

Korean

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English

The biggest holiday in Korea is called Seollal, which is Chinese Lunar New Year. I searched for it, and the tradition has been around for over 100, 500,000 years in Korea. Basically, it's the first day of New Year according to the Chinese Lunar New calendar. On the day, all the family members will go back, will return to their home city, and all the family members will gather together. Usually, it lasts for three days, the day before Seollal and the day and the day after Seollal.

Before the official Seollal day, we will prepare some of the meals and the food for the families and also for the ancestors, because on the day, we will going to have a tradition called Tara, which is a ritual ceremony for the dead ancestors. When the day comes, we'll first prepare some of the food for the ancestors and have a ritual ceremony for them, like wishing, asking them to look for us and also giving us some blessings. Then after that, we will eat the food that we have given to the dead ancestors.

For the food, we have a very special food called Dduk Guk, which is a rice soup cake. It's made up of very long rice cake. They cut it into small pieces. I heard that people used to eat Dduk Guk because they believe that if you eat something long in the beginning of the New Year, your life expectancy will be extended. They wanted to have a long life that's why we're eating Dduk Guk.

After that, another main performance we have is called bowing to older members of the family. We will bow to the older members of the family, and we will receive the pocket money, and also words of wisdom from them, like be healthy for your new year, or stay, be kind to your parents, or be kind to your friends or something like that. They were going to give us a blessing words for the upcoming year.

Then some of the family will play some of the Korean traditional board games, or they'll just talk and eat more of the food. I think that's the biggest national holiday in Korea.