

# SOUTH KOREA & TAIWAN DELIGHTS

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Explore the Haedong Yonggungsa Temple in Busan



Delight in the colorful lanterns of Juifen Old Street in Taipei



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

From flourishing high-tech cities, dynasty legends and extraordinary arts and culture scene in South Korea to soaring skyscrapers, guarded temples and abundant outdoor adventures on the island of Taiwan, experience the history, beauty and celebrated traditions of these remarkable countries. Discover a wealth of natural landscapes, ancient relics and modern energy combined with more than 30 luxurious hotels, premier cosmopolitan experiences and signature services. Journese<sup>®</sup> can handcraft every aspect of your vacation including all classes of air service, in-destination air, private transfers and engaging activities including private options, plus cruise options from Norwegian Cruise Line and Scenic Cruises across the China seas, allowing travelers inspiring possibilities for a memorable Asian getaway.



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**Taipei, Taiwan (TPE):** from Chicago (ORD), Los Angeles (LAX), New York (JFK), San Francisco (SFO), Seattle (SEA) and Ontario, Canada (ONT) .

## SOUTH KOREA

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 Taebaeksan Mountain Range and home to more than 4,000 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 cuisines.

## PREMIER PORTFOLIO

### BUSAN

Park Hyatt Busan | ★★★★★1/2  
The Westin Josun Busan | ★★★★★

### GYEONGJU-SI

Hilton Gyeongju | ★★★★★

### INCHEON

Grand Hyatt Incheon Hotel |  
★★★★★1/2  
Sheraton Grand Incheon Hotel |  
★★★★★

### SEOUL

Conrad Seoul | K | ★★★★★1/2  
Grand Hyatt Seoul | K | ★★★★★1/2  
InterContinental Grand Seoul Parnas | ★★★★★1/2  
Josun Palace, a Luxury Collection, Seoul | K |  
★★★★★1/2  
JW Marriott Dongdaemun Square Seoul | K |  
★★★★★1/2  
JW Marriott Hotel Seoul | K | ★★★★★1/2  
Moxy Seoul Insadong | ★★★★★  
Park Hyatt Seoul | ★★★★★1/2  
Ryse, Autograph Collection | ★★★★★  
The Plaza Seoul, Autograph Collection | ★★★★★1/2  
The Westin Josun Seoul | K | ★★★★★  
voco Seoul Gangnam | ★★★★★

## ACTIVITY OPTIONS

### AIRPORT ENHANCEMENTS

Luggage Transfer Service: Seoul  
to Busan and reverse

### BUSAN PRIVATE EXCURSIONS

Busan City Experience | FD, HD  
Gyeongju Excurions | FD

### GYEONGJU PRIVATE EXCURSION

Gyeongju Experience | FD

### SEOUL PRIVATE EXCURSIONS

Discover Seoul City Excursion | FD, HD  
DMZ Excursion | FD  
Food & Tasting Experience | HD  
K-Wave Experience | HD  
Suwon World Heritage Experience | HD

### SEOUL SHARED EXCURSION

Korean Culinary Cooking Class | HD

BEHIND THE LETTERS | K: Kitchen/Kitchenettes available | FD: Full-day, 7+ hours | HD: Half-day, 3 - 6 hours



SHANGRI-LA FAR EASTERN, TAIPEI



FO GUANG SHAN BUDDHA | KAOHSIUNG



CHIANG KAI-SHEK MEMORIAL HALL | TAIPEI



INTERCONTINENTAL KAOHSIUNG



TAIPEI



LOTUS POND | KAOHSIUNG

## TAIWAN

Set between the Strait of Taiwan and South China Sea at the edge of the Pacific, experience an ecological island paradise from lush mountain terrain to southern coral reefs in beautiful Taiwan. Harmonizing Asian cultures and indigenous heritage, experience exuberant temples, festival celebrations, and rich culinary traditions woven into cutting-edge living from Taipei to Kaohsiung.

### PREMIER PORTFOLIO

#### KAOHSIUNG

Hotel Indigo Kaohsiung Central Park | ★★★★★

InterContinental Kaohsiung | ★★★★★1/2

Kaohsiung Marriott Hotel | ★★★★★

#### TAIPEI

Grand Hyatt Taipei | K | ★★★★★1/2

Regent Taipei | ★★★★★

Shangri-La Far Eastern, Taipei | ★★★★★1/2

Sheraton Grand Taipei Hotel | ★★★★★1/2

Taipei Marriott Hotel | ★★★★★1/2

### ACTIVITY OPTIONS

#### KAOHSIUNG PRIVATE EXCURSIONS

Kaohsiung City Experience | FD, HD  
Tainan City Excursion | FD

#### TAIPEI PRIVATE EXCURSIONS

Jiufen Experience | HD  
North Coast Adventure with lunch | FD  
Taipei City Discovery Excursion | FD, HD

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### INSIDER TIPS & FACTS

- **SOUTH KOREA** | Because of the numerous affordable restaurants, street stalls and food trucks and bikes in Seoul, many residents regularly eat out and seldom make a home-cooked meal.
- **SOUTH KOREA** | Listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest department store with a span of more than three million square feet, be sure to visit the Shinsegae Centum City (Department Store) in Busan.
- **SOUTH KOREA** | Following the Korean War in 1953, North and South Korea agreed to a truce and are currently divided into two countries along the demilitarized zone, also known as the DMZ.
- **SOUTH KOREA** | The national sport of South Korea is taekwondo, a defensive martial art emphasizing morality and humility, and one-time mandatory practice in preparation for war.
- **TAIWAN** | Touted to have the finest cuisines in the world, indulge in Michelin-star restaurants and more than 100 night markets featuring creative dishes and signature specialties, including beef noodle soup - the national dish.
- **TAIWAN** | Filled with dedicated bicycle paths, lanes and extensive network of routes throughout the country, pedal through rural backroads, mountain passages and coastal corridors for a unique perspective of Taiwan.
- **TAIWAN** | For a bird's eye view of Taipei, take a ride across the verdant mountains on the Maokong Gondola, marveling at the scenic vistas with an optional stop at a tea plantation to sample their finest.



GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE | SEOUL



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DALONGDONG BAOAN TEMPLE | TAIPEI



JIUFEN OLD STREET | TAIPEI



GAMCHEON CULTURAL VILLAGE | BUSAN

Below is just a sample of the immersive itineraries our Destination Specialists can create. Visit [Journese.com/itineraries](https://www.journese.com/itineraries) for more options.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH KOREA & TAIWAN | 10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

**DAY 1: USA / SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** | Arrive in Seoul and meet your private transfer bound for the celebrated *Conrad Seoul*. Spread over 37 floors in the Internal Finance Tower adjacent to Yeouido Park, unwind in world-class luxury for four nights, basking in dramatic Han River views. Delight in an indoor pool, luxuriant spa, and exceptional dining options including tantalizing land and sea delicacies and a rooftop bar.

**DAY 2: SEOUL** | This morning, depart on the guided *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, cafés, art galleries, shops and more.

**DAY 3: SEOUL** | Start your day with a flavorful breakfast before embarking on the *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** | Sip your coffee and savor authentic breakfast flavors before meeting your private transfer for a special interactive *Korean Culinary Cooking Class*. Complete with stove stations, prep tables and ingredients, foodies will enjoy learning the secrets of preparing authentic Korean recipes such as bibimbap, bulgogi, rice cakes and more before gathering around the table to toast to your mouth-watering feast.

**DAY 5: SEOUL / BUSAN** | Depart the hotel and board your private transfer for your comfortable high-speed Korea Train Express to Busan. Upon arrival, meet your private transfer to the *The Westin Josun Busan* for two remarkable nights in a club level guestroom. A prime location between Dongbaek Island and the celebrated Haeundae Beach, revel in contemporary sophistication with globally inspired cuisine and signature Korean dining with remarkable waterfront views, plus enjoy the Beach Athletic Club, an indoor pool and kids pool.

**DAY 6: BUSAN** | Join your knowledgeable guide for a full day of discovery on the *Busan City Experience*. Explore 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 the open-air Gukje International Market for a special souvenir before a grand finale of fireworks at the Busan Tower.

**DAY 7: BUSAN / TAIPEI, TAIWAN** | Board your private transfer for your comfortable flight to Taipei, Taiwan. Upon arrival, meet your private transfer to the luxurious *Shangri-La Far Eastern, Taipei* for four nights. Touted as the tallest hotel in the heart of Taipei with views of the iconic Taipei 101 Tower, immerse in a fusion of Eastern and Western design with Sung Dynasty-inspired artworks, rooftop pool, Japanese luxury spa, authentic Asian and Western cuisines with unique dining experiences and an international cake room from an acclaimed pastry team.

This evening, delve into Taiwan's culture and cuisine at the Shilin Night Market. With its lanes and alleyways of glowing lanterns and wealth of vendors, this famous market is buzzing with a wide selection of street food from grilled squid, stinky tofu and deep-fried fish balls to wrapped biscuits, mango shaved ice and bubble tea for a tasty welcome.

**DAY 8: TAIPEI** | Partake in an informative, private guided day of culture, heritage and tradition on the *Taipei City Discovery Excursion*. Admire the Baroque architecture and elegant interiors of the Presidential Office building and experience Taipei's rich heritage at the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall. Learn about the history of the colorful Longshan Temple, its Buddhist roots and worship of divine spirits. After lunch, continue to the observation deck of Taipei 101, one of the world's tallest skyscrapers filled with floors of designer brands with time to peruse before exploring the thousands of exquisite artifacts in the National Palace Museum.

**DAY 9: TAIPEI** | Experience this remarkable island republic at your leisure today. For a taste of culture and Chinese architecture, visit the noteworthy Dalongdong Baoan Temple and adjacent Taipei Confucius Temple. Delight in nature hikes, hot springs, lakes and more at Yangmingshan National Park or spend your day simply relaxing at the hotel spa or pool.

**DAYS 10 - 11: TAIPEI / USA** | On your final full day of discovery, enjoy a *North Coast Adventure*. Led by a private guide, stroll the Jiufen Old Street district. Once bountiful with gold mines, immerse in this vibrant mountain village laced with laneways and alleys filled with traditional foods, tea houses and shops. Following a Taiwanese treat, marvel at the natural beauty of the Shifen Waterfall, then head to Shifen Old Street, home to a connection of railroad tracks to experience the "passing of the train" as lanterns laden with your handwritten wishes are released to the skies.

Reminisce about your exciting days in South Korea and Taiwan with a specialty cocktail or premium varietal from Marco Polo Lounge with its live music and dramatic views from the 38th level, before your last dinner at one of the hotel's tantalizing restaurants or new favorite hotspot amid all the glittering lights of the city. In the morning, board your private transfer to the airport for your comfortable homebound flight.

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