

GROUP ADVENTURES

South Korea Circle Adventure 5D/4N

Coach / Bus

5 Days / 1 Country

South Korea

Departure city: **Seoul, South Korea**

End city: **Seoul, South Korea**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Tomb of King Muryeong & Gongsanseong Fortress
- Discover Buyeo, an ancient capital of the Baekje Dynasty
- See local life at South Korea's largest seafood market
- Go see the beautiful nature of Mt. Seorak National Park

Discover the highlights of South Korea as you circle the country to discover ancient history, rich culture, and stunning natural scenery.

MAP



What is included

Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

Accommodation: 4

- Mix of 3-star, 4-star /5-star hotels
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Transport: 1

- Van/coach transfers between destinations
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Meals: 4

- 4 Breakfast(s),
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Guides:

- English-speaking guide throughout trip
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What is not included

- *Some admission fees
- *Airport transfers
- *Optional activities
- *Other meals/drinks
- *Personal expenses
- *Tips
- *Travel insurance

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Itinerary

Day 1: Seoul - Jeonju, South Korea

Gogju, ancient Buyeo, and UNESCO-listed Jeonju

Today you'll meet your guide at 8am at a predetermined meeting point near Gwanghwamun Intersection. Depart from Seoul to drive around 1.5 hours to Gongju, where you will visit UNESCO-listed Tomb of King Muryeong and the Gongsanseong Fortress. Next we'll continue another 1.5 hours to Buyeo, an ancient capital of the Baekje Dynasty. Visit Baekje Cultural Land, where you will see a palace, castle, cultural hall, and more. You'll also have the option to take an optional boat ride to see Goransa Temple and Nakhwaam Bluff (extra \$15 per person) where 3,000 court ladies of Baekje plunged into the river to avoid being captured and dishonored when enemy breached the castle on the last day of the Kingdom. Next we'll continue another hour to UNESCO-listed Jeonju Hanok Village, including about 700 traditional Korean "Hanok" houses. Overnight in Jeonju.

Day 2: Jeonju - Yeosu, South Korea

Gwangju, Boseong Green Tea Plantation, and Suncheon Bay Garden (B)

Today, after enjoying breakfast at your hotel, we'll transfer 1 hour and 20 minutes to Gwangju, where we'll head to the Gwangju City Museum (closed on Mondays) to learn more about this historically rich place. After learning about Korean culture and history, we'll move on to the Boseong Green Tea Plantation, a stunning, verdant, and peaceful getaway. Next we'll drive about an hour to Suncheon, where you will visit the stunning Suncheon Bay Garden. Finally, we'll arrive to Yeosu, a lovely port city. See the Historic Site of Admiral Yi Sun-sin's Path before overnighting in Yeosu.

Day 3: Yeosu to Gyeongju, South Korea

Jinjuseong Fortress and the Nongae Shrine, Busan City, and Gyeongju (B)

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, head out to discover the Jinjuseong Fortress and the Nongae Shrine, historically linked to the Japanese invasion in 1592. We'll continue 1.5 hours to the seaside city of Busan. Discover the city on an afternoon tour that visits the Jagalchi Market, Korea's largest seafood market, and then Haeundae Beach to soak up the sun. Finally, travel to Gyeongju for overnight.

Day 4: Gyeongju - Wonju, South Korea

Gyeongju City Tour, Andong Hahoe Folk Village, and Wonju (B)

After breakfast at your hotel, you'll embark on a Gyeongju City Tour at 8:00 am. See the Unesco World Heritage Seokguram Grotto (\$5 entrance fee not included) and the Bulguksa Temple, world-famous for its stunning architecture. Next we'll drive about 2.5 hours to Andong Hahoe Folk Village, preserved since the Joseon Dynasty and continuing to thrive to this day. Next we'll continue 2 hours to Wonju, surrounded by the stunning Chiaksan Mountains and the Seom River. This city was the capital of Gangwon Province for 500 years during the Joseon Dynasty, and it maintains rich traditions and fascinating cultural relics. Overnight in Wonju.

Day 5: Wonju - Seoul, South Korea

Pyeongchang, Mt. Sorak Seorak National Park, and Seoul (B)

After breakfast, we'll transfer 1.5 hours to Pyeongchang, host of the 2018 Winter Olympics. Then we'll continue another hour to Mt. Seorak National Park, where the peaks of the Seoraksan Mountains break through the clouds while jade-like water flows through the valleys, creating breathtaking views and making this Korea's most famous national park. Due to the many rare species found here, UNESCO designated this national park a Biosphere Preservation District in 1982. Finally, we'll transfer 4 hours back to Seoul, arriving around 7pm. Happy trails!