

Day Fifteen: Day in Seoul, South Korea

Day 15: 8 hour layover in Seoul! Arg! Many people in our group decided to get a hotel at the transit airport and rest (why on EARTH would you want to rest up for a 11 hour upcoming flight??!!). I guess so you can be WIDE AWAKE on the plane instead of exhausted and sleeping to make the time fly by faster. So, that's exactly what we did! Exhausted ourselves!

Seoul Airport is known for their huge layover times and completely geared up for "Transit Tours" - 1 to



8 hour tours around the city, DMZ, temples, etc. There were 7 of us total and we did a little city tour for 4 hours. For \$50 they arrange everything at the airport, store your luggage for free, give you a nice warm winter coat (cuz Seoul is FREEZING only 36F!!) and included lunch. Seoul is on the same latitude as NYC whereas Thailand and Cambodia are on the same latitude as Costa Rica!!

Our tour headed to a ferry boat which took us from the airport (which is on an island) to Incheon (an outlying suburb of Seoul). Unfortunately there was a heavy fog for most of the day so we never

got to see the city skyline. According to Google, it looks like this! LOL



Nevertheless, we managed to get some really cool photos:





After the chilly ferry ride, we arrived to Wolmi Park, a historical, cultural and wilderness/eco center. This is where we played “Dress Up” for about 45 minutes! Yes, you read that right – DRESS UP!! The first area was the traditional marriage outfits/ceremony. A young unmarried couple was drawn in as a guinea pig for this. Not sure if they were terrified or getting ideas for the future! LOL

Guess who was next. Even after trying to hide, Bruce and I got called for duty!



Pictured to the left is the newest Royal Family of Korea.

Pictured from L-R

Daughter of the Queen, Grandson of the Queen, Queen, King, Father of the King.

After “Dress Up” we went for lunch at a “Greasy Spoon” Korean Diner. It was exceptionally good!!



We identified several mystery meats, known veggies and unidentifiable “other stuff”.



Big surprise, we get a taste of Korean Beer!

We then headed to an International Street Market and the largest fresh fish market in S. Korea.



The best part about getting out of the airport and touring the city...getting the stamps from Korea in our passport! ☺



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