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Overview

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Andong → Wonju → Mt.Sorak → Seoul

Experience the charm and beauty of South Korea on this captivating 10-day journey, exploring vibrant cities, UNESCO heritage sites, and stunning landscapes. From the historical palaces of Seoul and picturesque **Hanok villages** in Jeonju and Andong, to the serene beauty of **Mt. Seorak** and scenic coastlines of **Yeosu and Busan**, you'll discover Korea's rich culture and history. Enjoy a unique cultural highlight by dressing in traditional **Hanbok** and savoring an elegant royal cuisine banquet, bringing a taste of **Korea's regal** past to life. With comfortable accommodations and ample free time for personal exploration and shopping in vibrant Seoul, this tour offers an unforgettable adventure filled with history, natural splendor, and authentic experiences.

Tour Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN SEOUL

Welcome to Seoul! Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, our representative will greet and transfer you to your hotel, conveniently located near Dongdaemun shopping district. Settle in and enjoy your first day at leisure, exploring local neighborhoods or relaxing after your journey.

Hotel check-in is available after 14:00

Included Meals: No meals

Accommodation: Swiss Grand Hotel or Similar

Note:

Transfers:

A group transfer will be available at a designated time. If your flight arrives outside of our scheduled time, you will be responsible for arranging your own transfer from the airport to the hotel at your own expense.

DAY 2: SEOUL

Start your morning by visiting the grand Gyeongbokgung Palace(Deoksu Palace on Tuesdays),to witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony and explore the National Folk Museum and Korean Ginseng Center. After lunch, travel to the Korean Folk Village, where you can experience the culture of the late Joseon Dynasty. The village features around 260 traditional houses representing various provinces across Korea..

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Swiss Grand Hotel or Similar

DAY 3: GONGJU – JEONJU

Depart Seoul for Gongju (approx. 130 km / 1.5 hours). Upon arrival, visit the Royal Tomb of King Muryeong (UNESCO), part of the tomb complex of the Baekje Dynasty. Nestled on the southern slope of Songsan Mountain, the site includes seven royal tombs—three on the western side of the valley (including King Muryeong's tomb, No. 6) and four in the northeast. While six of the tombs were excavated during the Japanese colonial period, King Muryeong's tomb was uniquely discovered in 1971 during repair works and is especially well-preserved.

Continue to Gongsanseong Fortress (UNESCO), a historic mountain fortress originally constructed during the Baekje Kingdom (234–678). Located 110 meters above sea level and stretching over 2.6 kilometers, the fortress was initially built with earthen walls and later reinforced with stone during the Joseon Dynasty. The site offers panoramic views and insight into Korea's rich historical legacy.

After exploring Gongju, travel to Jeonju (approx. 80 km / 1 hour) and visit the renowned Jeonju Hanok Village, home to over 700 traditional Korean houses (Hanok). This beautifully preserved village offers a glimpse into Korea's architectural and cultural heritage.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jeonju Lahan Hotel or similar (4 STAR)

DAY 4: JEONJU – GWANGJU – SUNCHEON YEOSU

After breakfast, visit Gwangju (100km / 1hr20min), known as the birthplace of Korea's democratic movement. Explore the May 18th National Cemetery, honoring the victims of the 1980 uprising. Continue to Suncheon (100km / 1hr) and stroll through the scenic Suncheon Bay Garden. Then head to Yeosu, a coastal city, to visit the Historic Site of Admiral Yi Sun-sin's Path.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Yeosu or Similar (4 STAR)

DAY 5: YEOSU - BUSAN - GYEONGJU

Start your day exploring Jinjuseong Fortress, steeped in history from Korea's past invasions. Then, enjoy a scenic train ride to vibrant Busan. Experience the bustling Jagalchi Fish Market, stroll along famous Haeundae Beach, and unwind in tranquil Dongbaek Park. Afterwards, journey to the ancient city of Gyeongju for overnight accommodation.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel Gyeongju or similar

DAY 6: GYEONGJU - ANDONG - PYEONGCHANG

After breakfast, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage of the Bulguksa Temple complex, perched 750 meters above sea level and renowned for its remarkable Buddhist sculptures dating back to the 8th century. Next, explore the nearby Bulguksa Temple, Korea's most famous Buddhist temple, home to important Silla-period relics like the stone pagodas Tabot'ap and Sokkat'ap.

Then, travel to Andong Hahoe Folk Village (170km / 2hr30 min), a UNESCO-listed site that preserves Joseon-era architecture and traditional village life. The village remains inhabited and gained global recognition after Queen Elizabeth II's visit.

Finally, head to Wonju (155 k/ 2 hrs), a city surrounded by Chiaksan Mountain and the Seom River. As the former capital of Gangwon Province during the Joseon Dynasty, Wonju is rich in cultural heritage and scenic beauty.

DAY 6: (CONTINUED)

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: RAMADA Hotel PyeongChang or Similar

DAY 7: PYEONCHANG - SOKCHO - MT SORAK - SEOUL

After breakfast, begin your day at Alpensia Resort, the main venue of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic Games. Known for its breathtaking scenery and wide-open landscapes, the resort remains a popular destination both in Korea and abroad.

Next, head to Sokcho, a drive of approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, followed by a visit to Jumunjin Hyangho Beach in Gangneung. This lively and youthful beach gained fame as a BTS filming location and is now known for its surf lessons, beach parties, and stunning coastal views. End the day at the majestic Seoraksan National Park, where dramatic peaks rise through the clouds and pristine rivers wind through verdant valleys. This iconic natural wonder has been recognized by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve since 1982.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Swiss Grand Hotel or Similar

Notes:

During the peak season in October, Seoraksan National Park restricts access to buses and mid-sized vehicles. In this case, vehicles must stop at C District Square, requiring a 3.6 km walk to the park entrance. Please be aware that access to Seoraksan may not be possible for this tour during that time.

DAY 8: SEOUL

Spend the day freely exploring Seoul, visiting shopping districts, museums, or cafés. As evening arrives, join an enchanting night tour to experience the dazzling sights and sparkling city lights, showcasing Seoul's iconic landmarks in their illuminated glory.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Royal Hotel Myeongdong or similar

DAY 9: FREE DAY IN SEOUL

Enjoy your last full day at leisure in Seoul, discovering charming local neighborhoods, vibrant markets, shopping, or savoring delicious Korean street food. Relax or explore, creating memorable moments during your final day in the city.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Royal Hotel Myeongdong or similar

DAY 10: DEPART SEOUL

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be picked up from your hotel lobby approximately 4 hours before your flight departure and transferred comfortably to Incheon International Airport. Depart Seoul with wonderful memories of your scenic South Korean journey.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: N/A

Things To Know

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 9 nights' stay at 3-4 Star hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Royal Cuisine with Hanbok Experience
- Transfer (the vehicle is subject to the size of the group)
- Admission fees for specified sightseeing activities
- Knowledgeable English-speaking tour guide

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare and taxes
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Lunches and dinners
- Personal expenses like beverages, laundry, and phone calls
- Optional tours and activities
- Travel insurance and other personal items
- Visa fees

GROUP SIZE REQUIREMENT

- Minimum: 2 individuals
- Maximum: 48 individuals

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PAYMENT TERMS

To secure your booking, full payment is required at the time of reservation. After creating your booking, you will be directed to your invoice, where you can select your preferred payment method.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes:

Please note that any changes or upgrades requested after the booking is confirmed will be subject to a fee of AUD220 per person per change, in addition to any applicable supplier costs. This fee covers modifications to flights, hotels, tour dates, or any other services included in your package. To ensure smooth processing, we kindly request that you provide us with a minimum of 72 hours notice for all voluntary changes.

Cancellations & Refunds:

Please note that in the event of tour cancellation, a cancellation fee of AUD550 per person will be charged, in addition to any relevant supplier costs. Refund requests must be submitted in writing and will take up to 6 weeks to process. It is important to note that no refunds can be issued once the tour has commenced (for the flight-inclusive package, no refunds can be issued once the flights have been ticketed).

Name Correction Fees:

A fee of AUD220 per person applies to name corrections on documents, along with any supplier costs. Kindly note that name corrections must be requested at least 72 hours prior to departure and are subject to approval from the supplier.

Document Change Fees:

A fee of AUD220 per person will be charged for any passport changes, in addition to any applicable supplier costs. Please note that train tickets and admission access must be linked to your travel passport details. Any changes to passport information must be requested at least 14 days before departure and are subject to approval from the supplier.

Supplier Fees:

In the event that the tour you have purchased is unable to proceed or a travel supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (such as a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our suppliers and is unrecoverable. This could be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins, or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. As your agent, Better Trip is committed to covering these costs and will make every effort to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your tour. However, please note that this may not be possible in every circumstance. If refunds are unavailable from our suppliers, we will strive to obtain a travel credit with the best possible terms and communicate these options to you. If Better Trip cannot obtain a refund, travel service credit, or only a partial refund, this cost will be passed on to the customer as a supplier fee. It is important to note that this fee is not intended to generate revenue but to cover the payments our suppliers withhold during the recovery process.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

To ensure a smooth journey, it is imperative that you possess a valid passport and have obtained all necessary visas, permits, and certificates for the countries you plan to visit. Please note that passports are mandatory for all travellers when departing from Australia. For a permanent resident to travel on a foreign passport, you must also hold an Australian Re-entry Visa. Additionally, many countries require foreign nationals entering their borders to possess a passport with a minimum of six months validity. Remember, the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the accuracy of your documentation lies with you as the individual traveller. Any fines, penalties, or expenses incurred due to incorrect documentation will be solely your responsibility.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is a requirement for all our travellers and should be obtained at the time of booking. Your travel insurance should cover personal accidents, death, medical expenses, and emergency repatriation, with a recommended minimum coverage of US\$200,000 for each category. We also strongly recommend coverage for cancellation, curtailment, personal liability, luggage loss, and personal effects. On the first day of your trip, you must provide proof of your travel insurance. Please note that joining the trip will not be possible without it. If you would like our assistance obtaining travel insurance, please contact us via email at bookings@bettertrip.com.au.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Some of our packages include airport transfers in one or both directions for your arrival or departure from your destination. To determine if transfers are included, please refer to the "What's Included" section of your selected package.

If you arrange pre- or post-tour accommodations independently and the tour includes transfers, please note that these transfers will be forfeited. Transfers are provided only in conjunction with the tour dates and any pre- or post-tour accommodations booked through Better Trip, when available.

Additionally, our standard airport transfers operate on a group basis, which may involve waiting times of up to 2 hours. To avoid any potential delays, we recommend booking a private transfer for a more prompt and personalized service. For more information, please contact us at bookings@bettertrip.com.au.

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DEFAULT FLIGHTS

The default flights included in this package have been predetermined by our product team in collaboration with the airline carriers. Please note the following conditions:

- The default flights cannot be changed or refunded at any time. If these flights are not used, any unused segments will be forfeited without a refund.
- Flight carriers and schedules will be available approximately three months before the tour date.
- For customised flight requests, including changes to flight times, airlines, or classes, a re-quote will be provided at the prevailing market price, and additional charges may apply.
- If you have booked a flight-inclusive package and choose not to use the default flights, please notify us at least 72 hours before departure. Failure to do so will be considered a no-show, and the entire tour will be cancelled without a refund.

If you have any further questions or require assistance, please contact us at bookings@bettertrip.com.au.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, participants in our tours should have a moderate level of fitness, including the ability to walk for extended periods and navigate varying terrains. The tour may involve physical activities such as hiking and walking tours, so we recommend being comfortable with exertion for several hours. If you have any pre-existing medical conditions, please consult a healthcare professional before booking. Regular physical activity leading up to the tour is encouraged to enhance your experience. Your safety is our top priority, so if you feel unwell during the tour, please inform your local guide.

Accommodation

Accommodations included in your tour package will be specified in your itinerary. While we strive to provide the listed accommodations, substitutions may be necessary due to availability. For bedding configurations, we offer double or twin options for travellers sharing a room, based on availability. Solo travellers who have purchased the single supplement will have the option of a single bed. Check-in is typically between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM, and check-out usually occurs between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM; early or late check-in/out may be available upon request, but is not guaranteed. Standard amenities will be provided, although additional services may incur extra charges. We are not liable for any loss or damage to personal property during your stay, so we recommend securing travel insurance for unforeseen events. Lastly, guests are responsible for adhering to any health and safety guidelines set by the accommodation providers.

Underage Travellers

All travellers under the age of 18 must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to participate in the tour and must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will ensure their safety and well-being. Accommodation arrangements must comply with the policies of the accommodation provider, which may have age restrictions regarding room occupancy. Parents or guardians are responsible for informing us of any medical conditions or special requirements for the minor, and we recommend that all minors have appropriate travel insurance. Some of our packages are exclusively available for adult travellers aged 18 and over. All travellers are expected to adhere to our code of conduct; inappropriate behaviour may result in removal from the tour without a refund. Additionally, some activities may have age restrictions, and it is the responsibility of the accompanying adult to ensure all activities are suitable for the minor.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Tipping

Tipping is not included in your tour package and is expected to be paid during the tour. We recommend a gratuity of AUD 20 per day, per person for tour guides, drivers, and other service personnel to reflect the level of service provided. Tipping can be made in cash and given directly to the service personnel at your discretion. Please note that tipping customs may vary by country, so we encourage you to familiarize yourself with local practices. By participating in our tours, you acknowledge and accept this tipping policy.

Itinerary Modification

The itinerary presented in your tour package is subject to modification due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Better Trip, such as weather conditions and operational requirements. In the event of any changes, we will notify you via email with relevant advice or instructions as soon as possible. While we will strive to provide suitable alternative arrangements, we cannot guarantee that all aspects of the original itinerary will remain unchanged. It is the traveller's responsibility to stay informed of updates prior to departure, and by booking with us, you acknowledge and accept that itinerary modifications may occur.