

# Dalmaji Hill offers trinkets, tours and more

Performances, hand-made items, walking tours among highlights

A journey up Dalmaji Hill is never a bad way to spend a day. But, it's even better when spring breezes are blowing in from the ocean, the sky is a stunning blue and the weekend art market and walking tour program are in effect.

From March through November, local artists and handicraft makers offer their wares at Haewoljeong Square, located at the top of Dalmaji Hill, from noon to 7 p.m. on weekends from March until November, and from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. from July to September.

Visitors can not only purchase various handmade products from between 20 and 30 vendors, they can also see some products made on the spot. Various programs are offered every month, including the sharing of plants, making fans, face painting and more. Live musical performances are also scheduled at 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

In addition to the weekend markets, free walking tours of the area at 1:30 p.m. on weekends are also available from March through November, except July and August. The tours span Dalmaji Hill to the Cheongsapo fishing village area.

Saturday walking tours begin at



The abandoned railroad on the Donghae-Nambu line is a great place for walking tours.

the Dalmaji entrance and end at Cheongsapo. Highlights include the art market, performance viewing, then finally a walk toward the Cheongsapo fishing village. Visitors can check out painted murals, the stepping stone observatory built last year and the lighthouses at Cheongsapo. On Sunday, visitors can walk along the abandoned railroad on the Donghae-Nambu line.

Tours are typically given in Korean, although occasionally there is an English speaking tour guide available. Even without the English, the experience is worthwhile for all involved, regardless of language.

Up to 30 people can participate in each tour and reservations can be made online or on the day of the event. Tours are cancelled due to rain.

"I happened to know about this



There are plenty of handicraft items on offer from local producers at Haewoljeong Square.

program and decided to participate. I thought it really seemed like the best program for a spring outing," said Ilhun Jeong, a recent participant. "Looking around Dalmaji road and Cheongsapo beach with an explanation from the tour guide made me feel like as if I had travelled somewhere distant without needing to

travel far. I would highly recommend it to others."

A Haeundae tour official noted the number of people interested in the walking programs such as the one on Dalmaji Hill are increasing every year. "We are trying to promote this walking course actively. We are planning to operate more programs where tourists can enjoy the nature and culture all over the area of Dalmaji and Cheongsapo," he said.

• **How to get there:** Jungdong Station (Metro line 2), exit 7. Walk 10 to 15 minutes toward Mipo Ogeori (five-way intersection) toward the Dalmajigil sign. Either walk up from there, or take bus 39, 100, 139, 141 or 200 and get off at the Mipo Moontan Road entrance bus stop.

• **Walking tour schedule check and registration:** [tour.haeundae.go.kr/html/walking\\_tour/gallery\\_tour.php](http://tour.haeundae.go.kr/html/walking_tour/gallery_tour.php)

• **Walking tour assembly place:** At Mipo five-way intersection at the entrance of Dalmaji road (Google GPS: 35.16110, 129.1719) on Saturday, and at the entrance of Mipo railroad (35.160015, 129.170826) on Sunday.

## ■ Schedule

Month	Date	Starting Point
April	7,14,21,28	Dalmaji Hill~
	1,8,15,22,29	Donghae-Nambu Line~
May	5,12,19,26	Dalmaji Hill~
	6,13,20,27	Donghae-Nambu Line~
June	2,9,16,23,30	Dalmaji Hill~
	3,10,17,24	Donghae-Nambu Line~

# Get cultured at Gamcheon Culture Village celebration

Annual event to be held across three days

Folks looking to get a taste of past and present Busan are in for a treat when Gamcheon Culture Village hosts its 8th annual community festival from April 27 to 29.

Gamcheon Culture Village, now a popular arts and history destination in Saha-gu (district), was originally a refugee haven during the Korean War.

The village was developed quickly to house a lot of people. This resulted in a place that was densely jam packed.

As those homes had long-developed noticeable signs of wear, many of them were repaired and refreshed several years ago. They ultimately received vivid, artistic coats of paint that have become synonymous with the location and are just one of the reasons Gamcheon Culture Village has gained wide interest, not only from local residents, but from people around Korea and around the world.



Event activities always bring lots of visitors.

The 8th annual festival will welcome visitors with nearly two dozen kinds of performances and programs this year. A festival parade will be held twice-a-day that will encompass the entirety of the village. Diverse fashion styles will be represented by residents during the parade including school uniforms, *hanbok* (Korean tra-

ditional clothing) as well as retro styles from the 1970s and 1980s. Percussionists will also perform, as well as elementary and middle school students who will participate in band, orchestra and musical performances. A play, traditional wedding custom performances and a singing contest are also on tap.

Buskers are expected to perform at the Gamcheon community center, local artists will show off some of their best works at an exhibition.

A sand art experiential program is scheduled, while historical activities such as carrying water while utilizing an "A-Frame" device will help to connect people with the past. And, of course, there will be plenty of food and souvenir booths set up along the way.

Houses are packed in tight in Gamcheon Culture Village. Its colored roofs comprise varying hues and its maze-like alleys and more make a visit here an experience unlike many other neighborhoods in Busan. Last year, more than 60,000 patrons attended the community festival.

• **How to get there:** Toseong Sta-

tion (Metro line 1), exit 6. Take minibuses 1-1, 2 or 2-2 and get off at Gamjeong Elementary School. Walk straight to the entrance of village.

• **Information:** [gamcheon.or.kr](http://gamcheon.or.kr)

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