

The Beauty of Korea

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

(2025 Program)

UNESCO world heritage of Korea refers to both cultural and natural heritage sites registered on its world heritage list.

Since the earliest settlements on the Korean Peninsula and in Southeastern Manchuria during prehistoric times, the people of Korea have developed a distinctive culture based on their unique artistic sensibility. The geographical conditions of the peninsula provided Koreans with opportunities to receive both continental and maritime cultures and ample resources, which in turn enabled them to form unique cultures of interest and value for humanity, both then and now. Korea's vibrant cultural legacy, comprising art, literature, dance, architecture, clothing and cuisine, offers a delightful combination of tradition and modernity, and is now appreciated in many parts of the world. The volcanic island of Jeju-do has been chosen as UNESCO natural heritage for its outstandingly beautiful and natural environment that is significant for its geological features and ecological value.

This tour takes you to visit almost World Heritage in Korea designated by UNESCO in culture, nature and intangible culture.



Day 1 SUN Arrival Seoul

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

Day 2 MON Seoul Full Day Sightseeing

Meal: B

After breakfast, pick up at your hotel around 08:30-09:00 am. You will take Seoul full day sightseeing: Jogyesa Temple; Gyeongbokgung Palace; The Royal Guard Changing Ceremony; National Folk Museum; Korean Ginseng Centre or Amethyst shop. Following these visits, you will head to the Korean Folk Village, a 1.5-hour drive from Seoul. Here, you will experience the culture of the late Joseon Dynasty in a large village featuring around 260 traditional houses from different provinces. You will then return to your hotel. Alternatively, you can be dropped off at Gwangjang Market on the way back to enjoy some local street food.

Day 3 TUE Seoul - Jeju Island

Meal: B

This morning is at leisure; at noon transferred to the airport for your flight to Jeju Island. Upon arrival, met and transferred to your hotel and check in.

Day 4 WED Jeju Island full day tour

Meal: B

After breakfast enjoy a full day of sightseeing, which include Hyupjae Beach, Hallim Park where you can enjoy Palm Tree Road, Jeju Stone and Bonsai Garden, Water Garden, Subtropical Botanic Garden and O'sulloc Tea Museum which was opened by Amore Pacific in 2001 with the aim of introducing and spreading Korean teas and the traditional tea culture of Korea. In the afternoon, take Sanbang Mountain Cruise and visit Cheonjeyeon falls, named "The Pond of God," consists of three sections.

Day 5 THU Jeju Island – Busan

Meal: B

This morning, depart for Jeju Jeolmul Natural Forest, nestled under the crater of a dormant "baby" volcano. Spanning a total area of three hundred hectares, the forest surrounded by lush cedar trees. Next, visit Seongeup Folk Village, which highlights the unique culture and traditional architecture of Jeju Island. After lunch, head to the Haenyeo Museum, where you will explore exhibits featuring photos and artifacts of the haenyeo (female divers), providing insight into their lives and traditions. Alternatively, you can watch a haenyeo diver show, recognized as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Continue to Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak. This peak, which rose 180 meters above sea level over 5,000 years ago due to underwater magma activity, was once a separate island but now connected to the main island by sand and soil deposits. Finally, transfer to Jeju Airport for your flight to Busan. Upon arrival, met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 6 FRI Busan – Gyeongju

Meal: B

Start your day at Korea's largest traditional seafood market - Jagalchi Fish Market then explore Gamcheon Culture Village, known for its colourful houses built in a staircase-fashion on the foothills of a coastal mountain, often referred to as the "Machu Picchu of Busan.". In the afternoon, experience traditional rice cake-making, immersing yourself in a hands-on cultural activity. Visit Haeundae Beach, Busan's most famous beach, known for its beautiful coastline and lively atmosphere. Then proceed to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, renowned for its picturesque setting with views of the blue ocean, a white sandy beach, and surrounding Camellia and pine forests, making it one of Busan's eight scenic sites. Transfer to Gyeongju (approximately 1.5 hours by car) and enjoy a night tour of Gyeongju Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, a secondary palace from the Silla Kingdom era. At night, admire the enchanting reflections of the Imhaejeon Hall in the tranquil waters of Wolji Pond.

Day 7 SAT Gyeongju – Daegu

Meal: B

Depart for Gyeongju, often called a "museum without walls." This city, which became the capital of the Shilla Dynasty around 57 BC and remained so for about 1,000 years, is rich in historical heritage and has many significant sites. You will visit Gyeongju National Museum: Explore a wide range of artifacts and treasures from the Shilla Dynasty. Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory: Visit the oldest existing astronomical observatory in Asia. In the afternoon we will visit Seokguram Grotto: Tour this UNESCO World Heritage site, an artificial stone temple made of granite located on the eastern peak of Mt. Toham. Inside the main hall, you'll find the Bonjon Statue, Bodhisattva, and his disciples. Bulguksa Temple: the UNESCO World Heritage temple known for its stunning architecture and exquisite stone relics, highly

praised by visitors worldwide. Move to Daegu city, the largest and central city of this province. Check in at your hotel.

Day 8 SUN 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, and people still living there. The Hahoe Village has become world-famous for the visit of the Queen Elizabeth II of Britain few years ago. Then transfer to Gangneung, one of 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic Cities.

Day 9 MON 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 @ USD20.00). 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 10 TUE Seoul – DMZ Tour (Passport required) Meal: B

07:30 Pickup 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 third infiltration tunnel- Dorasan Observatory and Dorasan Station. Fly to Jeju Island in the afternoon. Met and transferred to your hotel upon arrival.

Note: DMZ tour can be cancelled by the Government due to unexpected local circumstance without any notice. In case of cancellation, alternative tour course will be provided Hotel - Imjingak Park - Freedom Bridge - Peace Gondola - Odu Unification Observatory (can see the North Korea at here) - Drop off city Hall.

Day 10 TUE Seoul departure Meal: B

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



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Departure dates in 2025 (Every Sunday)

Normal Season Price: A\$5680 per person twin share
Single supplement: \$2080

Inclusions:

1. Twin share 4* hotel at Seoul Orakai Daehakro Hotel, Jeju Grand Hyatt, Busan Wyndham Grand Hotel, Gyeongju Lahan Hotel; Daegu Interbulgo EXCO Hotel, Pyeongchang Ramada 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, optional tour; personal expenses; travel insurance, items not mentioned in above itinerary, unscheduled meals etc.

High Season Surcharge: Extra \$550 (twin share) for departures of July, August and 21DEC 2025; single supplement \$2660.

Blackout date: 19 Jan, 26 Jan, 28 Sept, 05 Oct, 28 Dec 2025

Remarks: Depart every Sunday all year round except Blackout dates (Lunar New Year, Korean Thanksgiving, End of year holidays etc). Minimum of two participants for guaranteed departure. All bookings are subject to availability and final confirmation. Itinerary is subject to minor change upon local arrangement.



Credit: Korea Tourism Organization