

10 Days/9 Nights

Departs Daily from Seoul



South Korea Essentials: Seoul, Busan, & Jeju Island

Be thrilled by the pulsating beat of lively Seoul, relax and indulge in beautiful Busan, and explore stunning nature on Jeju Island!

ACCOMMODATIONS

•3 Nights Seoul

•3 Nights Busan

•3 Nights Jeju Island

INCLUSIONS

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City

- Private Historical Seoul Tour
- Private Discover Busan Tour

- Private Jeju Island Tour
- Daily Breakfast



ARRIVE SEOUL:

Private Arrival Transfer from Seoul Airport

(Overnight in Seoul)



SEOUL:

Private Historical Seoul Tour

Your tour of Seoul begins with hotel pickup and then you will head to the Gyeongbokgung Palace, located in the northern part of Seoul. After it burned and was abandoned for almost three centuries, it was reconstructed in 1867. It is the main and largest palace of the Five Grand Palaces of the Joseon Dynasty.

Continue to Bukchon Hanok Village is home to hundreds of traditional houses, called hanok, that date back to the Joseon Dynasty. The name Bukchon, which literally translates to northern village, came about as the neighborhood lies north of two significant Seoul landmarks, Cheonggyecheon Stream and Jongno. Today, many of these hanoks operate as cultural centers, guesthouses, restaurants and tea houses.

Although Gilsangsa Temple has a relatively short history, it is conveniently located in the heart of Seoul. The temple serves as a downtown cultural space by offering a variety of Buddhist programs. The temple features Gilsang Seonwon (Zen center) and the House of Silence, which are special halls dedicated to practicing meditation. While Gilsang Seonwon provides meditation rooms for Buddhists with experience in meditation, the House of Silence is open to the general public at liberty to pursue personal meditation.

Heading south you will visit Insa-dong has been situated at the heart of the nation's capital for over 600 years and was at the center of culture during the Joseon Dynasty. Over forty percent of the nation's antique stores are clustered in the Insa-dong area, and they sell more valuable antiques compared to any other places in Korea. The price of the valuables and souvenirs in this area can range from 10,000 won to some hundred million won. Among the antiques sold there are old pictures, pottery, wooden containers and jewelry.

The Gwangjang Market is the nation's first market and continues to thrive as a popular tourist destination today. The second floor of the market provides all of your silk, satin, and linen bed-sheet stores, while the main floor is renowned for its food stalls. It is a genuine market eating experience with ajummas (Korean ladies) selling mungbean pancakes, often served with alcoholic drinks such as soju or makkeolli, and mayak gimbap, a dish similar to Japanese rolled sushi.

Finally you'll head to the Han River, where you'll board a ferry for a river cruise. The cruise follows the river which flows through the city and offers spectacular views of the metropolis and its tourist spots such as the Jeoldusan Park, the 63 City Building, N Seoul Tower, Jamsil's Multi Sports Complex, and so much more.

(Overnight in Seoul)



SEOUL:

Free Day at Leisure

(Overnight in Seoul)



SEOUL TO BUSAN:

Private Transfer from Seoul Hotel to Airport. Fly from Seoul to Busan (Flight not included). Private Transfer from Busan Airport to Hotel.

(Overnight in Busan)

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BUSAN:

Private Discover Busan Tour

Your guide will pick you up from your hotel in the morning and start the tour at Gamcheon Culture Village. Formed by houses built in staircase-fashion on the foothills of a coastal mountain, this village has earned the nickname of Machu Picchu of Busan. The many alleys cutting through this community are vibrantly decorated with murals and sculptures created by the residents.



Continue on to Taejongdae. This park represents Busan, and is especially famous for its rock beach. Featuring its highest peak at 820 feet, there are forests of pine trees and 200 other varieties of trees.

You'll head next to the UN Memorial Cemetery. The 35-acre park was established by the United Nations in 1951 to hold the remains of soldiers from 11 countries. See the Main Gate, Memorial Service Hall and Dongnae Patriots Monument.

Continue onto Gukje Market. Formed in the aftermath of the Korean War, Gukje Market has served countless customers over 60 years. One of Korea's largest markets, Gukje is a labyrinth of alleyways crowded with stalls. The market stocks such a wide variety of goods that you can find almost everything you need right here.

The last stop will be Jagalchi Fish Market, Korea's largest seafood market where you can eat fresh raw fish. This market represents Busan and is famous throughout the country. Most of the vendors here are women and are called Jagalchi ajumma, meaning middle-aged or married women.

(Overnight in Busan)



BUSAN:

Free Day at Leisure

(Overnight in Busan)

DAY
7

BUSAN TO JEJU ISLAND:

Private Transfer from Busan Hotel to Airport. Fly from Busan to Jeju (flight not included). Private Transfer from Jeju Airport to Hotel.

(Overnight on Jeju Island)



JEJU ISLAND:

Private Jeju Island Tour

Start the day's tour with a visit to Manjanggal Lava Tube, one of the world's finest lava tunnels and another UNESCO Natural Heritage Site. Manjanggal Cave has a variety of interesting structures inside including 27 inch lava stalagmites and the lava tube tunnels. The cave is one of the finest lava tunnels in the world, and is designated natural monument.

Afterwards visit the Jeju Haenyo Museum which was established to introduce to the world the unique activities and culture of Jeju's haenyeo female divers. The Jeju Haenyeo Museum exhibits various photos of haenyeo female divers and their activities, to provide an accurate picture of their lives.

The tour continues to Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak. This mountain rose from under the sea in a volcanic eruption over 100,000 years ago. Located on the eastern end of Jeju Island, there is a huge crater at the top of Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak. The crater is about 2000 feet in diameter and 300 feet high. With the 99 sharp rocks surrounding the crater, it looks like a gigantic crown. While the southeast and north sides are cliffs, the northwest side is a verdant grassy hill.

Seopjikoji is located at the end of the eastern shore of Jeju Island. Seopji is the old name for the area, and koji is Jeju dialect meaning a sudden bump on land. On Koji hill which is wide and flat, there stands a stone bongsudae, a stone tower used as a communications system for 500 years to notify the central government of urgent political and military information. Seopjikoji was the filming site of several Korean TV dramas.

Head to Seongup Folk Village, where Korea's traditional thatched houses, Confucian temple, mill, fortress and tombstones have been preserved. Here, you'll also hear Jeju folk songs and other folk entertainment, sample local food and hear the local Jeju dialect.

(Overnight on Jeju Island)

DAY
9

JEJU ISLAND:

Free Day at Leisure



(Overnight on Jeju Island)



DEPART:

Private Departure Transfer from Jeju Island Hotel to Airport
