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INVITATION TO KOREA for a DOUBLE “TUL TOUR” PROGRAM

*(Colour belt patterns from Chon-Ji to Choong-Moo
& Black belt patterns from Kwang-Gae to Choi-Yong)*

I, Stuart Anslow, along with the International Taekwon-Do Federation-Korea (ITF-Korea), would like to cordially invite you to the cradle of Taekwon-Do to explore the roots of patterns (Tul) created by the founder of Taekwon-Do, General Choi Hong Hi. The “TUL TOUR” program will strive to provide you with technical instruction, training (in patterns and their applications) and theoretical discussions on the history behind patterns: **Chon-Ji, Dan-Gun, Do-San, Won-Hyo, Yul-Gok, Joong-Gun, Toi-Gye, Hwa-Rang, Choong-Moo, Kwang-Gae, Po-Eun, Ge-Baek, Eui-Am, Choong-Jang, Ko-Dang, Sam-Il, Yoo-Sin & Choi-Yong**) and will give you the opportunity to practice them in the locations around Korea which are associated with TUL history.



This epic tour across Korea will take you to the historic places that inspired General Choi to create the Tuls. You will feel the spirit of the Korean ancestors and feel enriched by practicing Tuls amongst beautiful Korean scenery. The **“TUL TOUR”** programs involves a blend of practical training combined with a cultural experience which will allow its participants to develop a better understanding about Korean history and therefore, about Taekwon-Do.

Even if you have experience a Tul Tour before, we aim to go to some new and different locations than the previous (March 2015) Tul Tour, to keep it fresh and unique.

If you haven't read the full report of the March 2015 Tul Tour or wish to show something to friends and/or students to encourage them to come along, please ask me for the excellent report, written by Liz Porteous who previously came on the March 2015 Tul Tour, as whilst these Tours will not be exactly the same, it gives a great insight into just how great they are!

Do not miss this unique opportunity; mark your presence in the cradle of Taekwon-Do with pictures, videos and unforgettable memories from TUL TOUR programs!



Overview

The purpose of this document is to give you a full overview of what is required for each individual to participate on the Tul Tour 2018 programs, which is being organised by myself (Stuart Anslow). *‘Our’ unique* Tul Tour will be made up of people I know personally (i.e. You) and friends of friends, meaning everyone will know a good few people on the tour and by the end, will know everybody.

1 Flight Cost - 2 Tul Tours

The Tul Tours being organised will be running back to back, meaning that you save money by paying for just 1 return flight. It is hoped that you will come on both Tul Tours, but doing one or the other is optional for you as well. Each tour is being organised as separate Tul tours that run back to back, it is not one Tul Tour, but two.



Dates

Tour 1 - The 'Kup Tour' is scheduled to be a tour of 8 days (8 nights) in South Korea, starting on 9th April (Monday) to 16th April (Monday), 2018.

Tour 2 - The 'Dan Tour' is schedule to be a tour of 8 days (7 nights) in South Korea, starting on 16th April (Monday) to 23rd April (Monday), 2018.

Note: Please see the 'Contingency Plan' section, for what happens if either one of the Tours cannot go ahead.

Additional - Apart from each of the Tul Tours and participating in one or the other or both, there is a 3rd option that may be available at a later date, where by participants on a single Tul Tour can arrive early or stay longer to participate in the last leg of the Kup Toutr or the first leg of the Dan Tour, however, this will not be as cost effective as doing both Tours and each additional day/night will be at 'cost' (this will be decided later), plus you will have to arrange your own flights to/from South Korea and cover your expenses to get to the location we will be at or get to the airport for your flight home part-way through either of the Tours. The Tul Tour organisers in South Korea will help arrange your travel across the country to get to/from us (at your cost) and whilst it is not as cost effective as coming on both Tours, it will enable you to extend your trip - please contact me directly if you feel this is something you may want to utilize.

Who Can Go?

Anyone can go on the Tul Tours, it is suitable and interesting for anyone in Taekwon-Do, from 10th kup to 9th Dan - you do not have to be a member of the ITF. Even those who do not do Taekwon-Do are welcome along, as long as they understand that it is heavily Taekwon-Do based. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A BLACK BELT** to appreciate the 'Dan Tour'.. You will learn a lot while there!

Under 18's can also go, but they need a responsible adult (parent, guardian, instructor) to go with them. Non-parents should provide (and carry with them) a full letter of consent from parents etc.

Food

The food on the tour is mainly Korean, however the tour company can cater for most food requirements, including anyone who does not like Korea food. There will of course be McDonalds and other places to eat (at your own cost).



A Tour Uniquely Ours!

I was first inspired to arrange the March 2015 Tul Tour after speaking with one of the organisers, Master Zibby Kruk, but more so after chatting with Master George Vitale (an 8th degree and Taekwon-do historian), who is a good friend of mine. Master Vitale has been on the Tul Tour already and what 'sold' me was that I know Master Vitale has travelled around the world, as well as to both North and South Korea numerous times and done virtually everything related to Taekwon-Do, everywhere and he said, out of all the Taekwon-Do related things he has done, anywhere in the world, the Tul Tour was his best experience out of them all! In March 2015 myself and over 20 others went on 'our' own Tul Tour and Master Vitale joined us again and repeated the whole experience - it is that good! I, and many of the others from March 2015 will be going again on the 2018 Tours, as all felt it was that great. We hope (though it is not yet confirmed) that Master Vitale will join us again in 2018!



Itinerary

As with the March 2015 Tul Tour, the itinerary for 2018 is being planned right now to give all participants the best experience possible. Some who are considering this trip have been before, so we are planning on going to some different locations from the last Tour to give previous and future Tul Tourer's the best experience possible.

A full itinerary will be provided at a later date, but in short we will be visiting locations around South Korea that are connected to each of the Tuls from Chon-Ji up to and including Choi-Yong tul. At each location we will practice and perform each pattern associated with it, first step by step (so those who do not know the pattern can have a go), then in 'our own time', then we will practice applications associated with the pattern and of course, there will be time to look around the location as well. We may also visit some non-TKD, but amazing fun and interesting locations, time permitting,

Please note that the Kup Tul Tour also features a visit to the 'Fist Monument' (known as the Womb of TKD) on Jeju Island.



Costs

It is too early (in advance) to calculate the exact cost of each (or both) tours so far away in the future, due to inflation and what exchange rates may be in 2018, so the current costs (and Savings/Payment Plan) is based on calculations by the Tul Tour providers, based on the current and previous Tul Tours that have gone ahead, as well as the estimated costs of a return flight from the UK to South Korea in 2018 (£800).

The actual cost of the trip will depend on a number of factors:

1. Whether you are choosing to go on just one of the Tul Tours or both Tul Tours.
2. Whether you will fly with the UK group or book your own air travel.

The costs are as follows:

- Kup Tul Tour only (including flight from the UK) - £2200
- Kup Tul Tour only (excluding flight from the UK) - £1400

- Dan Tul Tour only (including flight from the UK) - £2200
- Dan Tul Tour only (excluding flight from the UK) - £1400
- Both Kup & Dan Tul Tour (including flight from the UK) - £3600
- Both Kup & Dan Tul Tour (excluding flight from the UK) - £2800

Notes:

- If the final costs exceed the estimated amount of each Tul Tour by more than £500 (per Tour), the tour may be cancelled, unless the majority want to still go ahead. If cancelled (by us) you will receive a full refund, including your deposit.
- If the costs exceeds the estimated amount estimated amount of each Tul Tour , but is under £500 (per Tour), all participants will need (and agree upon joining/paying deposit) to pay the difference by September 2017.
- We have estimated UK flights at around £800, however, we hope it will be cheaper and if so, those who have decided to fly as part of the UK group will receive the difference back. IE. If we can book a flight for £650, you will receive £150 refund.



Deposits, Payments & Saving Plan

Your place on one or both of the Tul Tours can be confirmed via an initial (non-returnable) deposit. Deposits vary depending on whether you are going on one or both of the Tul Tours. For those in the UK we also have the option of a ‘saving/payment plan’, to help you save up over a period of time, enabling you to achieve your goal and travel with us to South Korea in 2018. Exact details of costs, saving plans and payments can be found over the next few pages, in this booklet.

The ‘saving/payment’ is optional and you do not have to use it, alternatively you can pay outstanding balances (in 2, 3 or 4 chunks) at pre-arranged dates (but by former agreement only) or simply pay the whole outstanding balance by the end of August 2017.



Deposits

The Tul Tour (each one) needs a minimum number of people to ensure it goes ahead (please see the 'contingency plan' section for what happens if one cannot happen for some reason), and thus people dropping out can jeopardize the whole (each) Tour for everyone else, so its important that you consider if you can go or not. With that in mind, to secure your place on one or both of the Tul Tours an initial (non-refundable) deposit is required by the end of the year (31st December 2015).

The deposit required are as follows:

- Kup Tul Tour only - £350
- Dan Tul Tour only - £350
- Both Kup & Dan Tul Tour - £600
- *The above deposits are for the Tul Tours only and are not dependant on whether your final costs will include a UK flight or not, as that cost will be added to your final total.*
- *Deposits are 'non-refundable'*

If considering both the Kup and Dan Tul Tours, ideally the full deposit for each should be placed by 31st December, 2015, however, as long as we have enough people for both Tours, there is the opportunity to 'add' yourself to another Tour if you initially plan on one, then decide to do both combined at a later date, although we do have deadlines for paying the deposits collected from myself, to the Tul Tour organisers (as well as full payment deadlines etc.).

If you join the Tul Tour at a later date after 31st December, 2015 not only will your monthly payment costs be higher, there will also be an additional admin charge of £100 per Tour or £200 for both Tours for the additional admin work involved.

Deposit Payment Options are - *cheque* (UK only), *Bank Transfer* (any - though any bank charges will need to be covered by you) or *Paypal*. (please use the 'friends' option or else extra charges may apply) - Please email me before any payments are made for address to send cheques to, bank details or Paypal info - all payments must be in UK POUND Sterling only.

Saving/Payment Plan

In order help you save for the Tul Tours and make your dream a fantastic reality, I am offering a savings/payment plan to help you save for the trip and not have to stump up a large amount in one go later on - this helped many people to go on the 2015 trip, which is why I am repeating it.

Once the initial deposit/s have been paid and your place is secured, there will 20 monthly payments (amounts will vary, depending on which option you choose) to pay for the rest of the trip. These payments may include or exclude flight options (UK only), depending on your preference.

Please note, this is for those in the UK only. Non-UK participants should initiate their own 'savings plan' (either for themselves or their school/friends), so there are no last minute disappointments.

What The Payment Plan Covers

The costs covers the full costs of each Tul Tour (depending on which you have chosen or both of them) around South Korea, including flights to and from South Korea (unless you chose the non-flight option), 3 meals a day, drinks, all travel, 5 Star hotels for the duration of the tour and some gifts from the tour hosts. The only extra money you will need is spending money for gifts, snacks etc..

All tour participants receive some free gifts to be decided by the Tul Tour organisers.

Savings/Payment Plan Details

The cost of each saving/payment plan will vary depending of which Tour or Tour's you decide upon and whether you include the 'flight' option or not. All involve the 'non-refundable' deposit as detailed previously, then 20 monthly payments to take you up to the total cost of your Tour or Tours.





Each selection works like this:

Tour Type	Total Cost	Deposit	Monthly Payments
Kup Tour only	£1400	£350	20 x £52.50
Kup Tour + Flight	£2200	£350	20 x £92.50
Dan Tour only	£1400	£350	20 x £52.50
Dan Tour + Flight	£2200	£350	20 x £92.50
Kup & Dan Tour only	£2800	£600	20 x £110.00
Kup & Dan Tour + Flight	£3600	£600	20 x £150.00

Notes:

- See previous details about UK flight costs
- The savings plan turns into a payment plan in 2017 when I have to pay the groups deposit to the tour providers, then pay the rest of the tour payment and book flights. What this means is, at certain points in 2017, if you drop out you will lose not only your deposit, but also some or even all of your money - though I would of course endeavour to get refunds off the tour company, but it is at their discretion and even if they offer a refund, they will have encountered their own costs. So, the ideal scenario if you drop out, is to find a replacement yourself, where they can swap straight into your payment plan.
- If your drop out after your flight is booked (which is done separately to the Tul Tour payments) you will be responsible for obtaining a refund from the airline yourself.

It is hoped that the majority will meet and fly out from a London airport (preferably Heathrow, but possibly Gatwick or others) on the first day (or more likely the night before) of the tour. We would travel there together, take the tour and fly home together (with those just doing one Tour arriving/leaving on 16th April, 2018). However, there will be others flying in from other countries or those who may not be able to travel with the main group ie. They live to far away to leave from a London airport. In which case, they will be responsible for arranging their own flights to and from Korea.

Monthly Payment Options are by monthly, pre-arranged *Bank Transfers only* - detail to be provided.

Contingency Plans

Should either of the Tul Tours not gain enough participants to make it viable to go ahead, the remaining Tour will be extended to 9 days/10 nights. If this happens then those on a single Tour will be required to pay a bit more and those on both Tours will receive a refund less the difference. The estimated cost is £200 extra, per night, so between £400 to £600 on top of the price of a single Tul Tour. However, this contingency plan is only in place to ensure at least one Tul Tour goes ahead 'just in case' and no-one is left disappointed. *Options will be discussed with all those involved should this become necessary.*

Bringing Along Students & Friends

Friends and students are welcome on the tour, However, while I am happy to take a cheque as their initial deposits, it is preferable that all regular payments be made along side yourself. This means if you bring 2 students/friends along, after the deposit, if you have chosen monthly payments, you need to ensure you collect the money in before the payment due date, then triple your monthly payments - as I really only want to deal directly with people I know so there are no problems.

Further Information

Please visit the Tul Tour 2018 facebook page for photo's and video's of previous Tul Tours: www.facebook.com/groups/203808453129235/. The video can also be found on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtPZM4BAItE>

