

Night of Korea in Jeonju Hanok Village

The most fascinate seasons to visit Korea are summer and fall, especially at night.

The most Korean traditional city, Jeonju, is already well-known for its cultural heritages and Hanok Village, composed of hundreds of Hanok, Korean traditional houses, and more than 10 million of tourists visit there. Now, Jeonju is preparing special summer and fall night. They present visitors memorable night trip in Hanok Village

Korean Cultural Heritage Administration hosted the Korea sightseeing attraction plan contest among those Korean cities. Each city must present tour program plans which combine contents of Korean culture, tangible and intangible cultural heritages, and its historic artifacts and sites. Jeonju was selected for the first city to prepare special night trips hosted by the Administration, and now they introduce special night tour programs which will be held from Aug. 12 to 13 and from Sept. 30 to Oct. 1.

On August 12, “Jeonju Night Walk” opened in Jeonju Hanok Village. It showed many tour programs which was held at Gyunggijeon, Omokdae, Hyanggyo, Jeondong Church which are well-known for Korean historical sites. Each program introduced Korean cultural heritages and Jeonju’s traditional culture.

“Jeonju Night Walk” was not just a sightseeing tour program. It was the tour which visitors could feel and taste the spirit of Korean cultural heritages. There were a lot of outdoor performances, exhibitions, and other programs in famous Korean historical sites which open till late night only for two days. Also, all programs was free.

That night in Jeonju was splendid. The concert, ‘Cheonsangjjeum’, was held in Jeondong Church, one of the most beautiful Catholic church in East Asia. Audiences enjoyed its harmony of singers and choir. Program, ‘Dalbit Chahoe’ and ‘Dalbit Da-ak’, introduced Korean traditional tea culture in Gyunggijeon. Its royal palaces and old trees made tea demonstration more sentimental. At Omokdae, there was a program reading literatures which explain Jeonju’s cultural heritages such as Gyunggijeon, Jeondong Church, and Poongnammoon. At Hyanggyo, visitors could enjoy Korean traditional songs and Sijos, which are traditional three verse Korean poem.

Also, there were many interesting programs in National Intangible Heritage Center (NIHC). Visitors enjoyed the performance of tightrope walking master. Next to the performacne, Shadow Orchestra showed shadow arts and beautiful music. After all prepared program finished, visitors participated Korean traditional group dance called ‘Ganggangsulae’ and ended the event held in NIHC.

“Jeonju Night Walk” prepared performances and events well-matched to each sites. Through the ‘Heritage night trip’, it gave us idea how important we should keep our traditional heritages.

Those sites holding the event normally opened only daytime, but they opened during “Jeonju Night Walk” to present beautiful night views of Jeonju and its heritages. Especially in Gyunggijeon, its night view was amazing. Old ginkgo trees, a bamboo grove which King of Joseon used to walked along, and its royal palace were coloured by various lights.

So, many tourists were busy to take photographs of a long history of Korean tradition and culture.

Also, Hanok Village was full of street performances such as Pansori, Korean traditional musical, ricial of Korean musical instruments such as gayaguem and daeguem, and Samulnori, traditional percussion quartet.

When you travel to somewhere, you could see and feel the history and culture of the place. Jeonju is the place which visitors experience Korean history and culture, and also ranked 3rd place for the city you must travel by Lonely Planet. On September 30, you can see hundreds of years of Korean history in Hanok Village again. If you want to experience the most splendid wonderful night of Korea, come to Jeonju. All programs included in “Jeonju Night Walk” is free.



Jeondong Church – Cheonsangjjeum

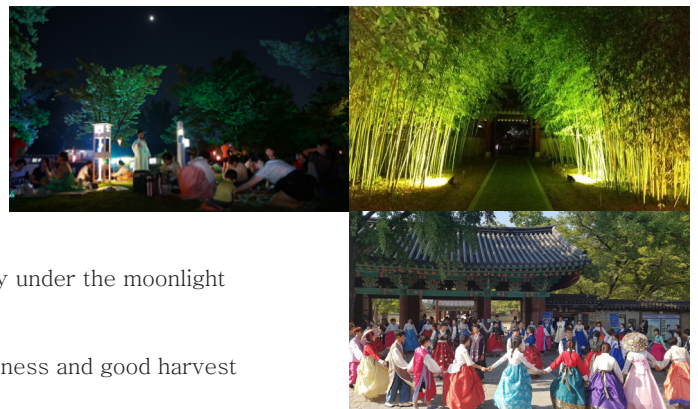
Jeondong Church is the one of the most beautiful Catholic church in East Asia.

It is also well-known for Korean Catholic Martyr’s site. Catholic music concert is held in the church. Audiences could enjoy its beautiful sound and harmony.

Gyunggijeon - Dalbit Chahoe, Dalbit Chulsa, Ganggangsulae

The portrait of the King “Tae-jo” is enshrined in Gyunggijeon. It usually close the gate at night, but it will be opened only during the event “Jeonju Night Walk”

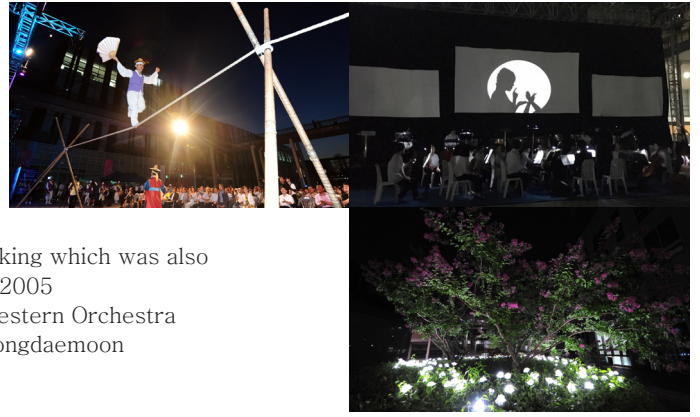
- Dalbit Chahoe, Dalbit Da-ak : Enjoy Korean tea and its confectionery under the moonlight at Gyeonggijeon
- Dalbit Chulsa : Take the photograph in the garden of Gyeonggijeon
- Ganggangsulae : Korean traditional group dance which prays for richness and good harvest



National Intangible Heritage Center -
Tightrope Walking, Shadow Orchestra,
Dalbit Flower

The heart of Korean intangible heritages -
National Intangible Heritage Center

- Tightrope Walking : Master Kwon, Won Tae shows tightrope walking which was also shown in the movie "King and the Clown" 2005
- Shadow Orchestra : Collaboration of Eastern shadow plays and Western Orchestra
- Dalbit Flower : A wonderful rose garden as beautiful as DDP in Dongdaemoon



Omokdae -
Reading and finding Korean heritages from literature.

Enjoy night views around Omokdae. Also, you can watch beautiful night view of Hanok Village
- Wolha Nangsong : Reading contest at banquet hall which King "Tae-jo" celebrated his victory over Japanese invaders.

NationaSalpuri on Korean Canoe (Jeonju-chun), Mookhyang Cheoneum (Hyanggyo)



Korean representative traditional dance performed on Korean canoe in Jeonju-chun (river)



The Night of Korean traditional music. Feel harmony of Korean traditional musical instruments



Escaping game - Protect the portrait of the King "Tae-jo"

The game protecting the valuable heritage, the portrait of the King "Tae-jo" in Jeonju traditional market which has opened since Mid-Joseon Dynasty.

The Night view of Hanok Village

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