



Tour South Korea in Eleven Days- Private Tour

Seoul - Gyeongju – Busan - Jeju Island - Seoul (with English Guide)



Day 1 - Arrival at Incheon Airport

Meet & greet your English Guide. Transfer by Airport Limousine Bus to Seoul Hotel.
Includes Airport Limousine Bus & Guide
Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 2 - Seoul - DMZ Excursion

Excursion to North Korean DMZ

Excursion to the North Korea border DMZ, the world's most heavily guarded border. It was established in 1953 after the Korean War.

We will see the "Freedom Bridge", the 3rd infiltration tunnel illegally dug by the North Koreans.

At the Dora Observatory we can see the North Korean village of Gijeongdong with a 160 metre tall flagpole.

Includes Lunch, Private car/bus, Guide, & entrance fees

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 3 - Seoul City Tour

Visiting Gyeongbokkung Palace, Sarangchae Museum, Gwanghwamoon, Jogyesa Temple, Tapgol Park, Insadong, Cheonggyecheon Stream, & Seoul Tower

Full Day Seoul City Tour: Visit to the Jogyesa Temple and Gyeongbokkung Palace. The Palace was built by the Joseon Dynasty in 1394. For centuries, this immense complex was the center of power, until the Japanese occupied the country at the start of the last century. At the Palace we may see the changing of guards. From the back gate we see the "Cheongwadae", the presidential palace and the Cheongwadae Museum.

At the Gwanghwamoon Square we can see the statues of King Sejong and Admiral Yi, two national heroes of the past.

Insadong has been home to a dozen art galleries, antique shops, traditional tea houses and souvenir shops. The Tapgol Park is of great historical value as it was the starting point of the 1st March 1919 Independence Protest against the Japanese occupation.

Then visit the Seoul Tower, to enjoy an impressive view over the giant capital.

Final stop at the Cheonggyecheon Stream, an ancient canal, flowing for centuries through the heart of Seoul. For half a century the canal was filled with concrete to make way for a busy road, but the 5.3 km long canal has been restored in 2005.

Note: on Tuesdays we visit the Changdeokkung Palace instead of Gyeongbokkung Palace. The Sarangchae Museum is closed on Mondays. Optional shopping possibilities can be included in the itinerary.

Includes Lunch, Dinner, Private car/bus, Guide, & entrance fees

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 4 - Seoul – Gyeongju via Andong

Visiting Andong Paper Factory

Transfer from Seoul to Gyeongju via Andong Paper Factory

We visit the traditional rice paper factory in Andong, where paper is still made in the traditional way by hand. In the factory we can witness the whole process from the very beginning until the final product. Learn about the raw material it is made from and see the various uses of this wonderful paper.

Includes Private car/bus, Guide, & entrance fees

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 5 - Gyeongju

Visiting Tumuli Park, Cheomseongdae, Anapji Pond

We visit the Tumuli Park with the royal tombs dating back to the Shilla Dynasty. The numerous artefacts being found in these tombs show a remarkable technological and cultural advancement in that period.

The Cheomseongdae is the oldest existing astronomical observatory in Asia. the 362 stones used to build the Cheomseongdae represent the 362 days in the lunar calendar.

The Anapji Pond is an artificial pond constructed for the royal family for leisure and study.

Around the train station we visit the Gyeongju food market.

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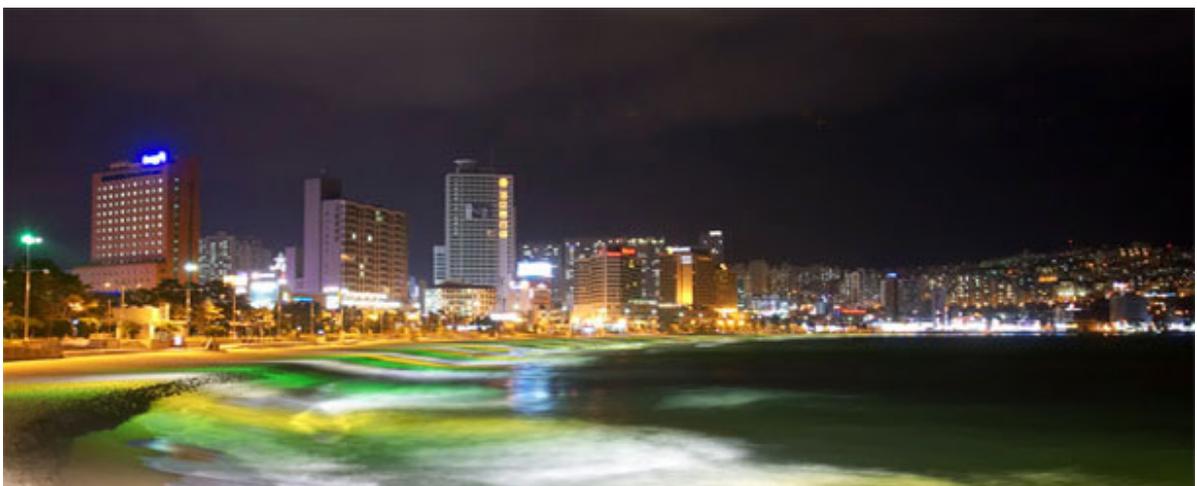
Day 6 - Gyeongju Busan

Visiting Haeinsa Tripitaka Koreana (UNESCO World Heritage)

Visit to Haeinsa Temple in the Southern part of the Korean peninsula. Located in an isolated, mountainous area the temple has miraculously survived war and destruction. Most famous are the 800 year old Tripitaka Koreanan, wooden textblocks, the most complete buddhist work of its time and listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Includes Private car/bus, Guide, & entrance fees

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 7 - Busan Tour

Visiting Nurimaru, Busan Haeundai Food Market, Haeundai Beach

Via the impressive Gwangalli Bridge we can enjoy the breathtaking view of the Busan shoreline.

At the UN War Cemetery the sad history of the Korean War (1950-1953) is depicted. UN Troops from different nationalities were among the casualties.

The Busan Museum shows the interesting history of the city of Busan and the history & culture of Korea. Continue the tour and visit the Nurimaru APEC House, a wonderful location with a breathtaking view over the Ocean. The Nurimaru was built specifically for the APEC Summit, a major political gathering of Asian political leaders.

Final stop at the Haeundai Food market and Haeundai Beach, where one can enjoy the boulevard and the beautiful shoreline.

Includes Private car/bus, Guide, & entrance fees

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 8 - Busan – Jeju Island

Visiting Jakalchi Fishmarket, Kukjae Market, & Busan Tower

Visit the Jakalchi Fishmarket, Kukjae Market and Busan Tower by subway.

The Jakalchi Fishmarket is one of the largest markets of its kind, selling a dazzling array of fish, often alive. Here you can taste the famous Korean sashimi.

Adjacent to the fishmarket is the Kukjae Market, where you can shop for souvenirs, glasses (very cheap in Korea!) and clothing.

Transfer from Busan to Jeju Island by domestic flight. Flight duration: 1h

Includes Domestic Flight, Private car/bus, guide, & entrance fees

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 9 - South & Central Jeju Tour

Visiting Spirited Garden, Jusangjeolli, Bridge of 7 Nymphs, Yakcheonsa Temple, Oedolga, Cheonjiyeon Waterfalls

We visit the Spirited Garden: What started as a wasteland on the Island of Jeju has become one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. Roughly 100 rare species of trees can be found in this garden, and the spectacular display of bonzai trees, some of them as old as 300 years, is truly amazing!

Along the impressive Jusangjeolli lava coast we can see the turbulent volcanic activities that took place in the past. While we cross the Bridge of 7 Nymphs, we descend to the Cheonjiyeon Waterfalls, a masterpiece of nature. Via the Yakcheonsa Temple we continue to the Oedolgae, a huge, lonely rock erecting out of the blue sea. Final stop at the Cheonjiyeon Waterfalls in Seogwipo City

Includes Private car/bus, guide, & entrance fees

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 10 - North & East Jeju Tour - Udo Island - Seoul

Visiting Manjanggal Cave, Haenyeo Museum, Ilchulbong, Seopjikoji, Udo Island

Visiting the Manjanggal Cave, the only horizontal lava tube in the world. Continue to the Haenyeo Museum.

We also visit the Ilchulbong Crater, an inactive volcanic crater erupted out of the sea and connected to the main island. On top of the crater you have an amazing view of Jeju Island.

Final stop at the Seopjikoji Rock on Phoenix Island, one of the most scenic places of Korea!

On Udo Island a unique population still inhabits the island. In this small community not the men, but women are the main source of income. The women dive in the sea, catching sea urchins, shell fish, seaweed and octopus. The old profession is not popular among the younger generation, so the average age of these strong women is 75! On Udo Island we may witness them work in the sea. On foot or by bike we can explore the wonderful island.

Return flight to Seoul. Arrival Gimpo Airport (Seoul). Transfer to Seoul Hotel. (Optional stop at the Shilla Duty Free Shop.)

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 11 - Transfer to Incheon Airport

Transfer to Incheon Airport by Airport Limousine Bus. No guide

Tour includes Breakfast. Lunch & Dinner not normally included but your guide will always help you find the best restaurants