



# SOUTH KOREA DELIGHTS

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Witness the changing of the guards in Seoul



Discover the quaint streets of Bukchon Hanok Village in Seoul



Explore the Haedong Yonggungsa Temple in Busan



Enjoy the popular attraction Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond in Gyeongju



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Stand in awe at the cultural landmark of Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul

An East Asian republic on the southern divide of the Korean peninsula, South Korea is a welcoming country with incredible natural beauty, colorful culture and noble history. Lined by the Taebaek Mountain Range and home to more than 3,500 islands, discover medieval fortifications and ancient shrines side-by-side amid 21st-century modernity including a futuristic public rail system, high-end shopping, pop-culture and delectable cuisine. Journese® can handcraft every aspect of your vacation including all classes of air service, in-destination air, private transfers, high-speed train service aboard Korea Express Train, airport welcome assistance and engaging activities including private options, plus cruise options from Norwegian Cruise Line and Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours across the China seas, allowing travelers inspiring possibilities for a memorable Asian getaway.





GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE | SEOUL



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BULGUSKA TEMPLE | GYEONGJU



GAMCHEON CULTURAL VILLAGE | BUSAN

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH KOREA | 7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS

**DAY 1: USA / SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** | Arrive in Seoul and meet your private transfer bound for your distinguished hotel. Unwind in world-class luxury for three nights, basking in dramatic Seoul city views.

**DAY 2: SEOUL** | This morning, meet in the lobby to depart on the guided half-day *Private Discover Seoul City Excursion*. Built in the 14th century during the Joseon Dynasty as the primary residence of the royal family, marvel at the Gyeongbokgung Palace, the largest and most beautiful palace in South Korea. Witness the changing of the guards and visit the National Folk Museum for a glimpse into culture and history. Then, depart to Insadong Antique Street, lined with tea houses, cafes, art galleries, shops and more for an authentic Korean experience.

**DAY 3: SEOUL** | Start your day with a flavorful breakfast before embarking on the *Private Suwon World Heritage Experience*. Built in the 18th century to protect the city and honor Prince Sado, explore the Suwon Hwaseong Fortress, its defensive features, ramparts, towers, gates and beyond as you learn about the life of the Joseon Dynasty. Continue to the restored Temporary Palace at Hwaseong Fortress, a war shelter for the king and his family, for a glimpse into royal history.

**DAY 4: SEOUL/GYEONGJU** | Sip coffee and enjoy a homemade pastry before meeting your private transfer for a special *Private Interactive Korean Culinary Class*. Complete with stove stations, prep tables and ingredients, foodies will delight in learning the secrets of preparing two authentic Korean recipes such as bibimbap, bulgogi, rice cakes and more before gathering around the table to taste your mouth-watering creations.

Depart the hotel this evening and meet your transfer for your comfortable high-speed Korea Train Express to Gyeongju. Upon arrival, meet your private transfer to your upscale hotel for two remarkable nights.

**DAY 5: GYEONGJU** | Join your knowledgeable guide to embark on a full day of discovery on the *Private History and Heritage of Gyeongju Excursion*. Explore centuries-old highlights including the world heritage sites of the Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto before strolling the cultural Hwanglidangil Street, where tradition unites with modern life. Then, drive by the Cheomseongdae Observatory on your way to visit the five noble tombs of the Daereungwon Tomb Complex, the remarkable artifacts in the Gyeongju National Museum, and Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, home of the ancient kings of the Silla Dynasty.

**DAY 6: GYEONGJU/BUSAN** | Following breakfast, check out of your hotel and board your private transfer for your short ride on the high-speed Korea Train Express to Busan. Upon arrival, meet your private transfer to your luxurious ocean view hotel for a two-night stay.

Spend the rest of your day at leisure exploring this remarkable city on your own. Explore the Busan Art Museum or modern Gallery Form and its cultural exhibits complex. Delight in an indoor ice rink, driving range, movie theater, eateries and more than 600 stores in the nearby Shinsegae Centum City department store.

**DAYS 7 - 8: BUSAN/SEOUL/USA** | Join your knowledgeable guide in the lobby for a full day of discovery on the *Private Busan City Excursion*. Tour the 14th-century seaside Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, and revel in the views as you cross the iconic Gwangandaegyo Bridge and sights of Haeundae Beach. Stop at the colorful mountainside Gamcheon Cultural village, the Jagalchi Fish Market and Gukje International Market for a special souvenir before a grand finale of fireworks at the Busan Tower.

Tonight, toast to your exciting days in South Korea with a premium cocktail at your hotel overlooking the glittering lights of the city. In the morning, board your transfer to the Korea Express Train to Seoul where you will depart from the airport for your comfortable flight home.

## INSIDER TIPS

- Visit Seoul Forest, a large park with complimentary entry. It is immensely popular with the locals for its cherry blossoms in the Spring and Ginkgo Tree Forest in the Autumn.
- Known as Seoul's *Old City Wall*, enjoy all or part of this easy 18.6 km hike along Seoul's longest and arguably most beautiful landmark.
- Explore the ancient history at Donggung Palace, be sure to visit at night and watch the Wolji Pond light up.
- Spa Land is situated in the World's largest department store, Shinsegae Centum City in Busan. A modern and post Korean traditional *Jjimjilbang* (spa) covering two expansive floors. Be pampered in 22 bathtubs with two thermal waters known for their healing effects, 13 distinctively themed hot steams including a Finish Sauna, Yellow Earth Room, Roman Room, Pyramid Room, Body Sound Room, Wave-Dream Room, Hard Wood Charcoal Room, Hamam Room, Bali Room and SEV Room. Plus, enjoy the Entertainment Zone with a Relaxation Room, Beauty Treatments, restaurant and café.

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