

SOUTH KOREA EAST COAST

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South Korea is known as the Land of the Morning Calm, and the people of South Korea takes special pride in the beauty and history of their enriched history. A country that cherishes it's past but also is one of the most modern countries in the world. Luxury hotels, exciting food, a colorful history and culture all await you in exotic Korea – a vibrant beautiful country of scenic mountains, hills and valleys. Come join us on this very fun journey!

Seoul (7 Nights) – Sheraton Palace Gangnam

- Gyeongbok Palace, Blue House Tour, DMZ
- N Seoul Tower, Cheongye Stream
- 63 Building, National Modern Art Museum
- Korea House Dinner Show & Nanta Show
- National Museum of Korea, Myeong-dong
- Namdaemun & Insa-dong Markets
- Changdeokgung Palace, Gwanghwamun Plaza
- Wear Traditional Clothing Hanbok
- Learn and Make Kimchee

Jeju Island (2 Nights) – Hyatt Regency Jeju

- Sung San Sunrise Peak, Ilchul Land
- Spirited Garden, Jeju Folk Museum

Busan (1 Night) Heundae Grand or Novotel

- Jagalchi Fish Market, Gangtong Market

Gyeongju (1 Night) Hyundai or Hilton Hotel

- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Buguksa Temple
- Gyeongju Museum, Bulguksa Temple
- Hyhndai Motory Factory or Hyundai Ship

Pyeongchang (1 Night) Maremons Hotel

- Mt. Seorak Nat'l Park, Statue of Buddha
- Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Site 2018
- Icheon Pottery Village, Hands on Pottery Making

Meals: All Meals Included, Except 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner
Guide: Tour conducted in English by Professional Guide

Total Cost: \$4,695.00

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy, Tax Included
Price includes Roundtrip Air from SFO or LAX
Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person
Single Supplement: \$900.00

THE ITINERARY

Sep. 20 & Sep. 21: USA/Incheon/Seoul

Board our flight to Korea. We lose one day as we cross the Int'l Date Line. Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, we meet our guide and transfer to Seoul. This capital city of 12 million is set in a pretty valley divided by the Han River, and covers an area as large as Los Angeles, and is home to more than fifth of the country's population. Seoul has been the center of politics, economy, culture, and transportation of Korea for six centuries, since King Taejo founder of the Joseon Dynasty, moved the capital here in the third year (1394) of his reign. The litany of Seoul's cultural heritage is endless; this and modern development make Seoul a favorite tourist destination where visitors find all the amenities and entertainment they could want. Seoul is also a shopping Mecca with many shopping centers and outdoor markets.

Accommodation: (3 Nights) Sheraton Palace

Meals: Lunch & Dinner on Flight



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Sep. 22 Seoul (BL)

This morning you will see the beautiful Seoul as you make your way along the Han River in the Yeoido district before making your way to the 63 Building's Observation deck to get a good view of Seoul's Gangnam district. Next you will board a ship for a nice cruise along the Han River to see many of Seoul's 27 bridges that crosses the river bringing cars and trains safely across each day. The lunch you will enjoy on the ship is buffet style. Your next stop will be the one of Seoul's exciting shopping malls for some time to shop and you will be treated to the Lotte Aquarium a popular aquarium for its many species and unique displays. Before leaving Lotte Mall you will eat dinner on your own at the many restaurants or at the food court.

Meals: B: Buffet / L: Buffet

Sep. 23: Seoul (BLD)

This morning you will visit one of Seoul's newest museum the National Modern Art Museum which just opened in 2014. The displays at this wonderful museum is constantly changing and is housed in a beautifully modern building a site to see in itself. Next visit Sarang Chae which is a historical memorial museum where you can learn about the past present and future visions of Seoul and Korea as well as past Presidents of Korea. After lunch you will say hello to Seoul with a tour of this beautiful city. You will visit Gyeongbok Palace and its Folklore Museum. Gyeongbok Palace, built in 1394 (renovated in the 19th Century, is the grandest of the five palaces of the

Joseon Dynasty (1392 – 1920). The palace has beautifully designed buildings, gardens and pavilions. The National Folk Museum of Korea, located within Gyeongbok Palace is a showcase of the lifestyle of the Korean people from prehistoric age to the Joseon Dynasty, displaying items of everyday use, funerary objects, major work of art, and replicas. You will then take a leisurely walk along the Cheongye Stream in the afternoon, Cheongye opened in October 2005 after the stream was covered for many years. Then proceed to Gwanghwamun Plaza to visit the statues of King Sejong and Admiral Yi Sun Shin.

Meals: B: Buffet / L: Korean / D: Korean

Sep. 24: Seoul/Jeju Island (BLD)

This morning we fly to Jeju Island. This resort island is one of the nine provinces of Korea. As a result of its isolated location and romantic tropical scenery, Jeju has become a favorite retreat with honeymooners and tourists. You will first visit Sungsan Sunrise Peak followed by Jeju Folk Museum and Ilchul Land, which features Micheon Cave, Subyeon Park and the many different gardens to stroll through.

Accommodation: (2 Night) Booyoung Hotel

Meals: B: Buffet / L: Grilled Fish / D: BBQ Black Pork

Sep. 25: Jeju Island (BLD)

This morning visit the lovely Spirited Garden, which is the world's largest bonsai garden. With its vast open space and lovely waterfalls, this will surely leave a lasting impression. Finally, you will visit Jusangjeolli Cliff to see the imposing stone pillars and Oedolgae Rock which shoots out from the ocean shores.

Sep. 26: Jeju Island/Busan (BLD)

Today you will fly from Jeju Island to the 2nd largest city in Korea Busan. You will visit the Jagalchi Fish Market along with the International Market and finally the Gangtong Market all famous to the fishing port of Busan.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Grand or Novotel

Meals: B: Buffet / L: Seafood Buffet / D: Korean



Sep. 27: Busan/Gyeongju (BLD)

This morning you will have an exciting tour of the Hyundai Motor factory or the Hyundai Heavy Industrial Company. Hyundai Motor is one of the largest automobile companies in the world and see the assembly line or visit the Hyundai Heavy Industrial which is where they build the massive freight and oil tanker ships. Then you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site: Bulguksa Temple, one of Korea's best known temples. A testimony to both the skill of Shilla architects and the depth of Buddhist faith at the time. While most of the wooden buildings have been rebuilt over the centuries, all the stone bridges, stairway and pagodas are original. The temple (535) was enlarged in (752). A quick visit to Cheomseongdae to see the star gazing tower, which is the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Next you will visit the Gyeongju Museum, which houses many artifacts to Korean history. Finally visit the Lasunje to learn about Korean food and food culture along with a demonstration or possible a hands on experience if available at time of visit.

Accommodation: Hyundai or Hilton Hotel
Meals: B: Buffet / L: Korean Traditional / D: Korean

Sep. 28: Gyeongju/Pyeongchang/Seorak (BLD)

Visit Dodamsambong Peaks which are three stone peaks rising out of the Namhangang River. Next visit Pyeongchang which is the site of the 2018 Winter Olympics, see some of the sites where popular events will be taking place and their progress. Your home tonight will be the

Maremons. This hotel will have an Onsen (hot springs bath, you will need to wear swim wear to enter the baths however).

Accommodation: Maremons Hotel
Meals: B: Buffet / L: Korean / D: Buffet

Sep. 29: Seorak/Icheon/Seoul (BLD)

Enjoy Mt. Seorak National Park, considered one of Korea's most beautiful mountain areas. Visit the magnificent outdoor Buddha. Next you will visit the famous region for pottery the Icheon Pottery/Ceramics Village. The village became the center of traditional pottery during the Jeseon Dynasty 1392 – 1910 for about 500 years due to the easily obtainable materials in the areas. Later it was also the center of Joseon Baekja Ceramics. Presently about 80 pottery factories are congregated at the village and about 300 pottery kilns are in use. You will not only observe the pottery production process but you will have the experience of making pottery at one of the famous kilns. This afternoon we will head back to the capital city Seoul and visit one of the most famous night markets called Dongdaemum Market which opened in 1905 which specializes in wholesale clothing, which has a full range of fashion items from head to toe.

Accommodation: (4 Nights) Sheraton Palace
Meals: B: Buffet / L: Korean / D: Chicken





Sep. 30: Seoul/DMZ/Seoul (BLD)

Half the day will be spent at the (Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). You will visit panmunjun where meeting are held between the north and the south. This area is used since it is housed in a building where the boarder splits at the center of the building and even the large table is divided between the North & South. You will feel the tension of the soldiers guarding this border, which is one of the most heavily guarded in the world. Soldiers here are always on high alert and UN forces are stationed in this area to prevent the outbreak of another war - and the area has been the site of small but dramatic confrontations over the years. Obey all the rules when you're there. A visit to the DMZ is essential if you want to get an understanding of modern Korean society. This afternoon you will have time for shopping in Insa-dong district, Insa-dong district is where you can find many traditional Korean crafts such as hanji (traditional paper), traditional teas, pottery, folk crafts, and hanbok (traditional clothing). Tonight you will be treated to the famous Korea House, which set in a traditional Korean building you will enjoy traditional Korean dance show and a traditional Korean feast dinner.

Accommodation: Somerset or Fraser

Meals: B: Buffet / L: Korean / D: Korean

Oct. 01: Seoul (BLD)

This morning you will visit Namdaemun Market one of the oldest running markets in Korea dating back to 1414, which is a massive bustling market that sells any type of imaginable products sold at affordable prices much like a flea market.

For lunch you will eat at one of Seoul's best Ramen Restaurant in Hongdae district which is the very fashionable University area. Followed by a visit to another beautiful palace called Changdeokgung Palace. This is a UNESCO HERITAGE SITE, completed in 1405 and was the main residence for members of the royal family in early Joseon Dynasty. You will also visit the Trick Eye/Art Museum which houses art that may not always seem like what you thought at first. Tonight you will take a tram ride up to N Seoul Tower and then proceed to the observation deck to see Seoul. (360 degree). You will have dinner at the top of the tower at the revolving restaurant N Grill.

Meals: B: Buffet / L: Ramen / D: Steak



Oct. 02: Seoul/Yongin/Suwon/Seoul (BLD)

After breakfast we drive to Yongin, to one of the country's top tourist attraction – the Korean Folk Village, a living museum that recreates the lifestyle of several centuries ago. There are potters, weavers, blacksmiths, and other artisans who practice their trades in traditional fashion. There are also 260 traditional houses, each representing a different Korean lifestyle from rural peasant to aristocratic; and a small amphitheatre for folk music and dance performance. Also we visit Suwon to visit the Hwaseong Fortress a WORLD HERITAGE SITE where King Jeongjo built the walls in the late 18th Century to honor and house the remains of his father Prince Sado. The walls surround the city of Suwon with the main stream flowing through the fortress. This afternoon you will have a chance to wear the traditional Korean clothing called Hanbok and dress up as if you were living amongst King Sejong in the Joseon Kingdom. You will also have a hands on experience of making the most famous dish of Korea Kimchee. This evening you will visit Myeong-dong, which is Seoul's main shopping area. Here you will also have dinner at Gyoja Restaurant. Tonight you will enjoy another one of Korea's hit shows called "Nanta". This is a show that combines comedy and cooking, it has been pleasing audiences since the early 1990's all over the world.

Meals: B: Buffet / L: Korean / D: Dumpling Soup

**Oct. 03: Seoul/Incheon/USA (BD)**

This morning you will visit the National Museum of Korea. The museum contains over 150,000 pieces in its collection with 11,000 on display at one time. It is the largest museum in Asia and the fifth largest in the world in terms of floor space, covering 307,227 square feet. Also a quick visit to the Blue House where the President resides and where offices are located. You will tour the inside of the Blue House before its time to say "annyeongghi-gaseyo" or "annoyo" to our new friends and to lovely South Korea. We will transfer by Airport Express Train A'REX from Seoul Station to the modern Incheon International Airport.

Meals: B: Breakfast / L: On Own / D: Flight



GENERAL CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

The Tour Costs Include:

Air Transportation: please see front page to check if this tour includes the airfare if not we will offer you air price separately

Baggage: Portage of 1 suitcase per person. The tour operator is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage. Airlines liability is limited to the amount set forth on the airline ticket. Baggage insurance is recommended and available through Polaris Tours. Airlines may impose baggage fees, which are to be paid at check-in.

Hotels: Accommodations with private bath, based on 2 persons sharing a room, at hotels specified or similar.

Meals: As specified in itinerary: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Sightseeing: Sightseeing activities specified in the itinerary, includes admission fees.

Guides: Services of an English speaking guide and the added services of an experienced tour manager.

Tips & Taxes: Hotel service charges taxes and tips to waiters and baggage porters for standard services.

Exclusions: Any personal expenses, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, cleaning, beverages, tips to guides, drivers and foreign airport taxes, etc., are not included.

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Reservation & Deposits: A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required with application form. This deposit forms part of your final payment due on 31 August 2018. Checks should be made payable to Polaris tours.

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Additional Airline penalties may be added. Penalties may be waived if cancellation is result to illness.

TOUR APPLICATION FORM

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