

Born in the USA... Perfected in Korea?

Since the end of World War II and the liberation of Korea from the Japanese occupation, the USA has maintained a steady presence in the southern half of the peninsula. Perhaps it comes as no surprise, then, that South Korea has inherited many aspects of American culture, from the world of pop music to its dynamic sporting scene. During our short time there, I found myself amazed by the similarities between my homeland and our temporary host. And to be brutally honest, a lot of the greatest things about America seem to even better in South Korea...



The Stadium Experience

I love baseball. Honestly, I didn't know how much I loved baseball until I had lived in Europe for a few years. Sure, football is America's biggest sport, and basketball might be the most popular export, but for some reason it was baseball that I found myself missing. Nothing beats going to a jam-packed stadium with a bunch of friends and watching the Red Sox demolish the Yankees.<?p>

But, it turns out there is something better: going to a stadium in Korea. We've written in depth about our experience at Busan's [Lotte Giants](#), but suffice to say that attending a baseball game in Korea is awesome. Tickets are cheap. Beer is cheap. The stands are packed. Everyone's watching the game, when they're not shoveling pizza into their mouths or doing a slow-motion wave. You can bring food and beer into the stadium with you. We had a blast. Have you ever seen a slow-motion wave? It's amazing. Red Sox fans would never be capable of that!