

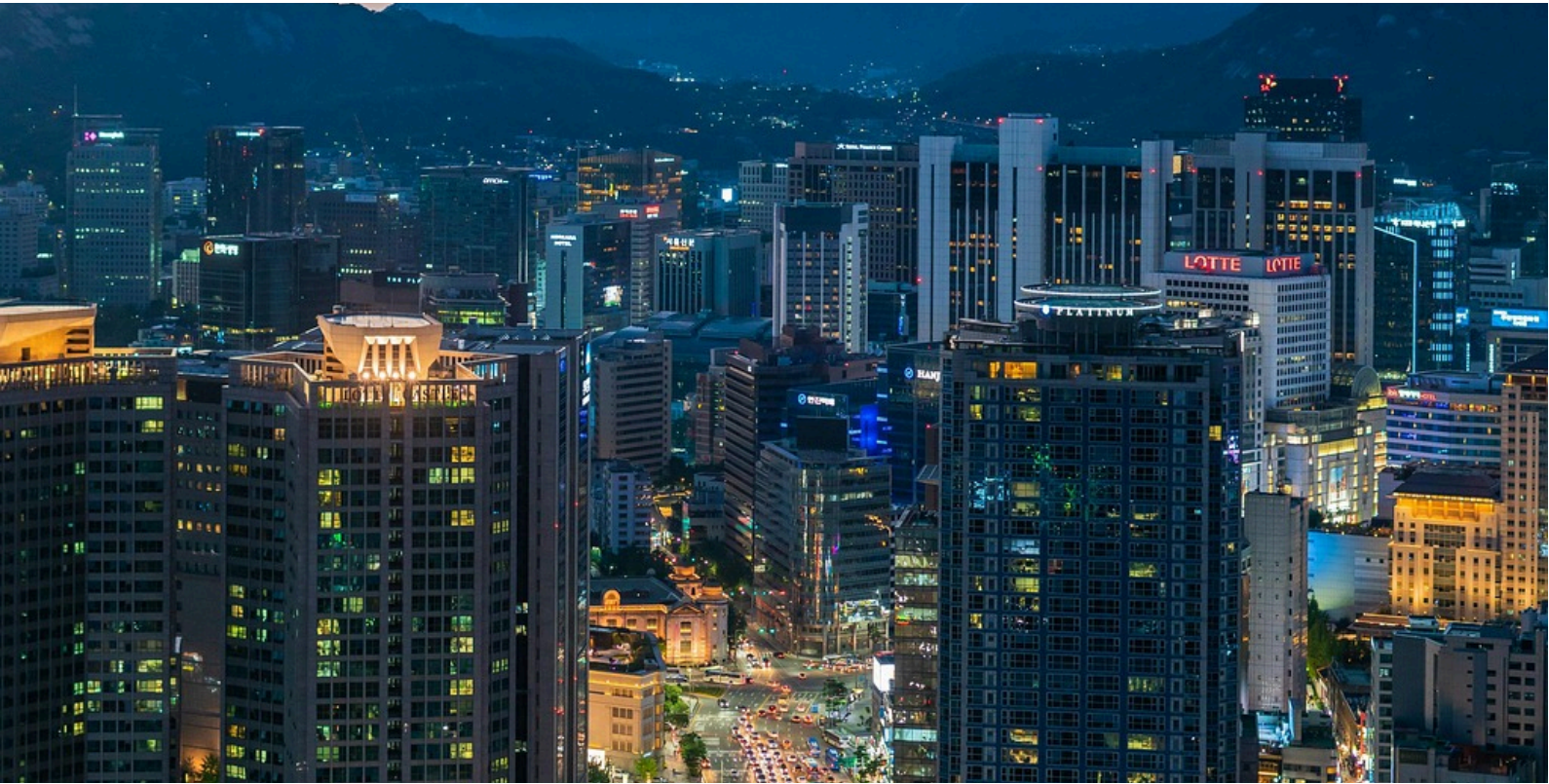
# Wonders of South Korea

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**Tour Code: WSK**



## Explore South Korea

Discover the wonders of South Korea on a journey through royal capitals, coastal landscapes, and ancient cultural heartlands. Begin in Seoul, where grand palaces, historic gates, and traditional hanok neighborhoods coexist with sleek skyscrapers and lively shopping districts, offering a vivid introduction to the country's past and present.

Travel south by high-speed train to Busan, Korea's vibrant port city, known for scenic beaches, colorful hillside neighborhoods, and sweeping coastal views. Continue to Gyeongju, the former Silla Kingdom capital, where UNESCO-listed temples, royal burial mounds, and stone pagodas preserve Korea's ancient legacy. Blending history, culture, and modern life, this tour offers a truly immersive experience.

## Itinerary overview

**Day 1**  
Departure Flight

Board your international flight from the USA to your destination, where your tour begins.

**Day 2**  
Arrival in Seoul

Arrive in Seoul, meet your Tour Manager, and enjoy an introductory walk with a welcome dinner exploring Myeongdong and Namdaemun Market.

**Day 3**  
Gyeongbokgung  
Palace

Discover Seoul's history and culture with visits to Gwanghwamun Square, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, Insa-dong, and Ikseon-dong Hanok.

**Day 4**  
Secret Garden & Street  
Art

Explore Changdeokgung Secret Garden, stroll through Ihwadong Mural Village, and take in panoramic views from Namsan Tower.

**Day 5**  
Coastal Busan

Take the high-speed train to Busan and enjoy an introductory walk along Gwangalli Beach followed by dinner.

**Day 6**  
Gamcheon Culture  
Village

Explore Gamcheon Culture Village, Busan Tower and Yongdusan Park, Gwangbok-ro Fashion Street, BIFF Square, and Jagalchi Market.

**Day 7**  
Temple & Beaches

Visit Haedong Yonggungsa Temple and Zodiac Park, relax at Haeundae Beach, and enjoy a walk along Gwangalli Beach.

**Day 8**  
Seokguram Grotto  
Buddha

Travel to Gyeongju with a stop at Tongdosa Temple, then visit Gyeongju National Park, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto.

**Day 9**  
Silla Kingdom

Explore Gyeongju National Museum, the Tomb of King Michu, and Donggung Palace & Wolji Pond.

**Day 10**  
Korea War Memorial

Return to Seoul by high-speed train and visit the War Memorial of Korea before checking in at hotel in Seoul.

**Day 11**  
**DMZ Day**

Embark on a full-day DMZ tour including the Third Tunnel and Red Suspension Bridge, and conclude with a farewell dinner in Seoul.

**Day 12**  
**Return Flights**

Transfer to the airport, reflecting on unforgettable memories of your tour as you travel back to the USA.

## Tour Inclusions

- Round Trip Flights from USA to South Korea with return.
- Tour Manager from arrival to departure day
- Private high-quality motor coach for transfers and excursions
- Transportation for all scheduled activities, local transports in cities
- Four (4) dinners, quality meals with a drink/beer
- Central hotels with a full, warm breakfast (4-star quality)
- Local Expert Guides for guided sightseeing in Seoul and at DMZ
- Smartphone app for all travelers and private tour web page
- Entrances/Excursion included to:
  - Gyeongbokgung Palace
  - Changdeokgung Palace Secret Garden entrance
  - Namsan Tower including cable car to the tower
  - Busan Diamond Tower
  - Jagalchi Market
  - Haedong Yonggungsa Temple
  - Tongdosa Temple
  - Bulguksa Temple & Seokguram Grotto with shuttle
  - Gyeongju National Museum
  - Donggung Palace & Wolji Pond entrance
  - War Memorial of Korea
  - Excursion to DMZ incl guide and entrances

### Other:

- 12 Days
- Minimum 29 travelers

Prepare for tour: <https://rb.gy/8twszo>

Money on tour: <https://rb.gy/8twszo>

## Rates & Enrollment

### Starting rates, depending on season and departure hub

All rates are per person

#### **DOUBLE / TWIN ROOM RATE: \$ 4,887**

2 PERSONS SHARING ONE ROOM (SEPARATE BEDS OR KING SIZE CHOICE AT ENROLLMENT)

#### **SINGLE ROOM RATE: \$ 5,887**

1 PERSON IN PRIVATE ROOM

**Above rates may have a supplement added depending on your departure airport hub and travel season. Supplements and optional extras can be added to a standard tour.**

#### **Enrollment:**

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**T&C:** [www.lingo-tours.com/termsandconditions/](http://www.lingo-tours.com/termsandconditions/)

- \$150 REGISTRATION PAYMENT – Due upon enrollment.
- \$500 PAYMENT – Due within 30 days of your registration online.
- ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – Ten (10) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 20% PAID BY – Eight (8) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 30% PAID BY – Seven (7) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 40% PAID BY – Six (6) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 50% PAID BY – Five (5) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 75% PAID BY – Four (4) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 85% PAID BY – Three (3) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY – Two (2) months prior to your tour departure date.

Day 1

# Departure Flight



Board your international flight from the USA to your destination, where your tour begins.

## Departure Flight

Our adventure begins as you board your international flight from the USA to your first destination on tour. Get ready to explore the world and its dynamic sights, where history, culture, and modern charm come together seamlessly. Iconic landmarks, bustling streets, and rich heritage await, promising unforgettable experiences. Sit back, relax, and prepare for the journey ahead!



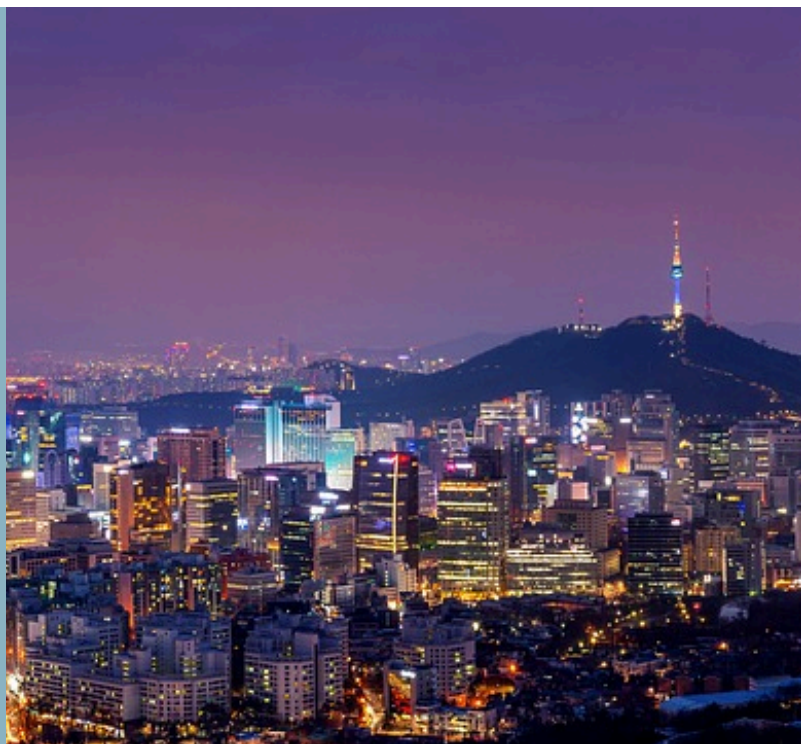
**Inflight Meals**



**Overnight Flight**

Day 2

# Arrival in Seoul



Arrive in Seoul, meet your Tour Manager, and enjoy an introductory walk with a welcome dinner exploring Myeongdong and Namdaemun Market.

## Arrival in Seoul

Arrive in Seoul, where your journey through South Korea begins. After landing, meet your Tour Manager, who will accompany you throughout the tour and help you settle into your new surroundings. You'll receive an introduction to the itinerary ahead, practical travel information, cultural tips, and guidance on how to make the most of your time across the country over the coming days.

Take some time to relax after your journey before heading out for an introductory walk. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and explore some of Seoul's most vibrant areas, including Myeongdong Shopping Street and Namdaemun Market Food Street, where the sights, sounds, and flavors of Korea come alive. This relaxed first evening allows you to ease into the rhythm of the tour, sample local cuisine, and prepare for the experiences ahead. With the city's energy surrounding you, tonight marks the official start of an immersive journey through South Korea's culture, history, and modern life.



Dinner



Hotel in Seoul

Day 3

# Gyeongbokgung Palace



Discover Seoul's history and culture with visits to Gwanghwamun Square, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, Insa-dong, and Ikseon-dong Hanok.

## Gyeongbokgung Palace

Begin the day at Gwanghwamun Square, the symbolic heart of Seoul, where towering statues and monuments honor Korea's historic figures. From here, step into Gyeongbokgung Palace, the largest of Seoul's five grand palaces, and wander through its serene gardens, courtyards, and pavilions, imagining life in the royal court.

Next, stroll through Bukchon Hanok Village, a labyrinth of narrow streets lined with traditional hanok homes, where history lives alongside cafés, galleries, and artisan shops. Then head to Insa-dong Cultural Street, a bustling hub for antiques, teas, crafts, and contemporary art, perfect for immersing yourself in Korea's vibrant cultural scene. Conclude the day at Ikseon-dong Hanok Village, a neighborhood that seamlessly blends heritage architecture with modern boutiques and stylish cafés. Throughout the day, enjoy guided explanations, photography opportunities, and time to explore at your own pace, allowing Seoul's rich layers of history and contemporary life to unfold around you.



Breakfast



Hotel in Seoul

Day 4

# Secret Garden & Street Art



Explore Changdeokgung Secret Garden, stroll through Ihwa-dong Mural Village, and take in panoramic views from Namsan Tower.

## Secret Garden & Street Art

This morning, step into the tranquil world of Changdeokgung Palace Secret Garden, a hidden royal retreat of pavilions, ponds, and wooded paths. The palace's careful landscaping and harmonious architecture provide insight into Korea's aesthetic values and royal lifestyle.

Afterward, explore Ihwa-dong Mural Village, a vibrant neighborhood where colorful murals, street art, and creative installations turn every alleyway into an open-air gallery. Stroll at leisure, taking in the playful designs and local artistry that reflect Seoul's contemporary cultural energy.

In the evening, ascend Namsan Tower, taking the cable car or shuttle up to the observation deck. From the top, enjoy panoramic views of Seoul's skyline as day turns to night, with mountains and rivers framing the glittering city lights. This day offers a perfect balance of historic elegance, modern creativity, and breathtaking urban vistas, giving you a richer understanding of Seoul's layered character.



Breakfast



Hotel in Seoul

Day 5

# Coastal Busan



Take the high-speed train to Busan and enjoy an introductory walk along Gwangalli Beach followed by dinner.

## Coastal Busan

Travel south by high-speed train to Busan, Korea's maritime hub where urban life meets the sea. Watch the countryside pass by as you speed toward the coast, reflecting on the diversity of Korea's landscapes. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided introductory walk along Gwangalli Beach, taking in the ocean breeze, sparkling water, and the famous bridge that lights up at night.

In the evening, settle into a local restaurant for dinner, sampling Busan's unique culinary flavors such as fresh seafood, spicy stews, or grilled specialties. This first day in the city allows you to adjust to the coastal pace, observe local life, and feel the energy of Korea's second-largest city. The combination of scenic vistas, ocean air, and lively city streets sets the tone for an engaging few days in Busan.



**Breakfast & Dinner**



**Hotel in Busan**

Day 6

# Gamcheon Culture Village



Explore Gamcheon Culture Village, Busan Tower and Yongdusan Park, Gwangbok-ro Fashion Street, BIFF Square, and Jagalchi Market.

## Gamcheon Culture Village

Begin the day at Gamcheon Culture Village, an artistic hillside community of brightly painted houses, creative murals, and quirky sculptures. Stroll its narrow streets, enjoy photo opportunities, and soak in the local creativity. Continue to Busan Tower and Yongdusan Park, where panoramic views of the city, harbor, and surrounding mountains provide a stunning contrast to the colorful streets below.

Explore Gwangbok-ro Fashion Street and the nearby BIFF Square, bustling areas where fashion, cinema, and street food merge in a lively urban atmosphere. Conclude the day at Jagalchi Market, Korea's largest seafood market, where vendors display the day's freshest catches and you can sample delicacies directly at food stalls. This day combines art, culture, shopping, and gastronomy, providing a comprehensive introduction to Busan's character and energy.



**Breakfast**



**Hotel in Busan**

Day 7

# Temple & Beaches



Visit Haedong Yonggungsa Temple and Zodiac Park, relax at Haeundae Beach, and enjoy a walk along Gwangalli Beach.

## Temple & Beaches

Visit the iconic Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, a seaside sanctuary perched dramatically on rocky cliffs, with its beautifully ornate structures overlooking the ocean. Nearby, stroll through Zodiac Park, appreciating the symbolic statues and views along the coastline.

Spend time at Haeundae Beach, Korea's most famous beach, walking along the soft sand, enjoying the waves, and observing locals and visitors alike enjoying the coastal lifestyle. In the afternoon and evening, return to Gwangalli Beach for a leisurely walk, experiencing the twinkling bridge lights reflected on the water and the relaxed atmosphere of seaside cafés. This day blends spiritual heritage, natural beauty, and leisure, offering a complete sensory experience of Busan's coastal charms.



**Breakfast & Dinner**



**Hotel in Busan**

Day 8

# Seokguram Grotto Buddha



Travel to Gyeongju with a stop at Tongdosa Temple, then visit Gyeongju National Park, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto.

## Seokguram Grotto Buddha

Travel by tour bus to Gyeongju, the ancient Silla Kingdom capital, stopping along the way at Tongdosa Temple for a guided visit and lunch break. The temple offers a peaceful retreat and insight into Buddhist traditions preserved over centuries.

Continue to Gyeongju National Park, wandering serene landscapes dotted with historical monuments, and visit Bulguksa Temple, renowned for its architecture and stone carvings. Take a shuttle up to the Seokguram Grotto, a cave temple housing a magnificent Buddha statue overlooking the surrounding hills. This day immerses you in Korea's spiritual and architectural heritage, highlighting the artistry and devotion of past generations amid breathtaking natural scenery.



**Breakfast & Dinner**



**Hotel in Gyeongju**

Day 9

# Silla Kingdom



Explore Gyeongju National Museum, the Tomb of King Michu, and Donggung Palace & Wolji Pond.

## Silla Kingdom

Start at the Gyeongju National Museum, exploring extensive artifacts from the Silla Kingdom, including royal relics, jewelry, and ceremonial objects. Continue to the Tomb of King Michu, reflecting on ancient burial practices and Silla-era culture.

Walk the grounds of Donggung Palace & Wolji Pond, a restored royal site that once hosted ceremonial events, offering picturesque reflections and peaceful gardens. This day provides a layered understanding of Korea's ancient civilization, with a combination of historical artifacts, architectural elegance, and serene landscapes, allowing travelers to connect deeply with the region's heritage.



Breakfast



Hotel in Gyeongju

Day 10

# Korea War Memorial



Return to Seoul by high-speed train and visit the War Memorial of Korea before checking in at hotel in Seoul.

## Korea War Memorial

Travel back to Seoul by high-speed train, taking in the countryside scenery along the way. Upon arrival, visit the War Memorial of Korea, a comprehensive museum showcasing Korea's military history and the Korean War, with exhibits that include tanks, aircraft, and interactive displays.

In the evening, enjoy dinner in Seoul, reflecting on the journey so far. This day combines travel, history, and contemplation, bridging the experiences of Korea's ancient past with modern history, and preparing you for the final days of the tour.



Breakfast



Hotel in Seoul

Day 11

# DMZ Day



Embark on a full-day DMZ tour including the Third Tunnel and Red Suspension Bridge, and conclude with a farewell dinner in Seoul.

## DMZ Day

Embark on a full-day excursion to Korea's Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a 150-mile-long military buffer separating North and South Korea. Visit notable sites including the Third Tunnel, discovered beneath the border, learning about Korea's complex history, ongoing tensions, and hopes for peace.

Return to Seoul in the evening for a farewell dinner, celebrating the journey, sharing memories, and enjoying Korean cuisine one last time. This final day combines education, reflection, and conviviality, providing a meaningful conclusion to an immersive exploration of South Korea's culture, history, and contemporary life.



**Breakfast & Dinner**



**Hotel in Seoul**

Day 12

# Return Flights



Transfer to the airport, reflecting on unforgettable memories of your tour as you travel back to the USA.

## Return Flights

On your final day, you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA, reflecting on the incredible journey you've just experienced. You'll carry with you memories of stunning landmarks and unforgettable moments. This adventure through fascinating destinations will stay with you long after your flight home. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you again on another unforgettable journey. Thank you for traveling with Lingo Tours.



**Inflight Meals**



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