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Yongsan schools to close in June after six decades

STORY AND PHOTO BY KIM GAMEL,
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YONGSAN GARRISON – U.S. elementary, middle and high schools on Yongsan will close at the end of this school year as the military population shifts to its new headquarters south of Seoul, officials said Nov. 16.

Seoul American Elementary School and Seoul American Middle High School have served the children of soldiers and others stationed in South Korea for decades.

But Yongsan's population has declined sharply as U.S. Forces Korea and the other commands moved to Camp Humphreys, which has its own schools, as part of a long-delayed relocation plan.

"The decision and request by the command to no longer operate schools in Seoul is based on the pace and requirements of the Yongsan transformation efforts," the military said in a press release.

Officials had said they would decide this month on whether to keep the Yongsan schools open beyond the 2017-18 school year for children remaining in Seoul.

The principal of Seoul American Middle High School, Donald "Willy" Williams, said administrators had been informed earlier Friday that the schools would close at the end of the current academic year.

The decision was also announced by U.S. Forces Korea and the Department of Defense Education Activity, known as



Falling enrollment prompted officials to combine the Seoul American Middle School and the Seoul American High School.

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USFK said eligible children would be transitioned into schools at Camp Humphreys, a sprawling base that resembles an American suburb in the rural area of Pyeongtaek. Others will receive access to international schools and other educational options in the Seoul area as part of what is known as a non-DOD school program, or NDSP.

"We know that there are going to be some kids that are left here," Williams said Friday during a town hall for the community in a chapel at Yongsan.

"DODEA will pay for kids to go for local options," he added. "We have let the international schools know that we are closing."

A meeting was held Nov. 28 to provide more information for parents at the Seoul American Middle High School auditorium.

The military is expected to maintain a presence at Yongsan for at least two more years. A nearby base known as K-16 is also to remain open, but garrison commander Col. Monica Washington said children there would not fall under the NDSP program and may have to be moved to Humphreys.

The schools are part of a system established by the military shortly after World War II to ensure an American education for the children of troops deployed overseas. Then-named Seoul American High School opened in 1959

when classes were held in Quonset huts. The two-story, brick building that houses the current school was completed in 1982.

The upper classes were combined this year into a Seoul American Middle High School, while the elementary school remained next door.

Parents at the town hall said the writing has been on the wall for a while, but the official announcement still took them by surprise.

"We were pretty shocked," said Alli Davenport, who transferred to Yongsan with her husband and 6-year-old daughter three months ago. "But we are excited that she's going to get to have a voucher to go off post so that she can continue to have a really high level of education."

Davenport said she'll miss the easy commute as it currently takes her less than five minutes to walk her daughter to the elementary school.

"Now it's going to be the bus or the subway ... but I know that it's going to be worth it," she said.

Darryl Brake of Detroit said his 12-year-old daughter had expected to finish middle school on Yongsan then go back to Virginia for high school, but he's confident she'll adjust.

"She's going to have a little curve ball," he said. "The base is moving so we knew that there would be these kinds of challenges so we've just got to work through them."

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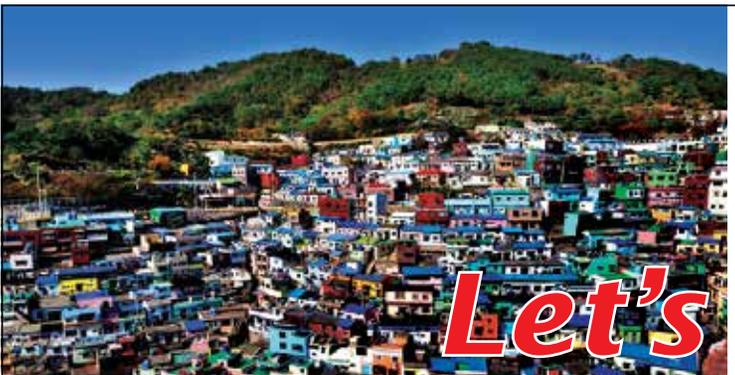



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with indoor activities! Seoul is packed with indoor entertainment facilities such as archery and shooting ranges, bowling alleys, massage cafés, VR gaming centers, and even places where you can relieve stress by smashing objects. Read on to discover our top picks for fun indoor attractions found at Hongdae, Jongno, and Jamsil, places that provide convenient access to bus terminals and train stations!

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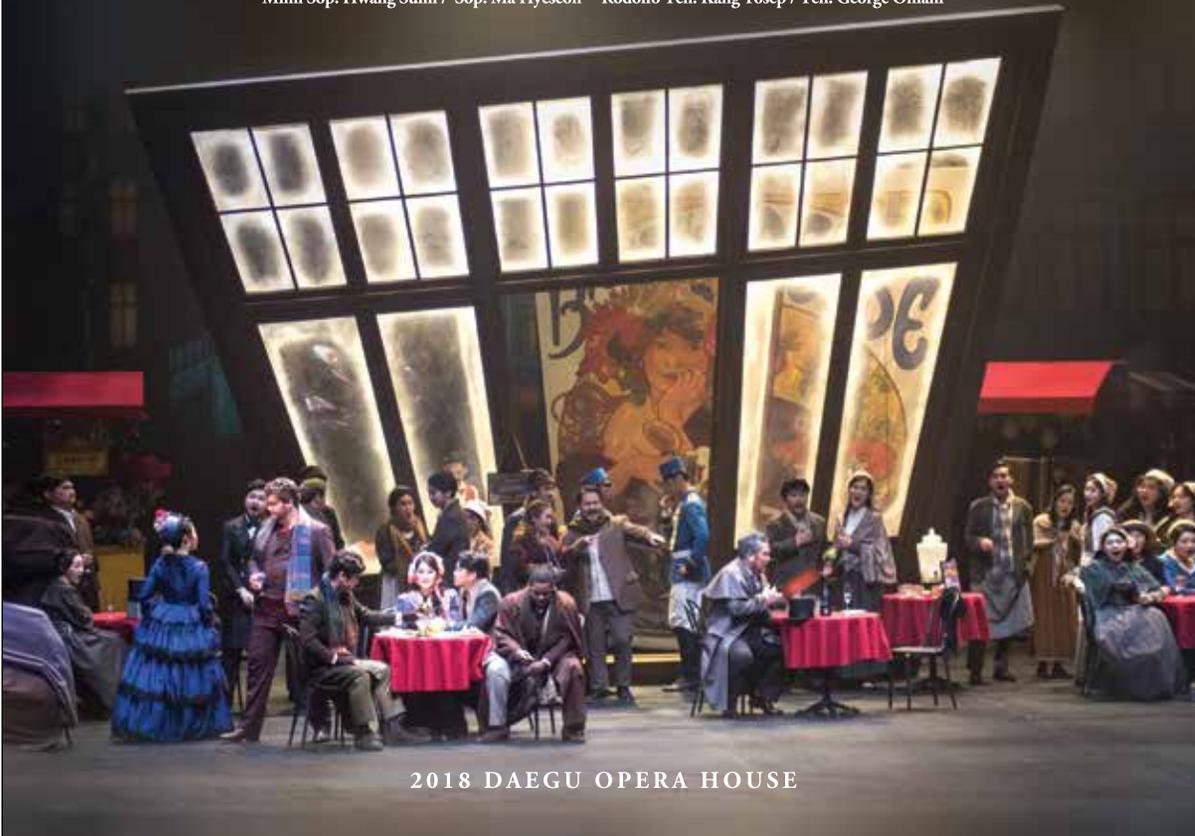


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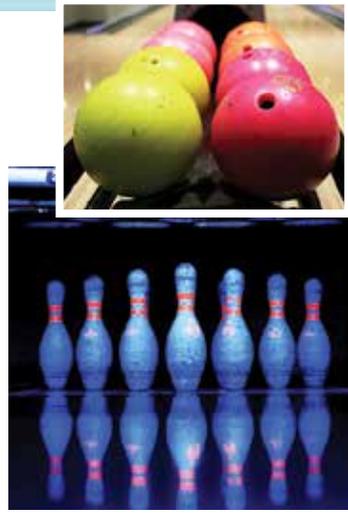


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A stroll through Pyeongtaek's market

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHIHON KIM, STRIPES KOREA

If you can't make it to the popular Itaewon area in Seoul, the Pyeongtaek International market is an easy alternative for people who live near Osan Air Base. Located right outside Osan's main gate, and a 10-minute walk from Songtan Station and an hour drive from Camp Humphreys, this area is a popular hangout, even if it's not as glittery and popular as Itaewon

From the beginning of the 1960s, the market was built with the U.S. military in mind. This market is like a miniature Itaewon, packed with over 200

shops, including clothing stores, art shops, souvenir shops, and restaurants serving up Brazilian, Turkish, Vietnamese, Peruvian, Indian and Thai food. Some people call the area "Song-francisco," which is the compound word of Song-tan, the old administrative name of this district. Others simply call it "San Francisco."

If you are fed up with franchise hamburger joints, you can bite into many handmade burgers in Pyeongtaek. Miss Jin's Burger and Song's Burger are the most popular burger hangouts, but there are many others. A lot of these burger places use cabbage and eggs instead of lettuce



and onions. Very tasty!

Another iconic food here is Budaee-Jjigae, which translates to "Army base stew." After the Korean War, food was scarce and many Koreans living around U.S. bases in the Uijeongbu, Pyeongtaek, and Munsan



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- Where is the market? Sijangi eodieyo?
- How does it taste? Masi eottae?
- It tastes good. Ma sisseoyo.

... areas made use of surplus ham, sausages and baked beans from the U.S. military. They made a stew out of these ingredients. It's a recipe that is dished up at many restaurants across Korea, including some in Pyeongtaek market area.

When you come to the end of the main street of the market, you will spot a narrow alley just before a railroad track that was once used to deliver oil to Osan Air Base. This alley is a popular place for dates to take a stroll and take in the murals that are painted on the alley walls and

street. Sometimes photo clubs host exhibitions in the alley. Pretty neat place to visit.

This market was at its height during the economic boom of the 1980s. Although the number of stores and restaurants has decreased since 2000, the merchants still hold many festivals and special events to draw folks to the area. Every summer, they hold the PangPang Festival, where you can taste cocktails made with Makgeolli (a traditional Korean alcoholic drink)

and enjoy street performances. The "HELLO NIGHT MARKET" is one thing that cannot be missed. From 1-9 p.m. every Saturday, a dozen pink-colored souvenir and food carts run by young people are out selling their goods.

There are many reasons to visit this market, one of them being it's a safe and fun place.

"It is clean, comfortable and the prices are reasonable, but I visit here sometimes to just take a walk with my children," said Mrs. Indiana, a civilian worker from Osan. Newness and familiarity coexist in this market. If you are new to Korea, here's a great place to stroll, sample

food and look for bargains. And if you've lived in the area for a while, it's still a great place to get a bite to eat ... and do some Christmas shopping.
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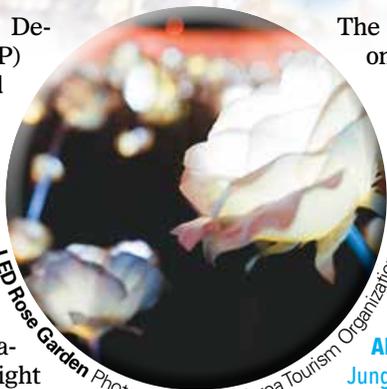
LED Rose Garden
Photo courtesy Korea
Tourism Organization

Light festivals for the romantics

KOREA TOURISM ORGANIZATION

In winter, when the days become shorter than the nights, a diversity of lighting festivals begins not only in Seoul but also near the metropolitan area. With LED lights, these lighting festivals create a fantastically bright, romantic atmosphere in the evening. Here are some great lighting festivals with fabulous decorations such as light tunnels and many more!

Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) has transformed an open space into a beautiful night garden. Popular among couples, this is also a great place for night-scape photography. When night falls, a total of 25,550 LED roses light up, with impressive skyscrapers serving as the backdrop. The display began on National Liberation Day in 2015 as a celebration of the nation's 70th year of independence.



LED Rose Garden Photo courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

The number of roses on display corresponds to the number of days since liberation: 365 days multiplied by 70 years is equivalent to 25,550 roses.

ADDRESS: 281, Eulji-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul
DIRECTIONS: Dongdaemun History & Culture Park Station (Seoul Subway Line 2, 4, 5), Exit 1. Walk approx. 6 min.
OPERATING PERIOD: Open all year round (No set end date)
LIGHTING HOURS: 17:00 - 24:00

(Lighting subject to change depending on time of sunset)

WEBSITE: www.ddp.or.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

The buildings painted in pastel tones harmonize with the lights strung throughout the village to create a fairytale atmosphere. Performances such as "Do Minjun's Supernatural Power Time," "Marionette Dance Performance" and other exciting programs are available as well.

ADDRESS: 1063, Hoban-ro, Cheongpyeong-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do
DIRECTIONS: Gapyeong Station (Gyeonghuhun Line, ITX), approx. 30 min by taxi
Refer to Petite France website for operating schedule
EVENT PERIOD: Early December-Late February
Official dates for 2018 not yet available
OPERATING HOURS: 09:00 - 18:00
Lights will be on throughout event period

LED Rose Garden at Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) in Seoul

The LED Rose Garden at

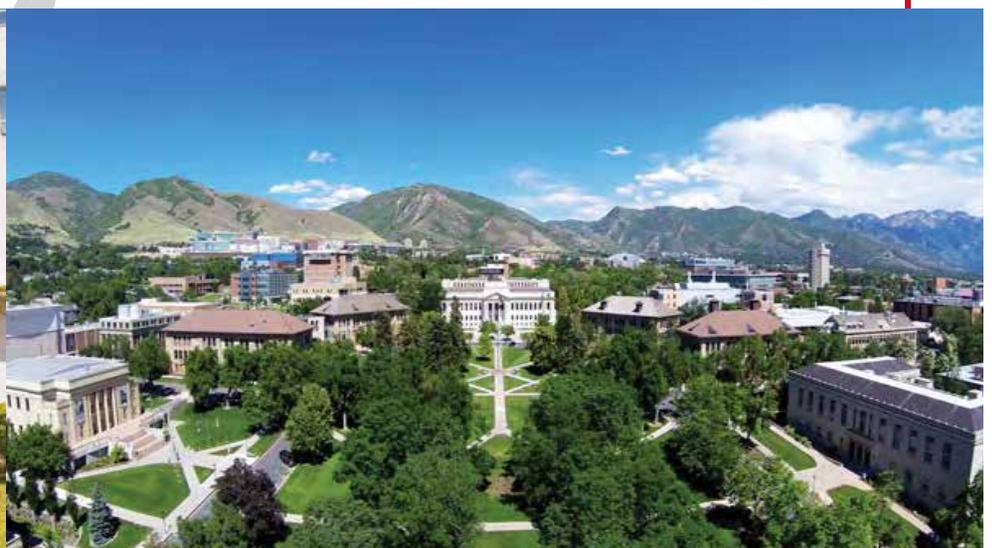
Petite France in Gapyeong

Petite France is designed as a small French village in Korea, and it is also recognized as a top filming location for popular Korean dramas such as "My Love from the Star (2013)" and "Secret Garden (2011)." The lights used for the decorations were directly purchased from France, and the design of the Little Prince Lighting Festival was inspired from a small suburban city of Montpellier, located in southern France.

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Light Festival at Ansan Starlight Village Photo Land

The Ansan Starlight Village hosts a beautiful year-round lighting festival designed to match each season. The theme for winter is Animal & Heart Village which has over 200 animal displays and is popular with guests of all ages. The many areas to explore within the Ansan Starlight Village include White Road, Cupid Road, Rain Road, Propose Road, and Garden of Light. For an extra fee, visitors can enjoy the Mirror Maze as well. The colorful LED lights all throughout the park create a romantic atmosphere that is perfect for taking pictures with family and friends.

ADDRESS: 1723, Suin-ro, Sangnok-gu, Ansan-si, Gyeonggi-do
DIRECTIONS: Jungang Station (Seoul Subway Line 4), approx. 9 min by taxi
OPERATING PERIOD: Open all year round / Animal & Heart Village Light Festival ends January 31, 2019



Left and below: Light festival at Starlight Village Photo Land Photos courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

OPERATING HOURS: Weekdays 16:00-23:00 / Saturdays & public holidays 15:00-24:00 (Last admission 30 minutes before closing)
MIRROR MAZE OPERATING HOURS: Weekdays 16:00 - 22:45 (Last admission 22:30) / Saturdays & public holidays 15:00-23:30 (Last admission 23:15)
 Lighting subject to change depending on time of sunset and weather
ADMISSION: Adults (Middle school & above) 7,000 won / Children (24 months-elementary school) & Senior citizens 5,000 won
 Separate fee (4,000 won) applies to Mirror Maze
INQUIRIES: +82-31-484-5050 (Korean only)
WEBSITE: www.star1723.co.kr (Korean only)

Herb Island Light Festival in Pocheon

Pocheon Herb Island in



Gyeonggi-do is a beautiful arboretum by day, but when the sun goes down, the garden transforms into a romantic space lit by colorful lights on every side. When the Herb Island Light Festival begins the countless LED lights brighten the garden in the theme of fairy tales. The attractions are endless, from the lovely pink wish tunnel to Santa's Village, featuring Santa House and Santa Church. The photo spots throughout the park are why it is popular among couples.

ADDRESS: 35, Cheongsin-ro 947beon-gil, Sinbuk-myeon, Pocheon-si, Gyeonggi-do
DIRECTIONS: - Soyosan Station (Seoul Subway Line 1),

approx. 20 min by taxi
 - City Hall Station (Seoul Subway Line 1, 2) / Sports Complex Station (Seoul Subway Line 2, 9), shuttle bus operation by Herb Island
 - Shuttle bus can be reserved online on the official website below
 - On weekdays, shuttle bus will only operate if reservations exceed 25 people
EVENT PERIOD: Every year from November-April of the following year
OPERATING HOURS:
 - Light and fairy tale story festival: Weekdays & Sundays 17:00 -19:00
 Lighting subject to change depending on time of sunset, please check prior to visiting
 - Herb Island: Weekdays & Sundays 09:00-22:00 / Saturdays & public holidays 09:00-23:00
ADMISSION: Adults (Ages 17 and older) 6,000 won / Children (37 months-middle school) & Senior citizens 4,000 won / Babies (36 months and under) free
 Identification with date of birth is required during ticket purchase
INQUIRIES: +82-31-535-6494 (Korean only)
WEBSITE: herbisland.co.kr (Korean, English, Chinese)

Lighting Festival at The Garden of Morning Calm in Gapyeong

The Garden of Morning Calm, nestled in the pristine nature of Chungnyeongsan Mountain, showcases the traditional beauty of a Korean garden. Every evening in winter, the arboretum glows with multi-colored lights

in various themes throughout the gardens, including Korean Theme Garden, Morning Plaza, Road to Heaven, and Moonlight Garden. Visitors can see giraffes, deer, bears and other forest animals, as well as a starlight tunnel in the Hometown Garden. The bright lights that decorate the grassy plaza display a nightscape that will never be forgotten.

ADDRESS: 432, Sumogwon-ro, Sangmyeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do
DIRECTIONS: Cheongpyeong Station (Gyeongchun Line, ITX), approx. 20 min by taxi. Shuttle bus from Cheongpyeong Station and Cheongpyeong Bus Terminal is also available. Please check the official website for more details.
EVENT PERIOD: Early December-Late March. Official dates for 2018 not yet available
OPERATING HOURS: Weekdays & Sundays 08:30-21:00 / Saturdays 08:30-23:00 / Open all year round
LIGHTING: 17:00 - closing time
ADMISSION: Adults 9,500 won / Senior citizens 7,500 won / Teenagers 7,000 won / Children (36 month-elementary school) 6,000 won
INQUIRIES: +82-1544-6703 (Korean only)
WEBSITE: morningcalm.co.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
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Rejuvenate at Gakwonsa Temple

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CHIHON KIM, STRIPES KOREA

If you want to get away from hustle and bustle of the city life, Gakwonsa Temple and its surrounding area is the perfect place for one day trip. Located at the foot of Mt. Taejosan, a few miles east of downtown Cheonan in Chungcheongnam-do, it is about a 40- to 50-minute drive from Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base.

Gakwonsa Temple is a great place to breathe in the fresh air, reflect and enjoy the picturesque scenery and tranquil atmosphere.

When most people think of temples and shrines in Korea, they picture centuries-old structures weathered from the past. That is not the case with Gakwonsa Temple, which was built in 1977 by a monk named Beobin who spent the Korean War praying for peaceful relations between the North and South. Although it is a relatively new building, it does harmonize with its surroundings like other traditional Korean buildings.

What I like about this area is that there is more than just a beautiful temple. There are also walking paths where you can stroll at your own pace and a street in front of the temple full of restaurants and stores. And, there's a giant Buddha!

The Temple

There is ample parking for vehicles in the lot located just before a magnificent bell tower, called a Jonggak. The bell tower is bigger than most in Korea because the massive bell (Beomjong) it supports weighs 20 tons! You can hear the grand sound from it every day at 4:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. It'll definitely wake you up, whether you are there in the morning or evening. As you walk underneath the tower, you'll see big antique roof tiles on display. They are quite beautiful.

After you pass by the bell tower, you

will spot Mahavira Hall (Daeungbojeon) in front of you. Multiple halls for learning Buddhism are located on both sides of the main hall. The inside of Mahavira Hall is gorgeously decorated with paintings and three golden Buddha statues. The golden Buddha triad symbolized Buddha sitting on the Sumeru Mountain and the paintings represent the Buddhism view of the world.

If you have time, stay inside the hall and feel the peace and quiet for as long as you want. When the wind chimes hanging under the eaves awake you from a brief moment of silence, you should make your way outside the hall to take in the largest attraction on the temple grounds.

Giant Buddha

When you step out from the hall, you can see a seated giant Buddha, which was under construction from June 1975 to May 1977. Called Amitabul-sang, it is the biggest Buddha statue in Korea and the second largest in Asia, weighing a massive 60 tons and standing (although it is sitting) 15 meters high.

Its ears alone are two meters and its fingernails are 30 centimeters long. Although you might be overwhelmed by this grand statue, don't forget to take a selfie with it. It offers a nice place to take a picture because it overlooks the temple and beautiful landscape.

Note: If you park your car next to the souvenir shop located next to the pond by the temple, not the parking lot, then you can take 203 stairs that lead directly to the Buddha. Some people prefer to start their trip from this spot.

Easy hiking trails

Once you've had your fill of the big Buddha, there are a couple of trails that lead up into Taejo

Mountain, which stands 420 m... was named after King Taejo, Goryeo. It provides a full view of its summit. Many hikers and mo... this place, especially those wi... cause it is a relatively gentle tra...

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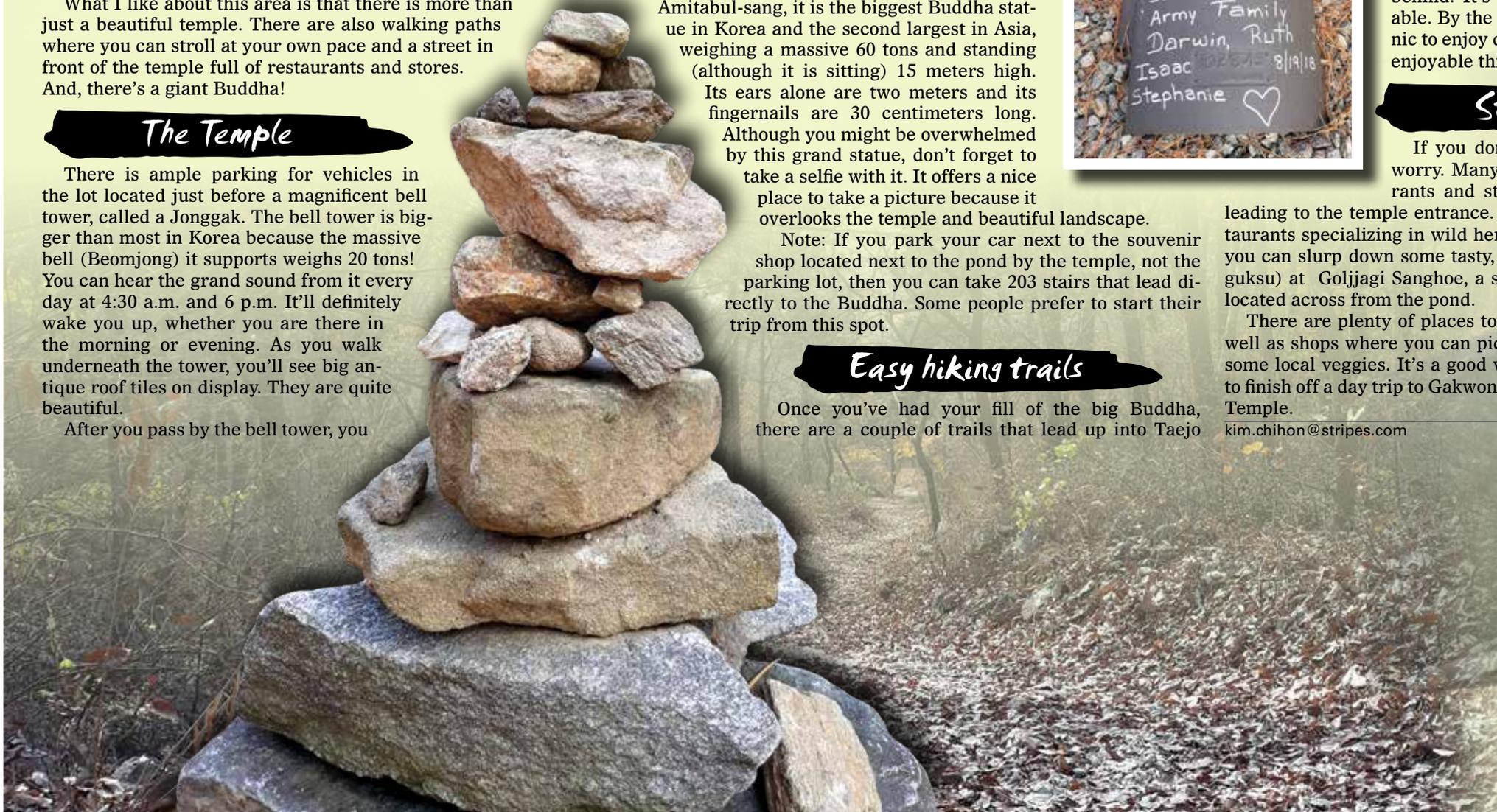


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leading to the temple entrance. taurants specializing in wild her... you can slurp down some tasty... guksu) at Goljjagi Sanghoe, a s... located across from the pond.

There are plenty of places to... well as shops where you can pic... some local veggies. It's a good... to finish off a day trip to Gakwon... Temple.

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Temple

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DIRECTIONS

CAR

- Camp Humphreys → Gakwonsa Temple (40 min.)
- Osan Air Base → Gakwonsa Temple (50 min.)

BUS

- Pyeongtaek Intercity Bus Terminal → Cheonan Express Bus Terminal Take Intercity Bus. (40 min. / 2600 won) Get off at Cheonan express bus terminal. Take bus number 24. Get off at the bus stop of Gakwonsa temple (25 min.). Or take a taxi (15 min./about 7,000 Won)
- Pyeongtaek station → Cheonan station - Train

MUGUNGHWA: 15 min. / 2,600won

ITX-SAEMAUL: 10 min. / 4800won

After getting off the train, take bus 24 (the bus stop is across the street!).

ADDRESS: 245, Gagwonsa-gil, Dongnam-gu, Cheonan-si, Chungcheongnam-do

TEL: +82 41-561-3545

HOURS: 4 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free

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Where are the walking paths?

Sanchaekroneun eodie isseoyo.

산책로는 어디에 있어요?

Where can I find a taxi or bus?

Taxi(Bus)reul eodiseo jabeul su isseoyo?

택시를 어디서 잡을 수 있어요?

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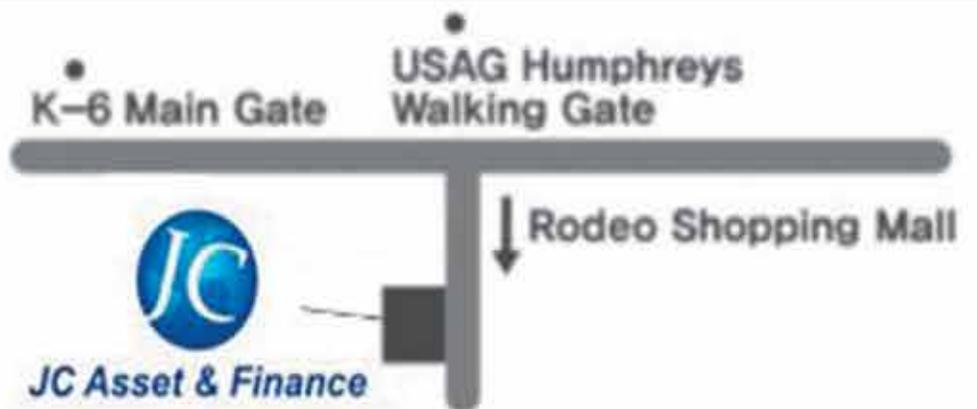


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Two places to experience making some Makgeolli

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Do you like makgeolli, that milky, pleasant alcoholic Korean beverage that pairs so well on rainy days with pajeon (scallion pancake)? If you like it so much, why not consider making a bottle's worth of the tasty beverage yourself?

Fans of this mildly-sweet traditional alcoholic drink can actually whip up their own batches at two Busan locations. Yeonyojae in Munhyeon-dong and Sanseong Village both run regular makgeolli making events. Now, this would definitely make for one memorable first date!



Yeonyojae

This "fermentation school," as it is known offers an assortment of interesting experiential programs. Visitors will learn about the meaning and

history of makgeolli as well as being able to get their hands dirty in the process. Steam the rice, cool it down, add water and yeast powder, then let it age a week. Finally, sift out

any residual solids, and you've made your own makgeolli. Drink up! But, wait, there's more! Participants at Yeonyojae can also taste an assortment of other makgeolli varieties from across the nation. Additional programs at the center include making masks, hand-crafting soaps, fermenting vinegar and more. Yeonyojae's website offers information in multiple languages, including English.

Price: 30,000 to 50,000 per person

Reservation: ynjschool.com, click on "experience" or email ynj@ynjschool.com

Sanseong Village Makgeolli

One of Busan's most famous makgeolli brands is made in Sanseong Village, located in the tranquility that surrounds Geumjeongsanseong Fortress, up on Geumjeongsan Mountain.



Rice wine

How to get there:
Oncheonjang Station (Metro line 1), exit 5. Cross the overpass from the station. Walk out of the back of the HUB Sky building and take bus 203 to the Geumsung-dong Office stop. The makgeolli experiential village can be found opposite the Saemaoul finance firm entrance.

Residents of this area have created delicious fermented rice wine since the time of the Joseon Dynasty. The area's fresh air and clean water are certainly reasons to visit. But, most really come for the makgeolli.

Sanseong Village sticks to a 500-year-old method for making makgeolli. All participants can even crush the nuruk (yeast disk used in the fermentation process) to break it apart, which is always a fun attraction. Other activities including making earthenware and natural dye are also available in this quaint, historical village.

Price: 20,000 per person
Reservation: sanseong.invl.org (Korean)

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K-Food: Full-course meals for every special occasion

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If you've sampled Korean culture without a traditional Korean meal, it's about time to try hanjeongsik, a wide variety of Korean cuisine.

Hanjeongsik, or table d'hote, French for the host's table, is a full spread of hansik (Korean food), including rice, soup and side dishes. The culinary experience is no easy task, with much care and preparation required for each dish, presented on one table in a marriage of taste and beauty. To watch the making of hanjeongsik is an event all of its own.

Where to go eat Seokwha

With a 30-year history, Seokwha is one of the city's most well-known hanjeongsik specialty restaurants.

The eatery's popular hansik course comes with a 36,000 won price tag. Food is served three



times during the sitting, beginning with appetizer salads and chilled vegetables, followed by main courses of mushroom

soup, meat, japchae (stir-fried glass noodles and vegetables) and jeon (pancake). Finely-plated side dishes, a standard

meal of soup and rice with sikhye, a rice-based dessert drink, rounds out the experience. Salmon and abalone are

included on the menu depending on the desired price range.

ADDRESS: 21, Jobang-ro, Dong-gu. Seokwha is a 5-10 minute walk from exit 8 of Beomil Station.

HOURS: Noon - 9 p.m.

INFORMATION: 051-632-5005

Naedang

Fully-immense yourself in a traditional Korean atmosphere at Naedang, located in a hanok (Korean traditional house) attached to Nongshim Hotel, which runs the restaurant. A roof adorned with antique tiles hangs overhead while outside, a garden pond adds tranquility to the experience.

Savor unique cuisine developed in-house, such as crab meat mixed with red pepper paste and muk (jelly), sprinkled with orange sauce, served after the appetizer salad. The restaurant offers various hansik courses, often



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hinging on seasonal fruits and vegetables, including suyuk (boiled pork slices), hoe (raw fish) and grilled Korean beef ribs. Every kind of broth and sauce used in the restaurant is made from scratch. Each careful meal is served on high-quality tableware and expertly-plated, another enjoyable facet to the already one-of-a-kind experience. The lunch special runs 32,000 won. Other full-course meals range from 45,000 to 100,000 won.

ADDRESS: First floor, Hotel Nongshim, 23, Geumgang-gongwon-ro 20 beon-gil, Dongnae-gu.
HOURS: Lunch is served noon - 3 p.m.; dinner is 5:30 - 10 p.m.
INFORMATION: 051-550-2335

Jungrim

The creative forces behind Jungrim are advocates of natural food, specializing in medicinal, herb-based cuisine, with wild herbs an integral part of their menu. For anyone who strives to uphold a healthy diet, it's worth a visit.

Its esthetically enticing interior design allows plenty of space for comfortable table sets. The lunch special, at 16,000 won, is a satisfying meal for a reasonable price, with a good assortment of foods served.

Jungrim's full-course meal includes porridge, salads,

ssambap (rice wrapped in greens), suyuk, japchae, jeon, bean paste stew and side dishes. The food isn't overly-seasoned, but simple, vegetarian-oriented and low-calorie. Single dishes such as bibimbap, bean paste stew and kimchi stew are also popular.

ADDRESS: Second floor, Hyundai l'Park Busan, 38, Marine city 2-ro, Haeundae-gu.

HOURS: 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
INFORMATION: 051-792-7164

Daon

This specialty full-course hansik restaurant boasts a quiet atmosphere of clean flavors and tasteful simplicity. It has earned a reputation as a perfect place for formal meetings, such as the pre-wedding meeting of families.

An impressive traditional

interior, modeled after hanok, encompasses rooms decorated with folksy art pieces, from pottery to patchwork.

The hansik is made from medicinal herbs and seasonal ingredients, with the full-course meal consisting of gujeolpan (nine-delicacy platter nine kinds of fillings with pancake wraps), sinseollo (brass chafing dish), salads, ribs, rolls and raw fish. Unusual foods such as deep-fried bananas in seaweed and rice cooked in bamboo are popular menu items.

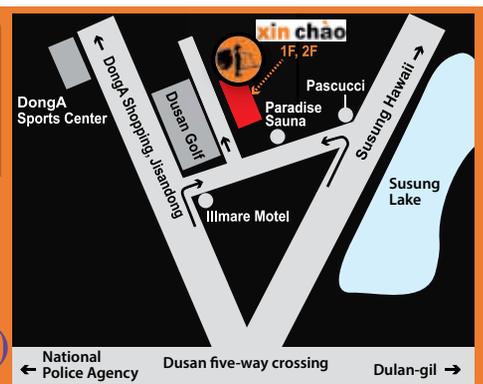
ADDRESS: Eighth floor, Marina Center, 154, Haeundaebyeon-ro, Haeundae-gu.
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Tips for traveling with a baby

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Being stationed overseas offers military members and their families the opportunity to travel the world with more ease and less expense than if they were living in the States. When my husband and I arrived in Germany, we set out to travel as much of Europe as we could during our four-year tour. Our plans were altered, but not thrown out the window, when we discovered that we were expecting our first child together. Traveling with a baby, while not always as convenient, is absolutely still possible. It just requires a bit of planning and flexibility. Here are a few tips to keep you globe-trotting with a little one in tow.

1. Plan longer trips

While my husband and I favored quick day trips in the surrounding area while it was just the two of us, they just don't work for our family anymore. When a baby is along for the ride, everything takes a bit longer. We have to leave room in our schedule for naps and diaper changes, potential fits of crying that temporarily keep us out of museums and restaurants, and a medley of other interruptions that require a little more time. Our daughter also hates to be in the car seat, so we try to spread out driving time on road trips to give her a break. Rather than pop over

to surrounding cities early in the morning and driving back in the evening, we have started allowing for a night in a hotel to give everyone a little more wiggle room.

2. Pack in advance and pack smart

I was the queen of last minute packing and would often find myself in a foreign country with a suitcase full of socks and underwear and not much else. And while I can get by in the same outfit for a few days and live without some of my "essentials," like a phone charger and a jacket, the same cannot be said for a baby. Outfit changes, plenty of diapers and wipes, and the many other baby "must haves" are sorely missed. Rather than try to throw things together the morning of a trip, packing ahead of time will save you a lot of stress in the long run.

3. Know your baby

As I said, our baby is miserable in the car seat and screams virtually nonstop. Knowing this, we tend to avoid long amounts of time in the car and opt for train or plane travel whenever possible. She also needs a long nap in the afternoon, so we leave room for that in our daily itinerary. When she was a newborn, she could sleep anytime, anywhere. During that time, we had no trouble taking her on a Rhine River cruise and letting her snooze the day away on

the boat. Four months later, we would not try to do the same. Being aware of your baby's needs and temperament before a trip can help you plan accordingly.

4. Be familiar with the airline if flying

Despite being a budget airline, Ryanair allows passengers to check a surprising amount of "baby luggage" free of cost. A car seat, travel crib, and other needs can be included in the price of your ticket and easily brought along with many airlines. Knowing what you can bring for free can help you avoid extra costs and have everything on hand that you need. Additionally, airlines often have their own requirements for items like breast pumps and water and formula. Knowing

your rights and specific airline regulations can take away a lot of the stress of feeding a baby in transit.

5. Consider traveling in the offseason

This has made all of the difference for my family. Visiting beach towns in the winter and avoiding popular locations over the holidays has allowed us to stay in hotels and resorts that we may not have been able to afford during peak travel season. Having an extra bit of space for a travel crib and room for the baby to crawl around keeps us from feeling cramped and we don't have to navigate around large crowds.

6. Baby-wear if you can

Of all of our travel accessories purchased since having a baby, our carrier has been the most beneficial. By opting to wear our baby, we don't have to lug around a stroller. Babywearing also makes breastfeeding

on the go easier and allows our daughter to nap happily on our chests while we make our way around town. While not everyone is as passionate about babywearing as we are, I recommend that traveling families at least try it out.

7. Don't try to do it all

Many travel destinations have a lot to offer and it can be tempting to try to jam it all in. But rushing from spot to spot and overscheduling is no fun. Instead, pick a couple of "must sees" and take it slow. If there is time left over, you can always add another stop or two.

Not every recommendation is going to work for every family and there are certainly more ways to customize your own travel experience. But these seven changes have allowed us to make our way around Europe with a baby. Overall, making an effort to plan ahead and remain flexible can ease a lot of pain in the long run.



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NORAD tracks Saint Nick around the world

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The North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Command's Tracks Santa, a joint project between the United States and Canada, Keeps an eye on Santa's movements during this special time of year with the latest technology as he travels the globe on every Christmas Eve.

For more than 50 years, NORAD and its predecessor, the



Continental Air Defense Command have tracked Santa's flight.

Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo., NORAD brings military capability to the task, including infrared tracking satellites, land-based radar, as well as radar on ships and aircraft. NORAD personnel can spot anything that flies, whether it is man-made or magical, like a

bearded jolly man with flying reindeer.

The tradition began in 1955 after a Colorado Springs-based Sears Roebuck & Co. advertisement misprinted the telephone number for children to call Santa. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone number put kids through to the CONAD Commander-in-Chief's operations "hotline."

Learn more about tracking Santa at: www.noradsanta.org
For updates on Santa's whereabouts 4 a.m. (MST), Dec. 24-25, call the hotline at: **1-877-HI-NORAD** or email: noradtrackssanta@outlook.com

in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, Chinese and Portuguese. It includes games, music, videos and lots of information about Santa Clause and NORAD.

The NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center goes online at 3 a.m. Mountain Standard Time on Dec.24 with live minute-by-minute update on Santa's progress. A hotline is also available during the 24-hour tracking period on Dec. 24. You can request updates via email on that day to ask about Santa's travel. There will be more than a thousand volunteers on hand to answer phones and reply to emails. So, you better not cry, you better not pout – Santa Clause is coming to town.

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Seoul Dance Festival

DATE: Until Dec.4
LOCATION: Arko Arts Theater, Ewha Womans University Samsung Hall, etc.
INTRODUCTION:
 Seoul Dance Festival started in 1979 and is a representative dance festival in Korea, introducing Korean dance, modern dance, ballet and other genres of creative dance performance. The festival lasts for over one month, with performances by dance troupes from all over Korea and special invited performing arts groups from abroad, as well as university students majoring in dance and performing arts.
TRANSPORTATION:
Subway
 Hyeehwa Station (Seoul Subway Line 4), Exit 2.
 Take a left at the first alley for 50 m and walk ahead then the venue will be located on your left.
Bus
 102, 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 140, 143, 149, 150, 160, 162, 273, 301 - Get off at Hyeehwa, Marronnier Park.
HOMEPAGE: sdf1979.
 koreadanceassociation.org (Korean only)



E-World Starlight Festival

DATE: Until Dec.31
LOCATION: Areas of E-World and 83 Tower
INTRODUCTION:
 E-World Starlight Festival is held with ten million lights in a large area around E-World and 83 Tower. Hot-air balloons, roses, and mask light decorations and other events are available at this carnival-like festival. The events start at night and large characteristic trees are decorated along the 200m Light Road, as well as a Umbrella Road, Carnival Road, and photo zone by 1,000 lights. Also, 10,000 LED roses cover the proposal stairs, creating a romantic and special ambience. This festival is beloved by young couples as part of a night dating course.
TRANSPORTATION:
Subway
 Duryu Station (Daegu Subway Line 2), Exit 15.
 - Walk along Duryupark road about 307m.
 - Take a left turn onto Yaoeumakdang-ro road
HOMEPAGE: www.eworld.kr (Korean only)



Animal & Heart Village Light Festival at Ansan Starlight Village Photo Land

DATE: Until Jan. 31, 2019
LOCATION: Starlight Village Photo Land
INTRODUCTION:
 Starlight Village Photo Land provides a beautiful and romantic light festival all year round in the theme of Animal & Heart Villages. The Animal Village is decorated with displays of over 200 animals from owls, cranes and swans to elephants, giraffes, lions, pandas and more. Set off on a wild safari adventure with your family or loved ones to create special memories. In Heart Village, lovebirds will enjoy the romantic atmosphere decorated with hundreds of hearts. Photo themes include a lovely wedding and a propose zone.
TRANSPORTATION:
Bus
 Jungang Station (Seoul Subway Line 4), Exit 1.
 Take Bus No. 5601 and get off at Ansan Cheongmundang Entrance Bus Stop. The village is across the street approx. 200m back.
HOMEPAGE: www.star1723.co.kr (Korean only)



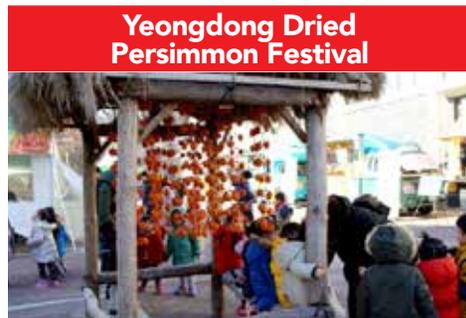
Korea Grand Sale

DATE: Until Feb. 28, 2019
LOCATION: Seoul Metropolitan Areas and major regions nationwide
INTRODUCTION:
 Korea Grand Sale is an integrated festival that promotes culture, tourism and shopping to international visitors. Shopping, accommodations, transportation, entertainment, beauty and health, food and other various participating companies will be offering lots of benefits and discounts to all international tourists visiting Korea during this period.
 In particular, many events will be held and convenient services such as free Wi-Fi, language interpretation service, information center and others will be available.
HOMEPAGE: www.koreagrandsale.co.kr (Korean, English, Chinese, Japanese)



Lighting Festival at The Garden of Morning Calm

DATE: Dec. 5 – March 24
LOCATION: Main gardens
INTRODUCTION:
 Held at the Garden of Morning Calm, the Lighting Festival is the biggest festival of lights in Korea, covering 100 thousand pyeong illuminated by 30,000 lights. The gleaming lights add a festive glow to the garden during the winter season. The main gardens are Hakyung Garden, Hometown House Garden, Bonsai Garden, Moonlight Garden, Sky Path and Garden of Eden, with colorful lights adorning the trees. In the event of inclement weather, lights may be turned off for safety.
TRANSPORTATION:
Bus
 - From Sangbong Bus Terminal or Dong Seoul Bus Terminal take a bus bound for Cheongpyeong Bus Terminal.
Or,
 - Take bus No. 1330 at Cheongnyangni Transfer Center (in front of Lotte Department Store).
 - Get off at the Cheongpyeong Bus Terminal.
 - From Cheonpyeong Terminal, take a bus bound for The Garden of Morning Calm.
Subway
 - Cheongpyeong Station (Gyeongchun Line), Exit 1.
 - Go left until you reach the 3-way intersection and turn right.
 - Continue straight toward the Cheongpyeong Catholic Church.
 - Pass by Cheongpyeong Elementary School, turn left, and you will see the Cheonpyeong Bus Terminal.
 - From the terminal, take a bus bound for The Garden of Morning Calm.
 - Alternatively, take the Gapyeong City Tour Bus.
HOMEPAGE: morningcalm2.cafe24.com (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)



Yeongdong Dried Persimmon Festival

DATE: Dec. 14 – Dec. 16
LOCATION: Areas of Hasang Parking Lot, Yeongdong, Chungcheongbuk-do
INTRODUCTION:
 Yeongdong is the largest fruit-producing

center in Korea, it is even known as the Holy Land of Fruit, and during the Yeongdong Dried Persimmons Festival, fruit producers and customers alike gather to celebrate one of the region's most famous fruits.

TRANSPORTATION:
Bus
 ■ From Seoul Station, take a train to Yeongdong.
 * Train Schedule: 06:05-22:50, runs 26 times a day.
 ■ From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Yeongdong (Okcheon).
 * Bus Schedule: 14:00, 18:00
Train
 ■ From Yeongdong Station/Yeongdong Bus Terminal, take a train to Yeongdong. Take a taxi from Yeongdong Station to the festival venue (Yeongdong Gymnasium).
HOMEPAGE: www.ydft.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)



Jaraseom Singing Winter Festival

DATE: Dec. 14 – Feb. 17, 2019
LOCATION: Gapyeongcheon Stream area in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do
INTRODUCTION:
 Jaraseom Singing Winter Festival offers various hands-on programs to tourists and participating residents of Gapyeong-eup. Various events will be available during the festival.
TRANSPORTATION:
Bus
 ■ From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Gapyeong.
 * Bus Schedule: 06:35-22:05, runs 31 times a day
 ■ From Jamsil Station (Seoul Subway Line 2), Exit 9
 Take Bus 7000 to Gapyeong.
 * Bus No. 7000 Schedule: runs 17 times a day (Inquiries: +82-2-3431-3994)
Train
 Gapyeong Station
 * ITX Train Schedule: 06:00-22:00, runs 20 times a day
Subway
 From Sangbong Station (Seoul Subway Line 7 or Jungang Line), Transfer to Gyeongchun Line and get off at Gapyeong Station.
 It is a 10min-walk from Gapyeong Bus Terminal, and a 15min-walk from Gapyeong Station.
 * Note: Times and schedules for public transportations are subject to change, please check to confirm before visiting.
HOMEPAGE: www.jarasumfestival.co.kr (Korean only)



Inje Icefish Festival

DATE: Dec. 19 – Jan. 27, 2019
LOCATION: Bingeoho Lake, Nam-myeon
INTRODUCTION:
 Inje Icefish Festival has developed thanks to a lot of tourists' participation and their interest since 1997. It tries to offer varied programs following trends. Visitors can enjoy icefish fishing at the festival venue.
TRANSPORTATION:

Bus

From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Inje Bus Terminal. From Inje Terminal, take a taxi or a shuttle bus to the festival venue. (travel time: approx. 10min)
HOMEPAGE: www.injefestival.co.kr (Korean only)

Pyeongchang Trout Festival



DATE: Dec. 22 – Jan. 27, 2019
LOCATION: Areas of Odaechon Stream
INTRODUCTION:
 The Pyeongchang Trout Festival takes place during winter in the town of Jinbu-myeon in Pyeongchang-gun district. Visitors to the festival can enjoy a variety of programs including ice and lure fishing for trout, snow programs, ice programs, folk programs, and more. There will also be traditional folk games including sledding and top spinning, and visitors can try out sports such as riding 4-wheel ATVs, snow rafting, sleigh trains. Any trout caught from ice fishing and lure fishing can be prepared right away at a nearby restaurant. Trout farming first started in Pyeongchang due to its cold, clear waters. Trout offers plenty of nutrition and offers great taste and texture when prepared raw.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus

From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus to Jinbu. (Intervals: approx. 30-40min)
 Odaechon Stream is a 7-min walk from the Jinbu Bus Terminal.
HOMEPAGE: festival700.or.kr (Korean only)

Seongsan Sunrise Festival



DATE: Dec. 30 – Jan. 1, 2019

LOCATION: Area of Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak

INTRODUCTION:

Welcoming the first day of the New Year, Seongsan Sunrise Festival features a natural festival aiming to spread the natural values of Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, a UNESCO World Nature Heritage Site, to see the old year out and the new year in, and to share the traditional culture and artistic themed-tourism among visitors. Peaceful Jeju Island invites tourists to this festival held in Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, featuring an impressive scene that hasn't changed since the sunrise that was recorded in the Palman Daejanggyeong for the Goryeo Dynasty. Visitors can make wishes for the coming year and enjoy the fascinating sunrise at Jeju's tourism spot.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus

From Jeju International Airport, take Bus 100 to Jeju Intercity Bus Terminal. From Jeju Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus bound for Iju Road (East). Get off at the entrance of Seongsan Ilchulbong.
HOMEPAGE: festival.jeju.go.kr (Korean only)

Busan Sunrise Festival



DATE: Dec. 31 – Jan. 1, 2019

LOCATION: Bell-ringing event: Yongdusan Park / Sunrise event: Haeundae Beach
INTRODUCTION:
 Busan Sunrise Festival is an event for Busan residents and tourists to wrap up the end of the year and greet a new year. It is a representative winter themed festival of Busan, held December 31 to January 1 at Yongdusan Park and Haeundae Beach areas.

TRANSPORTATION:

■ Haeundae Beach

Subway

Haeundae Station (Busan Subway Line 2), Exit 3 or 5.

Bus

From Busan Station, take Bus No. 1001 or 1003 to Haeundae Bus Stop.

■ Yongdusan Park

Subway

Nampo Station (Busan Subway Line 1), Exit 1.

Walk 10min following the signs for Yongdusan Park.

HOMEPAGE: www.bfo.or.kr (Korean only)

Homigot Sunrise Festival



DATE: Dec. 31 – Jan. 1, 2019

LOCATION: Homigot Sunrise Square

INTRODUCTION:

Homigot Village, the main venue of the Homigot Sunrise Festival, is located on the easternmost point of the Korean Peninsula. Located in the furthest east of the Korean peninsula, Homigot Village means 'a village on a tiger's tail' and is also the location where one can witness the first sunrise in Korea.

The festival includes local cultural performances, a New Year celebratory event, fire show, sunrise concert and other diverse performances. Visitors may sample free tteokguk, a traditional New Year's Day dish, during the special event of 'Serving tteokguk for 10,000'. Other events such as kite-flying and launching hope balloons with wishes attached will provide enjoyable moments to reflect on the previous year and create new year resolutions.

TRANSPORTATION:

From Pohang Intercity Bus Terminal, take Bus 200 and get off at Guryongpo. From Guryongpo, transfer to a bus bound for Homigot.

HOMEPAGE: phcf.or.kr (Korean only)

Haneul Park Sunrise Festival



DATE: Jan. 1, 2019

LOCATION: At the peak of Haneul Park

(located within World Cup Park)

INTRODUCTION:

The annual Haneul Park Sunrise Festival takes place at Haneul Park on January 1. Many people gather to the festival to bid farewell to the passing year and wish a happy New Year.

TRANSPORTATION:

Digital Media City Station (Seoul Subway Line 6, Airport Railroad, Gyeongui Jungang Line), Exit 4.

Walk straight to Digital Media City Station Bus Stop and take Bus No. 7715. Get off at World Cup Park Entrance. Oil Tank Culture Park Bus Stop.

HOMEPAGE: park.seoul.go.kr (Korean only)

Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice Festival



DATE: Jan. 5 – Jan. 27, 2019

LOCATION: Hwacheon-eup, Hwacheon-gun, Gangwon-do

INTRODUCTION:

Hwacheon Sancheoneo Ice Festival takes place at Hwacheon county in Gangwon-do with plenty of snow and ice, perfect for a winter getaway. Since 2003, the festival has been visited by a million people, making this festival more joyful. Varied festival programs include ice-fishing, ice sledding, bobsled, and other things to see and participate in.

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- 119 Safety Center is located nearby.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus

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

Hwacheon Stream and the festival grounds are about 10-min walk from the bus terminal.

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

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Alan Walker

Seoul, Dec. 18, 8 p.m., Yes24 Live Hall, 99,000-132,000 won.

Kwak Dong Hyun

Seoul, Dec. 21, 8 p.m., Sang Myung University, Sang Myung Art Center, Main

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Psy

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Gummy

Seoul, Dec. 22, 6 p.m., Dec. 23, 5 p.m., Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Sejong University DeaYang Hall, 99,000-110,000-132,000 won.

Hyukoh

Seoul, Dec. 22 & 23, 6 p.m., Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Yonsei University Centennial Hall, 99,000 won.

Nell

Seoul, Dec. 22 & 23, 7 p.m., Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Seoul Jamsil Student Gymnasium, 99,000-121,000-132,000 won.

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Seoul, Dec. 22, 6 p.m., Dec. 23, 5 p.m., Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Yes24 Live Hall, 132,000 won.

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

Phantom

Seoul, Dec. 23, 6 p.m., Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Coex Hall C, 77,000-99,000-121,000 won.

Kim Bum Soo

Busan, Dec. 23, 6 p.m., Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Busan Sajik Sports Complex; Seoul, Dec. 29 & 30, 7 p.m., Dec. 31, 10:10 p.m., SK Olympic Handball Gymnasium, Olympic Park, 99,000-121,000-143,000 won.

Dynamic Duo

Busan, Dec. 24, 8 p.m., BEXCO Auditorium, 110,000 won.

Jaurim

Seoul, Dec. 24, 8 p.m., Dec. 25, 6 p.m., Coex Hall D; Busan, Dec. 29, 6 p.m., Busan KBS Hall, 88,000-99,000-110,000 won.

Noel

Seoul, Dec. 25, 6 p.m., Sejong University DeaYang Hall, 77,000-99,000-110,000 won.

Vibe

Busan, Dec. 25, 6 p.m., Busan BEXCO 1st Exhibition Hall; Seoul, Dec. 29 & 30, 7 p.m., Dec. 31, 8 p.m., Ewha Womans University Grand Hall, 99,000-110,000-121,000-131,000-143,000 won.

Park Jung-hyun

Busan, Dec. 29, 6 p.m., Dec. 30, 5 p.m., BEXCO Auditorium, 88,000-99,000-132,000-143,000 won.

Jang Kiha and Faces

Seoul, Dec. 28 & 31, 8 p.m., Dec. 29 & 30, 6 p.m., Dec. 31, 8 p.m., Yonsei University Centennial Hall, 99,000 won.

Davichi

Seoul, Dec. 29 & 30, 6 p.m., Yonsei University Centennial Hall, 99,000-110,000-121,000 won.

Hwang ChiYeul

Seoul, Dec. 29, 6 p.m., Dec. 30, 5 p.m., Olympic Park Olympic Hall, 99,000-110,000-121,000 won.

Younha

Seoul, Dec. 29, 6 p.m., Dec. 30, 5 p.m., Blue Square Imarket Hall, 99,000 won.



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Stripes Sports Trivia

To be considered maybe the greatest quarterback of all time is quite an accomplishment for 6th round pick, Tom Brady. The fact that every team passed on him multiple times is almost as amazing as his longevity. Brady is one of two players from the 2000 draft class still playing. Who is the other player – a former 1st rounder – that is still currently active?

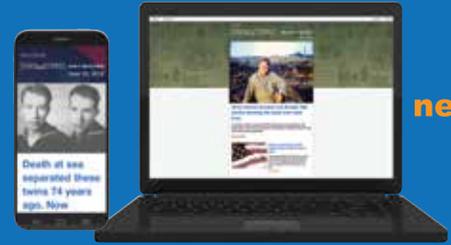
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Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Fairway feature
- 5 Roofing material
- 10 ___ of Capri
- 14 Extremely popular
- 15 Nashville NFLer
- 16 Pound sound
- 17 Strongly suggest
- 18 Cancel, as a mission
- 19 Peel with a knife
- 20 Clay-rich soil
- 21 Ring insert
- 22 Tenant
- 24 Tank valve
- 26 Cooking direction
- 27 Ground grain
- 28 Easily annoyed
- 32 Mudbath locale
- 34 60's symbol
- 36 For this reason
- 37 They may be rolled or sowed
- 39 Suburbs sight
- 41 Start of most MGM films
- 42 Vocally
- 44 Prefix for lace or lock
- 46 Old hand
- 47 ___ non grata
- 49 Manga's kin
- 51 Lowly laborer
- 52 Minnelli movie musical
- 55 Fantastic
- 58 Bradstreet partner
- 59 Rani's wrap
- 60 Anagram of 51-across
- 61 Ticket category
- 63 Kind of ski lift
- 64 Forest females
- 65 Type of eclipse
- 66 Choice word
- 67 Get the pot going
- 68 Suspicious
- 69 "From Here to Eternity" actress Donna

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DOWN

- 1 Tom of English folklore
- 2 Out in the sticks
- 3 Feedly or Flipboard, e.g.
- 4 Paring implement
- 5 Theater backdrop
- 6 Gary Johnson's party
- 7 Bit of physics
- 8 Seasoned sailor
- 9 Main course
- 10 Tariff payer
- 11 Stitched line
- 12 Folk wisdom
- 13 Wide-mouthed jug
- 23 Solemn promise
- 25 Party staple
- 26 Like many fire-works shows
- 29 Unsuitable for surgery
- 30 Wound mark
- 31 Medal recipient

- 32 Daytime TV fare
- 33 Type of ale
- 35 Give the boot
- 38 Hitchcock's forte
- 40 Group of renters
- 43 Take-charge type
- 45 Chest protector?
- 48 Cricket penalty
- 50 Become expert in
- 53 Wipe away
- 54 Bushed
- 55 Vending machine item
- 56 In the know about
- 57 Amanda of "The Whole Nine Yards"
- 58 Sandy hill
- 62 Invoice word

Answers to Previous Crossword:

G	L	U	T	O	N	U	S	P	A	C	E	R	
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SOUPY SPEAK

In the average Korean household it is common to have some type of soup at almost every meal. Of course these soups are normally a far cry from opening a can of Campbell's soup and warming it up. Some soups are normally associated with special days, events or needs. Here are several different words associated with soups.



- **Soups:** Guk
- **Rice cake Soup:** Ddeok-guk
- **Seaweed soup:** Mee-yeok-guk
- **Rib Soup:** Gal-bi-tang
- **Ox tail soup:** Ggo-ri-gom-tang
- **Ox bone soup:** Seol-leong-tang
- **Chicken Ginseng Soup:** Sam-gye-tang

- **Hangover soup:** Hae-jang-guk
- **Stews:** Jji-gae
- **Kimchi stew:** gim-chi-jji-gae
- **Soybean paste stew:** doen-jiang-ji-gae
- **Military base Stew:** bu-dae-ji-gae
- **Porridge:** juk
- **Abalone porridge:** jeon-bok-juk
- **Pumpkin porridge:** Ho-baak-juk
- **Chicken porridge:** dalk-juk



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.

Answers to Previous Sudoku:

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