



Highlights of Korea

7 nights from \$3610

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Destinations

Seoul, Gyeongju, Busan, Jeju Island

Includes

- Internal coach class air in Korea
- All round trip airport transfers
- 2 nights Seoul
- Seoul private half day city tour
- Bullet train (*Seoul to Gyeongju*)
- 1 night Gyeongju
- Gyeongju private half day city tour
- 1 night Busan
- Busan private half day tour
- 2 nights Jeju Island
- Jeju Island private tour
- Cheonjaeyon Waterfall private tour
- 1 night Seoul
- 7 breakfasts



Day 1 Fly USA to Seoul

Day 2 Welcome to Seoul, Korea

Almost flattened during the Korean War, Seoul has risen from the ashes to become one of Asia's great cities. As the political, financial, and cultural hub of Korea, Seoul's busy streets are lined with boisterous nightclubs, trendy stores and budget-friendly restaurants. Yet reminders of Seoul's patrician past still sing out beneath the high rises and 12-lane freeways. Centuries-old royal palaces, imposing gateways, and ornate pagodas provide visitors with an inside peek into Seoul's aristocratic society, while cultural performances, folk villages, and museums remind us of the city's rural roots.

Day 3 Seoul city tour

This morning's city tour of Seoul visits the Gyeongbok Palace-Folk Museum, which features a traditional pagoda and three exhibition halls; Blue house; Southgate market, one of the oldest and largest markets in Seoul.

Day 4 Train from Seoul to Gyeongju

Travel by express train to Gyeongju.

For 1000 years, up until the 10th century, Gyeongju was the capital of the Silla dynasty. Nearly 1000 years later, Gyeongju is an open-air museum masquerading as a small, provincial town littered with ancient rubble. Those keen on Silla culture or archaeology will be in heaven, fossicking through the remains of temples, tombs, shrines, palaces, pleasure gardens and castles, but more ordinary folk will probably find Gyeongju only has a day's-worth of entertainment.

In the center of town, Tumuli Park is a huge walled area with 20 royal tombs, one opened in cross section. Across the road from the park, the Noseo-dong Tombs offer a chance to see more Silla burial sites, excavated in the 20th century. A few hundred meters away, Cheomseongdae looks like a pile of rocks but is actually one of the oldest observatories in East Asia. The pile of rocks is a mathematical allegory for the days and months of the year.

The crowning glory of Silla temple architecture is Bulguksa, a magnificent temple built on a series of stone terraces about 16km (10mi) from the town. The eaves and internal painting of this gorgeous temple are one of the artistic highlights of Asia. Stand on the highest level of the temple and you'll look down over a rolling sea of tiles. High above the temple, a seated Buddha gazes over Gyeongju from Seokguram Grotto.

Gyeongju city tour

During your half day sightseeing excursion you will visit Korea's well known Bulguksa Temple, Sugguram Grotto and some Buddhist Shrines.

Day 5 Gyeongju to Busan

Transfer by private vehicle from Gyeongju to Busan, the drive time is approximately 90 minutes.

Busan, a bustling city of 4 million residents, is situated on the southeastern tip of the Korean peninsula. The natural environment of Busan is a perfect example of harmony between mountains, rivers, and sea. Its geography includes a coastline with superb beaches and scenic cliffs, mountains that provide excellent hiking and extraordinary views, and hot springs scattered throughout the city.

Busan is the second largest city in Korea. Its deep harbor and gentle tides have allowed it to grow into the largest container handling port in the country and the third largest in the world, with the potential for even more growth. Its natural endowments and rich history have resulted in Busan's increasing reputation as a world-class city of tourism and culture.

Busan city tour

During your highlights tour of Busan, experience the atmosphere of the harborside fish market, the International market, Yongdusan park and Busan Tower.

Day 6 Fly Busan to Jeju Island

You will be transferred to Busan airport for your onward flight.

Jeju Island (also called Cheju Island) is located off the South Coast of Korea, and it is a favorite holiday and honeymoon destination for Asian travelers. The island has a special beauty that is similar to the Hawaiian Islands in many ways. The island's scenic beauty and opportunities for outdoor activities are starting to attract adventure travelers from all over the world. Some of the most popular activities are cycling, inline skating, scuba diving, hiking, and kayaking.

Jeju Island tour

Some of the highlights today include seeing Yongduam Rock with fantastic coastal scenery. See the customs of the Jeju Islanders at the Folklore and Natural Museum, and stroll through the Moksukwon Garden.

Day 7 Cheonjaeyon Waterfall tour

During today's excursion, we will visit the Chonjeyon Waterfall, with the option of heading to the Cheonjeru Lookout for some great views. We stop at Sungup folk village, before wondering at Seongsan sunrise peak; a land mass that was created approximately 100,000 years ago.

Day 8 Fly Jeju Island to Seoul

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Seoul.

Seoul is an intriguing city transforming itself from the Yi Dynasty capital of the Hermit Kingdom to a major mover and shaker on the international scene, especially in the field of commerce and sports. Nowhere else is the Korean drive to come to terms with a turbulent and fractured past so evident.

Seoul was battered by Japanese and Manchu invasions in the 16th and 17th centuries and flattened by the Korean War; most of its cityscape is modern. Overshadowed by high-rises and 12-lane freeways, it yet retains a hidden history of centuries-old temples, palaces, pagodas and pleasure gardens.

Day 9 Fly Seoul to USA

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Hotels

For more information about the hotels visited in this itinerary please click the hotel name below.

City	Standard	Superior	Deluxe	Luxury
Seoul	-	Sofitel Ambassador	Lotte Hotel	-
Gyeongju	-	Gyeongju Kolon Hotel	Hyundai Hotel	-
Busan	-	Grand Hotel Haeundae	Westin Chosun	-
Jeju	-	The Hotel	Hyatt Regency	-

Pricing

To determine pricing for your tour select the appropriate travel season and desired accommodation level from the table below.

	Standard	Superior	Deluxe	Luxury
4/1/09-6/30/09	-	\$3610	\$3950	-
7/1/09-7/31/09	-	\$3720	\$4050	-
8/1/09-11/30/09	-	\$3610	\$3950	-
12/1/09-3/31/10	-	\$3720	\$4050	-

International Airfare Pricing

Routing: LAX or SFO-SEL-LAX or SFO

4/1/09-5/28/09, 8/17/09-10/25/09, 2/5/10-2/11/10, 3/12/10-3/31/10	\$1160
5/29/09-6/18/09, 7/20/09-8/16/09, 12/11/09-12/24/09	\$1300
6/19/09-7/19/09	\$1320
10/26/09-12/10/09, 12/25/09-2/4/10, 2/12/10-3/11/09	\$1030

Terms & Conditions

*Prices are per person, twin/double share in USD. Travel may be restricted to certain days of the week and be available from one or multiple US departure points. Add on fares are available from most US cities and surcharges may be applicable for travel on particular days of the week. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight. Hotels and tours remain subject to availability. US and Foreign Govt. taxes and fees vary depending on the itinerary selected and may range from \$90 to \$395 per person. Passenger Facility Charges of up to \$18 per person and the September 11th Security Fee of up to \$10 per person, are not included. After ticketing changes may not be permissible in some circumstances, or a change fee may be applied. Cancellation penalties and other booking or alteration restrictions may exist. Please note that some air segments may be served by an associated carrier. Full payment for special deals may be required within a number of days of the reservation being made as nominated by your consultant at the time of booking (or 60 days prior to departure). Please note blackout dates may apply to Christmas, New Year and local special event periods. Prices indicated remain subject to change without notice. Group inquiries are welcome however specials remain subject to hotel and airline capacity control and therefore may not be applicable for group travel. The best deal available for group travel will always be given in lieu of the offer indicated. Unless otherwise indicated all travel must be completed by March 31, 2010 if not before.