

South Korea Discovery

8 Days / 7 Nights

This immersive 8-day journey through South Korea begins in Seoul, where vibrant Myeongdong, the regal Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, and N Seoul Tower blend tradition with modern city life. A day trip to the DMZ reveals the divided Korean history, while Gwangjang Market offers local flavors. Travel by KTX to Gyeongju, the ancient Silla capital, to explore Bulguksa Temple, Seokguram Grotto, and royal tombs. Then head to Busan, Korea's dynamic port city, to visit coastal Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, bustling Jagalchi Fish Market, and the UN Memorial Cemetery. Optional extensions to Jeju Island or Japan offer additional cultural and scenic experiences.



Insider Experiences

- Witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony at Gyeongbokgung Palace, a striking re-enactment of Joseon-era tradition in the heart of modern Seoul.
- Walk the atmospheric alleys of Bukchon Hanok Village, where centuries-old hanok homes reveal glimpses of Korea's storied past.
- Explore the eerie yet fascinating Third Tunnel in the DMZ, a rare and sobering insight into Korea's divided history.
- Stroll across the vividly reconstructed Woljeonggyo Bridge, a hidden gem glowing with traditional Silla architecture and colorful wooden detail.
- Sip herbal teas in a Gyeongju teahouse, a peaceful, lesser-known retreat steeped in quiet ritual and local craftsmanship.

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Itinerary Details

Day 1: Seoul Arrival

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, meet your driver for a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Seoul. Settle into the city's lively rhythm and get ready to uncover a dynamic blend of ancient tradition, modern innovation, and unforgettable culinary delights over the coming days.

Overnight in Holiday Inn Express Seoul Hongdae (or similar)

Day 2: Seoul (B/ D)

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for a full-day private tour of Seoul's highlights. Stroll along the peaceful Cheonggyecheon Stream before visiting Gwanghwamun Plaza, framed by statues of Korea's historic heroes. Explore the grand Gyeongbokgung Palace and witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Wander through Bukchon Hanok Village, where traditional Korean houses line picturesque alleyways. Continue to N Seoul Tower for panoramic city views from its hilltop observatory. Conclude the day at Gwangjang Market, famous for its vibrant atmosphere and delicious street food such as mung bean pancakes and tteokbokki, experiencing the perfect blend of culture, history, and local life.

Overnight in Holiday Inn Express Seoul Hongdae (or similar)

Day 3: Seoul (B)

Join your SIC tour guide for a drive to Paju to explore the historic Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Visit the Third Underground Tunnel, once used for infiltration, and the Unification Observatory, offering a rare view across the border into North Korea. Learn about the tensions and hopes for peace that define this symbolic area. After the tour, in the early afternoon return to Seoul where the guide will drop you off in front of Seoul City Hall. From there, spend the remainder of your day at leisure and make your own return to the hotel.

Overnight in Holiday Inn Express Seoul Hongdae (or similar)

Day 4: Seoul to Gyeongju (B/ D)

Transfer to Seoul Station and board the KTX for a smooth 2-hour ride to Gyeongju. Meet your guide on arrival and explore Seokguram Grotto, a UNESCO-listed mountainside sanctuary with a serene stone Buddha. Continue to Bulguksa Temple, Korea's masterwork of Silla Buddhist architecture with graceful pagodas and ornate halls. After dusk, visit Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond for a magical night tour, where illuminated pavilions reflect on tranquil waters—an atmospheric finale to Gyeongju's ancient splendor.

Overnight in Shilla Legacy Hotel (or similar)

Day 5: Gyeongju (B)

Explore Tumuli Park, where grass-covered royal burial mounds of the Silla Kingdom rise from serene lawns. Nearby, see Cheomseongdae, one of Asia's oldest astronomical observatories, built in the 7th century. Stroll across Woljeonggyo Bridge, a beautifully reconstructed Silla-era wooden bridge with vivid painted eaves. Continue to Yangdong Folk Village, a UNESCO-listed Confucian village of traditional hanok homes amid fields and forest—or opt to unwind in a traditional Korean tea house, savoring fragrant infusions and quiet ambiance.

Overnight in Shilla Legacy Hotel (or similar)

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Day 6: Gyeongju to Busan (B)

Meet your driver for your transfer to Gyeongju Station and board the KTX for a smooth 1 hour 15 minute ride to Busan. Meet your guide on arrival and begin at Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, dramatically perched on seaside cliffs with sweeping ocean views. Cruise along scenic Dalmaji Road, known for coastal lookouts and artful cafés before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Kwangsu Hotel (or similar)

Day 7: Busan (B/ L)

Begin the day with a solemn visit to the UN Memorial Cemetery, honoring the fallen soldiers of the Korean War. Then, immerse yourself in the lively local culture at Gukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market, where sights, sounds, and flavors come alive. Conclude with panoramic views over the city from Busan Tower. The rest of the day is free at your leisure to explore more or simply unwind.

Overnight in Kwangsu Hotel (or similar)

Day 8: Busan Departure (B)

Check out of your hotel and meet your driver in the lobby under the reservation name. Depart for Gimhae International Airport (PUS) with ample time for check-in and security; have your passport and flight details ready for a smooth departure.

As your journey across Korea concludes, reflect on the rich contrasts you've encountered—from Seoul's dynamic cityscapes and poignant DMZ visit to the ancient treasures of Gyeongju and coastal beauty of Busan. This unforgettable trip has offered a perfect blend of history, culture, and scenery that will linger in your memory long after departure.

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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)
- SIC Join tour as specified
- Transport in Air-conditioned Vehicles
- Accommodation in Stated Hotels or similar

Exclusions

- International Flights
- Meals not stated in itinerary
- Porters
- Tipping
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fees

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- 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
12/10/2025	Sun, 12 Oct 25	Sun, 19 Oct 25	2643	3210
02/11/2025	Sun, 02 Nov 25	Sun, 09 Nov 25	2643	3210
16/11/2025	Sun, 16 Nov 25	Sun, 23 Nov 25	2643	3210
15/02/2026	Sun, 15 Feb 26	Sun, 22 Feb 26	2643	3210
08/03/2026	Sun, 08 Mar 26	Sun, 15 Mar 26	2643	3210
29/03/2026	Sun, 29 Mar 26	Sun, 05 Apr 26	2643	3210
12/04/2026	Sun, 12 Apr 26	Sun, 19 Apr 26	2643	3210
10/05/2026	Sun, 10 May 26	Sun, 17 May 26	2643	3210
31/05/2026	Sun, 31 May 26	Sun, 07 Jun 26	2643	3210
28/06/2026	Sun, 28 Jun 26	Sun, 05 Jul 26	2643	3210
19/07/2026	Sun, 19 Jul 26	Sun, 26 Jul 26	2749	3416
09/08/2026	Sun, 09 Aug 26	Sun, 16 Aug 26	2749	3416
30/08/2026	Sun, 30 Aug 26	Sun, 06 Sep 26	2643	3210
20/09/2026	Sun, 20 Sep 26	Sun, 27 Sep 26	2643	3210
11/10/2026	Sun, 11 Oct 26	Sun, 18 Oct 26	2643	3210
01/11/2026	Sun, 01 Nov 26	Sun, 08 Nov 26	2643	3210
15/11/2026	Sun, 15 Nov 26	Sun, 22 Nov 26	2643	3210

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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.