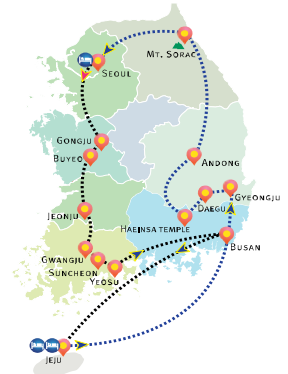


The Best of Korea 2025

13 days Cultural Tour to Seoul, Jeju Island, Busan, Gyeongju, Daegu, Andong & Mt. Sorak

This program offers you a wide range of attractions, sightseeing and experiences with natural wonders, attractive culture, and authentic tradition of Korea. Best of Korea is THE BEST to those who like to discover the wonderful sightseeing and Korean culture; it takes you to explore every corners of Korea from Western, Eastern and Eastern area to Jeju Island in the south sea as well as Seoul, the world class city in amazing combination of tradition and modernity.



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 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 Seoul – Buyeo - Jeonju

Meal: B

07:30 Transfer to a meeting point, parking lot in front of Donghwa Duty Free Shop Building at Gwanghwamun Intersection, Seoul then depart for Gongju(130Km/1.5hours). You visit The Tomb of King Muryeong (UNESCO) and Gongsanseong Fortress (UNESCO); then proceed to Jeonju (80Km/1 hr) to visit Jeonju Hanok Village where you experience the Hanok - 700 traditional Korean Houses. Check-into your hotel; rest of the day remains free.



Day 4 Jeonju – Gwangju – Suncheon - Yeosu

Meal: B

After breakfast, you are transferred to Gwangju (100km / 1hr 20min), the leading city of Honam region and birthplace of a modern democratic movement in Korea, visit May 18th National Cemetery; Suncheon (100km/ 1hr) where you will visit Suncheon Bay Garden before we continue to Yeosu, a port city and wander around the Historic Site of Admiral Yi Sun-sin's Path. Check-in to our hotel.

Day 5 Yeosu – Busan – Jeju Island

Meal: B

After breakfast we start visiting Jinjuseong Fortress – historically linked to Japanese invasion in 1592; then move to Busan (100Km/1.5hrs) and fly to Jeju Island. Upon arrival Jeju, met and transferred to check in your hotel.

*Jeju-do's volcanic island and lava tubes have been registered as UNESCO's world natural heritage. Jeju-do(island) is the premier tourist destination in Korea because of its stunning natural scenery and superior tourist amenities. Scenic beaches, waterfalls, cliffs and caves lie in harmony and the mild weather makes Jeju-do an even more ideal tourist site.

Day 6 Jeju Island Meal: B

After breakfast, enjoy a full day of sightseeing. You visit Hyupjae Beach, Hallim Park with Palm Tree Road, Jeju Stone and Bonsai Garden, Water Garden, Subtropical Botanic Garden and much more; then 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. After lunch, enjoy Sanbang Mountain Cruise and Cheonjeyeon falls, named "The Pond of God," consists of three sections. Stop by shopping center and transfer to your hotel.



Day 7 Jeju Island – Busan**Meal: B**

After breakfast, transfer to the farm and enjoy horseback riding, one of fun activity that will make you feel like royalty; The Seongeup Folk Village where shows the unique culture of Jeju Island. After lunch, visit Haenyeo Museum where exhibits various photos of haenyeo female divers and their activities or enjoy woman diver show (UNESCO Intangible Cultural asset). Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, rose 180 meters above sea level due to a magma flow under the sea over 5,000 years ago and it was originally a separate island, but a build-up of sand and soil has connected it to the main island. Fly from Jeju International Airport to Busan. Upon arrival, met and transferred to check into your hotel.

**Day 8 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 9 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 10 Daegu – Andong Pyeongchang

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 11 Pyeongchang - 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 Gwongumseong Cable Car–USD15.00). Gwongumseong 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 12 Seoul – DMZ half day 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 13 Seoul departure

Meal: B

Today is at leisure (subject to hotel check out time policy) until in time transfer to the airport for your flight bound for your next destination.

Depart Every Friday* - 2025

Price: A\$6080 per person twin share Single supplement: \$2380

Inclusions:

1. Twin share 4* hotel at Seoul Orakai Daehakro Hotel, Jeonju Ramada Hotel; Yeosu Ramada Plaza by Wyndham; Jeju Grand Hyatt, Busan Wyndham Grand Hotel, Gyeongju Lahan Hotel; Daegu Interbulgo EXCO Hotel, Pyeongchang Alpensia Inter-Continental or similar
2. Korean domestic economy flights Busan – 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 2025 (17 Jan, 24 Jan, 26 Sep, 3 Oct; 22-31 Dec 2023 - Lunar New Year, Korean Thanksgiving, End of Year Holidays; Christmas and New Year Holidays period)).

High season: 01 July – 31 Aug; 21, 28 Dec 2025 with **Price: \$6650 pp. S.S \$2850**

All bookings are subject to availability and final confirmation. Itinerary is subject to minor change upon local arrangement. Minimum of 2 participants for guaranteed departure.