

The Beauty of Korea

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

UNESCO World Heritage in Korea includes both cultural and natural sites that showcase the rich history and unique cultural development of the Korean Peninsula. From its prehistoric roots, Korean culture has flourished, influenced by both continental and maritime traditions due to its geographic location. This blend of influences and abundant resources has contributed to Korea's distinct legacy, evident in its art, literature, dance, architecture, clothing, and cuisine—capturing a mix of tradition and modernity that resonates worldwide. Among its natural heritage, Jeju Island stands out for its exceptional beauty, geological formations, and ecological importance. This tour offers a comprehensive journey through Korea's UNESCO-recognized cultural, natural, and intangible heritage sites.

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
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 TUE Seoul - Jeju Island Meal: B
This morning is at leisure; at noon transferred to the airport for your fight 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, 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 5 THU Jeju Island – Busan Meal: B
Breakfast at your hotel, then transfer to Jeolmul Natural Recreation Forest, known for its 300-hectare area of 30 to 45 year-old cedar trees. Visit the Haenyeo Museum and a live Haenyeo (female diver) performance, recognized as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Next, explore Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak (Sunrise Peak), a iconic volcanic crater rising 180 meters above sea level. Conclude your day at Jeju Stone Park, an ecological park dedicated to Jeju's iconic stone culture. Transfer to Jeju Airport for your domestic flight to Busan. Arrive at Busan Airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day 6 FRI Busan – Gyeongju Meal: B
SAfter 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. (Donggung Palace/Wolji Pond night visit may be unavailable when staying in Ulsan)



Day 7 SAT 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 8 SUN 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 9 MON 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.
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Day 10 TUE Seoul – DMZ 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 11 WED Seoul departure Meal: B
Today is at leisure until in time transfer to the airport for your flight bound for your next destination.

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.



Departs every Sunday

Price: $5880 per person
Single room extra: $2080

Inclusions:
1.Twin share 4* hotel at Seoul the Link Hotel, Jeju Shinhwa World Marriott, 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.

Remarks: Depart every Sunday all year round except Blackout dates - Lunar New Year, Korean Thanksgiving, End of Year Holidays; Christmas and New Year Holidays period) 31Jan, 7Feb, 18Jul, 25Jul, 01Aug, 8Aug, 12Sep 2027.

High season: 4Jul, 11Jul, 15Aug, 22Aug, 19Dec, 26Dec with Price: $6430 pp. S.S $2860.