

Human Rights Tour I

Oct 10, 2022 (Mon) / 09:00-12:00

Tour Course: Hotel > Chonnam National University> May 18th National Cemetery > Kimdaejung Convention Center

***Transportation by bus will be provided / meal is not included**

Chonnam National University

Chonnam National University was established in 1953 and it is a place where students called for democracy in hopes for a better future.

The main gate of the university, the starting point of the May 18th Democratization Movement in Korea, was the very place where then the martial law army and students confronted for the first time. Also, there are several sites that you could still feel the trace of the Chonnam National University students during the movement at every corner of the campus.

Among them, "Park Kwan-hyun's Hill" commemorates the resistance spirit of Park Kwan Hyeon who successfully led the "National Democracy Crusade" with his outstanding speech and leadership, and "Yongbong Martyrs Memorial Wall" was built to mourn the patriots who sacrificed themselves for the democratization of Korea. The course of "Democracy Trail" has been created so tourists could follow the footsteps of patriots to promote the historical values of the university.



May 18th National Cemetery

Established in 1993, it is a cemetery where those who died while defending the Korean democracy were buried. At that time, Gwangju Metropolitan City created the May 18 Gwangju Democratization Movement with the support of the central government and turned the victim's graveyard into a sacred place for democracy. The May 18th Memorial Hall located in the cemetery provides visitors with a chance to understand the Democratization Movement, those who sacrificed, and uncover the truth behind the movement in a very objective perspective. The program is designed to help visitors learn the truth and feel the spirit of the movement.

The cemetery has been recognized as a symbolic space that provides opportunities to explore the spirit and historical significance the May 18th Democratization Movement.

