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Goesan-gun

괴산군 · Goesan-gun

You left your plans at home, right? Then you're all set.



Hi there!
I'm **Dokko**, your guide at Amudena.
I'm actually a burr seed, the kind that hitches a ride on passersby's clothes and travels.
This time, I'm sticking to you!

"Amudena" is Korean for "anywhere." Wherever the wheel lands, that's where you're going.



연하협구름다리 *Yeonhahyeop Gureumdari · Yeonhahyeop Cloud Bridge* · Photos: Korea Tourism Organization (KOGL Type 1)

Amudena travel rules



Just four promises before we go!

NO apps
Phone for calls and camera only! Let the rest take a nap.

NO reservations
Pick your stay and your meals when you get there. Kinda exciting, right?

NO GPS
Find your way with a paper map and by asking the locals.

NO expressways
National and local roads only. You see more when you go slow.

How to use this book



Stay 1 **Eat 1** **Café 1** **See 1** Stay 1, Eat 3, Café 1, See 2...
calling things by number is handy.
Like "Call Stay 3!"

- We haven't been there ourselves. But you can call and judge for yourself. So what will you choose?
- We left out prices on purpose. If you're curious... yep, call them.
- As of October 2026. Different from what you see? That's travel too!
- Bring your own paper map. I'm a seed, so I don't have one. I just stick on and go.

In a hurry? Start here

112	119	1330
Police	Fire & Ambulance	Tourist Info

Your embassy

U.S. Embassy (24h for emergencies)	02-397-4114
British Embassy	02-3210-5500
Embassy of Canada	02-3783-6000
Australian Embassy	02-2003-0100

Local tourist info centers

김시민장군 충민사 관광안내소 *General Kim Si-min Chungminsa Tourist Info*	070-8656-5535
산막이옛길 관광안내소 *Sanmagi Old Trail Tourist Info*	070-4477-2417

What's Goesan-gun like?



I'll tell you just a little of what I know.

A mountain county on the slopes of Songnisan. Lots of clear-water valleys, like Goesan Lake, Hwayang-dong, and Ssanggok.

Famous for mandarin fish (ssogari). There are mandarin fish stew restaurants, and even a mandarin fish exhibit!

The Goesan Red Flavor Festival is in May, and the Goesan Kimchi-Making Festival in November.

#Goesan Lake #Hwayang Gugok #Mandarin fish stew

This year's festival calendar

4.30 – 12.6	충북 괴산 우주특별시 : 별별탐사대 *Chungbuk Goesan Uju Teukbyeolsi: Byeolbyeol Tamsadae · Goesan Space Special City: Star Explorers*
5.22 – 5.24	괴산빨간맛페스티벌 *Goesan Ppalganmat Peseutibeol · Goesan Red Flavor Festival*
11.5 – 11.8	괴산김장축제 *Goesan Gimjang Chukje · Goesan Kimchi-Making Festival*

💡 **TIP!** Dates change every year. Quietly check with 1330 before you go.

Where to sleep?



I only picked places with phone numbers.
Whether there's a free room...
you'll have to call to find out!

💡 **TIP!** Addresses are kept in Korean so you can show them to locals.

Stay 1

웨스트오브가나안 *West of Canaan · West of Canaan*

A place on Suokjeong-gil in Yeonpung-myeon, toward Suok Falls. Choose Korean- or Western-style rooms. Check-in is 3 p.m.

Tel	**043-833-8814**
Rooms	Korean-style room · Western-style room
Check-in	15:00
Address	충청북도 괴산군 연풍면 수옥정길 175-1

Stay 2

(주)청명호텔 *Cheongmyeong Hotel · Cheongmyeong Hotel (Clear Sky Hotel)*

A tourist hotel in Cheongcheon-myeon. A new hotel licensed in 2025, with 17 rooms.

Tel	**043-833-7771**
Type	Tourist hotel
Rooms	17 rooms
Address	충청북도 괴산군 청천면 원후평2길 37-31
	Licensed 2025

Stay 3

예그리나 펜션 *Yegeurina Pension · Yegeurina Pension (Beloved Friends Pension)*

A pension on Ssanggok-ro in Chilseong-myeon. Cozy, with 5 rooms.

Tel	**043-834-0048**
Type	Lodging (general)
Rooms	5 rooms
Address	충청북도 괴산군 칠성면 쌍곡로 576
	Licensed 2022

Stay 4

호텔 더킹 *Hotel The King · Hotel The King*

A hotel in central Goesan-eup. 54 rooms, the most here, and close to Goesan Traditional Market.

Tel	**043-834-3355**
Type	Lodging (other)
Rooms	54 rooms
Address	충청북도 괴산군 괴산읍 읍내로15길 30
	Licensed 2022

Where to sleep? (cont.)

Stay 5

티파니 무인호텔 *Tiffany Muin Hotel · Tiffany Unstaffed Hotel*

A no-staff hotel in Cheongan-myeon. 42 rooms.

Tel	**043-838-9700**
Type	Motel-style inn
Rooms	42 rooms
Address	충청북도 괴산군 청안면 광장로 590-23
	Licensed 2007

What to eat?



I can't tell if they're famous, either.
Just remember one signature dish and go!
This guide also includes 2 cafés.

Eat 1

우리매운탕 *Uri Maeuntang · Our Spicy Fish Stew*

A mandarin fish stew place by the Goegang River. Bullhead and catfish stews too! They close early when sold out.

Tel	**043-834-0005**
Signature	쏘가리 매운탕 *Ssogari maeuntang · Spicy mandarin fish stew*
Also	Ppagasari-maeuntang (spicy bullhead stew) · Jabeo-maeuntang (mixed fish stew) · Megi-maeuntang (spicy catfish stew), etc.
Hours	10:00~20:30 May close early when sold out
Closed	Closed 2nd Monday of the month (open if it's a public holiday, and no days off in August peak season)
Address	충청북도 괴산군 괴산읍 괴강로느티울길 8-2

Eat 2

소금강휴게소 (구, 소금강식당) *Sogeumgang Hyugeso (formerly Sogeumgang Sikdang) · Sogeumgang Rest Stop (formerly Sogeumgang Restaurant)*

A herbal duck baeksuk place on Ssanggok-ro. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., open year-round!

Tel	**043-832-7716**
Signature	토종한방 오리백숙 *Tojong hanbang ori-baeksuk · Native duck boiled with herbal medicine*
Also	Native herbal chicken baeksuk · Native herbal spicy braised chicken · Wild mushroom hot pot
Hours	07:00~21:00
Closed	Open year-round
Address	충청북도 괴산군 칠성면 쌍곡로 242

Eat 3

괴산한우타운 *Goesan Hanu Taun · Goesan Korean Beef Town*

A Korean beef grill place on Goegang-ro. Short rib soup and beef tartare bibimbap too! Closed Mondays.

Tel	**043-832-1592**
Signature	각종 구이용 한우 *Gakjong guiyong hanu · Assorted Korean beef cuts for grilling*
Also	Korean beef bulgogi · Korean beef short rib soup · Korean beef tartare bibimbap, etc.
Hours	11:00~20:30
Closed	Closed Mondays · Seollal & Chuseok holidays
Address	충청북도 괴산군 괴강로 632

Eat 4

사나이짬뽕 *Sanai Jjamppong · Tough Guy Jjamppong*

The 'Tough Guy' seafood jjamppong is the signature. They have ulmyeon too! Mondays open only until 2 p.m.

Tel	**0507-1495-0143**
Signature	사나이해물짬뽕 *Sanai haemul-jjamppong · Tough Guy seafood jjamppong*
Also	Jjajangmyeon (black bean noodles) · Ulmyeon (thick-broth noodles) · Shrimp fried rice · Tangsuyuk (sweet-and-sour pork), etc.
Hours	Mon: 11:00~14:00 · Last order 13:30 Tue–Sun: 11:00~19:00 · Break 14:00~16:30 · Last order 18:30
Closed	Open year-round
Address	충청북도 괴산군 송문로덕평길 26

What to eat? (cont.)

Café 1

해듬카페 *Haedeum Kape · Haedeum Café*

A café in Cheongan-myeon. They have corn & red bean bingsu and a Haedeum latte too. Open year-round!

Tel	**0507-1323-2988**
Signature	아메리카노 *Americano · Americano*
Also	Corn & red bean bingsu · Brewed coffee · Haedeum latte, etc.
Hours	Weekdays / Sun: 09:30~19:00 · Last order 18:30 Sat: 09:30~20:00 · Last order 19:30
Closed	Open year-round
Address	충청북도 괴산군 청안면 청안읍내로1길 81-13

Café 2

한옥정원 숲 *Hanok Jeongwon Sup · Hanok Garden Forest*

Just like the name, a hanok garden café. They have mango and grapefruit iced tea too. Closed Mondays.

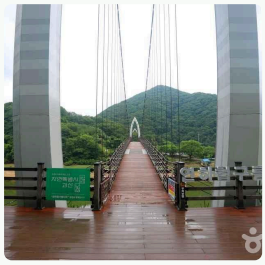
Tel	**0507-1490-1499**
Signature	아메리카노 *Americano · Americano*
Also	Café latte · Café mocha · Mango & grapefruit iced tea, etc.
Hours	10:00~20:00
Closed	Closed Mondays
Address	충청북도 괴산군 명태재로송동5길 67-35

Where to go?



I picked just 5 spots.
We'll meet the rest on the road.

See 1



연하협구름다리 *Yeonhahyeop Gureumdari · Yeonhahyeop Cloud Bridge*

A 167 m suspension bridge over Goesan Lake. It links the Sanmagi Old Trail and the Chungcheong-do Yangban Trail.

Time	**Summer 09:00~18:00 · Winter 09:00~17:00**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	충청북도 괴산군 칠성면 명태재로미루길 100

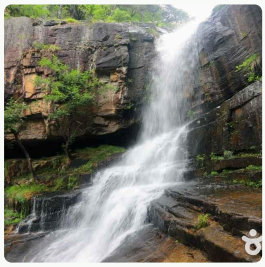
See 2

화양구곡 *Hwayang Gugok · Hwayang Nine Bends*

A valley on Hwayangdong-gil in Cheongcheon-myeon. Uam Song Si-yeol's historic site is inside this valley too.

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	충청북도 괴산군 청천면 화양동길 205

See 3



수옥폭포 *Suok Pokpo · Suok Falls*

A waterfall that drops in three tiers. Legend says Goryeo's King Gongmin took refuge here.

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	충청북도 괴산군 연풍면 원풍리

See 4



충북아쿠아리움 *Chungbuk Akuariume · Chungbuk Aquarium*

A freshwater aquarium that opened in 2024. There's a mandarin fish exhibit too! Closed Mondays.

Time	**10:00~17:00**
Closed	Closed Mondays (if Monday is a public holiday, closed the next weekday) · Public holidays · Seollal & Chuseok days
Address	충청북도 괴산군 괴산읍 쏘가리길 43

Where to go? (cont.)

See 5



괴산 홍범식 고가(벽초 홍명희 생가) *Goesan Hong Beom-sik Goga (Byeokcho Hong Myeong-hui Saengga) · Old House of Hong Beom-sik (Birthplace of Byeokcho Hong Myeong-hui)*

The birthplace of Hong Myeong-hui, author of the novel 'Im Kkeok-jeong'. Visit anytime.

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	충청북도 괴산군 괴산읍 임꺽정로 16

Don't miss it on market day



Markets are the best way to see the neighborhood.
Goesan Traditional Market on days with a 3 or 8, Cheongcheon Traditional Market on days with a 5 or 10!

괴산전통시장 *Goesan Jeontong Sijang · Goesan Traditional Market*

Market days	**Every month on the 3·8·13·18·23·28**
Type	Permanent market + '3' market days
Sells	Produce, meat, seafood, processed foods, clothing, shoes, household goods, restaurants, local services
Stalls	146
Address	충청북도 괴산군 괴산읍 읍내로 15길8-8

청천전통시장 *Cheongcheon Jeontong Sijang · Cheongcheon Traditional Market*

Market days	**Every month on the 5·10·15·20·25·30**
Type	Permanent market + '5' market days
Sells	Produce, restaurants
Stalls	101
Address	충청북도 괴산군 청천면 청천2길 10

💡 **TIP!** There may be markets not listed here. Ask a local, "여기 장 언제 서요? (yeo-gi jang eon-je seo-yo?)"

Ask the locals



The answers aren't in this book.
The locals know the real ones.

💡**TIP!** Show the Korean sentence as is, or read it out loud.

Q1 **쏘가리 매운탕은 어느 집이 제일 맛있어요?**
sso-ga-ri mae-un-tang-eun eo-neu ji-bi je-il ma-si-sseo-yo?
Which place makes the best mandarin fish stew?

Q2 **산막이옛길은 어디서부터 걸으면 좋아요?**
san-ma-gi-yet-gi-reun eo-di-seo-bu-teo geo-reu-myeon jo-a-yo?
Where's a good place to start walking the Sanmagi Old Trail?

Q3 **화양구곡은 어디까지 걸어 들어가면 좋아요?**
hwa-yang-gu-go-geun eo-di-kka-ji geo-reo deu-reo-ga-myeon jo-a-yo?
How far into Hwayang Gugok should I walk?

Q4 **올갱이국은 어디서 먹어요?**
ol-gaeng-i-gu-geun eo-di-seo meo-geo-yo?
Where can I eat olgaengi-guk (freshwater snail soup)?

Q5 **괴산 고추는 언제 사야 제일 좋아요?**
goe-san go-chu-neun eon-je sa-ya je-il jo-a-yo?
When's the best time to buy Goesan chili peppers?

Q6 **김장축제 때는 뭘 해 볼 수 있어요?**
gim-jang-chuk-je ttae-neun mwol hae bol su i-sseo-yo?
What can I try at the Kimchi-Making Festival?

Dues ledger



Keep money talk tidy!
Treasurer, we're counting on you.

Treasurer _____ Members ____ Dues per person _____ KRW

Date	Details	Money in	Money out	Balance

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