

## **Trip to Hahoe traditional village in Andong**

### **Hahoe Village**

Hahoe Village is home to descendants of the Ryu clan of Pungsan and is well-known for its traditional houses. Birthplace of renowned scholars of the Joseon Period such as Gyeomam Ryu Un-ryong and Seoae Ryu Seong-ryong, the village became even more famous after Queen Elizabeth of England visited on April 21, 1999.

Hahoe Village (translating to "Village Enveloped by Water") gets its name from Nakdong River, which flows around the town's perimeter. The village is located at the foothills of Hwasan Mountain, an offshoot of Taebaek Mountain that rises up to the east. The center of the village is populated by large tile-roofed houses belonging to the Ryu clan, adding their own unique charm to the surrounding thatched roofs.

Hahoe Village boasts exquisite scenic sights: the elegant Nakdong River flowing around the village, the magnificent Buyongdae Cliff, endlessly unfolding sandy beaches, and lush, ancient pine trees. Visitors can take the boat to Buyongdae Cliff for a panoramic view of the village.

In addition to breathtaking scenery, Hahoe Village offers delectable local delicacies. Try the Andong Soju (distilled alcoholic beverage), Heotjesabap (a type of Bibimbap eaten by the nobles), Andong Gangodeunggeo (salted mackerel), and Andong Guksu (a kind of noodle dish).

Nearby attractions include Bongjeongsa Temple (built during the Silla Period), Gosan Seowon (Confucian Academy), Gwiraejeong, Gyemyeongsan Mountain Recreational Forest, Hakgasan Mountain Recreational Forest, and Waryongsan Mountain.

Hahoe Village, along with Yangdong Village in Gyeongju, was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List under the category of "Historic Villages in Korea" on July 31, 2010.

## **Bongjeongsa Temple**

Bongjeongsa Temple was built in the 12th year of King Munmu (reign from 661~681) of the Silla Dynasty as, according to the legend, the Great Buddhist Monk Ui-Sang (625~702) launched from Buseoksa Temple landed on this spot. Documents from Geuknakjeon state that Neungin Daedeuk, a disciple of Monk Ui-Sang, had established the temple and it has been rebuilt several times during the Joseon Dynasty (1392~1910).

Bongjeongsa Temple is the largest temple in Andong, and possesses the oldest Korea wooden building Geuknakjeon. Past the Ilju Gate and the forest path is the Bongjeongsa Temple. Bongjeongsa Temple has a unique elegant atmosphere. The old trees and hermitages nearby are also worth the look. There are many towers inside such as the Daeungjeon (National Treasure No.55), Geuknakjeon (National Treasure No.15) and many others. There are also important buildings such as the 3-story Stone Pagoda, the representative pagoda of the Goryeo Dynasty (918~1392). Geuknakjeon from the Goryeo Dynasty, and Daeungjeon from the Joseon Dynasty, stand next to each other. It will be interesting to compare the two types of architecture. Inside both buildings there is a tree with the complete collection of Buddhist Sutras, Laws and Treatises and others.

## **Byeongsan Seowon**

Byeongsan Seowon is a Confucian school that was established by esteemed Confucian scholars to pay tribute to the memory of Seong-nyong Yu (1542-1607), who was well-respected for his writings and personality. His mortuary tablet is enshrined at this school. Around the time of 1863, Confucian schools enjoyed many freedoms under the Joseon rule, students and scholars of the school were exempt from taxation and other expenses. Byeongsan Seowon was one of 47 places in all of Korea and 2 in Andong not destroyed during the rule of Daewongun [Politician of Joseon Imperial family, 1820 ~ 1898] in 1868.

The Nakdong-gang River is situated just in front of the Confucian school. Cross the river and the Byeongsan Mountain can be found. By forming a folding screen like shape around the school, the mountains both protect and add a serene beauty to the area.

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