

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

26/11/14, Newsletter 7

IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: November 26th 2014 (213th day)

Location: Minamata, Japan

Driven km up to date: 29 800.



PHOTOS



VIDEO



NEWS

This month, we have slowed down on the cruise speed. We have mainly traveled in two areas: around Busan in Korea and around Fukuoka in Japan.

The day after the last newsletter, we were on our way to Busan for logistical reasons. Actually, a surprise was organised: Jeanne and Romain (close friends) joined us by surprise for a few days when we thought we would not see them before weeks. We had a great time together!

Korea remained a pleasant adventure until the end: varied and spicy food, and great time spent with Koreans encountered on our way (Marco in Busan, Jino in Daegu).

After a few issues related to our gas supply (still problematic today), we crossed the Sea of Japan up to Fukuoka. The sumo competition, we were looking forward to, was really so good as expected and a great introduction to Japan. It has been a week that we are in Minamata, a city that has suffered an environmental disaster (pollution linked to a surplus of mercury in the sea which had serious consequences on health and the environment). We joined a volunteer working camp and were welcomed in a collocation with 4 other young foreigners in a typical Japanese house. We are working on the transformation of bamboo to charcoal and use of flowers and fiber / cotton to produce naturally colored fabrics.



FUNNY PICTURE



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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Surprise arrival of Jeanne and Romain in Busan with their baby and life in the van with Jeanne;
- Macoli evening (drink from fermented wheat) with Marco in Busan;
- Gas provision search in Daegu with Jino and later in Fukuoka;
- Sumo contest in Fukuoka;
- Life and work in Minamata on a voluntary site.



CURRENT MOOD : We've had a wonderful week living in Minamata together with Paul, Malte, Kazu and Mae. We're living in a house and have a daily routine. We probably will spent another week here and then go on the road again...



COUNTRIES VISITED : Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan.

COMING : Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania.



MAP - ITINERARY : since the last newsletter

✈ Departure

✦ Arrival



1. Busan (CO)
2. Fukuoka compétition de sumos (JP)
3. Kumamoto château (JP)
4. Minamata nouveau écologique (JP)
5. Yonotsuru (JP)

