



## **Korea Tour - 11 Days (#11580)**

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### **Trip Highlights**

Seoul-Daegu-Mt. Songnisan Nat'l Park-Gyeongju-Busan-Haeinsa Temple-Andong-Chungju

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 01: Arrival in Seoul.**

Arrive in Seoul at Incheon International Airport, you will be met by our driver only and transferred to your hotel. Balance of day is free for your own leisure time or rest. Overnight at the hotel.

#### **Day 02**

#### **Day 02: Seoul City Tour**



After breakfast, start Seoul city tour with a visit to Changdeok Palace & Huwon (Secret Garden) listed to UNESCO designated World Heritage. Next visit at Gwangjang Market, one of Korea's largest traditional markets and is popular with foreign visitors to sample some of the most famous Korean street foods. Proceed to National Museum of Korea. This museum built in 2005 boast forks boasting its fantastic collection of Korean arts and relics. It would take a whole day to see everything in the museum. The last stop of today's tour is N Seoul Tower observatory on Mt.Namsan for a bird's eye view of Metropolitan city of Seoul. Return to hotel.

**Day 03**

**Day 03: Seoul / Korean Folk Village / Mt. Songnisan Nat'l Park / Daegu**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out and pick-up from the hotel. Transfer to Korean Folk Village outside of Seoul, where people living in the village are practicing the old traditional style houses and life style of 18th-19th century. Proceed to Mt.Songnisan Nat'l Park to visit Beopjusa Temple (UNESCO Sites) where the tallest Buddha Statue in Korea has. The forest park is ideal place for walking. Afterward, drive to Daegu via an expressway. Overnight at Daegu city.

**Day 04**

**Day 04: Daegu / Gyeongju Tour**

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit Daegu Yangnyeongsi Museum of Oriental Medicine. Yangnyeongsi Market has been a popular Herbal medicine market ever since it first opened in the 17th century. Experience of foot bathing in herb medicine. Visit Seomun Market of Daegu, which is steeped in history, one of the three main markets during the Joseon dynasty. Transfer to Gyeongju, the capital of the Silla kingdom from 57BC – 935AD and the city is known as the "Museum without walls," as there are 52 designated sites within this city. Visit Cheomseongdae Astronomic Observatory, Royal Tumuli Park with its Royal tombs. You will have the chance to enter one of the excavated tombs to see the construction and process behind the Royal Kings burial chambers. Overnight at Gyeongju.

**Day 05**

**Day 05: Full day Gyeongju**

After breakfast, start your full day tour of Gyeongju by visiting Bulguksa Temple (UNESCO Sites) and Seokguram Grotto (UNESCO Sites). Seokguram Grotto established in the 8th century on the slopes of Mt. Toham. The grotto contains a monumental statue of a sitting Buddha looking out to sea and it is considered a masterpiece of Buddhist art in the Far East. In the afternoon, you will visit 4 faces Buddha (four-faced stone Buddha statues on Gulbulsaji site) and Tomb of King



Wonseong (Gwaeneung Royal Tomb). Scenic drive tour to Guryongpo Port. Drive along the sea for beautiful coastal scenery.

**Day 06**

**Day 06: Gyeongju / Busan**

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Unmoonsa Temple (Buddhist Nun's temple). Proceed to Busan, the second largest city of South Korea. Upon arrival, start half-day Busan tour to Jagalchi Fishery Market where roadside vendors sell various fishes and Nampodong shopping street Next, Busan Tower on Yongdusan Park with its observation deck offering stunning views of the city and beyond. Overnight at Busan.

**Day 07**

**Day 07: Busan / Haeinsa Temple / Andong / Chungju**

After breakfast, transfer to Mt Gayasan National Park via expressway. In Mt Gayasan National Park, visit Haeinsa Temple. Haeinsa Temple has a world-famous Korean cultural treasure called Tripikata Koreana, which was made during the Goryeo Dynasty to protect the country from the invasion of Mongolian troops by Buddha's power. UNESCO as World Cultural Heritage designated this Tripitaka Koreana. Proceed to Andong, 2 hours away from Haeinsa. Andong Hahoe Village (UNESCO Sites) is the best-preserved village with its traditional style noble houses. In 1999, Queen Elisabeth II visited Hahoe Village and was welcomed with Birthday Party Table decorated in Korean traditional way. Hahoe Village in Andong is famous for its own mask dance. After a visit to Hahoe Village, proceed to Chungju Lake. Overnight at Hotel.

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Chungju / Temple stay**

After breakfast, check out hotel. Take a ride on sightseeing boat to enjoy lakeside scenery. (Can be cancelled depending on the local weather condition and will be replaced to the other attractions). Proceed to temple (Woljeongsa Temple or Samhwasa Temple or Shinheungsa Temple according to the availability at the time of booking) to experience unique temple stay upon arrival at the temple, change your clothes to temple uniform prepared by the temple. Orientation for various things to know for staying at the temple regarding regulations and schedules will be provided. Simple temple dinner (vegetarian meal) will be provided. Attend evening Buddhist ceremony and temple tour. During one night, you will not have phone and TV in Korean traditional style room without bed (Thin mattress and blanket is spread on the room floor to sleep at night). The Korean style room will be arranged as male or female group room separately. Shower room and toilet are being shared



in common use. No alcohol is allowed at the temple. Overnight at the temple. (Overnight at the outside of the temple is also available as your choice) The clients who choose to overnight at the outside of the temple will have breakfast at the hotel, instead of experience morning Buddhist ceremony at the temple. \*Temple provides shared room only; you can choose to overnight at the hotel for private room Accommodation at tourist class hotel (less than 1hour-drive from temple) can be arranged without surcharge Clients who overnight at the hotel will have a breakfast at the hotel instead of Morning Buddhist ceremony.

**Day 09**

**Day 09: Templestay / Gangneung / DMZ / Mt.Seorak National Park**

Wake up at 3 am for Morning Worship (for volunteers only). After breakfast, leave the temple and transfer to Gangneung. Visit Seongyojang House, located in Gangneung was the house of a high official of the Joseon dynasty period. As a private upper-class house, it has been designated as national cultural property, continuing its reputation from generation to generation. This traditional house has been preserved well for about 300 years. This serves as a famous tourist attraction showing the house culture of the Joseon Dynasty with surrounding nature. Head to DMZ Unification Observatory, the nearest place for viewing Geumgangsan Mountain in North Korea. DMZ Museum within the observatory allows visitors to know about the DMZ from its historic background and the area's ecological importance. (DMZ Unification Observatory visit can be cancelled depending on the local circumstance and will be replaced to the other attraction) Check in at the Seorak Kensington Stars Hotel.

**Day 10**

**Day10: Mt.Seorak National Park / Seoul**

After breakfast, Tour of Mt. Seorak National Park inclusive of Shinheungsa Temple and cable car ride to Gwongumseong Fortress. Drive to Gapyeong to visit the Garden of Morning Calm Flower and Tree Park, which displays unique Korean Wild Flowers and trees in a garden located in a mountain valley. Transfer to Seoul.

**Day 11**

**Day 11: Seoul**

Breakfast at the hotel. No airport transfer service provided (Private transfer service is available with a surcharge as the option.



## **Inclusions**

- 9 nights of accommodation on twin sharing basis and 1 night of temple-stay.
- Daily breakfast at the hotel and temple, 1 dinner at the temple.
- English speaking guide for full commentary at attractions from Day 2 to Day 10.
- Transfer service for whole journey except for airport departure transfer.
- Tour admission according to the itinerary.

## **Exclusions**

International / Domestic Airfare

Optional activities.

Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.

Travel insurance.

Gratuities.

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.

Travel and medical insurance.

Entrance Fees to Archeological sites & museums.

Personal expenses.

## **Note**

Hotels Used Or Similar

Seoul

Standard - 3\* IBIS INSADONG

Upgrade A - 5\* NOVOTEL AMBASSADOR DONGDAEMUN

Upgrade B - 5\* LOTTE (MAIN WING)

Daegu

Standard - 4\* GRAND HOTEL

Upgrade A - 4\* GRAND HOTEL

Upgrade B - 4\* GRAND HOTEL

Gyeongju

Standard - 4\* COMMODORE

Upgrade A - 4\* COMMODORE



Upgrade B - 5\* LAHAN SELECT

Busan

Standard - 3\* TOWERHILL

Upgrade A - 3\* TOWERHILL

Upgrade B - 4\* ASTI

Chungju

Standard - 3\* CHEONGPUNG RESORT

Upgrade A - 3\* CHEONGPUNG RESORT

Upgrade B - 3\* CHEONGPUNG RESORT

Temple Stay

Samhwasa Temple

Mt.Seorak

Standard - 4\* KENSINGTON STARS

Upgrade A - 4\* KENSINGTON STARS

Upgrade B - 4\* KENSINGTON STARS

Airport Transfers at additional costs

-The hotels indicated may be replaced with others of the same category.

-The excursions are subjected to re confirmation depending to the weather conditions, or the service date may change.

-The tour operator is entitled to change the itinerary of the excursion if it considers it appropriate or due to force majeure.

-No refund will be made for those unused parts of the tour.

-One-way transfer from airport to hotel is provided as the complimentary service on Day 1 only if clients book the Korea Coach Tour and arrive at Incheon International Airport on the same day as Day 1.

-Complimentary airport transfer on Day 1 is based on shared service. (If the estimated arrival time at Incheon Int'l airport is less than 1 hour, one vehicle will be shared with other clients booked for this tour).

-Complimentary airport transfer is NOT provided to clients arriving at airports other than Incheon Int'l airport, as well as on days other than Day 1.

-When you book the tour by sharing a room but arrive with two different flight schedule, only 1 time of complimentary airport transfer will be providing.

-Surcharge will be applied additionally for early morning and late departure transfer service.

-Clients should leave their hotel in Seoul for Incheon airport approx. 4 hours prior to their departure time.

-Transfer from Busan to Seoul on Day 7 can be arranged by coach or train depending on the local circumstance.

Templestay (only for 10 nights 11 days participants)

-Temple provides shared rooms only; however, participants can choose to overnight at the hotel for private room.

Accommodation at a tourist-class hotel can be arranged without a surcharge. Clients who overnight at the hotel will have



breakfast at the hotel instead of participating in the Morning Buddhist ceremony.

-Templestay participants will stay in a traditional Korean-style room called an Ondol room (no bed) with a private toilet and bedding (including a mattress and a blanket to be spread on the room floor for sleeping at night).

-There is no refrigerator, TV or telephone in the guest room. Free WIFI-service is available at some temples, and there are electrical outlets (220V) to recharge cell phones in the guest rooms.

- Comfortable temple attire (vest and pants) is provided by temple during your stay.

- What to bring at Templestay : Toiletries (toothbrush & toothpaste, shampoo), towels, a personal water bottle and socks, comfortable shoes (no slippers or flip-flops), clothing to wear underneath the temple uniform (vest and pants).

#### Temple Etiquettes

Smoking and drinking alcohol are strictly forbidden in all Buddhist monasteries.

Appropriate wear is recommended: Please avoid wearing clothing that is too revealing such as sleeveless shirts and shorts.

Please wear socks at all times while staying at a monastery.

Please be punctual on meal time and do not leave any food behind. You should clean your own dish after having meal by yourself.

The monastery is a community of spiritual practitioners. Therefore, please try to avoid making loud noises.

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed-Departure



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