

Seoul City

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The most wonderful things in Seoul are the people and their ethics, taste, discipline and the high-class in dealing between themselves and with others, in addition to their intense and rich culture. Seoul is one of the ten largest and most rich economies in the world, where you can see the Asian culture together with the modern western civilization. The family here is very important and has a reputation as the people who take care of their homes and their children the most.

Almost three years ago, I sat on the beach of the Yellow Sea in China, in particular in Chingdao city. Korea was opposite to me and I wished at that time to visit Korea. The chance came after attending an IT&CM event in Shanghai in China. After returning home, I visited the Korean Embassy and they gave me an express visa after I introduced myself as a travel writer in Islamic Tourism Trade Media.





In fact, I have visited many Asian pacific cities, but Seoul is the most organized and high-class city in its region. We arrived from Shanghai, the flight took 90 minutes and we stayed in the famous Lotty Hotel. It seemed to us that the organizers wanted to introduce

the Korean food at the beginning of the trip where they took us for lunch which was accompanied by Korean music at the Sam Shiong restaurant. The meal was very healthy, rich and tasty for which Korean food is known as can be seen from the Korean's slim bodies

and their long life and, by the way, the Korean cuisine is similar to Japanese food.

The Koreans, like other nations, are very proud of their history, heritage and culture from over 5000 years. One of the best heritage sites is the Royal palace which was inhabited by the royal family for four hundred years. The palace is now one of the UNESCO heritage sites with very big gardens and a unique design for the buildings. Nearby we passed by the Blue house which is similar to the White House in America where the President is based. Later we moved on to the shopping market and to a cruise trip on Han River, where Korean belly dancers made a show. This is not usual in Korea but the Koreans love to make a change and they are affected by all civilizations and that is why they tried the belly dancing, also for an example

of their affection for the West and the East. They believe that Han River is like the Seine River that crosses Paris.

To the north of Seoul we visited the DMZ, a military area which separates South Korea and North Korea. We saw the tunnels which were built to make a speedy war. But it is clear that the Koreans are interested in uniting their nations and they are looking at that and working on that. It was there that I saw a model of a huge ball split into two pieces showing the North and the South and people from both sides trying to push the ball into one piece.

Seoul is a civilized, organized and clean city. The people are organized and well dressed and you are welcome wherever you go, and they try to promote their city in a very professional way to attract tourists and to attract business travellers. That is why they built two conventions centres, KINTEX





and COEX, where they hold their export exhibitions and show their high quality products such as cars, computers and machines. However, the most difficult thing in Korea is that it is far way from Europe and from the Middle East, but the Koreans continue exhibiting and promoting, and I advise all who intend visiting Asia pacific to make a trip to Seoul. Even I advise on making a private trip to this wonderful city. Seoul tower is one of the best towers around the world, where you can see the entire city from the French restaurant which rotates. Also you can see the fireworks that change the colour of the tower for a very nice view. In Seoul, the Olympic Games took

place in 1988 and also the world football championship was held here in 2002. Mentioning Football, I was talking to a friend on my travels between Amman and Damascus where I told her that I had visited Seoul. She informed me that the South Koreans won a football game in Germany, and as usual after winning they celebrate, but not like other nations. What happened was that after their celebration they cleaned the city and they cleaned the place where they celebrated. That prompted the German government to send a letter of thanks to the South Korean government for the good behaviour of the people.

The Korean Pennsylvania is located

between China and Japan, with almost 50 million people, and due to its location and the strong connection to America and the West, this makes its economy very strong. The salaries here are around US\$ 2300.00 for a new graduate and this makes the prices in Seoul slightly dearer, almost like Japan. Although I didn't visit Japan it is something to look forward to. As for the weather, they have four seasons and each season is different

in temperature.

Frankly, I said that the people in Seoul are very ethical and high class in dealing with foreigners, and it is not strange that they now have one of the largest economies in the world. This derives from their good behaviour and taking care of their families. My last wish is to pay another visit to South Korea and also to visiting North Korea to meet with its people.

