



South Korea in Seven Days - Private Tour

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

Itinerary



Day 1 - Arrival at Incheon Airport

Meet & greet your English Guide. Transfer by Private Car or Airport Limousine Bus to your Seoul Hotel.

Seoul Downtown City Tour (Half-Day)

WALKING TOUR SEOUL: Walk via City Hall towards the Cheonggyecheon, an age old canal in downtown Seoul that was filled with concrete in the 1960's but reopened in 2005 in its original state.

Walk towards City Hall. Continue to Tapgol Park, the historical place where a huge popular uprising against the Japanese occupation started in 1919. It was repressed by the Japanese, however, the Korean people continued on resisting until 1945 when Korea regained independence.

Insadong is the artisan street where traditional teahouses and souvenir shops are lined up in a cozy, traditional atmosphere.

The Jogyesa Temple is one of the most beautiful temple complexes in the heart of Seoul.

At Gwanghwamoon you can see the impressive statues of Admiral Yi and King Sejong. Both men played a vital role in the Korean history.

Final stop at the Gyeongbokkung Palace. The Palace was built by the Joseon Dynasty in 1394. For

centuries, this immense complex was the centre 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 ceremony. From the back gate we can see the "Cheongwadae", the presidential palace and the Cheongwadae Museum.

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 2 - Seoul - DMZ Excursion

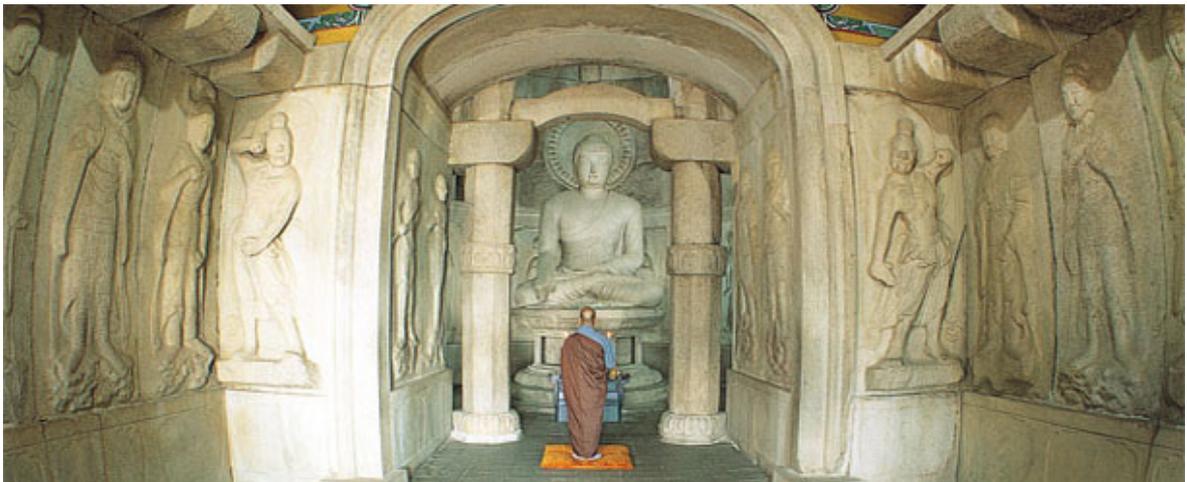
Excursion to North Korean DMZ

08:00-14:30 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 Gijeong-dong with a 160 metre tall flagpole. (Lunch is inclusive: Bulgogi)

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 3 - Seoul - Gyeongju via Bulgugsa/ Seokguram

Gyeongju: Seokguram, Bulgugsa, Ceramic Village

Transfer from Seoul to Gyeongju via Bulgugsa/Seokguram by private car/bus.

The Seokguram Grotto was discovered by a postman who was sheltering from the rain. Inside the man-made cave he found a astonishing beautiful statue of Buddha, which was constructed during the Shilla Dynasty. The statue is listed on the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

Visit to the Bulgugsa Temple, the royal temple constructed in the same period. In the ceramic village we visit a workshop where they make the world famous ceramics in the same way as during the Shilly Dynasty.

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

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 4 - Gyeongju

Gyeongju: Tumuli Park, Cheomseongdae, Anapji Pond

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 (600-900 CE).

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.

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 5 - Busan

Busan Tour

Transfer from Gyeongju to Busan by private car/bus.

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 build 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.

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 6 - Busan

Jakalchi Fismarket, Kukjae Market

Visit the Jakalchi Fishmarket, Kukjae Market and Busan Tower. 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 Seoul by private car/bus & guide

Overnight at 4 Star Hotel



Day 7 - Transfer to Incheon Airport

Independent transfer by Airport Limousine Bus (public bus service between airport and all major hotels in

Seoul) to Incheon Airport.

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