

Highlights of South Korea

12 Days / 11 Nights

Experience the best of South Korea on this 12-day journey from vibrant Seoul to historic Gyeongju and bustling Busan. Explore Seoul's iconic landmarks including Gyeongbokgung Palace and N Seoul Tower, then visit the poignant DMZ. Discover Jeonju's traditional Hanok Village and Tongyeong's coastal charm. In Busan, marvel at seaside temples and lively markets, followed by Gyeongju's UNESCO World Heritage sites like Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. Enjoy scenic train rides, cultural immersion, and stunning landscapes throughout. Comfortable accommodations, expert guides, and seamless transfers make this an unforgettable Korean adventure.



Insider Experiences

- Walk beneath the soaring gates of Gyeongbokgung Palace and witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony, a vivid echo of Joseon-era tradition.
- Hike the DMZ's Third Tunnel and peer into North Korea from the Unification Observatory — a rare, powerful glimpse of Korea's division.
- Explore Busan's seaside Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, where waves crash beneath colorful pagodas perched on dramatic coastal cliffs.
- Ride the cable car to Tongyeong's Mt. Mireuksan for sweeping island views — a hidden gem beloved by locals but often missed by tourists.
- Cross the gorgeously painted Woljeonggyo Bridge at dusk, where Gyeongju's ancient architecture glows softly under evening light.

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Itinerary Details

Day 1: Seoul Arrival

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, begin your exciting Korean adventure by meeting your driver for a smooth and comfortable transfer to your hotel in Seoul. Settle in and get ready to explore a vibrant city where tradition and modern energy blend seamlessly.

Overnight in Holiday Inn Express Seoul Hongdae (or similar)

Day 2: Seoul (B/ D)

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for a tour briefing before setting out on a full-day exploration of Seoul. Begin with a peaceful walk along Cheonggyecheon Stream, then visit Gwanghwamun Plaza, home to statues of Korea's historic figures. Continue to the majestic Gyeongbokgung Palace to witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Stroll through Bukchon Hanok Village, where traditional Korean houses line scenic alleyways, before heading to N Seoul Tower for panoramic views of the city. Conclude the day at Gwangjang Market, famous for its vibrant atmosphere and delicious street food, offering a perfect taste of local culture and flavors.

Overnight in Holiday Inn Express Seoul Hongdae (or similar)

Day 3: Seoul (B)

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and drive about an hour to Paju for a tour of the DMZ. Explore the Underground Tunnel and take in views from the Unification Observatory, gaining insight into Korea's divided history. Return to Seoul and visit the War Memorial, where exhibits honor the sacrifices and stories of the Korean War. This day offers a powerful glimpse into the past and ongoing hopes for peace on the peninsula.

Overnight in Holiday Inn Express Seoul Hongdae (or similar)

Day 4: Seoul to Jeonju (B/ L)

Check out of your hotel and meet your guide in the lobby. Travel approximately 3.5 hours from Seoul to Jeonju. Explore the charming Jeonju Hanok Village, known for its traditional Korean houses and vibrant cultural atmosphere. Visit Gyeonggijeon Shrine, a historic site housing royal portraits from the Joseon Dynasty. Enjoy a hands-on experience by trying on a traditional Korean costume, the Hanbok, immersing yourself in Korea's rich heritage and timeless elegance.

Overnight in "Bukyungdang" traditional Korean house (or similar)

Day 5: Jeonju to Tongyeong (B/ L)

Check out of your hotel and meet your guide in the lobby. Travel approximately 2 hours from Jeonju to Yeosu. Explore the scenic Odongdo Island, known for its beautiful camellias and coastal views. Visit Yi Sun-sin Plaza, dedicated to the famed Korean naval commander. Afterward, continue your journey to Tongyeong for your next destination.

Overnight in Stanford Hotel (or similar)

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Day 6: Tongyeong (B)

Explore Tongyeong with visits to Dongpirang Village, famous for its vibrant murals and charming streets. Take a cable car up to Mt. Mireuksan Observatory for panoramic views of the city and surrounding islands. Conclude the tour with a stroll through Jungang Market, where you can sample local seafood and experience the lively market atmosphere.

Overnight in Stanford Hotel (or similar)

Day 7: Tongyeong to Busan (B/ L)

Check out of your hotel and meet your guide in the lobby. Visit the serene Yonghwasa Temple before departing Tongyeong for Geoje, approximately a 40-minute drive. Explore the historic Geoje POW Camp, a significant site from the Korean War. In the evening, enjoy the spectacular M Drone Light Show at Gwanganri Beach, scheduled at 8:00 PM or 10:00 PM. After the show, proceed to Busan for a 2.5-hour transfer, ready for your next adventure.

Overnight in Kwangsu Hotel (or similar)

Day 8: Busan (B/ L)

Discover Busan's highlights starting with Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, a stunning seaside shrine perched on rocky cliffs. Drive along scenic Dalmaji Road, known for its coastal views and charming cafés. Pay respects at the UN Memorial Cemetery, honoring Korean War heroes. Experience the bustling atmosphere of Gukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market, where fresh seafood and local delicacies abound. Finish your tour with panoramic city and harbor views from Busan Tower, a perfect vantage point to appreciate Busan's vibrant energy.

Overnight in Kwangsu Hotel (or similar)

Day 9: Busan to Gyeongju (B/ D)

Travel from Busan to Gyeongju and explore its rich cultural heritage. Visit the Seokguram Grotto, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring a serene stone Buddha in a mountainside sanctuary. Explore Bulguksa Temple, renowned for its exquisite Silla-era architecture and tranquil gardens. In the evening, enjoy a magical night tour of Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, where illuminated pavilions reflect on the calm waters, creating a captivating atmosphere that brings ancient Gyeongju's history to life.

Overnight in Shilla Legacy Hotel or Shilla Boutique (or similar)

Day 10: Gyeongju (B)

Explore Tumuli Park, home to ancient royal burial mounds from the Silla Kingdom, and visit Cheomseongdae, Asia's oldest surviving astronomical observatory. Walk across the beautifully restored Woljeonggyo Bridge, known for its vibrant painted eaves. Then, choose to visit Yangdong Folk Village, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing traditional Korean hanok homes and Confucian culture, or relax in a traditional Korean tea house, savoring fragrant teas in a peaceful setting.

Overnight in Shilla Legacy Hotel or Shilla Boutique (or similar)

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Day 11: Gyeongju to Seoul (B)

Check out of your hotel and meet your guide in the lobby before boarding the high-speed KTX train from Gyeongju to Seoul, a scenic 2-hour journey. Upon arrival in Seoul, enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to explore the city or relax as you wish.

Overnight in Holiday Inn Express Seoul Hongdae (or similar)

Day 12: Seoul Departure (B)

Check out of your hotel and meet your driver in the lobby for a comfortable transfer to Incheon International Airport (ICN). As you depart, carry with you the unforgettable memories of Korea's rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes—a journey that will stay with you long after you've left.

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Inclusions

- Arrival and Departure Transfers
- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance fees for locations specified
- High-Speed Trains as specified in Itinerary
- Meals as stated (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)
- Transport in Air-conditioned Vehicles
- Accommodation in Stated Hotels or similar

Exclusions

- International Flights
- Porters
- Tipping
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fees
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, Mini-bar, Phones, Drinks, etc.)

Departures

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Rates are NET per person in USD on a sharing Twin or Double Room basis.

Date	Start Date	End Date	TWN/DBL Share	SGL Room
08/10/2025	Wed, 08 Oct 25	Sun, 19 Oct 25	4333	5273
29/10/2025	Wed, 29 Oct 25	Sun, 09 Nov 25	4333	5273



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12/11/2025	Wed, 12 Nov 25	Sun, 23 Nov 25	4333	5273
11/02/2026	Wed, 11 Feb 26	Sun, 22 Feb 26	4333	5273
04/03/2026	Wed, 04 Mar 26	Sun, 15 Mar 26	4333	5273
25/03/2026	Wed, 25 Mar 26	Sun, 05 Apr 26	4333	5273
08/04/2026	Wed, 08 Apr 26	Sun, 19 Apr 26	4333	5273
06/05/2026	Wed, 06 May 26	Sun, 17 May 26	4333	5273
27/05/2026	Wed, 27 May 26	Sun, 07 Jun 26	4333	5273
24/06/2026	Wed, 24 Jun 26	Sun, 05 Jul 26	4333	5273
15/07/2026	Wed, 15 Jul 26	Sun, 26 Jul 26	4511	5600
05/08/2026	Wed, 05 Aug 26	Sun, 16 Aug 26	4511	5600
26/08/2026	Wed, 26 Aug 26	Sun, 06 Sep 26	4333	5273
16/09/2026	Wed, 16 Sep 26	Sun, 27 Sep 26	4333	5273
07/10/2026	Wed, 07 Oct 26	Sun, 18 Oct 26	4333	5273
28/10/2026	Wed, 28 Oct 26	Sun, 08 Nov 26	4333	5273
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KAVAYA TRAVEL GROUP – SHORT TERMS & CONDITIONS

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1. Booking & Confirmation

All services are subject to availability and confirmed in writing. Proposals are valid at the time of issue and will only be guaranteed once accepted within a reasonable period. Rates may change if acceptance is delayed.

2. Payment Conditions

Full payment is required before guest arrival:

- Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia: **30 days prior**
- Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines: **35 days prior**

Payments must be made to the bank account stated on the invoice. All bank charges are borne by the payer. Late payments may result in price increases or cancellation of services. Overdue balances of more than 30 days are subject to 4% annual interest.

3. Deposits & Tickets

Most FIT bookings do not require deposits unless specific suppliers (e.g., cruises, trains, hotels) request it.

Group bookings for Japan & South Korea: 15% refundable deposit.

Airlines may impose immediate issuance and non-refundable conditions; once tickets are issued, airline cancellation rules prevail.

4. Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be submitted in writing.

Standard Policy (all countries except where noted):

- 31+ days: **No charge**
- 15–30 days: **10%**
- 7–14 days: **20%**
- 1–6 days: **50%**
- No Show: **100%**

Myanmar / Japan / South Korea:

- 46+ days: **No charge**
- 45–30 days: **20%**
- 29–14 days: **40%**
- 13–1 days: **75%**
- No Show: **100%**

Supplier-specific cancellation rules override the above when stricter.

5. Liability & Force Majeure

Kavaya acts as an intermediary between hotels, airlines, transport providers and local suppliers. We are not liable for loss, injury, delays, natural events, political incidents, or other force majeure events beyond our control. Any additional expenses caused by such events are borne by the traveler.

6. Complaints

All complaints must be submitted in writing within 4 weeks after the client's return.

7. Jurisdiction

Any legal claim against Kavaya Travel Group shall be handled under the jurisdiction of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.