

ENCHANTING SOUTH KOREA

SEOUL - ANDONG - DAEGU - GYEONGJU - BUSAN



9 DAYS FROM

\$2,499

per person twin-share



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.

Image : Namsan Tower

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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 serenity of **Seokguram Grotto**
- Visit South Korea's picturesque port city and site of brave resistance during the Korean War – **Busan**

Day 1: Depart for Seoul

Fly to Seoul via connecting cities. Note: Some flights may depart the next day .

Day 2: Arrive in Seoul

You will be greeted warmly at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Day 3: Seoul Andong Daegu (B, L)

Visit the traditional village, Andong, which features traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty period (1392-1897). In Daegu, take a stroll in **Dongseongno Shopping District**, a major fashion retail district. 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**.

Day 5: Gyeongju Busan (B, L, D)

In Busan, we visit **Haedong Yonggungsa Temple** and overlooking the ocean. Next, 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. Stop at one of Korea's largest markets, **Nampo Dong Gukje Market**. Then visit **Nurimaru APEC House**, a memorial hall and prestigious international conference hall located near Haeundae Beach.

Day 6: Busan Seoul (B, L)

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. 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: Depart Seoul (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home via connecting cities.

Day 9: Arrive Home

Images: 1. Bulguksa Temple, 2. Cheonggyecheon Stream, 3. Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, 4. Gamcheon Culture Village, 5. Palgongsan Natural Park, 6. Myeongdong, 7. Fushimi Inari Shrine, 8. Oshino Hakkai, 9. Nara Park, 10. Oryukdo Skywalk



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**POST-TOUR EXTENSION
JAPAN 6 NIGHTS**

fr \$1499; single supplement \$900; includes
+ Economy class flights
+ 6 nights 3-4 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
+ 6 breakfasts
+ Coach transportation & transfers
+ Entrance fees to scenic attractions
+ English speaking tour guide
Excludes prepaid tipping: \$80

Day 8: Seoul ✈️ Osaka (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Incheon Airport. On arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Note: Baggage allowance for this sector is 1 piece max weight 15 kg per person.

Day 9: Osaka 🚗 Kyoto 🚗 Nara 🚗 Osaka (B)

This morning, travel to Kyoto and visit **Fushimi Inari Shrine** and **Nijo Castle** before heading to Nara. Visit **Todaiji (Great Eastern Temple)**, with its Great Buddha Hall – the world’s largest wooden building. This impressive building houses the world’s largest (15m) bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka.

Day 10: Osaka (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You can join our wide range of optional programs. Please see optional programs for more information.

Day 11: Osaka 🚗 Nagoya (B)

This morning, head to Nagoya and visit **Inuyama Castle**. Then, head to **Atsuta Shinto Shrine** (covering 200,000 square meters and established almost 2000 years ago) before enjoying some time for shopping at the **Osu Kannon Shopping Quarter**. Transfer to your hotel in the evening.

Day 12: Nagoya 🚗 Mount Fuji 🚗 Tokyo (B)

Today, visit **Oshino Hakkai**. Known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Afterwards, visit **Gotemba Peace Park** to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, and **Hakone Shinto Shrine**. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest. Finally, visit **Owakudani** – ‘Great Boiling Valley’ is a valley formed by the explosion of Hakone volcano more than 300 years ago, and contains hot springs and steaming sulphur vents – visitors usually eat eggs cooked in the boiling, sulphurous waters. At the end of the day we head to Tokyo.

Day 13: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at leisure. You may wish to visit **Tokyo Disneyland or DisneySea** (admission \$120). Alternatively, you can join our wide range of optional programs. Please see optional programs for more information.

Day 14: Depart Tokyo (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport.

Day 15: Arrive Home

DEPARTURES

2018	01 Nov*			
2019	14 Mar*	18 Apr*	04 Jul**	29 Aug**
	21 Mar**	02 May	18 Jul*	31 Oct*
	28 Mar**	16 May	01 Aug	07 Nov
	04 Apr**	30 May	15 Aug	
	11 Apr**	13 Jun	22 Aug	

*Shoulder Season Surcharge: \$200
**Peak Season Surcharge: \$400
Single supplement: \$550

✈️ DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- Interstate surcharge: fr \$300

⊕ INCLUSIONS

- + Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes
- + 6 nights 3-star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + 6 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L) & 2 dinners (D)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English-speaking tour guide(s)

⊗ EXCLUSIONS

- Prepaid tipping: \$70
- Visa if applicable
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

✈️ AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Economy class: Cathay Pacific or Singapore Airlines fr \$500
- Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr \$2200
- Business class: China Southern fr \$3000, Singapore Airlines fr \$4300, Cathay Pacific fr \$5300

🕒 EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Break fee: fr \$200
- Hotel w/breakfast : fr \$150 twin-share, fr \$300 single

🚗 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

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

🎈 JAPAN OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

Refer to the next page for details



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All prices are per person twin-share in AUD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spent in flight and is subject to flight schedule. Final itineraries and flight info may not be available until 2 weeks before departure. Booking conditions apply, refer to website for latest information. ver18SEP2018



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Tokyo Day Tour \$250

Japan's capital, Tokyo, is packed with so much to see and do. First stop on this tour is Asakusa Kannon Temple, one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular temples. Afterwards visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Proceed to the fashion district Harajuku and Shibuya, an affluent and trendy shopping hotspot. Then proceed to Tokyo Tower, where you will observe the amazing city of Tokyo from up above. Then, relax on a Tokyo bay cruise en route to the beautiful and serene landscaped Hamarikyu Garden beside Tokyo Bay.

Osaka Day Tour \$250

This tour will take you to Osaka Castle which was built in 1583 as the intended capital of Japan, before the capital was moved to Edo (now known as Tokyo). Walk through the majestic castle while learning from the exhibit detailing life in old Osaka. From there, walk to the nearby river boat dock to board the Osaka River Cruise for a cruise around Nakanoshima. Explore Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori, the vast restaurant districts, with eateries offering a variety of Japan's most famous street foods. Then travel down to Umeda Skybuilding, where you will get a sweeping view of Osaka. Tour finishes in Osaka.

World Heritage Nikko Guided Day Tour \$290

Nikko is a major centre for Buddhism and the Shinto religion. It is located in a valley and surrounded by beautiful deciduous forests and majestic waterfalls. This optional tour will take you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Nikko Toshogu Shrine. This area is well known for its distinctive architecture made up of a large number of wood carvings and gold leaf decorations on the buildings. This design is unique and not seen elsewhere in Japan. You will also visit Kegon Waterfall (around 100m high) which is the main natural attraction in Nikko. This is the best spot to view maple leaves during autumn. Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Tour guide will meet you at the hotel and transportation will be by public transport.

Himeji Castle and Akashi Kaikyo Bridge Walking Day Tour \$250

Please contact us for the available dates. Himeji Castle is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site and is well-known for its elegant white decorations and magnificent appearance. Unlike many other Japanese castles, this early 17th century castle is an original; never damaged by war, earthquakes or fires. Its complex structure was designed as an advanced defence mechanism and continues to draw in many visitors today. After lunch, walk on the world's longest suspension bridge – Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, which is almost 4 kilometres long. Walk along the Maiko Marine Promenade underneath the bridge, which is 50m above the water. *Lunch and return train tickets between Osaka Station and Sannomiya Station are included (your guide will meet you and send you off at Himeji Station, you will need to make your own way to/from Osaka station).

Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket \$120

Tokyo Disneyland is a 115-acre (47 ha) theme park, near Tokyo. Its main gate is directly adjacent to both Maihama Station and Tokyo Disneyland Station. The park has seven themed areas: the World Bazaar; the four classic Disneylands: Adventureland, Westernland, Fantasyland and Tomorrowland; and two mini-lands: Critter Country and Mickey's Toontown. Many of the games and rides in these areas mirror those in the original Disneyland as they are based on American Disney films and fantasies.

Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket \$120

Tokyo DisneySea is a 176-acre (71.22 ha) theme park at the Tokyo Disney Resort. In 2002 Tokyo DisneySea won a Thea Award from the Themed Entertainment Association for the concept, design, and construction of the theme park. Tokyo DisneySea also won the 2012-2015 Theme Park Insider Awards "Best theme park". There are seven uniquely themed areas or "ports of call". The entrance to the park is Mediterranean Harbour, which opens up to six additional nautically-themed ports: American Waterfront, Lost River Delta, Port Discovery, Mermaid Lagoon, Arabian Coast, and Mysterious Island.

Robot Restaurant \$100

Not just any restaurant and bar, Tokyo's Robot Restaurant is most famous for its late night robot-themed dancing and battle shows. Behold an outrageous and electrifying live spectacle featuring Japanese taiko drum performances as well as mock battles between bikini-clad dancing girls, giant robotic dinosaurs, cyborgs, ninjas and a host of other bizarre characters, staged in a theatrical LED-fitted room bursting with kaleidoscopic neon-lit laser beams, virtual fireworks, explosions and energetic techno music. Please choose from the times below: 17:55, 19:50 or 21:45~ \$100 for show tickets & be there at least 30 minutes before. Please enquire if you wish to add a meal package.

Tea Ceremony (30 minutes) \$75

The Japanese tea ceremony is a traditional ritual influenced by the principles of Zen Buddhism, in which powdered green tea, or matcha, is prepared and served to a small group in a quiet setting. Traditional Japanese confectionary is often served to balance out the bitter taste of the green tea.

Highlights:

- > Learn the process of the Japanese tea ceremony from a qualified tea instructor
- > Learn which utensils to use to prepare green tea in a traditional Japanese room (tatami)
- > Discover the customs, culture and hospitality of the Japanese people

Physical considerations: The tea ceremony is performed in a kneeling position (seiza) on the floor. This puts pressure on your knees and ankles. Please be cautious of joining this optional program if you have a condition that prevents you from kneeling on the floor for a short period of time.

Optional: Wear traditional Japanese garment (kimono) and experience a tea ceremony



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Images: 11. Toyko DisneySea, 12. Tea Ceremony, 13. Himeji Castle, 14. Kimono Photo Shoot

Kimono Photo Shoot (60 minutes) \$120

The kimono is the traditional dress of Japan and is representative of its culture and heritage. The dress consists of a long robe with wide sleeves and is usually made of various materials and patterns. Today the kimono is only worn sparingly, on formal occasions such as weddings, funerals, tea ceremonies or other special events. Take part in a memorable photo shoot at a studio where you can dress up in a kimono of your choice. You can take photos with your own camera or you may choose to purchase a photo package plan from the photographers.

Highlights:

- > Dress up in a kimono of your choice for the photo shoot.
- > Have your photos taken for free with your own camera or purchase the photos from the professional photographers.

Sushi Experience & Tsukiji Half Day Guided Walking Tour \$240

Take a closer look at the fascinating world of sushi, extending from the ocean to your plate. On this tour you will take part in a sushi-making class and visit the world-famous Tsukiji fish market. Tour the world's largest seafood market as you discover the vast selections of fresh seafood they have to offer. Then turn your attention to sushi-making, learning to prepare nigiri sushi with the help of a sushi master. Finish your experience by enjoying your creations for lunch. Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Tour guide will meet you at the hotel and transportation will be by public transport.

Note: Transportation is not included for optional programs & are subject to availability.



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