

Premium Korea Trip From The Big City Lights to Isles

Trip Style

- Purpose of trip/Theme: Culture / History / Food
- Accommodation (style / star rating): 5 star- booked by the client
- Style: Private / Luxury

Trip Details

- **Private** services
- Included Activities: Please include all included activities per itinerary below
- Airport transfers: Please include arrival & departure group transfers
- Level of Support: Tour leader throughout
- Meals: Meals which include an activity such as a cooking class or on the DMZ are included. All other meals will be paid for by the guests.
- Rooming Configuration: Twin / Double Rooms
- Meals are not included except where stated, cooking class, and inflight meals on Jeju flight. (price listed is the budget that DMC should aim to achieve in their local currency i.e GBP/EUR/USD)
- Pre/Post Tour accommodation: Guests will prepare their own accommodations

Pricing

- **Description | Cost per (unit) in USD | person | Total**
- **Guided Tour with Private Transport- English Speaking- 13 days - Fee covers tour, transport, admissions, tolls, guide accomodations, per diem:** \$700 USD || \$9100.00
- **Option: North Korean Refugee Meeting:** \$250 x 1 || \$250.00
- **Option: Private Homestay meal made by Chef Jinshim Choi:** \$300 x 1 || \$300.00
- **Option: Kimchi Class in Jeonju:** \$150 x 2 || \$300.00
- **Option: Jeju Island Mermaid meeting:** \$200 x 2 || \$200.00
- **Total:** \$10,150

Payment Terms & Notes

- Payment Terms: 100% in full on the start day of the tour. Tip after is optional to the guide
- Currency USD or Korean Won.
- Payment terms bank transfer or in cash.
- Credit cards will incur a 13.3% VAT tax charge
- Korean Sales tax (10% VAT) is already calculated into the price.

Day 1: Arrival in Seoul Day Saturday, November 1

Welcome to Seoul. Today we'll meet you at your hotel at 9am. We'll start our day for a walk around Gwanghwamun square and visit City Hall and its historic library. We'll see Seoul from the top of the library to get a great city view. Then we'll visit the Architecture Museum of Seoul. We'll go for a stroll down Cheongyecheon stream. We'll then head to Gangnam to visit Starfield Library and Gangnam's Kpop street. We'll stop by Garusugil before heading to Jamsil and visit the 123rd story Lotte Tower. While we are in the area we'll stop by Olympic park. There is an optional dinner for baked duck for dinner.

- **Activities:** Seoul Tour: City Hall, Cheongyecheon and Gangnam

Day 2: Intro to Korean Cuisine Daytime or night time tour depending on client's request

Today we will meet the guests at the hotel at the designated time. We will first go to Gwangjang market, the famous market from numerous shows including Netflix's Street Food Asia. We'll meet the famous personalities of the market and taste a myriad of Korean foods such as:

1. Tteokbokki, Mayak kimbap (narcotic kimbap), bindaetteok (mung bean pancakes) and naengmyeon (chilled buckwheat noodles).
2. We'll then explore the area of Jongno by first visiting a local Korean soup place for some Korean doengjang chiggae: Korea's version of miso soup, and soondubu (silken, tofu stew).
3. We'll then walk to Barbecue street via Ikseongdong, a traditional house village that has been hipsterfied by young entrepreneurs. We'll have Korean bbq with Korean soju and beer.

Day 3: Inhwangsan Mountain Hike, Cultural Hike and Hanwoo 1++ Grade Beef Market BBQ

Today we will visit Gyeongbukgung Palace and then the president's house and walk along the Seoul Wall towards Inhwangsan Mountain. These mountains overlook central Seoul with a mix of leisurely and rocky trails. Parts of the trail are restricted to have zoom lenses over 400mm due to national security laws. After this walk we will visit the posh but artisanal area of Buam dong to have a bite to eat. After your hike, we can visit Majangdong Beef market to pick out super marbled and delicate Hanwoo beef from a butcher and then cook it at a barbecue restaurant at the market.

- **Activities:** Hike along Seoul Wall and Inhwangsan Mountain. Buam-dong, Majangdong beef Market.

Day 4: Kbeauty, and Glitzy Gangnam

Today is TBD: We recommend that we do a homestay visit at Daniel Gray's House and a homemade meal. You'll get to see what it is like to live in a Korean apartment complex and an insider's look into how Koreans live. OR we would recommend a spa day. For those looking for k-beauty tips, we can visit Solaria's Park Jun Beauty Lab Headspa <https://www.tiktok.com/discover/park-jun-beauty-lab-head-spa> or we can recommend a visit to a plastic surgery consultation. While people are getting their beauty treatments, the rest of the group can live their Kpop dreams at HiKR to see dancing stages and live out your karaoke dreams. We'll then head to Gangnam to visit Starfield Library and Gangnam's Kpop street. We'll visit Garusugil to see the "in" fashions. We recommend that we do a fine dining Michelin-starred restaurant on this day or visit Gangnam Myeonok for slowly braised beef ribs with numerous side dishes.

- **Activities:** K-beauty day. Headspa. HiKR. Gangnam and Starfield Mall.

Day 5: Art Galleries in Seoul

On this day we'll have an art expert to be your guide. Today we'll visit the Leeum Art Museum and then head over to Seokpajang Gallery and the galleries around the area. We'll then visit Pyeongchangdong (평창동) and Gana Art Gallery. (가나아트갤러리). <https://www.ganaart.com/about/>

Day 6: Jeonju Day Tour Bibimbap and Hanok Village

In the morning, we will take a car and drive to Jeonju (2.5 hours away). First, we'll have Veteran Calguksu, a knife cut noodle mixed with wild sesame seeds and dumplings. Then we'll visit the Hanok village of Jeonju and see the shops, artisans, and markets. We'll have Bibimbap for lunch made by an intangible cultural asset and see Nambu Market.

- Jeonju Gyeonggijeon Palace visit
- Jeonju Confucian School
- Lunch at the famed Veteran Knife Cut Noodles
- Nambu Market Visit
- **OPTIONAL:** Kimchi Cooking Class with Kimchi Pancake (150 USD per person)
- **Inclusions:** Lunch/Admissions
- free time.
- **Options:** Kimchi Class

Day 7: Jeonju Art Galleries

Today we'll visit the art galleries in Jeonju and meet local artisans that have been awarded the titles of intangible cultural assets such as a bronzeware craftsman, handcarved combs, Korean traditional paper and a tea master. We'll visit a Korean rice wine tapas place that serves a copious number of snacks to go along with a kettle of chilled rice beer.

Day 8: Damyang Bamboo Forest

Today we'll visit Suncheon, the home of Korean red chili paste (gochujang). We'll take a cooking class on how to make the paste along with some tteokbokki. We'll then travel to Damyang via Sequoia road and walk through the bamboo forest followed by some bamboo ice cream. The forest also has an art gallery with different exhibitions by season. We'll dine on local Damyang cuisine which includes marinated, chargrilled beef with side dishes. Then we'll return to Jeonju. That night you could visit the International Night Market at Nambu Market.

Day 9: Busan

Today we'll drive from Jeonju to Busan. We'll check into Busan's hotel and then visit Haeundae Beach. Perhaps that evening you would like to go to Ssangnang in the world's largest department store. There are also great buskers and performers along the beach. In the evening, you can take a harbor tour on a boat to see the vast harbor and the lights. Our recommendation for dinner is lamb skewer barbecue on self-rotating grills.

Day 10: Busan City Tour

First, we'll visit Haedong Yonggusa Temple - the Dragon Temple by the sea. Then we'll visit Gamcheon Village and do an optional flower tea making class with a local tea master in her school that overlooks Busan. We'll explore the village and the different art, café, and shops they have there. Afterwards, we'll visit Taejongdae Light House for a hike for those who would like the walk and a tram for those who would like to take it easy. To celebrate a trip well done, we recommend Butter and Cheese Scallop Barbecue on a grill by the sea.

- **Inclusions:** Gamcheon Culture Village
- **Options:** Flower Tea making class in Gamcheon Village
- Travel Time today will be 3 hours

Day 11: Busan to Gyeongju

After breakfast this morning, it's time to say goodbye to Busan and head east to the Gulgulsa Temple for an unforgettable 'day in the life of a monk' experience. Take part in some traditional Korean archery. Try your hand and mind at some meditation and participate in a Sunmudo training session - a Korean Buddhist martial art practiced at only a few places around the world. Tonight, enjoy a special, authentic Buddhist vegetarian dinner at the temple before returning to Gyeongju. You'll spend the night at a Hanok (traditional Korean house) tonight - a truly unique experience where you can fully immerse yourself in the culture and get to know the locals.

Day 12: Gyeongju Wednesday

Today, enjoy a full day exploring Gyeongju - commonly known as the Golden City because of its 1000-year-old history and many important cultural sites. Join your leader this morning after breakfast for a walking tour to explore the area. Visit the Royal Tombs and then head to a traditional folk village to take part in a fun calligraphy activity. Get the kids' help to create a family motto - a great keepsake that will always remind you of your time in Korea. Here, you'll have the option to sit down for a steaming Korean hot pot lunch. After, maybe rent a few bikes and explore the area further in your free time or dress up in traditional Hanbok clothing for a family photo - another great souvenir option!