Discovering Seoul’s Hidden Alleys in Spring

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Cozy, old traces of the sewing alley, Changsin-dong

From a sewing factory village to an alley of urban renewal, Changsin-dong is home to Dongdaemun, the mecca of Korea’s clothing industry. There are still as many as 700 sewing factories today. The street underwent a period of urban renewal in effort to maintain the original form of the area instead of complete redevelopment to become today’s sewing factory mecca.

The first village outside the city walls that connects to the Seoul City Wall trails. Past the old Hanyang that surrounded the Sadaemun (the Four Great Gates), the city walls, and Heunginjimun Gate (Dongdaemun) was Changsin-dong. Changsin-dong is also the main starting point of the Hanyangdoseong trail that connects in the direction of Dongdaemun from Hyeohwa-dong’s Naksan Park.

Ways to Fully Enjoy Changsin-dong

Changsin-dong’s present ‘Sewing Street Museum’
The Street Museum sits at 647 and 42, Changsin-dong. The street is crowded with integrated factories that engage in pattern-making to sewing. Visitors can read the information on the street wall to appreciate Changsin-dong in depth. (647, Changsin-dong)

Biudang House and Dongmangbong Peak
Biudang House means ‘rain shelter’ and was the place where the Silhak scholar Yi Su-gwang (1563–1628) wrote Korea’s first encyclopedic book ‘Jibong Yuseo’. Towards Bomun Station is Dongmangbong Peak where Queen Jeongsun looked daily towards the east as she yearned for Danjong of Joseon who was exiled to Yeongwol. (9–471, Changsin-dong)

Changsin Market food that will make you addicted in an instant
Finish your neighborhood exploration with a meal at Changsin Market. Not only are there signature dishes of Changsin-dong like spicy pig’s trotters, Suwon-style beef ribs with generous portions, blood sausage and rice soup, and spicy rice cakes, but there is also a Nepalese restaurant and a Chinese restaurant operated by overseas Chinese. (Exit 2, Dongdaemun Station of Line 1)

First national sewing museum, the ‘lumpium Sewing History Center’
The center offers an outlook of Korea’s sewing industry from different viewpoints. There are monthly experience programs for visitors to learn how to sew.

http://www.ddm.go.kr/tour
42, 647, Changsin-dong, Dongdaemun-gu, Seoul
No admission fee
82–2–2127–5000 (Dongdaemun-gu Culture & Sports Division)

Exit 1, Dongdaemun Station (Lines 1, 4)
Walk 359m in the direction of Changsin-gil (10 min. walk)
N/A. Use of public transportation recommended.

At Changsin-dong, one can find many hidden movie and drama filming locations. The house seen from Danggogae Park’s parking lot is the house of Gil Ra-im from the drama ‘Secret Garden’. Also try and find the house of Jang Geu-rae from the drama ‘Misaeng’, the alleyway where Nabodeuckji from ‘Architecture 101’ gave his speech, and the Dongdaemun Apartment that was the filming location for the movie ‘Hide and Seek’.

Dongdaemun Design Plaza, Pyeonghwa Market, Hanyangdoseong Trail, Cheonggyecheon Stream
A unique artist village in the heart of the city, Mullae-dong (Mullae Art Village) is a unique village in the city where the energy of ironworks craftsmen and the creative power of artists come together. Young artists from Hongik Univ. and Daehak-ro near Mullae 3(sam)-ga, Yeongdeungpo-gu, a place that was once packed with ironworks buildings, opted to create workshops in this area.

**Ways to Fully Enjoy Mullae Art Village**

**Take part in the Ollae? Mullae! Tour**

Ollae? Mullae!, operated by Yeongdeungpo-gu Office and the cultural arts group BONOBOC, is a tour program that focuses on Mullae-dong from the industrial, historical, cultural and artistic standpoint. Visitors can hear about old stories of Yeongdeungpo from historical and cultural commentators as well as the creation process of the Art Village from neighborhood artists. They can also take a walk and appreciate the alleyways that are stained with the industrial culture of the 70~80s together with the murals and installed works.

- March–November, first and third Saturdays, 15:00–17:00, participation fee KRW10,000. Inquiries: 82–2–2637–3313

**Talk a walk and observe public art works**

There are fun sculptures along the street that visitors can appreciate. A welded mask sculpture, the ‘Lego Object’ which are works by sculptor Ahn Kyung–jin which include the ‘Can Robot’ made with iron and cans, the ‘Gourd’ that is a project that fills the holes of a wall with Legos, a sawtooth gentleman with flowers and a fedora that is made with layers of iron, and works that visualize the sound of hammering that resonates throughout Mullae-dong.

**Participate in cultural art events at Studio Zemi**

Studio Zemi is an open workshop where anyone can come to work during the weekdays. Fun cultural events and performances are held on the weekends. The studio moved to Mullae-dong from Sangsu–dong in 2013 and transformed into a space of public reading, performances, workshops, exhibits, and cultural art events.


**http://tour.ydp.go.kr**

- 13–8, Dorim–ro 128ga–gil, Yeongdeungpo–gu, Seoul
- No admission fee
- 82–2–2670–3131 (Yeongdeungpo–gu Culture & Sports Division)

**Website | KOR/CHN/JPN/ENG | On-site | KOR**

**Exit 7, Mullae Station (Line 2) ➤ Walk 508m in the direction of Mullae Art Village (8 min. walk)**

**Exit 6, Yeongdeungpo Station (Line 1) ➤ Walk approx. 1.02km in the direction of Mullae Art Village (15 min. walk)**

N/A. Use of public transportation recommended.

- Discover Gold Tegu Leather Works, Ride & Tied Flower Shop and other hidden art shops to make your own goods.

**Anyangcheon Stream, Yeongdeungpo Times Square, Yeouido**
An island of flavors in the middle of Namyeong-dong

Yeoljeongdo is in the midst of the high buildings and premium apartments in Namyeong-dong, Yongsan like an island. The print shops of the 1970–1980s became a center for young shopkeepers in 2014 who began to open restaurants in the same area. “Yeoljeongdo,” meaning “Passion Island,” is the name of the alley coined by the shopkeepers.

The flavors of Korea fused with youthful energy

At Yeoljeongdo, one can hear the sounds of loud laughter, the spirited greetings of local youth, and the smells of savory dishes that emanate the area’s youthful energy. Each restaurant features unique dishes like grilled pork belly, French fries, chicken, spicy rice cakes, wine and more. The area became the topic of conversation after BTS visited the restaurant “Yeolbong Kitchen.”

Ways to Fully Enjoy Yeoljeongdo

Enjoy fries and beer at ‘Gamjajip’ with an outdoor terrace

The first restaurant that greets visitors at the entrance of Yeoljeongdo is Gamjajip. The restaurant offers its signature chunky, crispy fries and handmade sauces together with “Insaeng Maekju,” or “life beer,” that was made in collaboration with Itae won’s craft beer brewery Pyrus.

Enjoy true flavors of ocellated octopus at the laidback restaurant “Yeoljeongdo Jjukkumi”

The original shop was hardly changed at all before the opening of the octopus restaurant. The vintage charms of the eatery offer a laidback atmosphere. The restaurant was born for people who find grilled pork belly, fries, and chicken too greasy for their tastes.

The wine bar ‘Cheorin28’ that captivates the hearts of women

This is a one-person restaurant which serves wine and cheese in its small space. The manager cooks and serves alone while also selecting the music and the interior. The main cheese dishes were created through the manager’s studies of cheese at Gyeongridan—gil’s Cheese A Lot, and his wine list was selected by recommendations from sommeliers.

www.facebook.com/thepassionisland

55, Baekbeom-ro 87-gil, Yongsan-gu, Seoul

No admission fee

82-70-8614-6331 (Young Seller)

16:30–23:30 (Differs by restaurant)

Website | KOR/CHN/JPN/ENG

On-site | KOR

Exit 1, Namyeong Station (Line 1) ➤ Walk approx. 343m in direction of Yeoljeongdo (5 min. walk)

N/A. Use of public transportation recommended.

There is much more at Yeoljeongdo than restaurants by young sellers. There is the bunsik restaurant (Dabanggu) that takes customers back to the 1980s, the beef rib restaurant (Chamsutjip) that tempts others with its daily menu, the intestine hot pot restaurant (Yeolbong Kitchen) frequented by BTS, and more charming restaurants.

War Memorial of Korea, National Museum of Korea, Haebangchon
An exquisite encounter of nature and art
Buam-dong

Ways to Fully Enjoy Buam-dong

Walk along Hanyangdoseong, the Seoul City Wall trail, through Changuimun Gate
The trail along Hanyangdoseong Seoul City Wall is a 18.6-km that passes through Seoul’s mountain, Sadaemun (the Four Great Gates), and other cultural heritages. Among them, Changuimun Gate sits at the place where Inwangsan Mountain and Baekaksan Mountain meet. Follow the gatehouse that stands as it once did during the Joseon period to the back to walk up the city wall.

Enjoy leisure time at cafes and restaurants
Buam-dong is packed with cafes and restaurants with good atmosphere. Among them, the ‘Samamotoonge Cafe’ that sits on top of hilly Buam-dong features a great mountainous view, and the ‘Seonggwak Maelu Samcheung Cafe’ looks over all of the Hanyangdoseong Seoul City Wall and Buam-dong while a cup of tea and a gallery tour can be enjoyed at the ‘Ra Gallery Cafe.’

Explore an art museum and gallery
You can find art museums and galleries that imbue the breath of art into your senses. The ‘Whanki Art Museum’ founded in memory of Whanki Kim and the ‘Seoul Museum’ with the Seokpajeong Villa, the villa of Heungseon Daewongun, are iconic.

info
http://tour.jongno.go.kr
145, Changuimun-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul
No admission fee
82-2-2148-1114 (Jongno-gu Culture & Tourism Bureau)
Open at all times (Noise should be kept at a minimum as it is a residential area)
Website | KOR On-site | KOR

tip
Exit 2, Gwanghwamun Station (Line 5) ▶ Take bus 1020 at the KT Gwanghwamun Bldg. stop ▶ Get off at the Buam-dong Community Center stop
N/A. Use of public transportation recommended.

Buam-dong is surrounded by Inwangsan Mountain and Bukhansan Mountain, and it boasts of a clean natural environment. The Baeksasil Valley that is clean enough for newts to live in and the Inwangsan Mountain trail that connects to Seochon by Gyeongbokgung Palace are fine trails to visit.

Changuimun Gate, Baeksasil Valley
Inwangsan Mountain trail, Yun Dong-ju Literary Museum
Bukjeong Village

**Theme**

**Discovering Seoul’s Hidden Alleys in Spring**

City Wall village that meets the sky

**Bukjeong Village**

- Lyricism of alleyways, breath of artists: Bukjeong Village is a quiet and cozy village that sits at the foot of the Seoul City Wall and on top of Seongbuk-dong Hill. It is called the last remaining shanty town of Seoul, but it is actually filled with uniqueness. The village is filled with the lyricism of alleyways and the breath of artists who once dwelled in the neighborhood.

- From the Seongbuk-dong museum to a hanok tour: There are hidden gems in the area including wooden telephone poles from the 1960–70s, an old barber shop run by the first female barber, the ‘Bukjeong Café’ that is the guesthouse for locals, and the complex cultural space ‘Drawing Space Saalgoo.’ The Simwoojang, the residence of Manhae Han Yong-un, and Bidulgi Park created under the theme of the poem ‘Seongbukdong Bidulgi’ by Kim Kwang-sopp are places where visitors can experience modern Korean history.

**Ways to Fully Enjoy Bukjeong Village**

- Manhae Park and Simwoojang: Simwoojang is the house of poet, independence fighter and monk Manhae Han Yong-un where he spent his last days. It was built facing the north to signify his refusal to face the Governor-General of Korea. At the bottom of the Simwoojang stairways is Manhae Park built in memory of Han Yong-un.

- Hanyangdoseong Seoul City Wall Trail and the hidden gate: The ‘hidden gate’ can be found in the alleyway between the Bukjeong Village Center for Grandmothers and Palgakjeong Pavilion. The hidden gate of the Joseon period was a passageway for secretive comings and goings through the city wall, but it is now a street corner leading up to the Baegak Trail. The view of the village that unfolds after exiting the hidden gate is one of the most breathtaking of all in Seoul.

- Seongbuk Dowon and Seongbuk Museum of Art: Seongbuk Dowon is a networking space for the visual arts, urban construction, and community art. There is an exhibition and forum on the theme of Seongbuk with Bugaksan Mountain as the backdrop. At the Seongbuk Museum of Art located opposite the Bukjeong Village stairways is an exhibition featuring Seongbuk’s culture, history and art.

**Info**

- [http://www.seongbuk.go.kr](http://www.seongbuk.go.kr)
- 132–3, Seongbuk-ro 23-gil, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul
- No admission fee
- 82–2–2241–3114 (Seongbuk-gu Culture & Sports Dept.)
- Open at all times (Noise should be kept at a minimum as the village is a residential area)
- Website | KOR  On-site | KOR

**Tip**

- Exit 6, Hansung Univ. Station (Line 4) ➤ Walk approx. 41m to Samseongyo, Seongbuk Cultural Center stop ➤ Get off at Seongbuk03 (Samseongyo, Seongbuk Cultural Center) ➤ Get off at Senior Citizens’ Center stop (Bukjeong Cafè)

- N/A. Use of public transportation recommended.

- There are various festivals organized by native residents and local artists. Visit ‘Month Wall Festival’ and take a walk around the city walls under the moonlight, the ‘Pungryu’ for exploring the Hanyangdoseong City Walls with a commentator and listening to traditional instrumental performances, and the art and culture festival ‘Seongbuk Jinkyung’ that is held in October at Bukjeong Village and Seongbuk-dong are some representative festivals.

- Choi Sunu House, Suyeonsanbang (house of the late Lee Tae-jun), Korea Furniture Museum
Seoul’s history and culture at a glance.

The Seoul Museum of History is a city museum that deeply conveys the history and culture of Seoul. Visitors can get a deeper look into the 600-year history, culture and transformations of Seoul from the Joseon period to the modern era.

Special exhibition: <Dilkusha & Chain of Amber>

The special exhibition will feature 310 articles of the total of 1,026 from the Dilkusha (Taylor family home) that was donated to the Seoul Museum of History by Jennifer Linley Taylor. Jennifer Linley Taylor is the granddaughter of the American entrepreneur and journalist Albert Taylor, who was active during the times of the Great Korean Empire and Joseon during the Japanese occupation.

A new observation of life during the Japanese occupation.

The exhibition will offer a view of Seoul (Gyeongseong) during the Japanese occupation and the Taylors from a new perspective through Mary Taylor’s amber necklace, letters, photo albums, photos and views of the old Seoul, the Korean flag and craftwork that were donated by Jennifer Linley Taylor.

Special Exhibition Organization

**Session 1** | Donated articles by the Taylor family
**Session 2** | The Taylors’ Life in Seoul (1917–1922)
**Session 3** | Palace of Joy, Dilkusha (1923–1942)
**Session 4** | Forced expulsion during Japanese occupation (1942–1948)

www.museum.seoul.kr

55, Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

Free admission

82–2–724–0274

Tuesday–Friday 09:00–20:00

Saturdays · Sundays · national holidays
09:00–19:00

Special exhibition <Dilkusha & Chain of Amber> – 2019.03.10

Website | KOR/CHN/JPN/ENG On-site | KOR brochure

Exit 7, Gwanghwamun Station (Line 5)

Walk approx. 612m in the direction of Gyeonghuigung Palace (10 min. walk)

Compact/Passenger/Large Vehicles | First 2 hours KRW3,000, KRW400 for each additional 5 min. (Large vehicles, first 2 hours KRW6,000, KRW800 for each additional 5 min.)

Visitors can rent the free audio guide at the 1F Information Desk or scan the exhibition hall QR code for an exhibition guide. There are four language options of KOR/CHN/ENG, and visitors must have an ID card for free audio guide rentals.

Gyeonghuigung Palace, Gyeonggyojang, Donuimun Exhibition Center, Sejong Center for the Performing Arts
HOT PLACE
New Attractions
From oil tanks to tanks of arts and culture
Oil Reservoir Culture Park

Amazing transformations of oil tanks
The Oil Reservoir Culture Park that opened in September 2017 is a park that transformed an oil tank into a special cultural space for citizens.

A space for performances, exhibits and citizen participation
The five existing tanks were reborn as performance and exhibition centers while the one new tank was transformed into a community center. The outdoor space was opened as a culture venue for various citizen community activities.

Special Programs
Modu Christmas tree lighting ceremony
A large Christmas tree lighting event expressing citizens’ hopes.
- Dec. 22 17:30–18:30

Modu Christmas Market
A Christmas market with tasty dishes served from food trucks, handicraft sales, various experiences and cultural performances.
- Dec. 22–25 16:00–21:00

Not cold at all! Small sledding playground
An indoor sledding hill at tank T6. Children under the age of 7 can ride with their parents.
- Dec. 8–Jan. 20 every weekend

Light of Amaranth exhibition / Flow Again exhibition
Winter exhibition programs at Oil Reservoir Culture Park T1, T4
Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–18:00

info
parks.seoul.go.kr/culturetank
87, Jeungsan-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul
Free admission
82-2-376-8410
Park Always open
Exhibition Hall (Tank) Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–18:00
Website | KOR On-site | KOR/ENG/CHN/JPN brochures

tip
Exit 2, World Cup Stadium Station (Line 6)
Walk approx. 520m in the direction of Oil Reservoir Culture Park (8 min. walk)

Compact/Passenger/Large Vehicles
World Cup Park parking lot, compact vehicles KRW300, passenger vehicles KRW600, large vehicles KRW900 for every 10 min.

Citizen Tour (Commentary) Program
Every Tuesday–Saturday, 2 sessions daily, 40 min. Inquiries 02–376–8419
Audio guide rental
Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–18:00, available at Information zone

World Cup Park, Haneul Park, Nanjido Island, World Cup Stadium, Sangam DMC
**The start of an eco-friendly lifestyle**

**Seoul Upcycling Plaza**

**HOT PLACE**

**New Attractions**

**Sources:** I-Seoul-U SUP

**info**

- **www.seoulup.or.kr**
- 49, Jadongchasisjang-gil, Seongdong-gu, Seoul
- Free admission (experience fees to be paid separately)
- 82-2-2153-0400
- Tuesday–Sunday 10:00 – 18:00
  - Closed on Lunar New Year’s

**Website | KOR/ENG  On-site | KOR/ENG brochures**

**tip**

- **Exit 8, Janghanpyeong Station (Line 5)**
  - Walk approx. 887m in the direction of Seoul Metro (15 min. walk)
  - Shuttle bus available at Exit 8, Janghanpyeong Station (Tuesday–Sunday, 08:50–18:20, every 30 min.)

**Compact/Passenger/Large Vehicles | 24-hour parking lot (with card only; see website)**

- There are experiential education programs linked with the Upcycling Plaza residence studio. Be sure to make reservations online before use.
- There are various upcycled goods for sale at the 2F Upcycling shop.

**Seoul Forest, Seoul Children’s Grand Park, Seongsu-dong Cafe Street, Seongsu-dong Handmade Shoes Street**

**► Upcycling complex cultural space**

The Seoul Upcycling Plaza is a complex cultural space created by Seoul City to foster the upcycling industry and expand the resource circulation culture.

**► The starting point of a healthy lifestyle**

At the Plaza, one can find various education programs, workshops, performances, exhibitions, special events and experiences. It promotes citizen participation for the formation of a healthy lifestyle in areas of production, distribution and consumption.

**Experience Programs**

**Upcycling exploration program ‘Upcycling Story’**

A tour of Seoul Upcycling Plaza with an upcycling docent (commentator)

- Every Saturday, 11:00–12:00/15:00–16:00

**Upcycling ankle warmer class**

Ankle warmer craft-making of different household items and old ankle warmers

- Jan. 12–26, 2019 every Saturday 13:00–15:00
  - Jan. 12 (Sat.) 15:00–17:00 additional session

**Upcycling pop-up book class**

My very own pop-up book making with old children’s books

- Feb. 9–23, 2019 every Saturday 13:00–15:00
  - Feb. 09 (Sat.) 15:00–17:00 additional session

**RACESUP Champion’s Cup**

Make upcycled cars with family and race!

- Feb. 09–27, 2019 every Saturday, 2 hours between 13:00–17:00

**Re:Bot**

A workshop to make boats that remove floating trash on rivers

- Feb. 09–23, 2019, every Saturday 13:00–17:00
New Attractions
From the symbol of confrontation and division to a space of cultural creation
Peace Culture Bunker

▶ Overcoming the pains of division to be reborn as a cradle of art and culture

The Peace Culture Bunker is an old, abandoned antitank defense facility that was reopened as an art and culture space. The antitank defense facility was an old military facility used by the South during the Korean War to defend against attacks of the North. It continues to preserve traces of the past and holds great historical significance.

Peace Culture Bunker Programs

Program linked with residential artists
Planning of art and culture education with citizens

Daily art workshop
A workshop that addresses peace, life, culture, art and education, and the planning of a conference of the times that reflects social issues

Culture and Arts Play Market Darak
Handicrafts, local food sales, performances and experiential activities

Citizen-planned program
Program suggested and planned by citizens

Peace Culture Bunker Space Guide

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info
culturebunker.or.kr

- 932, Madeul-ro, Dobong-gu, Seoul
- Free admission
- 82-2-3494-1970
- Tuesday–Thursday · Sunday 10:00–18:00
- Exhibition Center, Tuesday–Sunday 10:00–19:00
- Website | KOR | On-site | KOR brochure

tip
- Exit 2, Dobongsan Station (Lines 1, 7)
  - Walk approx. 331m in the direction of Peace Culture Bunker (5 min. walk)
- Compact/Passenger Vehicles | Darak Sports Park parking lot, first 2 hours free, KRW100 for each additional 5 min. (use of public transportation recommended)
- Performance Hall, Seminar Room, Exhibition Hall 1, Exhibition Hall 2, Shared Workshop, and Peace Plaza available for rent. (Inquiries 82-2-3494-1973)
- Seoul Iris Garden, Dobongsan Mountain, Suraksan Mountain
Finding hidden science in sewerage
Seoul Sewerage Science Museum

Korea’s first sewerage science museum

This museum was built on the site of Korea’s first sewerage processing facility, the Cheonggyecheon Sewerage Processing Facility. The museum introduces the history, science, and technology of Korea’s and overseas sewer systems and offers educational programs that inform about the purification process and the value of water.

Educational Programs

Exhibition Presentation (Docent) | A commentary tour about the Sewerage Science Museum for visitors of all ages
- Daily 11:00–11:50 (for children), 14:00–15:00/15:00–16:00 (from elementary school students to adults), free

Into the water, Plop! Plop! Plop! | Decorate frames of animals and plants that live in rivers
- January–March, every Sunday 14:30–16:00, free

Round manhole, ‘The Manhole and Curve of Constant Width’ | Understanding of the curve of constant width through learning of the manhole’s use, shape, and program experience
- January–March, every Saturday 10:00–12:00, free

The mystery in the toilet, ‘The Siphon and the Diver’ | Understanding of the scientific principles of the toilet through experiments
- January–March, every Saturday 14:00–16:00, free

Where does my poop go? | A program about the sewerage process for preschoolers and elementary students in the lower grades
- January–March, every Saturday 10:00–12:00, free

Whisper story time | Story-telling and related activities for preschooler groups
- January–March, every Wednesday 10:30–11:30

Making eco-friendly flower pots | Understanding of the importance of environment protection and eco-friendly flower pot making for preschooler and elementary school student groups
- January–March, Tuesday of last week, 13:00–15:00, free

info

science.seoul.go.kr

64, Jadongchasijang 3-gil, Seongdong-gu, Seoul
Free
82–2–2211–2540
Tuesday–Saturday 09:00–17:00
* Closed Mondays, January 1, Lunar New Year’s Day, Chuseok Day
Website | KOR On-site | KOR/CHN/ENG brochures

tip

Exit 8, Janghanpyeong Station (Line 5) | Walk approx. 887m in the direction of Seoul Metro (15 min. walk)
* Seoul Upcycling Plaza shuttle bus available at Exit 8, Janghanpyeong Station

Compact/Passenger Vehicles | Jungnang Sewage Treatment Center parking lot (KRW300 for every 10 min.)
- Reservations for all educational programs available through the website.

Seoul Upcycling Plaza, Janghanpyeong Automotive Center
SPECIAL

Recommendations

Where the sun rises first in Seoul
Gwangjin-gu, Seoul, Achasan Mountain Sunrise

▶ Seoul’s iconic sunrise event with 20 years of tradition
Achasan Mountain is popular as the place where the sun rises first in Seoul. It is one of the top locations that people visit to see the first sunrise of the new year. Celebrating its 20th anniversary on January 1, 2019, the Gwangjin-gu, Seoul, Achasan Mountain sunrise event will offer citizens the chance to appreciate the first sunrise of the new year and start of a new year full of hope. The site is also the center of unity where family and friends gather to wish for health and happiness. Additional programs like New Year’s message reading, drum performance, balloon-flying, snail mail, photo zone, drone flying, and rice cake soup sharing are scheduled to be held as well.

Ways to Fully Enjoy the Achasan Mountain sunrise event

Walk from the entrance to Nakta Gogae Pass and make resolutions
At the entrance is the Gate of Hope that welcomes visitors who made the trip to watch the sunrise. Visitors can have their New Year’s fortunes told with hope drums and yut, and they can walk along the morning trail with hanging Cheongsachorong. Visitors can also write hopes on wishing paper and send them through the snail mail mailbox. The character photo zone will offer printed photos as well.

Fly hope balloons at Sunrise Square
There will be various events at Achasan Mountain Sunrise Square from 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m. on January 1. Visitors can enjoy the powerful drum performance to usher in the new year, New Year’s hope message reading, laughter meditation and hope-filled cheering. There will also be hope balloon-flying and a celebratory drone event following sunrise.

Finish the event with a bowl of rice cake soup at Dongeui Elementary School
New Year’s rice cake soup and tea will be shared for free at Dongeui Elementary School located at the entrance of the hiking trail. Come and fill empty stomachs after watching the sunrise.

info

http://www.gwangjin.go.kr/jsp/kr/c6/03/cul03_21.jsp

49-1, Acheon-dong, Guri-si, Gyeonggi-do, Achasan Mountain Sunrise Square
Free admission
82-2-450-7584 (Gwangjin-gu Office Cultural Affairs & Sports Division)
07:40-08:00
Website | KOR On-site | KOR

tip

Exit 1, Gwangnaru Station (Line 5)  ▶ Gwangjang Middle School  ▶ Turn left at Gwangjang Elementary School  ▶ Achasan Ecological Observational Trail ▶ Parking lot ▶ Hiking Trail ▶ Sunrise Square (40 min. walk)
Exit 2, Achasan Station (Line 5)  ▶ Yeonghwasa Temple  ▶ Dongui Elementary School  ▶ Parking lot ▶ Hiking Trail ▶ Sunrise Square (40 min. walk)
N/A

Not only is admission free, but the rice cake soup sharing and all experience zones are also free.

Achasan Hiking Trail, Seoul Children’s Grand Park
SPECIAL Recommendations

Colors that change with fine dust
Seocho Wind Hill

- Transformation of the Gangnam Station ventilation fan and cooling tower
The ‘Seocho Wind Tower (Hill of Wind)’ is the recreation of the subway ventilation fan and cooling tower between Gangnam Station’s Exits 9 and 10 into an artistic sculpture that stands 15–meters tall.

- The grand spectacle of waves that ride with the wind
On the tower, 5,368 aluminum panels were attached to create an image of waves that thrash with the air from the subway ventilation fan and the wind. The aluminum perforated plates that surround the cooling tower symbolize a thick forest.

- Real–time lighting changes according to fine dust levels
At night, the tower lights change from blue (good), green (moderate), yellow (bad) and red (very bad) according to the level of fine dust to offer citizens real–time information about the level of fine dust.

Ways to Fully Enjoy the Seocho Wind Tower

Facility structures
- Wind Tower (upper subway ventilation fan) : 3m(W) × 3m(L) × 15m(H)
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From an old abandoned factory to a new hot place

The setting of Frozen for youth, ‘Snow Flower Village’
The Snow Flower Village at Sinpo International Market is an itemized space of various contents operated by over 20 youth shopkeepers. Everything from quirky and rare cuisine to workshops, photo studios and shopping malls can be found here. It become more popular as it was recently featured in the television show ‘Alley Restaurant’.

Take your best photo here! ‘Joyang Bangjik Cafe’
‘Joyang Bangjik’ is the first textile factory in Ganghwa Island and was built in 1933 using national funds. It is now a cafe with an antique atmosphere that utilizes the spacious factory area and building structure. The dye tank is now an aquarium, and visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee and take their best photos at the coffee tables that were once worktables.

The vintage—style ‘Cafe Valor’
Cafe Valor that sits over 600 pyeong is the furniture store and cafe that actress Han Hye—joo worked at in the movie ‘Beauty Inside’. It was also a filming location of the television show ‘Running Man’, singer Sunmi’s music video, and Wanna One’s commercial filming site. The vintage furniture and a cup of tea will make you feel like you’re inside a movie scene.

info
https://sinpomall.modoo.at

10, Uhyeon—ro 25beon—gil, Jung—gu, Incheon
Differs by shop
82—70—4235—3655
Tuesday—Sunday 11:00—22:00
Website | KOR
On—site | KOR

12, Hyangnamu—gil 5beon—gil Ganghwa—eup, Ganghwa—gun, Incheon
American KRW5,500
82—32—933—2192
11:00—22:00
Website | —
On—site | —

https://cafevalor.modoo.at

52, Baekbeom—ro 578beon—gil, Bupyeong—gu, Incheon
American KRW6,000
82—70—4254—0351
Monday—Friday 10:00—19:00 (Saturday—21:00)
Website | KOR
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tip
Exit 2, Dongincheon Station (Line 1) ➤ Walk approx. 100m in direction of Sinpo—dong (5 min. walk)
Take bus #3000 at Hongik Univ. Station (14—016) bus stop ➤ Get off at Ganghwa Intercity Bus and Passenger Ferry Terminal ➤7 min. by taxi (around KRW3,000)

Exit 2, Dongam Station (Line 1) ➤6 min. by taxi (around KRW3,000) or walk approx. 1.27km (20 min. walk)
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Special Recommendations

50,000 roses that shine brighter than stars
Danyang Suyanggae Light Tunnel

From a painful history to a fantastic tourist attraction
The Suyanggae Light Tunnel is a tourist site that recreated the Suyanggae Tunnel built during the Japanese occupation into a complex multimedia space with hi-tech imagery and sound systems, LED media facade and more.

A romantic course for couples
Visitors can take romantic photos in the tunnel with multimedia shows in different themes and at the ‘Secret Garden’ featuring 50,000 LED roses.

Ways to Fully Enjoy the Suyanggae Light Tunnel

Danyang’s iconic tourist sites all surround the Suyanggae Light Tunnel. Be sure to drop by the attractions to double the enjoyment of your trip!

Mancheonha Skywalk
A thrilling skywalk across the Namhangang River cliffs that hang 80–90m above water.
- **Address**: 94, Aegok–ri, Jeokseong–myeon, Danyang–gun, Chungcheongbuk–do
- **Hours of Operation**: Tuesday–Sunday 9:00–18:00
- **Price**: KRW2,000 (KRW1,500 for groups with over 20), zip wire KRW30,000, Alpine Coaster KRW15,000

Danuri Aquarium
The nation’s biggest freshwater aquarium with over 200 species of freshwater fish.
- **Address**: 94, Aegok–ri, Jeokseong–myeon, Danyang–gun, Chungcheongbuk–do
- **Hours of Operation**: Tuesday–Thursday 09:00–17:00, Saturday · Sunday · holidays –18:00
- **Price**: KRW10,000 (KRW8,000 for groups of over 20).

Visit [https://www.danyang.go.kr/tour](https://www.danyang.go.kr/tour)

390, Suyanggaeyujeok–ro Jeokseong–myeon, Danyang–gun, Chungcheongbuk–do

- **Adults**: KRW9,000, groups with over 20 KRW8,000
- **Phone**: 82–43–421–5453
- **Operation**: Tuesday–Friday/Sunday 13:00–21:00
  Saturday/national holidays/peak season 13:00–22:00

- **Website**: [KOR](https://www.danyang.go.kr/tour)
- **On-site**: [KOR](https://www.danyang.go.kr/tour)

- **Bus**: Danyang Intercity Bus Stop  Take a taxi for about 15 min. to Suyanggae Light Tunnel (around KRW10,100)
- **Compact/Passenger/Large Vehicles**: Free Suyanggae Light Tunnel parking lot
- **Start**: Mancheonha Skywalk and take a look around the 1.2-km Danyanggang River plank road and the marketplace featuring Danyang specialties. At Guinsa Temple, you can find the temple stay program ‘2019 In the Mountain like a Hermit’ in January (2 sessions) and March (2 sessions).

Suyanggae Prehistory Museum, Mancheonha Skywalk, Danuri Aquarium
Embrace the green winter of Namhae Namhae is located in the warm south where snowfall is rare. It has a glittering ocean beyond the spinach and garlic fields that remain green even in winter. Don’t miss out on traditional programs that can only be experienced in winter.

Recommended attractions for Namhae Winter Experience Travels

Seongu Julggeutgi (intangible cultural heritage no. 26) Namhae Baraegil
This is a folk play that took place on the fifteenth day of the new year according to the lunar calendar by the most popular ‘Daraengi Trail.’ The trails sit dividing the southern village from the northern village, along the mountains, oceans and fields of the Teams are divided during Gossaum to duel with each Namhae coastline, and it is acclaimed for being an other in the fortune-telling straw match. The custom ends with the purification ritual of straw-burning.
- Feb. 19 (Tues.), 2019, Seongu Maeul, Man–myeon, Namhae–gun
- (Inquiries) 82–55–860–8631

Bamboo fishing weir and Jijok Strait Echiura (Scenic Beauty no. 71)
The bamboo fishing weir is a primitive fishing method that arranges bamboo sticks in a V-shape in the water with fish traps to catch fish. In the winter, fishing boats gather between the bamboo fishing weir to catch Echiura at the bottom of the sea with fishnet hooks.
- Jan.–Feb. 2019 Namhae–gun Changseon Jijok Strait (Changseongyo Bridge)
- (Inquiries) 82–55–860–8631

Namhae Yangtte Farm
The Yangtte Farm is a mountainous trail surrounded by forests and the ocean. Visitors can feed gentle sheep while looking into their large eyes, breathe in the fresh air and walk along the trails for healing.

tip
- Bus | Take public transportation or taxi at Namhae Intercity Bus Terminal (1688–7102)
- Take in the scenery of Namhae and be sure to look around the Namhae traditional market during the trip. Fresh raw fish, snailfish, Echiura and other seasonal fish and vegetables are a real treat. Drop by the Noryangdaegyo Bridge PR Center to get a glimpse at the specialties of Namhae.
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