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Gwacheon-si

과천시 · Gwacheon-si

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.



서울대공원 *Seoul Daegongwon · Seoul Grand Park* · 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

What's Gwacheon-si like?



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

A small city at the foot of Gwanaksan, right on Seoul's southern edge.

Makgye-dong has Seoul Grand Park and an art museum; Gwacheon-dong has the science museum.

May brings the Jazz Picnic, and September the Performing Arts Festival!

#Seoul Grand Park #Gwacheon Science Museum #Jazz Picnic

This year's festival calendar

5.1 – 5.2	과천재즈피크닉 *Gwacheon Jazz Picnic*
9.18 – 9.20	과천공연예술축제 *Gwacheon Gongyeon Yesul Chukje · Gwacheon Performing Arts Festival*
10.3 – 10.3	과천청년축제 *Gwacheon Cheongnyeon Chukje · Gwacheon Youth 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

H Collection by HS 경기 과천 *H Collection by HS Gyeonggi Gwacheon*

A new lodging in Galhyeon-dong licensed in 2025. 92 rooms.

Tel	**070-5056-3882**
Type	Lodging (residence)
Rooms	92 rooms
Address	경기도 과천시 과천대로 111, 렉서 4~7층 (갈현동) Licensed 2025

Stay 2

블랑모텔 *Blanc Motel*

A motel that's been in Jungang-dong since 1985. 22 rooms on the building's 6th floor.

Tel	**02-502-3301**
Type	Inn
Rooms	22 rooms
Address	경기도 과천시 중앙로 131, 6층 (중앙동, 현대빌딩 601호~608호) Licensed 1985

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

더차돌 *The Chadol*

A duck place in Gwacheon-dong. Thin-sliced duck grill is the signature, plus a hearty duck soup.

Tel	**02-504-1732**
Signature	오리차돌구이 *Ori Chadol-gui · thin-sliced duck grill*
Also	Marinated fresh duck · hearty sliced-duck soup · spicy duck set and more
Hours	11:00~21:30 · Break 15:00~17:00 · Last order 20:30
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 뒷골2로 5 (과천동)

Eat 2

팔팔낙지 과천본점 *Palpal Nakji Gwacheon · Palpal Octopus, Gwacheon main branch*

An octopus place on Gwanaksan-gil. Stir-fried octopus with deodeok is the signature, plus live octopus soup.

Tel	**02-502-6600**
Signature	낙지더덕볶음 *Nakji Deodeok Bokkeum · stir-fried octopus with deodeok root*
Also	Live octopus soup · stir-fried octopus · seafood pancake and more
Hours	Weekdays: 11:00~21:00 · Break 15:30~16:30 · Last order 20:25 Weekends: 11:00~21:00 · Last order 20:25
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 관악산길 32

Eat 3

선바위메밀장터 *Seonbawi Memil Jangteo · Seonbawi Buckwheat Market*

A makguksu place in Gwacheon-dong. Perilla-oil buckwheat noodles are the signature. Open with no days off.

Tel	**02-504-0122**
Signature	들기름막국수 *Deulgireum Makguksu · perilla-oil buckwheat noodles*
Also	Spicy pollock buckwheat noodles · warm noodles with fried tofu · dongchimi buckwheat noodles · seafood pancake and more
Hours	10:40~21:20
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 뒷골로 5-7 (과천동)

Eat 4

농부네수제갈비 *Nongbune Suje Galbi · Farmer's House-made Galbi*

A galbi place in Munwon-dong. House-made marinated pork galbi is the signature, plus Korean beef tartare.

Tel	**02-504-7233**
Signature	수제돼지양념갈비 *Suje Dwaeji Yangnyeom Galbi · house-made marinated pork galbi*
Also	Fresh beef ribs · Korean beef tartare · Korean pork rib rice soup and more
Hours	11:30~22:00 · Last order 21:00
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 새빛로 25 (문원동)

What to eat? (cont.)

Eat 5

돌담집식당 *Doldamjip Sikdang · Stone Wall House Restaurant*

A baeksuk (boiled poultry) place on Jahadong-gil. Duck baeksuk with neungi mushrooms is the signature.

Tel	**0507-1408-5328**
Signature	능이버섯 오리백숙 *Neungi Beoseot Ori Baeksuk · duck simmered with neungi mushrooms*
Also	Native chicken simmered with neungi mushrooms · spicy stir-fried pork · native chicken braise and more
Hours	11:00~20:30 · Last order 19:30
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 자하동길 37 (중앙동)

Eat 6

우남정 *Unamjeong*

A seolleongtang place open 24 hours. Just right for a late-night craving!

Tel	**02-3678-9495**
Signature	설렁탕 *Seolleongtang · ox bone soup*
Also	Special seolleongtang · special tripe soup · ox knee soup and more
Hours	Open 24 hours
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 중앙로 519 (과천동)

Eat 7

가마솥회관 *Gamasot Hoegwan · Cauldron Hall*

A gomtang place in Galhyeon-dong. Beef bone soup is the signature, plus oxtail soup.

Tel	**02-503-3377**
Signature	사골곰탕 *Sagol Gomtang · beef bone soup*
Also	Ox knee soup · oxtail soup · beef tripe soup and more
Hours	10:00~21:00 · Last order 20:20
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 과천대로 161 (갈현동)

Eat 8

어울더울 과천본점 *Eoul Deoul Gwacheon · Eoul Deoul, Gwacheon main branch*

A Korean beef place in Galhyeon-dong. Korean beef sirloin is the signature. Closed Mondays.

Tel	**02-503-6817**
Signature	한우등심 *Hanu Deungsim · Korean beef sirloin*
Also	Korean beef tenderloin · special cuts · rib finger meat and more
Hours	11:30~21:30
Closed	Every Monday
Address	경기도 과천시 제비울길 43 (갈현동)

What to eat? (cont.)

Café 1

마이알레 *My Alley*

A café-restaurant in Juam-dong. From tiramisu all the way to steak! Closed Mondays.

Tel	**0507-1344-1794**
Signature	마이알레 스페셜 블렌딩 커피 *My Alley Special Blending Coffee*
Also	Alley tiramisu · steak · pasta and more
Hours	Café: 11:00~22:00 · Last order 20:30 Restaurant: 11:00~22:00 · Break 15:00~17:00 · Last order 20:00 Lifestyle shop: 11:00~19:00
Closed	Every Monday
Address	경기도 과천시 삼부골3로 17 (주암동)

Café 2

카페언트 *Cafe Ent*

A café on Namtaeryeong Old Road. Canelés are the signature. Closed the 4th Monday and Tuesdays.

Tel	**0507-1370-7714**
Signature	까눌레 *Kkanulle · canelé*
Also	Americano · hibiscus · milk tea and more
Hours	09:00~20:00
Closed	4th Monday of the month, Tuesdays
Address	경기도 과천시 남태령옛길 97 (과천동)

Where to go?



I picked just 8 spots.
We'll meet the rest on the road.

See 1



서울대공원 *Seoul Daegongwon · Seoul Grand Park*

A big park in Makgye-dong. Closing time changes with the season — 7 p.m. in summer.

Time	**Mar–Apr / Sep–Oct: 09:00~18:00 (last entry 17:00)** **May–Aug: 09:00~19:00 (last entry 18:00)** **Nov–Feb: 09:00~17:00 (last entry 16:00)** **Greenhouse: 10:00~17:00 (last entry 16:30)**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 대공원광장로 102 (막계동)

See 2

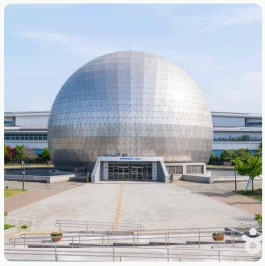


국립현대미술관 과천 *Gungnip Hyeondae Misulgwan Gwacheon · MMCA Gwacheon (National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art)*

An art museum in Makgye-dong, same as Seoul Grand Park. Closed Mondays and January 1.

Time	**10:00~18:00**
Closed	Every Monday · January 1
Address	경기도 과천시 광명로 313 (막계동)

See 3



국립과천과학관 *Gungnip Gwacheon Gwahakgwan · Gwacheon National Science Museum*

A science museum in Gwacheon-dong. Closed Mondays; tickets sold until 4:30 p.m.

Time	**09:30~17:30 (ticket sales end 16:30)**
Closed	Every Monday (if Monday is a public holiday, closed the next weekday instead) · Lunar New Year's Day and Chuseok
Address	경기도 과천시 상하벌로 110 (과천동)

Where to go? (cont.)

See 4



추사박물관(과천) *Chusa Bangmulgwan · Chusa Museum (Kim Jeong-hui)*

A museum in Juam-dong. Closed Mondays. Café My Alley is in Juam-dong too!

Time **09:00~18:00 (last entry 17:00)**

Closed Every Monday (if Monday is a public holiday, closed the next day) · January 1 · Lunar New Year and Chuseok holidays · other closures set by the mayor of Gwacheon

Address 경기도 과천시 추사로 78 (주암동)

See 5



렛츠런파크 서울 말박물관 *Let's Run Park Seoul Mal Bangmulgwan · Let's Run Park Seoul Horse Museum*

A horse museum on Gyeongmagongwon-daero. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Time **10:00~17:30**

Closed Every Monday and Tuesday · January 1 · Lunar New Year and Chuseok · other temporary closures

Address 경기도 과천시 경마공원대로 107 (주암동)

See 6



아해박물관 *Ahae Bangmulgwan · Ahae Museum*

A museum in Juam-dong. Closed weekends and public holidays, so go on a weekday.

Time **10:00~17:00**

Closed Every Saturday and Sunday · public holidays

Address 경기도 과천시 추사로 133 (주암동)

See 7



보광사(과천) *Bogwangsa · Bogwangsa Temple*

A temple in Galhyeon-dong. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. H Collection is in Galhyeon-dong too!

Time **09:00~18:00**

Closed Open year-round

Address 경기도 과천시 교육원로 41 (갈현동)

Where to go? (cont.)

See 8



쥬라기랜드 *Jurassic Land*

A dinosaur attraction at the same address as Seoul Land. Check the website for hours.

Time	**Check the website**
Closed	Open year-round
Address	경기도 과천시 광명로 181 (막계동)

Don't miss it on market day



Markets are the best way to see the neighborhood.
The two markets around Byeoryang Arcade are open every day!

과천새서울프라자시장 *Gwacheon Sae Seoul Peullaja Sijang · Gwacheon New Seoul Plaza Market*

Market days	**Every day**
Type	Permanent market
Sells	Produce, meat, seafood, processed foods, clothing, shoes, household goods, eateries
Stalls	200
Address	경기도 과천시 별양상가 2로 20

제일쇼핑시장 *Jeil Syoping Sijang · Jeil Shopping Market*

Market days	**Every day**
Type	Permanent market
Sells	Processed foods, clothing, shoes, household goods, eateries, neighborhood services
Stalls	81
Address	경기도 과천시 별양상가 2로 14

💡 **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 **서울대공원이랑 미술관, 하루에 둘 다 볼 수 있어요?**
seo-ul-dae-gong-won-i-rang mi-sul-gwan, ha-ru-e dul da bol su i-sseo-yo?
Can I see both Seoul Grand Park and the art museum in one day?

Q2 **관악산 다녀와서 뭐 먹으면 좋아요?**
gwa-nak-san da-nyeo-wa-seo mwo meo-geu-myeon jo-a-yo?
What's good to eat after hiking Gwanaksan?

Q3 **과학관은 어떤 전시가 제일 재밌어요?**
gwa-hak-gwa-neun eo-tteon jeon-si-ga je-il jae-mi-sseo-yo?
Which exhibit at the science museum is the most fun?

Q4 **추사 김정희는 과천이랑 무슨 인연이에요?**
chu-sa gim-jeong-hui-neun gwa-cheo-ni-rang mu-seun i-nyeo-ni-e-yo?
What's Chusa Kim Jeong-hui's connection to Gwacheon?

Q5 **별양상가 시장에선 뭘 꼭 먹어 봐야 해요?**
byeo-ryang-sang-ga si-jang-e-seon mwol kkok meo-geo bwa-ya hae-yo?
What should I be sure to eat at the Byeoryang Arcade markets?

Q6 **여기 사람들만 아는 해 지는 자리가 있어요?**
yeo-gi sa-ram-deul-man a-neun hae ji-neun ja-ri-ga i-sseo-yo?
Is there a sunset spot only locals know?

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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