

Expanding Description on Wikipedia Draft

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Yeosu City

- **History (Yeosu Expo Station)**

On December 25, 1920, Yeosu Station started to operate as a railway that connects *Yeosu* and *Gwangju*. On October 1, 2011, however, the station was relocated to *Deokchung-dong* and renamed **Yeosu Expo Station**, as the venue served for Yeosu World Expo in 2012.

- **Festivals**

Hyangiram Sunrise Festival (여수향일암일출제) is an annual festival that begins on New Year's Eve. It takes place at *Hyangiram Hermitage*, a historical building that was built in the year 644. The word "**Hyangiram**" itself refers to "**a hermitage facing the sun**", in which visitors could view the breathtaking panorama of sunrise over the horizon. The festival consists of other activities and cultural events such as fireworks, folk street music, and lighting of wishes.

- **Attractions**

1. **Hyangiram Hermitage**

Hyangiram Hermitage, a Buddhist Temple that was first built by *Monk Wonhyo* in the 7th century (644), is situated at the top of *Mount Geomosan*. Before it was renamed, the temple was initially known as Wontongam Hermitage. In the 9th year (958) of Goryeo King Gwangjong's reign, the temple has been renamed Geumoam Hermitage by *Monk Yunpil*. Meanwhile, *Monk Inmuk* changed its name for one last time during King Sejong's Joseon era (1715), which results in its current name Hyangiram Hermitage.

A fire had destroyed some parts of the temple, including the main hall, Daeungjeon Hall. In order to remain the cultural heritage, there are numerous parts of the temple have been restructured, and restored. It is also being said that, anyone who passes all seven stone caves along the path to Hyangiram Hermitage would have their wish granted.

2. Yeosu Yeongchwisan Mountain (영취산 (여수))

Yeongchwisan Mountain has traditionally been regarded as the *Yeosu* peninsula's spiritual protector. There are two Buddhist Temples on the mountain: ***Geumseongdae and Dosolam Hermitage***, where ritual ceremonies and prayers were held during ancient days. With only 510 meters above sea level, *Yeongchwisan Mountain* is an ideal place for family and hiking lovers. It only takes around four hours to reach the peak of the mountain. Also known for its azalea flower blossoms, an azalea festival is held annually on the mountain in April during spring. The festival provides a range of events, where visitors could enjoy local food, participate in spiritual activities, and contests.

Suncheon City

- **Museums**

The Deep-Rooted Tree Museum (순천시립 뿌리깊은나무 박물관)

The **Deep-Rooted Tree Museum** is located close to *Naganeupseong Walled Town*. A collection of Korean famous magazine's founder, *Han Chang-gi*; as well as artifacts from the Bronze Age to the present era are displayed. The museum also features 6,500 articles including Korean vintage literature books, folk arts, ceramics, and traditional items of clothing from the Three Kingdoms era, in which visitors could sense the ancient-modern Korean culture and lifestyles.

- **Filming Locations**

Jorye-dong, which is located in Suncheon is the largest filming site in Korea that preserves the 60s and 80s buildings. Visitors could experience vintage village life in the 1960s and 1980s, as there are 200 houses with 39,669.6 m². A remake drama written by Kim Soo-Hyeon <Love & Ambition> starring actor Lee Byung-hun and actress Soo-ae was filmed in Jorye-dong, Suncheon. Other hit movies and dramas such as <You are far Away> (2008) and <Giant> (2010) were also shot in the same city.

In 2021, the Korea Tourism Organization released a music video in collaboration with Korea's famous hip-hop label AOMG and Higher Music to produce a soundtrack to highlight the attractions and cultural heritage in Korea. The clips of the music video were filmed in Suncheon, which demonstrates the coexistence of tradition and contemporary lifestyles In Korea.

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