

Enchanting South Korea 9 Days

~~\$2,499.00~~ **\$1,999.00**

Seoul, Andong, Daegu, Gyeongju, Busan

Tour Highlights:

- Stroll through **Changdeokgung Palace grounds**
- Gaze into North Korean territory at the **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling crowds of **Myeongdong**
- Explore the ancient **capital of the Silla Kingdom, Gyeongju**
- Experience the Buddhist serenity of **Seokguram Grotto**
- Visit South Korea's picturesque port city and site of brave resistance during the Korean War – **Busan**

Asia's third-largest economy, South Korea is a high-tech, trend-setting nation with a reverent, old soul. With tranquil national parks boasting picturesque landscapes, a rich cultural history, delicious local cuisine, a bounty of the latest technological advances, fashions and more, a visit to 'the Land of Morning Calm' should be on every traveller's list.

South Korea is a dream destination for many travellers. The capital, Seoul, is a fast-paced cosmopolitan centre with an appetite for fashion, pop culture, and the latest in high-tech gadgets. Yet just an hour away from the cityscape, travellers can find themselves enjoying the peace and tranquillity of various national parks, encompassing gorgeous hiking trails and dense mountain landscapes.

With ancient cultural traditions also retaining a strong presence throughout the country, travellers seeking a cultural experience are sure to be satisfied. Friendly people, a unique and delicious food culture, and delightful contrasts between the modern and the traditional ensure that the indomitable spirit of South Korea will enchant and inspire travellers from all walks.

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Departure Dates

2019			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
14 Mar*	30 May	15 Aug	From \$2,499 \$1,999 Limited time only!	\$550
21 Mar**	13 Jun	22 Aug		
28 Mar**	19 Jun	29 Aug**		
04 Apr**	04 Jul**	11 Sep		
11 Apr**	11 Jul**	03 Oct		
18 Apr*	18 Jul*	31 Oct*		
02 May	01 Aug	07 Nov		
16 May	13 Aug			
* = Shoulder Season Surcharge: \$200 ** = Peak Season Surcharge: \$400				

Package Inclusions:

- Economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney or Melbourne flying Chinese carrier (China Eastern/Southern, China Airlines) or other Asian carrier (e.g. Thai/Malaysia Airlines (subject to availability))
- 6 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double occupancy)
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Coach transportation
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s) service

Package Exclusions:

- Tipping and gratuities prepaid in Australia: \$70
- Optional tour extensions
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

Price Guide:

- **Seasonal Surcharges:** * = Shoulder Season: \$200, ** = Peak Season: \$400
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300, Perth \$600 (interstate flights may be via Sydney or Melbourne)

- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge:** From \$250 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation:** From \$300/twin room/night (subject to availability)
- **Triple Share:** Not available
- **Child Price:** Same as adult
- **Visa:** Australian passport holders are exempt for a stay of up to 90 days
- **Airline Upgrade (economy class)-:** Cathay Pacific or Singapore Airlines from \$500, Asiana Airlines/Korean Air from \$300 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Premium Economy Upgrade-:** Cathay Pacific from \$2200 (subject to availability)
- **Business Class Upgrade-:** China Southern Airlines from \$3000, Singapore Airlines from \$4300, Cathay Pacific from \$5300 (subject to availability)
- **Please Note:** Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 3 weeks before departure and involve transits

(-) International long haul sectors only.

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

Tour Extensions

Impressions of Japan 9 Days from \$1,499

Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Nagoya, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Tokyo

This tour offers a great way to take in the cultural heritage of Japan. You'll start with three nights based in Osaka, exploring that city as well as Nara and Kyoto – cities famous for their well-preserved ancient temples and monuments. Travel east to Nagoya, then visit scenic Hakone and sacred Mount Fuji, before two days in Tokyo for sightseeing, shopping, or your choice of a diverse range of optional activities.

May not be combined with the Timeless Japan extension.

This post-tour extension is available for Enchanting South Korea tour clients departing on the following dates:
March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18; May 2, 16, 30; June 13; July 4, 18; August 1, 15, 22, 29; October 31 and November 7.

For details, please click here.

Timeless Japan 16 Days from \$3999

We have taken the beloved Golden Route of Japan and polished it until it shines even brighter! Now with more destinations, and more attractions, this tour is the best way to experience the depth of Japan's history and culture, and to appreciate the achievements of Japan's technical and urban development.

May not be combined with the Impressions of Japan extension.

This post-tour extension is available for Enchanting South Korea tour clients departing on the following dates:
March 21, 28; April 4, 11; May 2, 16; June 19; July 11; August 13; September 11, October 3, 31.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

Stopovers

Hong Kong Stopover from \$389

Once a sleepy fishing village, Hong Kong has developed into one of the premier financial powerhouses of the Far East. It is a city which boldly blends modernity with Chinese heritage and British colonial influence. A safe, well organised, fast paced shopping paradise, it also offers up some unmatched cuisine experiences.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

Hotel Accommodation

Seoul	Stanford Hotel Seoul or similar
Daegu	Daegu Grand Hotel or similar
Gyeongju	Gyeongju Commodore Hotel or similar
Busan	Crown Harbour or similar

Supplementary Information

When is the best time to travel to Korea?

Generally, the best time to visit Korea is during autumn (September to November) when the country experiences warm, sunny weather, beautiful skies and spectacular foliage. Winters are cold and dry and are a good time to visit if you are interested in winter sports, as there are numerous ski resorts. Spring (April to May) is also beautiful with all the cherry blossoms in bloom. The summer months can be quite hot and humid.

What types of meals are served on tour?

In general, all meals will consist of local cuisine. While we aim to meet the special medical, religious and dietary requirements of our customers, we cannot guarantee they will always be catered for.

What are the coaches like on the tours?

Most coaches used while on tour are comfortable air conditioned coaches.

Can I extend my time in Korea?

Yes, you may certainly extend your time in Korea before the tour commences or after the tour ends. However, please be aware that there will be a minimum stay-behind fee from \$200 and your preferred return date will be subject to availability and applicable fare and tax difference.

Time Zone

South Korea is 2 hours behind Australian EST.

Language

The official national language is Korean.

Entry Requirements

Passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the length of stay. Visas are not required for Australian passport holders for entry into Korea for stays of up to 90 days.

Day 1: Australia ✈ Seoul

Fly to Seoul via a connecting city. Note: some flights may depart the next day

Day 2: Seoul

On arrival in **Seoul**, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. South Korea's capital city is home to a population of 10.5 million people. A dynamic city blending ancient traditions with modern hi-tech advances, it offers the visitor plenty of sightseeing opportunities and activities. The Lotte Tower super-high skyscraper (pictured right) is a dramatic recent addition to the skyline.

Day 3: Seoul 🚗 Andong 🚗 Daegu (B, L)

The home of Confucianism in Korea, scholars flocked to **Andong** during the Jeoson Dynasty. Andong was also home to a significant number of the noble class during this time. Many of their residences have been preserved, and the city is a great place to experience the core of Korea's traditional lifestyle, including traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty period (1392-1897). Andong is also known as the source of some of Korea's most renowned liquors – Andong Soju. In Daegu, take a stroll in **Dongseongno Shopping District**, a major fashion retail district. The streets are packed with hundreds of stores full of personality that reflect the city's fast-paced fashion trends. Enjoy magnificent views by taking a cable car to **Palgongsan Natural Park**.

Day 4: Daegu 🚗 Gyeongju (B, L)

Today we explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs, and monuments of **Gyeongju**, the capital of the ancient Silla Kingdom (57 BC – 935 AD). Visit **Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory**, **Royal Tumuli Park**, **Gyeongju National Museum**, **Bulguksa Temple**, and **Seokguram Grotto Temple**. The Silla Dynasty reigned during what many would consider the most important period in Korean history, with Gyeongju as its capital. The city itself is now thought of as an open air museum, housing an endless array of tombs, temples, pagodas, and ruins dating back as early as 57BC. With a layout and architecture modelled on China's Tang Dynasty capital Chang'an (now Xi'an), Gyeongju's dramatic burial mounds also reveal Korean cultural links with the ancient 'horse people' of central Asia and Siberia.

Day 5: Gyeongju 🚗 Busan (B, L, D)

In Busan, we visit **Haedong Yonggungsa Temple**, situated on the coast of the north-eastern portion of the city and overlooking the ocean. Afterwards, you will have an opportunity to view the waves while looking down through the transparent floor of the 15 metre high **Oryukdo Skywalk**, which is set over a 35 meter-high coastal cliff. Travel to **Gamcheon Culture Village** situated on the foothills of a coastal mountain and nicknamed 'Machu Picchu of Busan'. You will be thrilled by the many alleys cutting through this village, vibrantly decorated with murals and sculptures created by the local residents. Stop at one of Korea's largest markets, **Nampo Dong Gukje Market** for a wide variety of goods at affordable prices. Then visit **Nurimaru APEC House**, a memorial hall and prestigious international conference hall located near Haeundae Beach, offering visitors spectacular views of the nearby natural landscape.

Day 6: Busan 🚗 Seoul (B, L)

Depart Busan after breakfast. On arrival, visit **Changdeokgung Palace**, one of the 'Five Grand Palaces' built by the Kings of the Jeoson Dynasty, and **Insadong**, a street full of traditional Korean antique and art shops, restaurants and tea houses. Continue to **Cheonggyecheon Stream** and admire this urban oasis before visiting **Myeongdong**, one of Seoul's main commercial districts.

Day 7: Seoul 🚗 DMZ 🚗 Seoul (B, L, D)

Visit **North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel**, located within the **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)**, a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. In the event of an invasion from the North, an entire infantry division could have move through the tunnel in an hour. View North Korean territory, including the Propaganda Village, People's School, and Gaeseong City – the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom – from the Dora Observation Platform. Also visit **Freedom Park**, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. North Hall contains displays of North Korean lifestyle, and the Exhibition Hall houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War. Later, try on a hanbok, the traditional attire of the Korean people at **Namsan Hanbok Culture Experience Centre** before experiencing the city's best night view at Namsan Tower.

Day 8: Seoul ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Incheon International Airport for your overnight flight back to Australia.

Day 9: Australia

Arrive home this morning.