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Gyeongju was capital of the Silla Dynasty for almost a thousand years, and it brims with Buddhist sculptures and stone pagodas. Seoul is a huge city with an old world charm; see its markets and palaces, and learn about Korean heritage at the National Folk Museum. In Busan, beautiful beaches and the vibrant Jagalchi fish market offer a view of South Korea's maritime culture.

Everything you get:

Round-trip flights



Comfortable motorcoach; Bullet train; Internal flight (with extension)

7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension)

Breakfast and dinner daily

3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (4 with extension); 1 walking tour

Entrance to: Jagalchi Fish Market; Taejongdae Park; Haeundae Beach; Busan Tower; Gyeongju National Museum; Tumuli Park; Anapji Pond; Bulguksa Temple; Seokguram Grotto; Bukchon Hanok Village; Namdaemun Market; Gyeongbokgung Palace; National Folk Museum: Insadona Antique Alley; Seoul Tower; Nanta performance; With extension: Meiji Shinto Shrine; Asakusa Kannon Temple

- Take a guided tour of Busan

- Take a bullet train from Seoul to

Day 1: Fly overnight to South Korea

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport

- Visit the Jagalchi Fish Market
- Visit Taejongdae Park

Day 2: Seoul

Day 3: Seoul

Busan

- Visit Haeundae Beach
- Visit the Busan Tower

Day 4: Busan | Gyeongju

- Enjoy free time in Busan
- Travel to Gyeongju

Day 5: Gyeongju

- Take a guided tour of Gyeongju
- Visit the Gyeongju National Museum
- Visit Tumuli Park
- Visit Anapji Pond
- Visit Bulguksa Temple
- Visit Seokguram Grotto

Day 6: Seoul

- Travel to Seoul
- Take a walking tour of Seoul
- Visit Bukchon Hanok Village
- Visit Namdaemun Market
- Participate in fan illustration or cell phone accessory making

Day 7: Seoul

- Take a guided tour of Seoul
- Visit Gyeongbokgung Palace
- Visit the National Folk Museum
- Visit Insadong Antique Alley
- Visit Seoul Tower
- Enjoy a Nanta performance

Day 8: Seoul

- Enjoy a free day in Seoul
- Optional: Demilitarized Zone

Busan Tower

Gyeongbokgung

Gyeongju National

Palace

Museum

Seoul Tower

Tumuli Park

Day 9: Depart for home

2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Days 9-10: Tokyo

- Fly to Tokyo
- Take a guided tour of Tokyo: Harajuku shopping district; Imperial Palace Plaza
- Visit the Meiji Shinto Shrine
- Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple
- Enjoy a tempura dinner

Day 11: Depart for home



You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply.

Seoul

Today Seoul is among the most densely populated cities in the world, but this busy modern metropolis still retains an old-world charm. You'll enjoy panoramic views from the Seoul Tower, a skyscraper standing beside castles and open-air markets. The Insadong area of the city, known for its traditional teahouses, restaurants and galleries, is the perfect place to find Korean antiques or a unique souvenir. You will also tour the Gyeongbokgung Palace. Built by King Taejo, the palace was home to the Joseon kings who lived there for 200 years until the king's servants burned it during the Japanese Invasion. Then, get a better understanding of Korean culture and daily life through the years at the National Folk Museum.



Kyongbokkung Palace Seoul, South Korea



Jagalchi Fish Market

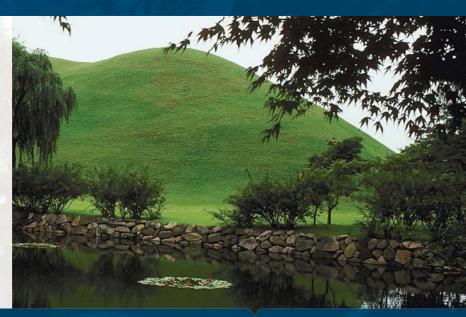
Busan, South Korea

Busan

Experience the sights and sounds of bustling Busan with a local guide. The vibrant Jagalchi Fish Market is a must-see, literally swimming with live fish and exotic seafood fresh from the adjacent wharf! Squid, sea cucumbers, even poisonous blowfish—they're all here. Visit the cliffside Taejongdae Park, named for the 7th-century king who unified the Three Kingdoms of Korea and practiced archery here. Take in the breathtaking panoramic views from Busan Tower. Koreans flock to Busan for its beautiful beaches. at Haeundae Beach, you can see one of them firsthand. You'll also enjoy some free time to explore the city and make discoveries of your own.

Gyeongju

Capital of the Silla Dynasty for almost a thousand years (57BC – 935AD), Gyeongju is a treasure trove of history. See many of Korea's officially designated National Treasures during your sightseeing, including ancient Buddhist sculptures, stone pagodas and opulent relics from the Silla Kingdom. The Gyeongju National Museum houses a vast collection, including some of the 30,000 artifacts excavated from Anapji Pond. See the royal tombs of Tumuli Park, and visit the 8th-century Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. It is said that Chief Minister Kim Dae-Seong ordered construction of the temple to honor his parents in his current life, and the grotto to honor his parents in his former life.



Ancient royal burial ground Gyeongju, South Korea

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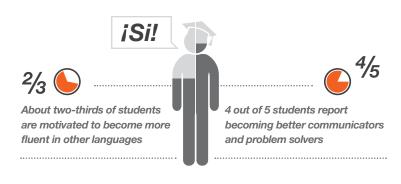
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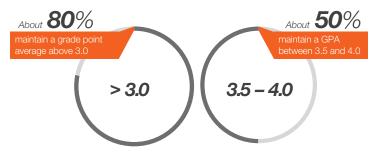
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