



Suwon City, Yongju Temple & Hwasong Fortress



Suwon is the provincial capital of Gyonggido province. It is approximately 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of Seoul. It is sometimes called the capital of Korean soccer because of the popularity of the Suwon Samsung Blue Wings, but is traditionally known as "The City of Filial Piety." King Jeongjo made an unsuccessful attempt to make Suwon the nation's capital in 1796 with the construction of **Hwasong Fortress**. He had a fortified wall built around the entire city to guard the tomb of his father which is still in place today. The walls once encircled all of Suwon, but recent urban growth has seen



the city spread far beyond the fortress.



Hwaseong Fortress is relatively small in scale compared with other fortresses built in Korea. However, this fortress was constructed with the most advanced technology of the day and was more solidly built. Unlike other structures of the age which were constructed of stones, Suwon Castle was built of bricks and with the very first Korean crane. This has been recognized by experts as the best structure of its kind built before the Industrial Revolution. The

four gates surrounding the fortress are Paldalmun, Changanmun, Hwasomun, and Changnyongmun. On the Paldalsanjong Pavilion are Sojangdae, Soporu, Sonamammun, and Sobukjokdae. Past Sobukgong-simdon and Jangan Park, one can see Whahongmun Gate, as well as Chilgansu Stream flowing nearby. At Banghwasuryujong Pavilion, one can overlook Yongyon Pond. Suwon Hwasong Fortress was designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.



Yongju-sa is located in Hwasung-si in Kyounggi Province. Unlike other temples which are located in the mountains or in cities, Yongju-sa is just on the outskirts of Suwon. This temple was first built during the Silla dynasty (57BC-395AD). Known as Galyang-sa, the original temple was destroyed during war. During the Chosun dynasty, King Chung-jo rebuilt it in the early 1800s. In the Chosun dynasty, the government encouraged Confucianism, but suppressed Buddhism.



Itinerary-subject to change

0830 --- Departs Information Tickets & Travel (ITT) Bldg #924
 0900-0930 --- U.N. Memorial Monument
 0950-1100 --- Yongju Temple
 1130-1230 --- Lunch in Suwon
 1300-1500 --- Haenggung
 1500-1630 --- Hwaseong Fortress
 1730 --- Arrives at Osan Air Force Base



Important Things To Know

--Tour bus leaves in front of ITT, building 924 and departs at 0830 hours.
 --Please be here 15-20 minutes prior to depart
 --Lunch options are following: Pack your own lunch or bring lunch money, at least 10,000W.
 --Required to bring W10,000 for

