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The Grand Korea Journey

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SUNDAY DEPARTURES
2027 · Minimum two guests*

FROM US$2,899
per person · twin sharing · land only

Western heritage towns, the gardens of the southern coast and Jeju's island landscapes form the opening chapters. Continue through Busan and the eastern heartlands before returning to Seoul - a nine-day route that brings Korea's regional contrasts into focus. Land only: both required domestic flights are additional.

Seoul / Gongju / Jeonju / Suncheon / Yeosu / Jeju / Busan / Gyeongju / Andong / Seoul

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The journey, day by day



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01 / Sunday · Seoul / Gongju / Jeonju

Royal history, traditional streets.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot in front of Donghwa Duty Free, Gwanghwamun, Seoul. Your first discoveries are in Gongju: the Tomb of King Muryeong and Gongsanseong Fortress introduce the royal heritage of this former capital. Continue to Jeonju Hanok Village, where tiled roofs and traditional lanes change the scale of the journey. The night is spent in Jeonju, rather than returning to Seoul.

STAY Lahan Hotel Jeonju or similar (4-star) MEALS No meals included



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02 / Monday · Gwangju / Suncheon / Yeosu

Reflection, gardens and a southern harbour.

After breakfast, visit the May 18th National Cemetery in Gwangju, a place of remembrance within the day’s regional journey. Continue to Suncheon Bay National Garden, where landscaped spaces offer a different pace and perspective. Finish the touring day at Yeosu’s Yi Sun-sin Plaza before your overnight stay. On the garden’s last-Monday closure, the itinerary substitutes Naganeupseong Folk Village or Suncheon Drama Film Set.

STAY Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Yeosu or similar (4-star) MEALS Breakfast included

From mainland heritage to Jeju

Both domestic flights - Busan (Gimhae) to Jeju on day 3 and Jeju to Busan on day 5 - are required and separately purchased. The land price does not include airfare. Confirm flight timing, taxes and baggage with Gala before booking.

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YOUR JOURNEY

REQUIRED FLIGHT
Busan (Gimhae) to Jeju

Airfare is additional. Confirm operator-approved flight times before booking.

03 / Tuesday · Yeosu / Busan Gimhae Airport / Jeju

Across to a different Korea.

After breakfast, travel to Busan’s Gimhae Airport for the required domestic flight to Jeju. This flight is essential to the route but is not included in the land price; the operator must approve its timing before booking. Meet your driver on arrival at Jeju Airport for the hotel transfer. The rest of the day is at leisure, with no scheduled island sightseeing today. Settle in before two days of guided discovery.

STAY Jeju Shinhwa World Marriott Resort or similar (5-star) MEALS Breakfast included



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04 / Wednesday · Western & southern Jeju

Tea, gardens and a coastline of contrasts.

Begin after breakfast with Hyupjae Beach and Spirited Garden. Bonsai trees, stone sculptures and tranquil ponds make the garden a close-up counterpoint to the island’s open coast. At O’sulloc Tea Museum, the focus turns to Korean tea culture. Continue with the Sanbang Mountain Cruise and Cheonjeyeon Falls before returning to your resort. The variety is the pleasure: cultivated gardens, tea heritage and water-shaped scenery in one island day.

STAY Jeju Shinhwa World Marriott Resort or similar (5-star) MEALS Breakfast included



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05 / Thursday · Jeju / Busan

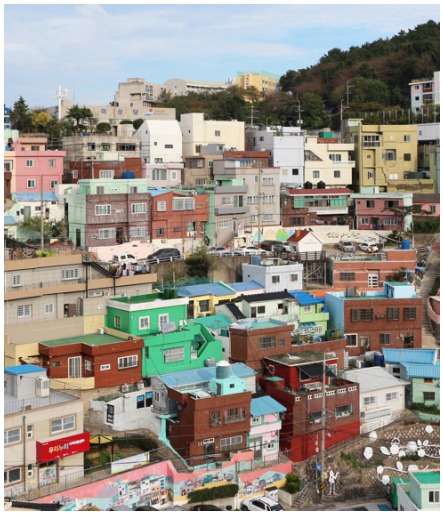
Island stories, then a mainland chapter.

Explore Jeolmul Natural Recreation Forest, then visit the Haenyeo Museum and a live women-diver performance. Continue to Seongsan Ilchulbong’s volcanic scenery and Jeju Stone Park, where the island’s traditions are represented through stone. Transfer to Jeju Airport for the required Jeju-Busan flight, purchased separately. A hotel transfer follows arrival in Busan. The flight is necessary to complete the itinerary but is not included in the land-tour price; confirm timings, taxes and baggage with Gala before booking.

STAY Wyndham Grand Busan or similar (5-star) MEALS Breakfast included; lunch and dinner extra

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06 / Friday · Busan / Gyeongju

Sea air, hillside colour, royal reflections.

Explore Haeundae Beach and Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, then discover the layered hillside streets of Gamcheon Culture Village. Jagalchi Fish Market and BIFF Square introduce another side of Busan’s urban character. Rice-cake making is offered only when there are at least eight participants. Continue to Gyeongju for a night visit to Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond. During peak season, if accommodation is substituted in Ulsan, this night visit may be omitted.

STAY Lahan Select Gyeongju or similar (5-star); Ulsan substitution possible in peak season
MEALS Breakfast included; lunch and dinner extra



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07 / Saturday · Gyeongju / Daegu

The many layers of Silla heritage.

After breakfast, meet the guide at 8:30 a.m. Visit Gyeongju National Museum and Cheomseongdae Observatory, beginning a day devoted to the cultural legacy of the Silla kingdom. Continue to Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple. The combination of collections, monuments and temple architecture gives the day its depth before the journey continues to Daegu for the night.

STAY Hotel Inter-Burgo Daegu or similar (5-star) MEALS Breakfast included; lunch and dinner extra

Shared departure. Conditional experiences.

Minimum two guests confirms the departure threshold only. Rice-cake making, the Woljeongsa temple experience and its monastic meal each require at least eight participants. A two-person departure does not guarantee these activities.

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08 / Sunday · Haeinsa / Andong / Pyeongchang

Sacred texts, living village traditions.

After breakfast, visit Haeinsa Temple in Gayasan National Park, home to the Tripitaka Koreana woodblocks. The temple setting offers a distinct contrast to the royal heritage encountered in Gyeongju. Continue to Andong Hahoe Village, where preserved traditional houses bring the journey into a different cultural landscape. Travel onward to Pyeongchang for your final overnight stay.

STAY InterContinental Alpensia Pyeongchang Resort or similar (5-star) MEALS Breakfast included; lunch and dinner extra



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09 / Monday · Pyeongchang / Seoraksan / Seoul

Temple traditions, mountain perspectives.

The Woljeongsa temple programme and monastic meal require at least eight participants and are not available below that number. When the group requirement is met, the programme may include temple etiquette, a temple tour, walking meditation or conversation with a monk, together with a monastic meal. Continue to Seoraksan National Park and Sinheungsa Temple. The Gwongeumseong cable car is an optional extra. Finish at Donghwa Duty Free, Gwanghwamun, Seoul, at approximately 6:00 p.m.; onward travel is at your own arrangement. Read the October walking and access advisory before booking.

MEALS Breakfast included; monastic meal only with the qualifying eight-participant programme; other lunch/dinner arrangements extra

October mountain access

Bus restrictions may require a 3.6 km walk from C District Square to the Seoraksan entrance. Traffic may prevent the visit. Discuss mobility needs before booking. The cable car is optional, US$20 per person, subject to operation.

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Your journey, clearly arranged.

Sunday departures in 2027 · Shared seat-in-coach tour
Minimum two guests, subject to confirmation · English-Korean bilingual guide

USD / PERSON	GENERAL	HIGH SEASON
Twin-share land tour	US$2,899	US$3,199
Single-room supplement	US$920	US$1,220

Land only. Airfare is additional. Add the applicable single-room supplement to the land price; rooms and departures require confirmation. Child prices on request.

High-season starts: Jul 4, 11; Aug 15, 22; Dec 19, 26.
No departures: Jan 31; Feb 7; Jul 18, 25; Aug 1, 8; Sep 12.

Other scheduled Sunday departures are general season. All dates are in 2027 and subject to availability.

Included: 8 hotel nights, twin sharing: two mainland nights in listed four-star hotels or similar, then six nights in five-star hotels or similar; 8 hotel breakfasts; scheduled ground transportation; English-Korean bilingual guiding and specified admissions.
Additional: International/domestic flights, guide/driver gratuities, insurance, optional activities and personal expenses are extra. Lunches and dinners are excluded except the conditional monastic meal when the eight-person programme operates.

Required domestic flights — additional: Busan (Gimhae)-Jeju on day three and Jeju-Busan on day five are both required for this route and excluded from the land price. Confirm timings and a full quote including taxes and baggage with Gala before booking; do not book independent connections before operator approval.

Booking: Reserve at least seven Korean working days before departure. Changes require at least 14 Korean working days. KST applies, excluding Korean weekends/public holidays. Hotels and routing may change for local conditions. Unused services are non-refundable.

Gala Holidays cancellation terms: Cancel in writing to bill@galaholiday.com. At 60 or more days before departure, the deposit is forfeited; at 30-59 days, 50% of the total package price; at 15-29 days, 75%; and less than 15 days, 100% (no refund). Deposit amount varies by package. Full terms and conditions apply.

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