

South Korean Express

7 days | Starts/Ends: Seoul



Escorted Group Tour: See the best of South Korea, from vibrant Seoul - the nation's captivating capital and the intriguing Demilitarized Zone, to the cultural and historic sights of Andong and Gyeongju - the museum without walls.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Seoul - the nation's captivating capital; Gyeongbokgung Palace, Jogyesa Temple, Insadong Antique Alley, Cheonggyecheon Stream and Seoul Tower on Mt. Namsan
- The DMZ - one of the most heavily militarized borders in the world, Imjingak Park built to honour the displaced from both the North and the South of Korea, Dora Observatory
- Andong - UNESCO World Heritage listed Hahoe Folk Village and Andong Folk Museum
- Gyeongju - former capital of the Silla Kingdom and historic heart of the nation; Gyeongju National Museum, Tumuli Park and the Sill royal tombs, Anapji Pond, the ancient Cheomseongdae Observatory

- UNESCO Listed Seokguram Grotto - one of Asia's finest Buddhist shrines and Bulguksa Temple

What's Included

- 6 nights 3 - 4 star hotels
- 6 breakfasts
- Escorted by a qualified local tour guide (separate driver and tour guide for groups of 5 or more)
- Touring of Seoul, Andong and Gyeongju
- Guided tour of the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone). A full day coach tour - in conjunction with other tourist groups, not solely On The Go
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on days 1 and 7
- All transfers and transportation in private air conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Entrance Fees: USD\$25-\$35pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture. For your tour guide and driver, we suggest you allow USD8 - 10 per traveller per day.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Seoul

Sunday. Welcome to Seoul! Airport arrival transfer to our city centre hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Seoul**

Day 2 : Seoul Sightseeing



Today we discover highlights of the nation's charming capital on a guided tour. First stop is the grand Gyeongbokgung Palace which was once the main residence of the Joseon Dynasty and within the beautiful palace grounds we visit the National Folk Museum which focuses on Korean culture and history.

We continue on to Jogyesa Temple, the centre of Zen Buddhism in Korea and nearby Insadong, a lively antique alley, lined with art galleries, antique, craft and pottery shops, traditional restaurants and teahouses. We then take a stroll alongside Cheonggyecheon Stream which runs serenely through the heart of downtown's gleaming sky scrapers. Our final port of call is the lofty Seoul Tower on Mt. Namsa, which provides

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spectacular panoramic views of the city from its observatory. **Overnight - Seoul (B)**

Day 3 : The DMZ



Seoul - DMZ - Seoul. We take an exciting excursion to the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) today, which is located 45km north of Seoul and acts as the buffer zone and border between the two nations of North and South Korea. Our coach tour provides a fascinating insight into the events that resulted in Korea's division and also includes a visit to Imjingak Park, built to commemorate those who lost their homes and families when Korea was divided and the 3rd North Korean Infiltration Tunnel. The tunnel, which is 1.5km in length and 150m below ground, was built with the intention of a surprise invasion by North Korea.

You'll also have the chance to peek into the reclusive north by visiting Dora Observatory situated on Mount Dora and visit Dorasan Station, once used for freight trains to travel between the South and the North. On the way back to Seoul the tour coach makes a stop at an amethyst or ginseng shop, for those who are interested. Our arrangements today are offered in conjunction with other travel companies ie. not solely On The Go. Your tour guide will not be accompanying you on the journey to the DMZ. **Overnight - Seoul (B)**

Day 4 : Scenic Andong



Seoul - Andong. Leaving Seoul we travel south to Andong, the picturesque home of Korean Confucianism. On an afternoon tour we explore ancient UNESCO Listed Hahoe Village, where approximately 130 traditional houses of varying size and standard have been immaculately preserved by the same families for generations. We'll also visit the Andong Folk Museum and the historic Dosansewon Confucian School, which was established in 1574. **Overnight - Andong (B)**

Day 5 : Gyeongju - Capital of Silla Kingdom



Andong - Gyeongju. Travelling south we reach historic Gyeongju - the 'museum without walls,' which was the capital of Silla Kingdom from 57BC to 935AD. This afternoon we visit Gyeongju National Museum which is home to countless treasures including the 23 ton Emille Bell cast in AD771. At Tumuli Park we see the incredible giant grass-covered burial mounds which house the Silla royal tombs and we take a stroll around scenic Anapji Pond where the Silla royal family spent their leisure. Another highlight of today's touring is Cheomseongdae Observatory, one of the world's oldest astronomical observatories. **Overnight - Gyeongju (B)**

Day 6 : Bulguksa & Seokguram Temple



Gyeongju - Seoul. This morning we visit two magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Listed temples - Seokguram Grotto, one of Asia's finest Buddhist shrines, which is dramatically located on the slopes of Toham Mountain and the beautiful temple of Bulguksa which was built in 528 during the Silla Dynasty. Depart for Seoul this afternoon and spend your final evening at leisure in the capital. **Overnight - Seoul (B)**

Day 7 : Seoul

Saturday. After breakfast and hotel check out, spend the remains of the day at leisure before your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Centermark Hotel

CM Park Hotel

Commodore Hotel

The Commodore in Gyeongju has a variety of rooms, from the traditional Korean Ondol to palatial suites. All rooms are air conditioned and equipped with a cable TV. The hotel itself also boasts a seasonal outdoor pool, extensive gardens, restaurant and karaoke facilities. The restaurant serves up a generous range of Korean,

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Japanese and European dishes, all of which are expertly prepared and utterly delicious. All rooms have mountain views. The Commodore is located in a glorious setting on the banks of the picturesque Bomun Lake.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate with 4 persons. The 'Twin Share' price is per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. The 'Solo Room' price is applicable to all solo travellers, or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 May	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
22 May	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
05 Jun	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
10 Jul	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
24 Jul	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
21 Aug	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
28 Aug	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
18 Sep	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
09 Oct	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
23 Oct	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
06 Nov	USD 2,795	USD 3,685

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Apr	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
11 Apr	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
02 May	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
16 May	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
30 May	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
13 Jun	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
27 Jun	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
04 Jul	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
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19 Sep	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
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PRICES / DATES 2022

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06 Mar	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
20 Mar	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
27 Mar	USD 2,795	USD 3,685
10 Apr	USD 2,795	USD 3,685

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