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Korea's Golden Route

Palaces, Coast & Mountains

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS • FRIDAY ARRIVALS • 2027



SINHEUNGSA TEMPLE, SEORAKSAN NATIONAL PARK

A country revealed, one landscape at a time.

From Seoul's palace courtyards and Gongju's old stone walls to Jeonju's tiled rooftops, follow a route that opens a different chapter of Korea each day. The southern cities of Yeosu and Busan bring the sea into view; Gyeongju, Andong and the mountains of Seoraksan add temple artistry, living traditions and a change of scale. Seven nights, hotel breakfasts, scheduled airport transfers and shared English-guided touring bring the essentials together.

YOUR KOREA JOURNEY

Seoul • Gongju • Jeonju • Gwangju • Suncheon • Yeosu • Busan
Gyeongju • Andong • Pyeongchang • Seoraksan • Seoul

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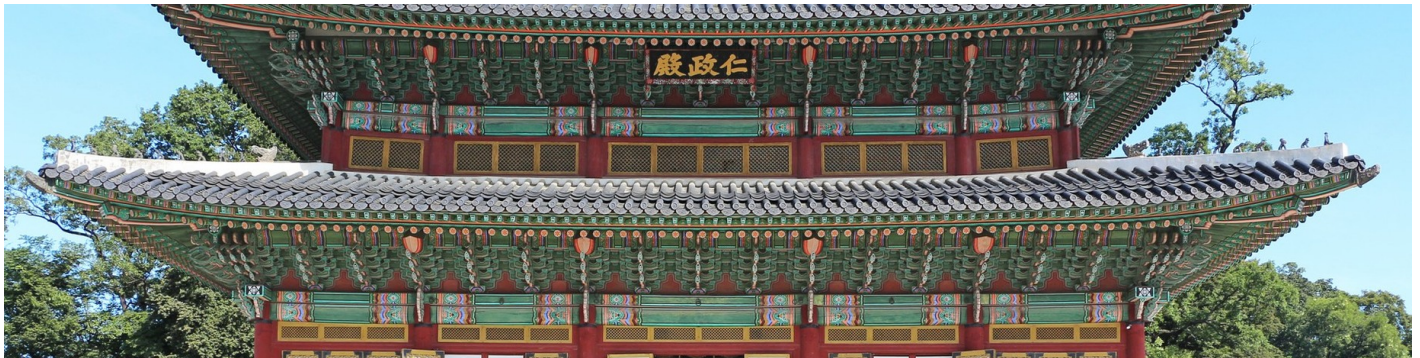
SCAN TO EXPLORE

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DAYS 1-2 / SEOUL

The capital, in layers.



Changdeokgung Palace, Seoul

DAY 01 / FRIDAY

Your Korean journey begins

Incheon Airport / Seoul

Arrive at Incheon International Airport, where a local representative meets you for your included transfer to Seoul. The rest of the day is free, allowing you to settle into the city at your own pace after your flight. You may prefer a quiet evening at the hotel or a first independent look at the surrounding neighbourhood, with any personal activities and meals at your own expense. There is no scheduled sightseeing today: this opening chapter is simply a chance to arrive, rest and look forward to the route ahead. Your first two nights are based in Seoul, before the journey turns south towards Gongju and Jeonju.

Stay: The Link Seoul Hotel or similar · 4-star **Meals:** No meals included

- Hotel check-in time is not specified in the supplied programme; early room access is not guaranteed.

DAY 02 / SATURDAY

Palace courtyards and the pulse of Seoul

Seoul

After breakfast, meet your guide in the hotel lobby at 08:40 for a day that moves between Seoul's royal heritage and its contemporary energy. Begin at Changdeokgung Palace, then explore the traditional houses of Bukchon Hanok Village, where tiled roofs and intimate lanes reveal another side of the capital. Continue to Insadong, known for its galleries, handicrafts and traditional shops, before visiting the National Museum of Korea for a broader view of the country's history and art. The day finishes in Myeongdong, a lively district of fashion, cosmetics and street food. It is a varied introduction to Seoul, with a second overnight stay at your hotel.

Stay: The Link Seoul Hotel or similar · 4-star **Meals:** Hotel breakfast

- A separate visit or admission to Changdeokgung's Secret Garden is not specified.

DAYS 3-4 / GONGJU TO THE SOUTHERN COAST

Stone walls. Garden paths.



Gongsanseong Fortress, Gongju



Suncheon Bay National Garden; blooms vary by season.

DAY 03 / SUNDAY

Royal echoes, stone walls and hanok rooftops

Seoul / Gongju / Jeonju

Leave the capital behind and travel to Gongju, where the heritage of the Baekje kingdom comes into focus. Visit the Tomb of King Muryeong and Gongsanseong Fortress, two distinctive encounters with Korea's royal past, before continuing south to Jeonju. Here, the scenery changes from ancient fortifications to the closely gathered rooftops of Jeonju Hanok Village. Traditional houses give the streets their particular character, offering a memorable setting for a first afternoon beyond Seoul. After your visit, check in at your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. This is the opening stage of the circuit, linking the capital with the cultural heartlands of the southwest.

Stay: Jeonju Lahan Hotel or similar · 4-star **Meals:** Hotel breakfast

- Meeting details are pending confirmation: the programme lists both 08:00 at the parking lot in front of Donghwa Duty Free Shop, Gwanghwamun, and 08:40 in the hotel lobby. Your confirmed joining instructions must resolve the time and location before travel.

DAY 04 / MONDAY

Through the southwest, towards the sea

Jeonju / Gwangju / Suncheon / Yeosu

Today's route crosses the southwest, beginning with Gwangju and a visit to the May 18th National Cemetery, a place of remembrance connected with Korea's modern democratic history. Continue to Suncheon for the planned visit to Suncheon Bay National Garden, before heading onwards to the coast. On the last Monday of each month, when the garden is closed, the programme substitutes Naganeupseong Folk Village or the Suncheon Drama Film Set. The day then brings you to Yeosu, where you visit Yi Sun-sin Plaza before checking into your hotel. After the inland heritage of Gongju and Jeonju, this coastal city introduces a fresh setting for the journey's next chapter.

Stay: Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Yeosu or similar · 4-star **Meals:** Hotel breakfast

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DAYS 5-6 / BUSAN, GYEONGJU & ANDONG

The coast gives way to history.



Gamcheon Cultural Village, Busan



Andong Hahoe Village

DAY 05 / TUESDAY

Market life, hillside colour and Busan's shore

Yeosu / Busan / Gyeongju

Travel from Yeosu to Busan for a day of contrasts in Korea's southern port city. Explore Jagalchi Market and BIFF Square, where the atmosphere of the old downtown offers a vivid introduction to local street life. Continue to Gamcheon Cultural Village, with its colourful hillside setting, then turn towards Haeundae Beach and Dongbaek Park for a different perspective on the city beside the sea. From markets and closely packed neighbourhoods to the open sweep of the coast, the programme brings several of Busan's best-known settings together. Later, leave the city for Gyeongju and check into your hotel, ready for tomorrow's encounters with temple architecture and traditional village life.

Stay: Commodore Hotel Gyeongju or similar · 4-star **Meals:** Hotel breakfast

- The coach may make operational stops at Gimhae Airport's domestic terminal and near Busan Station to collect joining passengers. These are possible coach pick-ups; no domestic flight is included.

DAY 06 / WEDNESDAY

Temple artistry and a living village

Gyeongju / Andong / Pyeongchang

Begin in Gyeongju at Bulguksa Temple, where stonework and traditional architecture offer an introduction to the area's Buddhist heritage. Continue to Gyeongju National Museum, bringing the history and artistry of the Silla kingdom into closer view. The route then leads to Andong Hahoe Village, whose traditional houses and village layout preserve a distinctive sense of an earlier Korea. It remains a living community, adding a human dimension to the day's historic sites. Later, travel north to Pyeongchang, known for its role in the 2018 Winter Olympics, and check into your hotel. It is a full travelling day, with the landscape gradually carrying you towards the mountain stage of the journey.

Stay: Ramada Hotel Pyeongchang or similar · 4-star **Meals:** Hotel breakfast

- This day includes substantial time on the road between the listed visits.



DAYS 7-8 / SEORAKSAN & THE RETURN TO SEOUL

A final chapter in the mountains.



Sinheungsa Temple; seasonal appearance and access vary.

DAY 07 / THURSDAY

Mountain scenery before the return to Seoul

Pyeongchang / Sokcho / Seoraksan / Seoul

After breakfast, drive around venues of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games before travelling towards Sokcho and Seoraksan National Park. The planned programme includes the park and Sinheungsa Temple, with mountain scenery providing a memorable change from the cities and villages of the circuit. The Gwongeumseong Cable Car is available as an optional extra at US\$20 per person; it is not included in the tour price. Afterwards, return to Seoul, with the city drop-off scheduled for approximately 18:00 at Donghwa Duty Free Shop, Gwanghwamun, subject to traffic and local conditions. Your final overnight stay is in Seoul. Please review the October access note and the hotel-transfer clarification below before booking.

Stay: The Link Seoul Hotel or similar · 4-star **Meals:** Hotel breakfast

October access: Bus restrictions may require parking at C District Square and approximately **3.6 km of walking to the park entrance**. This is the access walk, not the total visit distance. Traffic may prevent the Seoraksan visit altogether.

Before booking: The transfer from the Donghwa city drop-off to your final Seoul hotel is not specified and must be confirmed.

DAY 08 / FRIDAY

A final morning, and your onward journey

Seoul / Incheon Airport

Enjoy breakfast before your included transfer to Incheon International Airport, arranged around your flight schedule. Hotel pick-up is scheduled four hours before departure; provide your flight details and confirm the final meeting arrangements before travel. No sightseeing is scheduled today. International airfare is extra, and Gala Holidays can quote round-trip flights separately if you would like assistance with your wider travel arrangements.

Stay: No overnight accommodation included today **Meals:** Hotel breakfast



FARES & SCHEDULED ARRIVALS / 2027

Your journey, clearly priced.

US dollars per person, based on two guests sharing a twin room. The applicable season is determined by the Day 1 arrival date in Korea.

RETAIL FARE	GENERAL SEASON	HIGH SEASON
Tour fare / twin sharing	US\$1,599	US\$1,699
Single supplement	US\$610	US\$680
Total / single occupancy	US\$2,209	US\$2,379

Airfare, lunches, dinners, insurance and optional activities are extra. All departures require confirmation, availability and a minimum of two passengers.

Choose your Friday arrival

These are arrival dates in Korea, not flight departures from your home country. Your journey ends the following Friday. * **High-season fare applies.**

JANUARY 1 · 8 · 15 · 22 · 29	FEBRUARY 12 · 19 · 26	MARCH 5 · 12 · 19* · 26*
APRIL 2* · 9 · 16 · 23 · 30*	MAY 7 · 14 · 21 · 28	JUNE 4 · 11 · 18 · 25
JULY 2* · 9* · 16*	AUGUST 13* · 20* · 27	SEPTEMBER 3 · 17 · 24
OCTOBER 1* · 8 · 15 · 22 · 29	NOVEMBER 5 · 12 · 19 · 26	DECEMBER 3 · 10 · 17* · 24* · 31

BLACKOUT DATES - no arrival: 5 February; 23 & 30 July; 6 August; 10 September 2027.
Year-end: The 31 December 2027 arrival finishes on 7 January 2028.

48 scheduled arrivals · 12 high-season dates · 5 blackouts. Do not book non-refundable associated travel until your departure is confirmed.



THE DETAILS / TRAVEL WITH CLARITY

What to know before you go.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

- Scheduled arrival and departure transfers between Incheon International Airport and Seoul.
- Seven nights in the listed 4-star hotels or similar, based on twin sharing.
- Seven hotel breakfasts, on Days 2-8.
- Shared coach transportation for the stated itinerary.
- An English-Korean bilingual guide on scheduled sightseeing.
- Programme admissions, with some attractions excluded; the precise excluded admissions require confirmation before booking.

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare and any air travel not expressly listed as included.
- Lunches and dinners.
- Travel insurance.
- Optional tours and admissions, including the Gwongeumseong Cable Car at US\$20 per person.
- Personal expenses and any service not expressly listed as included.

Your tour style: Shared Sit-in-Coach service, not a private or English-only group. Other language-speaking guides may accompany when available. Minimum two passengers.

BOOKING, CHANGES & CANCELLATION

Reservations: Up to seven Korean working days before departure. **Changes:** Request at least 14 Korean working days before departure. All deadlines use Korean Standard Time; working days exclude Saturdays, Sundays and Korean public holidays.

14-8 Korean working days before departure	20%
7-4 Korean working days before departure	50%
3 Korean working days before departure through arrival day	100%

Earlier cancellations: Terms earlier than 14 Korean working days before departure are not specified; ask for confirmation before booking. Unused services for personal reasons are non-refundable.

Children: A child requiring an extra bed pays the adult fare. Request a quotation for a child sharing without a bed. Infants under 24 months are free only when no separate bed or seat is required.

Programme: Hotels and itinerary may change because of weather, traffic and major events. The vehicle depends on passenger numbers. The local operator is not responsible for personal incidents, injuries, losses or damage to belongings, except where required by applicable law.

Confirm before booking: Day 3 meeting time/place; transfer from the Day 7 city drop-off to the final hotel; and the precise attractions with excluded admissions. Review the Suncheon last-Monday substitution and October Seoraksan access notes in the itinerary.

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