

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Trips start to feel like vacations for Nowz

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A few months after celebrating their group's first anniversary, Nowadays changed their name to Nowz, indicating that they're ready for a fresh start.

This summer marks an important time for the five-man K-pop group. They recorded a new song, "Fly to the youth," which features their label mate Yuqi, from the girl group i-dle.

And the group is eagerly looking forward to visiting Los Angeles in August to perform at KCON — which has been likened to the Coachella of Korean culture.

This interview was conducted in Korean and translated into English. It has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: What can you share about working with Yuqi?

Hyeonbin: I learned so much from working with Yuqi, not just during the recording sessions, but also about what it means to carry yourself as an idol. It was such a valuable experience.

Yoon: It was such an honor to work on a song produced by Yuqi. That made the song even more meaningful. She directed the recording herself, with great attention to detail, which helped me record the music much better.

Q: You recently celebrated one year together as a group. What are your goals for the next year?

Yeonwoo: My goal is to create a unique style for Nowz that truly represents us, and to become even



When Nowz visits the U.S., its members are looking forward to checking out landmarks. CUBE ENTERTAINMENT

more well known for it so that many people can recognize us.

Siyun: To win first place on (Korean) music shows, rank within the Top 20 on album charts, and meet even more (of our fandom) Day_And!

Q: Have you been to the United States before?

Yoon: We're scheduled to perform at KCON LA, and since it'll be my first time in the United States, I'm really excited! There are so many famous landmarks there that I want to experience them myself. I can't wait to see the scenery with my own eyes.

Jinhyuk: This will be my very first time going to LA, too. I'm already feeling so thrilled and looking forward to it.

Siyun: I've never been to the U.S., so I want to go and learn more about the dance, music and the free-spirited vibe there

Q: Have you had the opportunity to travel more since you've been in Nowz?

Yeonwoo: Since our debut, we've had more and more schedules overseas, so I've been to quite a few countries. There were always new experiences each time.

Jinhyuk: We travel to many countries for our performances, so we often find ourselves going abroad. Over time, those trips have started to feel a bit like vacations.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

Yeonwoo: I've been to Jeju Island once and I loved how relaxing it was. The scenery of nature was so beautiful, which is my favorite part of Jeju Island.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

Hyeonbin: I think traveling gives a feeling of relaxation and romance. I felt like that might be what my life is all about.

Yeonwoo: Through experiencing different countries and cultures, I learned how the world is so big, and that there are so many different and new things out there.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?

Yeonwoo: I think it would be Bluetooth earphones. I love listening to music while enjoying new scenery.

Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you're on the road?

Hyeonbin: Probably my phone. I know I should focus more on the trip, but sometimes I just want to zone out and scroll on my phone to get distracted.
Yoon: Shopping! I love clothes so much that I can't miss out whenever I travel. Every trip has different styles and stores I want to check out.

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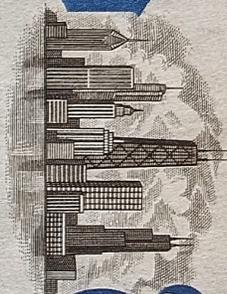


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