

King Ling College

S5 Grand Tour Report

Destination: Seoul

5A (2022-2023) Group 4

March 31st, Day 1

Today was the day we finally departed Hong Kong for our Grand Tour - I, personally, have been looking forward to this day for all of the past night.

We gathered at Gate C in No.1 Departure Hall at 11 in the morning, ready to take our flight but it got delayed by about an hour and we had to switch gates. Fortunately, our plans didn't need to be changed.

Finally we arrived in Korea, we spent a long time entering Korea. After we finished all the procedures for entering, it was 10pm already. We were really tired. However, after we got on the bus, the tour guide introduced the basic information of Korea, for example the lifestyle, food culture, etc. We have a better understanding and clear image of Korea. It had some differences than we expected in the past. Because of the rapid development of South Korea, it has a better living condition.

Even though we spent most of the day in Hong Kong, we still learnt a lot about Korea because of the interviews we've done at the airport! We've enquired a few locals on their opinion on Korean pop music, and they were more than happy to help us. They mostly thought positively of Korean music, and their most popular choice for favourite band was NCT. We've also learned that people in general are more outgoing than we think, and the interview process helped some of us overcome our social anxiety.



We did not have the flight for a long time. When we saw the appealing view on the airplane, we were so excited.



Our dinner was Korean pork bone soup. It was a new kind of food for us.



The hotel we are going to stay in for the following days.

April 1st, Day 2

Happy April Fools! Hope nobody gets tricked too hard.

Second day was the real start of our Grand Tour, with all the plane delay and stuff.

In the morning, we visited the National Museum of Korea and the War Memorial of Korea. In the National Museum, we saw cultural relics with a history of more than 5,000 years fundamental to Korea's past and founding. A mural thousands of years ago let us peek at the lives of Koreans in different eras, and the influence of China on Korean culture.

In the War Memorial of Korea, the South Korean soldiers who died during the Korean War were commemorated. They have shown their loyalty to the country with their lives.

It's truly lucky that we do not live in a time where citizens' livelihoods are torn by war. We are living in a safer world.

After lunch, we went up the N Seoul Tower. There was a sea of cherry blossoms around it. Looking down from the top, you can see the entire urban area. It is amazing and the development of South Korea is really quicker than we think. Today, we felt the Koreans' love for their country.

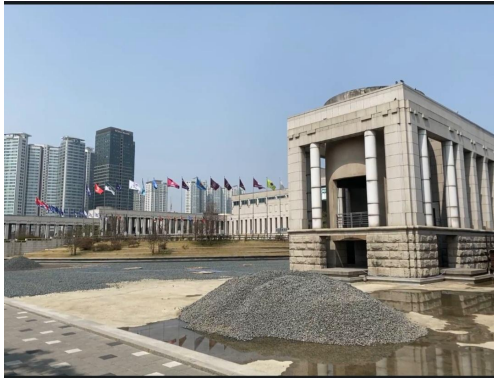
We have also done some interviews with locals here, and we found out that Korean pop music is not as popular as perception in Hong Kong would lead us to believe.

Although we walked for a long time and we felt tired, we got a lot of happiness and unforgettable moments.



The outline of N Seoul Tower.

The square outside the War Memorial of Korea



The unbelievable outlook which can be seen on the N Seoul Tower.

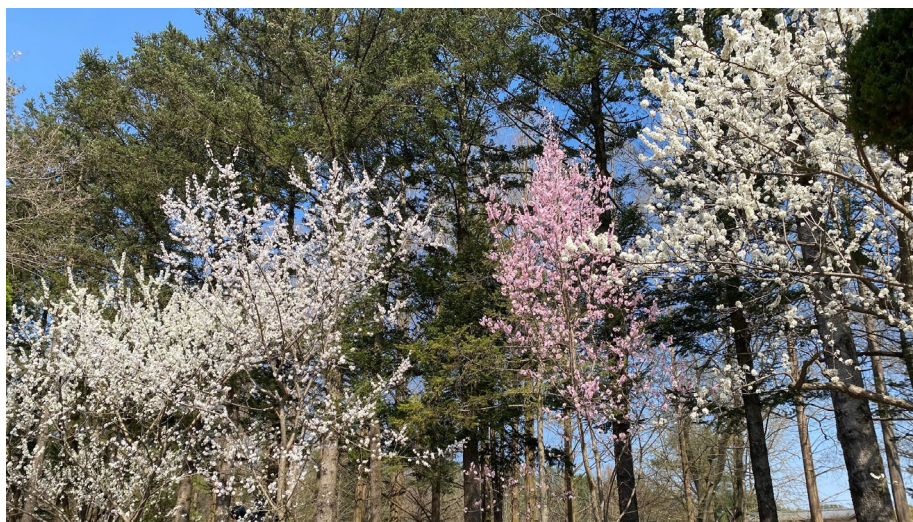
April 2nd, Day3

On the third day, we visited Namiseom, which was a half-moon shaped river island. The name of the island was organized by a General Nami who had died at 26 years old. The local people believe that General Nami can protect the island from disaster. Because of the local unique culture, Namiseom is declared as Naminara Republic. There were a lot of cherry blossoms from March to April. When there is a breeze, you may see the dropping petals of cherry blossoms, which looks like falling snow. After lunch, we visited Lotte World which has been open for more than 30 years. It provided different indoor and outdoor activities for you to choose. There are so many rides you can enjoy. I like Gyro Swing the best because it is so exciting and thrilling. Gyro Swing is a dizzying rotation ride which makes rides feel like falling. Unfortunately, we did not have enough time to enjoy all the entertainment but we still had an unforgettable day.

In Namiseom, we felt the true freedom and peace. It is calming to take a breath. Lotte World has a special theme which makes it different from the world. You may have a unique experience after you enjoy this fantastic world.



The ticket to Lotte World



The wonderful cherry blossoms I'm Namiseom.

The special guest of the trip.



April 3rd, Day 4

Ewha Womans University is one of the oldest universities in Seoul, South Korea, and the first women's university in South Korea. You can take the opportunity to look at the Korean female college students who are not very social. Their makeup is not overly refined and heavy, which is less immature than high school students, but their outfits are not as delicate as office workers. It is also a good way to appreciate the natural beauty of Korean women's place.

Blue House is the political center of South Korea, and it was the former presidential palace of South Korea. The most notable feature is the blue tiles of the main building of Blue House. Each piece has a history of more than 100 years, so it looks blue from a distance. name.

Before the end of the day, we wore Hanbok and visited Gyeongbokgung which is the oldest and most beautiful palace in Seoul. Wearing a Hanbok to shoot in Gyeongbokgung, matching classical architecture as if traveling through time and space.

Although the itinerary is relatively boring, the corresponding knowledge learned is also very abundant. During this trip, we learned about Korean education and political development, which gave us a deeper understanding of Korean history.



The historical building



Part of the Ewha Womans University.

April 4th, Day 5

CheongGyeCheon is like a miniature version of nature in the center of the city. The sound of the water and the surrounding flowers and trees will make you forget that you are in one of the busiest cities in Asia. Therefore, no matter whether they are tourists or Koreans, many people like to come to Cheonggyecheon when they have free time, to enjoy the natural scenery and temporarily escape from the concrete forest.

We also visited the CheongGyeCheon Museum. People who like history will not feel bored there! Because there are many murals related to Korean history, and there will be explanations in Korean and English below. After reading the information, you will have a deeper understanding of the country of Korea, and the whole journey will become more meaningful. There is a long stone wall road on the top of Naksan Park, which is called Naksan Fortress. On the top of Naksan Park. One side can overlook the panoramic view of Seoul University, the other side can enjoy the night view of the entire Dongdaemun and Myeongdong business district, and even overlook the Namsan Seoul Tower.

Our trip has come to an end. In this trip, we have comprehended the history of Korea and know more about the lifestyle of Koreans. It is not only a time for us to play, but also a chance for us to explore Korean culture.



The entrance of the CheongGyeCheon Museum



The development of CheongGyeCheon



Finally, we went back to Hong Kong.