



# The Best of Korea

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

**This Seat in Coach tour 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 corner 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 your hotel. The rest of day is at your leisure.

## **Day 2 Seoul Meal: B**

After breakfast, pick up from hotel around 08:30-09:00 am. You will have full day sightseeing in Seoul: Visit Jogyesa Temple; Gyeongbokgung Palace; The Royal Guard Changing Ceremony; National Folk Museum; Korean Ginseng Centre or Amethyst shop. Then you will head to the Korean Folk Village, a 1.5-hour drive from Seoul and 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 at the parking lot of Donghwa Duty Free Shop Building at Gwanghwamun Intersection, Seoul then depart for Gongju(130Km/1.5hours). You will 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. The rest of the day remains free.

## **Day 4 Jeonju – Gwangju – Suncheon - Yeosu Meal: B**

After breakfast, transfer 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; then drive to Suncheon (100km/ 1hr) and 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 into 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 drive to Busan Airport (100Km/1.5hrs) and fly to Jeju Island. Upon arrival Jeju, met and transferred to check in your hotel.

## **Day 6 Jeju Island Meal: B**

After breakfast, enjoy a full day sightseeing. You visit Hyupjae Beach, Hallim Park with Palm Tree Road, Jeju Stone, Bonsai Garden, Water Garden, Subtropical Botanic Garden and much more; then O'sulloc Tea Museum which aims to introduce and spread Korean teas and the traditional Korean tea culture. 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 a farm where you will enjoy a horseback riding experience that lets you feel like royalty. The Seongeup Folk Village 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). Then head to Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, rose 180 meters above sea level which was 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 firsthand cultural activity. Visit Haeundae Beach, Busan's most famous beach. 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. 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

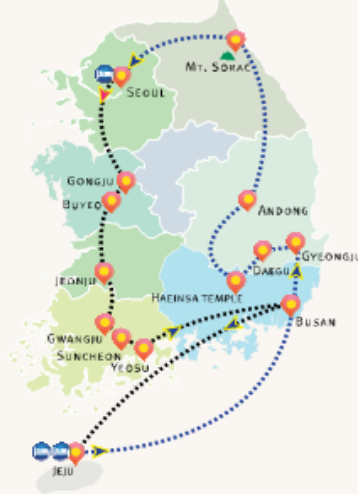
Depart for Gyeongju, often called a "museum without walls", became the capital of the Shilla Dynasty around 57 BC and remained so for about 1,000 years, which is rich in historical heritage and has many significant sites. You will visit Gyeongju National Museum: Explore a wide range of artifacts and treasures from the Shilla Dynasty. Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory, the oldest existing astronomical observatory in Asia. In the afternoon we will visit Seokguram Grotto, a UNESCO World Heritage site, this artificial stone temple made of granite located on the eastern peak of Mt. Toham. Inside the main hall, you will 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

Drive to Gayasan National Park and visit Haeinsa Temple, which was founded by King Ae-Jang of Shilla Dynasty (802), with 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. People still living inside the village. The Hahoe Village has become world-famous after the visit of the Queen Elizabeth II 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 it the Korea's most famous national park. UNESCO designated this park a Biosphere Preservation District in 1982 because of many rare species found here. Visit Sinheungsa Temple



an ancient temple with deep historical significance, built by a great monk Jajangyulsa (590~658). (Optional Gwongeumseong Cable Car-USD15.00). Gwongeumseong 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 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. Drop off at City Hall.

Note: DMZ tour could be cancelled by the Government due to unexpected local circumstance without any notice. In case of cancellation, alternative tour course will be provided.

#### Day 13 Seoul departure Meal: B

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

**Departs every Friday**  
**Price: \$6080 per person**  
**Single room extra: \$2380**

#### Inclusions:

- 1.Twin share 4\* hotel at Seoul Swiss Grand 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, 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 2025 - 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.