

JEJU ISLAND



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01

Basic Information About Jeju

Jeju is the largest island in South Korea, sitting right at the southernmost point of the country. This volcanic island was formed by volcanic activity and is home to Hallasan, the tallest mountain in South Korea, right at its center. Scattered across Jeju are over 370 smaller volcanoes, known as "oreum."

Jeju is a global hotspot that offers every aspect of natural beauty, including islands, volcanoes, waterfalls, beaches, national parks, caves, and forests. It's the perfect destination for travelers who want to experience a variety of natural attractions all in one spot. Listed as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site, Jeju Island is a treasure trove of sights, foods, and activities, consistently ranking as the No. 1 tourist destination that Koreans yearn to visit every year.



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Jeju Island:
A 4-time UNESCO World Heritage Marvel

Jeju Island has been designated by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve (2002), World Natural Heritage Site (2007), World Geopark (2010), and Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity Jeju Haenyeo Culture (2016).

**UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (2002)**

Including areas like Yeongcheon, Hyodoncheon, Munseom Island, Beomseom Island, and Seopseom within the Hallasan National Park, designated as a Natural Protected Area.

**UNESCO World Natural Heritage (2007)**

Hallasan Natural Protected Area, Seongsan Ilchulbong, Geomunoreum Lava Tube (Geomunoreum, Bwengdwigul, Mangjanggal, Gimnyeonggul, Dangcheomuldonggul, and Yongcheondonggul Caves).

**UNESCO Global Geopark (2010)**

The entire Jeju Island, Hallasan Mountain, Manjanggal, Seongsan Ilchulbong, Fossil Shells of Seogwipo Formation, Cheonjiyeon Waterfall, Daepo Jusangjeolli Cliff, Sanbongsan, Yongmeori Coast, Suwobong Peak, Udo, Biyangdo, Seonheul Gotjawal.

**UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
(Jeju Haenyeo Culture)**

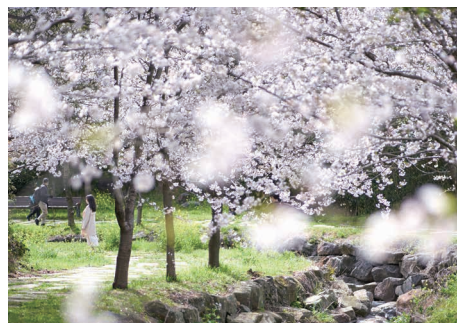
The Haenyeo, representing Korea's traditional oceanic culture and women's fishing culture, stand as living testaments to this heritage. Beyond the passage of time, the Haenyeo have fostered a unique

community culture. Their ways of life and cultural practices offer insights into the harmonious coexistence of nature and humanity, and the sustainable management and sharing of communal resources.

03

Seasonal Weather Features

Located on the eastern side of Asia, Jeju Island is heavily influenced by monsoons while also exhibiting characteristics of a maritime climate due to its surrounding seas. Hallasan Mountain with an altitude of 1,950 meters at the center of the island and nearby ocean currents contributes to Jeju Island's distinctive subtropical humid climate. The island experiences four distinct seasons—spring, summer, fall, and winter—each offering unique tourism experiences.



Spring (March to May) is the season of blossoms, ideal for enjoying flowers like plum, canola, and cherry. The gentle air and warm sunlight make it a prime time for travel. Due to the significant day-to-night temperature changes, it's



Summer (June to August) combines intense sunlight with the cool scenery of the ocean. It's best to enjoy beaches and valleys as the weather gets quite hot. June experiences a rainy season lasting about 1 to 2 weeks, and several

typhoons can occur between July and October. It's good to bring several outfits suitable for hot weather, like short sleeve shirts and shorts.



Autumn (September to November) is when silver grass and maple leaves turn brilliantly red. The season has significant temperature differences between day and night, so layered clothing is recommended, especially a thick coat in November to prepare for sudden temperature drops.



Winter (December to February) brings cold winds and snow, especially in the mid-mountain regions. As weather changes can be drastic, it is important to check the forecast regularly. When it snows, avoid traveling in mid-mountain areas, and after the snow stops, check the road conditions by contacting the Jeju Tourism Organization (+82-64-740-6000) before going out to enjoy the snowy scenery. Visitors are advised to prepare clothes suitable for wind and cold.

Monthly Highest/Lowest Temperatures

March	April	May	June	July	August
21.9°C~4.2°C	24.9°C~5.4°C	29.7°C~12.1°C	28.8°C~15.6°C	30.5°C~18.6°C	32.2°C~20°C
Average 11.6°C	Average 15°C	Average 19.9°C	Average 21.7°C	Average 24.2°C	Average 27.1°C
September	October	November	December	January	February
29.5°C~16.9°C	27.9°C~13.1°C	23.4°C~7°C	19.8°C~3.4°C	14.7°C~2°C	17.8°C~2.2°C
Average 24.1°C	Average 20°C	Average 15.6°C	Average 10.7°C	Average 7.8°C	Average 9.3°C

04

Information on South Korea's Visa-Free Entry and K-ETA Systems

K-ETA (Korean Electronic Travel Authorization)

Visa-Free Entry to South Korea

South Korea (including Jeju Island) allows visa-free entry for citizens from a total of 112 countries. This includes 66 countries under a visa exemption agreement and 46 countries under a general visa-free policy. However, travelers must obtain a Korean Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA) before their arrival, even for visa-free entry.

Jeju's Visa-Free Entry System

Jeju Island has a special visa-free entry system to ease travel for visitors. In addition to the 112 countries already eligible for visa exemptions, people from other nations can also enter Jeju without a visa. They can legally stay for tourism for up to 30 days, provided they arrive directly via Jeju's airports. However, as of June 1, 2022, this does not apply to citizens from these 23 countries:

*As of June 1, 2022

Excluded countries for visa-free entry (23 countries)

Iran, Sudan, Syria, Cuba, Kosovo, Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ghana, Nigeria, Yemen, Egypt, Gambia, Senegal, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Somalia, Uzbekistan, Nepal, Cameroon, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar.

Moreover, if travelers from non-visa exemption countries entered Jeju without necessary visas and they wish to travel to other parts of South Korea, they must obtain approval to extend their stay.

Korean Electronic Travel Authorization System (K-ETA)

Travelers eligible for visa-free entry must secure K-ETA approval before boarding any flight or ship headed to South Korea. Applications can be submitted through the website (www.k-eta.go.kr) or the K-ETA mobile app.

As the review process may take more than 72 hours, depending on application volume and individual circumstances, travelers are advised to apply for their K-ETA approval well in advance.

While the K-ETA approval is typically valid for multiple uses within three (3) years, it does not extend the visa-free stay limit set for each country.



As visa policies are subject to change, travelers are advised to verify the latest information on the South Korea Visa Portal (www.visa.go.kr) before planning their trip.



K-ETA Website Korea Visa Portal

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Essential Information to Know Before Traveling to South Korea



Travelers must complete their Korea Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA) application (www.k-eta.go.kr) at least three (3) days before your trip.

Travelers are advised to download and learn how to use a translation app before their trip.

In Korea, it is customary not to wear shoes inside homes. In accommodations such as guesthouses, homestays, and pensions (excluding hotels), travelers should take off their shoes right at the entrance.

Be aware that during Korea's major holidays, Seollal (Lunar New Year) and Chuseok (Mid-Autumn Festival), it can be difficult to book travel tickets due to high demand, and prices may increase. Many restaurants close during these national holidays, hence, checking in advance is wise. The dates for Seollal and Chuseok vary each year as they are based on the lunar calendar.



	2024	2025	2026
 Seollal Holidays	Feb. 9-12, 2024	Jan. 28-30, 2025	Feb. 15-18, 2026
 Chuseok Holidays	Sept. 15-18, 2024	Oct. 5-9, 2025	Sept. 24-27, 2026

Koreans typically dress appropriately for different settings. Avoid wearing tank tops and miniskirts at temples, and do not walk around in a swimsuit in the city, even if it is close to the beach.

The standard electrical plug in Korea is Types C and F, with a voltage of 220V and a frequency of 60Hz. Travelers should check if their electronic devices are compatible before using them in Korea. Devices from the USA, Canada, and South American countries using 100V to 127V are particularly at risk of damage or causing a fire hazard.



06

Guide to Tourist Information Centers, Map Pickup, and Free Wheelchair Rental in Jeju

Tourist Information Centers can be found at airports, ports, bus terminals, and major tourist attractions throughout Jeju Island. These centers are great places to gather all the necessary information for visitors.

For those unable to visit the centers, tourist information is accessible via phone or online. The Jeju Tourism Information Center, managed by the Jeju Tourism Organization, offers assistance at +82-64-740-6000 or through their online chat service at www.visitjeju.net/en. Support is available in English, Japanese, and Chinese to help address any travel-related inquiries or issues.




Free paper tourist maps of Jeju are available at these information centers. A PDF version of the tourist map can be downloaded at Visit Jeju (www.visitjeju.net).

The Jeju Welcome Center provides free wheelchair rental services, especially beneficial for individuals with mobility challenges, including the elderly or disabled. Located near Jeju Airport, the center facilitates convenient rental and return of wheelchairs.



Jeju Welcome Center

📍 23 Seondeok-ro, Jeju City (Jeju Tourism Organization), 1st Floor
 ☎ +82-64-740-6000



INFORMATION CENTER

Yongduam Tourist Information Center
 15 Yongduam-gil, Jeju-si
 (Yongduam Dragon Rock Parking Area)
 +82-64-728-3918

Tapdong Tourist Information Center
 4 Tapdong-ro 2-gil, Jeju-si
 (Tapdong Intersection)
 +82-64-728-3919

Jeju Tourism Association Information Center
 Jeju International Airport Terminal
 +82-64-742-8866

Seaport Terminal Tourist Bureau
 Jeju Ferry Terminal
 +82-64-758-7181

Jeju Welcome Center Tourist Information Center
 23 Seondeok-ro, Jeju-si
 +82-64-740-6000~2

Jeju Intercity Bus Terminal
 174 Seogwang-ro, Jeju-si
 (In front of the Intercity Bus Terminal)
 +82-64-728-3920

Hallasan National Park Visitor Center
 2070-6, 1100-ro, Jeju-si
 (Yeongsil/Eorimok/Seongpanak/Gwaneumsa)
 +82-64-713-9950~3

Cheonjeyeon Fall Tourist Information Center
 132 Cheonjeyeon-ro, Seogwipo-si
 +82-64-739-1393

Jungmun Tourist Information Center
 38 Jungmungwangwang-ro,
 Seogwipo-si
 +82-64-739-1330

Seogwipo Tourist Information Center
 2-13 Namseongjung-ro,
 Seogwipo-si
 +82-64-732-1301~2

Jusangjeolli Tourist Information Center
 36-30 leodo-ro, Seogwipo-si
 +82-64-738-1393

Jeongbang Waterfall Tourist Information Center
 33 Chilsimni-ro 214beon-gil,
 Seogwipo-si
 +82-64-732-1393

Seogwipo Intercity Bus Terminal Tourist Information Center
 9217, Iljudong-ro, Seogwipo-si
 +82-64-739-1391

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Exchange Rates, Cost of Living, and Locations for Currency Exchange in South Korea

The South Korean currency includes four types of paper money: KRW 50,000, KRW 10,000, KRW 5,000, KRW 1,000. There are also five types of coins: KRW 500, KRW 100, KRW 50, KRW 10, and KRW 1, though the latter is currently not in use.

Credit card use is widespread in South Korea. Except for some street food stalls, food trucks, and traditional markets, most businesses, including taxis, hotels, restaurants, and shops, accept credit cards.

Currency and Exchange

Currency : Korean Won ₩

Coins	Bills
 KRW 10  KRW 50	 KRW 1,000 = USD 0.76  KRW 5,000 = USD 3.79
 KRW 100  KRW 500	 KRW 10,000 = USD 7.57  KRW 50,000 = USD 37.85

Exchange Rate * As of September 2023

1 US Dollar: KRW 1,320.90 / 1 Chinese Yuan: KRW 181.69 / 1 Taiwan Dollar: KRW 41.43 /
 100 Japanese Yen: KRW 904.14 / 1 Singapore Dollar: KRW 975.52 /
 1 Malaysian Ringgit: KRW 284.37 / 1 Indonesian Rupiah: KRW 8.69

BIG MAC INDEX

United States	\$5.58	China	\$3.49
South Korea	\$4.07	Taiwan	\$2.39
Japan	\$3.16		

* As of July 2023



Bottled Water 1.5 L
KRW 700



Starbucks Americano (Tall)
KRW 4,100



BTS CD
KRW 16,000



Pocket Tissue
KRW 1,600

Currency Exchange

Bank exchange hours are from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Grand Exchange Shop	83 Noyeon-ro, Jeju-si +82-64-747-7808 9:00 AM - 10:30 PM
Neulpureun Exchange Shop	33 Yeondong 3-gil, Jeju-si +82-64-748-2521 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Jeju Bank, Airport Branch	+82-64-746-0607 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Shinhan Bank, Airport Branch	+82-64-747-3825 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Jeju Bank: 34 Branches / Jeju Post Office: 33 Branches / Korea Exchange Bank: 2 Branches / Standard Chartered Korea Bank: 2 Branches / Hana Bank: 2 Branches



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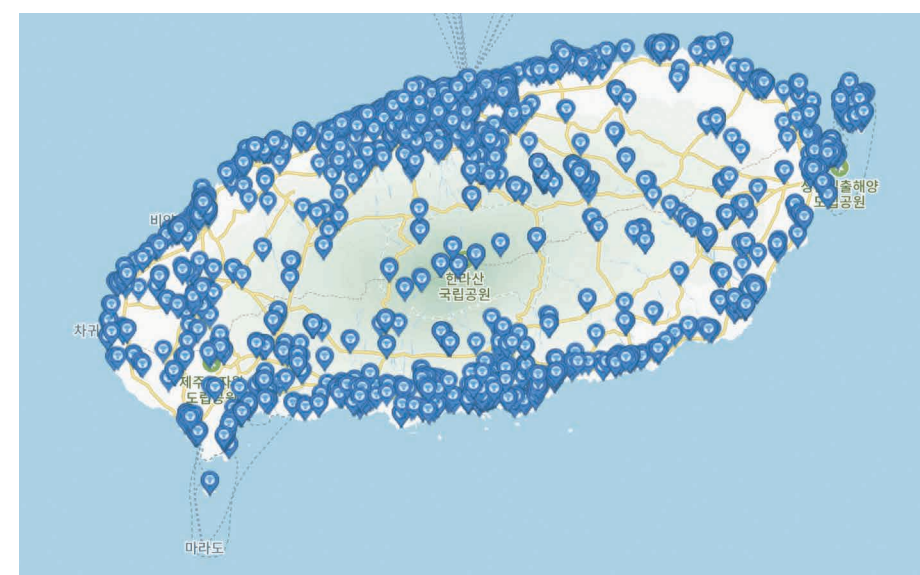
Using SIM-Cards, Public Wi-Fi, and Internet Access in South Korea

To access the internet on mobile phones, travelers in South Korea often use prepaid SIM cards or Wi-Fi routers. While Wi-Fi routers are shareable among several users, they don't support phone calls. Thus, travelers who need to make phone calls, use mobile data, and send text messages typically purchase a SIM card.







Travelers with eSIM-compatible devices can opt for an eSIM, which can be activated via a QR code received through email, eliminating the need for a physical card. For those without eSIM-capable devices, physical SIM cards can be reserved and picked up at Jeju or Incheon Airports, or purchased directly.

Renting a Wi-Fi router, also known as a pocket or portable Wi-Fi, is recommended for



those requiring heavy daily data usage. Wi-Fi routers have a set data limit, so using free Wi-Fi provided in accommodations or public spaces for extensive downloading or uploading, and the Wi-Fi router for other uses, is advised. Free public Wi-Fi in Jeju, usually found under the names “Jeju Free Wi-Fi” or - “Public Wi-Fi Free,” is available. In public buildings, major city locations, and even on buses. South Korea is known worldwide for its fast and reliable internet service and makes sure that travelers won’t face issues with slow internet during their visit.

			
KT Roaming roaming.kt.com/ib/ eng/main.asp	LGUPLUS Roaming www.lguplus.com/ ib-roaming/pc/eng	SK Roaming www.skroaming.com	KRSIM krsim.net



09

Useful Korean Phrases for Travelers

Learning basic Korean greetings and phrases can be quite helpful for travelers.

English	Korean	Pronunciation
Yes	네.	Ne
No	아니요.	A-ni-yo
Hello	안녕하세요.	An-nyong-ha-se-yo
Goodbye	안녕히 가세요.	An-nyong-hee ga-se-yo
Please (give me)	주세요.	Ju-se-yo
Thank you	감사합니다	Gam-sa-ham-ni-da
Excuse me (attention)	실례합니다.	Shil-lye-ham-ni-da
I'm sorry	미안합니다.	Mee-an-ham-ni-da
Is this OK?	괜찮아요?	Kwen-cha-na-yo?
It's OK / No problem	괜찮아요.	Kwen-cha-na-yo
Nice to meet you.	반갑습니다.	Ban-gap-soom-ni-da
What is your name?	이름이 뭐예요?	Ee-room-ee mwo-ye-yo?
My name is ____.	제 이름은 __ 이에요.	Je ee-room-un __ ee-eh-yo
Do you speak English?	영어 할 수 있어요?	Yong-oh hal su iss-o-yo?
I can't speak Korean well.	한국말 잘 못해요	Han-gook-mal jal mot-hay-yo
Please speak slowly.	천천히 말해주세요	Chon-chon-hee mal hay-ju-se-yo
I'm from ____.	저는 __ 에서 왔어요	Jo-nun __ eh-so wass-o-yo
How are you?	잘 지내요?	Jal jee-nay-yo?
I'm fine, thanks.	잘 지내요	Jal jee-nay-yo
Have a good day.	좋은 하루 보내세요	Jo-un ha-ru bo-nay-se-yo
How much is it?	얼마예요?	Eol-ma-e-yo?
Cheers!	건배!	Geon-bae!

10

Guide to Hospitals and Pharmacies in South Korea

South Korea has a well-established medical infrastructure, ensuring easy access to clinics, hospitals, and pharmacies. Minor health issues can usually be addressed on the same day at these facilities.

For minor ailments such as headaches or stomach issues, travelers may first purchase medications from a pharmacy. Every pharmacy in Korea displays a sign with the word “약” which means “pharmacy” in Korean. Pharmacies typically operate from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., though some stay open until later hours. Over-the-counter medications such as painkillers, fever reducers, antacids, and cold symptoms are also available at convenience stores.

In Korea, prescription medications require a doctor’s prescription, which must be presented at a pharmacy. For more serious conditions, visiting a hospital is recommended.

Most hospitals are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but there are also 24-hour hospitals and emergency rooms. Be aware that emergency room fees can be much higher than regular hospital charges. Travel insurance is highly recommended, as it can cover a range of medical expenses, including hospital stays, emergency medical and dental treatments, and emergency medical evacuation, as well as other travel mishaps like lost luggage. The cost of travel insurance varies based on factors like the length of the trip, age, the number of people, and coverage details, so comparing different plans before the trip is advisable.

In emergencies or when unsure about which hospital to go to, dialing 119 can provide assistance. A call to 119 automatically pinpoints your location, and services are available 24/7 in 16 languages, including English, Chinese, and Japanese. If the situation is an



emergency, they can send an ambulance to take you to the nearest emergency room. (119 is similar to 911 in the US that offers emergency medical and fire services.)

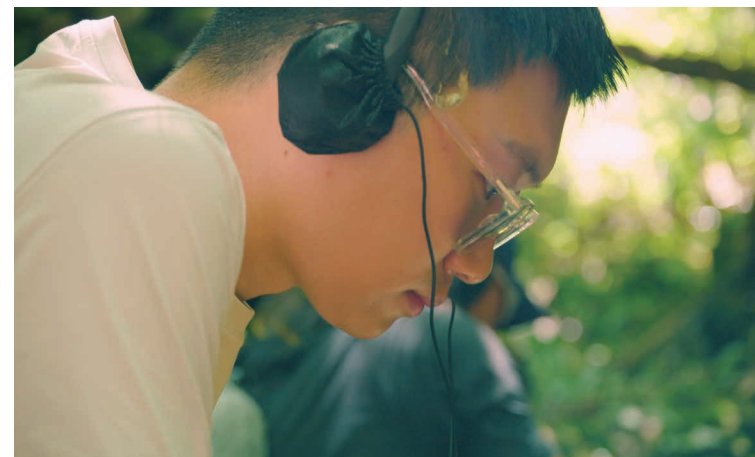
Emergency Room Information

Jeju Halla Hospital	📍 65 Doryeong-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do ☎ +82-64-740-5000
Hankuk Hospital	📍 193, Seogwang-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do ☎ +82-64-750-0000
Jung-ang Hospital	📍 91 Wollang-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do ☎ +82-64-786-7000
Hanmaeum Hospital	📍 52 Yeonsin-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do ☎ +82-64-750-9000
Jeju National University Hospital	📍 15 Aran 13-gil, Jeju-si, Jeju-do ☎ +82-64-717-1114
Seogwipo Hospital	📍 47, Jangsu-ro, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do ☎ +82-64-730-3000

11

Guide to Day Tour Programs

Exploring new places is always thrilling, but travelers might face challenges with transportation, booking, and language. For foreign visitors, signing up for day tour programs can be a great solution.



Jeju offers two main types of day tours. The first option is the full-day program, which can last for one or multiple days. These tours usually include pick-up from central locations like airports or hotels and provide transportation (often by bus) to key tourist sites. They are accompanied by a guide and involve traveling in groups. The second type is theme-based tours focused on a single activity or experience. These could be half-day or hourly programs and include activities like hiking, photography, barbecues, scuba diving, cooking, or yoga. Typically, these tours do not include transportation, so participants will need to arrange their own travel to the activity site. Travelers can book these day tours through global platforms such as Tripadvisor, Airbnb, Klook, Trip.com, Viator, and Kkday. Local platforms such as koreatour.com, yehatour.com, and koreatraveleasy.com also offer reservations for these tours.

12

Emergency Response Guidelines in South Korea

In case of a crime:

While South Korea is known for its safety and low crime rate, immediate assistance can be accessed by calling 112 in the event of a crime. This service is available 24/7. For serious crimes that are challenging to handle, it is advisable to contact the embassy of the traveler's country for assistance.

In case of medical emergencies or fires:

To request an ambulance or fire services, dial 119 (similar to 911 in the US). This emergency number provides quick response and assistance.



In case of lost passport:

For foreigners in South Korea, a passport is the most crucial form of identification. In the case where a passport is lost,



the affected individual should promptly contact and consult their country's embassy for a replacement or temporary solution.

Tips for a safe trip

1. It is wise to store money and valuables discreetly.
2. Traveling in groups is preferable, especially when visiting secluded or less populated areas at night.
3. Conducting research on travel destinations beforehand is beneficial.
4. Camping should only be done in designated areas.
5. Excessive drinking, particularly outdoors or near beaches, should be avoided.
6. Regularly informing family or friends about one's location via phone calls or social media is a good practice.



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Air Travel Information

Jeju, located at South Korea's southernmost tip, is primarily accessed via air rather than by slower ferry options. Direct flights to Jeju International Airport mostly come from neighboring Asian countries, including China, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Vietnam, Singapore, Mongolia, and Thailand, as of July 2023.

For those coming from countries outside Asia without direct flights to Jeju, entry through Incheon International Airport followed by a connecting flight or ferry to Jeju is an alternative.

Airline websites or flight search platforms like Skyscanner (www.skyscanner.com) are useful for checking specific flight schedules and bookings.



International airports in South Korea



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Car Rental Information for Foreign Travelers in Jeju

Foreign travelers have the option to rent cars in Jeju.

An International Driving Permit (IDP), issued under the Geneva or Vienna Convention on Road Traffic, is required for this. At the time of car pickup, both the home country drivers license and the IDP must be presented.

Cars in South Korea are designed with left-hand drive, and driving is on the right side of the road. The majority of rental cars are equipped with automatic transmission,

beneficial for those unfamiliar with manual vehicles. Given Jeju's status as a popular tourist destination, the roads often have many first-time drivers, necessitating extra caution.

It is advisable to check whether rental cars come equipped with English GPS. As an additional measure, having navigation apps like Google Maps on smartphones is recommended. Road signs in Korea are displayed in both Korean and English. Parking availability at most tourist spots varies, with some offering free parking and others charging a fee.

While South Korea is one of the safest destinations around the world, it is still wise to avoid leaving valuables in the car.

Rental cars in Korea typically do not include a spare tire. In the event of a flat tire, contacting the rental company for assistance or locating a nearby garage is necessary. Keeping the rental company's emergency contact information is essential.

In Jeju, most rental cars use LPG as fuel, although some operate on gasoline or diesel. Renting an LPG vehicle requires using LPG gas stations for refueling. With the

increasing availability of electric vehicles for rent and numerous charging stations in Jeju, electric cars are a viable option.

Speed cameras are common in Jeju, with speed limits clearly marked before camera zones and GPS systems often providing warnings. Exceeding speed limits can lead to fines, which may be imposed after the rental period.

Car Rental Companies Accessible to Foreign Travelers:

Lotte Rental Car (Affiliated with Hertz)	+82-1588-1230 (+8) engreserve@lotte.net
SK Rent-a-Car	+82-1599-9111 (+6) 15999111@partner.sk.com
BOGOTA Rent-a-Car	+82-64-749-8553 soyoung.chon@gmail.com
Jeju Angel Rental Cars	+82-64-744-1401 Telegram ID: angelrent / WhatsApp: +82-10-9650-1401 / LINE ID: angelrent

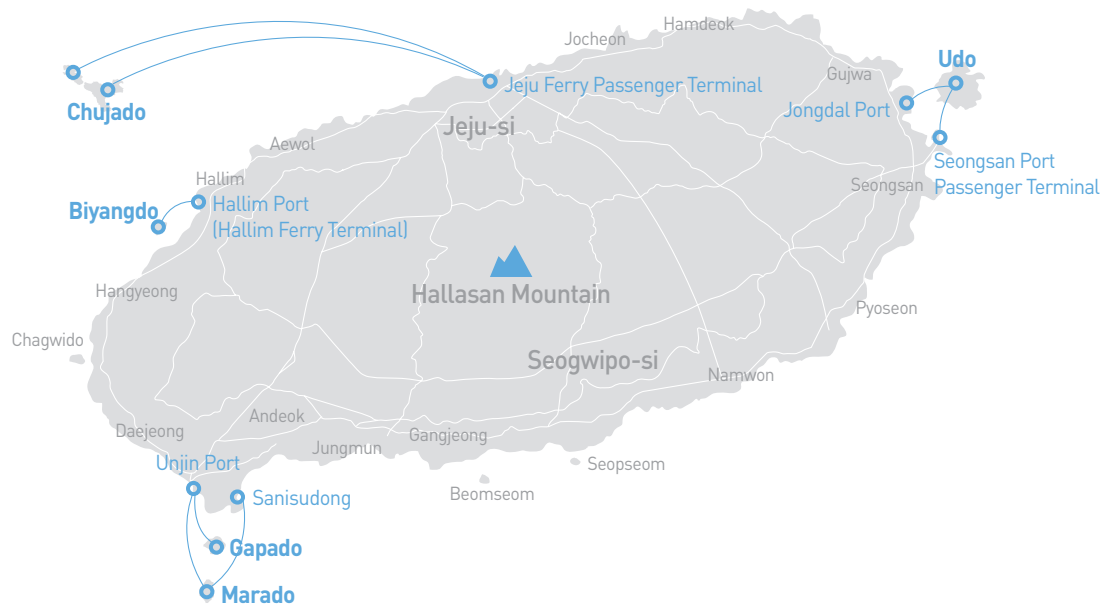


15 Ferry Services to Jeju's Small Islands (Udo, Gapado, Marado, Chujado, Biyangdo)

Jeju, as South Korea's largest island, is surrounded by several smaller islands. Of these, the inhabited ones—Udo, Gapado, Marado, Biyangdo, and Chujado—are popular among tourists for their unique attractions, distinct from the main island of Jeju.



For foreign tourists looking to visit these sub-islands, navigating ferry schedules, weather conditions, and language barriers can be a bit challenging. Assistance from the Jeju Tourism Information Center (+82-64-740-6000) can be valuable in such situations.



Udo

This island, spanning 3.8 km in length and 17 km in circumference, takes about three to four hours to walk around. Most visitors, however, prefer to explore its renowned sites by bus, bicycle, or mini electric cars.

A typical visit to one to two famous spots like Geommeolle Beach, Udobong, Hagosudong Beach, and Hagosudong Beach coupled with a break at a cafe or restaurant, takes around three to four hours. For a more relaxed experience, spending a full day on Udo, arriving on the morning ferry and leaving in the afternoon, is recommended. Ferry services to Udo can be affected by weather conditions, and travelers are advised to check the weather forecast when planning a trip to the island.



Ferries to Udo depart from both Seongsan Port and Jongdal-ri. However, their operation and schedules may vary depending on the weather, so please confirm these details in advance.

Seongsan Port Passenger Terminal

📍 112-7 Seongsandeungyong-ro, Seongsan-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
 ☎ +82-64-782-5671

Jongdal Port

📍 484-10 Jongdal-ri, Gujwa-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
 ☎ +82-64-782-7719

The fourth largest of Jeju's sub-islands, Gapado, resembles a stingray swimming in the ocean when viewed from above. It is home to around 180 residents across 90 households. While bicycles are available for rent near the port, the flat terrain and small size make it comfortable to explore on foot in about one to two hours. Gapado is famous for its annual barley festival in

Gapado



April or May with spectacular barley waves rippling in the wind. Ferries to Gapado depart from Unjin Port.

Unjin Port

📍 120 Choenamdanhaean-ro, Daejeong-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
 ☎ +82-64-794-5490
 🏠 <https://www.wonderfulis.co.kr/>

As South Korea's southernmost island, Marado is about 90,000 m² in size and 1.3 km at its longest point, situated 11 km south of Moseulpo. The ferry ride takes about 30 minutes, with regular and

Marado



tour boats operating several round trips daily. The island is mostly flat, but the eastern side near the lighthouse features rugged cliffs formed by sea winds. Touring the entire island takes about one to two hours. Marado is known for the Southmost Monument of Korea and its famous jjajangmyeon (black bean noodles). Ferries depart from Unjin Port and Sanisudong.

Unjin Port

📍 120 Choenamdanhaean-ro, Daejeong-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
 ☎ +82-64-794-5490
 🏠 <https://www.wonderfulis.co.kr/>

Sanisudong

📍 424 Songakgwangwang-ro, Daejeong-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
 ☎ +82-64-794-6661
 🏠 <http://www.maradotour.com/>

Biyangdo

Visible from Hyeopjae Beach, Biyangdo resembles the boa constrictor from The Little Prince. It's a small island, about 0.5 km² in area, and can be explored thoroughly in two to three hours. A walk along its coastal road reveals unique rock formations, including the Baby Carrying Stone and Elephant Rock. The island also has a unique salt marsh, "Peollangmot," a wetland



with significant salinity changes due to the influx of seawater. Biyangbong Observatory and its nearby white lighthouse, Biyang Lighthouse, offer stunning views of the main island of Jeju. The ferry to Biyangdo departs from Hallim Port and takes about 15 minutes.

Hallim Port (Hallim Ferry Terminal)

📍 196 Hallimhaean-ro, Hallim-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
☎ +82-64-796-7522, 3515

Located between Jeju Island and the Korean Peninsula, Chujado comprises Upper and Lower Chuja, surrounded by four inhabited and 38 uninhabited islands, with a population of around 1,600. While known for fishing, Chujado has become a trekking hotspot with the establishment of Olle Trail courses 18-1 and 18-2. Ferries to Chujado can be boarded at Jeju Ferry Passenger Terminal.

Chujado

Jeju Ferry Passenger Terminal

📍 111 196 Imhang-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
☎ +82-1666-0930
🌐 <http://jeju.ferry.or.kr/>



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Information on Taxi Services in Jeju



Taxis in Jeju offer a convenient way to travel directly to specific destinations, though they are pricier compared to buses. There are two main types of taxis: the regular ones for direct trips and special taxis that act as both a transport and a tour guide for an 8-hour day. For visitors planning to explore various sites across Jeju, Global Taxis are an excellent choice. Global Taxis are available for 8-hour slots and come with drivers who serve as tour guides, making them ideal for foreign visitors less familiar with the area. These taxis offer services in English, Chinese, or Japanese.

Global Taxi Booking Phone No.

☎ +82-1899-4314

(Press +1 for English, +2 for Chinese, and +3 for Japanese)



Global Tax Online Booking Website

www.jeju.go.kr/globaltaxi/eng/index.htm



At Jeju International Airport, taxis are accessible from Gate 3 at the designated taxi stand. The frontmost taxi in the line is available for hire. Options include regular taxis (up to four passengers) or jumbo taxis (up to eight passengers).

All Korean taxis are equipped with yellow license plates and roof lamps. To hail a taxi, one can look for a nearby taxi stand or flag down an empty taxi. An illuminated sign on the windshield indicates availability, while an unlit sign means the taxi is occupied.

Finding taxis can be challenging in rural areas or smaller towns, so it might be helpful to ask staff at tourist spots or restaurants for assistance. If a taxi is called by phone, an additional KRW 1,000 call service charge applies.

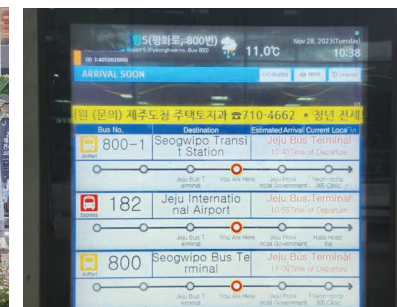
Taxi fares in Korea are metered and must be paid accordingly. Payments can be made with cash, credit cards, or T-money cards.

These prepaid transportation cards, usable for taxis, subways, and buses nationwide, can be purchased and recharged at convenience stores. T-money cards are available for purchase with cash or credit cards, but recharges require cash.

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Information on Traveling by Bus

Traveling by bus in Jeju is a relaxed way to soak in the island's picturesque views. Many of Jeju's buses are fitted with public Wi-Fi, ensuring a good internet connection



on the go. Real-time bus arrival and route information are available at many bus stops, thanks to touchscreen displays.

The "JejuBus" app, developed by the island, offers comprehensive information on bus routes and real-time locations. The app is user-friendly and available in Korean, English, Chinese, and Japanese.



JejuBus App for Android



JejuBus App for iOS

Red buses, marked with 100-series numbers, offer a speedy connection between Jeju's four main points. They focus on major transit centers and tourist destinations, making them a time-efficient choice for travelers.



Blue buses, numbered in the 200s, 300s, and 500s, serve both intercity and city routes.



Green buses, with numbers in the 400s, 600s, and 700s, run on shorter routes across the island.

Airport Limousine buses are a quick transit option from the airport to Seogwipo, making limited stops along the way. There are three main routes: 600, 800, and 800-1. Route 600 runs from Jeju Airport to Seogwipo KAL Hotel, passing through the Jungmun Tourist Complex. Route 800 links the airport with Seogwipo Bus Terminal via Seogwipo Innovation City, and route 800-1 travels from the airport to



Seogwipo Central Rotary.

For the Limousine bus, passengers must inform the driver of their destination before tapping their transportation card.



How to Travel by Bus



1. Locate the bus stop.
2. Signal the approaching bus by raising a hand. When the bus stops, board using the front door (Jeju buses typically have two doors, but airport Limousine buses have only a front door).
3. Upon boarding, tap the T-money card on the reader. If paying in cash, insert it directly into the fare box next to the reader.
4. Before reaching the destination stop, press the bell to indicate a desire to disembark. Use the app for real-time location tracking to know when to get off.
5. Disembark using the rear door, not the one used for boarding. For transfer discounts, tap the T-money card again on the reader near the rear door. For the Limousine bus, exit through the front door.



Purchasing and Recharging T-money Cards

T-money cards are prepaid rechargeable cards used for buses and taxis. They can be purchased and recharged at any convenience store across Jeju.



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Information on Jeju City Tour Bus

The Jeju City Tour Bus offers a unique way to explore Jeju City, with one ticket granting unlimited hop-on, hop-off access at 22 stops throughout the day.

This circular bus tour covers not only key tourist spots but also major transport hubs like Jeju International Airport, the Cruise Passenger Terminal, the Coastal Passenger Terminal, and Jeju Bus Terminal. The route is thoughtfully designed, connecting Jeju traditional markets and scenic coastal roads.

There are three tour options: the Coastal Course, the City Course, and the Akan Course, with the Coastal and City Courses running every day except Mondays. The Night Course, a special route, operates only on Fridays and Saturdays from July 14 to Nov. 11, 2023.

※ The schedule for the Night Course in 2024 is pending and can be checked on their website.

Information

Tickets

1-time Pass : KRW 5,000 for adults, youths, and children.
Free for children under 6.

1-day Pass

General	Children and Youths
KRW 12,000	KRW 8,000



Boarding the City Tour Bus is possible from any of its stops, including the one at Jeju Airport (Bus Stop No. 3). Tickets are available from the bus driver, payable by cash, credit card, or transportation card. KRW 6,000 for the handicapped and veterans. Free for children under 6.

Hours of Operation

Coastal Course : 08:00-17:00 (last bus departs at 15:30) / 1hr 30min (interval 1hr 30min)

Downtown Course : 09:00-18:00 (last bus departs at 16:30) / 1hr 30min (interval 1hr 30min)

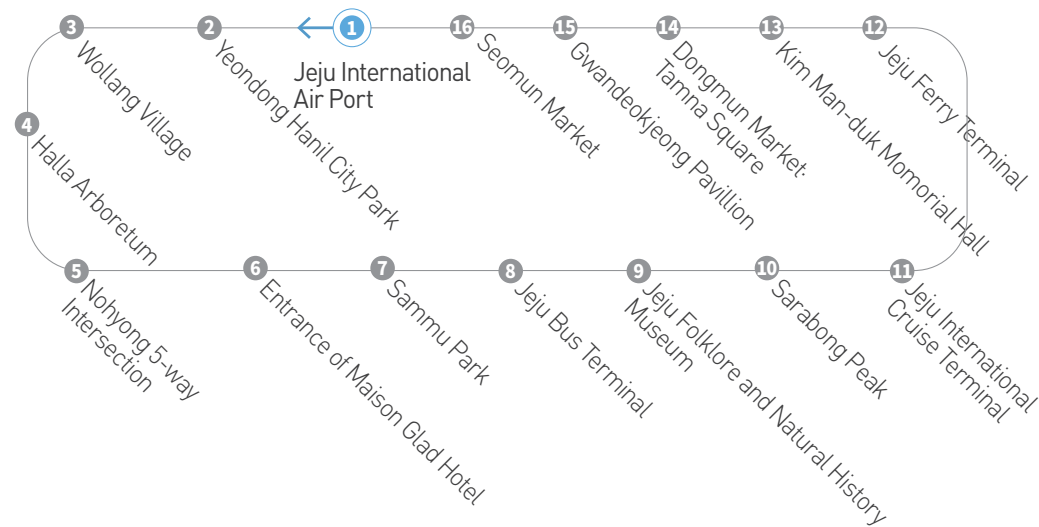
※ Closed every Monday. The schedule and course are subject to change depending on local circumstances.

Inquiries

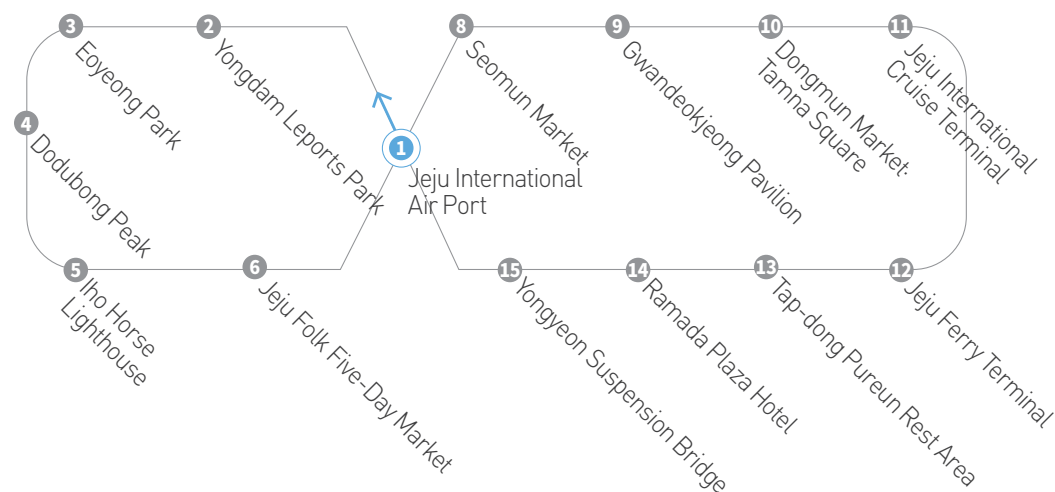
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Downtown course



Coastal course



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Information on Jeju Tourist Shuttle

The Jeju Tourist Shuttle is an efficient and economical way to explore Jeju’s central mountains and volcanic cones.

There are two routes: Route 810 for the east and Route 820 for the west.

Route 810 circles around Jeju’s eastern central mountains. It passes through various locations, including Geomunoreum, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site, as well as Darangshi, Yongnuni, and other modestly rising oreum (volcanic cones). The route also includes the mysterious Gotjawal forests and Bijarim Forest, along with various theme parks.

Route 820 explores the western central mountainous region of Jeju. It passes through the pristine Gotjawal forests, the grand Mythology and History Park, and “The Thinking Garden,” which allows a leisurely walk in tune with nature’s rhythm. Additionally, it includes the Soingook Theme Park, recreating famous international buildings, and Bangrimwon, a garden full of various wildflowers from around the world, offering a taste of southwest Jeju’s diverse tourist spots.

The first Jeju Tourist Shuttle departs from Jeju Airport, with the last bus also returning there. Throughout the day, the buses circulate through the eastern and western routes.

Information

Tickets KRW 1,200 (Adults), KRW 900 (Youths), KRW 400 (Children)
(Based on 1 ride. KRW 50 discount by using a transportation card)

1-day Pass : Purchase at the Transit Center

Adults	Youths	Children
KRW 3,000	KRW 2,000	KRW 1,000



※ Use a commuter ticket to get a discount at the tourist attractions on each route (Admission fee discount)

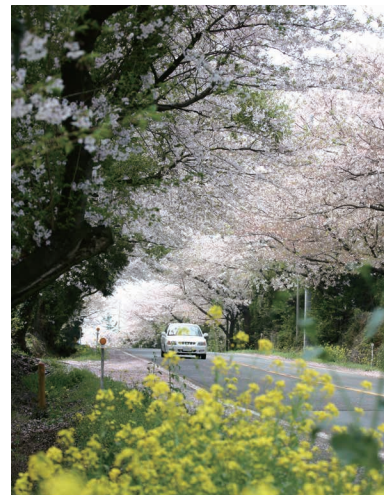
Bus Intervals : Every 30 minutes

First Bus 8:30 AM / Last Bus 6:00 PM		First Bus 9:00 AM / Last Bus 5:30 PM	
810	-1 08:20, 09:20 (Airport → Daecheon)	820	-1 17:40, 18:40 (Donggwang → Airport)
	-2 18:10, 19:10 (Daecheon → Airport)		-2 08:20, 09:20 (Airport → Donggwang)

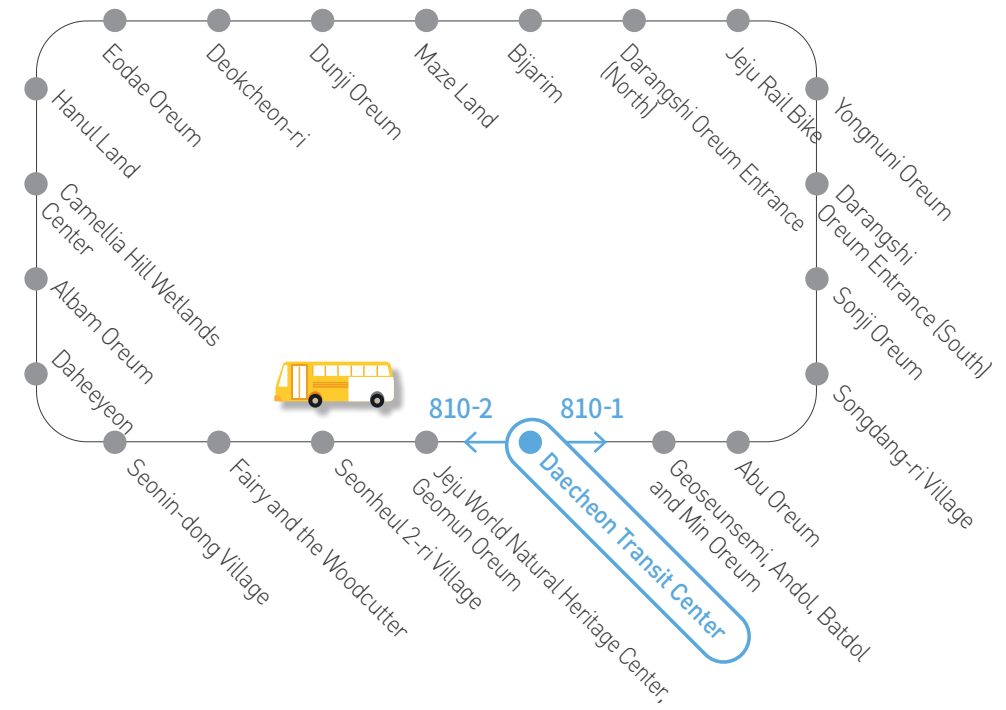


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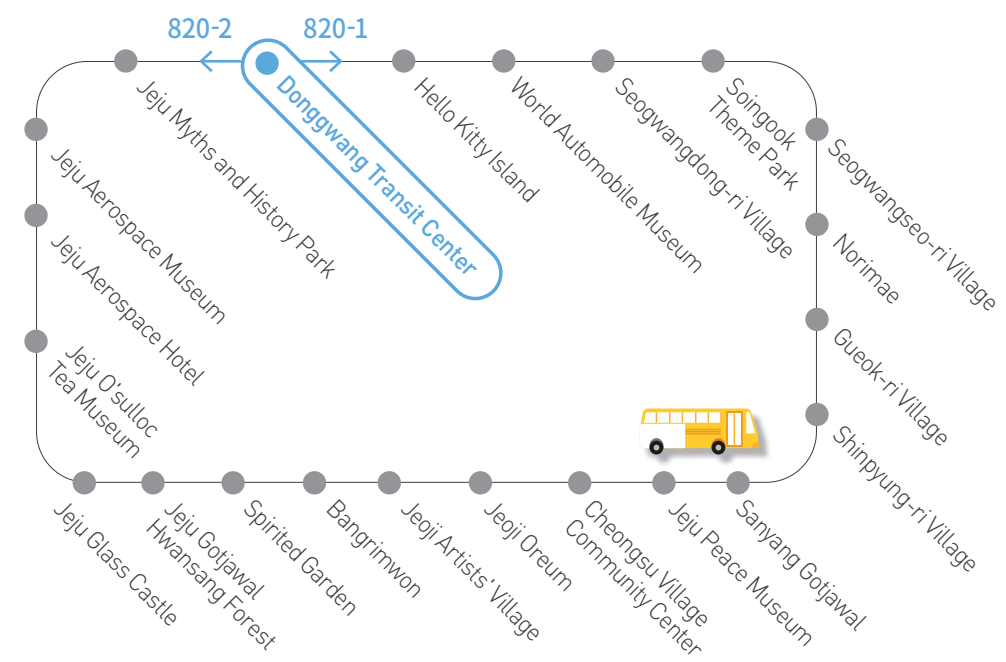
Geomun Oreum



Eastern Jeju **810** Starts at the Daecheon Transit Center and passes through Darangshi Oreum, Yongnuni Oreum, Geomun Oreum, and more.



Western Jeju **820** Departs from the Donggwang Transit Center and passes through the Jeju Myths and History Park, Jeju Aerospace Museum, Jeju O'sulloc Tea Museum, Jeoji Oreum, and more.



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Jeju's Top 10 Tourist Destinations Popular with Foreign Visitors

Based on Visit Jeju's portal site statistics, the top 10 tourist destinations in Jeju frequented by international visitors are as follows:



Hallasan National Park

As South Korea's highest mountain at 1,950 meters, Hallasan Mountain boasts a rich array of vegetation and is protected as a natural conservation area. In 2002, it was designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The mountain, formed from volcanic activity, features the crater lake Baengnokdam at its summit. There are five hiking

trails—Seongpanak, Gwaneumsa, Yeongsil, Eorimok, and Donnaeko—with Seongpanak and Gwaneumsa trails leading to the summit.



Seongsan Ilchulbong

Known for its sunrise views, this tuff cone, unique among Jeju's volcanic formations, was formed by underwater eruptions and listed as a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site in 2007. The hike from the ticket office to the viewpoint takes about 30 minutes. Although well-maintained, the trail is quite steep. The summit offers views of the expansive crater and Hallasan Mountain on the opposite side.



Camellia Hill

Camellia Hill is the largest camellia arboretum in Asia, home to over 500 varieties of camellias from about 80 countries. It is a popular spot for taking photos against the backdrop of blooming camellias during their flowering season. Besides camellias, the arboretum also features hydrangeas in summer and silver grass and pink muhly in autumn.



Snoopy Garden

Snoopy Garden is a natural-themed experiential garden spanning over 1,000 pyeong (approx. 3,300m²) for its indoor theme hall and 25,000 pyeong (approx. 82,500m²) for its outdoor garden. It's based on the theme of the "Peanuts" comic strip, serialized for 50 years



globally. The garden embodies the philosophy of SN Garden, focusing on the harmony and balance between nature and humans, featuring Snoopy as a special life gardener who balances life and nature.

Manjanggul Lava Tube

Manjanggul is a lava tube stretching approximately 7.4 km, with parts featuring a multi-tiered structure. Only 1 km of the cave, accessed through the second entrance, is open to the public. While many lava tubes exist worldwide, few as ancient as Manjanggul have preserved their internal formations and topography, making it of significant academic and conservation value. The cave contains various lava formations, including a 7.6-meter-high lava column at the end of the open section, known as one of the world's largest.



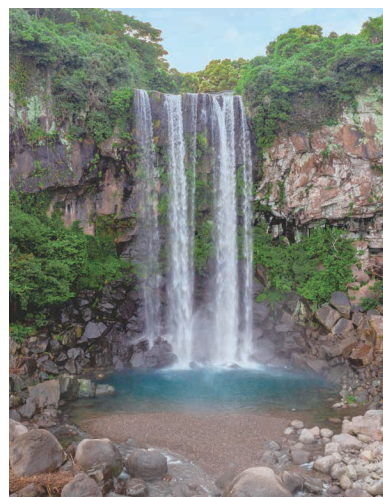
Eco Land Theme Park

Eco Land is a theme park where visitors ride a train modeled after the 1800s Baldwin steam engine, exploring approximately 4.5 km of Gotjawal (a unique forest formed from volcanic eruptions). Eco Land exhibits different atmospheres each season, with green foliage and warm sunlight in spring and summer, colorful cosmos and silver grass in autumn, and a white snowscape in winter.



Jeongbang Falls

Standing at 23 meters high and 8 meters wide, with a depth of 5 meters, Jeongbang Falls is unique in Korea for falling directly into the sea. Originating from Hallasan Mountain, it traverses through Seogwipo city and cascades into the sea, harmoniously blending with nature and resembling a traditional East Asian painting.



Mysterious Road

Known as the “Mysterious Road” or “Dokkaebi Road”, this site appears to defy gravity. When a car is stopped on the slope, it seemingly rolls uphill instead of downhill. Although it's an optical illusion, this unusual phenomenon has made it a popular tourist attraction.



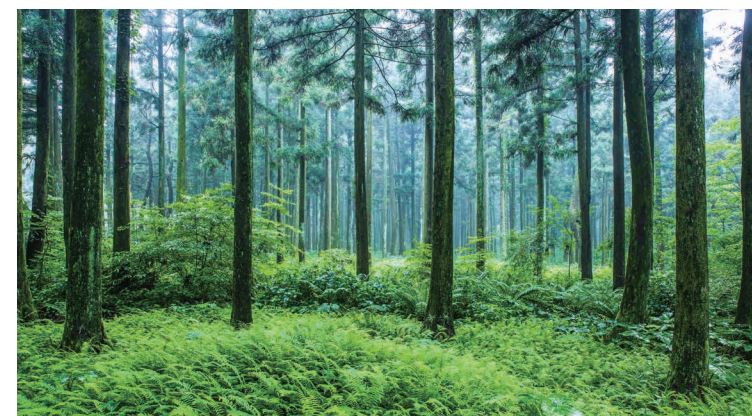
Cheonjiyeon Falls

“Cheonjiyeon,” meaning “the pond where heaven and earth meet,” features a waterfall with a height of 22 meters and a depth of 20 meters below. The walking path to the falls, surrounded by dense subtropical forest, offers a comfortable stroll for all ages. The site is well lit, allowing for night-time visits.



Saryeoni Forest Trail

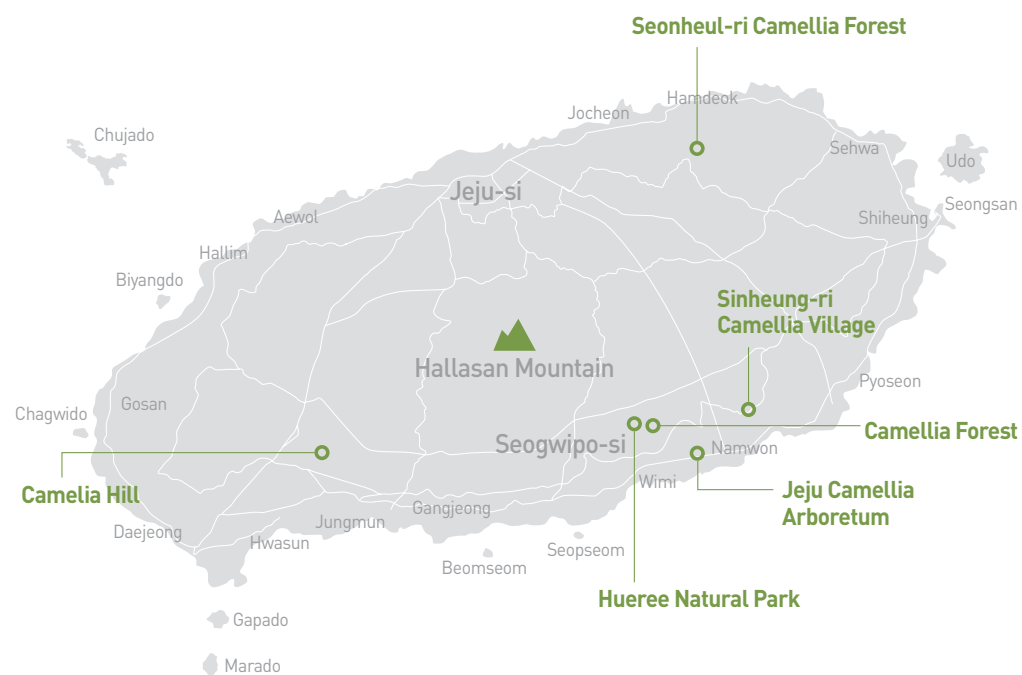
Saryeoni Forest Trail, starting from Bijarim-ro and passing through Mulchat Oreum Volcanic Cone and Saryeoni Oreum Volcanic Cone, is a cedar-lined forest trail. It's a preserved remnant of Jeju's forests and a favorite among trekking enthusiasts. Some sections of the trail are either closed or require advance reservations.



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Camellia Flower Attractions (Winter to Spring)

In Jeju, camellia flowers bloom from late November, marking the onset of winter, to early March, signaling the arrival of spring. These flowers are not just visually appealing but also have practical uses: their wood is utilized in construction, and the oil from their seeds is used in traditional hair care for women. Camellias also symbolize the historical pain of the Jeju April 3rd Incident, holding deep significance on the island.



Camellia Hill

Camellia Hill is the largest camellia arboretum in Asia with over 500 varieties from some 80 countries. The arboretum features many charming photo spots.



Hueree Natural Park

From November to January, Hueree Natural Park hosts a camellia festival, which represents the winter charm of Jeju. Besides camellias, Hueree offers a variety of experiences such as citrus picking and animal interaction programs as well as photo opportunities.



Jeju Camellia Arboretum

Near the Wimi Camellia Colony, Jeju Camellia Arboretum is famous for its beautifully pruned round camellia trees that serve

as picturesque photo spots for visitors.



Camellia Forest

The forest features splendidly blooming camellias, stone walls surrounding the colonies, and benches placed around the trees, perfect for taking photos.



Sinheung-ri Camellia Village

Known for its indigenous camellias, the village's flowering season is slightly later than other areas, starting from late December. The flowers here are distinctively red, not pink, and the petals fall in clusters rather than individually. In 2023, it was selected as a top village by the UNWTO.

Seonheul-ri Camellia Forest

This camellia forest is another ecotourism gem in Jeju. Recognized for its ecological

value, it was designated as a Ramsar site in 2011 and a Global Geopark representative site in 2014.

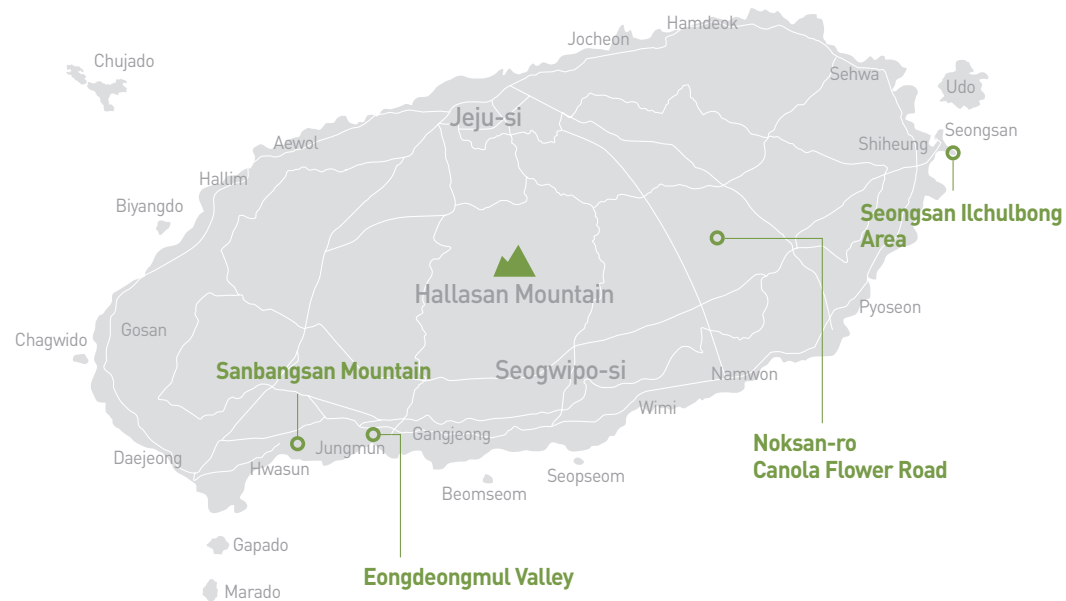


22 Canola Flower Attractions (Spring)

Every spring, Jeju is blanketed in yellow canola flowers. Resilient to cold and preferring cool climates, these flowers are symbolic of spring. Beyond their beauty, the oil, leaves, and stems are also edible. In Jeju, canola flowers generally begin to bloom in January, reach full bloom between February and March, and can be enjoyed until April.

Sanbongsan Mountain

Sanbongsan Mountain and its surrounding canola flower fields are so iconic they often represent Jeju tourism in photographs. The fields in the Sanbongsan Mountain area are mostly on private property, and entry fees may apply.



Noksan-ro Canola Flower Road

Famed for its canola flower-lined paths, Noksan-ro is a renowned spring photo spot in Jeju. The yellow blossoms along the roadside create a vibrant spring tapestry. The road is especially spectacular when canola flowers and cherry blossoms overlap, making for a breathtaking sight. Its also a famous drive route, previously selected as one of Korea's Top 100 Most Beautiful Roads.

Seongsan Ilchulbong Area

This area, around Seongsan Ilchulbong and Gwangchigi Beach, is known for its canola flower cultivation, offering stunning landscapes with Seongsan Ilchulbong in the distance.



Eongdeongmul Valley

Located in Seogwipos Jungmun Tourist Complex, this valley is lined with canola flowers along its slopes, creating a magnificent view. The valley's three-dimensional aspect with flowers blooming along its incline adds to its uniqueness.

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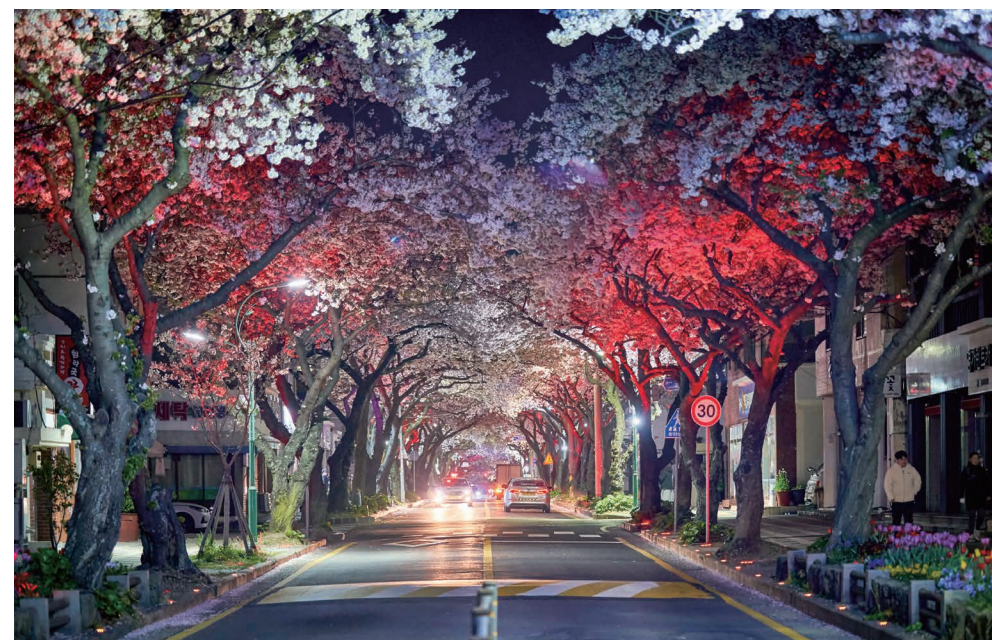
Cherry Blossom Attractions (Spring)

Each spring, cherry blossoms herald the arrival of the season across Jeju. The characteristic of cherry trees blooming before the leaves fully emerge creates a mesmerizing and beautiful illusion as if snowflakes have blossomed.



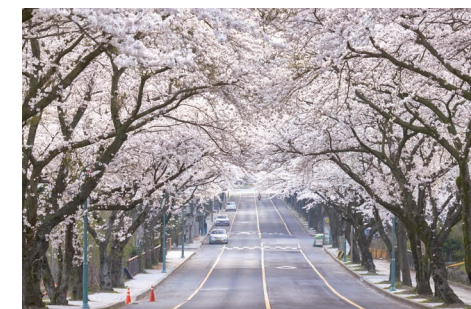
Jeonnon-ro Seosara Culture Street

Come spring, when the King cherry trees burst into bloom, a festival themed around the enchanting blend of cherry blossoms and traditional blue lanterns takes over. Typically held from late March to early April, the street transforms into a car-free zone, allowing a leisurely walk under a canopy of blossoms.



Jeju National University

Set in the Ara-dong area, this campus is a hit with visitors for its scenic buildings and surroundings. The entrance road, lined with cherry trees forming a stunning tunnel, is a must-see, especially when it becomes a floral archway in spring.

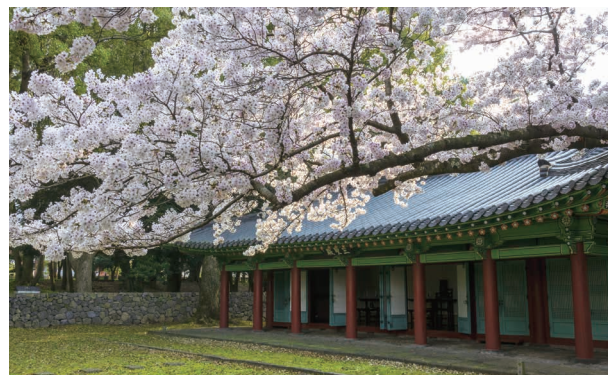


Jangjeon-ri Cherry Blossom Tunnel

This picturesque village, set in the central mountains and close to the city, is famous for its verdant mandarin orchards. Both locals and tourists are drawn to its beauty. The cherry blossom path here, though not extensive, is a feast for the eyes both during the day and at night.

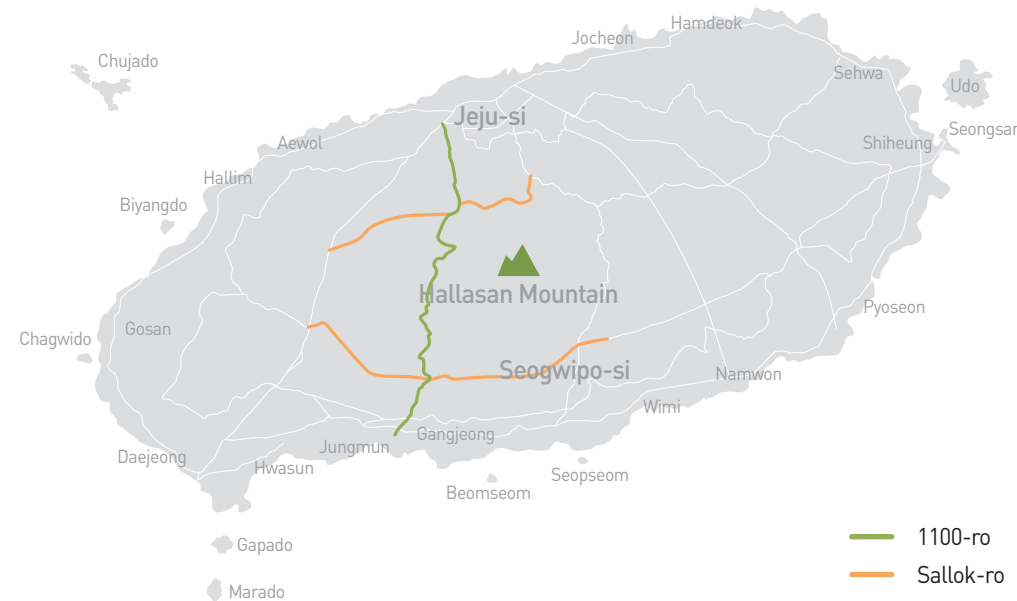
Samseonghyeol

Known for the legend of Jeju's three ancestral demigods, this site is surrounded by ancient trees that seem to bow in reverence, adding to its sacred feel. The cherry blossoms in spring beautifully complement the traditional thatched-roof architecture.



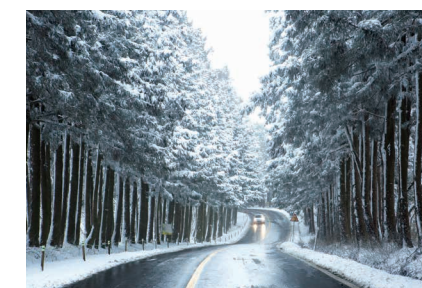
24 Winter Snowscape Attractions

Jeju, despite being South Korea's southernmost island, often experiences snowfall in its mountainous regions due to Hallasan Mountain's influence.



Scenic drives for winter vistas include Road 1100, Pyeonghwa-ro, Sanroknam-ro, Sanrokbuk-ro, Road No. 516, and Namjo-ro. Caution is advised during snowfall due to slippery roads, with driving recommended only after snow clearing.

The 1100 Altitude Wetland is a premier destination for snowscapes in Jeju. This popular viewpoint offers panoramic views of a snow-draped Hallasan Mountain and is known as one of "Jeju's Beautiful Drives" and "The Highest Road in South Korea."



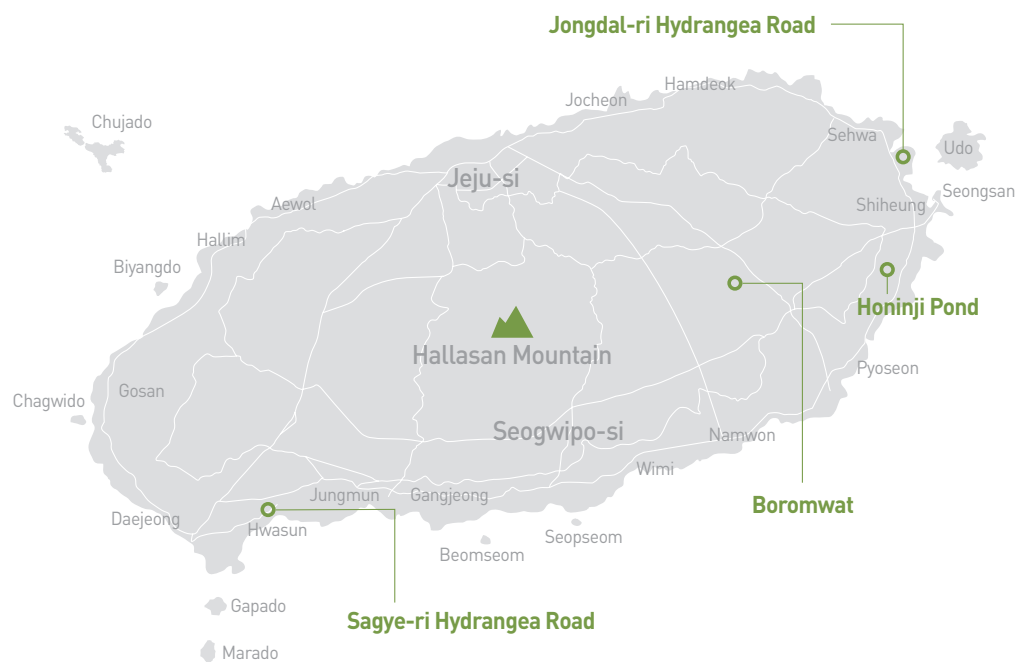
Trekking through the snowy landscape of Hallasan Mountain in winter is an extraordinary experience. Hallasan Mountain has five trails—Seongpanak, Gwaneumsa, Eorimok, Yeongsil, and Donnaeko—but only Seongpanak and Gwaneumsa lead to the summit. Winter hikes here require proper gear like crampons, hiking boots, and trekking poles due to the challenging conditions. [Refer to section 30 for more on Hallasan Mountain trails]

Availability of the Hallasan Mountain's 1100 Altitude and other areas can be checked by calling the Jeju Tourism Information Center at ☎+82-64-740-6000.

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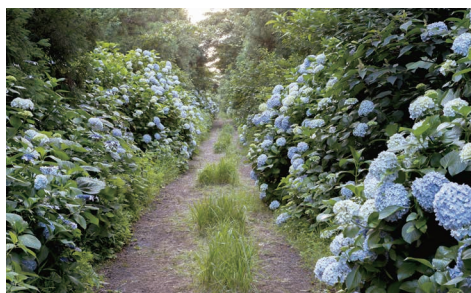
Hydrangea Attractions (Summer)

In Jeju, hydrangeas, the iconic summer blooms, grace the island from June to July and can be found in various locales.



Boromwat

This farm, dedicated to sustainable agriculture, is open all year for visitors to unwind amidst nature. The hydrangeas here line the naturally meandering paths, offering a more organic experience.



Jongdal-ri Hydrangea Road

This road, stretching from Jongdal to Hado, is renowned for its hydrangeas blooming



along the coastal drive. Jongdal-ri Hydrangea Road, a popular spot for seaside drives, also has a bike path and sidewalk for up-close flower viewing. Safety is key, as it is next to the roadway.



Sagye-ri Hydrangea Road

This path, leading to Sanbansan in Andeok-myeon, Sagye-ri, is lined with hydrangeas. The road, stretching over the hills, offers an excellent backdrop of Sanbansan for taking pictures with hydrangeas, which come in various colors from pink to sky blue.



Honinji Pond

Famed for the legend of Jeju's three ancestral demigods—Go, Yang, and Bu—marrying princesses from across the sea, this site draws many visitors in early summer. The combination of traditional Korean architecture and hydrangeas makes it a favorite spot for photographers.

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Information on Beaches in Jeju

Jeju's beaches each have their unique allure, perfect for swimming and other water fun. Regardless of where you're staying on the island, a beach is typically within a 30-minute journey.



Iho Tewoo Beach

Iho Tewoo Beach

Closest to the airport, this beach is shallow and family friendly. Visitors can see "wondam," a traditional Jeju fishing method that uses tidal differences. It is also known for its iconic red and white horse-shaped lighthouses.



Gwakji Beach

Gwakji Beach

Known for its natural spring water pool, it has a sandy beach that is 305 meters long and 70 meters wide, with an average depth of 1.5 meters and a gentle slope, making it a perfect spot for beachgoers.



Hyeopjae Beach

Hyeopjae Beach

Famous for its clear, emerald waters and the view of Biyangdo, resembling a scene from The Little Prince. Its gradual slope and shallow waters, along with the nearby pine forest, make it an ideal family beach.



Geumneung Beach

Geumneung Beach

Adjacent to Hyeopjae Beach, it shares similar scenic views of the cobalt blue sea, charming Biyangdo,



and a soft sandy beach. Less crowded than its neighbor, it offers a more relaxed atmosphere.

Hwasun Golden Sand Beach

With Sanbansan in the background and a view of Gapado, Marado, and the Brothers Islands, it resembles an East Asian landscape painting. Next to it, a freshwater swimming pool allows visitors to enjoy both sea and freshwater bathing.



Hwasun Golden Sand Beach

Jungmun Saekdal Beach

Popular among surfers due to its frequent and high waves, it attracts many for various water sports. The beach has deep waters and strong currents, so following the lifeguards instructions is crucial.



Jungmun Saekdal Beach



Pyoseon Beach

Pyoseon Beach

Known for its expansive white sandy beach, it's great for kids due to its shallow waters. The beach is submerged during high tide, revealing a vast sandy expanse at low tide.



Sinyang Seopji Beach

Sinyang Seopji Beach

The calm waters, not directly facing the sea, make it ideal for families. The shallow waters and fine sand are great for kids, and opposite the beach, a beautiful view of Seongsan Ilchulbong can be enjoyed.



Woljeong-ri Beach

Woljeong-ri Beach

Smaller compared to other beaches, it offers a cozy atmosphere. It's well known for its surfing community and cafes.



Gimnyeong Seonsegi Beach

Gimnyeong Seonsegi Beach

The sound of waves breaking on the white sand and the cobalt blue sea remind visitors of Jeju's natural beauty.

Hamdeok Seoubong Beach

Famous for its beautiful sea color, its clear and shallow waters make it an excellent destination for families. A perfect picnic spot with grassy areas, and nearby Seoubong offers picturesque scenery.



Hamdeok Seoubong Beach

Samyang Beach

Unique for its black sand, glistening under the sun, it's believed that burying oneself in the warm sand can help alleviate arthritis and neuralgia.



Samyang Beach

TIP!

Jeju has 12 designated beaches and several smaller, undesignated ones. The designated beaches are equipped with lifeguards and first aid, ensuring safety. They also have well-maintained facilities like restrooms and showers. However, undesignated beaches might lack these amenities, so caution is advised. Visitors should also bring their own safety gear, as these beaches may not have lifeguards.

The designated beaches include Iho Tewood, Gwakji, Hyeopjae, Geumneung, Hwasun Golden Sand, Jungmun Saekdal, Pyoseon, Sinyang Seopji, Woljeong, Gimnyeong, Hamdeok, and Samyang.

They typically operate from early July to late August, but exact opening and closing dates vary each year and should be confirmed in advance.

* To check the exact opening and closing dates of the beaches, it is best to check in advance.

27 Spring Water and Valley Swimming Spots in Jeju

Jeju, shaped by volcanic activity, is known for its unique geological features. Many of its streams are seasonal, running only during rainfall due to the island's porous terrain. However, rainwater that seeps into the ground often emerges as springs, or "Yongcheon" water, creating some exceptional spots for water activities. Visitors can explore some of Jeju's unique water play areas created by these springs and volcanic activity.

Donnaeko Valley

Originating from Hallasan Mountain, this valley is a hit for its refreshingly cold and clear water, drawing crowds in the summer. Surrounded by deep gorges and lush evergreen forests, it's a natural wonder. It is especially known for the majestic Wonang Waterfall

that splits into two as it cascades over a giant rock formation.

Gangjeongcheon Stream

Near Seogwipo's Gangjeong Naval Base, this stream is fed by natural bedrock water from Hallasan Mountain. Its scenic beauty, coupled with the cool water, makes it a sought-after spot for beating the summer heat.



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This unique swimming area forms where fresh spring water meets the ocean. A man-made barrier here creates a pool and showering facilities, making it a popular summer destination. Located right by the sea, it offers a stunning view of the ocean, blending the best of freshwater and beach experiences.



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Casinos in Jeju

Jeju has eight casinos, all under the strict regulation of the Casino Industry Supervisory Commission, and the casinos are known for their fair and transparent operations that ensure a credible gaming environment for visitors.



Gongzi Casino



Gongzi Casino is located 10 minutes from Jeju International Airport. We have established our status as a representative casino on Jeju with advanced gaming technology on par with that of Macau, Singapore and other world-class gaming destinations and ensure fair operations. In our grand gaming casino hall, you will build special memories and experiences of a world-class gaming casino. You can also enjoy an extraordinary seascape.

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Paradise Casino Jeju Grand



As the top tourist destination on Jeju Island and located just 10 minutes away from the Jeju International Airport, the best of both city and nature can be experienced. While relishing the beautiful landscape of Jeju, customers can also enjoy classy services at the best casino that represents Jeju.

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Landing Casino



Welcome to Jeju's luxury casino, where every day brings new good luck Dazzling entertainment shows, diverse events, an enormous theme park, shopping street with

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It is adjacent to Jeju International Airport and Jeju Port, and is located in the Jeju Oriental Hotel located near the beautiful sea of beautiful Jeju. You can enjoy the game comfortably in comfortable facilities, and provide high quality service.

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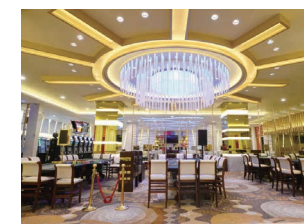
Seven Star casino which is specialized company is located to Lotte hotel in JEJU Jungmun Tourist Complex. We manage a private room for VIP customer.

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The Shilla Jeju operates a superb foreigner-exclusive casino as befitting its image as an internationally renowned resort hotel. The Casino's refined interior design and atmosphere attract many foreign guests - spacious scale of 860m², various games including roulette, black jack, baccarat and slot machines are available for the most diverse action and fun.

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Jeju Oriental Casino



Seven Star Casino



Megaluck Casino



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Jejus Heritage Sites: Where Visitors Can Experience Jejus Traditions and Culture

If you've ever watched a Korea historical drama, you'll have an idea of the types of houses Koreans used to live in. Hanok style buildings with their distinct roofs and hanji-covered walls are uniquely Korean. What you may not know is that Jeju has a residential culture of its own. Homesteads were built using the materials available to the islanders, and they have many features that helped those from years past survive Jeju's unique environment. In this article, we'll look at some of the main characteristics of traditional Jeju living spaces and introduce three places where you can see them.

Jeju Mokgwana



Once the political hub during the Joseon Dynasty, Jeju Mokgwana includes areas around the current Gwandeokjeong Pavilion. Excavations since 1991 have revealed layers of culture and relics from various periods, ranging from the Tamna period to the Joseon Dynasty and modern times. The discovery of building sites of Dongheon and Naea, key Joseon administrative structures, marked it as a significant historical site. Although damaged during the Japanese occupation, it was restored in the 2000s and stands as a precious historical relic, embodying the spirit of Jeju's people.

Jeju Folk Village



The Jeju Folk Village is a living snapshot of old Jeju, preserving its rich heritage. It's a living museum, recreated based on the 19th century, featuring mountain villages, mid-mountain villages, fishing villages, native shamanic beliefs, Jeju's old government buildings, and exiles residences, all backed by expert historical research. The village features over 100 authentic traditional houses, offering a glimpse into the past.

Opened in 1984, this museum is dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the island's diverse traditional and natural history. The museum is filled with detailed dioramas that bring to life the everyday experiences of Jeju's past residents. Visitors can see life-size replicas of traditional homes and boats. This educational and family-friendly destination is close to a park, Samseonghyeol, and a popular noodle street, making it a great stop for those new to Jeju.

Folk and Natural History Museum



Seongeup Folk Village



Seongeup Folk Village's history goes all the way back to 1423, and the area is as close as you'll get to a real-life representation of a traditional Jeju village. Unlike Jeju Folk Village, people still live and work in parts of Seongeup Folk Village, which helps bring the experience to life.

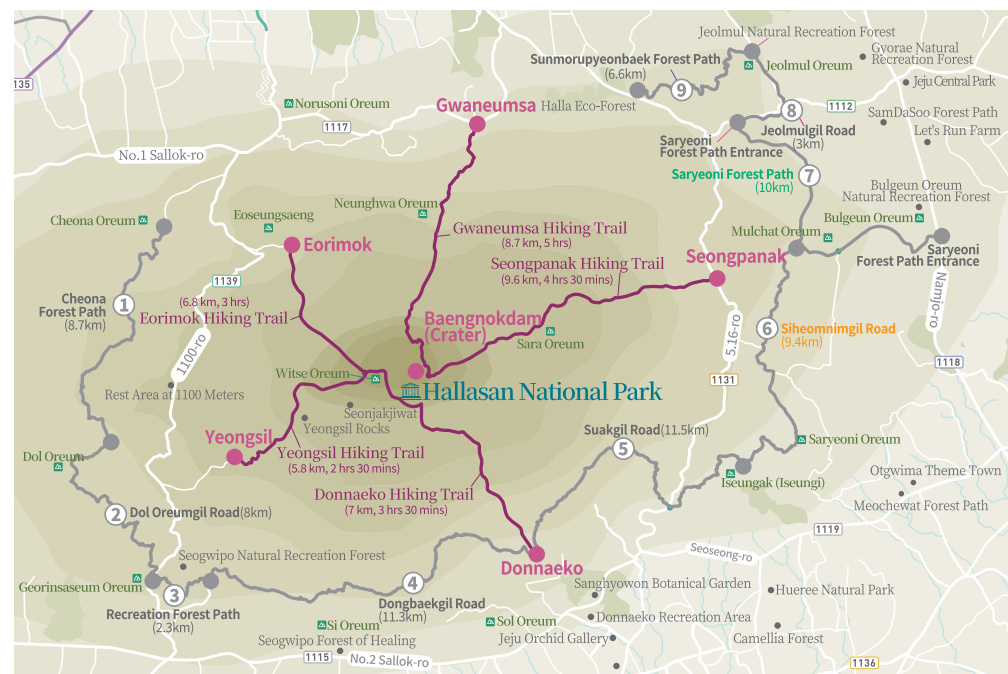
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Hallasan Mountain Hiking Trails

Hallasan Mountain, South Korea's tallest peak, is a favorite among hikers for its iconic status and stunning vistas.

The mountain has seven main trails: Seongpanak, Gwaneumsa, Eorimok, Yeongsil, Donnaeko, Eoseungsaengak, and Seokgulam. To reach the summit, Baengnokdam, hikers can take either Seongpanak or Gwaneumsa trails, but advance reservations are required through visithalla.jeju.go.kr. The other trails offer beautiful routes without leading to the top and do not require booking. Trail access varies seasonally, so it's crucial to check the opening times before heading out.

Given Hallasan Mountains often unpredictable weather, hikers should check the forecast and trail status before embarking, especially in adverse conditions. Weather updates and information are available on the Hallasan National Park website: [jeju.go.kr/hallasan/index.htm](http://www.jeju.go.kr/hallasan/index.htm). Proper preparation is key for tackling South Korea's highest



Hallasan Mountain Booking
https://visithalla.jeju.go.kr/main/main.do?language=en_US



Hallasan National Park Website
<http://www.jeju.go.kr/hallasan/index.htm>

mountain—be sure to prepare sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing, water, and emergency snacks.

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Information on Jeju Olle Trails

Established in 2007, the Jeju Olle Trail is a network of picturesque walking paths, which were opened one trail after another. There are now 27 trails, spanning a total of 437 km, and it can take about 3-4 weeks to complete the entire network.



These trails traverse through a variety of landscapes including village paths, coastal routes, forests, and hidden trails, allowing hikers to explore the nooks and crannies of Jeju. The paths maintain a natural, sometimes challenging terrain, adding to the authentic experience. The Jeju Olle Trail is designed for those willing to embrace the

outdoors and engage with the local culture and community, offering a fulfilling and therapeutic journey.



Exploring the Olle Routes



Route 1	15.1km / 4-5 hours Departs from Shiheung-ri Station
Route 2	15.2km / 4-5 hours Departs from Gwangchigi Beach
Route 3	Course A: 20.9km / 6-7 hours Course B: 14.6km / 4-5 hours Departs from Onpyeong Port
Route 4	19km / 5-6 hours Departs from the Pyoseon Beach
Route 5	13.4km / 4-5 hours Departs from Namwon Port
Route 6	11km / 3-4 hours Departs from Soesokkak
Route 7	17.6km / 5-6 hours Departs from Seogwipo-si
Route 7-1	15.7km / 4-5 hours Departs from Seogwipo World Cup Stadium
Route 8	19.6km / 5-6 hours Departs from Wolpyeong Village
Route 9	11.8km / 3-4 hours Departs from Daepyeong Port
Route 10	15.6km / 5-6 hours Departs from Hwasungeum Geummorae Beach
Route 10-1	4.2km / 1-2 hours Departs from Sangdong Port
Route 11	17.3km / 5-6 hours Departs from Moseulpo Port (Hamo Sports Park)

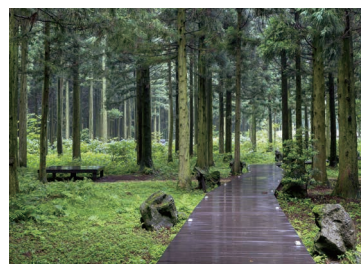
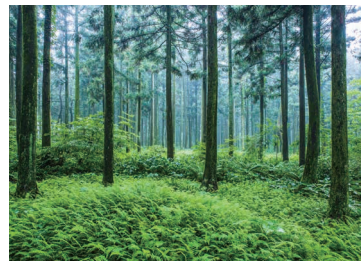
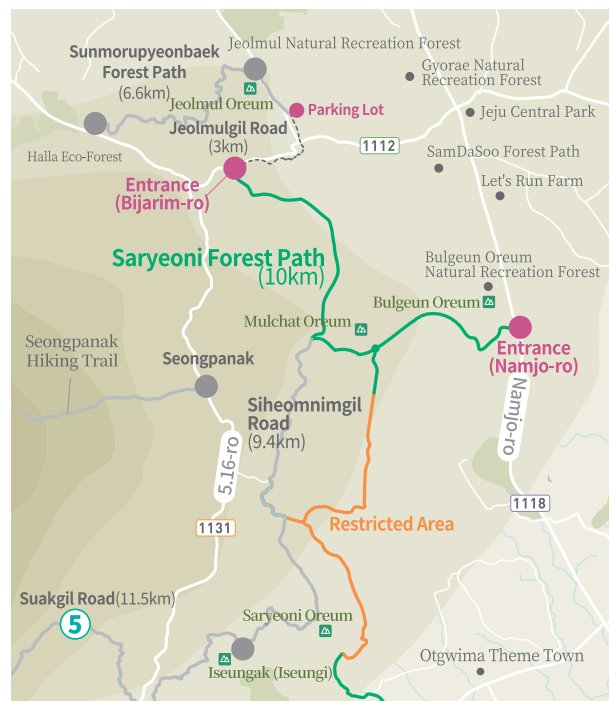
Route 12	17.5km / 5-6 hours Departs from Mureung Eco School
Route 13	15.9km / 4-5 hours Departs from Yongsu Port
Route 14	19.1km / 6-7 hours Departs from Jeoji-ri Community Center
Route 14-1	9.3km / 3-4 hours Departs from Jeojiri Art Village
Route 15	Course A: 16.5km / 5-6 hours Course B: 13km / 4-5 hours Departs from Hallim Port
Route 16	15.8km / 5-6 hours Departs from Gonae Port
Route 17	18.1km / 6-7 hours Departs from Gwangryeong 1-ri Community Center
Route 18	19.7km / 6-7 hours Departs from Ganse Lounge
Route 18-1	11.4km / 4-5 hours Departs from Chujamyeon Community Center
Route 18-2	10.2km / 3-4 hours Departs from Sinyang Port
Route 19	19.4km / 6-7 hours Departs from Jocheon Manse Park
Route 20	17.6km / 5-6 hours Departs from Gimnyeong Port
Route 21	11.3km / 3-4 hours Departs from Jeju Haenyeo Museum

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Information on Saryeoni Forest Trail and Visitor Tips

Saryeoni embodies the spirit of a sacred space. This forest, crafted from an old logging road (a route made for moving forest goods), welcomed its first visitors on May 17, 2009. Positioned at an elevation between 500 meters and 600 meters, the area boasts a gently sloping, flat landscape. The surrounding region features a variety of small mountains such as Mulchat and Saryeoni, as well as valleys like Cheonmi and Seojung. Recognized as one of Korea's standout forest trails, it's a popular destination located within Jeju UNESCO-acknowledged Biosphere Reserve.

Access to the Saryeoni Forest Path is available through two main entrances: the Bijarim-ro entrance and the Namjo-ro/Bulgeun-Oreum entrance. Both sections are open year-round. While Mulchat Oreum is closed for restoration and is to be opened



in 2024, Saryeoni Oreum requires advance booking and is not accessible during the wildfire caution period from November to May.

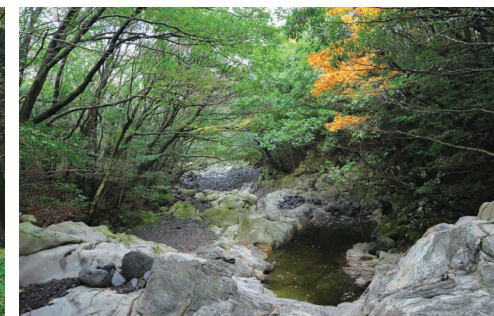
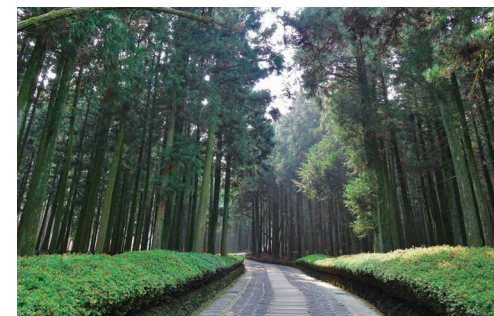
The Saryeoni Forest Trail features two main access points: one at the north via Bijarim-ro and another on the east side via Namjo-ro. For those driving, the East Namjo-ro entrance is more convenient, with parking close by. The North Bijarim-ro entrances parking is about 2.4 km away, requiring roughly a 40-minute walk to the entrance. Both entrances are accessible by bus, with nearby bus stops for convenience.

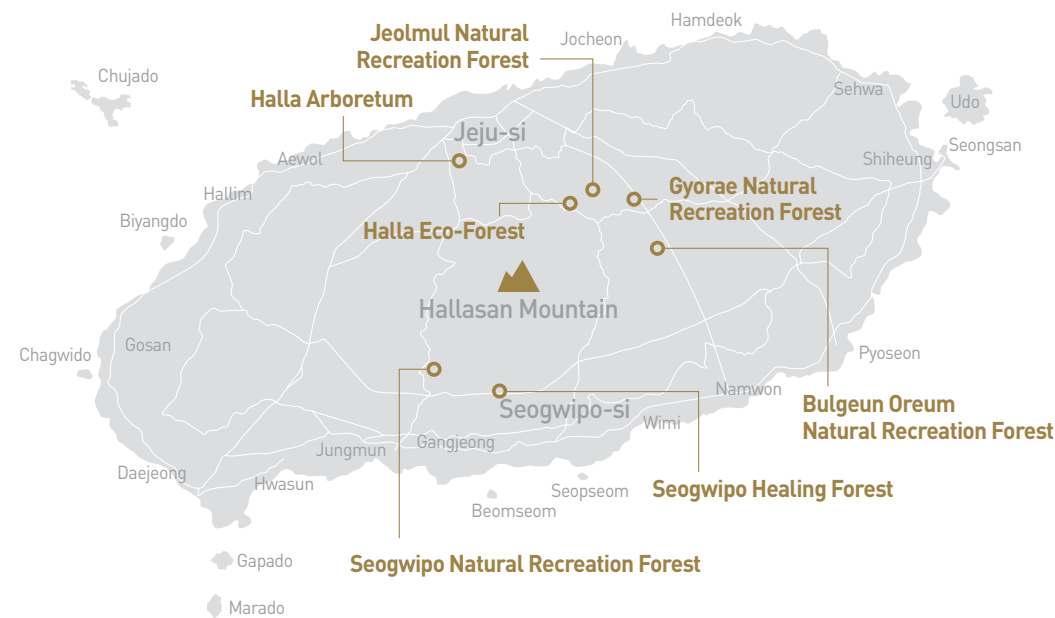
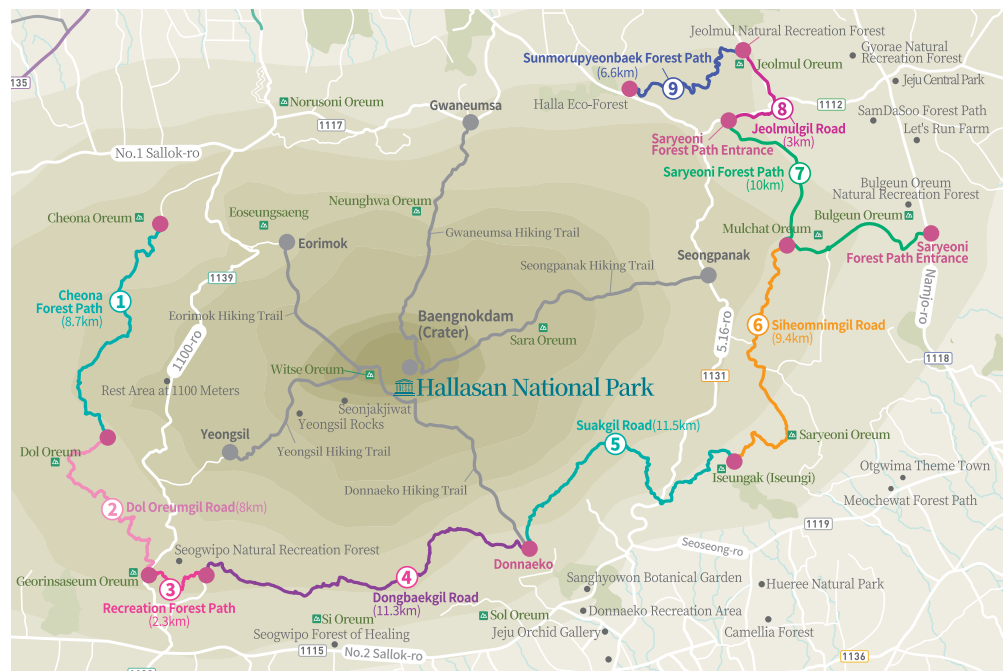
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Hallasan Mountain Dulle-gil Sections and Visitor Tips

The Hallasan Dulle-gil is a network of path sections around Hallasan Mountain where visitors can meet nature. This trail, encircling a national forest area at an elevation of 600-800 meters, serves not only as a learning center for history, ecology, and forest culture but also as a healing path for those seeking respite from daily stress. The trail spans about 76 kilometers over nine segments.

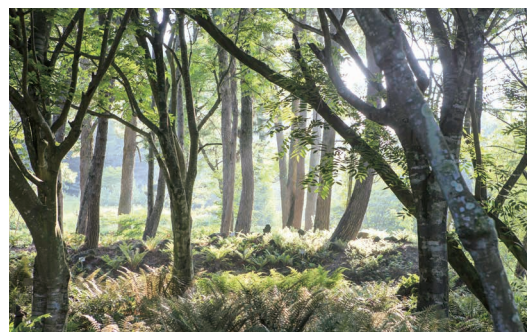
As the path traverses natural, varied mountain terrain, visitors should wear hiking boots, carry walking sticks, and dress appropriately for a safe trek. Due to its remote nature, it's advisable to hike in groups rather than alone, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable experience.





34 Forests in Jeju

Jeju, a haven of pristine nature, is home to numerous forests and small mountains. These areas have been preserved in their natural state as much as possible, while also offering visitor convenience and safety with well-maintained trails. The setting is ideal for those seeking a solo retreat in the fresh outdoors, embraced by the fragrance of greenery and the sound of birds, or for families wanting to connect with nature.



This ecological forest is a restored area, once a neglected meadow, now transformed into a space for forest trekking and observing diverse ecosystems. It hosts an array of wildlife, including 143 animal species and over 500 types, as well as 130 plant families with more than 760 species, showcasing everything from subtropical to high-altitude plants of Hallasan Mountain.

Halla Eco-Forest

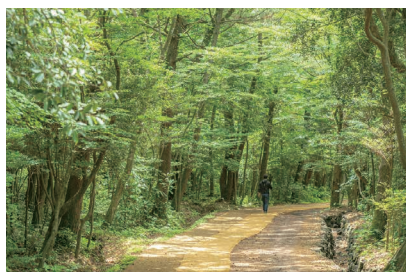


Featuring more than 1,100 species of native Jeju trees and subtropical plants, this arboretum functions as an educational and research hub. A notable feature is its expansive 16.5-hectare forest bathing area with a 1.7 km trail, almost reaching the summit. The area is well-equipped with fitness amenities and scenic walking paths, attracting those looking for an early morning workout. Its proximity to urban areas makes it a popular weekend spot for families.

Halla Arboretum

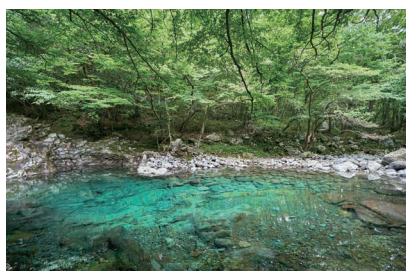


Seogwipo Healing Forest



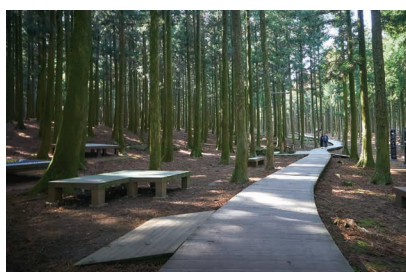
Filled with cypress and pine trees, the Seogwipo Healing Forest offers a therapeutic experience with natural elements like phytoncides, negative ions, and oxygen. The forest is composed of 12 themed paths, with a daily limit of 600 visitors, and requires prior online reservation. It is accessible and safe for the elderly, families with young children, and other travel-vulnerable groups.

Seogwipo Natural Recreation Forest



This recreation forest at the southernmost point of South Korea minimizes artificial planting to maintain Jeju's forest characteristics. Located at an altitude of 700 meters, its temperature is about 10°C cooler than downtown Seogwipo, making it a pleasant location for forest bathing, walks, and camping, especially from spring to fall.

Jeolmul Natural Recreation Forest



Known for its tall pine trees and pure air, this forest is a popular tourist spot. The mystical atmosphere created by fog makes it an attractive destination even on rainy days. Its pathways are gentle and accessible for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. It features facilities like lookout points, hiking trails, campsites, fitness facilities, playgrounds, outdoor classrooms, and natural observation areas. Jeolmul Oreum, located within the forest, is about 697 meters high and can be hiked in about an hour.

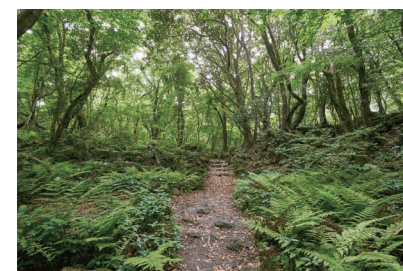
Bulgeun Oreum Natural Recreation Forest

Located within the recreation forest, Bulgeun Oreum, meaning Red Hill, is named for its

striking red soil, a rare sight compared to the usual yellow or black earth found in the area. The forest boasts an inclusively designed path, welcoming visitors of all ages and abilities. Its proximity to the Saryeoni Forest Trail makes it an ideal spot for an extended exploration of nature.



Gyora Natural Recreation Forest



Gyora Natural Recreation Forest is known for its unique vegetation, where subtropical and temperate plant species coexist, a result of the area's distinct topography. Some sections of the walking trails still preserve historical sites of agricultural land from the 1940s and charcoal kilns that were used until the 1970s, adding significant historical and ecological value to the area. The forest is divided into four sections:

a recreational zone with thatched cottages and an outdoor stage, a camping zone complete with an outdoor theater and a futsal field, an ecological experience zone for exploring the Gotjawal ecosystem, and a forest therapy zone with oreum trails leading to Large Jigeuri Oreum, offering a rich and diverse experience for visitors.

35 Introduction to Gotjawal (Unique Forest of Jeju)

Gotjawal is a compound word in Korean, blending got(forest) and jawal(rocky or gravelly areas). This term describes Jeju's distinctive forests formed on volcanic terrain with a chaotic mix of trees and stones. This term captures the essence of Jeju's distinctive

forests, emerging from volcanic landscapes where trees and stones are randomly intermixed. While the rocky ground initially seemed less useful, it has actually played a key role in preserving the natural environment. Today, Gotjawal is recognized for its unique vegetation and role in purifying water and air, serving as the ecological lungs of Jeju.

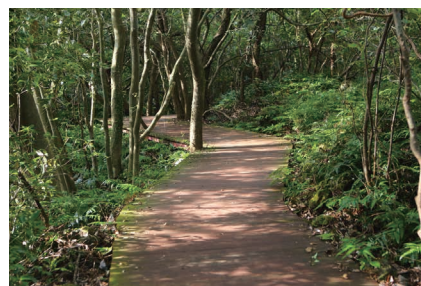
These forests remain largely untouched, and visitors should wear comfortable shoes as the paths are not paved.

Gotjawal spans across the eastern, western, and northern parts of Jeju, with popular tourist spots including Gotjawal Provincial Park, Fantasy Forest Gotjawal, Sanyang Gotjawal, and Cheongsu Gotjawal.



Gotjawal Provincial Park

Situated in the central western mountainous region of Jeju, the Jeju Gotjawal Provincial Park spans an area of 1,546,757 m². It is well-equipped as a natural recreational space with facilities for hands-on experiences and learning. The park features five exploration courses, each with its own lookout point providing panoramic views of the Gotjawal Forest.



Sanyang Gotjawal (Sanyang Keuneonggot)

Covering 19 percent of Jeju's Gotjawal area, the trails in Sanyang Gotjawal extend approximately 3.5 km. Benches are strategically placed throughout for rest, allowing visitors to explore at a leisurely pace. Within this area, visitors can discover unique natural features such as sinkholes and areas believed to be ancient dwelling sites. The forest, home to occasional deer sightings, offers a vivid experience of wildlife in its natural habitat. The dense canopy provides fresh, clean air, making it a serene place for physical and mental relaxation. The dense forest provides clean air and a tranquil environment for relaxation and occasional glimpses of wildlife, like deer.



Hwansang Forest

This area was developed by a single family, and their story is intricately woven into the space. It retains the original form of Gotjawal's unique terrain and ecosystem. Visitors can engage in various activities such as foot therapy programs, necklace making, and dyeing workshops.



Cheongsu Gotjawal

Cheongsu Gotjawal is an ecological forest in Jeju Island, known as the largest habitat for fireflies around Unmunsan Mountain. It is a pristine, well-preserved area. In the summer evenings, the forest comes alive with the enchanting light of fireflies, creating a fairy-tale-like atmosphere. Since fireflies are sensitive to weather conditions, visitors are advised to check the weather before visiting to best experience their glow, and it's recommended to wear dark clothing upon entry. The forest features well-maintained walking paths, perfect for leisurely daytime strolls. (The firefly viewing experience is typically available through advance reservations in June and July.)



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Leisure Sports Experiences in Jeju

Jeju offers a variety of leisure and sports activities thanks to its oceans and high mountains. Activities include mountain hiking, such as climbing Hallasan Mountain and forest trail trekking, paragliding from the summits, stream trekking in valleys, and scuba diving in the sea.



Golf

Jeju is home to 29 golf courses, evenly distributed across the island, each featuring unique courses that reflect Jeju's natural landscapes and diverse terrains.



Paragliding

Paragliding in Jeju requires suitable slopes and wind conditions, which the island's small mountains, or oreum, provide. The official paragliding launch sites include Gunsan Oreum, Miaksan, Hamdeok Seoubong, and Geumak Oreum, with Geumak being the most accessible by vehicle.



Fishing

As an island, Jeju has numerous fishing spots with abundant marine resources. It offers various fishing experiences like lure fishing and float fishing, and even boat fishing for beginners without specialized equipment.

Scuba Diving

Jeju is designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, boasting a rich biodiversity and well-preserved ecosystem. The island is known for its spectacular soft coral communities, often referred to as the flowers of the sea. Due to the warm currents flowing around the area, it's possible to see subtropical fish species throughout the year, making Jeju a renowned destination for scuba diving enthusiasts.



Horse Riding

Jeju's extensive grasslands provide an ideal environment for horse breeding, leading to a well-developed equestrian industry. Visitors can enjoy everything from small-scale riding experiences to long-distance trekking courses.



Surfing

Jeju borders the Pacific Ocean to the south. The island is known for its surfing-friendly beaches, particularly Jungmun Beach and Woljeongri Beach, where the lack of rocks ensures safety and the waves are ideal for surfing.



Yachting

In Jeju, a range of yachting experiences is available, from casual yacht tours to luxury yacht adventures. These tours offer a leisurely exploration of Jeju's pristine waters, where visitors can enjoy sights of dolphins swimming energetically and distant views of Hallasan Mountain.





ATV & Go-Karting

For those seeking adventure on rough off-road terrains, trying out an ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) is a thrilling option. ATVs are four-wheel drive vehicles typically modified for recreational use in mountainous areas, capable of navigating through rugged, unpaved landscapes and gravel-strewn paths with ease. For those who enjoy a sense of speed, go-karting is highly recommended. Racing on smooth tracks, go-karts provide an exhilarating experience, cutting through the wind as you speed around the course.



Shooting & Hunting

Shooting and hunting are sports that involve using live ammunition, which might seem unfamiliar to many. However, they are accessible activities that people of all ages can enjoy once they learn the basic operation techniques.



Bicycle Hiking

Jeju Island features a scenic coastal road that stretches approximately 253 kilometers around the island, encapsulating numerous breathtaking views. Along this coastal route is the “Jeju Fantasy Bicycle Path,” designed for safe and enjoyable bicycle hiking.



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Korean Cuisine

Korean cooking is all about fresh, plant-based ingredients like vegetables, mushrooms, and seaweed. Soups and broths aren't just common, they're a must-have at every meal. In Korea, there's a saying that "rice is the best medicine," showing how much they value food as a key part of staying healthy. This approach means a lot of focus on quality ingredients and balanced nutrition in their dishes.

Thanks to the worldwide popularity of K-Pop, Korean cuisine, or K-Food, is also gaining fans globally. Today, more international travelers are eager to dive into the diverse and rich flavors that Korean food has to offer.



Bibimbap

Bibimbap is a classic Korean dish with a base of rice, topped with an assortment of vegetables, egg, and often meat, all served together in a single bowl. The dish is brought to life with the addition of gochujang, a Korean red pepper paste, and a touch of sesame oil. The variety of ingredients in bibimbap not only enhances its flavor but also provides balanced nutrients as a wholesome meal option.

Bulgogi is a popular Korean beef dish that's quite accessible to international tastes. It's available in two styles: one with a savory broth and the other as a grilled dish, but both are traditionally prepared at the diner's table. Bulgogi is commonly served with lettuce leaves and ssamjang, a flavorful Korean sauce, which diners can wrap the meat with and enjoy it in a flavorful bundle.



Bulgogi

Samgyeopsal is a popular cut of pork in Korea, particularly loved for its perfect mix of fat and lean meat. While there are various ways to prepare it, it's most commonly grilled right at the diner's table, similar to how bulgogi is served. Similar to bulgogi, it's often wrapped in lettuce leaves with ssamjang (a savory Korean sauce) and garlic to be eaten in one bite. Many Koreans enjoy pairing it with soju, a Korean alcoholic beverage, as it helps balance the richness of the meat.



Samgyeopsal



Korean Fried Chicken and Beer (Chimaek)

Chimaek combines two universally beloved items: fried chicken and beer. Korean fried chicken stands out for its deeply marinated flavors, offering a rich and savory taste, and is notably crispy. There's a range of styles like sweet and spicy or soy garlic, catering to different palates. In Korea, chimaek is a popular choice in various settings, from casual pubs to outdoor parks and sports events. The ease of ordering and getting chicken delivered to almost any location has led to the popularity of the chimaek trend.



Kimchi

Kimchi is more than just a side dish in Korea. It comes with over 100 variations based on ingredients and methods. So integral is kimchi to Korean culture that many homes have special refrigerators just for storing kimchi. While often enjoyed as a complement to main dishes, kimchi is also a crucial ingredient in recipes like kimchi stew and braised kimchi dishes. Almost every restaurant in Korea offers kimchi as a side, and it's usually refilled for free upon request.

Samgyetang

Samgyetang, a ginseng chicken soup, is a Korean favorite, especially during the summer. It's based on the idea of beating the heat with heat. The dish features a whole

chicken cooked in a hearty broth and is typically seasoned to taste with salt at the table. In Korea, there's a saying, "fight heat with heat," and samgyetang is a popular dish for staying healthy during the hot summer months. A whole chicken is served in a bubbling hot broth, and diners typically season it with salt.



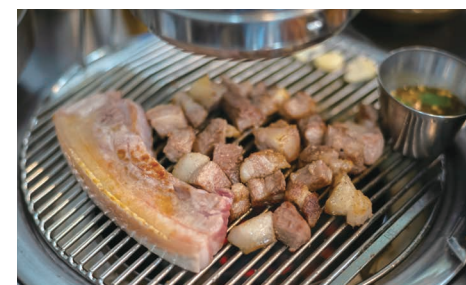
Gimbap

Gimbap made with a type of seaweed called "gim," which is thinly processed and dried. This sheet of gim is laid out with a layer of rice and various fillings like vegetables and beef, then rolled and sliced into bite-sized pieces. It's sliced into bite-sized pieces and can be eaten without chopsticks, making it a convenient meal option.

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Traditional Food in Jeju

Since Jeju Island is geographically isolated from mainland Korea, it has developed its own unique food culture. This includes a focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients and cooking methods that enhance their natural flavors.



Jeju Black Pork BBQ

Jeju black pork comes from pigs with distinctive black hair. Compared to regular pork, black pork is raised for a longer period

is smaller in size but has higher quality meat. It's known for its firm texture and high degree of marbling, making the meat tender and flavorful. The pork is usually sliced thick to preserve its juices and grilled directly at the table over charcoal, briquette, or gas fire.



Grilled and Braised Cutlassfish

In Jeju, cutlassfish are caught using fishing lines instead of nets, to prevent damage to the fish and keep them fresh without the need for freezing. The fish is typically cooked whole, either grilled or braised, a method that is quite unique globally.

Mackerel, a fish found in many oceans worldwide, has been a long-time favorite in Korean cuisine. It's commonly prepared grilled or braised. Tilefish, found only in the waters around Jeju, is a rare and luxury seafood often grilled.



Mackerel & Tilefish Dishes



Pork Noodle Soup

Pork noodle soup in Jeju is a noodle dish topped with pork boiled in a broth made from pork bones and meat. The soup is known for its rich flavor and is a popular dish on the island.

Mom Soup



Horse Meat



Abalones in Chilled Broth



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Korean Restaurant Etiquette and Practices

When dining in Korean restaurants, it's good to know a few basic Korean phrases for ordering, although the process is similar to other countries.

English	Korean	Pronunciation
(Calling the waiter) Hey, excuse me! Hey, over here!	저기요. 여기요.	jeo-gi-yo yeo-gi-yo
Please give me the menu.	메뉴판 좀 주세요.	me-nyu-pan jom ju-se-yo
I will order now.	주문 할게요.	ju-mun hal-ge-yo
This, please.	이거 주세요.	l-geo ju-se-yo
What is this?	이게 뭐예요?	l-ge mwo-eyo?
What is in this?	여기 뭐가 들어 있어요?	yeo-gi mwo-ga deu-reo l-sseo-yo?
Please give me some more of this!	이거 좀 더 주세요!	l-geo jom deo ju-se-yo
What is delicious here?	여기 뭐가 맛있어요?	yeo-gi mwo-ga ma-si-sseo-yo?
What would you recommend?	추천해 주세요.	chu-cheon-hae ju-se-yo
I'm a vegetarian.	전 채식주의자예요.	jeon chae-shik-ju-i-ja-e-yo
I can't eat pork.	저는 돼지고기를 못 먹어요.	jeon dwae-ji-go-gi-reul mot meo-keo-yo

Korean dining settings usually have two styles: traditional floor seating and tables with chairs. Floor seating might be especially inconvenient to foreigners who are not familiar with such customs. Due to the inconvenience, Koreans also prefer tables with chairs, leading to the gradual decline of floor sitting settings.

In Korea, chopsticks and spoons are commonly used instead of forks and knives, except

in Western-style restaurants (including buffets). Utensils are either provided with the meal or can be found in a utensil box on the table or in a drawer beside it.

Sharing food is a common practice in Korea. Dishes like stews and BBQs are often shared, with the menu usually listing prices per serving. Customers order according to the number of diners, with the option to add more servings as needed. Some dishes are sold by size, typically labeled as large (for 4-6 people), medium (3-4 people), and small (for about two people).

Depending on the dish, rice may come as part of the meal or can be ordered separately for an additional fee. Traditional Korean meals and individual stews usually include rice, whereas hot pot and BBQ dishes may require an extra charge for rice.

Water is provided for free in Korean restaurants and is often refillable. Most side dishes, excluding the main course, are also refillable at no extra cost. Refills can be requested from the staff, although many restaurants now have a self-service refill station, indicated by the Korean word "셀프" [self].

While dining etiquette in Korea has many similarities to Western customs, there are a few key cultural points to observe, especially when dining in a formal setting or with Korean companions.

First, it's customary to say "Thank you for the food" as a polite expression of gratitude for the food and its preparation.

Second, respecting elders is a core value in Korean culture, practiced even at the dining table. It's considered polite to wait for the eldest person to start eating before others begin.

Third, matching your eating pace with others at the table is generally appreciated.



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How to Eat Korean Food

Eating Korean food is similar to that of other countries, but there are some dishes where one should know how to eat. These include meals cooked at the table or dishes that are traditionally wrapped and eaten.

Table Cooking (Budae Jjigae, Kimchi Jjigae, etc.)

Koreans prefer to keep the food warm while eating, and many Korean dishes are prepared and served right at the table. Dishes that are already cooked are kept warm on a low flame, while uncooked dishes are heated until ready. Diners typically serve themselves small portions from the communal pot, enjoying the flavors as they evolve throughout the meal. While traditional Korean dining involved eating directly from the communal dish, it's now customary to serve oneself onto a smaller plate.



Tabletop Grilling (Pork, Beef, Eel BBQ, etc.)



Korean BBQ is a unique experience. Unlike the typical outdoor BBQ, Koreans enjoy grilling meat right on the table inside restaurants. Tables are equipped with grills and special ventilation systems to manage smoke and odor.

Various heat sources like charcoal, gas, or electric are used. While some restaurants grill the meat for their customers, most often, diners grill their own meat using tongs and scissors provided. Using the tongs, the meat is placed on the grill and turned regularly for even cooking. Scissors are used to cut the meat into

bite-sized pieces. It's important to keep flipping the meat and checking its doneness to prevent it from burning.

Eating Wrapped Foods in Korea (BBQ, Sliced Raw Fish, Eel, etc.)



Wrapping foods is a favorite eating style in Korea, especially with BBQ, sliced raw fish, or eel. A key element of this method is the "ssam," which involves wrapping ingredients in a leaf, usually lettuce. Other greens like cabbage and perilla leaves are also popular choices.

To prepare a ssam, place a lettuce leaf flat and add meat (such as BBQ, sliced raw fish, or eel), a spoonful of rice, a piece of garlic, and some ssamjang, a flavorful Korean sauce. Other side dishes can also be added. Once all the ingredients are placed, wrap the lettuce into a compact bundle. While newcomers to ssam might eat it in smaller bites, the traditional Korean approach is to enjoy the entire wrap in one bite to taste the blend of flavors and textures.

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Introduction to Korean Alcoholic Beverages

Exploring the favorite alcoholic beverages of locals is one of the joys of traveling. In Korea, popular alcoholic drinks include soju, makgeolli, and beer. While there are no specific restrictions on where alcohol can be consumed in Korea, it's advisable to avoid drinking in public places like parks and beaches for safety reasons.

Soju

Soju is the most popular and widespread alcoholic drink in Korea. Made from starch sources like rice, wheat, or sweet potatoes, it has a unique sweetness due to added

sugars in the distillation process, differentiating it from other clear spirits like gin or vodka. Its alcohol content ranges from 19 to 25 percent, much higher than beer or wine. While soju is available throughout Korea, each region may have its own local variant. For instance, "Hallasan" is a local soju in Jeju Island.



Somaek (Soju and Beer)



This cocktail is a mix of soju and beer, like a type of fortified lager. It's a popular drink made from the readily available soju and beer in Korea. It's not listed as a separate menu item; instead, diners mix soju and beer themselves, typically in a 3:7 ratio, although this can vary according to taste. In Jeju, visitors can find Jeju beer and house beers from small breweries.

Makgeolli

As one of Korea's traditional alcoholic beverages, Makgeolli is made by fermenting rice to create a base liquor, from which clear liquor (cheongju) is extracted, and the remaining liquid is then filtered again to produce this unique drink. Unlike soju, it's an unfiltered beverage with a milky appearance and a slightly sweet, tangy taste.



With an alcohol content of 4 to 6 percent, it can be deceptively strong. Makgeolli has a short shelf life, which makes nationwide distribution challenging, so many regions have their own signature versions. In Jeju, popular varieties include probiotic makgeolli, peanut makgeolli, Hallabong (Jeju mandarin) makgeolli, and citrus makgeolli.

Dongdongju

Another traditional Korean liquor, Dongdongju is similar to makgeolli but classified as a clear drink. Its name comes from the Korean expression "dongdong," referring to the floating rice grains. It's sweet and mildly carbonated, with a less pronounced alcohol taste.



Bokbunja-ju

This fruit wine is made from Korean black raspberries (bokbunja) and sugar. The berries are typically infused in soju, creating a refreshing drink with a pleasant aroma. Bokbunja is known for its health benefits.



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Introduction to Korea's Food Delivery Culture and How to Place an Order

Korea is renowned for its efficient and quick food delivery services. In urban areas, excluding some rural regions, almost any type of food can be ordered for delivery. However, challenges may arise in placing delivery orders for those not fluent in Korean. In Korea, the global platform UberEats withdrew in 2019, making it unavailable. Instead, local Korean delivery platforms such as "Baedal Minjok" and "Yogiyo" are extensively used. As of September 2023, these platforms support only Korean, which may pose difficulties for non-Korean speakers.

Among local delivery platforms, "Coupang Eats" stands out as the only delivery app providing English support, thus being more accessible to foreigners. Nevertheless, a working mobile phone is required to use these services.

For those without a mobile phone or who are not comfortable using apps, seeking assistance from an accommodation host or concierge to place a delivery order may be an alternative solution.



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Accommodations in Jeju

Jeju Island provides a diverse array of accommodations, ranging from hotels to guesthouses. Options include cozy and romantic hotels ideal for families and couples, as well as pensions (similar to bed and breakfasts) that are great for groups of friends. Larger family units may find private villas or resorts more suitable. When traveling with parents or children, selecting a hotel or a pool villa with a swimming pool is often a wise choice.

For foreign travelers, it is advisable to utilize global booking websites to navigate language barriers and streamline payment methods. These sites typically enable the reservation and payment for various accommodation types in Jeju.

Hotels/Resorts



In the tourist city of Jeju, there is an abundance of hotels. These range from luxury hotels to business-class accommodations tailored for budget-conscious travelers. The selection available caters to a variety of preferences and needs. Utilizing discount websites or taking advantage of special deals can make hotels one of the most affordable and comfortable lodging options while exploring Jeju.



Private Villas

As travelers preferences evolve, guesthouses are also adapting. Moving away from the traditional dormitory-style shared rooms, there is a trend towards offering single and double rooms. These accommodations strive to provide the most private space possible within a limited area. Guest houses are increasingly becoming cost-effective lodging options, offering hotel-like services such as breakfast.

The travel landscape in Korea includes many luxury pensions equipped with spas, private pools, and open-air baths, ideal for unwinding after a day of exploration. While these accommodations often come at a higher price point, they make for an excellent choice for travelers looking to celebrate special moments.

Glamping, a fusion of glamor and camping, is a delightful option for travelers interested in camping while visiting Jeju. It offers the experience of camping without the need to carry heavy equipment. Places are available where all essentials for an overnight stay are provided,

A private villa rental in Korea involves renting an entire house. This type of accommodation offers the advantage of enjoying a space all to oneself. Many of these rentals are remodeled traditional Jeju houses, complete with stone walls and courtyards, allowing guests to fully experience the ambiance of Jeju.



Guest Houses

Pool Villas



Glamping



either in a well-equipped camping car or in a tent furnished with a bed. Staying at a glamping site in Jeju is sure to create memorable experiences.



Safe Accommodations (B&B)

The "Rural B&B Safety Certification System" is an initiative first implemented by Jeju Province to address the rapidly increasing number of B&Bs. It aims to create a safe and clean environment for B&B accommodations and offer safety and high quality of service to guests while also boosting the competitiveness of the B&B industry.

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Thematic Accommodations in Jeju

Jeju, one of the most famous tourist destinations in Korea, lives up to its reputation with a variety of unique accommodations. Visitors can experience stays in remodeled traditional Jeju houses, accommodations that harmonize beautifully with the natural landscape, and places offering eco-friendly bedding and amenities. There are also modern reinterpretations of Hanok, traditional Korean houses, each offering a distinct thematic experience.

Explore unique accommodations in Jeju.



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Information on Dongmun Market



Dongmun Market is located in the heart of Jeju City and is the largest and most historic traditional market in the area. Its significant size draws a constant stream of locals and tourists throughout the year.

During the day, the market embodies the daily life of Jeju merchants, and at night, it transforms into a lively night market brimming with food. The market sells a variety of products including Jeju specialties, souvenirs, clothing, and food items. Its proximity to the airport makes it a convenient spot for some last-minute shopping before leaving Jeju.

Being the largest market in Jeju, it features 12 entrances. Remembering the number of the entrance used can make it easier to navigate and find one's way around.

While the market operates every day of the year without a day off, its exact hours aren't strictly set, but it's generally open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The night market is available from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Nearby attractions include Tamna Cultural Plaza, Chilseong-ro, Jungang Underground Shopping Center, Jeju-mok Government Office, and Gwandeokjeong Hall, where visitors can enjoy a combination of shopping and sightseeing.



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Information on Seogwipo Maeil Olle Market

Seogwipo Maeil Olle Market, located in the center of Seogwipo City, has established itself as an essential destination in any Jeju travel itinerary. As a year-round traditional market, it offers a chance to explore Jeju's specialties like Omegi rice cakes, mandarins, Hallabong (a type of mandarin), hairtail fish, black pork, and more, along with a variety of other sights and foods.

Like Dongmun Market, Seogwipo Maeil Olle Market also operates a night market, offering a range of finger foods for a casual dining experience.

The market is open every day of the year, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., with the night market open until 10 p.m. However, individual store hours may vary, with most shops catering to tourists typically opening around 10 a.m.

Nearby Seogwipo Maeil Olle Market are the food-focused Arang Joel Street and Lee Jung-seop Street, making it convenient to explore these areas along with the market.



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Information on Jeju 5-day Market

The "5-Day Market" is a traditional marketplace that sets up every five days. Before the advent of modern permanent markets, merchants would physically carry their goods on foot to various market locations, as transportation like cars wasn't available. This method of transportation on foot led to the popularity of these markets, which would



convene every five days.

Although the development of modern transportation has led to the decline of such markets, nine Five-Day Markets still operate in various locations around Jeju City, Seogwipo City, Jungmun, Sehwa, Hallim, Hamdeok, Daejeong, Goseong, and Pyoseon. These markets possess a charm different from daily permanent markets, offering a range of local agricultural and seafood products and various food items. They also serve as community hubs, reflecting the local character, atmosphere, and lifestyle.

The Five-Day Markets are set to open every five days, regardless of the day of the week. For example, the Jeju Folk 5-Day Market takes place on the 2nd, 7th, 12th, 17th, 22nd, and 27th of each month.

Jeju Traditional 5-Day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 26 Oiljangseo-gil, Jeju-si, Jeju-do 📅 2nd, 7th of each month
Hamdeok Traditional 5-Day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 15-13 Hamdeok 16-gil, Jocheon-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju-do 📅 1st, 6th of each month
Hallim Traditional 5-Day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 10 Hansupul-ro 4-gil, Hallim-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju-do 📅 4th, 9th of each month
Sehwa Folk 5-Day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 1500-44 Sehwa-ri, Gujwa-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju-do 📅 5th, 10th of each month
Seogwipo Hyangto 5-day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 18-5 Jungsangandong-ro 7894beon-gil, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do 📅 4th, 9th of each month
Daejeong 5-Day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 1089-20 Hamo-ri, Daejeong-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do 📅 1st, 6th of each month
Pyoseon 5-day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 1002-1 Pyoseon-ri, Pyoseon-myeon, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do 📅 2nd, 7th of each month
Jungmun 5-day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 12 Cheonjeyeon-ro 188beon-gil, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do 📅 3rd, 8th of each month
Goseong 5-Day Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 93 Goseongojo-ro, Seongsan-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do 📅 4th, 9th of each month



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Korea's duty-free system is divided into "duty-free" shopping and "tax refund."

Duty-free Shopping

At duty-free shops, products are sold without the added Value Added Tax (VAT) and individual consumption tax. In Jeju, there are two types of duty-free shops: domestic (for travel within Korea from Jeju to other Korean airports) and international (for travel from Jeju to airports in other countries). For domestic travel, there are duty-free shops like the Jeju Tourism Organization Duty Free Shop in the Jungmun Tourist Complex and the JDC Duty Free Shop at the airport. For international travel,



Lotte Duty Free and Shilla Duty Free shops are located in Jeju City, with an additional Lotte Duty Free Shop at the airport.

JTO Duty Free Shop	224, Jungmungwangwang-ro, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do Jeju International Convention Center, 1st floor Jeju International Airport +82-64-780-7700
JDC Duty Free Airport	Jeju International Airport +82-64-740-9900
Lotte Duty Free Shop	LOTTE City Hotel Jeju, 83 Doryeong-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do +82-1688-3020
Lotte Duty Free Shop (Airport)	Jeju International Airport +82-1688-3020
Shilla Duty Free Shop	69 Noyeon-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do +82-1688-1110

Information on Tax Refund

Korea's tax refund system allows foreign tourists to receive refunds on taxes paid for goods purchased at post-tax-free businesses in Korea, provided they leave the country with these goods within three months of purchase. The refund is applicable for goods where the tax, such as Value Added Tax (VAT), was charged at the time of purchase. This is applicable for purchases over KRW 30,000 (and from 2024, over KRW 15,000).



TIP!

Check for the tax refund sign before making a purchase!



In Korea, the refund service is provided by authorized agencies, and each agency operates refund counters, automated information processing machines (kiosks), and mailboxes at various locations.



Eligibility for Tax Refund

Foreigners: Travelers who have stayed in Korea for less than six months.

Overseas Koreans: Travelers who have stayed in Korea for less than three months, have lived abroad for over two years, or have permanent residency in another country. To apply for a tax refund, the purchased goods must be unused, new, and worth at least KRW 30,000 (and from 2024, KRW 15,000 or more). The goods must be taken out of Korea within three months of the purchase date.

Related Links (for more information)

Korea Tourism Organization Duty-Free and Tax Refund Information Page
<https://english.visitkorea.or.kr/svc/contents/contentsView.do?vcontsId=140736&menuSn=489#!>



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Information on Convenience Stores and Supermarkets

Korea's popular convenience store brands include CU, GS25, 7-Eleven, E-mart24, and Ministop. In Jeju, CU, GS25, and 7-Eleven operate convenience stores. Most of these stores are open 24 hours, but some may close during the late-night hours (from midnight to 6 a.m.). Convenience stores offer a range of products including beverages, snacks, alcohol, tobacco, daily necessities, and general goods.



In addition to selling general merchandise, these convenience stores provide the following services:

1. Freshly prepared food items like chicken and fish cakes.
2. Sale of over-the-counter medications (fever reducers, pain relievers, digestives, cold medicine, plasters).
3. Recharging of transportation cards (T-money).
4. Free access to microwaves for heating frozen food items, onigiri (rice triangles), and boxed meals.
5. Free provision of hot water, typically used for preparing instant noodles.
6. Tables and chairs for on-site consumption of food.



Recommendations for convenience store food include:

1. Instant Ramen: A staple at convenience stores, loved by both Koreans and foreigners. It can be cooked and eaten on-site.
2. Triangle Gimbap: A rice-based snack with vegetables, meat, or other fillings, wrapped in seaweed in a triangular shape. It's important to follow the instructions on the packaging to unwrap it correctly.
3. Boxed Meals: These are convenient meals with rice and side dishes, packed in square containers, offering an affordable meal option.



4. Hot Bars: Often referred to as “Meat on a stick” by foreigners, these are various types of sausages on a wooden stick, convenient for a quick snack and typically heated in a microwave.



Supermarkets in Jeju



Emart Jeju Branch	📍 38 Tapdong-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
Emart Sin Jeju Branch	📍 3348 1100-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
Lotte Mart Jeju Branch	📍 1 Yeonbuk-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
Emart Seogwipo Branch	📍 9209 Iljudong-ro, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
Home Plus Seogwipo Branch	📍 180 Jungang-ro, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do

50 Festivals in Jeju

Jeju hosts numerous festivals throughout the year, with some being particularly representative of the island. The exact dates for these festivals are typically decided 1-2 months in advance, except for the Seongsan Sunrise Festival and Penguin Swimming Contest, which have fixed dates. To confirm dates, check the festival websites, social media accounts, or contact the Jeju Tourism Information Center at +82-64-740-6000 or through chat consultation.

Seongsan Sunrise Festival

Dec. 31 – Jan. 1

Held at Seongsan Ilchulbong, a symbol of sunrise, this festival celebrates the first sunrise of the New Year with concerts, fireworks, burning of a moon house, and walking events.



Seogwipo Winter Sea International Penguin Swimming Contest

Jan. 1

Held at Jungmun Saekdal Beach, this event involves swimming in the cold sea water on New Year's Day to inspire a hopeful new year and strong spirit.



Tamna-guk Ip-chun Gut (Spring Welcoming Ritual of Tamna)

February

Originating from a ritual to invite gods to Jeju Island in spring, this festival celebrates the hope for a bountiful year.



Jeju King Cherry Blossom Festival

March

Taking place around Jeonnong-ro in Jeju City, this festival sees 1.2 km of city roads closed to vehicles, allowing visitors to fully enjoy the cherry blossoms. At night, the cherry blossoms create a unique scene with the streetlights.



Jeju Canola Flower Festival

March

The Canola Flower Festival, a hallmark event heralding the arrival of spring, takes place in the Gasi-ri area. The picturesque bloom of canola flowers and cherry blossoms along both sides of Noksan-ro creates an ideal backdrop for leisurely walks or drives.



Gapado Green Barley Festival

April

Celebrated on Gapado, the fourth largest subsidiary island of Jeju, it attracts many visitors to see the landscape of green barley fields and Jeju main island.



Seogwipo Bomok Jaridom Festival

May

Celebrating Jari-dom, a small fish traditionally enjoyed by Jeju residents, this festival in Seogwipo Bomok Port features bare-handed fish catching, traditional cultural experiences, and Jari-dom tastings.



Geomunoreum International Trekking

June

This event is held in the area of Geomunoreum, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site. During this time, visitors can explore Geomunoreum without a reservation. The event also provides a unique opportunity to trek along lava paths, which are typically closed to the public.



Samyang Black Sand Festival

Taking place at Samyang Beach, close to Jeju city center, this festival is known for its well-equipped lighting facilities, allowing beach activities even at night. However, the opening hours at night may vary each year, so visitors are advised to check the hours in advance.



July

Stepping Stone Festival

An evening music festival near Hamdeok Beach, featuring performances by recognized Korean musicians, including Jeju artists, and internationally acclaimed artists.



August

Seogwipo Chilshimni Festival

A festival in Seogwipo that combines natural scenery, food, and traditional culture of Seogwipo, with various programs.



October

Tamna Culture Festival

A comprehensive local culture festival organized by cultural artists, combining traditional and contemporary arts, offering experiences of Jeju's long history and unique traditional culture.



October

Choenamdan (Southernmost) Bangeo Festival

Centered around yellowtail, a large migratory fish species that can grow over 1-meter in length and is a popular winter delicacy in Jeju. In Jeju, yellowtail is particularly popular during the winter season, and this festival is themed around this cherished fish. The festival features various food stalls selling a range of dishes, along with engaging activities like bare-handed yellowtail catching, fishing experiences, and singing contests.



November