

Wonder if french woman got off!

Don's Plum wine, a snack. Bed
by 9. Both tired.

Tokyo + Kyoto both rather flat
Seoul is not, sort of wavy
not as much as S.F. Awake at
3:30 but back to sleep until 6am

Tuesday Seoul, Korea 4/24/84

Up & dressed before Maume, Break-
fast & off to Kyongbokkung Palace
former Rulers lived & held court.

now a Museum, gardens, folk
art museum, lakes, Beautiful
trees & interesting buildings that
are left after several wars & fires.
Left the hotel 9am & returned
3:45 - Warm, sunny weather.

10 million people live in Seoul.
Hotel Ambassador is rather
 kitsch after Japan shibui & low
keyed decor. White & pink cherry
trees, lots of yellow forsythia and
deep lavender ~~azalea~~ azalea.

Maurice owes me 10⁰⁰

Wednesday Seoul 4/25/84

After Breakfast left for train station to buy ticket for Kyongju.

After we walked thru training market place, people, autos, veg. bags & purses, pigs heads, plastic utensils cheap clothes, etc. Men with A shaped

frames upon which they carry huge packages. Maurice bought a bag for his kimono bought in Japan.

Then by taxi back to Kyongbokkung Palace to the Craft Museum which had been closed on Tuesday. Very

interesting. After lunch tried for taxi to go to department stores.

Two women asked to share taxi.

One from Brazil the other Korean.

Both speaking English: to Lotte Hotel & Dept. store next door. Maurice

bought 2 shelves & a ink stone - brush set to be shipped to U.S. & bought small things for girls - all duty free if paid with Am money or Japanese or foreign

off day "Start soon
wait for a moment
in elevator"

the weather had been overcast &
rather muggy. A bit of rain but
we were in the store. Found when
the Korean women's costume are made
to order, Very expensive but I think
I know how to make one. Bought
a pair of Korean slippers, red satin
with gold! Back to hotel, shower
dresses & repacked as we have
to leave early Friday morn.

Thursday, Seoul, Korea 4/26/84

Light rain. To Lotte Dept. store
Maurice to pay for ink box. I bought
a few more things. Then to a Temple
near by. Millions of children with
teachers all wanting to say "Hello". Its
cute at first but gets a bit boring
after the 50th time. Roads in Temples
all sand colored earth which turns
to mud. Tried a taxi who's driver
could not read, out + into another &
which took us to a large temple.

One goes only with a guide and we had just missed the English guide by $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. The next Eng. guided tour was only at 3:30. Off to seek restaurant & an other temple or shrine. This was not a good day. I didn't want to go into a restaurant that Maurice wanted so we didn't eat walked & walked on broken sidewalks & mud until we reached shrine. Again millions of children. Then back to the large Temple with Eng guide. Stopped at Restaurant & I decided I'd had it & didn't want to go to the temple. Maurice said O.K. he had seen it twice. So back to hotel. He off to walk, I to shower & rest. I've been too much 4 days! Can't turn on Tv. for news. Earth quake in Calif.!

Friday

Awake at 3:00, up at 6 leaving for
Kyongju by train which leaves at 9am.
Breakfast at hotel then by taxi to
station, had an hour $\frac{1}{2}$ to wait. Ticket
was for 2nd class but very pleasant
& comfortable. The trip after leaving
the industrial part of Seoul, was very
good, all vegetables growing,
mostly rice and inbetween small
houses & villages. Many hills
cherry blossoms, azaleas, lilacs
poplar trees, weeping willows, pines
did not see any bamboo as in Japan.
Arrived about 2, very warm.
As we had no reservations Maurice
went to travel agency & we are lodged
at a Seonmu resort hotel, again
two beds & breakfast - Dinner not
too bad. It's on a lake in a valley
surrounded by low mountains,
pool, tennis courts etc. Room pleasant
with balcony. Better taste than Ambassadors
in Seoul

Saturday April 28 1984

Half-way of the trip. So far so good!
Maurice is very careful of me so that
I won't fall, looking for uneven side
walks, carrying my suit case.

Up & 6, getting better in the slat
pattern. To-day we go to the famous
Pulguksa temple:

Took the local bus to the temple.
Wild drive, road rather curving
so had to hang on to seat in front.
About 20-3 miles. The stop at
the road leading up & up to the
group of buildings which is the
temple. Many steep steps but
with Maurice's help made them.

More & more people coming in.

Group of elderly ladies in their
native dress, plain colors mostly
pink, white, light green & some
patterned. I'm an object of curiosity.
They stop & pat my hand, have
pictures taken with me. Maurice

took some. Then a large group of teenagers, all in very light lavender slacks & dark red jackets, took pictures of us - much giggling & laughter. Watched monks at prayer, a calligrapher, bought some. A night bell made me jump which caused a lot of laughter. Then decided to go back to bus stop where there were restaurants I would have lunch & wait for Maurice to go to the Cave Buddha as it is too difficult for me to walk up there. But decided for both of us back to hotel for a bite & Maurice to return alone & go to the Cave. Worked out fine. Tried to nap but rested & read until Mamma returned. He was off again. Had met 2 Korean college students who invited them to their parents' condominium for dinner & talk.

They have just finished college examination + had a holiday. Can read + write English after 7 years of study but can hardly speak. That was a treat for Maurice
Sunday April 29, 1984

Raining - Many Japanese in hotel. Same breakfast, scrambled eggs, pressed ham, butter, jam, french toast, juice, tea, toast if any + croissant
* Took taxi to see a rebuilt Silla palace. Grounds + lake with ducks + swans (black). Rain, rain mud. Many Koreans by bus load. Young women in national costume. They pick up the back panel so that it doesn't fly about or drag on ground (mud). First we had gone to the museum where all the prehistoric artefacts are. Stone age tools, spears, etc to jewelry, crown jade, vases. The Korean women, small

the ones from the Country, are pushy!
The museum is in two building,
well displayed & lighted. Nice building
Walked, in rain & mud to another
site, with 2 reconstructed pavilions
which had been part of a Palace.*

Still raining so gave up the
idea of viewing a burial mound
Taxi to train station to check
on train time for to-morrow
then back to hotel in taxi.

Shoes, bottoms of slacks & kamidaval
quite wet, Changed into dry
clothes. Nothing much to do
except read & rest & early
dinner after our free drinks.

Packed suitcase again!

Maurice decided to mail all his books
And asked for paper & string at the desk
1/2 hour later some one came up with a roll
of toilet paper!!! So we finally left
the hotel for Kyongju and took the

Monday April 21, 1984 Korea

Pusan, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs ride. I'm
always sat with luggage while
Maureen scouts around about
routes etc. From bus station
to pier where he was to buy
tickets, I waiting in cold hall
or lower room for an hour. But
finally everything was squared
away, we went thru Customs,
searched & aboard Japanese ship.
Not very elegant but 1st class,
& cabin with 4 bunks but for
us, only 2. About 5 o'clock we
left Korea and should be in Japan
in morning. Dinner on board,
we've had very little vegetables.

Japan May 1, 1984 Shimozaki
Sea a bit rough hard to
sleep. About 2 AM - sea calmer
& a great racket of chain, must
be anchored. Up at 6.
The women in Korea carry their