

HERITAGE TRAILS OF SOUTH KOREA

13 Days / 12 Nights

Experience the best of South Korea on this 13 day journey blending iconic cities with serene countryside escapes. Begin in Seoul exploring Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village and the DMZ, then ride the KTX to charming Jeonju. Discover Gurye's Hwaeomsa Temple and the traditional Ssangsansan estate near Jirisan before unwinding in Hadong. Continue to scenic Tongyeong and vibrant Busan, visiting Haedong Yonggungsa Temple and coastal highlights. Step into history in Gyeongju at Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, then return to modern Seoul for Gangnam and Bongeunsa Temple, perfectly balancing culture, nature and contemporary Korea.



Insider Experiences

- Walk through Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul and witness the grandeur of Korea's royal Joseon heritage
- Step inside the DMZ for a rare glimpse into the divided peninsula at the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Dora Observatory
- Explore the UNESCO listed Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto in Gyeongju, treasures of Korea's ancient Silla kingdom
- Experience a traditional tea moment in Hadong, Korea's oldest tea growing region surrounded by misty mountain landscapes
- Wander through Ssangsansan jae in Gurye, a beautifully preserved hanok estate offering an intimate look into aristocratic countryside life

Validity Period: Jan 2026 to Dec 2026

Itinerary Details

Day 1: Seoul Arrival

Arrive at Incheon Airport, meet your driver, and transfer to your hotel. Check in and relax at your own pace.

Overnight in Seoul Stanford Hotel Myeongdong (3 Star) or similar.

Day 2: Full day Seoul (B)

Discover Gyeongbokgung Palace, wander through Bukchon Hanok Village, soak up the cultural charm of Insadong Street, and end the day with sweeping views from N Seoul Tower.

Please note: This day tour is conducted using public transportation.

Overnight in Seoul Stanford Hotel Myeongdong (3 Star) or similar.

Day 3: DMZ Tour (B)

Explore Imjingak Park, Freedom Bridge, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, Dora Observatory, Dorasan Station, and pass by Unification Village. Return to Seoul independently.

Please note: Join in Tour

Overnight in Seoul Stanford Hotel Myeongdong (3 Star) or similar.

Day 4: Historic Streets of Jeonju (B)

Take KTX to Jeonju, then explore Jeonju Hanok Village, Gyeonggijeon Shrine, and Jeondong Catholic Cathedral before checking in to your hotel.

Please note: This day tour is conducted using private van.

Overnight in Jeonju Hanok accommodation (3 Star) or similar.

Day 5: Peaceful Countryside of Hadong (B)

Visit Hwaeomsa Temple and Ssangsang-jae estate in Gurye. Transfer to Hadong and indulge in a private in-room spa experience. (please note: spa rooms must be booked at least 2 months in advance).

Please note: This day tour is conducted using private van.

Overnight in Hadong Kensington resort (4 Star) or similar.

Day 6: Scenic Tongyeong Journey (B)

Enjoy a Hadong tea experience, ride the Tongyeong Cable Car, and visit Dongpirang Village for its mesmerizing light and media art.

Please note: This day tour is conducted using private van.

Overnight in Tongyeong Stanford Hotel (4 Star) or similar.

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Day 7: Busan's Coastal Charms (B)

Discover Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, Blueline Park, Haeundae Beach, Gamcheon Culture Village, and the bustling Jagalchi and Kukje Markets.

Please note: This day tour is conducted using private van.

Overnight in Busan Stanford Hotel (3 Star) or similar.

Day 8: Leisure Day in Busan (B)

Relax, explore, or enjoy activities at your own pace

Overnight in Busan Stanford Hotel (3 Star) or similar.

Day 9: Ancient Capital Highlights (B)

Visit Seokguram Grotto, Bulguksa Temple, Daereungwon Tombs, Cheomseongdae Observatory, Donggung Palace, and Wolji Pond.

Please note: This day tour is conducted using private van.

Overnight in Gyeongju City Hotel (3 Star) or similar.

Day 10: Free Day in Gyeongju (B)

Spend the day exploring or unwinding at your leisure.

Overnight in Gyeongju City Hotel (3 Star) or similar.

Day 11: Back to Seoul's Modern Pulse (B)

Travel to Seoul and tour Gangnam Station Street, Bongeunsa Temple, COEX Starfield Mall, and Lotte World Tower Mall.

Please note: This day tour is conducted using KTX and private van.

Overnight in Seoul Stanford Hotel Myeongdong (3 Star) or similar.

Day 12: Explore Seoul at Your Own Pace (B)

Relax, shop, or discover hidden corners of the city.

Overnight in Seoul Stanford Hotel Myeongdong (3 Star) or similar.

Day 13: Seoul Departure (B)

Check out and transfer to Incheon Airport for departure.

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Inclusions

- Accommodations as stated or similar
- Meals as stated (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)
- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance fees for locations specified
- Public Transport fare on tour days
- SIC Join-in tour as specified
- Transport in Air-Conditioned vehicles
- Arrival & Departure Airport Transfer
- KTX train ticket as outlined in the program

Exclusions

- Tipping
- International Flights
- Meals not stated in itinerary
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, Mini-bar, Phones, Drinks, etc.)
- Porters
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fees
- Early Check-in and Late Check-out

Costing Summary

Costing basis = 2 Pax

Costing Per Pax = 5492 US Dollar

Terms and Conditions

- All rates are indicative and may vary depending on season, hotel availability, or currency fluctuations.
- Prices are starting from per person.
- The itinerary is a sample and can be customized to suit individual preferences.
- Hotel accommodations are subject to availability, and categories can be upgraded upon request.
- All transfers, tours, and included services are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.
- Meal inclusions, sightseeing, and activities may be adjusted based on operational needs.
- Optional tours or special requests may incur additional charges.