

## NEWS

# Busan schedules 12 months of fests and fun

Walk among flowers, lie in the sun, marvel at fireworks and celebrate the holidays

A new year and a new decade have arrived in Busan, and the city of water, movies and tourism looks to become even more dynamic in 2020.

A river cruise, which offers a beautiful night view of Haeundae via the Suyeong River, is scheduled to begin operations later this month. The Busan City Tour Bus will begin operations to Dongnae in March. There are also many festivals and global

events that will make Busan a destination of choice for people around the world.

International arts festivals in music, dance, theatre and visual arts will appear again throughout the year. The months of April through October offer the Busan International Short Film Festival (April), the Busan International Dance Festival and Busan International Performing Arts Festival (June), the Busan International Rock Festival (July), the Busan International Comedy Festival (August), the Busan Biennale and the Busan Maru International Music Festival (September), the Busan International Film Festival and

the Busan Choral Festival (October).

There will also be opportunities to enjoy K-Pop, K-Beauty and great local food. The 2020 Busan Craft Beer Festival will be held in June, while the Busan One Asia Festival, Busan Beauty Festival and Busan Webtoon Festival will run in October.

Busan will also be host to numerous athletic events. The 2020 World Table Tennis Championship, which will bring together the world's strongest table tennis players, will be held in March, and the ITTF World Tour Korea Open will be hosted in July. Golf competition in the LPGA will begin in October.

When winter's dreary trees are replaced with pink cherry blossoms, you know spring has begun in earnest. From the middle of April to Buddha's Birthday at the end of the month, temples and parks will hang beautiful lanterns around the city and launch them into the sky.

Summer will continue to be Busan's most dynamic time through its sea and maritime festivals, including the International Marine Leisure Week and Ad Stars. Finally, colorful Christmas trees and light festivals will be held throughout the winter, when Busan says goodbye to 2020 and hello to 2021.

<b>Feb.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020 Drone Show Korea (Feb. 20-22)</li></ul>				<b>Oct.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020 LPGA Regular Tour</li><li>• International Art Fair</li></ul>		
<b>Mar.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020 World Table Tennis Championships</li><li>• Cherry Blossom festivals (End of March)</li></ul>	<b>Jul.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busan International Kids &amp; Youth Film Festival (July 7-13)</li><li>• Busan International Rock Festival</li><li>• ITTF World Tour Korea Open</li></ul>	<b>Sept.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020 Busan Biennale (Sept. 5-8)</li><li>• Busan Maru International Music Festival</li></ul>	<b>Nov.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busan Fireworks Festival</li><li>• G-STAR 2020 (Nov. 19-22)</li></ul>	
<b>Apr.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busan Lotus Lantern Festival</li></ul> 				<b>Oct.</b>		<b>Dec.</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busan Nakdong River Yuchae Flower Festival</li><li>• Busan International Short Film Festival (April 22-27)</li></ul>	<b>Aug.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busan Sea Festival</li><li>• Busan International Comedy Festival</li><li>• Korea International Marine Leisure Week (Aug. 21-27)</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busan International Film Festival (Oct. 8-17)</li><li>• 2020 Busan International Craft Beer Masters Challenge (Oct. 16-18)</li><li>• 2020 Busan One Asia Festival</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busan Christmas Tree Culture Festival</li><li>• Bell tolling ceremony</li></ul>		

Schedule subject to change.

## Local Seollal events for culture and fun

Here's what's going on in the city from Jan. 24 to 27.

Many of Busan's museums, music halls and centers of culture and art plan to carry out normal operations and special events during the four-day holiday period of *Seollal* (Korean lunar New Year).

The day lands on Jan. 25 in 2020, two weeks earlier than in 2019, but the official Seollal holiday stretches four days, from Jan. 24 to 27. Busan Museum and Jeonggwan Museum, well known for their exhibitions and Korean traditional theatre, will give citizens and residents New Year's activities. Busan Museum will provide visitors with outdoor folk games, such as *tuho* (pitch-pot), *gulleongsoe* (hoop rolling), *jegichagi* (similar to Western hackysack), and *paengichigi* (top spinning), on Jan. 25.

Additionally, the lobby of Busan Museum has begun an exhibition entitled "Five Hundred Arhats of Changyeonsa Temple Site: Reflec-

tion of Our Hearts," which is running until Feb. 2. The lobby is filled with 50 statues of arhats, who were the followers of Buddha. The space is made to look like nature, where arhats meditated and practiced Buddha's teachings, and provides a space for visitors to do so, as well. There will also be traditional performances in the lobby on Jan. 25. Gijang-gun's (county) Jeonggwan Museum, which reproduces life from Korea's historical three kingdoms (Goguryeo, Baekje and Silla) will additionally provide a folk game program on its first floor between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the entire four-day period.

The Busan National Science Museum will provide visitors with a 50-percent discount of its usual admission fee of 3,000 won. In addition, the venue's outdoor plaza will operate a program for visitors to play traditional folk games with a more scientific approach. The museum's special exhibition, "The Challenge to Space," is also being held, in commemoration of the 50th



Citizen's Park is offering sledding until Feb. 9.

anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The exhibition serves visitors with unique experiences related to space exploration technology, such as satellites, space stations and laboratories. Using virtual reality, visitors can walk on the surface of the moon, control unmanned probes and experience weightlessness.

The exhibition will run until March 31. Tickets are 5,000 won for adults and cost 6,000 won if purchased in a package with the permanent exhibition hall. The museum is closed on Jan. 25 and 28.

There are additional events ongoing at Busan Citizen's Park. Dasom Plaza is operating outdoor sledges

and ice tubes for children for free until Feb. 9. The park's pond is the center of the location's light festival that will run until Jan. 31. This festival brings the park colorful illuminations, an 80-meter-long light tunnel, twinkling walkways and more for some great photo opportunities.

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