

Cameron's Trip to Korea

Recently, a friend and I took an early morning flight from Kansai airport and arrived (very sleepy) to begin exploring the city of Seoul. On our way to our hotel in Jongno we stopped at Gwangjang market. This place was filled with hundreds of people all trying various types of street food. It was all so delicious! After this we visited Myeongdong which is famous for its fashion. We bought lots of clothes and souvenirs before heading to the Cheonggyecheon stream which was beautiful at night. One of our friends proposed to his wife along this stream so we had to look for the location! Eventually we turned into the Jonggak street of Youth to have dinner and try the photo booths.

The next day was our "culture" day where we decided to rent Hanboks (traditional Korean clothing) and visit all of the palaces and ancient streets! That weekend it was the Korean holiday called "Chuseok" which is similar to Obon in Japan. Because of this, the temples were so busy but it was really fun and everyone's clothes were so beautiful! We ended the day by heading to Itaewon. This area is famous for its nightlife and the atmosphere was incredible with so many people from different cultures partying and having fun.

The following morning we decided to relax and check out the Starfield Library. This famous library has huge towers of shelves holding glowing books which look beautiful! There were also many musical performances in the center. That night we took the subway to Hongdae which is an area near a large university so it's a popular spot for students to meet and relax! It's famous for having many street performers including kpop groups and magicians. I also met one of my friends from the UK who is teaching English to elementary school students in Seoul!

On the final day my friend left early in the day but I was free until the evening so I decided to spend time by the Han river in Yeouido park. It was a beautiful day so it was filled with many couples and families hiring picnic blankets to relax on the grass.

Before my visit I didn't know much about Korea at all but now Seoul is definitely one of my favorite cities. I had so much fun! It's easy to visit from Japan so I recommend it for anyone.

