

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
At 08:40, meet your guide in the hotel lobby and visit Gyeongbokgung Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the traditional houses of Bukchon Hanok Village, then stroll through Insadong, known for its teahouses, antiques and handicrafts. Continue to the National Museum of Korea to discover ancient artefacts, Buddhist art and national treasures. End the day in Myeongdong, with time to browse cosmetics and fashion stores and sample Korean street food.

Day 3 Seoul–Gongju–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 Plaza. Check into our hotel.

Day 5 Yeosu – Busan – Jeju Island Meal: B
After breakfast we drive to Busan Airport (100Km/1.5hrs) and fly to Jeju Island. Upon arrival Jesu, met and transferred to check in your hotel.

Day 6 Jeju Island Meal: B
After breakfast, visit Hyupjae Beach and the tranquil Spirited Garden with its bonsai trees and ponds. Explore the O'sulloc Tea Museum to learn about Korean tea culture, then enjoy the Sanbang Mountain Cruise. Continue to Cheonjeyeon Falls, a beautiful three-tier waterfall known as "The Pond of God." Transfer back to your hotel.

Day 7 Jeju Island – Busan Meal: B
After breakfast, visit Jeolmul Natural Recreation Forest, known for its peaceful cedar woodlands. Continue to the Haenyeo Museum and watch a live haenyeo (female diver) performance, discovering Jeju's UNESCO-recognised diving traditions. Explore Seongsan Ilchulbong (Sunrise Peak), a volcanic crater rising 180 metres above sea level, before visiting Jeju Stone Park, dedicated to the island's distinctive stone culture. Transfer to Jeju Airport for your domestic flight to Busan. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.



Day 8 Busan – Gyeongju Meal: B
After breakfast, meet your guide for a full-day tour of Busan. Start at Haeundae Beach, the city's most famous stretch of white sand. Continue along the scenic Dalmaji-gil Road to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, dramatically located on Busan's northeastern coast. Next, explore the colourful Gamcheon Culture Village, known for its hillside "staircase" houses and artistic streets. Visit Jagalchi Fish Market, Korea's largest seafood market, followed by BIFF Square. Enjoy a traditional rice cake–making experience with a master maker (available for groups of 8 or more). In the afternoon, transfer to Gyeongju (1.5 hours). Visit Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, once a secondary palace of the Silla crown prince, where the illuminated night reflections create a beautiful scene.

Day 9 Gyeongju - Daegu Meal: B
Travel to Gyeongju, often described as "a museum without walls", the ancient capital of the Shilla Dynasty for nearly 1,000 years. Discover its rich heritage as you visit the Gyeongju National Museum, the historic Cheomseongdae Observatory, and the UNESCO-listed Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple, both celebrated for their remarkable architecture and cultural significance. After exploring Gyeongju's highlights, continue to Daegu, the largest city in the region, where you will check in to your hotel and enjoy a restful evening.

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 Pyeongchang, one of 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic Cities.

Day 11 Pyeongchang - Mt. Sorak – Seoul Meal: B
Travel to Woljeongsa Temple for a cultural experience that may include learning temple etiquette, a guided temple tour, walking meditation or a conversation with a monk, and a traditional monastic meal. (Temple stay programs require a minimum of 8 participants.) Continue to Seoraksan National Park, famous for its dramatic cloud-piercing peaks and jade-colored valleys. The park was designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1982 for its rich biodiversity and rare species. Visit Sinheungsa Temple, an ancient temple founded by the renowned monk Jajangyulsa (590–658). An optional ride on the Gwongeumseong Cable Car (USD 20 per person) offers stunning views of the mountain and the historic castle ruins. After exploring Seoraksan, transfer to Seoul and check in to your hotel.



Day 12 Seoul – DMZ half day tour Meal: B
After breakfast, meet your guide at your hotel at 08:00 for a half-day DMZ tour. Visit Imjingak Park, cross Unification Bridge and complete an identity check before exploring the DMZ Theatre and Exhibition Hall, Third Infiltration Tunnel and Dora Observatory. Continue to Unification Village, followed by an amethyst or ginseng centre. The tour ends at Seoul City Hall. Enjoy free time in the city before returning to your hotel independently by taxi, subway or on foot. Your passport is required. The tour does not operate on Mondays or national holidays.

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: $5950 per person
Single room extra: $2380

Inclusions:
1.Twin share 4* hotel at Seoul the Link Hotel, Jeonju Lahan Hotel; Yeosu Ramada Plaza by Wyndham; Jeju Shihwa World Marriott, Busan Wyndham Grand Hotel, Gyeongju Lahan Select Hotel; Daegu Interbulgo 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.

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.

Remarks: Depart every Friday all year round except Blackout dates in 2027 (Lunar New Year, Korean Thanksgiving, School Holidays (29Jan 5Feb, 16Jul, 23Jul, 30Jul, 6Aug, 10Sep 2027); Christmas and New Year Holidays period).

High season: 2Jul, 9Jul, 13Aug, 20Aug, 17Dec, 24Dec with Price: $6550 pp. S.S $2850.