Jeju Island (South)

Jeju Island, located 130 kilometers south of Korean peninsula, is registered as the first natural heritage of UNESCO’s world heritage list. Also known as the “island of gods,” Jeju Island is the number one vacation spot for Koreans. It is also the most popular place for the honeymoon of the newlyweds. The island has a lot of wind, girl, and water, hence its nickname “Three-abundant-island.” The island was formed by the volcanic activity, so the island mostly consists of volcanic rocks. With those rocks, the natural inhabitants of the island made the stone totem, (see the left picture) called Dol-ha-reu-bang. With frequent rainfalls, temperate climate and the volcanic constitution of the island, Jeju Island is very similar to the Hawaiian Islands.

Hallasan Mountain

There are diverse activities available in the Jeju Island. At the center of the island, there is Hallasan Mountain, the highest peak of South Korea (1950m). At the Peak of Hallasan Mountain, there is a pond called Baek-Rox-Dam, or the White Deer pond, which was created by volcanic activity.

Its legend follows that the pond was a bath for nymphs, where a fairy god was caught peeking the bathing scene and became a white deer as a punishment. It has been considered a sacred place, since it is mostly covered with clouds, almost 200 days of the year.

Seongsan Ilchulbong- the sunrise peak

Registered as another Natural Heritage of UNESCO’s world heritage list, Seongsan Ilchulbong is a bowl-shaped crater located at the outskirt of Seongsan peninsula. Other than the path that leads to the top of the crater, it is surrounded by steep cliff, and at the top, the crater is surrounded by 99 rock pillars. The top of the crater is about 25 minute walking distance from the bottom, and after 25 minutes of enduring, scenery worth so much more than 25 minutes appears.

Jeju Olle gil- road

"Olle" (Ole) is the Jeju dialect for a narrow pathway that is connected from the street to the front gate of a house. Hoping to be well-known as the “Camino de Santiago” of Korea (the Road to Santiago, in Spain) the founder had made a hiking trail in the year 2012. There are now 12 routes that are open right now, which give a relaxing, healing and beautiful walk for the visitors.