

BaeNaChi Spring 2026 Jeju Trip Program

(tentative outline as of 01/17/2026)

Background & Purposes

After two years of hard work searching for a BaeNaChi homebase location in South Korea, we made the best possible connections with Jeju Island and built strong partnerships with diverse local government and community groups. Beginning in 2026, Jeju will be the main venue for most of our programs in South Korea, largely benefiting rural communities and underprivileged groups.

The BaeNaChi spring 2026 program in Jeju and Seoul is a specially curated trip with the US Extension professionals and volunteers, including the retired, in mind. We would like to invite Extension to be one of the key US partners for our global volunteer exchange program (Planet Earth Village School) in South Korea. This trip will be an opportunity to explore such possibilities. Individuals outside Extension programs with similar backgrounds and interests are also welcome to participate in this trip.

Ann's extensive international work with South Korea began in 2011 when she facilitated an MOU and multiple exchange visits between University of Kentucky Extension Services and South Korea for the Master Gardener Program, which culminated in the Korea International MG Conference in 2014. With BaeNaChi, Ann hopes to start a new chapter of sustainable global connections between South Korea and US Extension, reconnecting through the MG program and inviting other Extension programs (agriculture, natural resources, nutrition, youth development, etc.) to join us on our exciting journey.

In addition to its amazing world-class natural and cultural heritage for mind-body-heart healing, Jeju Island offers exciting global advancement and growth opportunities for US Extension: professional development, study abroad, and volunteering in unique cross-cultural settings. BaeNaChi facilitates meetings and networking opportunities for the participants to explore all these connection possibilities.

We will introduce Extension programs to government agencies, universities, and other key community groups in Jeju with matching interests and expertise. It will help us promote unique exchange visits and inbound travel opportunities for various purposes in partnership with US Extension.

Finally, BaeNaChi invites Extension and other individuals to join us on a special project. We collaborate with a prominent community group in Jeju that promotes accessible tourism (tourism for all) and supports disability rights. Ann volunteers to bring much needed global connections to this important social movement in Jeju. We strongly believe that various Extension programs can be utilized in the development of innovative accessible tourism programs for education and healing purposes. There is a special forum on this topic during our trip to Jeju. BaeNaChi is invited, and some of our participants will be guest speakers.

Itinerary

- Day 1 (4/10 or 11, Fri or Sat): Departure from the US
- Day 2 (4/12 Sun): Arrival in Jeju. Free time
- Day 3 (4/13 Mon): Jeju Agricultural Technology Center visit. Jeju tour (Halla Mountain, Olle trails, bird watching)
- Day 4 (4/14 Tue): 4-H meetup. Program demo with local youth. Jeju tour (beach)

- Day 5 (4/15 Wed): Jeju World Natural Heritage Center. Farm tour with Jeju Farmers Market group. Jeju tour (Haenyeo village, Traditional outdoor market)
- Day 6 (4/16 Thurs): Forum (“Accessible Tourism: Innovative Cross-cultural Healing Program Development and Role of Volunteerism in Jeju”) - Presentations and networking.
- Day 7 (4/17 Fri): Cooking and Picnic with a local special education school
- Day 8 (4/18 Sat): Departure from Jeju. Arrival in Seoul.
- Day 9 (4/19 Sun): Cross-cultural/Bilingual Junior Master Gardener Program demo (gardening + Kimchi making) in Pyeongtaek City near Seoul, in collaboration with a Korean MG group and Camp Humphreys (US Armed Forces in Korea)
- Day 10 (4/20 Mon): Seoul Agricultural Technology Center visit. Farewell farm party (Leah Hahn’s urban farm in Seoul)
- Day 11 (4/21 Tue): Departure from Incheon. Arrival in the US.

* This is a tentative itinerary. Revisions will be made as we move forward and identify the participants. The final itinerary will be fully customized to reflect the interests and needs of the participants.

Cost Estimate

- Flights (Roundtrip, international, US- Seoul/Incheon): \$1100- \$1500 (Economy from KY to Incheon, per Expedia as of December 6, 2025)
- Flights (Roundtrip, domestic, Seoul-Jeju): \$150-\$200 (per Korean Air website as of Dec. 6, 2025)
- Lodging: \$1000 (average of \$100 per room for single occupancy per Agoda. The actual lodging cost is subject to our hotel choice.)
- Meals: \$500-\$600
- Program curation fee to BaeNaChi: \$1500. This amount includes individual share of our group’s private tour bus w/driver rental cost in both Jeju and Seoul, except for arrival and departure days. Participants will need to take either a taxi or airport limousine bus between airport and hotel.
- Miscellaneous: \$100-\$200 (for optional fee-based tourist attractions or activities)
- Estimated total per individual: \$4500 - \$5000 (Exchange rates can fluctuate and affect this estimate.)

*We need a minimum of 10 participants to be able to run this program.

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own flight tickets (both international and domestic), making their own hotel reservations, and paying for their own meals. Instructions will be provided.

BaeNaChi will collect \$1500 from each participant for program curation and group transportation. As a small startup nonprofit without any other funding resources yet, BaeNaChi relies on these fees to cover our bare minimum operation expenses and staff travel costs. Some of our programs are created especially for fund raising purposes. This trip is one of them. BaeNaChi is a 501c3 nonprofit. We can treat the fees from our participants as donations and provide donation receipts, if needed. Once our expenses are covered, donations will also be used toward sponsoring some underprivileged individuals with excellent qualifications to participate in our future volunteer exchange programs. We greatly appreciate your interest and support!