# King Ling College S5 Grand Tour Report

# Destination: Seoul 5A (2022-2023) Group 3

# Day 1

It was so dull if we just stayed idle, so our group members decided to interview a minority of foreigners and locals, wondering if they got any ideas about Korean pop culture.



(Everyone was energetic!)

The interview section was not an easy journey that we kept being rejected by others. All of us were down and exhausted due to the endless failure. But a success was yet to come, we have finally completed the interviews afterward.



(We have finally completed the interview!)

Unfortunately, the good time did not last long, the boarding time was delayed twice that we could not set off on time. Our class was shrouded in a low-key atmosphere, but we have never complained since we could understand the accident was uncontrollable. With our self-discipline, we spent our spare time in the airport silently such as reading books, studying and taking a nap.



(Everyone was waiting patiently.....)

After that, we entered the flight and landed at Seoul successfully. The time we arrived at the local restaurant was 11p.m. already, all of us were dog-tired but the meal with palatable pork and soup was literally the supplement of our bodies. Our energy had been refilled slightly and it was time to rest. The first day of the tour ended after the short briefing by the teachers.



(The first meal in Korea!)

#### Day 2

We first visited the National Museum of Korea. We always default that Korea was a developed country that only a few relics existed. However, this label was completely flipped through the visiting. It was such a precious opportunity for us to understand the connection between Korean culture and its history. We were intensely getting into them.



(Get your jacket on and say CHEESEEE)

The War Memorial of Korea was the second tourist spot of the day. Without any exaggerations, we were amazed by those grand models of fighter aircrafts and tanks. The workmanship was so real that we kept taking photos with them. The Statue of Brothers would be the most impressive model after we knew about its touching story.



(It was a pity that we could not enter the plan)

After the museum visit, it was time to relax and have a hearty lunch. The meal has never disappointed us that we were all full of beans after trying those pork soup and rice.



(It was finger-licking that we forgot to take a picture until the meal was partly finished)

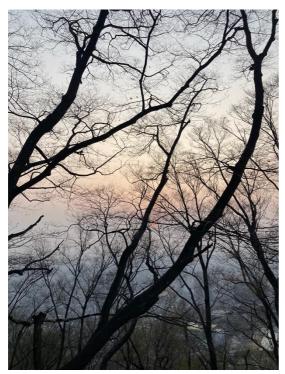
We felt satisfied and enjoyed a lot when walking along the footpath, with the comfortable weather and the deep quiet green lake.



(What a view!)

Here came to the last destination of the day, the N Seoul Tower. We queued for more than one hour to enter the tower, but once we reached the top of it, everything was just worth waiting for. The cherry blossoms in Seoul were unreal that the sky was full of soft pink and white, which caught our eyeballs dead.





(Breathtaking!)

Other than the famous Love Lock Wall, we spent the majority of the time at the observatory since we could enjoy the breath-taking scenery of the city there. What a fascinating trip. The day ended with an appetizing samgye-tang.





Day 3
After taking the ferry, we arrived at Nami Island. We had visited some of the famous attraction spots on the Island, ranging from the 'Home of the ostrich' to the waterfall.



(Looking at the waterfall was relaxing)

When walking in the TreeGo Village, we saw not only various kinds of tree plants, but also a peacock which displayed its fine tail feathers!



(Peacock with its tail feathers!)

Apart from the Nami Island, we had also traveled to the Lotte World, which was a must-go tourist attraction in South Korea. It was amusing enough for us to experience some rides, which did not appear in Hong Kong, like pirate ships and roller coasters which possess different speeds. Shopping in the souvenir stores, trying the snacks sold in the park and having fun on the rides were what we had experienced which most of the Korean students usually do after school.



(People was screaming on the Pirate ship, which is the most well-known ride in Lotte World)

The day ended with Korean Barbecue which was much more delicious than those in Hong Kong!



(Incredible taste!)

## Day 4

With everyone tidying up our uniform on the coach, all of us were looking forward to meeting our new friends. When we arrived at Youngil High School, we paired up with one Korean buddy each. Starting with a talk, both Youngil and King Ling students gave an introduction about the educational systems in the two places. It acknowledged the academic differences between Hong Kong and Korea.



(We've finally got the chance to visit to our sister school in person!!!)

Afterwards, we visited to the cafeteria, gym room, library and the football court, etc. It really impressed me how big a foreign school is! Another thing that made us overwhelmed was the enthusiasm from Korean students. They were so friendly and nice that we could get along quickly! I had thought it would be difficult for us to communicate because of the strong Korean accents of Korean. However, it turned out that they're not bad at English at all and languages weren't a problem!



(An improvised basketball competition between Korean and Hongkongers. Guess who won?)



(Finishing the school visit, what's waiting for us was the authentic Budae jjigae for lunch)

Having an opportunity to take off our school uniform, we all chose our favorite "Hanbok" and dressed like an ancient Korean. Among all the types of clothes with different colors, patterns and designs, everyone could find their loved ones. Despite the fact that all people were sweating under the hot weather, we still kept walking around in Gyeongbokgung to capture every unique corner there.



(Let's travel back to Joseon Dynasty)

## Day 5

It was the last day in Korea. We woke up as usual and enjoyed our last breakfast in the hotel. Although the food remained the same as the last 3 days, we had a very full breakfast. Afterwards, we began our journey by visiting to Naksan Park. After an hour of hiking, we finally made it to the top of the hill. With diverse types of birds and the stunning view in the mountain, it was worth climbing. Standing at the high, every one of us was so relieved as if all the troubles were put behind.



(Let's start hiking!!!!)

Then, we got to have lunch with Korean rice cake being the main dish. In the restaurant, there were different types of rice cake offered. For example, the one with cheese flavor and original taste. That was the last meal in Korea so all of us treasured the time a lot.



(Our last meal in Seoul)

After our lunch, we had free time in Dongdaemun. We walked around the shopping mall and bought some Korean souvenirs for our friends and family such as clothes and key chains. Everyone was coming back with bags and bags. After the packed schedule for five days, we're knackered that we all fell asleep in the coach at once. When we're waiting for the flight, most of us bought a drink in the coffee shop as the last drink in Korea. Although the tour came to an end here, this precious memory would engrave into our minds for good.



(The place which cost us so much money...)