

The Best of Korea

10 days UNESCO World Heritage Tour to Seoul, Jeju Island, Busan, Gyeongju, Daegu, Andong & Mt. Sorak

This amazing tour visit major world cultural and natural heritages in Korea designated by UNESCO in order to help foreign visitors to have broad and deep understanding of Korean. Starting from hustle and bustle metropolitan city of Seoul, to deep blue waters of Jeju Island, then UNESCO heritages of Bulguksa Temple, Tripitaka Koreana and Seoraksan National Park, there are a lot to see in this beautiful country!

Day 1 Arrival Seoul Departure on Friday

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport you are met by our representative and transfer to check in your hotel. The rest of day is at your leisure.

Day 2 Seoul – DMZ half day tour (Meal: B)

07:30~14:20, Passport is required to join

07:30 Pick up from your hotel and drive to Imjingak Park; you will have ID check at Unification Bridge before we head to DMZ theatre & Exhibition hall. Then followed by visiting the 3rd infiltration tunnel-Dorasan Observatory and Dorasan Station. After lunch, continue your tour to Advance Camp, Joint Security Area, Freedom House, Conference Room, UN guard post 3, Bridge of no return and Imjingak Park. Return to Seoul and visit Ginseng Center at around 14:30. You will be drop off at Itaewon street where you can enjoy your free time there. Return to hotel on your own.

Day 3 Seoul – Jeju Island (Meal: B)

You are transferred to the airport for your early morning flight to Jeju Island. Upon arrival met and transfer to visit Yongduam Rock (Dragon Head Rock), admires the majestic rock formations and deep-blue waters. Continue to Halla Arboretum to see 909 kinds of native trees and subtropical plants and you can meet the four-season flower forest, colourful forests, and the beautiful seasons of Mother Nature. After lunch enjoy the spectacular horse riding performance show, The Mapark (Optional, US\$18 pp). Continue to the Yakchunsa Temple which is the largest in the East and serves 30 thousand budda statues in it. Check in at your hotel in late afternoon.

Day 4 Jeju Island (Meal: B)

Today the first visit is Cheonjeyeon Falls (The Pond of God), then the Gyulimseong tangerine farm and followed by a scenic cruise aboard the Seogwipo Pleasure Boat (optional, US\$18PP). In the afternoon visit Camellia Hill, camellia arboretum where is home to 6,000 camellia trees of 500 different species including species that are known to produce the world's largest and earliest blossoms. Take a walk "Olle" a narrow pathway. Complete the day with a walk along the shores of Yongmeori Beach; if closed*, visit Sangbanggulsa cave instead. Dinner on your own and transfer to hotel.

Day 5 Jeju Island – Busan (Meal: B)

Drive to Seopjikoji – One of the most mysterious sights in Jeju Island, in harmony with seashore made up of grotesque cliffs and dark blue ocean where you can enjoy trekking on the Olle path. Visit Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, the World Heritage designated by UNESCO. Next, step back in time as you explore Jeju Haenyeo Museum where exhibits various photos of haenyeo female divers and their activities, to provide an accurate picture of their lives. If time is available, visit the Museum of Natural History – to have an opportunity to experience and learn about the environment and shows how to preserve the earth's natural beauty. Stop by Korean Jewellery Amethyst and local product store. Transfer back to Jeju Airport and Fly to your next destination around 17:00, Busan (Gimhae airport), the 2nd largest city in Korea. After met by guide, transfer to your hotel

Day 6 Busan – Gyeongju – Daegu (Meal: B)

Depart at 8:30 am. We drive to Gyeongju, a museum without walls. In 57 BC, when Julius Caesar was subduing Gaul, it became the capital of the Shilla Dynasty and remained so for about 1000 years. Gyeongju preserves a vast amount of significant and fascinating historical heritage. Along with Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, its historical district has been designated as a World Heritage by

UNESCO. Gyeongju National Museum, Cheomgseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Seokguram Grotto (UNESCO world heritage) - an artificial stone temple made of granites, located on the eastern peak of Mt. Toham. Bulguksa Temple (UNESCO world heritage) – The beauty of the temple itself and artistic touch of the stone relics are as awesome and fascinating as to be highly praised by visitors from all over the world. Move to Daegu city for overnight which is a largest and central city of this province. Check in at Hotel and take a rest.

Day 7 Daegu – Haeinsa Temple – Andong - Pyongchang (Meal: B)

After Check-out, move to Haeinsa Temple located in Gayasan National Park. Haeinsa Temple was founded by King Ae-Jang of Shilla Dynasty (802), well known for its famous treasure “ Tripitaka Koreana ”(UNESCO world heritage) composed of 81,341 printing woodblocks made to repulse the Mongolian Army Invasion with support of Buddha. Afterwards transfer to Andong Hahoe Village which has preserved the housing architecture and the village structure of the Joseon Dynasty. Moreover, the Village was not artificially created; there are people who actually live there. The Hahoe Village has become world-famous for the visit of The Queen Elizabeth II of Britain several years ago. And then transfer to Gangneung, one of 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic Cities.

Day 8 Mt. Sorak – Seoul (Meal: B)

Depart to Seoraksan National Park where the peaks break through the clouds while jade-like water flows through the valleys, creating breathtaking views and making this Korea’s most famous national park. UNESCO designated this park a Biosphere Preservation District in 1982 due to so many rare species found here. Visit Sinheungsa Temple, an ancient temple with deep historical significance, built by a great monk Jajangyulsa (590~658). (Optional Gwongseumseong Cable Car–USD15.00). Gwongseumseong is a site of castle ruins located on the steep Dol Mountain of Seoraksan National Park area. After sightseeing of Seoraksan National Park, continue our journey to Seoul and check in your hotel.

Day 9 Seoul (Meal: B/L)

Pick up at your hotel around 08:30-09:00 am for Seoul half day sightseeing tour to Gyeongbokgung Palace, the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony, National Folk Museum, Korean Ginseng Centre. After lunch, move to Korean Folk Village (an hour and half drive away from Seoul) - you will experience the culture of the late Joseon Dynasty, It’s a huge village that has about 260 different types of house of each province. Return to Seoul in the afternoon.

Day 10 Seoul departure (Meal: B)

Today is at leisure until in time transfer to the airport for your flight bound for your next destination.

Price: \$3550 per person twin share Single supplement: \$1250

Inclusions:

1. Twin share 4* hotel at Seoul Fraser Place, Jeju KAL Hotel, Busan Value Hotel, Daegu Interbulgo Hotel, Ramada Pyeongchang Hotel or similar
2. Korean domestic economy flights Seoul – Jeju Island – Busan
3. Fully inclusive seat in coach tour with English speaking guide, all transfers and entrance fees as per itinerary.

Exclusions: International air travel, tipping for the guide and driver (US\$10 per day / client recommended), optional tour; personal expenses; travel insurance, items not mentioned in above itinerary, unscheduled meals etc.

Remarks: Depart every Friday all year round except Blackout dates in 2019 (06 Sep & 13 Sep) & in 2020 (24 Jan; 25 Sep). Minimum of 2 participants for guaranteed departure. Holiday Season surcharge \$190 pp for 10July - 31Aug, 20Dec 2019 & 10 July – 31 Aug, 25 Dec 2020, Christmas and New Year Holidays period.