



## Essence of Korea - 8 Days (#20143)

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### Overview

Departure on selected Tuesdays.

### Trip Highlights

Seoul-Busan-Gyeongju-Daegu-Pyeongchang-Seoul

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 01: (Tuesday) - Incheon Seoul

Upon arrival at Incheon Airport, meet a driver and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of day at leisure.

**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or similar



**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

### Day 02: (Wednesday) - Seoul

After breakfast, pick up at your hotel around 08:30-09:00 am for Seoul half day sightseeing, Visit Gyeongbokgung Palace (Deoksugung Palace on Tue) The Royal Guard Changing Ceremony, National Folk Museum, Korean Ginseng Centre. Continue to visit Insadong Antique Shop Alley, Namsan Hanok Village (Myeongdong on Tuesdays) and N Seoul Tower for an unobstructed view of Seoul city. Return to the hotel.

**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

### Day 03: (Thursday) - Seoul - Busan

After breakfast, pick up at your hotel. Transfer to Seoul station. Move to Busan by high speed train (KTX). Arrive at Busan station. Transfer to hotel

**Hotel:** Grand Josun Busan Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 04

### Day 04: (Friday) - Busan Gyeongju

After breakfast at the hotel, meet a guide for a full day sightseeing in Busan. Visit Haeundae Beach, the most famous beach in Busan. The white sand beach is roughly 1.5 kilometres long, over a 30- to 50-meter-wide area, creating a beautiful coastline before a shallow bay. Proceed to Yonggungsa Temple via Dalmaji-gil Road, famous for its views of the blue ocean, white sandy beach, Camellia Forest, and pine tree forest, creating one of Busan's eight scenic sites. Haedong Yonggungsa Temple is situated on the coast of the north-eastern portion of Busan. Transfer to Gamcheon Culture Village, formed by houses built in staircase-fashion on the foothills of a coastal mountain, earning this village the nickname "Machu Picchu of Busan. Continue to visit Korea's largest seafood market, Jagalchi Fishery market and BIFF Square. Experiencing traditional rice cake making with a master rice cake maker and tasting it. Transfer to Gyeongju (1.5hrs by car) and visit Gyeongju Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, a secondary palace used by the crown prince of the Silla Kingdom. You can enjoy the reflection of Imhaejeon in Wolji during the night.



**Hotel:** Lahan Select Gyeongju

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 05

### Day 05: (Saturday) - Gyeongju - Daegu

Breakfast at the hotel. Met by our guide at 08:30 am. Move to Gyeongju, a museum without walls. In 57 BC, around when Julius Caesar was subduing Gaul, it became the capital of the Shilla Dynasty and remained so for about 1000 years. Gyeongju preserves a vast amount of significant and fascinating historical heritage. Along with Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, its historical district has been designated as a World Heritage by UNESCO. Gyeongju National Museum, Cheomgseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Seokguram Grotto (UNESCO world heritage) - an artificial stone temple made of granites, located on the eastern peak of Mt. Toham. Inside the round-shaped main hall, there are the Bonjon Statue, Bodhi-Sattava and his disciples. It was built to preserve these statues. Bulguksa Temple (UNESCO world heritage) – The beauty of the temple itself and artistic touch of the stone relics are as awesome and fascinating as to be highly praised by visitors from all over the world. Move to Daegu city for overnight which is a largest and central city of this province. Check in at hotel and take a rest.

**Hotel:** Hotel Inter-Burgo Daegu

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

### Day 06: (Sunday) - Daegu Haeinsa- Temple Andong Pyeongchang

After Check-out, move to Haeinsa Temple located in Gayasan National Park. Haeinsa Temple was founded by King Ae-Jang of Shilla Dynasty (802), well known for its famous treasure “ Tripitaka Koreana ”(UNESCO world heritage) composed of 81,341 printing woodblocks made to repulse the Mongolian Army Invasion with support of Buddha. And then transfer to Andong Hahoe Village which has preserved the housing architecture and the village structure of the Joseon Dynasty. Moreover, the Village was not artificially created; there are people who actually live there. The Hahoe Village has become world-famous for the visit of The Queen Elizabeth II of Britain several years ago. And then transfer to Pyeongchang one of 2018 Pyeongchang Olympic Cities.

**Hotel:** Intercontinental Alpensia Pyeongchang Resort

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 07****Day 07: (Monday) - Pyeongchang Mt.Seorak Seoul**

Breakfast at the hotel. Move to Woljeongsa. Learning temple etiquette, Temple tour, Walking Meditation or conversation with a monk and monastic meal (The Woljeongsa temple stay experience is available for a minimum of 8 people. The experience is not available for groups of less than 8 people.) Move to Seoraksan National Park of which the peaks break through the clouds while jade-like water flows through the valleys, creating breathtaking views and making this Korea's most famous national park. UNESCO designated this park a Biosphere Preservation District in 1982 due to so many rare species found here. Visit Sinheungsa-temple located in Mt. Seorak, which is an ancient temple with deep historical significance, built by a great monk Jajangyulsa (590~658). (Optional Tour: Gwongseumseong Cable Car–AUD 46 PP). Gwongseumseong is a site of castle ruins located on the steep Dol Mountain of Seoraksan National Park area. After sightseeing of Seoraksan National Park, move to Seoul. Drop off the hotel.

\*\*During the peak season in October, the Seoraksan National Park will restrict buses and medium size bus for entries. Therefore, the bus must park at C District Square, and you must walk 3.6km to the entrance from C District Square. So please be aware of that we might not be able to visit Seoraksan National Park for this tour.

**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08****Day 08: (Tuesday) - Seoul - Incheon**

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be pick up at your hotel lobby 4hours before your flight departure.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Hotel accommodation with twin sharing with breakfast, Guide (Bi-lingual tour guide), Transfer, Entrance fee as in the schedule.

## Exclusions





Gratuity for the guide and driver, Travel Insurance, Optional tour fee, Personal expenses, All not mentioned in the itinerary (no lunch and dinner), Single room charge, International & Domestic Air.

### Note

- \* The program is based on joint Sit-in-Coach guided by bilingual guide (English or other language)
  - \* The program is operated on fixed day as above with min.2pax but please contact us for confirmed date
  - \* Kindly note that we have no responsibility for your personal incidents or losses during all the tours.
  - \* Size of vehicle is subject to the number of pax on the travelling date
  - \* It is kindly noticed that the portion to be unused due to your personal reason is not refundable.
  - \* Above schedule and hotel are subject to change due to local circumstance as like weather, traffic and big events.
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### Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

### Fixed Departure

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