

Restaurants

Myeong-dong is one of the most dynamic and exciting areas in Seoul with the floating population estimated to be around 2 million a day. Being mecca of shopping, finance and culture, there are many hotels, cinemas, cafes and of course, great restaurants where you can taste gourmet Korean cuisines at reasonable prices. You could also find a lot of international restaurant chains on the main street of Myeong-dong.

Korean

Hanil kwan ① (<http://www.hanilkwan.co.kr>)

Price: 10000 – 45000 won per person

Location: B1, Ferum Tower, 66, Suha-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-1577-9963)

Open: 11:00-22:00

Menu: Bansang (Soup and rice special), Grilled short ribs, Galbitang, Seafood pancake

Founded in 1939, many famous people including former presidents have visited this restaurant. They have a variety of traditional Korean dishes including Korean ribs, BBQ, boiled meat soup(Galbitang) and dumpling soup. Galbitang is their main dish. Crowded in lunch time.

Yongsusan ② (<http://www.yongsusan.co.kr>)

Price: 50000 – 150000 won (for a course menu), 12000 – 55000 won (for a la carte) per person

Location: B1, Seoul Finance Center building, 71-84, Taepyeongno 1(il)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-771-5553)

Open: 11:30-15:00, 18:00-22:00

Menu: Korean beef of tender short-rib patties, Steamed fresh abalone, Beef cooked in a Dragon firepot.

Upscale Korean restaurant with great service and fresh local ingredients. This restaurant got Zagat ratings for the most popular restaurants in Seoul.

Dalgaebi ③ (<http://dalgaebi.co.kr>)

Price: 45000 – 110000 won (for a course menu) per person

Location: 3-7, Jeong-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-765-2035)

Open: 12:00-14:00, 18:00-22:00

Menu: Course including Daenamutongbap (rice steamed in bamboo), Salad and Grilled short ribs

Upscale high quality Korean food made with organic ingredients. You can see Duksu palace on a window seat. Beautifully decorated.

Gogoong ④

Price: 11000 – 20000 won per person

Location: 2F, Woori bank building, 11-1, Chungmuro 2(i)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-776-3211)

Open: 11:00-22:00

Menu: Jeongju traditional bibimbap, Bibimbap in a Hot Stone Pot

A nice, atmospheric restaurant famous for bibimbap. They also have good side dishes like Tteokbokki (stir-fried rice pasta) and Korean pancakes. Helpful staffs. Richard Rogerson's favorite.

Jeonjoo Jungang restaurant ⑤ (<http://www.jeonjoo.co.kr>)

Price: 10000 – 20000 won per person

Location: 24-11, Chungmuro 1(il)-ga Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-776-3525, +82-2-776-5889)

Open: 8:30-22:30

Menu: Jeonju bibimbap in a hot stone pot, Samgyetang (Chicken soup with ginseng)

This restaurant and Gogoong both are said to be the two greatest bibimbap restaurants. Helpful staffs. Popular among foreigners.

Nampo Myeonok ⑥

Price: 10000 – 15000 won per person

Location: 125, Da-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-777-3131)

Open: 11:30-22:00

Menu: Naengmyeon (Cold buckwheat noodles), Galbi Tang (Beef rib soup), Mandutguk (Dumpling soup)

Traditional North Korean cuisine. Pyeongyang cold noodle(Naengmyeon) is their main dish. Nice decorations inside.

Woorae Ok

Price: 11000 – 30000 won per person

Location: 118-1, Jugyo-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-2265-0151)

Open: 11:30-22:00

Menu: Neangmyeon, Korean BBQ, Yukhoe (sliced raw beef)

Founded in 1946, this restaurant is considered to be one of the best places for Naengmyeon (Pyeongyang cold noodle). Close to Euljiro4-ga station (line 2 & 5) exit 4. Crowded in lunch time.

Hadongkwan ⑦

Price: 10000 – 20000 won per person

Location: 10-4, Myeong-dong1(il)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-776-5656)

Open: 07:00-16:30

Menu: Gomtang(beef-broth soup), Suyuk (Boiled Beef or Pork Slices)

Opened in 1939, serve Gomtang(beef-broth soup) and Suyuk (Boiled Beef or Pork Slices) only. They give you more soup and rice for free if you ask. Crowded in lunch time. Low price.

Baek Jae Samgyetang ⑧

Price: 10000 – 20000 won per person

Location: 50-11, Myeongdong 2(i)-ga Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-776-3267)

Open: 09:00-22:00

Menu: Samgyetang (Chicken soup with ginseng), Jeonbokjuk (Rice porridge with abalone)

Serving up delicious pots of Samgyetang (Chicken soup with ginsang) for the past 40 years. Due to the widespread media coverage the restaurant draws many tourists; in fact, about 80% of the restaurant's customers are from Japan!

Tosokchon

Price: 20000 – 40000 won per person

Location: 85-1, Chebu-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul (+82-2-737-7444)

Open: 10:00-22:00

Menu: Samgyetang (Chicken soup with ginseng), Roasted chicken

A Korean restaurant known for Samgyetang (Chicken soup with ginseng) made with glutinous rice, ginkgo nuts, ginseng, garlic and jujube, as well as 30 different types of medicinal herbs and grains. Located near Gyeongbokgung station (line 3). Frequented by Late President Roh Moo-hyun.

Hanmiri ⑨

Price: 33000 – 120000 won (for a course menu) per person

Location: 2F, Premier Place Building, 96, Mugyo-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-757-5707~8)

Open: 11:00-15:00, 17:30-22:00

Menu: Course including grilled beef and steamed king prawn, Course including seasonal seafood cuisine

A specialty restaurant with a royal table set in a graceful and elegant atmosphere. The formal meal in brassware and Chinaware tastes very rich, as the natural seasonings are only used for dishes with the whole heart. Various course menus are offered.

Da-dong Traditional food street ⑩

Price: 5000 – 20000 won per person

Location: Namdaemun-ro 9-gil, Seoul

Famous for various local food restaurants located on it. (Nampo Myeonok is one of the restaurants located on it.) Here are some well-known stores on the street.

* Taesung Golbang-i: serving Golbang-i(gastropods), +82-2-779-0595

* O-neun Joung: serving Korean rip, +82-2-756-1658

* Yonggum Ok: serving Chu-tang(loach soup), +82-2-777-1689

O'sulloc ⑪

Price: 5000 – 10000 won per person

Location: 47-1, Myeong-dong1(il)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-774-5460)

Open: 9:00-22:30

Menu: Master's Tea 'Sejac', Green Tea Latte, Freddo Green Tea, Jeju Tangerine Milk Tea

In this cafe, you can taste Korean green tea, milk tea, and diverse green tea flavored dessert . They use Korean tea leaves grown in Jeju-island only.

Non-Korean

Andrea ⑬ (<http://www.andrea.co.kr>)

Price: 30000 – 70000 won per person

Location: 9F, Lotte Department Store Avenuel, 130, Namdaemunno2(i)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-2118-6211)

Open: 11:30-22:00

Menu: Pasta, Risotto, Grilled beef

Luii ⑭ (<http://www.luii.co.kr>)

Price: 20000 – 70000 won per person

Location: 61-21, Taepyeongno 1(il)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-736-8889)

Open: 11:30-14:30, 17:30-21:30

Menu: Chinese noodle soup, Fried oysters, crispy sweet and sour pork

Dintaifung ⑮ (<http://www.dintaifung.co.kr/>)

Price: 20000 – 40000 won per person

Location: 104, Myeongdong 2(i)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul

Open: 11:00-21:15

Menu: Chinses Dumpling, Chinese noodle soup

Vecchia E Nuovo ⑫ (<http://www.echosunhotel.com/seoul.action>)

Price: 30000 – 55000 won per person

Location: B1F, Westin Chosun hotel, 87, Sogong-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul (+82-2-317-0022)

Open: 11:30-22:00

Menu: Breads, Cakes, Tarts, coffees

