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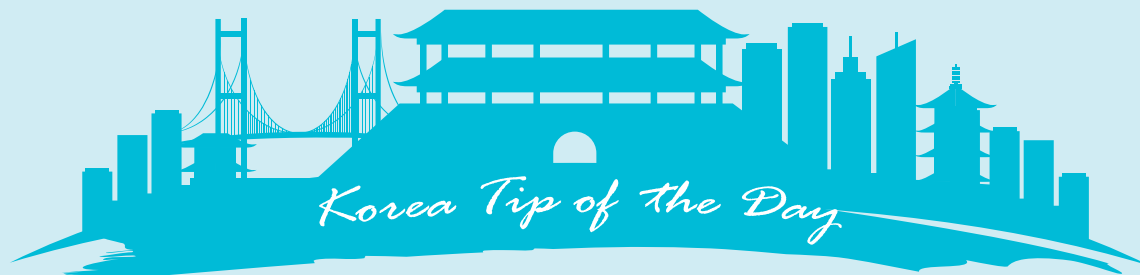




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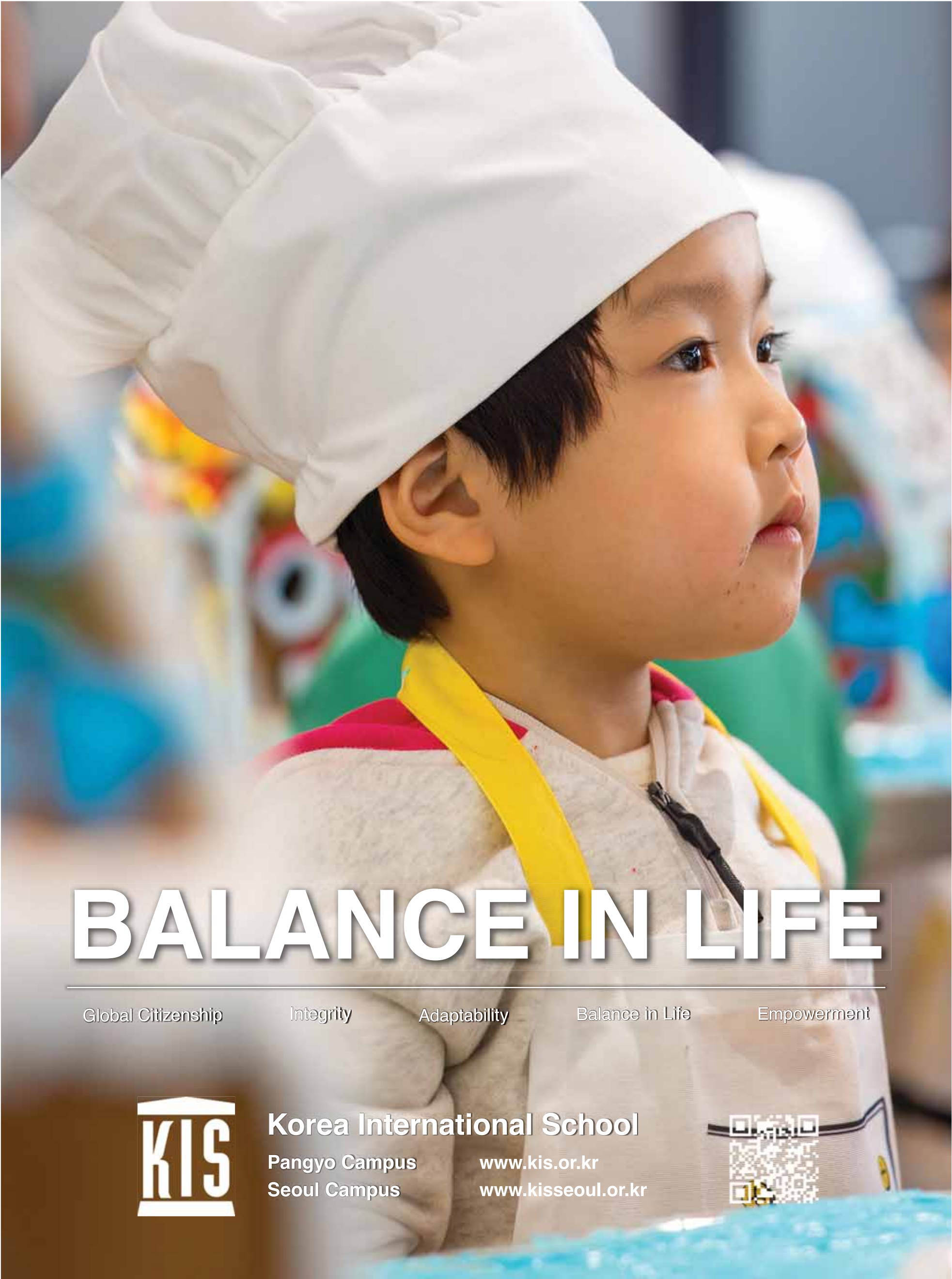
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# Unlocking the wonders of Korea

## A comprehensive travel guide

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A trip to South Korea presents an integrated experience; a fusion of the old and modern, the past and future. Korea is home to several attractions, ranging from the raucous life of Seoul streets and peaceful sceneries on Jeju Island among others. In this comprehensive travel guide, we will explore the cultural diversity of Korea and discover fascinating destinations while offering useful advice on how to enjoy a memorable trip. Moreover, for entertainment purposes during your free time, we shall take a glimpse at how you can enjoy Korean online casinos while traveling.

### ■ Seoul - Where past meets present

One of the country's proudest possessions is Seoul, its capital city that symbolizes Korean heritage and innovation. Enjoy the first part of this journey with Gyeongbokgung Palace where a guard-changing ritual is an ancient tradition. Stroll through the vast estate appreciating the beauty of intricate architecture, learning about Korea's glorious history.

Seoul's artistic soul is revealed to a great extent in the nearby vibrant Insadong district known for its traditional tea houses, art galleries, and antique shops. Allow yourself to get lost in the labyrinth of colorful lanterns and street masquerades. It is a sanctuary for those who want unusual presents, starting from ancient handmade products to modern Korean art.

On your tour of the city, you should not forget to visit modern wonders like Dongdaemun Design Plaza which is a futuristic architecture that hosts exhibitions and other events alongside an amazing LED light show during evenings. In terms of fashion and beauty, shopping districts like Myeongdong and Gangnam provide a glimpse into Korea's worldwide role in trends.

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### ■ Culinary delights - A gastronomic journey

Korean cuisine is very delightful to the five senses due to its vast range of flavors, textures, and variety of foods. Enjoy iconic dishes like bibimbap; a beautiful combination of rice, vegetables, and spicy gochujang sauce, and bulgogi- marinated beef shredded nicely and grilled which also gets partnered with kimchi.

Local markets also provide an attractive opportunity to enroll in a cultural trip, giving you the chance to meet friendly vendors and fellow food lovers. Talk to people, figure out what is being served, and enjoy the communal atmosphere of Korean dining.

### ■ Tranquil retreats - Temples and nature

Seeking a calm respite from the bustle of city life, Korea calls with its temples and nature. Visit the ancient Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju which is adorned by beautiful gardens and cultural artifacts. As you explore this UNESCO World Heritage site, marvel at the delicate carvings and peaceful environment.

Find the serene splendor of Seoraksan National Park with hiking trails giving way to breathtaking views and perfectly clear streams. The seasonal transformations of

the foliage during autumn or spring display, make up a marvelous scenery for nature lovers.

Jeju Island, designated a UNESCO World Heritage site with its volcanic topography and waterfalls gives the island an idealistic quality. Korea's temples and natural wonders fit the needs of people who turn inward for spiritual reflection as well as those seeking an outdoor adventure.

**Tip:** Despite being part of nature, you can still experience the excitement that online casinos bring. Enjoy some gaming while connected to the internet in Jeju's stunning view. Being mobile-compatible, these platforms enable smooth integration of entertainment into your journey.

### ■ Cultural immersion

#### - K-Drama and hanbok experiences

The phenomenon of K-dramas spreads the global influence beyond Korea's borders. Popular series like "Descendants of the Sun" or "Goblin" have romantic and picturesque shooting locations that can be visited to understand why they are viewed by millions around the world. Make your own K-drama memories while you visit these sites and relive the scenes that captured their spirits.

Embody the Korean culture by dressing in a hanbok. Several palaces, including Gyeongbokgung and Changdeokgung, also have services that are offered to allow one to walk through history while dressed brightly in luxurious clothes. Shoot time-honored accounts before these symbolic landmarks, establishing stronger ties with the Korean past.

### Practical tips for travelers

Before you embark on your Korean adventure, consider these practical tips:

**Language:** Although English is common in the places where tourists come, knowing several Korean phrases improves your travel experience.

**Transportation:** Use the quick subway and bus services in large towns, try getting a T-money card for easy traveling.

**Connectivity:** Stay connected to a local SIM card or portable Wi-Fi device for ease of navigation and communication.

**Seasons:** Seasonal planning is also applied to cherry blossoms in the spring, colorful fall foliage during autumn, and comfortable temperatures at that time of year.

### ■ Final thoughts

Korea is appealing with its abundant past, lively tradition, and dazzling contemporary. From wandering around lively Seoul to sampling delicious food, or finding serenity in the outdoors Korea has it all. As you set out on this adventure, remember the fusion between conservatism and modernity inherent to such a charming destination.

For leisure time, try Korean online casinos—a new way of livening up your travel memories. Step by step discover the mysteries of Korea and its people, who are strikingly different from one place to another. Whether you find yourself surrounded by the historical splendor of palaces or in a typical street market, Korea presents its culture that is revealed to be equally beautiful and deep. Thus, grab your bags, embrace the unknown, and give Korea a chance to cast its spell on you.



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Jinju City has evolved into a captivating “residence-type tourist city,” enticing visitors to explore and extend their stays.

Notable attractions such as the Jinju Namgang Yudeung Exhibition Hall, Kim Si-min Ho, Mulbitnaru Rest Area, and the Jinju K-Entrepreneurship Center, along with accommodations like Jisoo Seungsan Hanok, are gaining widespread popularity.

In the past year, concerted efforts were made to enhance tourism infrastructure and transform Jinju into a destination that attracts and accommodates visitors.

New attractions, including the Jinju Namgang Yudeung Exhibition Hall, the Namgang Cruise Ship ‘Kim Si-minho,’ and the Jinju K-Entrepreneurship Center, were introduced to showcase the unique charm of Jinju Bay.

Here are six experiences to put on your to-do list if you’re planning to visit the Jinju area.



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## 6 experiences to enjoy in Jinju

### 1 Jinju Namgang Yudeung Exhibition Hall

The exhibition hall, opened in October 2023, focuses on lanterns and symbolizes Jinju. With over 43,000 visitors since its launch, it features year-round displays of Yudeung, contributing to the ‘Wonderful Namgang Project.’

The space, covering 2761m<sup>2</sup>, includes an exhibition area, experience space, office space, a cafe, and a rooftop garden.

The inaugural exhibition, themed ‘The Light of Yudeung, Filled with Hope,’ showcased winners of the Korea Lantern Contest, silk hope lantern tunnels, and multimedia content exploring the origins of Yudeung and Jinju’s identity. Collaborations with artists added a modern interpretation, making it an engaging experience for visitors.

### 2 Kim Si-min-ho and Mulbitnaru Rest Area

The Namgang cruise ship ‘Kim Si-min-ho’ saw over 19,000 passengers last year, offering a serene journey along the Namgang River with breathtaking views of Jinju Castle and the cityscape.

The ticket booth, ‘Mulbitnaru Rest Area,’ recognized for its architectural excellence, is a must-visit destination.

The eco-friendly Kim Si-min No. 2 is set to start operations from September, expanding opportunities for more visitors to enjoy the beauty of Jinju.

### 3 Jinju K-Entrepreneurship Center

Remodeled from the old Jisu Elementary School, the center, inaugurated in March 2022, provides entrepreneurship education. Over 4,700 CEOs and 2,000 students have undergone Jinju K-Entrepreneurship training.

With over 80,000 visitors, it has become a prominent hub for entrepreneurship education. The global expansion project, highlighted by Mayor Cho Gyu-il’s UN Small and Medium Business Day keynote speech and international forums, has garnered significant attention.

### 4 Seungsan-e Rich Hanok and Jisoo Nammyeong Jinchwiga

Opened in June 2022, Seungsan-e Rich Hanok and Jisoo Nammyeong Jinchwiga offer unique lodging experiences, attracting around 4,700 guests.

Seungsan Ebuja Hanok provides a blend of past and present in the tranquil Seungsan Village, while Jisoo

Nammyeong Jinchwiga, a wooden building, received accolades for its modern reinterpretation of Hanok.

### 5 Folk Beef Strength Competition and Saturday Permanent Games

The city hosts the ‘National Folk Beef Strength Competition’ and Saturday games to promote traditional folk culture and support livestock farmers.

In 2023, 25 regular games drew about 10,000 spectators, and the national competition during the Jinju Namgang Yudeung Festival attracted over 22,000 visitors.

Regular Saturday games will continue this year, offering unique attractions for tourists.

### 6 Jinju Woodcraft Training Center

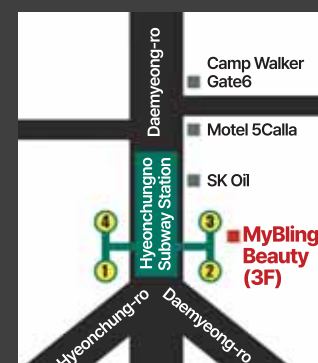
The city aims to popularize woodcraft through the ‘Jinju Woodcraft Training Center,’ with more than 40,000 participants since 2018.

In 2023, approximately 9,800 people engaged in various programs, signaling a 25% increase. The center offers diverse woodworking experiences and education programs, including calligraphy, woven furniture, and DIY, operating on weekdays and weekends.



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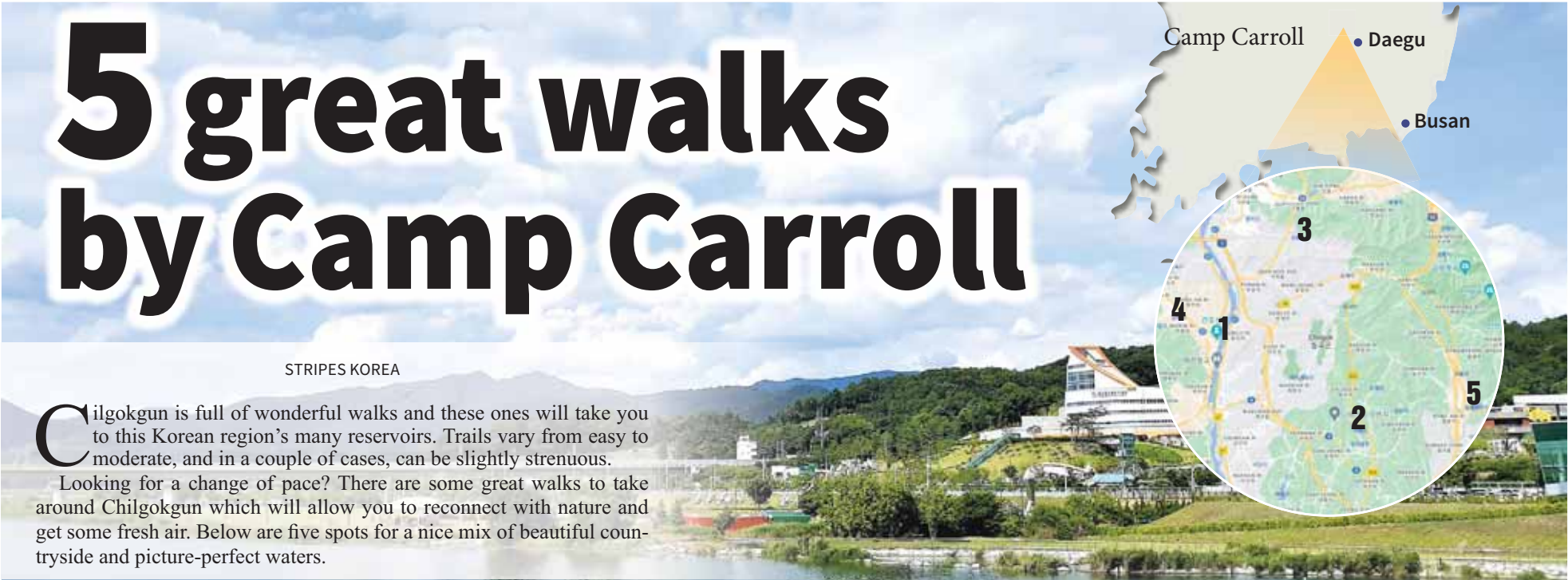
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# 5 great walks by Camp Carroll

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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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## 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. This 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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## 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 coffees 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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#### 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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# Noryangjin Fish Market

A seafood paradise in Korea

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If you're a seafood lover, Noryangjin Fish Market (노랑진 수산시장) is a great spot to visit and explore.

This market is a top destination among foreigners for many reasons. Without a doubt, the Noryangjin Fish Market is one of the best places to find incredibly fresh seafood in the center of Seoul. Also, before having a seafood feast, seeing a variety of sea creatures swimming in water tanks is a very unique experience. You might think some of the creatures are strange as you see them for the first time in your life. I promise that although they might jump out to try a jail breakout, they won't attack you like the Kraken!

Some of my American friends are not the type to usually order seafood. They say it's because a lot of the U.S. is not near the ocean, so they are normally used to other meats. But when I have been able to introduce Korean seafood dishes into their life, they have always found at least one entree they enjoyed. I cannot stress enough how many different seafood options there are in a Korean fish market.

Because many Americans don't eat as much seafood as Koreans, many might avoid walking through a fish market. Some of them might even think the smell is unbearable. However, because a lot of the fish are still alive, the smell is tolerable. Fish can be your friends or food!

When visiting the market, you'll feel like you are in a special aquarium where you can select the displays as your dinner.

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## Things to know

Location: Seoul Metro Line 1,9 Noryangjin station exit 9

Hours:

- Markets: runs 24 hours, but many closed by 10 p.m. (No holiday off)
- Restaurants: 10 a.m.–10 p.m. (Mostly)

1st&2nd floors: Fresh things from the sea

2 nd floors: Dried and salted seafood

2 nd &5th floors: Restaurants

3rd &4th floors: Parking lots





Guide for enjoying fish market

1. Prepare your outfits

Avoid fancy clothes and shoes because the critters can spread fish juice. The floors of the market are usually wet, so it can be slippery. Be prepared by wearing casual outfits.

2. Check the market price first

Explore the first and second floors before purchasing any items. To check the standard price of an item, visit two or three different shops and ask the price of the item. Vendors are used to it, so don't be afraid of asking the price even if you aren't going to buy from them.

Also, most vendors follow standardized prices fixed by the market, and the quality of the service provided by a vendor can be very different depending on the shop.

3. Decide where to eat

You can either take the items to your home or have them cooked at restaurants in the market. Eating at the restaurant is a very convenient way to enjoy the amazing seafood you purchased. The vendor you bought your seafood from will guide you to a restaurant that will cook your food.

However, the restaurants charge service fees for offering table setting, side dishes, and cooking the items, which can often be even more expensive than the seafood itself. So the most cost-effective option is to take the ingredients home with you.

4. Ask for discounts (haggle)

Don't hesitate to haggle or ask for extra stuff, especially when you are buying expensive items. Just by asking, the vendor might lower the price or add extra products such as clams or shrimp for free!

5. Culturally changing

Many foreigners experience uncomfortable situations by vendors when shopping at traditional markets. It's true that Noryangjin Fish Market used to have a bad reputation of selling items with expensive prices and overcharging tourists. However, nowadays these actions are prohibited and the market has put a lot of effort in changing the culture and environment in a positive way.

Customers should report to the customer service center on the second floor if they experience any of the following acts from a vendor:

- Forcefully asking customers to come to their shop
- Swapping purchased items
- Misrepresenting the country of origin
- Cheating on the weight (By adding water in the basket, using their hand to put pressure on the scale, scale not zeroed correctly, not deducting the weight of the basket, etc.)

6. Parking

The first 30 minutes are free then a 1,000 won charge is added every 20 minutes. Ask vendors for a parking voucher after you purchase items from them. Each ticket will provide a 1,000 won discount.

Make sure to pay the fee through the machine by the customer service center on the second floor or next to the elevators on the third and fourth floors.







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### 1. Raw Fish (Hoe 회)

Most fish are consumed raw as hoe (pronounced “ho-eh”) in the fish market. The vendor is going to immediately perform their sharp knife skills to transform the live fish into delicious raw sashimi once you purchase it.

FYI, keep eyes on your item after your purchase and see if the vendor is serving the same fish you bought.

- Live fish types
  - Flatfish (Gwang-eo 광어)
  - Rockfish (U-reok 우럭)
  - Yellowtail (Bang-eo 방어)
- Fish not live but still fresh enough to eat raw
  - Salmon (Yeon-eo 연어)
  - Tuna (Chamchi 참치)

### 2. Specialty Shellfish Items

The following 3 items are for special occasions such as New Years or celebration as it usually costs 50,000 won -80,000 won (\$38-\$61) per kg.

The shellfish may be taken home alive, but most people have the items cooked at the market for an extra charge. This usually costs around 10,000 won, but can vary depending on the weight. Also, you can ask an employee to pre-split the shellfish for 10,000 won.

When deciding what to purchase, ask a vendor if you can touch the leg of the shellfish to check how much meat they have inside. Good quality shellfish is defined not for its size but the amount of meat it has.

- King Crab (킹크랩)
- Snow Crab (Dae-ge 대게)
- Lobster (랍스터)

#### Daesin-seaworld (대신씨월드)

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## Popular Seafood Choices

### 3. Shrimp (Sae-u 새우)

This is going to be the easiest option for Americans. The fresh shrimp taste fantastic and are cheap and easy to cook. There are various sizes of shrimp and they are sold at a good price. Take them to the restaurants in the market and try roasted shrimp over rock salt or with butter.

### 4. Long-legged octopus (Nak-ji 낙지)

This is known as a popular strange dish for Americans! The pieces of live octopus are still moving even after they are chopped up. It is usually served with sesame oil as an appetizer before a giant seafood feast.

### 5. Spicy fish soup (Maeun-tang 매운탕)

Koreans usually eat raw seafood with a spicy fish soup called Maeun-tang and add some noodles to it.

The leftover fish skin and guts are great ingredients for the soup's broth. So, don't hesitate to ask the vendor to pack it up for you if you want to make some delicious seafood.

### 6. Others

There are countless seafood creatures to try in the market. So, take a look around and challenge yourself!

- Crab (Ge 게)
- Clams (Jogae 조개)
- Scallops (Garibi 가리비)
- Oysters (Gul 굴)
- Squid (Oh-jing-eo 오징어)
- Octopus (Mun-eo 문어)
- Sea cucumber (Hae-sam 해삼)
- Sea Squirt (Meong-ge 멍게)
- Spoon Worm (Gae-bul 개불)



Speakin' Korean

BY HYEMIN LEE,  
STRIPES KOREA

### Vocabulary

- Fish market: Susan-sijang (수산시장)
- Market: Sijang (시장)
- Parking lot: Jucha-jang (주차장)
- Parking voucher: Jucha-gwon (주차권)
- To go/to pack: Pojang (포장)
- Restaurant: Sik-dang (식당)
- Side dish: Banchan (반찬)
- Extra item for free: Seo-bi-seu/Service (서비스)
- This: Igeo (이거)
- Please give me: Juseyo (주세요)
- Please do it for me: Hae-juseyo (해주세요)
- To buy: Sa-da (사다)
- To eat: Meok-da (먹다)

### At the Fish Market

#### Sentences

- How much is it?: Eolmayeyo? (얼마예요?)
- Where is it?: Eo-di-e isseoyo? (어디에 있어요?)
- I'll buy it: Igeo salgeyo. (이거 살게요.)
- I'll eat at the restaurant: Sik-dang-e-seo meokeul-ge-yo. (식당에서 먹을게요.)
- I'll take it home: Jib-e gajeo-gal-ge-yo. (집에 가져갈게요.)
- Can I get some extra items (for free)? : Service butak-haeyo. (서비스 부탁해요.)
- Can you lower the price a little bit?: Jo-geum-man kkakka-juseyo. (조금만 깎아주세요.)
- Please give me more: Igeo deo juseyo. (이거 더 주세요.)
- Please trim this for me: Sonjil hae-juseyo. (손질 해주세요.)
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## KOREA KIDS' CORNER

## Guide to family-friendly trip in Starfield Anseong



Photo by Champion

BY HYEMIN LEE,  
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**S**tarfield is a large shopping mall company with many shopping, dining, and entertainment options. In Pyeongtaek, Starfield Anseong is a popular shopping spot for those stationed at Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base.

One of the reasons why the mall is a favorite is its many options for kids. Below are some kid-friendly activities that won't break the bank when you're planning a visit with your little ones to Starfield Anseong!

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**ADDRESS:** 3930-39 Seodong-daero, Anseong-si, Gyeonggi-do  
**HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
**PARKING:** Free



Naver Map



WEBSITE: Guide to Starfield app

## Free facilities

## For parents with infants and toddler

- Free stroller rental is available on 1F for kids under 36 months and toy carts for kids aged 36 months to 6 years. Parents must accompany kids when renting.
- Nursing room is located near Star Garden Library Kids on 2F.

## For pet owners

- Pet owners can rent free pet strollers on 1F and enjoy dining with their pet at City Market food court lounge. Outdoor pet park is located near the main entrance.



Photo by Starfield Anseong

Star Garden Library Kids  
(Byeol-Madang)

It's a stunning kids' library with a large collection of books and comfortable seats, making it a perfect rest area for both children and parents. English books are also available, and there is a playground for children 3 years and under.

**LOCATION:** 2F



Photo by Starfield Anseong

## Kids' playground at EATOPIA

EATOPIA is a food court filled with a lot of famous restaurants and has a small playground for children under age 4. Parents can enjoy a meal while the kiddos play.

**LOCATION:** 2F



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## Outdoor playground

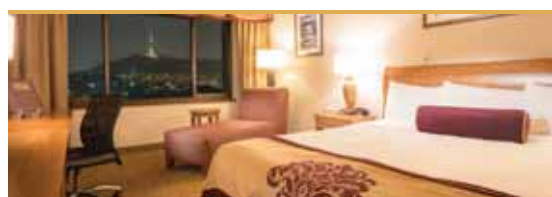
This playground has slides, tunnels and other fun equipment for energetic kids. Next door is a pet park so your furry friends can join in on the fun.

**LOCATION:** Near the main entrance (1F)

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**LOCATION:** 3F  
**HOURS:** 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. / Water park: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
(Outdoor: May-October)  
**TICKETS:**  
• Jjimjil Spa (6 hrs): Adults 25,000 won / Children under middle school 20,000 won  
• Water park (6 hrs): Adults 45,000 won / Children under middle school 35,000 won  
• Multi-pass (9hrs): Adults 55,000 won / Children under middle school 45,000 won  
**DISCOUNTS:**  
• Free for children under 3 years of age (Proof required)  
• 20% discount for U.S. military community with ID  
• 40% discount for Jjimjil Spa entry before noon on weekdays  
• Special prices available for Jjimjil Spa after 4 p.m. (17,000 won) / water park after 3 p.m. (27,000 won for adults, 21,000 won for children)



Champion 1250X

This enormous recreation area lets kids enjoy zip-lining, climbing, bungee diving, and more. Non-slip socks are mandatory (available at the ticket counter or Daiso).

**LOCATION:** 2F  
**HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**TICKETS (2HRS):** 25,000 won (Mon-Fri) / 29,000 (Sat-Sun) / 4,000 won (Guardians)



Sangsang Sketch

This art-themed kids’ café allows creativity to flourish. Kids create various crafts with the aid of an art teacher. Kids aged 3 years and above are welcome, but those under four must have parental supervision in the café area.

**LOCATION:** 2F  
**HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
**TICKETS:** 25,000 won (60 min) / 31,000 won (90 min) - 3,000 won discount on weekdays



Sports Monster

It’s an indoor sports-themed park offering thrilling activities such as climbing, archery, zip-lining, and bungee jumping, great for both kids and grown-ups. Despite the high price, it attracts many sports lovers seeking indoor extreme sports experiences.

**LOCATION:** 3F  
**HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**TICKETS (2 HRS):** 26,000 won - 30,000 won



Glow Safari

This media art theme park offers visitors fantastic photo opportunities while exploring the jungle and the sea inhabited by glowing fantasy animals.

**LOCATION:** 3F  
**HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
**TICKETS:** Adults 17,000 won / Teens 15,000 won / Children under 13 13,000 won / Children less than 36 months free (Proof required)

Fun shops for browsing



Toy Kingdom

This large toy shop offers a variety of toys featuring popular animation brands like “Pororo” or “Pokémon.” It also carries many “kidult” items such as animation or movie figures and board games.

**LOCATION:** 2F  
**HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.



Daiso

Known as a must-visit spot in Starfield Anseong, it offers a wider selection of items than other Daiso branches. You can find plenty of cute toys and stationery items for your kids at a reasonable price.

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

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# Yo, Adrian!

Philadelphia Cheesesteaks in Pyeongtaek serves arguably the best rib-eye sandwich this side of Broad Street.

## South Korea has great Philly cheesesteaks

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An authentic Philadelphia-style cheesesteak in the heart of South Korea? Get outta here, youse. Philadelphia Cheesesteaks in Pyeongtaek serves arguably the best rib-eye sandwich this side of Broad Street. But don't look for this overlooked gem on Google; its online presence is low key.

Word of mouth alerted me to its location just a short stroll from Osan Air Base's main gate. The place has been serving its distinctively Mid-Atlantic mainstay for a decade.

The restaurant blends into its surroundings, but once you find it, you'll find it hard to believe you overlooked it. A sign outside proclaims Philadelphia Cheesesteaks in bold letters of blue and white, the colors of Penn State. A huge Philadelphia Flyers flag hangs on the door.

Inside, you'll find posters of celebrities and sports teams associated with the City of Brotherly Love. Philadelphia Cheesesteaks' owner, Kim Minjun, lived up to the city's reputation for hospitality. He said he learned how to make the perfect cheesesteak from his uncle, a Philly native.

The only menu hangs poster-style on the wall and features just two items: cheesesteaks, fries.

The cheesesteaks come in two sizes: 8 or 14 inches of sliced, grilled rib-eye beef, caramelized onions, green bell pepper and white American cheese served on soft homemade white bread. Everything is cooked to order and served within minutes.

My cheesesteak arrived piping hot, a mouthwatering combination of meat, cheese, onions and peppers, authenticity in every bite.


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Inside Philadelphia Cheesesteaks in Pyeongtaek you'll find posters of celebrities and sports teams associated with the City of Brotherly Love.

**Philadelphia Cheesesteaks**  
**Location:** Gyeonggi-do, Pyeongtaek-si, Jungangsijang-ro 11beon-gil, 10-1  
**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday; closed Monday and Tuesday  
**Prices:** About \$10 for an 8-inch cheesesteak and \$15 for a 14-inch sandwich. Fries are \$4, drinks are included in the price of the sandwich.  
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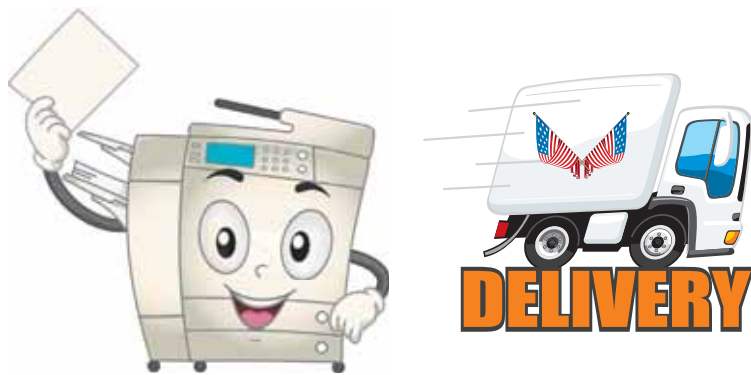
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**Hangul of the week**

**불법**

Bulbeob (Illegality)

## Language Lesson

Is it illegal in Korea?

**Hanguk-eseo igeo bulbeob-ieyo?**

(한국에서 이거 불법이에요?)

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

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

1 Whole bunch

5 Nitpicks

10 Lollipop sampling

14 Somewhat, in music

15 Voodoo relative

16 Old world buffalo

17 Parrot

18 Sedative

20 Made sour

22 Kravitz of music

23 Hazardous

24 Leather producer

26 The Little Corporal

28 Hailed wheels

31 Learned type

34 Bureaucratic stuff

36 Responsible (for)

37 Less verbose

38 Crew member

40 Most breezy

41 Great weight

42 Articulates

44 Wiping clean

46 Go around

50 German steel city

52 Leisurely walker

54 Unattractive

56 Like much lingerie

57 Hidden valley

58 Earthenware pots

59 LAX listings

60 Cutlass maker, briefly

61 Fort \_\_, Fla.

62 Aug. follower

**DOWN**

1 Asparagus unit

2 Strep throat bacteria

3 Partner of pains

4 Openers of a sort

5 Last part

6 Getaway driver, e.g.

7 Annul, as a law

8 Cowpoke's pal

9 "Steady as \_\_ goes"

10 Surgery tool

11 "Be that as it may ..."

12 Mass. Neighbor

13 "Firework" singer Perry

19 Most thin

21 "Absolutely!"

25 Of the intellect

27 Hymns of praise

29 Big galoots

30 Muppet with a unibrow

31 Opening for a coin

32 Parting word

33 Took control of

35 Triple spiral motif

39 How a snorer sleeps

40 Sharp-edged

43 Not up to snuff

45 Bridle parts

47 Hopping mad

48 Quick summary

49 Romantic interlude

50 Conclusion preceder

51 Unload, so to speak

53 Sad ending?

55 Barnyard male

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**Answers to Previous Crossword:**

S	C	O	T	C	H	A	S	E	M	A	P	S
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### 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.**

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