

Jeju Island is a small volcanic island in the south Korean Straits. We hired a local guide (Joan) to tour us around the island. The first day was south to the beach.



Yongmeori coast beach exploring.

















Jeju Island is noted for their oranges.



Along the beach, local women sold fresh seafood that was eaten by beach visitors without cooking.



The seafood catch included abalone, sea slugs, sea pineapples and conch.











Sunrise peak is a favorite tourist destination.



Several times a day,
the female divers
(Haenyo) entertain
visitors.



Haenyo can dive up to 60 feet deep without breathing equipment.

They can hold their breath for over three minutes in search of seafood.





The women are island celebrities.



Sumi was able to get
Jajangmyeon black bean
noodle for lunch.



Yakchunsa Temple is
the largest temple on
Jeju Island.

It was crowded
because it was
Buddha's Birthday.



Bathing the baby Buddha is one of the practices for Buddha's birthday.



The main temple building.









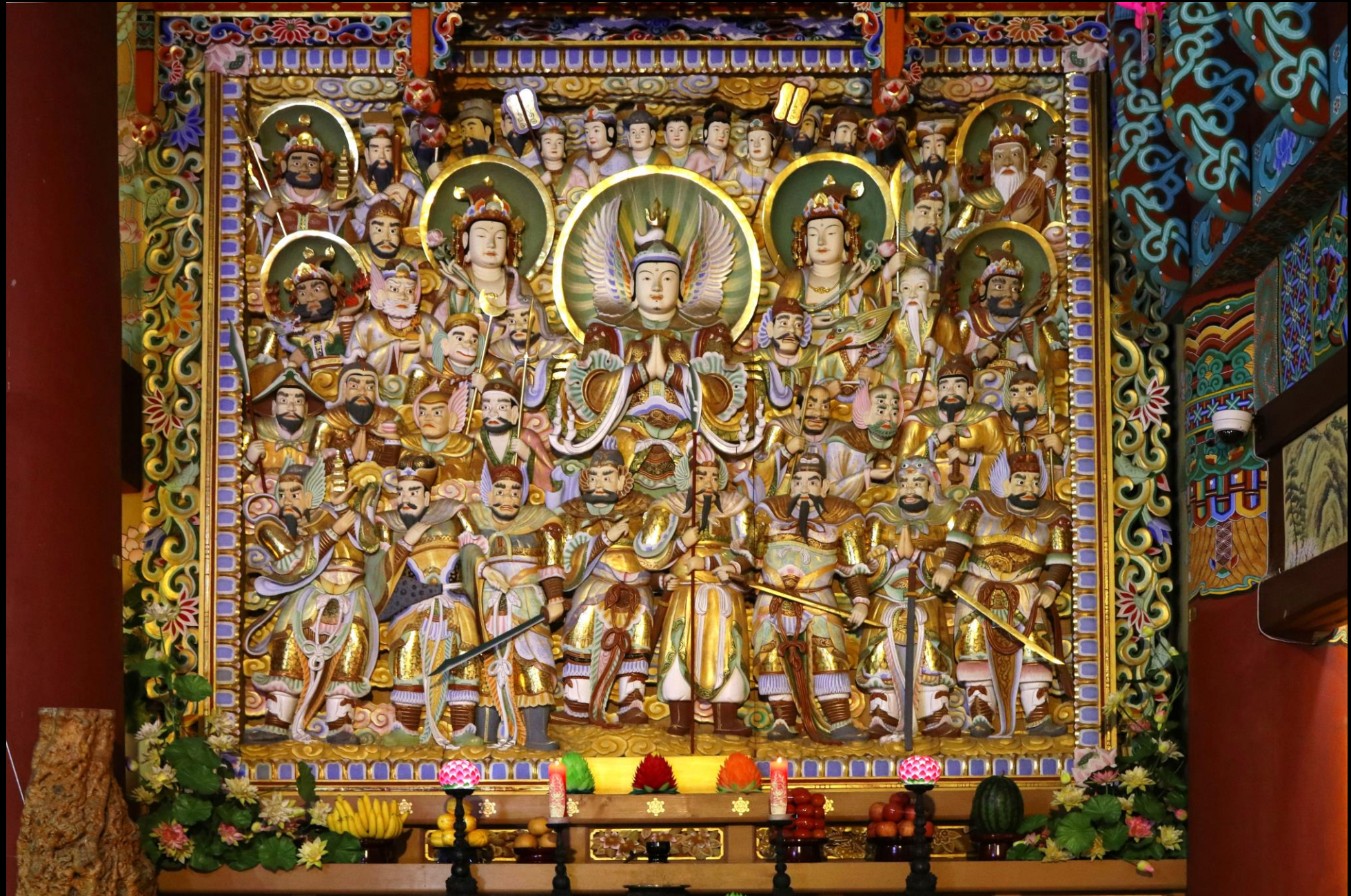
The main temple prayer room.



Posing for a
picture with a
resident monk.



An altar panel depicting Buddhist guardians.



An alcove with many small golden Buddha statues.







Yeomiju Botanic Garden



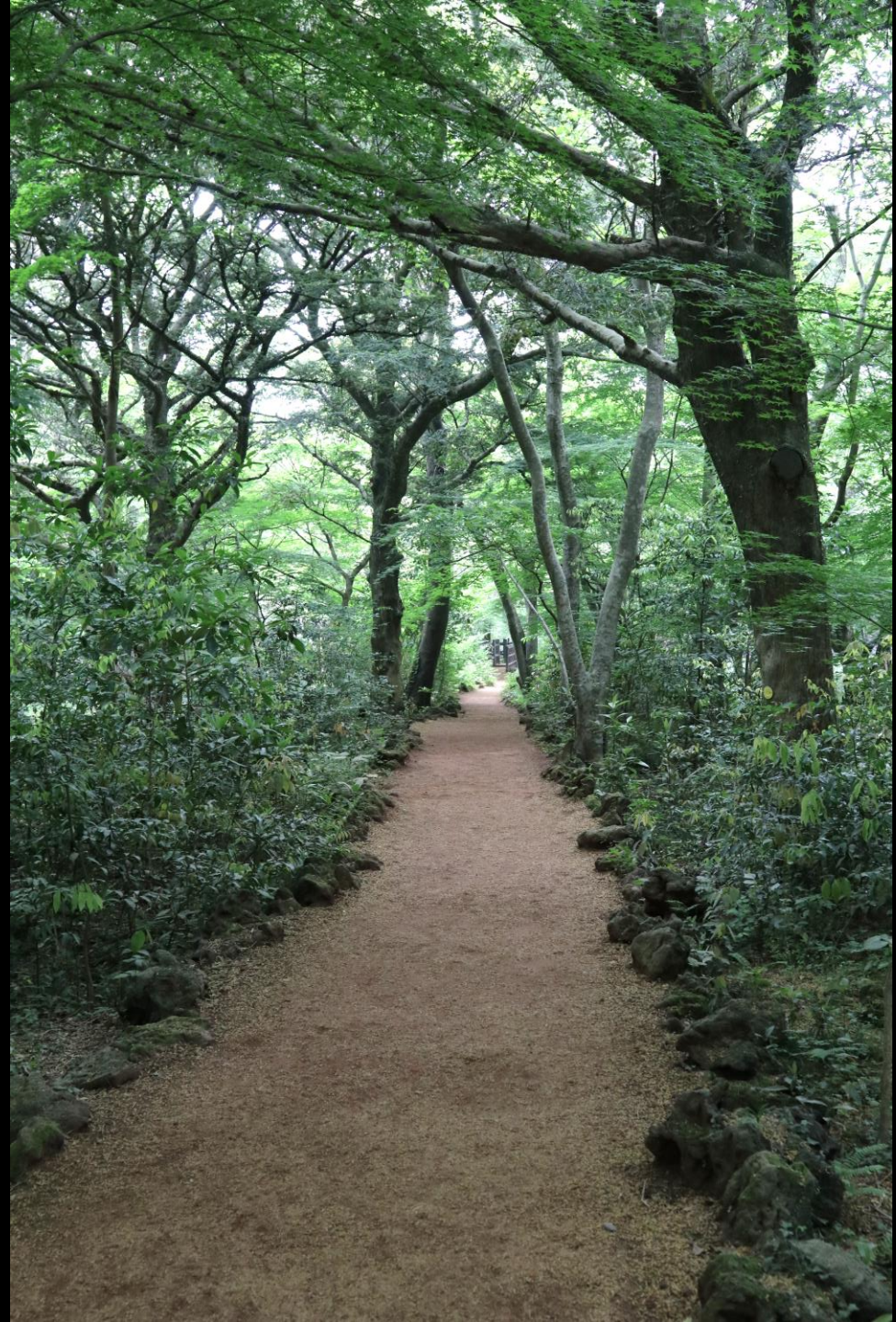








Bijarim Forest on Jeju Island has the largest natural stand of nutmeg yew (*Torreya nucifera*).



Torreya nucifera is a
conifer restricted to just
a few locations in Asia.

Korean's use the plant in
traditional medicinal.



The oldest tree is over
800 years-old.



Manjanggul Lava tube walk.





