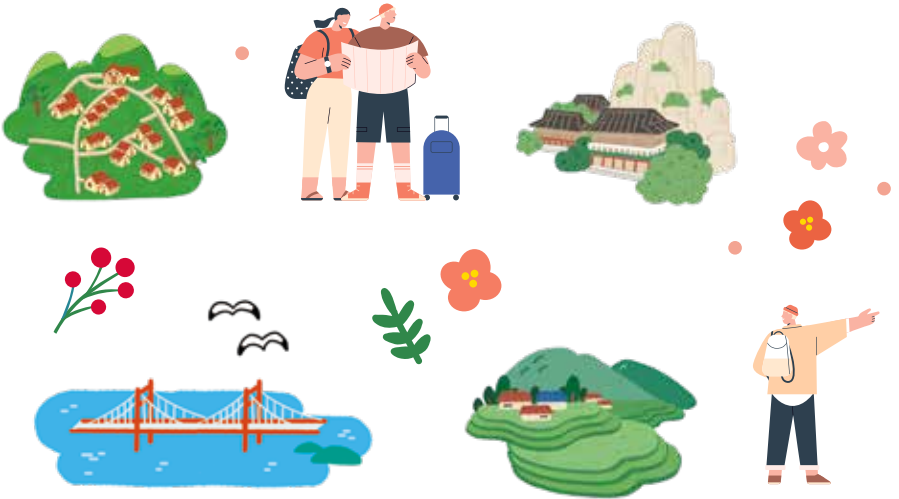




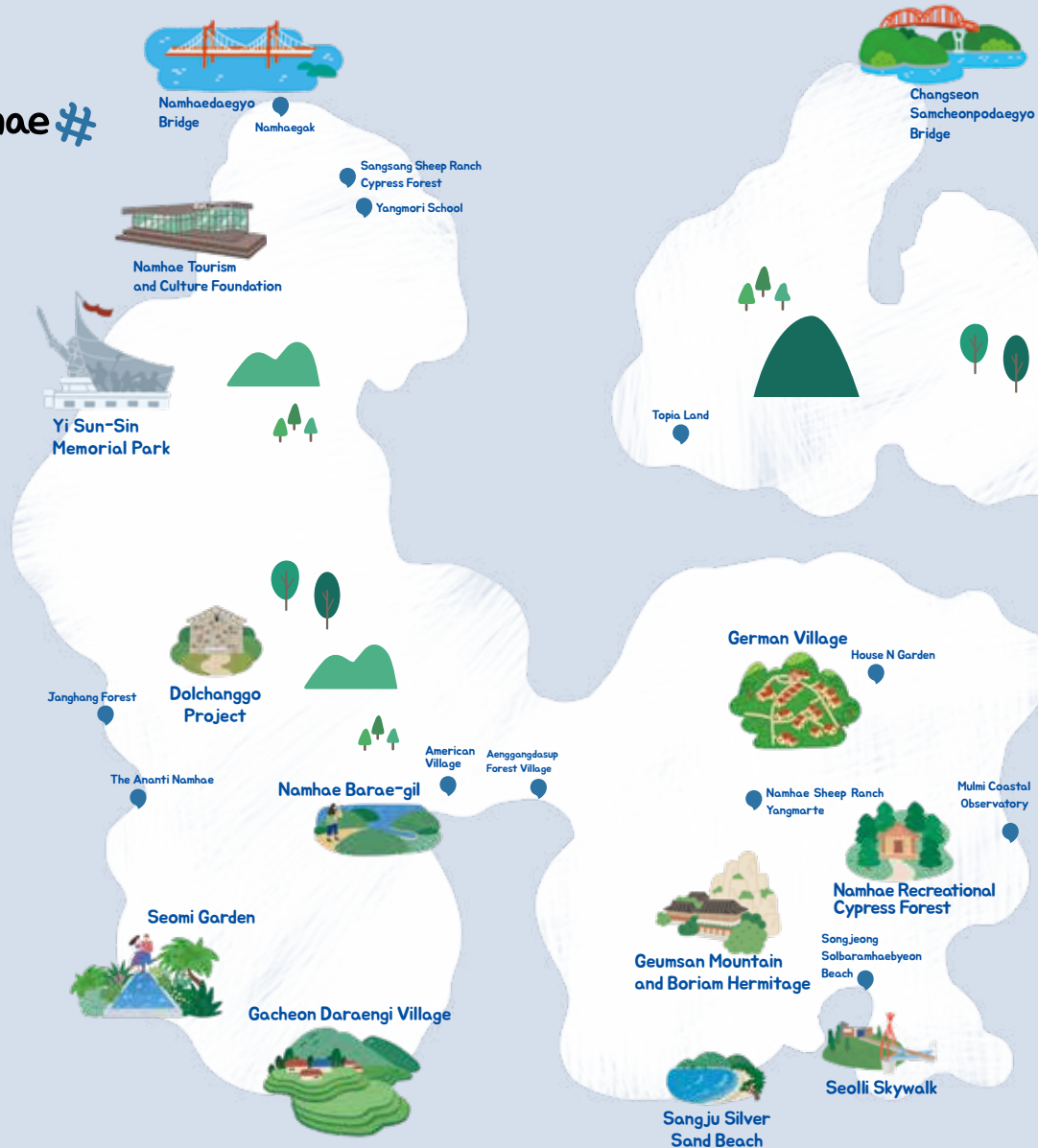
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Namhae, the Treasure Island

Namhae County consists of five inhabited islands including Namhaedo Island located at the center of Namhae, or “South Sea” coast in the Korean Peninsula and Changseondo Island, and 73 uninhabited islands. The county has a total population of 42,000. As the main island, Namhae Island is Korea’s fifth largest island after Jeju Island, Geojeo Island, Jindo Island, and Ganghwado Island. Balmy in winter and cool in summer, the county with ideal climactic conditions makes for an ideal destination for traveling, while its beautiful coastline is noted for natural landscapes strewn with mountains and islands small and large. Namhae is filled with copious legends and tourist attractions, earning the nickname “Treasure Island.”





How to Get to Namhae

Welcome to Namhae



2 Changseon Samcheonpodaegyo Bridge

With full length of 3.4 kilometers, Changseon-Samcheonpodaegyo Bridge is Korea's first bridge joining multiple islands between Changseondo Island and Samcheonpo. Five bridges linking three islands create a magnificent sight evocative of a bridge museum, making it an extraordinary tourist attraction in the world.



3 Underwater Tunnel between Namhae and Yeosu (To Be Completed)

An underwater tunnel whose opening is highly anticipated is expected to become the major platform for Namhae tourism, making the area the hub of the entire south of Korea. The tunnel is to link two major provinces, Jeolla and Gyeongsang, by way of Namhae County.



1 Namhaedaegyo Bridge & Noryangdaegyo Bridge

Opened in 1973, Namhaedaegyo Bridge is the country's first suspension bridge connecting Namhaedo Island to the mainland. It is known as the most beautiful bridge in Korea. Noryangdaegyo Bridge, which opened in 2018, was newly added as a substitute bridge for Namhaedaegyo Bridge. It was applied with the world's first inclined tower and cutting-edge technology of three-dimensional cable system.

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Top 100 Korean
Tourist Attractions

1

A trip to Germany without the need for a passport

German Village



The German Village was built by Korean workers who spent many years in Germany contributing to the Korean economic development during the 1960s and 1970s before returning home. Since its completion in 2003, the village's white walls and red-tiled roofs have become the symbol of Namhae, with the beautifully manicured gardens, German restaurants, beer hofs, and craft shops adding an exotic atmosphere. The German Village Beer Festival held in the village plaza in October is well-known in Korea. The Ausstellungsraum displays many memorabilia of Dispatched Korean Nurses and Miners' former days in Germany.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

House N Garden



House N Garden was a village built by some 20 gardeners who designed 21 unique houses and gardens inspired by cultural themes of foreign countries. Visitors can enjoy strolling and watching beautiful gardening works found in homes and sculptural and topiary gardens.

2

“One of the 3 Must-Visits in Korea” by CNN

Gacheon Daraengi Village



The sight of “Terraced Paddy Field (designated as Scenic Site No. 15)” on the mountain slope facing the blue sea, alongside a male-and-female pair of rocks, exudes an age-old sentiment unique to this village. The scenic sight, evocative of Peru’s graduated terrace steps, actually started with the difficult times in the old days when villagers who could not grow crops built 108 stone steps on the mountain. Down the steep steps is a village where visitors can walk along narrow winding roads that meet the trail along the coast.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

The Ananti Namhae



The sight of this 18-hole golf course against the indigo blue sea reminiscent of the Mediterranean Sea as backdrop is simply awe-inspiring. The resort, boasting of 150 suites and 20 grand villas in addition to the cultural complex Eternal Journey consisting of bookstore, lifestyle shop, and restaurants provide visitors with cozy relaxation.

3

The magnificent sunrise not found elsewhere

Geumsan Mountain and Boriam Hermitage



Geumsan Mountain, also known as “Namhaegeumgang” or “Sogeumgang,” was named as such for its resemblance to North Korea’s Geumgangsan Mountain, which is known for the stunning beauty of its oddly shaped rock formations. Legend has it that, at the end of the Goryeo period, Joseon Dynasty’s first king Yi Seong-gye spent one hundred days praying here before founding his kingdom. Situated atop a rugged precipice of Geumsan Mountain, Boriam Hermitage is one of Korea’s three major hermitages. Known to have been built by celebrated Buddhist priest Wonhyo during the Silla period, the hermitage comes with the legend that the spirit of Avalokitesvara here can grant an earnest prayer with one wish. The hermitage is also best-known for watching the rare but magnificent sunrise on clear days only, or it is visible to those who practiced virtue for at least three years.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

American Village



The American Village in Namhae County was built for Korean-American immigrants who wished to return home in the golden years. The village features various American-style houses for residence and weekend getaways.

4

Make memories of silver sand

Sangju Silver Sand Beach



Enveloped by a number of beautiful islets, the scenic Sangju Silver Sand Beach is well-known for its gentle waves and pleasant water temperature, making it an ideal vacation spot for vacationers with children. Above all, the main attraction is the sparkling silver sand that feels as soft as silk, as ticklish as feathers on bare feet, with the water so clear that silver sand grains are visible. Behind the beach is a lush pine forest creating a cozy atmosphere. The beach is a popular attraction in the area for both couples and families as there is a campsite behind the pine forest with well-known restaurants and charming cafés nearby.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

Songjeong Solbaramhaebyeon Beach



Songjeong Solbaramhaebyeon Beach boasts of perfectly unspoiled nature and atmosphere unique to the South Sea. The beautiful landscape of the stunning Hallyeong National Marine Park and the lush pine forest can easily leave the viewers in awe. This famous beach is situated alongside the coast of natural rocks and over one-hundred-year-old pine trees.

5

A time for healing in nature

Namhae Recreational Cypress Forest



Operated by the National Recreation Forest Management Office, the Namhae Recreational Cypress Forest is located north of the Hallyeohaesang National Park. The naturally scenic park includes a dense forest of hinoki cypress and cedar trees, known for their health-promoting effect of phytoncides planted during the 1960s, making the place ideal for healing forest therapy. The area featuring lodging facilities and campsites is one of the most popular getaway spots in the country. A docent-guided tour in the forest, which takes about one hour, is operated on reservation only.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

Namhae Sheep Ranch Yangmarte



At this small ranch located atop Gudusan Mountain, visitors can experience shepherding or feeding a herd of white sheep or watching the shepherd dog Border Collie at work. The area comes with a trail with occasional sightings of sheep and the cool valley in addition to Sangsang Sheep Ranch Cypress Forest and Yangmori School.

6

Do not announce my death!

Yi Sun-Sin Memorial Park



Admiral Yi Sun-sin’s last words continue to reverberate at this place. The Yi Sun-Sin Memorial Park was built to commemorate the patriotic spirit of Admiral Yi Sun-sin and his naval officers who died for the country at the Noryang Battle in 1598. In Korea, the Admiral Yi Sunsin Historic Site at Gwaneumpo Port in Namhae designated as Historic Monument No. 232, the Yi Sun-sin Visual Experience Hall, the Patriotic Plaza, and the Gwaneumpo Plaza are the holy grail and the site of important Korean history for historians and general public alike. The plaza features large lawns and fountains, making it fun and relaxing for children and adults. The Yi Sun-Sin Visual Experience Center displays various exhibitions and 3D films related to the Japanese Invasion in 1592 and the Noryang Battle and offers traditional activities such as archery as well as an arrow-throwing game called “Tuho.”

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

Namhaegak



Originally built in 1975, Namhaegak was a lodging facility and resting area for tourists visiting Namhaedaeyo Bridge. The building, though well-known, remained abandoned until it reopened recently. Today, Namhaegak is a cultural space that pays tribute to the past and present of Namhae and seeks its new and bright future.

7

The 231-kilometer long Barae-gil dedicated to Namhae mothers (16 Main Courses & 3 Branch Courses)

Namhae Barae-gil



For the past five hundred years, Namhae the Treasure Island has been called “Kkotbat,” or “Flower Garden.” Cherishing the natural bounty as it is can be experienced in person by strolling along Namhae Barae-gil. Celebrating its tenth-year anniversary in 2020, Namhae Barae-gil was remodeled under the theme “Namhae Barae-gil 2.0.” Namhae Barae-gil has a total length of 231 kilometers, including 16 main courses and 3 branch courses as it passes through 10 villages in Namhae County. The newly upgraded operation includes newly adjusted courses, sign posts, and information system. The name “Barae” is a local dialect used in the old days when Namhae mothers went out to pick seafood, such as kelp and seashells, in the mudflat in time for meals.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

Aenggangdasup Forest Village



Aenggangman Bay is one of the two seas trapped by the coast of Namhae. The local-sounding name “Aenggang” refers to the bay’s shape resembling an urn laid down or to the sound of the wave in the serene sea evocative of the sweet voice of a nightingale. This precious village embraces the beautiful blue sea and the forest. At the Sinjeon Forest Wild Flower Tourist Complex in particular, visitors will be captivated by the sight of the scenic landscape and clean and pure ecological environment.

8

Walk and fly above the sea!

Seolli Skywalk



Located behind Seolli Beach, Seolli Skywalk is the newly open viewpoint that has become one of the hottest places in Namhae. Due to its enormous scale and grand design, the skywalk is visible from towns miles away. The special feature, Skywalk Swing, or popularly known as “Sky Swing,” measures 38 meters in height, inspired by the famous tourist attraction Sky Swing Bali in Indonesia. The swing is designed to offer extreme thrills as it makes the rider in mid-air feel as if he/she is touching the sky above and falling into the sea below. After sundown, visitors can enjoy the nightscape from the entire Skywalk and take pictures of the setting sun. Seolli Skywalk is famous as the backdrop of the 2020 TV drama “True Beauty.”

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

Mulmi Coastal Observatory



The architectural design of the Mulmi Coastal Observatory was inspired by the lighthouse emitting beautiful light to the southernmost sea of Korea. Once inside, visitors can feel as if they are riding a super-luxury cruise ship to enjoy the panoramic 360-degree view of the sea. Equipped with a glass skywalk, the observatory is a great place for viewing the entire Namhae sea above picturesque cliffs.

9

Find a spot to take the best photos of your life

Seomi Garden



Seomi Garden is a privately operated arboretum built in the style of a European garden including stepped terrace fields unique to Namhae. Featuring stone walls, ponds, trees, and flowers, the garden is evocative of a charming petite village in the south of France as the exotic view of the azure ocean changes as visitors take steps up and down. Nine small gardens are kept separate thematically, creating a wonderful contrast in colors and forms, with trails for promenades lined with seasonal flowers becoming more beautiful through the years; thus making Seomi Garden an ideal location to take the best and most memorable photographs.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

Topia Land



Topia Land is Korea’s very first and one-and-only topiary garden specializing in the horticultural practice. Designed to provide healing moments to visitors, the garden features a fanciful green forest of trees and shrubs clipped into various shapes. The name “Topia” is derived from the English term “topiary” referring to topiary practices or plants.

10

Dolchanggo came to life again with retro sensibilities

Dolchanggo Project



Back in the old days, modern building materials, such as cement and iron bars, were scarce on remote islands such as Namhaedo Island. To build granaries and warehouses, villagers gathered strength to carry and assemble stones, and completed buildings were used as the communal warehouse for storing grains or fertilizers. This is the origin of stone warehouses on the island. Over time, however, stone warehouses became defunct and abandoned. Starting in 2016, a new cultural wave of repurposing abandoned stone warehouses kick-started. Under the “Stone Warehouse Project,” the stone warehouse came to offer a new cultural space and a social lounge for residents and visitors alike to make interesting memories.

Recommended
Tourist
Attraction

Janghang Forest



Janghang Forest has joined the latest hotspot list in Namhae. The romantic forest trail in front of Janghanghaebyeon Beach, the soothing sight of the sea, and the delicious taste of local food in the area became popular among photo-loving visitors in search of hidden pretty spots. Janghang Forest has slowly gained its reputation through travelers who are into discovering undiscovered beauty out of ordinariness, with the increase number of charming cafés and shops continuing to give new, creative tweaks to the place.

Other Tourist Attractions



Mulgeon Windbreak Forest

A lush windbreak forest of over 2,000 trees forming a crescent moon shape creates a magnificent sight, and the beach featuring unique pebbles rounded by fierce waves boasts of the unique visual beauty of the South Sea. In nature, the purpose of windbreak forests is to slow wind down, trap seawater, and protect fish habitats.



Elim Marina & Resort

In 2020, Elim Marina & Resort, Korea's very first of its kind, reopened as a culture and recreation complex. Under the new concept of promoting culture, comfort, and recreation, the marina and resort provide visitors with activities to experience yachting sport, Mediterranean dining, concerts, and exhibitions in front of the beautiful South Sea.



Bamboo Fishing Weir at Tjok Strait

Bamboo fishing weir is a traditional nature-friendly way of fishing in the region. The large V-shaped bamboo stake traps catch fish in the rapid waters of Namhae rushing at 13 kilometers per hour. Anchovies freshly caught this way in the area are reputed to be one of the best in Korea.



Museum Namhae & Dongchangseon Stay

The closed-down Dongchangseon Elementary School was repurposed for recreation and culture and newly opened as a museum that provided up-and-coming young artists with opportunities to exhibit their artworks. On the first floor is an exhibition hall and a multi-purpose space (café), with creative studios for artists and art library on the second floor. The museum also operates an outdoor campsite and a pool for children.



Namhae Museum of Exile Literature

Namhae Exile Museum is the country's first and largest of its kind dedicated to literary works of those who lived in exile on Namhaedo Island. Once the site of exile during the Joseon Dynasty, Namhae is rich in culture and history. The museum houses exhibition halls specializing in varying themes for visitors to understand systematically the rare exile literary works and participate in experiential and educational programs.



Treasure Island Horse-Riding Land

Treasure Island Horse-Riding Land is a public horseback riding park on Changseondo Island. During the Joseon Dynasty, the entire island was a ranch. Guided by instructors, visitors can safely try horseback riding in the equestrian round pen and feeding the animal, among other activities.



Namhae Traditional Market

Located at the heart of Namhae-eup, Namhae Traditional Market specializes in ocean-fresh Jukbang anchovy, abalone, king prawn, and hairtail as well as specialty produce from Namhae such as Namhae garlic, Namhae spinach, Changseon bracken, Namhae citron, and Treasure Island hanu beef. Visitors can enjoy all sorts of delicacies here as fish shops sell fresh fish to go, with the alley of diners inside the market selling local dishes.



Yongmunsa Temple Stay

Situated atop Hogusan Mountain or about 650 meters above sea level, Yongmunsa Temple is the oldest temple boasting of the largest number of cultural treasures in Korea. The temple operates recreational temple stay programs for visitors seeking peace in mind and body.



Bitdamchon Village

Located in Hangchon Village in Seongu-ri, Nam-myeon, the quiet and cozy Bitdamchon Village features vacation villas built in 2011 by Namhae County. Like the name meaning "a village embracing the ray of light," the village is found on the hill where beautiful sunlight shines all year round. With the colorful and dainty building designs, indigo blue sea, and road lined with floral trees, Bitdamchon Village is known for the exotic atmosphere inspired by small Mediterranean towns.



Sachon Beach

Sachon Beach has been a preferred destination among couples seeking a sense of privacy, for the relatively small beach is reputed for the romantic pastel-toned sunset and overnight car camping. Songnim Camground overlooking the beach offers about 20 tents for campers.



King Bay Tree

(*Machilus thunbergii*) in Danhang Village, Changseon-myeon

Driving along the coastal road from Changseon-Samcheonpodaegyo Bridge toward Danhang, visitors can naturally turn their attention to an unusual sight. The King Bay Tree (*Machilus thunbergii*), which is known to be at least five hundred years old, appears to be a small mound of greens from afar; upon closer look, however, it is indeed a live tree of remarkable grandeur and elegance. The presence of such an exquisite tree makes Namhae a treasure island.



Haeoreum Art Village

Haeoreum Art Village located on the hill overlooking the sea off Eunjeom Village features exhibition halls and art galleries holding themed shows, artist studios, traditional craft studios housed in the repurposed closed-down school, and outdoor picnic areas for families.

Major Festivals Held in Namhae County



May

Treasure Island Mijo Port Anchovy Festival

Mijo Port, a Napoli of Namhae, is famous as the center of various seafoods including anchovy. The festival is held in May when fresh anchovy tastes best. Visitors to the festival can enjoy watching anchovy auctions and take part in making pickled anchovy. The festival also offers various experiential programs, making the visit here very enjoyable. Visitors can observe fishermen collecting anchovies from the net twice a day and taste delicious anchovy dishes throughout the festival.

July

Treasure Island Garlic & Hanu Beef Festival

At the Garlic and Hanu Beef Festival, visitors can taste delicious Treasure Island Garlic and Hanu beef. Cultivated in the gentle sea breeze, garlic from Namhae tastes deliciously pungent, which of course goes oh-so-well with locally bred Hanu beef from healthy fat cattle grown in the eco-green environment of Namhae.



August

Sangju Silver Beach Summer Festival

Held during the hottest time of the year, the Sangju Silver Beach Summer Festival is a representative festival of Namhae beach festivals. The festival seeks to prove that Namhae is hip and trendy as it includes music festivals, EDM parties, Songnim Chicken-and-Beer Party, Beach Cinema on the Beach, and many marine leisure programs.



October

German Village Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest held in the German Village was inspired by the Oktoberfest in München, Germany, which is one of the world's top 3 festivals. Since its opening in 2010, the festival has become the largest beer festival in Korea. Beer-loving visitors can experience traditional German culture and taste authentic German beer and sausage dishes among native villagers without ever having to leave the country.



Namhae Foundation for Tourism and Culture



Founded in April 2021, the Namhae Foundation for Tourism and Culture is the county's first regional foundation specializing in tourism. For the purpose of catering to the new standards in daily life and tourism required in the New Normal era, the foundation serves as a think tank and a control tower in Namhae tourism. As Namhae County celebrates the Visit Namhae County Year in 2022, the Namhae Foundation for Tourism and Culture plans to "rebrand" Namhae by establishing tourism brand strategies and marketing plans, opening a new renaissance era of Namhae tourism. In time for the opening of the undersea tunnel connecting Namhae and Yeosu, the foundation aims to become the hub of regional tourism along the southern coast of Korea by establishing the Destination Marketing Organization, or DMO, customized for Korea's Namhae region and make the beautiful island of Namhae the safest destination of wellness for all citizens of Korea and the world. The rebranded Namhae will be a carbon-neutral green land paved with the sustainable future in tourism. In Namhae, visitors can experience a wide range of activities packed with healthful benefits and cultural enrichment through the "Europe in Korea" theme. Come and visit us today. We at the Namhae Foundation for Tourism and Culture always welcome you. Thank you.

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