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## Port of the heavens, Geomundo Island

Geomundo Island, located in the mid-point between Yeosu city and Jeju Island, is located as if three islands, Dongdo Island, Seodo Island, and Godo Island, have opened up a folding screen. The cliffs, along the coast, form a beautiful view, and the sea views seen from Geomundo Lighthouse, which lighted the camellia forest and the southern seas for the first time, touches the viewer's heart automatically.

Geomundo Island is 114km away from the mainland; it takes about 2 hours and 20 minutes from the Yeosu Cruise Terminal. The three islands of Seodo, Dongdo, and Godo embraces the visitors. It's not only one island, but three islands are tied together as one. It's one but three, and three but one.

The tour around the island begins at the dock in Geomun-ri, Godo Island. The natural breakwater shows why this place a natural dock. Of course the cruise goes via Seodo Island and Dogdo Island, but the final destination is the Godo Island. The dock was first built by the British forces during the Japanese colonial era. It became the main residence and logistics area used by the Japanese, and the area has been remained so far.



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Once there were about 13 thousand people living here, but now it's less than a sixth of the number. This area is, however, now used for the crowd of visitors all year around. Geomundo Island's fish and seafood market is full of energy. The island is also popular among fishermen for the silver cutlass fish during the summer season.

The best sellers are Japanese Spanish mackerels in spring, and dried spipefish jerky in fall. Looking at the sea, it reminds us of the history of Korea we learned at school. It was written, "After securing the Geomundo Island, the British forces built barracks in Godo and also set billiard hall and tennis court. They got along with the native, employed them and paid them wages. However all these efforts was to completely secure the Geomundo Island which was a naturally blessed dock. They also named the dock Hamilton after the Deputy-minister of Navy".



The British forces only stayed for 2 years, but the traces are still on the island. The camellia flowers fall in spring in Geomundo Island, where you can remind the sad history of Korea. The graves and souls of the young seamen, and the wavy southern sea will be a beautiful memory for tourists.

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