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Goseong-gun

고성군 · Goseong-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.



화진포(강원평화지역 국가지질공원) *Hwajinpo (Gangwon Pyeonghwa Jiyeok Gukga Jijil Gongwon) · Hwajinpo Lagoon (Gangwon Peace Zone National Geopark)* · 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

화진포 관광안내소 *Hwajinpo Tourist Info* EN·日·中	033-680-3677
통일안보공원 관광안내소 *Unification Security Park Tourist Info* 中	033-681-8378

What's Goseong-gun like?



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

This is Goseong in Gangwon, the very top of Korea's east coast. Head further north and you'll find the Unification Observatory Tower.

Beaches and little harbors line up one after another along the coast. There are lakes too: Hwajinpo and Songjiho!

In June there's the Jeodo Giant Octopus Festival. It's a seaside town, so eateries serve braised fish, spicy fish stew, and octopus rice soup!

#Northernmost East Sea #Hwajinpo #Harbors & beaches

This year's festival calendar

6.12 – 6.14	저도 대문어축제 *Jeodo Daemuneo Chukje · Jeodo Giant Octopus 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

켄싱턴리조트 설악비치 *Kensington Rijoteu Seorak Bichi · Kensington Resort Seorak Beach*

A beachside resort in Toseong-myeon. There are mountain-view rooms and ocean-view rooms.

Tel	**033-631-7601**
Rooms	Studio Mountain · Premier Ocean View, etc.
Check-in	15:00
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 토성면 동해대로 4800

Stay 2

선샤인비치 *Seonsyain Bichi · Sunshine Beach*

On the same Donghae-daero as Kensington Resort. Pick anything from a studio to a two-room.

Tel	**0507-1405-5969**
Rooms	Bldg. A studio · Bldg. B studio · Bldg. A two-room, etc.
Check-in	15:00
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 토성면 동해대로 4838

Stay 3

서로재 *Serojae*

On Bongsudae-gil in Jugwang-myeon. The rooms are named Chaeum and Baeum, they say. Check-in from 4 p.m.!

Tel	**033-632-7442**
Rooms	Chaeum1 · Chaeum2 · Baeum1, etc.
Check-in	16:00~21:00
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 죽왕면 봉수대길 118

Stay 4

오션투유리조트 속초설악비치 호텔앤콘도 *Osyeon Tu Yu Rijoteu Sokcho Seorak Bichi Hotel aen Kondo · Ocean to You Resort Sokcho Seorak Beach Hotel & Condo*

The name says Sokcho, but it's on Sampo Beach-gil in Goseong. There are forest-view and ocean-view rooms.

Tel	**033-630-9200**
Rooms	Forest View Suite · Side Ocean View Suite, etc.
Check-in	15:00
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 죽왕면 삼포해변길 9

Where to sleep? (cont.)

Stay 5

삼박한집 *Sambak Hanjip*

A stay on Bongpo 2-gil in Toseong-myeon. The rooms are named 95, 100, 105. Sounds like clothing sizes, right?

Tel	**0507-1380-1433**
Rooms	95 small · 100 medium · 105 large
Check-in	15:00
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 토성면 봉포2길 12

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

해오름거진항생선찜 *Haeoreum Geojinhang Saengseonjjim · Sunrise Geojin Port Braised Fish*

A braised-fish place in Geojin-eup. Signature is braised half-dried pollock! Closed Wednesdays.

Tel	**0507-1303-3843**
Signature	코다리 조림 *Kodari Jorim · braised half-dried pollock*
Also	Modum-saengseon-jorim (assorted braised fish)
Hours	11:00~21:00 · Break 15:00~17:00 · Last order 19:00
Closed	Closed Wednesdays
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 거진읍 반암길 38

Eat 2

청보횟집 *Cheongbo Hoetjip · Cheongbo Raw Fish House*

A raw-fish restaurant by the sea in Gonghyeonjin. Signature is spicy stew with mangchi and samsuk-i fish, they say. They have sea-squirt bibimbap too.

Tel	**033-631-2584**
Signature	망치·삼숙이 매운탕 *Mangchi·Samsugi Maeuntang · spicy stew of mangchi & samsuk-i fish*
Also	Modum-hoe (assorted raw fish) · Meongge-bibimbap (sea-squirt bibimbap) · Hoedeopbap (raw-fish rice bowl), etc.
Hours	10:00~20:30 (break 15:00~17:30)
Closed	Closed 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 죽왕면 공현진해변길 95-3

Eat 3

베짱이 문어국밥 *Bejjang-i Muneo Gukbap · Grasshopper Octopus Rice Soup*

An octopus rice soup place inside a diving resort! It closes around 3 p.m., so go early.

Tel	**0507-1361-1186**
Signature	문어국밥 *Muneo Gukbap · octopus rice soup*
Also	Gogi-poktan-guksu (meat-loaded noodles) · Muneo-jeon (octopus pancake) · Mini-sukhoe (small blanched octopus), etc.
Hours	Weekdays 10:00~15:00 (Last order 14:00) · Weekends 08:00~16:00 (Last order 15:00)
Closed	Closed Wednesdays
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 천학정길 12 교암다이빙리조트

Eat 4

소울브릿지 *Soul Beurijji · Soul Bridge*

A café on Cheonjin Beach. Signature is the Sobeu Einspänner. Open on weekends only!

Tel	**033-633-2300**
Signature	소브슈페너 *Sobeu Syupeneo · Soul Bridge Einspänner*
Also	Tiramisu latte · Extra-rich homemade cocoa · Real strawberry latte · Egg tart, etc.
Hours	09:00~20:00 (Last order 19:00)
Closed	Closed Mondays–Fridays
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 천진해변길 33 소울브릿지

What to eat? (cont.)

Café 1

테일 *Teil · Tail*

A café in Jugwang-myeon. Signature is the Teil latte, and there's hand-drip coffee too. Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Tel	**070-7585-8080**
Signature	테일라떼 *Teil Latte · Tail latte*
Also	Hand-drip coffee · Einspänner · Drip mocha · Mugwort latte, etc.
Hours	10:00~18:00
Closed	Closed Wednesdays–Thursdays
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 죽왕면 가진길 40-5

Café 2

바다정원 *Bada Jeongwon · Sea Garden*

A café in Toseong-myeon. Signature is the Jeongwon latte, and they have garlic bread too. Open until 10 p.m., no days off.

Tel	**0507-1409-1096**
Signature	정원라떼 *Jeongwon Latte · Garden latte*
Also	Garlic bread · Homemade caramel macchiato · Homemade caramel milkshake, etc.
Hours	09:30~22:00 · Last order 21:00
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 토성면 버리깨길 23

Where to go?



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

See 1



화진포(강원평화지역 국가지질공원) *Hwajinpo (Gangwon Pyeonghwa Jiyeok Gukga Jijil Gongwon) · Hwajinpo Lagoon (Gangwon Peace Zone National Geopark)*

A big lake right next to the sea. There's a history and security exhibition hall and an ecology museum too.

Time	**July–August each year, public beach: 06:00~24:00** **Village-managed beach: 06:00~22:00** **History & Security Exhibition Hall and Ecology Museum: summer 09:00~18:00 · winter 09:00~17:30**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 거진읍 현내면

See 2



고성 왕곡마을 *Goseong Wanggok Maeul · Goseong Wanggok Village*

An old village in Jugwang-myeon. You can even stay the night, they say. People live here, so look around quietly.

Time	**Wanggok Village: 09:00~18:00** **Lodging: check-in 14:00 · check-out 11:00**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 왕곡마을길 41

See 3



청간정 *Cheonggangjeong · Cheonggan Pavilion*

A pavilion by the sea in Toseong-myeon. It's always open, so climb up and gaze at the East Sea.

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 토성면 동해대로 5110

Where to go? (cont.)

See 4



송지호둘레길 *Songjiho Dullegil · Songjiho Lake Trail*

A walking trail around Lake Songjiho. Shall we take a slow lap anytime?

Time	**Open anytime**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 죽왕면 동해대로 6021

See 5



건봉사 *Geonbongsa · Geonbongsa Temple*

A temple in the mountains of Geojin-eup. Take a little break from the sea and head into the hills.

Time	**Open anytime**
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 거진읍 건봉사로 723

Don't miss it on market day



Ganseong Traditional Market opens on days with a 2 or a 7, and Geojin Traditional Market on days with a 1 or a 6.
Time your visit!

간성전통시장 *Ganseong Jeontong Sijang · Ganseong Traditional Market*

Market days	**Every month on the 2·7·12·17·22·27**
Type	Permanent market
Sells	Produce, meat, seafood, processed foods, clothing, shoes, household goods, eateries, neighborhood services
Stalls	66
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 간성읍 간성시장3길 7-2

거진전통시장 *Geojin Jeontong Sijang · Geojin Traditional Market*

Market days	**Every month on the 1·6·11·16·21·26·31**
Type	Permanent market
Sells	Produce, meat, seafood, processed foods, clothing, shoes, household goods, eateries, neighborhood services
Stalls	62
Address	강원특별자치도 고성군 거진읍 거진시장길 13-3

💡**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 **지금 고성 앞바다에서 제일 맛있는 생선이 뭐예요?**
ji-geum go-seong ap-ba-da-e-seo je-il ma-si-sseun saeng-seo-ni mwo-ye-yo?
What's the tastiest fish off the Goseong coast right now?

Q2 **삼숙이랑 망치는 어떤 생선이에요? 매운탕 말고도 먹어요?**
sam-su-gi-rang mang-chi-neun eo-tteon saeng-seo-ni-e-yo? mae-un-tang mal-go-do meo-geo-yo?
What kind of fish are samsuk-i and mangchi? Do you eat them other ways besides spicy stew?

Q3 **저도 대문어축제 땐 문어를 어디서 먹으면 좋아요?**
jeo-do dae-mu-neo-chuk-je ttaen mu-neo-reul eo-di-seo meo-geu-myeon jo-a-yo?
During the Jeodo Giant Octopus Festival, where's a good place to eat octopus?

Q4 **화진포는 어느 쪽에서 봐야 제일 예뻐요?**
hwa-jin-po-neun eo-neu jjo-ge-seo bwa-ya je-il ye-ppeo-yo?
From which side does Hwajinpo look the prettiest?

Q5 **여기 해변 중에 동네 사람들이 제일 좋아하는 곳은 어디예요?**
yeo-gi hae-byeon jung-e dong-ne sa-ram-deu-ri je-il jo-a-ha-neun go-seun eo-di-ye-yo?
Which beach around here do locals like the most?

Q6 **통일전망타워 가려면 미리 챙길 게 있어요?**
tong-il-jeon-mang-ta-wo ga-ryeo-myeon mi-ri chaeng-gil ge i-sseo-yo?
Is there anything I should prepare before going to the Unification Observatory Tower?

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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