

# Gyeongju Walking Tour

Gyeongju is a highly accessible city by foot with a rich millennium heritage and spellbinding natural beauty at every turn. Several attractive travel destinations can be easily reached within a 1km radius, centered around the must-see Hwangnidan Street, featuring traditional hanok-style architecture.

## Daereungwon Ancient Tomb Complex



Daereungwon is a leading tourist attraction located within minutes of Hwangnidan Street. It houses numerous large and smaller-sized tombs, including the burial sites of notable Silla Dynasty kings like Cheonmachong Tomb, where the famous Cheonmado (Flying Horse) painting and countless other artifacts have been excavated. The tomb of King Michu and the Hwangnamdaechong Tomb can also be found at this renowned historic site.

## Cheomseongdae Observatory



This ancient observatory was built for stargazing during the reign of Queen Seondeok, the first queen of the Silla Dynasty. The towering structure has remained in the exact location for over a thousand years. Its unique design and building techniques offer a glimpse into the remarkable scientific and technological advancements of the Silla Kingdom.

# Gyeongju Bike Tour

Luckily for cyclists, many of the travel destinations in downtown Gyeongju were built on flat terrain, making it easy to explore the area entirely by bicycle. Enjoy a bike tour past various attractions including the Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, Gyeongju National Museum, and Hwangnyongsa Temple Site, among others, by following the same path that many walking tours take along the Hwangnidan Street.

## Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond



This location once housed a splendid garden and pavilion used for banquets, along with a villa where the princes of the Silla Dynasty resided. This is also where the traditional landscaping techniques of the Unified Silla Dynasty originated from, famous for the harmonious coexistence of nature and architecture. The site offers a particularly stunning night view for interested visitors.



## Woljeonggyo Bridge

274, Gyo-dong  
09:00 - 22:00

This bridge served as the prominent southern entrance to Wolseong, the royal palace of the Silla Dynasty. The second floor of gatehouse features an exhibition hall showcasing the restoration process employed in the reconstruction of the Woljeonggyo Bridge. In modern times, the bridge has become a popular destination to enjoy Gyeongju's dazzling nightscape.

## Gyeongjuhyanggyo Local Confucian School, Gyochon Village



27-20, Gyochonan-gil  
09:00 - 18:00

Gyeongju Hyanggyo, a public educational institution dating back to the Joseon Dynasty, is situated in a tranquil hanok village south of Wolseong. The village boasts pre-modern houses in excellent condition, charming cafes, restaurants, and different handicraft experiences. Notably, the residence of the noble Choi family of Gyeongju, which represents the pinnacle of the Korean aristocracy, is also located here.

## Gyerim Forest

Gyerim Forest has been preserved since the early days of the Silla Dynasty. This fabled location was the backdrop for the enigmatic birth story of Alji Kim, the progenitor of the Silla Kim clan, who is said to have been born in a golden box.



1, Gyo-dong



## Hwangnyongsa Temple Site

The largest temple of its time, the Hwangnyongsa Temple took a total of 93 years to construct, beginning with the reign of King Jinheung of Silla. While it once featured a nine-story wooden pagoda that stood over 80 meters tall, only traces of it remain today. The Hwangnyongsa History and Culture Center provides a three-dimensional depiction of the temple, conveying the fascinating story of its historical and cultural significance.

## Bunhwangsa Temple



94-11, Bunhwang-ro  
054 742 9922  
09:00 - 18:00

The most iconic cultural treasure at the Bunhwangsa Temple is the Stone Brick Pagoda, which stands prominently at the very center of the temple. Distinct from the typical three-story stone pagodas of the Silla Dynasty, this pagoda mimics the style of brick pagodas, in which stones are fashioned into bricks. It also boasts the longest historical record among any of the stone pagodas of the Silla Dynasty.

## Gyeongju National Museum



The Gyeongju National Museum is a treasure trove of history and art. Alongside the Silla History Hall, it houses the Silla Museum of Art, with its showcase of Buddhist art dating from the Silla Dynasty. The Wolji Hall displays relics excavated from Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, while a unique exhibition hall hosts recurrent special exhibitions. Its notable collections include artifacts that have been deemed national treasures, including the Sacred Bell of Great King Seondeok and the Three-story Stone Pagoda at the Goseonsa Temple Site.

186, Ijeong-ro  
054 740 7500  
10:00 - 18:00 (09:00 on weekends and holidays)  
Free

## Wolseong Palace Site

The low hill located to the south of Cheomseongdae is the site of Wolseong, the capital of the Silla Dynasty. The encompassing moat and palace fortifications beneath the northern rampart were recently restored, making it the perfect place to enjoy a panoramic view of Cheomseongdae, Gyerim, and the surrounding areas by climbing to the top and looking down from the walls.



## Jewel Beetle Bus



113-15, Hwangnam-dong  
054 750 8658  
09:10 - 17:25  
(Writer: 17:00)  
Adults: 4,000 KRW  
Children: 2,000 KRW

An electric car inspired by the jewel beetle, a symbol of prosperity during the Silla Dynasty, is in operation within the Archaeological Area in Eastern Gyeongju. Departing from the ticket office, this scenic ride will take you past notable attractions like Cheomseongdae, Gyerim, Gyochon Village, Woljeonggyo Bridge, and the Cheomseongdae Flower Complex. Audio guides featuring cultural commentary and videos are made available throughout the journey to provide additional information and enrich the experience.



## Gyeongjueupseong Walled Town

2-8, Dongbu-dong

This walled village epitomizes the rich, thousand-year history of Silla. It is said to have been initially built during the Goryeo Dynasty, and its current form was restored based on actual records from the Joseon Dynasty. The eastern wall and east gate, or Hyangilmun, have been entirely restored according to the ancient specifications. It is decorated with dazzling lights that make it an ideal venue for a whimsical night stroll.

## Five Royal Tombs

67, Tap-dong  
09:00 - 18:00  
Adults: 2,000 KRW  
Children: 500 KRW



Five Royal Tombs is believed to be the tomb of the founder of Silla, Park Hyeokgeose, along with four early kings, including Hyeokgeose's wife. The site is surrounded by parks and trails, with a charming pond adding to its aesthetic appeal. A small forest was also grown in the vicinity, making it a highly popular destination for picnics.

## Travel tip

In Gyeongju, you can easily rent bicycles. There are many rental shops near the Gyeongju Express Bus Terminal and the main entrance of Daereungwon (Cheonmachong).

# Gyeongju Intercity Bus Tour

This tour will enable you to venture beyond the central city of Gyeongju to explore the Bomun Tourist Complex, Bulguksa Temple, Yangdong Village and the East Coast by bus or car.

## Travel around Gyeongju by Intracity Bus

Bus stops around Hwangnidan Street

This bus stop serves as a transit point for buses headed to several of the most prominent tourist destinations.

Bus routes to Major Attractions in Gyeongju

Bus No.10 Terminal - Seorabeol Cultural Center / Hwangnidan Street - Bomun Tourism Complex - Gyeongju World - Gyeongju Expo Grand Park - Bulguksa Temple

Bus No. 11 Terminal - Seorabeol Cultural Center / Hwangnidan Street - Gyeongju National Museum - Gyeongbuk Millennium Forest Garden - Tongiljeon Shrine - Bulguksa Temple

Bus No. 100 Terminal - Seorabeol Cultural Center / Hwangnidan Street - Gyeongju World - Gampo Port / Songdaemal Lighthouse

Bus No. 150 Terminal - Seorabeol Cultural Center / Hwangnidan Street - Gyeongju World - Gameunsa Temple Site - Tomb of King Munmu - Yangnam Jusangjeollil, Eupcheon Port

Bus No. 500 Terminal - Hwangnidan Street / Hwangnam Market - Oreung - Poseokjeong Pavilion - Baedong Samneung, Sameung Forest - Yongjang-ri

Bus No. 203 Terminal - Seorabeol Cultural Center / Hwangnidan Street - Hwangseong Park - Yangdong Village - Oksan Seowon / Dongnakdang

From Gyeongju Station to Hwangnidan Street

Bus routes: No. 50, 51, 70, 700, 710, 711, 60, 61

Where to get off: Seorabeol Cultural Center / Hwangnidan Street bus stop

Bus route: No. 1000

Where to get off: Gyeongju Intercity / Express Bus Terminal stop (12 minutes on foot to Hwangnidan Street)



74-14, Bomun-ro  
054 779 8725  
09:30 - 19:00  
(Bird Park: 10:00 - 19:00)  
Adults: 5,000 KRW  
Children: 3,000 KRW  
Bird Park: 20,000 KRW  
Children: 15,000 KRW

This theme park offers a modern reinterpretation of the Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond. The park features various attractions, including a hanok glass greenhouse filled with subtropical trees and flowers, the Donggung Botanical Garden, a Bird Park aviary housing rare bird species from around the world, an outdoor music fountain, and agricultural experience facilities.

## Gyeongju East Palace Garden

## Hwarang Village

123, Seokhyeon-ro  
054 760 2442  
(Yuksuchon)  
054 760 2444

Bus route : No. 40  
Estimated time : about 12 minutes  
Stop to get off : Hwarang Village

## Oksanseowon Confucian Academy

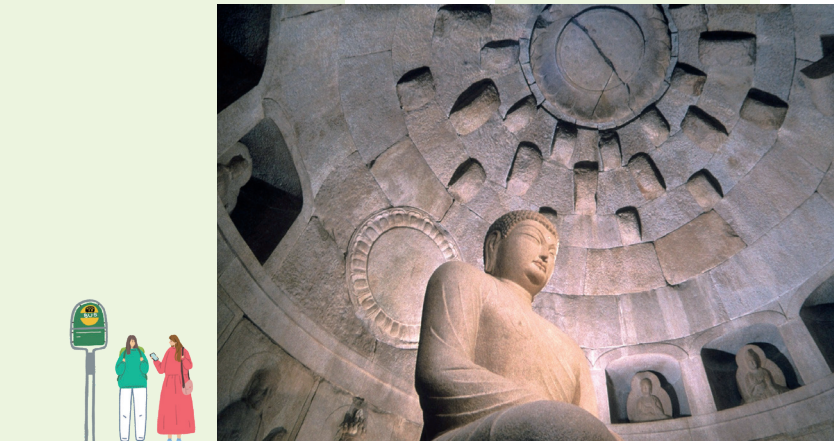
This educational institution was constructed to honor the scholarship and virtue of Hoejae Eonjeok Lee, a Neo-Confucian scholar from the Joseon Dynasty. This Confucian academy is one of the 47 Confucian academies exempted from abolishment during the reign of Daewongun in the late Joseon Dynasty. The exceptional sense of harmony it maintains with its surrounding natural landscape is certainly a site to see. As one of the nine Seowons listed on the UNESCO World Heritage, it stands as a significant representation of Korean confucian cultural heritage.

Bus route : No. 203  
Estimated time : about 60 minutes  
Stop to get off : Oksan 2-ri



216-27, Oksanseowon-gil, Angang-eup  
09:00 - 18:00

## Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto



385, Bulguksa-ro  
09:00 - 18:00  
Free

Bus route : No. 10, 11, 711  
Estimated time : about 30 minutes  
Stop to get off : Bulguksa Temple  
To reach Seokguram Grotto, take Bus No. 12 that runs between Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto.

Tohamsan Mountain is one of the most renowned attractions in Gyeongju and was the first location in Korea to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage. At the summit of Tohamsan Mountain, sits the Seokguram Grotto, while at its foot lies the magnificent Bulguksa Temple. Bulguksa Temple incorporates the concept of Buddhist utopia in its construction and houses the national treasure pagodas, Seokgatap and Dabotap. The Seokguram Grotto, a man-made cave temple, is a key cultural heritage that showcases the scientific and artistic sensibilities of the Silla Dynasty.

## Hwangnidan Street

### The Beginning of Your Gyeongju Trip

- Detailed illustrated map of Hwangnidan Street
- Guide for traveling to major attractions in Gyeongju on foot, by bicycle, and using city buses



## Yangdong Village

93, Yangdongmaul-gil, Gangdong-myeon  
054 762 2630  
09:00 - 18:00  
Adults: 4,000 KRW  
Children: 1,500 KRW

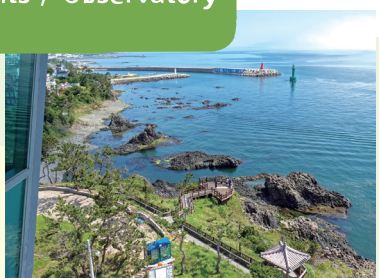
Bus route : No. 203  
Estimated time : about 50 minutes  
Stop to get off : Yangdong Village

As an important clan village of the Joseon Dynasty, it serves as the ancestral hometown of the Yeogang Lee Clan and Wolseong Son Clan. Similar to Andong Hahoe Village, it has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage for being a historic village in Korea. Nestled amidst the mountain slopes, approximately 50 tiled-roofed houses and 110 thatched-roof dwellings brim with character and coexist harmoniously as a single representative village of the era.

## Yangnam Columnar Joints / Observatory

498-13, Donghaean-ro, Yangnam-myeon  
(Observatory) 09:30 - 18:00

Bus route : No. 150  
Estimated time : about 60 minutes  
Stop to get off : Jusangjeollil



The Yangnam Columnar Joints are scattered across the beach spanning from Eupcheon Port to Haseogang Port. These formations take on various shapes, including their signature upward-rising columnar joints as well as tilted or sideways configurations. The fan-shaped columnar joint stands out among them as an exceptional structure, and an observatory was constructed specifically to provide a clear view of this remarkable feature.

## Tomb of King Munmu

This tomb is believed to be the underwater resting place of King Munmu, famed for his accomplishment of unifying the three kingdoms. Located approximately 200 meters from Bonggil Beach, the king, concerned about the nation's future even after his death, left a prophecy that he would transform into a dragon of the East Sea and protect this location. Consequently, he was finally laid to rest in the sea according to the wishes laid out in his will.



30-1, Bonggil-ri, Munmu-daewang-myeon  
Bus route : No. 150  
Estimated time : about 50 minutes  
Stop to get off : Tomb of King Munmu / Bonggil Beach

## Information

Website  
Official Tour guide of Gyeongju  
www.gyeongju.go.kr  
www.gyeongju.go.kr/tour

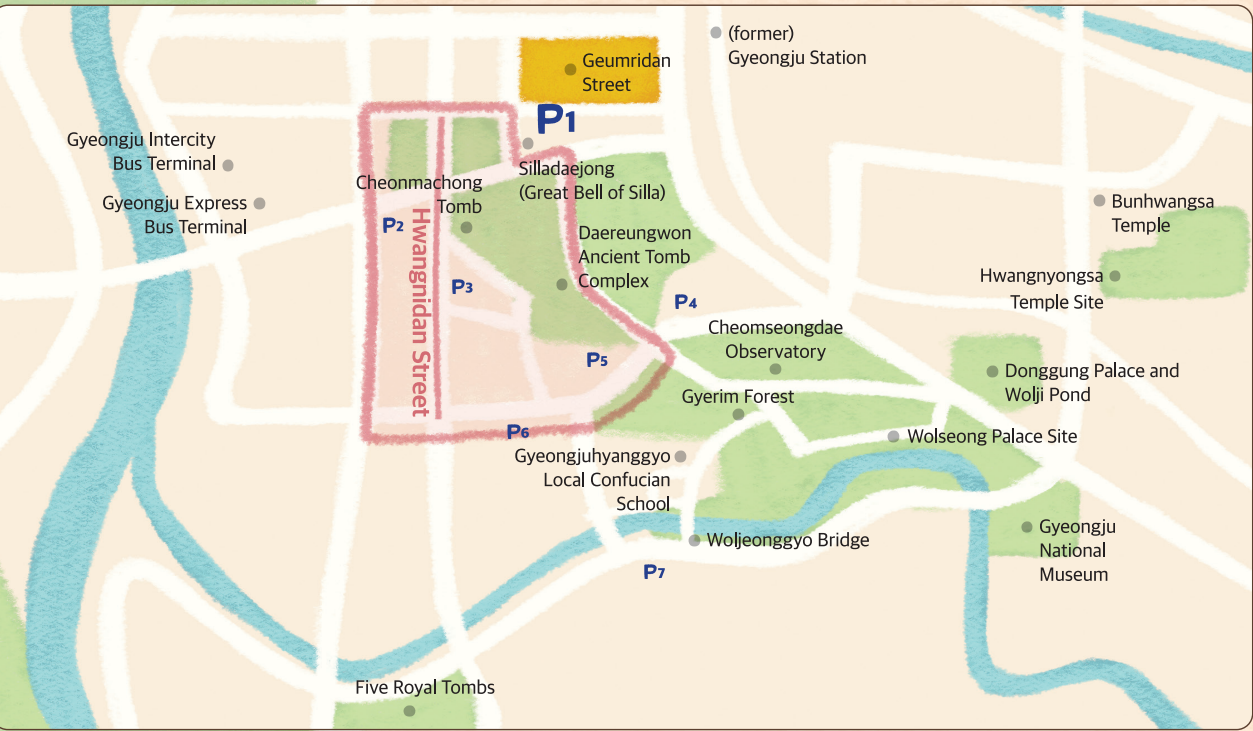
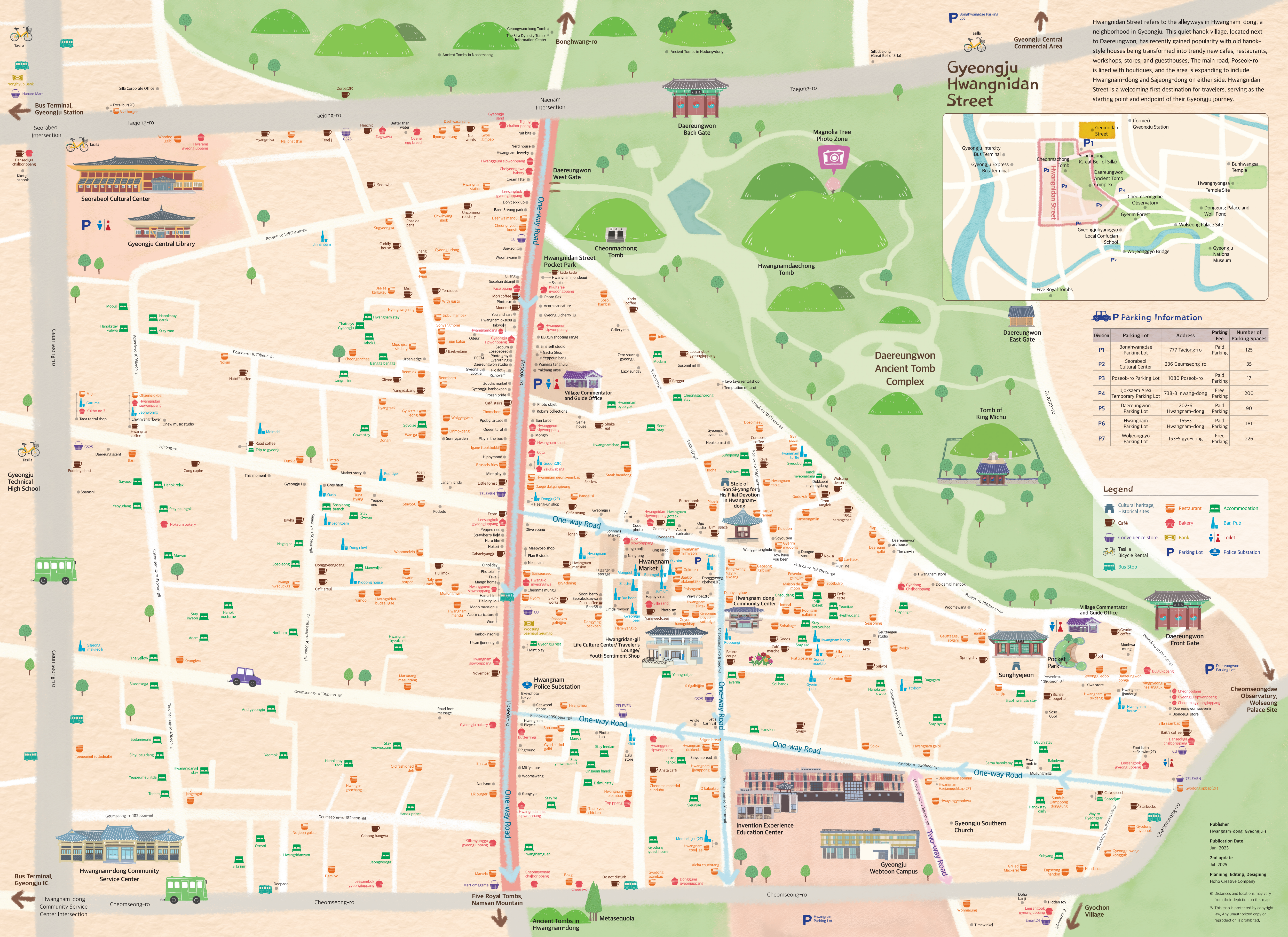
## Apply Now for Cultural Tourism Commentary

At 18 historical sites throughout Gyeongju, you can receive detailed information and commentary from professional cultural tour guides completely free of charge. For free cultural tour guide commentary in Gyeongju, visitors can apply in advance through the Gyeongju Culture & Tourism website at least five days prior to their outing. Visit Gyeongju Culture & Tourism website (Eng) -> Apply -> Application for cultural tourism commentary

## Inquiries

Tourist information Center at Bus Terminal | 054 772 9289  
Tourist information Center at Gyeongju Station | 054 771 1336  
Tourist information Center at Bulguksa Temple | 054 746 4747  
Call Center at Gyeongju City | 054 779 8585





### P Parking Information

Division	Parking Lot	Address	Parking Fee	Number of Parking Spaces
P1	Bonghwangdae Parking Lot	777 Taejong-ro	Paid Parking	125
P2	Seorabeol Cultural Center	236 Geumseong-ro	-	35
P3	Poseok-ro Parking Lot	1080 Poseok-ro	Paid Parking	17
P4	Jiksaem Area Temporary Parking Lot	738-3 Inwang-dong	Free Parking	200
P5	Daereungwon Parking Lot	202-6 Hwangnam-dong	Paid Parking	90
P6	Hwangnam Parking Lot	165-3 Hwangnam-dong	Paid Parking	181
P7	Woljeonggyo Parking Lot	153-5 gyo-dong	Free Parking	226

### Legend

- Cultural heritage, Historical sites
- Café
- Convenience store
- Tasilla Bicycle Rental
- Bus Stop
- Restaurant
- Bakery
- Bank
- Accommodation
- Bar, Pub
- Toilet
- Police Substation

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