



ISC 2027 GIMHAE, KOREA

International Submariners Congress

Schedule & Venue Guide — a day-by-day itinerary and companion guide to the delegations' host cities.

DATES

May 17–21, 2027
4 nights, 5 days

VENUES

Gimhae
(Main) ·
Busan
Jinhae ·
Ulsan ·
Gyeongju

HOSTED BY

Korea Submarine Association · City of
Gimhae · ISC 2027 Gimhae Organizing
Committee



Over four nights and five days, delegations travel between Gimhae, Jinhae, Busan, Ulsan and Gyeongju — visiting Korea's submarine force, its shipbuilding industry, and sites of shared naval history, alongside Korea's cultural heritage and cuisine. This guide gives the full daily schedule with each day's venues immediately following, then closes with the hotel, cuisine, cultural program, and participation details.

DAY 1 · 5/17 Welcome	DAY 2 · 5/18 Jinhae & Gimhae	DAY 3 · 5/19 Busan	DAY 4 · 5/20 Ulsan & Gyeongju	DAY 5 · 5/21 Farewell
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TIME	local time	PROGRAM	activity, meal or transfer	OPERATING POINT	logistics note
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Convention Hotel



ISQUARE Hotel, Gimhae

Directly connected to ISQUARE Mall, Gimhae, Republic of Korea
Hosts the opening ceremony and welcome banquet · full facilities on page 13

Free Time in Gimhae

 Gimhae Lotte Outlet	 Gaya Theme Park	 Bongri-dan-gil
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Welcome

TIME	PROGRAM	OPERATING POINT
~15:00	Gimhae Airport → Hotel — national delegation arrivals	Check-in & registration (name tags, program books, welcome gifts)
17:00	Opening Ceremony · Peace Message · Exchange of National Gifts	—
19:00	DINNER Welcome Banquet	Hotel



Delegations arrive over the course of the afternoon and are escorted to the convention hotel by Korea Submarine Association members, where registration, the opening ceremony, and the welcome banquet all take place.

Jinhae & Gimhae

TIME	PROGRAM	OPERATING POINT
07:30	BREAKFAST	Hotel
08:30	Visit to Jinhae — ROK Naval Academy & Museum · ROK Submarine Force Command & History Hall	Bus service, 1 round trip
12:00	LUNCH	Near Jinhae
13:30	Gimhae Historical Tour	Minimal-walking course
18:00	DINNER	Gimhae Hanok Experience Center, outdoors
21:00	Return to Gimhae accommodation	—



01 ROK Naval Academy & Museum

Founded in 1946 to train Republic of Korea Navy officers, the academy sits on the Haesa Peninsula in Jinhae-gu, Changwon. Its museum — the Navy's only national museum — includes the Yi Sun-sin Memorial Hall and the Naval History Hall, plus a full-scale "Turtle Ship" replica, rebuilt in 1980, which visitors may board on deck.

Schedule — Tue 5/18, 08:30 · Note — advance visitor list and clearance required; photography limited.



02 ROK Submarine Force Command & History Hall

Headquartered at Jinhae Naval Base, this fleet-level command was established in February 2015. It operates the Chang Bogo-, Son Won-il-, and Dosan Ahn Chang-ho-class submarines; its history hall traces the force's development, the closest link on the tour to the convention's own subject.

Schedule — Tue 5/18, 08:30 · Note — security clearance and visitor list required in advance; photography restricted.



03 Gimhae Hanok Experience Center

Built by the City of Gimhae, this hanok complex recreates a Joseon-era noble residence across seven buildings and 13 guest rooms, near Gaya heritage sites including the Tomb of King Suro and the Gimhae National Museum. It hosts tonight's outdoor dinner.

Schedule — Tue 5/18, 18:00, dinner · Location — Bonghwang-dong, Gimhae.



04 Myeongwol Cultural Space

A mixed-use space inside the Hanok Experience Center — café and artisan gallery below, book café above — with an evening garden lit around a pond and stone lanterns, a fitting setting for conversation and photos around dinner.

Use — conversation & photos, before/after dinner.

Busan

TIME	PROGRAM	OPERATING POINT
07:30	BREAKFAST	Hotel
09:00	Busan UN Memorial Cemetery — Memorial Ceremony & Wreath-laying	Bus service, 2 round trips
12:30	LUNCH	Near Busan
14:00	Busan Cultural Tour (Yeongdo Bridge / Gukje Market / Jagalchi, Centum City, Dongbaekseom)	—
18:00	DINNER	Near Busan
19:00	Return to Gimhae accommodation	Delegation heads: Submarine Research Institute delegates' meeting



05 UN Memorial Cemetery in Korea

The world's only UN cemetery, honoring forces who fell in the Korean War. Given the convention's European participation, wreath-laying routes by nation should be coordinated in advance.

Schedule — Wed 5/19, 09:00, memorial ceremony & wreath-laying.



06 Gukje Market

A landmark traditional market that grew from wartime refugee stalls; thousands of shops sell clothing, goods and street food beside the Kkangtong night market.

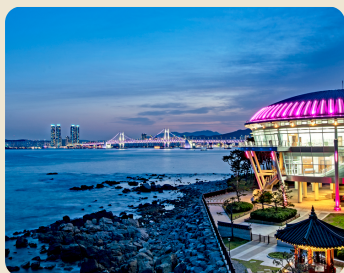
Schedule — Wed 5/19, 14:00, Busan cultural tour.



07 Jagalchi Fish Market

Korea's largest seafood market, where freshly caught catch is prepared on the spot — often cited as the most memorable Busan experience for visitors.

Schedule — Wed 5/19, 14:00, paired with Gukje Market.



08 Dongbaekseom & Nurimaru

A pine- and camellia-lined coastal path; the island's Nurimaru APEC House, site of the 2005 APEC Summit, overlooks Gwangan Bridge — a strong spot for group photos.

Schedule — Wed 5/19, Busan cultural tour.



09 Marine City

A high-rise district on reclaimed land in Haeundae, representing Busan's modern skyline — its night view with Gwangan Bridge is well known, with a coastal promenade of cafés and restaurants.

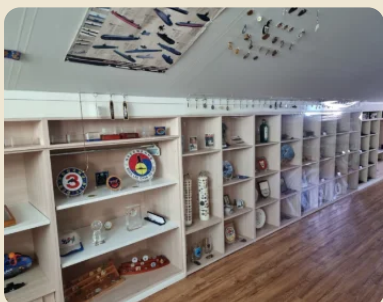
Schedule — evening view · connected on foot to The Bay 101 and Dongbaekseom.



10 The Bay 101

A waterfront complex near Dongbaekseom with a yacht marina, restaurants and cafés, known for Marine City's towers reflected on the water at night — a spacious terrace suits group visits.

Recommended for the evening free-time slot.



11 Submarine Research Institute

A private submarine archive in Yulha, Gimhae, opened in October 2022 by retired ROK Navy Captain Il Choi. It holds roughly 30,000 items — submarine documents, plaques, models and books from around the world — Korea's only dedicated submarine collection, and the stop expected to draw the strongest interest from national delegations.

Schedule — delegation visit & delegates' meeting · Location — Yulha-dong, Gimhae.

Ulsan & Gyeongju — Gala Night

TIME	PROGRAM	OPERATING POINT
07:30	BREAKFAST	Hotel
08:30	Ulsan HD Hyundai Heavy Industries — Site Inspection	Bus service, 3 round trips / midway rest stop
12:00	LUNCH	Gyeongju
13:00	Gyeongju Cultural Tour (Hwangnidan-gil / Daereungwon / Cheomseongdae)	—
18:30	DINNER Gala Dinner · Cultural Performance	Grand Ballroom / beverages & performance
20:00	Closing Ceremony · Handover to Next Host · Group Photo	—



12 HD Hyundai Heavy Industries

The world's largest shipyard, spanning merchant vessels, offshore platforms and naval ships; its special-vessel division has taken part in Korea's submarine construction program. Rows of Goliath cranes and dry docks symbolize the scale of Korea's shipbuilding and defense industries.

Schedule — Thu 5/20, 08:30 · Note — advance visitor list required; photography restricted.



13 Hwangnidan-gil

A street of converted hanok houses in Gyeongju's Hwangnam-dong, lined with cafés, workshops and gift shops, with ancient burial mounds rising beyond the rooftops — the starting point of Gyeongju's cultural tour route.

Schedule — Thu 5/20, 13:00, Gyeongju cultural tour.



14 Daereungwon Tomb Complex

Twenty-three royal and noble Silla-era tombs, with paths winding between grass mounds. The open interior of Cheonmachong reveals excavated artifacts and burial structure; flat terrain suits older participants.

Schedule — Thu 5/20, Gyeongju cultural tour.



15 Cheomseongdae Observatory

Built in the 7th century under Silla's Queen Seondeok, regarded as East Asia's oldest surviving observatory — 362 stones stacked in a cylindrical form, and a National Treasure of Korea. Reached on foot from Daereungwon.

Schedule — Thu 5/20, paired with Daereungwon.



16 Gyochoon Traditional Village

A hanok village home to the Gyeongju Hyanggyo Confucian school and the twelve-generation Choe family house, with traditional liquor and hanbok programs — an optional extension of the tour.

Schedule — Thu 5/20, optional course.

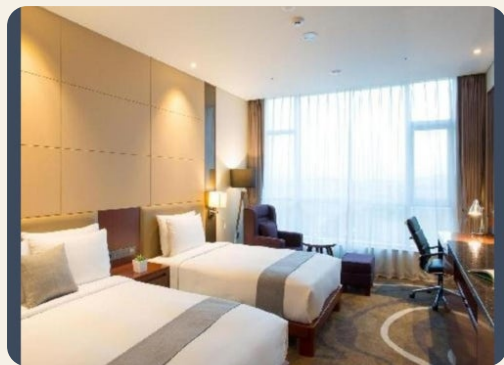
Farewell

TIME	PROGRAM	OPERATING POINT
08:00	BREAKFAST	Hotel
11:00~	Check-out · Airport transfer by flight schedule (send-off at Gimhae Airport)	Shuttle grouping

Thank you

On behalf of the Korea Submarine Association, the City of Gimhae, and the ISC 2027 Gimhae Organizing Committee — safe travels, and see you at the next convention.

Accommodation



ISQUARE Hotel, Gimhae

A full-service hotel directly connected to ISQUARE Mall in Gimhae, with a Grand Ballroom for ceremonies and dedicated dining and lounge facilities — the convention's primary hotel for the duration of the event, hosting the opening ceremony and welcome banquet on site.

Note — final room allocation to be confirmed.

LOCATION
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Gimhae

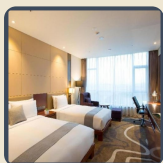
FROM THE AIRPORT
Busan-Gimhae Light Rail
Airport Station to Jangyu Station,
then a short taxi

CHECK-IN / OUT
15:00 / 11:00
standard hotel hours

ROOM GRADES
Deluxe – Royal Suite
Double, Twin & Family options

WI-FI
Complimentary
throughout the hotel

Hotel Facilities



Guest Room



Dining

A buffet restaurant offering a wide variety of cuisines.



Banquet Hall

Grand Ballroom, Concert Hall and Classic Hall for the opening ceremony, dinners and meetings.



Lounge & Fitness

A fitness club for delegations to unwind between events.

Directly connected to ISQUARE Mall — shopping, cinema, a medical center and a Lotte Mart are all on site.

Breakfast

A daily breakfast buffet is included for all delegations for the duration of their stay, served each morning before the day's schedule begins.

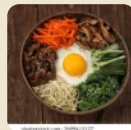
Korean Cuisine

Meals throughout the convention showcase Korea's signature dishes — including dwaeji-gukbap, a Busan/Gyeongnam specialty, and samgyetang, Korea's classic whole-chicken and ginseng soup — alongside vegetarian-friendly options such as hanjeongsik and bibimbap.



Hanjeongsik

A traditional Korean course meal served with an array of side dishes.



Bibimbap

Rice topped with vegetables, meat and egg, mixed with gochujang.



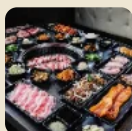
Dwaeji-gukbap

A Busan/Gyeongnam pork-bone soup served over rice.



Samgyetang

A whole young chicken simmered with ginseng, jujube and rice.



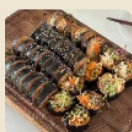
Korean BBQ

Grilled pork belly and other cuts, wrapped and eaten with fresh greens.



Korean Fried Chicken

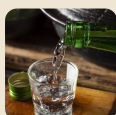
Crisp fried chicken tossed in a sweet-spicy glaze.



Gimbap

Rice and fillings rolled in seaweed — a Korean staple.

Korean Drinks



Soju

Korea's iconic clear distilled spirit.



Beer (Maekju)

Light lagers, often paired with fried chicken.



Makgeolli

A traditional, lightly sparkling rice wine.

Cultural Program & Optional Activities

Cultural Program

The Opening Ceremony and the Gala Dinner are the convention's cultural centerpieces — each built around a full program of live performance pairing Western classical and Korean traditional arts, so every delegation experiences the breadth of Korean culture on its two biggest nights.



Vocal & Chamber Ensemble

Gala-night stage of voice and strings.



Choir

Choral performance opening the ceremony.



Gayageum Ensemble

Traditional Korean string ensemble.



Traditional Performance

Flags and drums at the Gala Dinner.

NOTES

- Schedule and venues may be adjusted based on local conditions, weather, or approval for military/industrial site visits.
- Military and industrial sites require advance visit approval and photography clearance.
- Accommodation, dining and performance details are subject to change per final contracts.

Participation & Closing

Estimated Cost

PARTICIPATION FEE

approx. €500

/ person

Covers the full five-day program — ceremonies, tours, and site visits.

HOTEL

approx. €400

/ room

Twin-share room, 4 nights, breakfast included.

Final figures will be determined once participant numbers, the confirmed schedule, and exchange rate movements are all known. The organizers plan to provide all lunches and dinners, including beverages and alcohol, throughout the event at no extra cost to participants.

Notes

- On arrival at Gimhae Airport, members of the Submarine Association of the Republic of Korea will guide delegations to the hotel.
- Gifts from each national delegation will be displayed in the hotel lobby.
- Submarine diorama artworks will be on display in the hotel lobby.

Upcoming Timeline

31 Aug

Each national HOD confirms an expected number of participants.

30 Sep

Final event plan is set and announced, based on expected attendance.

31 Dec

Participation registration closes.

It is my great honor to welcome the world's Korea Submarine Association for the 62nd International Submariners Congress. May these five days deepen the friendship and shared history that unite our submarine forces, and carry that spirit forward to the next host nation.

Choi Il

President, Korea Submarine Association