



# ESSENCE OF KOREA

PRICE C\$3702 per person • 8 Days/7 Nights • START Seoul END Seoul • DEPARTURES: Tuesday

**South Korea:** one of the most invigorating places on earth to experience an Eastern culture, ranging from traditional to high-tech electronics of Samsung and rock music, the K-pops

**Tour Overview:** experience the highlights of South Korea in a single trip, thanks to this 8-day comprehensive tour. Dive into Korea's culinary cuisine, culture, and history as you explore the highlights in Seoul, Busan, Gyeongju, Daegu, and Pyeongchang.



**TOUR CODE: 3KRUSKR018**

## PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 4 - star or 5 - star hotel accommodation in a twin shared room
- Transfer, Entrance fee in the schedule
- Breakfast at the hotel (included for 7 days only, from Day 2 through Day 8)
- English-speaking local guides

## PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Personal expenses
- Gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Services not stated in the itinerary
- Single room charge
- International Air

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# Itinerary

## Day 1 (Tue): Arrive in Seoul.

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

**Accommodation: Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or Similar (4-Star)**

## Day 2 (Wed): Seoul

After breakfast, meet your tour guide in the hotel lobby around 08:30-09:00 for Seoul half-day sightseeing, Visit Gyeongbokgung Palace (Deoksu Palace on Tue), the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony, National Folk Museum, and the Korean Ginseng Center. 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.

**Accommodation: Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or Similar (4-Star)**

## Day 3 (Thu): Seoul - Busan

After breakfast, leave for Seoul station, KTX from Seoul to Busan, 2.5 hours High-Speed train, meet a driver at Busan Station, and you will be transferred to the hotel. Enjoy your own free time at Haeundae Beach, unlike other beaches in Korea, in that the sandy shore stretches between the sea and tons of tall buildings.

**Accommodation: Wyndham Grand Busan or Similar (5-Star)**

## Day 4 (Fri): Busan -> Gyeongju

After breakfast, meet your guide for a full-day tour of Busan. Visit Haeundae Beach and drive along Dalmaji-gil Road to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple. Continue to Gamcheon Culture Village, then explore Jagalchi Fish Market and BIFF Square. Enjoy a traditional rice cake-making experience (min. 8 people). Transfer to Gyeongju (1.5 hrs) to visit Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, noted for its night reflections.

**Accommodation: Lahan Select Gyeongju or Similar (5-Star)**

## Day 5 (Sat): Gyeongju->Daegu

After breakfast, meet your guide at 08:30 and travel to Gyeongju, the former capital of the Silla Dynasty and an open-air museum city. Visit Gyeongju National Museum and Cheomseongdae. Explore UNESCO sites Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple. Then proceed to Daegu for hotel check-in and overnight stay.

**Accommodation: Hotel Inter-Burgo Daegu or Similar (5-Star)**

## Day 6 (Sun): Daegu Haeinsa Temple/ Andong Pyeongchang

After check-out, travel to Haeinsa Temple, a UNESCO site founded in 802, home to the Tripitaka Koreana. Continue to Andong Hahoe Village, a UNESCO-listed Joseon-era village still inhabited today and visited by Queen Elizabeth II. Then transfer to Pyeongchang, one of the 2018 Winter Olympic

host cities, for an overnight stay.

**Accommodation: Intercontinental Alpensia Pyeongchang Resort (5-Star)**

## Day 7 (Mon): Pyeongchang->Mt.

### Seorak-Seoul

After breakfast, visit Woljeongsa Temple for temple etiquette learning, guided tour, walking meditation, monk conversation, and a monastic meal. Continue to Seoraksan National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere. Reserve is known for its dramatic mountain scenery. Visit Sinheungsa Temple and the Scenic ruins of Gwongneung Fortress (optional cable car).

After sightseeing, transfer to Seoul for hotel drop-off.

**Accommodation: Swiss Grand Hotel Seoul or (4-Star)**

## Day 8 (Tue): Seoul

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\* The above schedule and hotel are subject to change due to local circumstances such as weather, traffic, and major events.

\* Single Supplement: C\$1,127.

\* Peak Season 7Jul 14Jul 21Jul 28Jul 4Aug 11Aug 18Aug 25Aug 22Dec 29Dec: C\$3,863pp S/S: C\$1,256



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