

Night Tour at the National Museum of Korea

The National Museum of Korea opens its doors in the coming days for visitors to experience something different. Until November 29, 2023, you can enjoy a night tour that allows you to delve into the history and culture of Korea.

Your tour begins with a mapping show at the Gyeongcheonsa Pagoda, located on the first floor of the museum. This show presents the pagoda through time, showcasing its structure and significance throughout Korean history.

Continue your visit in the halls dedicated to the Three Kingdoms period of Korea, where you can find the crown and belt belonging to the King of Silla, discovered in the tombs of Gyeongju, the capital of Silla at that time.

Additionally, you can learn about the Bukhansan Mountain Monument for King Jinheung's inspection. This monument holds moments from Korean history, from the Silla Kingdom to the Korean War, with bullet marks still visible. The monument features inscriptions describing King Jinheung and some names of those who accompanied him during an inspection of the Hangang River.

An interesting fact about this monument is that upon its discovery by Kim Jeonghui, he engraved his name and the date he found it on the left side of the monument, with the following inscription: "This stele was erected to commemorate the inspection conducted by King Jinheung of Silla. Kim Jeonghui and Kim Gyeongyeon came and read the inscription during the seventh month of the byeongja year (1816)."

Next, explore the halls dedicated to Buddhist sculpture, where you can learn more about the different types of Buddhas in Korean territory, their expressions, and their importance throughout Korean history. In this exhibition, you can observe sculptures made of stone, metal, bronze, wood, and, of course, porcelain.

Buddhism in Korea asserts that anyone can become a Buddha. 'Bodhisattva' is the term given to those who have made that resolution. In the Contemplation Room, lighting and sound accompany you in a moment of full observation of the pensive bodhisattva sculptures. These sculptures date from the 11th and 12th centuries, respectively, and their poses allude to the moment of attaining enlightenment.

Conclude your tour by appreciating porcelain objects. First, you will find celadon items, a type of pottery known for its jade-green glaze.