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## A Trip To Busan



After midterms, a friend and I decided to take a trip to Busan, which is in the south of Korea. It was a nice weekend getaway from the busy Seoul life. And it was just what I needed after midterms. Although it was a weekend getaway, it was full of exploring, walking, and trying new things. First, we headed to the Busan Tower. The view from the top of the tower is absolutely stunning, showing the whole city of Busan.

While at the Busan Tower, a friend and I decided to try on a hanbok, which is traditional Korean clothing for semi formal or formal occasions. This type of clothing dates back to the Joseon Dynasty period which was from 1392 to 1897. The hanbok that I wore had made me feel like a true princess, I had never in my life worn something so beautiful. It's pretty custom that Koreans and foreigners alike rent the hanboks for a short period of time and take pictures. Since we were at the Busan Tower, it was a perfect place to take pictures.

We also visited the Yeongdo Lighthouse, which is a historical sight where the lighthouse provided a beacon of light to ships around Busan Port for over a hundred years. The air was fresh and luckily we got to see the lighthouse when the sun was out and shining.

One of my favorite spots to visit was the Busan Gamcheon Culture village. The tourist guide explained that the Culture Village was once a popular place for war refugees to settle in after the Korean War. Also known as the “Machu Picchu” of Korea, the village is full of paintings and murals on the walls and now has become a very popular tourist attraction, with cafes, shops, and many more businesses filling the area.

Overall, my trip to Busan was absolutely exhausting but it was so worth it. It was nice to get away from one of the busiest cities in the world and enjoy the beach and the breeze.

I'll update as soon as I can,

Diana