocket delivery, discount offers, free return within 30 days, access to a streaming service and free delivery with Coupang Eats, all for a monthly fee of 7,890 won.

WHY COUPANG IS SPECIAL

1. Fast delivery

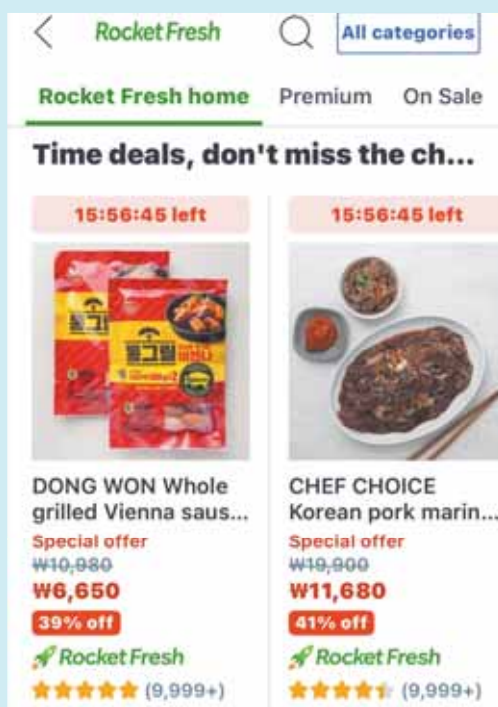
Coupang is beloved for the lightning-fast delivery. If you're a Rocket Wow member, most items will arrive by the next morning or day. Even without the membership, delivery is still quick, usually within a day or two.

2. Discount offers

I used to browse cosmetics, clothing, and shoes in stores, but now I simply grab my phone. Many items are usually 10–30% cheaper on Coupang compared to regular prices.

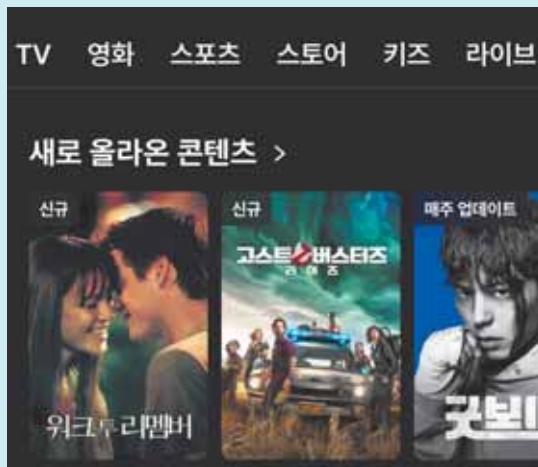
3. Free return policy

Online shopping is convenient, but comparing multiple items can make it hard to choose the right one and returns are costly. With Wow membership, you can return any item within 30 days as long as it's not damaged.



4. Rocket Fresh

Place a grocery order by midnight and receive the delivery by 7 a.m. the next morning. Even your ice cream stays frozen! In many cases, the grocery items are even fresher than what you'd find at local supermarkets. Also, Rocket Fresh includes hard-to-find items in stores like organic products, protein snacks and sugar-free foods.



5. Coupang Play

Rocket Wow members get free access to Coupang Play, a streaming service with dramas, movies and variety shows, both Korean and global. Many Korean programs include English subtitles, and the platform features many American TV shows from HBO as well.



6. Coupang Eats

Baemin may be Korea's top food delivery app, but Coupang Eats is quickly gaining ground. With Wow membership, delivery is free and since tipping isn't customary in Korea, you just browse, order and enjoy. Without a Wow membership, delivery fees range from 2,000 to 4,000 won.

7. Reliable customer service

Coupang offers 24/7 customer support, so users can contact the service center when they need help with delivery or returns.

HOW TO USE COUPANG

1. Download the app

Search for Coupang on Android or iOS or go to www.coupang.com. The app is usually more English-friendly than the website.

2. Create an account

Sign up with your email and phone number.

3. Switch to English mode

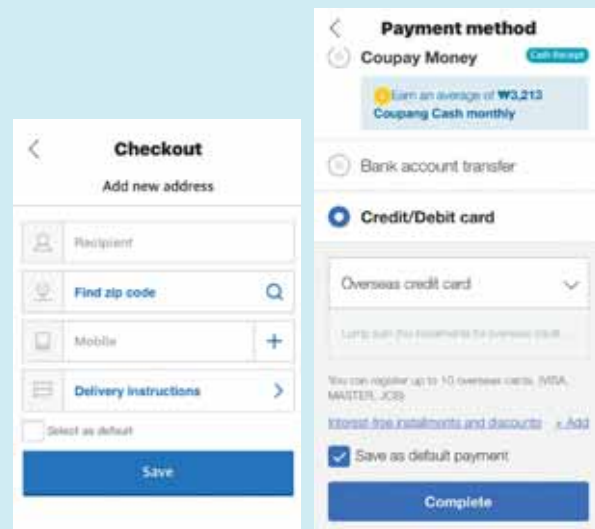
Tap the user icon, scroll down to "Language" and switch to English.

4. (Optional) Join Rocket Wow

If you have an ARC and plan to live more like a local, you can consider subscribing to Rocket Wow for a more convenient life.



COUPANG WEBSITE



5. Start shopping!

Browse by category or use the search bar. Foreign cards are accepted for purchase. Enter your address in Korean for better accuracy. If your building has an entry code, make sure to include it in the address details. Once you place an order, it's already on the way!

IF YOU LIVE ON BASE

Coupang and most Korean delivery apps can't deliver directly inside U.S. military bases, so here are a few workarounds to consider:

■ Convenience store pickup

Many convenience stores like CU, GS25, and 7-Eleven offer pick-up locker services. Just make sure to visit and see if the nearby store supports this service and how it works before selecting it as your delivery address.

■ Use a friend's off-base address

If you have Korean coworkers or friends who live off base, ask if you can use their address for deliveries. I often help my American friends with this, especially for urgent deliveries.

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Fun family beach day only a short drive from Pyeongtaek

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As the weather gets hotter, there's nothing like a quick beach getaway close to home. Fortunately, Pyeongtaek is a short drive from Korea's west coast with several beaches to enjoy.

Before heading out, check the tide schedules since the western coast has large tidal ranges and wide mud flats. Due to the location, the water on this side of the peninsula tends to be a little muddy compared to the clear blue waters on the East and South Coasts. However, the West Coast mud flats boast a diverse marine life. At high tide, enjoy water activities, and when the tide recedes, explore the shore for crabs, clams and other sea creatures.

Here are seven great beaches to explore with your family near Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base!

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Photos courtesy of Dangjin City

Waemok Village Beach (왜목마을 해수욕장)

Waemok Village Beach, located at the northern tip of the Taean Peninsula in Dangjin City, offers stunning skies including sunsets, sunrises and moonrises. The beautiful beach is ideal for swimming, rock fishing, and exploring tidal flats. Camping is allowed, and nearby facilities provide convenient access to accommodations, fishing gear rentals, restaurants, stores and changing rooms.

FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 67 km - 70 minutes by car



NAVER MAP



Jebudo Beach Photos courtesy of Hwaseong City

Jebudo Beach (제부도 해수욕장)

Jebudo Beach is a popular choice for beach trips among locals from Seoul and Gyeonggi-do due to its proximity and a variety of facilities including accommodations, restaurants and various recreational activity options. The beach features a unique tidal road that opens twice a day, allowing visitors to witness the "Miracles of Moses." Check the tide schedule before visiting, as entering the island is only possible via the West Sea Cable Car when the water comes back to close the road. Visitors can explore diverse marine life on mud flats, enjoy swimming, and numerous water sports such as fishing, surfing, kayaking and jet skiing.

FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 60 km - 1 hour by car



NAVER MAP



Photos courtesy of Hwaseong City

Gungpyeong-ri Beach (궁평리 해수욕장)

Similar to Jebudo, Gungpyeong-ri Beach offers visitors the opportunity to explore tidal flats and enjoy fishing during low tide, while high tide is ideal for swimming. It's closer to Pyeongtaek and more peaceful compared to Jebudo. The beach is also popular for camping and car picnics, allowing visitors to stay overnight in their cars or tents. Designated camping areas charge about 10,000 won and there are also free spots available for camping. As there are limited facilities close to the beach, it's recommended to bring your own food or visit Gungpyeong Port nearby for stores, ocean-view cafés, and rentals for fishing and mud flat experiences.

FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 50 km - 1 hour by car



NAVER MAP

Padori Beach (파도리 해수욕장)

Padori Beach takes its name from the Korean word "pado" which means wave in English. The charming pebble beach is renowned for clear, shallow waters and beautiful waves that make soothing sounds over the small stones. Padori is truly a quiet retreat. The water is very clear and beautiful, making swimming very enjoyable. However, the beach can be rocky, so it's wise to bring water shoes. Also, it's a great spot for catching crabs and other sea creatures during low tide.

There is a stunning sea cave, famous as one of Taean's best photography spots. Accessible only during low tide, it's recommended to check the tide schedule. Due to its proximity to Manripo Beach, one of Taean's most famous beaches, many visitors to Manripo also stop by Padori to capture photos of the sea cave.

Do note that this beach belongs to the Taean Coastal National Park, so most beaches at Taean restrict pet entry except for four beaches: Manripo, Kkotji, Galeumi and Kkujinamugol.

FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 120 km - nearly two hours by car



NAVER MAP

LOCATION FOR
THE CAVEPhoto by Korea National
Park Service

Tips for your West Sea beach getaway!

- **Shopping tip:** Daiso is great for purchasing affordable vacation items such as beach towels, mats, swimming goggles and camping gear.
- **What to bring:** Bring a small shovel, hoe or basket for collecting clams, or get creative! I usually bring a butterfly net for shrimp, gloves and kitchen tongs to catch crabs. A headlamp is essential if you're exploring at night since many sea creatures are nocturnal. Be sure to track the tide times and avoid venturing too far as the water returns quickly.
- **What to catch:** Clams are easy to find year-round while crabs, octopuses and other marine creatures appear depending on the season. The best time for mud flat exploration is between May and September. Note that some beaches may have seasonal restrictions on catching live creatures, so check for signage at the site.
- **Check tide times:** The website offers tide times but make sure to use the Chrome browser for English translation.



TIDE TIME

- **Picnic rules:** Regulations at the beach can vary depending on location and season. Some beaches may allow picnics with prepared food but prohibit cooking. Picnic mats are permitted, and tents are usually allowed during the day but may need to be removed at night.
- **Camping rules:** While many beaches allow daytime tent pitching, overnight camping rules can vary. Look for designated camping zones near the beach that permit cooking and tent setup, which may require a fee. Some open fields allow car camping and cooking without fees, but some restrictions may apply such as only allowing cooking and sleeping in vehicles without tents.
- **Pet rules:** Unless specifically prohibited, accompanying pets are usually not a big issue at most beaches. However, during peak season (July-Aug.), there may be restrictions on dogs swimming. Note that national parks in Korea don't allow pets, and Taean Peninsula on the West Coast has a designated coastal national park, so most beaches at Taean restrict pet entry except for four beaches: Manripo, Kkotji, Galeumi and Kkujinamugol.



Photos courtesy of Taeon

→ Kkotji Beach (꽃지 해수욕장)

Kkotji Beach is the largest beach on Anmyeondo in Taeon, and is known for beautiful sunsets over Grandma Rock and Grandpa Rock, iconic natural symbols in Taeon Peninsula. Stroll along the soft sandy beach, view the beautiful scenery and enjoy playing in the sand and water. The beach is also famous for crabbing, clam digging and collecting various shellfish in the tidal flats. The beach features many convenient facilities, including accommodations, restaurants, stores and recreational facilities. Close to Kkotji Beach, there is Kkotji Coastal Park, a free theme park open year-round with seasonal gardens, picnic areas, camping grounds and cooking facilities.



FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 130 km – nearly two hours by car

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Photos courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

Mongsanpo Beach (몽산포 해수욕장)

Mongsanpo Beach in Taeon is a family favorite known for plenty of opportunities to collect sea creatures. During low tide, the beach becomes a natural playground where anyone can easily dig for clams and a variety of sea creatures. Mongsanpo's soft sands make it easy and safe to explore and enjoy swimming with gentle waves. It's also a famous camping spot with many campgrounds around. Campers can enjoy BBQ right by the water or relax under the pine trees. Just don't forget to bring your own gear and supplies as there are no large markets around. Within a 10 minute drive, visitors can also stop by Mongdae Port for a small seafood market and explore Cheongsan Arboretum, a beloved fall destination for seasonal blooms.



Photo by Hyemin Lee, Stripes Korea

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FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 110 km - 1 hour and 30 minutes



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MORE ABOUT MONGSANPO, CHECK OUT THE STORY

Daecheon Beach (대천 해수욕장)

Daecheon Beach is one of the most famous beaches on the West Coast. Known for its wide, blue sea and fine sand, it's perfect for swimming and sand play with children as there are no tide flats. The beach is popular for families and young adults. This is where the famous annual Boryeong Mud Festival is held for two weeks in late July to early August.

Daecheon has plenty of accommodations, cafes, restaurants and leisure activities like ziplining and sky rail bikes. The beach is also pet-friendly.

More importantly, the beach is easily accessible by train, making it convenient for travelers without a car. Daecheon Station can be reached in less than two hours from Pyeongtaek Station via the Mugunghwa or Saemaeul trains. From Daecheon Station, Daecheon Beach is a 30-minute bus ride or a 10-minute taxi ride away.



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FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 130 km - 1 hour and 50 minutes by car



Photos courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization



Photos courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

Sinduri Beach (신두리 해수욕장)

For those seeking both beach fun and a quiet escape, Sinduri Beach is a hidden gem. It features soft sand, clean water and marine life in mudflats. This beach is less crowded than others and many visit to enjoy peaceful sunset views. Nearby camping areas make it a great spot for overnight stays. What makes this beach truly unique is the Sinduri Coastal Sand Dune, Korea's only sand dune formed after the Ice Age. The sand dunes are a protected area, but visitors can enjoy beautiful trails and stunning views.



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FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 120 km - 1 hour and 50 minutes



Photo courtesy of Taeon

Hakampo Beach (학ampo 해수욕장)

If you're looking for clean water, sunset views, fewer crowds and fishing, you'll love Hakampo Beach. Hakampo's water is surprisingly clear, often compared to the East Sea. Visitors enjoy swimming, fishing and even snorkeling and during low tide, it's great for spotting marine life. Just make sure to bring your aqua shoes since the beach is rocky. This beach is also popular for glamping, sleepovers at rental camping cars, offering beautiful ocean views.



NAVER MAP

FROM BASES IN PYEONGTAEK: About 120 km - 1 hour and 50 minutes

Speakin' Korean

Bada-e gago sipeoyo



Beach trip

BY HYEMIN LEE, STRIPES KOREA

Vocabulary

- Summer: Yeoreum (여름)
- Vacation: Hyuga (휴가) / Banghak(방학)
- Sea/Ocean/Beach: Bada (바다)
- Beach: Haesuyokjang (해수욕장) / Haebyeon (해변)
- West Sea: Seo-haeon (서해안)
- East Sea: Dong-haeon (동해안)
- South Sea: Nam-haeon (남해안)
- Mudflats: Gaet-beol (갯벌)
- Wave: Pado (파도)
- Swimming: Suyeong (수영)
- Hot (weather): Deowo-yo (더워요)
- Cool: Siwon-haeyo (시원해요)

Phrases

- “When is your summer vacation?”
= 여름휴가가 언제예요?
(Yeoreum hyuga-ga eonjeyeyo?)
- “Summer in Korea is very hot.”
= 한국의 여름은 너무 더워요
(Hanguk-ui yeoreum-eun neomu deoweoyo)
- “I want to go to the beach.”
= 바다에 가고 싶어요
(Bada-e gago sipeoyo)
- “The sound of the waves is beautiful.”
= 파도 소리가 아름다워요
(Pado sori-ga areumdawoyo)
- “How can I go to Daecheon Beach from Pyeongtaek?”
= 평택에서 대천 해수욕장에 어떻게 갈 수 있어요?
(Pyeongtaek-eseo Daecheon haesuyokjang-e eotteoke gal su isseoyo?)





Visit a water park

Enjoying thrilling water slides and entertaining pools at any of the many water parks is an easy way to cool down. Check out Korea's top water parks packed with exciting attractions!

*Water parks usually have extended hours during peak season (July-Aug.), and the ticket prices may vary depending on the season and discount deals. Before your visit, check their website. You can also find discount deals on Naver or online travel platforms like Trazy.

Photo courtesy of Caribbean Bay



Photo courtesy of Ocean World



Photo courtesy of Caribbean Bay

Ocean World

Located in Vivaldi Park, a popular ski resort in Gangwon-do province, Ocean World allows visitors to enjoy leisure time at a resort amidst the area's beautiful forests and mountains. This large-scale water park features a variety of exciting attractions. It's especially known for the eye-catching Egyptian theme, including replica pyramids and sphinx.

- **ADDRESS:** 262, Hanchigol-gil, Hongcheon-gun, Gangwon-do
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (may vary by season)
- **TICKET:** 39,000 won – 89,000 won



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Caribbean Bay

As everyone knows, Caribbean Bay is a top water park in Korea located within the Everland theme park complex. Most large-scale water parks are away from the city but thanks to its proximity to Seoul, it's easily accessible. It's only a one-hour drive from Camp Humphreys. The incredible park is fantastic for young people and families to enjoy a day trip. It features numerous entertaining attractions and five distinct themed zones, including indoor and outdoor pools, spas, and water rides.

- **ADDRESS:** 199 Everland-ro, Yongin-si, Gyeonggi-do
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (7 p.m. on weekends)
- **TICKET:** 30,000 won – 70,000 won



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Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

Spa Valley

Just a short drive from the bases in Daegu, it's a favorite summer destination among Daegu residents. Spa Valley offers a diverse range of attractions along with hot springs and cool pools. Within the same site, visitors can also find Nature Park with a botanical garden and zoo throughout the year.

- **ADDRESS:** 891, Gachang-ro, Daegu
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **TICKET:** 19,000 won – 52,000 won



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Photo courtesy of California Beach

California Beach

Right next to Gyeongju World, California Beach is one of the best water parks in Korea, offering a mix of thrills and fun for families and adventure seekers. This water park, inspired by California's beach, operates during the summer season and is famous for diverse options of thrilling attractions. Make sure to explore all the high-speed and massive slides as well as wide and easy-going wave pools.

- **ADDRESS:** Bomun-ro 544, Gyeongju-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- **TICKET:** 15,000 won – 70,000 won



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Lotte Water Park

Lotte Water Park in Gimhae is widely recognized as the largest water park in Korea. With its Polynesian theme, the park transports visitors to the stunning beaches of the South Pacific. While basking in the exotic atmosphere, visitors can enjoy a wide array of thrilling water attractions.

- **ADDRESS:** 555 Jangyu-ro, Gimhae-si, Gyeongsangnam-do
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (6 p.m. on weekends)
- **TICKET:** 27,500 won – 56,000 won



NAVER MAP



BY HYEMIN STRIPES

As the temperatures rise and you want to dive into some summer fun, escaping the heat and humidity, Korea offers many great ways to get it. So, buckle up and get ready for a summer that makes your summer truly epic!
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Join summer

Across the country, local festivals turn the season into a chance to cool off. Some even include water fights, performances, night markets, and more.



Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

Boryeong Mud Festival

Boryeong Mud Festival is one of Korea's best summer festivals, drawing thousands of local and international visitors to Daecheon Beach. The festival is built around Boryeong's mineral-rich mud with various activities such as mud slides, mud baths and other muddy games. Daecheon Beach, where the festival is held, is also the most popular beach on the West Coast, known for its wide shoreline, soft sand, seafood market and convenient facilities. Visitors can also take a train to Daecheon Station, then take a short taxi ride to the beach and festival site.

- **2026 FESTIVAL:** July 24 (Fri.)–Aug. 9 (Sun.)
- **HOURS:** 1–6 p.m. (Mon.–Thu.) / 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Fri.–Sun.)
- **TICKETS:** 11,000 won–16,000 won



MUD FESTIVAL



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4 cool escapes area!

MIN LEE,
S KOREA

When the sun shines brightly, it's time for summer adventures! During this season, humidity is a priority, and luckily, Korea offers a refreshing break. Here are four unforgettable activities to



Photo courtesy of Waterbomb

Water gun festivals

For water gun events, markets or fun activities, so check each festival's schedule before you go. As with any crowded summer event, expect to get wet, keep an eye on your belongings and follow safety rules.



Photo courtesy of Seoul Land

Summer Water Wars

Seoul Land hosts an annual summer festival with musical shows and water gun fights for a fun time perfect for the whole family. After enjoying the Summer Water Wars to the fullest, it's time to have the finale of the summer nights at Luna Park for glittering lights and fireworks.

■ **ADDRESS:** 181 Gwangmyeong-ro, Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi-do
 ■ **DATES:** Late June – late August



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Waterbomb 2026

Part-water fest, part-music fest, Waterbomb 2026 is a good one to check out when the summer approaches. You can explore a diverse mix of music like K-pop, hip-hop, and EDM performances and enjoy a refreshing large-scale water bomb battle. Waterbomb 2026 is held in three major cities: Seoul, Busan and Sokcho. Visit their website for more information and ticketing.

■ **DATES:** Seoul July 24 (Fri.)–July 26 (Sun.) / Busan Aug. 8 (Sat.) / Sokcho Aug. 22 (Sat.)



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Enjoy spooky haunted houses

In Korea, summer is the season where people love enjoying horror movies and spooky experiences. Horror themed events will give you chills and scare away the summer heat!

Photo courtesy of Gyeongju Expo Grand Park



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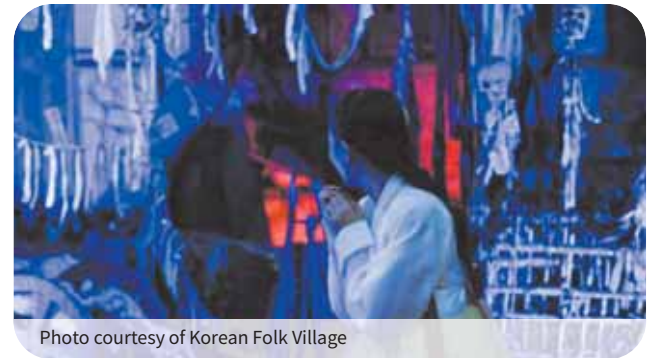


Photo courtesy of Korean Folk Village

Lumina Horror Night

Gyeongju Expo Grand Park hosts the longest outdoor horror experience program in Korea, lasting over 40 minutes. This program is famous for its thrilling experience. Participants must pass through 14 points while navigating the lair of evil spirits in the mountain at night. The dark and spooky forest makes it unpredictable when ghosts might pop out, and participants are allowed to scream as much as they want since it's an outdoor program. At the entrance, there's a horror photo zone, horror blood drinks, face painting, and tarot reading. Ticket is available on site at Gyeongju Expo Park.

■ **ADDRESS:** 130 Cheongun-dong Gyeongju-si Gyeongsangbuk-do (Gyeongju Expo Grand Park)

■ **DATE:** Only during August (Please check their website for the accurate schedule)

■ **HOURS:** After sunset (around 7-8 p.m.) – 11 p.m.

■ **TICKET:** 10,000 won (50% discount for Gyeongju Expo Park visitors)



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Photo courtesy of Hapcheon-gun

Ghost Park Awake

The Ghost Park is held at the Hapcheon Film Theme Park, where various movies and dramas are filmed. This spooky ghost park offers a variety of horror attractions where visitors can encounter scary zombies while completing missions. Visitors can also enjoy horror events, performances, booths and flea markets.

■ **ADDRESS:** 256-5 Gaho-ri Yongju-myeon Gyeongsangnam-do (Hapcheon Film Theme Park)

■ **DATES:** Early to mid-August

■ **HOURS:** 6 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

■ **TICKET:** 21,000 won – 30,000 won (Online ticketing offers discount deals)



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Haunted Houses in Joseon Dynasty

If you want to see Korean-style ghosts, then you should visit the Korean Folk Village this season! The folk village runs two traditional haunted houses where visitors can encounter Korean-style ghosts and enjoy a spooky atmosphere after dark. You can make reservations on Naver or purchase tickets on-site. Also, please note that you must enter Korean Folk Village first and these experiences require a separate ticket.

Korean Folk Village

■ **ADDRESS:** 90 Folkchon-ro, Yongin-si, Gyeonggi-do

■ **DATES:** 10 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Mon.-Thu.) / 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Fri.-Sun.)

■ **TICKET:** 19,000 won–38,000 won



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Haunted Prison

■ **DATE:** April 11 (Sat.)–Nov. 15 (Sun.) Fri.–Sun. and holiday only

■ **HOURS:** 1:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Break: 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

■ **TICKET:** 16,000 won

Haunted Den

■ **DATE:** April 11 (Sat.)–Nov. 15 (Sun.) Fri.–Sun. and holiday only

■ **HOURS:** 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Break: 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

■ **TICKET:** 11,000 won



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SUMMER: Hot fun!

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Explore great beaches

Since summers can be scorching, many flock to the great beaches for memorable vacations. If you aren't sure where to choose, here are some of Korea's most popular beaches!

Daechon Beach

Photo courtesy of Korea Toursim Organization



Photo courtesy of Korea Toursim Organization

Surfyy Beach

Surfyy Beach in Yangyang is famous for its unique and exotic summer atmosphere. Known as the country's top surf spot, it features beach lounges, surfing lessons and an after-party zone. The atmosphere is young, stylish and energetic, drawing creative crowds, solo travelers and groups of friends. Visitors can easily enjoy professional surfing classes, yoga classes, paddleboarding and water activities. You can camp and party by the beach under exotic scenery. Please note that this beach is more popular among young adults than families.



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Sokcho Beach

Sokcho Beach is one of the best East Coast vacation spots with natural surroundings. Korea's East Coast is known for its clean water, refreshing sea breezes and stunning sunrises. Sokcho Beach stands out for enjoyable waves, clean facilities, and easy access from the city center, making it a great spot for safe swimming, picnics and easy beach days with the whole family.



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Gwangalli Beach

Just a short ride from Haeundae, Gwangalli Beach features a trendy, youthful vibe where beach culture meets city lifestyle. It's famous for the stunning nighttime views of Gwangang Bridge, which beautifully lights up the skyline after sunset. The neighborhood is packed with stylish cafés, restaurants, bars and beachside lounges, making it a favorite among couples and young travelers. Visitors can also enjoy marine activities like paddleboarding and jet-skiing. When you visit Busan, make sure to stop by both Haeundae and Gwangalli beaches to experience two different sides of the city's coastline.



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Hamdeok Beach

Among Jeju Island's many scenic beaches, Hamdeok stands out with its turquoise water, white sand and calm waves, making it a top pick for both families and beach lovers. The shallow waters are great for kids while swimmers and paddleboarders can still find plenty to enjoy. Right by the beach, there is also a snorkeling hotspot near the rocky edges where you can swim among colorful fish and sea creatures. With cozy cafés, walking trails and breathtaking views, Hamdeok offers a peaceful, tropical escape without ever leaving Korea!



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Speakin' Korean
BY HYEMIN LEE, STRIPES KOREA

- Summer: **Yeoreum** (여름)
- Vacation: **Hyuga** (휴가) / **Banghak** (방학)
- Sea/Ocean/Beach: **Bada** (바다)
- Beach: **Haebyeon** (해변)
- Mountain stream: **Gyegok** (계곡)
- Swimming: **Suyeong** (수영)
- Watermelon: **Subak** (수박)
- Hot (temperature): **Ddeugeowo-yo** (뜨거워요)
- Hot (weather): **Deowo-yo** (더워요)
- Cool: **Siwon-haeyo** (시원해요)

- When are you going on summer vacation?: **Eonje yeoreum hyuga-gayo?** (언제 여름 휴가 가요?)
- I like summer: **Jeoneun yeoreum-ee joa-yo** (저는 여름이 좋아요)
- It's very hot today: **Oneul neomu deowo-yo** (오늘 너무 더워요)
- I don't like hot weather!: **Jeoneun deoun-ge sireo-yo!** (저는 더운게 싫어요!)
- I need something cool: **Siwonhan-ge pilyo-haeyo** (시원한게 필요해요)



Photos courtesy of Korea Toursim Organization

Haeundae Beach

Without a doubt, Haeundae Beach in Busan is Korea's most iconic summer destination. Surrounded by high-rise buildings, the beautiful soft white sand meets the crystal-blue waters of the Southern Coast. The beach provides a variety of convenient facilities, including shower booths and rental shops. It also offers easy access to hotels, restaurants and exciting water sports. Beloved by young adults and families, Haeundae is safe and known for its lively summer atmosphere.



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A look at Busan's beautiful beaches

HAPS KOREA MAGAZINE

Busan is home to seven great beaches which has made it one of the best places to visit during the year. Here's a look at what the beaches have to offer.



1 Haeundae

Over the past several months, ships have been busy just offshore dredging sand and pumping it up onto the beach to double the width of Korea's famed strip of coastline. While the summer bookend months of June and September are the best times to enjoy the beach with moderate crowds, July and August is when Haeundae explodes with upwards of 700,000 people swimming, lounging or shuffling along the boardwalk in the summer heat. Nearby there are plenty of great restaurants and good backstreets leading off in all sorts of interesting directions.

TO GET THERE: Take subway line 2 to Haeundae Station. It's about a five-minute walk.



2 Gwangalli

If Haeundae feels a bit like South Beach, Miami, then Gwangalli is Coney Island: laid back, more room to stretch out and a semi-abandoned, rusting amusement park. At the end of the Suyeong River trail, the beach makes a great destination for a morning bike ride or jog. The absence of towering hotels means there are more dining and drinking options with ocean views. If you're feeling brave, you can grab a kayak at the southwest end of the beach and dodge the wind surfers and jet skis on the open water. After sunset, the Diamond Bridge, an iconic suspension bridge that spans the horizon, comes to life with an elaborate LED light show.

TO GET THERE: Take subway line 2 to Gwangan or Geumnyeonsan Station. It's about a five-minute walk.



3 Dadaepo

Located at the estuary of the Nakdonggang River and just eight kilometers from downtown, Dadaepo Beach is a great place to chill out and have a picnic, collect a few seashells and go for a swim in the shallow surf. Just up the river is one of the best places in Korea to check out migratory birds chilling in the marshes. At just under a kilometer long, it is beautiful but little-known to foreigners because of how far away it is from the city center.

TO GET THERE: Take bus number 2 or 98 from Busan Station or get off the subway at Sinpyeong.



4 Songjeong

It may be just on the other side of Dalmaji Hill, but Songjeong feels much further away. The skyscrapers of Busan proper are blocked from view, and the crowds are much smaller. It also has the only reliable breaks, attracting surfers who chase waves and girls who chase surfers. At the end of the day, Songjeong is one of the only nearby beaches that allows camping, but with no restrictions on fireworks or soju, don't expect a quiet night's rest.

TO GET THERE: Take subway line 2 and get off at Haeundae Station (exit 7), and take bus 100, 100-1, 139 or 142. Get off at Songjeong Station and walk 600 meters.



5 Songdo

Officially Korea's first beach (as of 1913), Song-do has re-emerged as a must-stop on local tours. Song-do, which translates into Pine Island, was given its name due to the lush pine trees adorning the outskirts of the beach. Located just three kilometers from Nampo-dong, Song-do offers a romantic backdrop for couples looking for some peace and quiet, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

TO GET THERE: Take bus 34 or 134 from Busan Station southward.



6 Imrang

The 1.5-km-long Imrang Beach is also located in Gijang County and is famous for its fresh water and fishing. With the water level only four feet deep, many families with young children find the beach ideal for swimming, while the neighborhood has a distinct character of its own. Tongdosa Temple and Jangansa Temple are located nearby for those looking to get out of the beach scene for the afternoon. Though relatively quiet, more tourists have been frequenting the area lately due to its golden sand.

TO GET THERE: Take bus 37, 180 or 188 from Jangsan Station.



7 Ilgwang

One of the two major beaches in Gyesang County, the horseshoe-shaped beach, which runs from the point where the Icheon River meets the Icheon Port to Horyeok Port, gives a warm and cozy feeling. You can get to the seaside in 5 minutes by walking out of Exit No.1 of Donghae Line. Ilgwang Beach, which is the background of Oh Yeongsoo's novel 'Seommaeu' and the film 'My Brother', boasts beautiful scenery and has become a popular tourist spot in recent years for those looking to avoid the more crowded beaches.

TO GET THERE: Ilgwang Station on Donghae line, exit 1 then about 5 minutes walking to the beach and take local bus numbers 180, 182, 188 → Get off at Ilgwang Beach bus stop.





Exploring Korean War at memorial museum

STORY AND PHOTOS BY HYEMIN LEE, STRIPES KOREA

The War Memorial of Korea is hands down my favorite destination. If you're a U.S. military member, a member of the UN forces stationed in Korea or simply a history buff, mark it as an absolute must-visit spot!

In Korea, June serves as the month of honoring veterans and those who were dedicated to protecting the country, so it's a meaningful season to



visit. Korea observes Memorial Day on June 6 to honor those who sacrificed their lives for the country, and June 25 marks the anniversary of the start of the Korean War. The War Memorial of Korea offers a powerful way to learn about the Korean War and other significant wartime history, free of charge.

The museum and memorial pay tribute to the veterans and those lost protecting the nation during the Korean War. As you wander through, you'll witness heartfelt expressions of gratitude not only towards the Republic of Korea forces but also towards the UN forces who bravely defended Korea during the war.

Though Korea still remains a divided nation, many Koreans continue to strive for peace, a theme you'll see throughout the museum.

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THINGS TO KNOW

Admission: FREE

Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

(Closed on Mondays. If Monday is a holiday, closed on Tuesday instead)

Address: 29 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul or near Line 4 and 6, Samgakji Station Exit 11-12



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5 notable outdoor exhibits

Statue of Brothers

The statue was inspired by the true story of two brothers who met as enemies on the battlefield of the Korean War. After their reunion, the younger brother who served as a NK soldier defected to the South, joined the ROK Army and served in the same platoon as his brother. Their story shows the painful reality of a war that turned people of the same nation and even the same families against each other. The statue symbolizes Korea's hope for reconciliation and reunification.

Korean War Monument

As you enter the museum area, you will be overwhelmed by the massive and magnificent sculptures. They serve as a reminder that the pain of the Korean War should never be forgotten and of the hope for future peace and reunification.

Monuments for UN forces

They are established to express gratitude to the 22 countries that participated in the Korean War and commemorate the fallen soldiers. On the opposite side, there are flags of the ROK military branches' units that fought in the Korean War.

Open-air exhibition area

You will be delighted to explore this vast field filled with a fascinating collection of over 70 large-scale weapons that were used during and after the Korean War. This area is renowned as the museum's largest photo zone, making it the perfect spot for both children and adults to enjoy.

Exhibition ROK's PKM-357 Chamsuri

When you step into the model vessel, you will travel back to the intense moments of the Second Yeonpyeong Naval Battle in 2002, triggered by a preemptive attack from North Korea. The battle led to the sinking of the PKM Chamsuri-357, resulting in the death of six and injury of 18. It serves as a reminder of the ongoing conflicts and the fact that the Korean War has not officially ended.





Indoor exhibition halls

■ Korean War Rooms

Exploring the Korean War Rooms, you can learn in detail about the Korean War, including its historical background and significant events in chronological order. Also, you can see how UN forces aided and fought alongside ROK. This will help you catch a glimpse of the beginning of the ROK-US alliance and the UN Command.



KEY EVENTS

1. Illegal invasion of South Korea

North Korea, supported by the Soviet Union and China, invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, and overpowered the South Korean military, occupying Seoul in three days. The NK forces, armed with strong weapons and tanks, recklessly broke through the 38th parallel to nearly Busan.

• **Battle of Nakdong River:** The river was technically the final defense line as the South Korean government was driven from Seoul to Busan. The only hope was for UN forces to join the war and fight alongside ROK. Countless South Koreans including the ROK forces, young students around 13 to 15 years old with no prior combat experience, and civilians died to defend the area. Soon, UN forces joined the battle.



2. UN forces march north

Through a resolution adopted by the UN Security Council on June 27, 1950, UN member countries were urged to provide essential aid to the ROK. With the participation of UN forces and the success of Operation Chromite, the tide of the war was a complete reversal. By October 1950, North Korea was almost fully occupied by UN forces, leaving only a small

portion of their territory. The ROK government under President Syngman Rhee was filled with excitement and believed that reunification was within reach.

• **Operation Chromite:** On Sept. 15, 1950, General MacArthur successfully led UN forces of 75,000 troops to land in Incheon. The UN forces subsequently recaptured Seoul and other territory. This was the greatest turning point in the Korean War. To this day, General MacArthur is still remembered as the ultimate hero of the Korean War.

3. Chinese forces and a war of attrition

At the very moment when the prospect of reunification seemed close, Mao Zedong, after gaining the upper hand in China, sent troops to assist North Korea, a fellow communist regime. The Chinese forces, with tactics such as human wave attacks, shifted the overall situation of the war again. The UN forces launched a full-scale counterattack. From that point, the war transformed into a brutal war of attrition with no gain for either side.

4. Truce talks and the Korea-US Mutual Defense Treaty

Amid the ongoing war of attrition for nearly three years, both sides grew significantly weary. The Korean War was finally halted with the signing of an armistice on July 27, 1953. Koreans who had hoped for reunification were greatly disappointed. Also, the ROK government had great concerns about the future after the war. As a result, South Korea entered into the Korea-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty, which provides a war deterrent against further aggression from the North.

■ ROK Armed Forces Rooms

In these exhibition rooms, you will gain comprehensive understanding of how ROK forces have evolved after the Korean War. They also highlight the history of ROK forces participating in UN peacekeeping activities in various countries. It shows the transformation of this country from the one that received aid, to a nation that now provides aid to others.



Vietnam War

As an ally of the United States, ROK forces participated in the Vietnam War, deploying a cumulative total of approximately 310,000 troops in the span of about eight years. The exhibits vividly show the challenging conditions of the battles such as mountainous terrain and jungles.

■ War History Rooms (Before the Korean War)

Korea, throughout its history, has endured invasions from various powerful nations including China, Mongolia, Japan, the United States, and France. Despite these challenges, the nation has preserved its history and identity. Through exploring these halls, you'll learn thousands of years of Korean history from the prehistoric era to Japanese occupation.

Imjin War and Turtle Ship: In 1592, Joseon faced a major crisis against strong Japanese forces for seven years during this war. However, the invasion was ultimately repelled through the courageous efforts of Admiral Yi Sun-sin and other notable figures. Admiral Yi's Turtle Ships achieved remarkable victories in numerous naval battles, becoming a source of great pride for all Koreans. Yet the war resulted in widespread devastation, with brutal massacres and enslavement of many Koreans kidnapped by Japanese.



The U.S expedition to Korea: In 1871, during an era of Western imperial ambitions in Asia, the United States launched an invasion of Korea as retaliation against the General Sherman incident and to forcibly open Korea to trade. It marked the first and only war between the United States and Korea.

TIPS FOR EXPLORING INDOOR EXHIBITION HALLS

1. The vast indoor exhibit is divided into seven sections. Grab a pamphlet at the entrance to help navigate the three-story museum.
2. Free lockers are available at the entrance, some of which are spacious enough to accommodate large backpacks.
3. Most exhibitions provide English explanations. Also, you can join a free English guided tour. For more information, inquire at the information desk or call +82-2-709-3077
4. Take enough time to explore the entire museum. There is a wealth of information about the entire history of Korea to absorb. Remember that the last admission is at 5 p.m. and the museum starts closing by 5:40 p.m.



Sangnoseu offers a filling stop for pork cutlet fans

The standout option at Sangnoseu in Pyeongtaek, is this set, which pairs a hearty bowl of ramen with a thick-cut breaded pork cutlet.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ALEJANDRO CARRASQUEL, STARS AND STRIPES
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A short walk from Songtan Station in Pyeongtaek, leads to Sangnoseu, a local favorite known for serving generous portions of pork cutlet and ramen.

Inside, the setting is casual and unpretentious, with the focus clearly on the food. Once the dishes arrive, it becomes clear why the restaurant has developed a loyal following.

The standout option is the ramen and pork cutlet set, priced at 20,000 won (about \$13.34), which pairs a hearty bowl of ramen with a thick-cut breaded pork cutlet. The

combination offers both variety and enough food to satisfy even the biggest appetites.

The menu also includes standard tonkatsu sets starting at 16,900 won, premium options such as the Sangnoseu katsu set at 18,900 won, and combination plates reaching about 20,000 won, depending on the selection.

The pork cutlet arrives with a crisp golden coating and is prepared using a low-temperature frying method that creates a balance between crunch and tenderness. The technique keeps the meat moist and prevents dryness.

I ordered a combination plate, which came with some traditional Korean side dishes, including cabbage salad, pickled daikon and

katsu sauce that paired well with the pork.

The ramen balances the heavier fried dish, with choices such as tonkotsu and spicy shio. The broth adds warmth and contrast to the meal without overpowering it.

Because of the restaurant's meticulous cooking method, meals take about 20 minutes to prepare. Orders are placed through a kiosk system, while water and utensils are available through self-service stations.

For service members and families at Osan Air Base or Camp Humphreys, Sangnoseu offers a reliable stop in Pyeongtaek for a filling meal after work or on a weekend outing.

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Things to know

LOCATION: 248-22 Sinjang-dong, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do

DIRECTIONS: A short walk from Songtan Station in Pyeongtaek, South Korea.

HOURS: Open daily, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PRICES: Most items cost between 12,000 won and 20,000 won.

DRESS: Casual

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In 2019, this golfer successfully defended his title at The PGA Championship, a year after doing the same thing at The U.S. Open.

Answer

Brooks Koepka

DID YOU KNOW?

Budae-jjigae (army base stew) was born out of postwar hardship. At a time when food was scarce after the Korean War, Koreans living near U.S. military bases used ingredients such as SPAM, sausage, ham and baked beans and then cooked them together with Korean flavors like kimchi, gochujang (red pepper paste) and noodles. Uijeongbu City, just north of Seoul, is especially famous for budae-jjigae and even has a street dedicated to the dish. You can also find budae-jjigae restaurants near many U.S. military bases in Korea. Today, budae-jjigae is a Korean comfort food with a taste of Korean resilience and American military history.

Hangul of the week

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Budae (Military base)

Language Lesson

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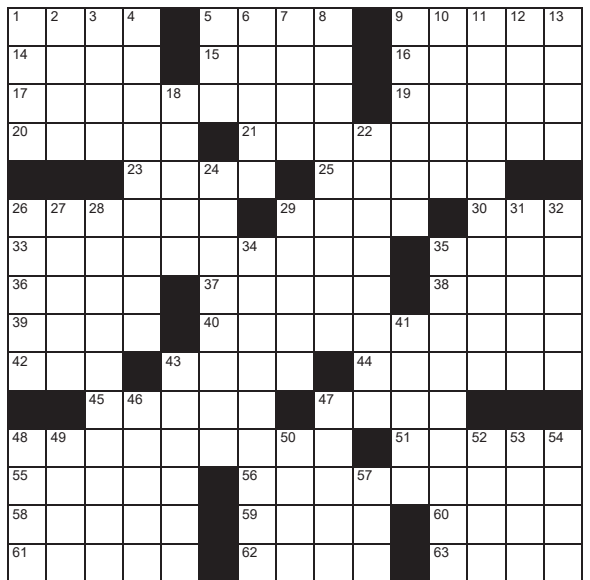
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ACROSS

- 1 Scottish miss
- 5 James who played Sonny Corleone
- 9 Woodworking files
- 14 Like a mechanic's rag
- 15 Pakistani language
- 16 French farewell
- 17 Philanderer
- 19 Part of NOW
- 20 Courage
- 21 Voicemail precursor
- 23 Like pie?
- 25 Stand for a portrait
- 26 Bold and outspoken
- 29 Crime-fighting turtles, briefly
- 30 One of the Gershwins
- 33 Company stationery
- 35 Point on a bus map
- 36 Neat anagram
- 37 Eagle's nest
- 38 Havana's home
- 39 Psychic
- 40 Checkout device
- 42 Royal flush card
- 43 ___ the hatchet
- 44 Oscar winner Borgnine
- 45 Certain believer
- 47 Guitar part
- 48 Francis, in Florence
- 51 Polite
- 55 Dentist's direction
- 56 Exhibiting angst
- 58 Misbehave
- 59 Genesis son
- 60 Narrow aperture
- 61 Winter runners?
- 62 It's tied at the altar



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- 63 Julia's "Ocean's Eleven" role

DOWN

- 1 Homebuyer's need
- 2 ___-de-camp
- 3 Talk like a lush
- 4 "Looney Tunes" lisper
- 5 Word before card or stick
- 6 Wide assortment
- 7 Mideast's Gulf of ___
- 8 Mother's helper
- 9 Least refined
- 10 Put on a pedestal
- 11 Likeness
- 12 Hammerhead part
- 13 Performed an aria
- 18 Make fun
- 22 Vagabond
- 24 Erie Canal city
- 26 Dynamite time?

- 27 She was Roxie in "Chicago"
- 28 Wedding party members
- 29 Absorbent fabric
- 31 Court wear
- 32 In different places
- 34 Despondent
- 35 Barest
- 41 At attention
- 43 Pull-up pullers
- 46 Follow as a result
- 47 Folded paper
- 48 Gridiron great Tarkenton
- 49 Puerto ___
- 50 Reunion group
- 52 Low-lying area
- 53 Fertility goddess
- 54 Allows
- 57 Small insect

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Easy

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

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:

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

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Women Medipark Hospital



United States
Army Command
Cooperation Hospital
Tricare Designated
Hospital.



Having an
English-Speaking
Coordinator and
Medical Staff.



Clean & Safe
Zone for Mom
and Newborns.

Women Medipark Hospital's Strengths

1 Laparoscope

- The most difficult surgery of obstetrics and gynecology that **preserves the uterus and ovaries** using laparoscopic surgery and **removes only the lesion area**.
- Exclusive surgical experience and know-how of annually 2,000 cases of uterine myoma and ovarian tumor.

2 HIFU (High Intensity Focused Ultrasound)

- More precise multi-processing using German multi-lens transducer instead of single lens used in other hospitals.
- More than 600 cases experience procedure and technical expertise annually.
- From infertility to pregnancy of a patient with uterine fibroids and adenomyosis through Hifu.
 - *The first success story south of Han River!*
- 8 successful pregnancy cases among 15 infertility patients with uterine myoma.
 - *Received 2009 Maternity-Friendly Policy Award (Presidential Award)*



3 VBAC (Vaginal Birth After Cesarean section) : Natural Delivery after Cesarean Section

- The highest national VBAC, natural delivery rate, based on statistics from the Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service.
- VBAC : The head office has the critical position as it is responsible for most of the VBAC surgeries performed in Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do Province.

4 High Risk Maternity Care Center

- ① Pregnant hypertension (Pregnancy intoxication)
- ② Pregnancy Diabetes
- ③ Mothers with chronic diseases
- ④ Pregnant women with uterus and ovarian tumors
- ⑤ Premature contraction Experienced medicine, accumulated experience and know-how of women medical park hospital staff who can **provide intensive care for high-risk pregnant women**.

5 A Empress Postpartum Care Center *Where feels like you're in a hotel!*

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