

SOUTH KOREA ADVENTURE FROM CAPITAL TO COAST

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Begin your journey by immersing yourself in the vibrant energy and bustling shopping scene of Myeongdong, the heart of Seoul, where you'll experience the pulse of South Korea's dynamic capital city firsthand.
- Explore the fascinating Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a boundary that separates North and South Korea, offering a unique insight into the complexities of the Korean Peninsula's history and current affairs.
- Delve into the rich heritage of Gyeongju, known as the "Museum Without Walls," where ancient temples, royal tombs, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites whisper tales of Korea's illustrious past.
- Conclude your journey in Busan, a vibrant coastal city nestled between beaches and mountains. Indulge in the diverse culinary scene, explore traditional markets, and soak in the coastal charm of this dynamic port city.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

Welcome to Korea

Welcome to South Korea! Upon your arrival at the airport, you'll be greeted by your guide who will assist you with your transfer to the hotel. After checking in, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. Relax and unwind, or explore the surroundings at your own pace.

DAY 2

Vibrant Seoul

After a hearty breakfast at the hostel, we'll head to Hapjeong for an unforgettable experience with K-pop dance lessons! Learn from a professional instructor before exploring the trendy shops of Hongdae. Dive into the world of K-pop at HiKR and even record your own K-pop dance video! Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure before gathering in Itaewon for a lively dinner and drinks.

DAY 3

DMZ Exploration

Prepare for an unforgettable day as we journey to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) - a unique opportunity to glimpse into North Korea. Led by experienced guides, explore tunnels dug by North Korea and engage in a cultural exchange with a North Korean defector. Return to Seoul in time for another delicious Korean dinner.

DAY 4

Traditional Seoul

Today, immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Seoul. Witness the changing of the guard ceremony at Gyeongbokgung Palace, adorned with ancient courtyards and majestic architecture. Don traditional 'hanbok' attire for an authentic experience. Explore Hanok Village and Insadong art street before indulging in a street food tour at Gwangjang Market.

DAY 5

Temple Serenity

Find serenity at a tranquil temple nestled in the mountains outside Seoul. Participate in temple activities including meditation, bell tolling, and prayer chanting. Engage in insightful conversations with a monk over a silent Buddhist dinner. Take this opportunity to recharge before continuing your adventure.

DAY 6

Jeonju Culinary Journey

After morning rituals and a nourishing Buddhist breakfast, bid farewell to the mountains and journey to Jeonju. Explore the city's traditional village and indulge in a tasting session of

Jeonju's famous rice wine, Makgoli. Venture to Makgoli Alley for more culinary delights and drinks with the group.

DAY 7

Gyeongju Heritage Discovery

Depart for the ancient capital of Gyeongju, a living museum adorned with UNESCO World Heritage Sites and royal tombs. Explore the city by bike, visiting historical sites and picturesque landscapes. Conclude the day with a tranquil stroll around Anapji Pond.

DAY 8

Bulguksa Temple Visit

Embark on another day of discovery in Gyeongju. Visit the revered Bulguksa Temple, surrounded by lush forests and scenic beauty. Experience the art of Taekwondo at a local Dojang before enjoying the evening in the old town.

DAY 9

Busan Coastal Excursion

Journey to Busan, a coastal city renowned for its beaches and mountains. Explore Jagalchi market and enjoy panoramic views from the Songdo cable car. Spend the afternoon exploring cultural attractions or relaxing at a public bathhouse. Conclude the night with karaoke in one of Busan's vibrant nightlife districts.

DAY 10

Tour Ends

As your journey draws to a close, reminisce over breakfast before bidding farewell. Depart from Busan by train or flight, carrying with you the spirit of Korea. Annyeonghi gaseyo!

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.

