



## **Best of Korea with Seoul - 13 Days (#20155)**

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### **Overview**

The best of Korea tour is scheduled to show you around the majority of cultural and natural heritages of UNESCO in the western, southern and eastern sides of Korea and Jeju Island including the vibrant city of Seoul, the capital of Korea. In particular, it is truly worthwhile to experience many destinations off the beaten path and find a host of exciting places to see, eat, drink, shop and relax visiting major cities throughout the country.

Departure on selected Fridays.

### **Trip Highlights**

Seoul-Gongju-Jeonju-Gwangju-Suncheon-Yeosu-Jinju-Jeju-Busan-Gyeongju-Daegu-Andong-Pyeongchang-Mt.Seorak-Seoul

### **Detailed Itinerary**



### Day 01

### Day 01: (Friday) - Incheon Seoul

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport which has been awarded to World's Best in Airport Service Quality by Airport Council International, met by our representative and transfer to Seoul which is the centre of politics, economy and culture in Korea. The rest of day is free at your leisure.

**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or similar

**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

### Day 02: (Saturday) - Seoul

After breakfast, pick up at your hotel around 08:30-09:00 am. Seoul full day sightseeing – Jogyesa temple. Gyeongbokgung Palace (Deoksugung Palace on Tue). The Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. National Folk Museum. Korean Ginseng Centre or Amethyst shop and transfer to Korean Folk village. Korean Folk Village (an hour and half drive away from Seoul) - you will experience the culture of the late Joseon Dynasty, it's huge village that has about 260 different types of houses of each province. Return to Seoul and take a rest.

**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

### Day 03: (Sunday) - Seoul Gongju Jeonju

Breakfast at your hotel - Meet a guide at 07:30am at the hotel lobby - Join other people at parking lot in front of Donghwa Duty Free Shop Building, at Gwanghwamun Intersection, Seoul 08:00am. Move to Gongju (130Km/ 1hr 30min)- Reveal the history Baekje Dynasty / The Tomb of King Muryeong (UNESCO) Gongsanseong Fortress(UNESCO), a mountain castle which was established during the Baekje Period (234-678). Transfer to Jeonju (80Km/1 hr) to visit Jeonju Hanok Village including about 700 traditional Korean houses called Hanok. Check-into your hotel and have leisure time.

**Hotel:** Jeonju Lahan Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast



### Day 04

### Day 04: (Monday) - Jeonju Gwangju Suncheon Yeosu

Breakfast at your hotel. Move to Gwangju (100km/ 1hr 30min), the leading city of Honam region and birthplace of a modern democratic movement in Korea, May 18th National Cemetery (Gwangju, hometown of BTS member J-Hope and his song "Ma City" contains the May 18 Gwangju Democratization movement.) Move to Suncheon (100km/ 1hr) where you will visit Suncheon Bay National Garden (The last week of every month, replaced by Nakaneupseong Fortress) Move to Yeosu (38km/ 40min), a romantic coastal city and look around the Yi Sun-shin Plaza Check in a hotel.

**Hotel:** Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Yeosu

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 05

### Day 05: (Tuesday) - Yeosu Jinju JEJU

Breakfast at your hotel. Jinju Seong Fortress – historically linked to Japanese invasion in 1592. Move to Busan(100Km/1.5hrs). Arrive at Gimhae domestic airport. Depart from Gimhae domestic airport (1st floor, Ticket office of the bus). Arrive at Jeju and meet your tour guide. .Transfer to hotel and take a rest. \*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.

**Hotel:** Grand Hyatt Jeju

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

### Day 06: (Wednesday) - Jeju

Breakfast at your hotel, and then enjoy a full day of sightseeing. Visit Hyupjae Beach, Hallim Park where you can enjoy Palm Tree Road, Jeju Stone and Bonsai Garden, Water Garden, Subtropical Botanic Garden and much more. and 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, take San bang Mountain Cruise and Cheonjeyeon falls, named "The Pond of God," consists of three sections. Transfer to your hotel.

**Hotel:** Grand Hyatt Jeju

**Meal:** Breakfast





### Day 07

### Day 07: (Thursday) - Jeju-Busan

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the Jeolmul Natural Forest which is located under the crater of baby volcano and is mainly composed of cedar trees born in 30 to 45 years in an area of 300ha. Then transfer to the Seong up Folk Village where shows the unique culture of Jeju Island. Visit Haenyeo Museum where exhibits various photos of haenyeo female divers and their activities, to provide an accurate picture of their lives 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. Manjanggul which holds great value for science and conservation studies, having well-maintained formations despite being formed over one hundred thousand years ago. Transfer to Jeju airport and fly to Busan by domestic air. Arrive at Busan airport, transfer to hotel.

**Hotel:** Wyndham Grand Busan

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

### Day 08: (Friday) - Busan Gyeongju

After breakfast at the hotel, meet a guide for a full day sightseeing in Busan. Visit Haeundae Beach, the most famous beach in Busan. The white sand beach is roughly 1.5 kilometres long, over a 30- to 50-meter-wide area, creating a beautiful coastline before a shallow bay. Proceed to Yonggungsa Temple via Dalmaji-gil Road, famous for its views of the blue ocean, white sandy beach, Camellia Forest, and pine tree forest, creating one of Busan's eight scenic sites. Haedong Yonggungsa Temple is situated on the coast of the north-eastern portion of Busan. Transfer to Gam Cheon Culture Village, formed by houses built in staircase-fashion on the foothills of a coastal mountain, earning this village the nickname "Machu Picchu of Busan. Continue to visit Korea's largest seafood market, Jagalchi Fishery market and BIFF Square. Experiencing traditional rice cake making with a master rice cake maker and tasting it. Transfer to Gyeongju (1.5hrs by car) and visit Gyeongju Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, a secondary palace used by the crown prince of the Silla Kingdom. You can enjoy the reflection of Imhaejeon in Wolji during the night.

**Hotel:** Lahan Select Gyeongju

**Meal:** Breakfast



### Day 09

### Day 09: (Saturday) - Gyeongju Daegu

Breakfast at the hotel. Met by our guide at 08:30 am. Move to Gyeongju, a museum without walls. In 57 BC, around when Julius Caesar was subduing Gaul, it became the capital of the Shilla Dynasty and remained so for about 1000 years. Gyeongju preserves a vast amount of significant and fascinating historical heritage. Along with Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, its historical district has been designated as a World Heritage by UNESCO. Gyeongju National Museum, Cheomgseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Seokguram Grotto (UNESCO world heritage) - an artificial stone temple made of granites, located on the eastern peak of Mt. Toham. Inside the round-shaped main hall, there are the Bonjon Statue, Bodhi-Sattava and his disciples. It was built to preserve these statues. Bulguksa Temple (UNESCO world heritage) – The beauty of the temple itself and artistic touch of the stone relics are as awesome and fascinating as to be highly praised by visitors from all over the world. Move to Daegu city for overnight which is a largest and central city of this province. Check in at hotel and take a rest.

**Hotel:** Daegu Hotel Inter-Burgo

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 10

### Day 10: (Sunday) - Daegu Haeinsa- Temple Andong Pyeongchang

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 “TripitakaKoreana” (UNESCO world heritage) composed of 81,341 printing woodblocks made to repulse the Mongolian Army Invasion with support of Buddha. And then transfer to Andong Hahoe Village which has preserved the housing architecture and the village structure of the Joseon Dynasty. Moreover, the Village was not artificially created; there are people who live there. The Hahoe Village has become world-famous for the visit of The Queen Elizabeth II of Britain several years ago. And then transfer to Pyeongchang one of 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Cities.

**Hotel:** Intercontinental Alpensia Pyeongchang Resort)

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 11

### Day 11: (Monday) - Pyeongchang Mt.Seorak Seoul



Breakfast at the hotel. Move to Woljeongsa. Learning temple etiquette, Temple tour, Walking Meditation or conversation with a monk and monastic meal (The Woljeongsa temple stay experience is available for a minimum of 8 people. The experience is not available for groups of less than 8 people). Move to Seoraksan National Park of which 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 located in Mt. Seorak, which is an ancient temple with deep historical significance, built by a great monk Jajangyulsa (590~658). (Optional Tour: Gwongeumseong Cable Car–AUD 46 PP). Gwongeumseong is a site of castle ruins located on the steep Dol Mountain of Seoraksan National Park area. After sightseeing of Seoraksan National Park, move to Seoul. Drop off the hotel.

**\*\*During the peak season in October, the Seoraksan National Park will restrict buses and medium size bus for entries. Therefore, the bus must park at C District Square, and you must walk 3.6km to the entrance from C District Square. So please be aware of that we might not be able to visit Seoraksan National Park for this tour.**

**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 12

### Day 12: (Tuesday) - Seoul

After breakfast, pick up at your hotel at 08:00 am

DMZ Half Day tour (closed on Mon and National Holiday), Passport is required to join. hotel. Imjingak Park. The Unification Bridge. ID Check. DMZ theatre and exhibition hall. The 3rd Infiltration Tunnel Dora Observatory. Doras an Station. Amethyst or Ginseng Centre. Drop off at Seoul City Hall (please back to your hotel on your own by a taxi or subway or on foot after enjoying the city street).

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**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 13

### Day 13: (Wednesday) - Seoul Inchoen

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be pick up at your hotel lobby 4hours before your flight departure.

**Meal:** Breakfast



## Inclusions

Hotel accommodation with twin sharing with breakfast, Guide (Bi-lingual tour guide), Transportation (as itinerary), Entrance fees, Depends on your group size the vehicle type will be decided in 10 days before the program starts.

## Exclusions

Gratuity for the guide and driver, Travel Insurance, Optional tour fees, Lunch & Dinner, Single room charge, International & Domestic Air.

## Note

- \* Above programs are based on joint Sit-in-Coach guided by bilingual speaking guide (English-Korean)
  - \* Above programs may be accompanied by other language guide.
  - \* Above programs are operated on fixed day as above with min.2pax but please contact us for confirmed date
  - \* Kindly note that we have no responsibility for your personal incidents and losses during all the tours.
  - \* Size of vehicle is subject to number of Pax on the travelling date.
  - \* It is kindly noticed that the portion to be unused due to your personal reason is not refundable.
  - \* Above schedule and hotel are subject to change due to local circumstance as like weather, traffic and big events.
- \*\*During the peak season in October, the Seoraksan National Park will restrict buses and medium size bus for entries. Therefore, the bus must park at C District Square and you must walk 3.6km to the entrance from C District Square. So please be aware of that we might not be able to visit Seoraksan National Park for this tour.
- Departure on selected Fridays **except blackout date (Lunar New year, Korean Thanksgiving holidays).**

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Fixed Departure



**19 Dec, 2025**

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AUD 7,717 P P twin share

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