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24MAR to 4APR 2025 (12D10N) South Korea Spring (Busan, Gyeongju, Andong, Sokcho, Seoul)
Cost Rm4800 per pax (14-18 pax) EXCLUDE FLIGHT & JEJU EXTENSION

OPTION for JEJU Extension 21-25 MAR 2025 (4D3N) Rm1800 EXCLUDE domestic flight Jeju to Busan

Based on KRW1,000 = RM3.465 (Oanda 15Jun24) Final adjustments on trip cost is based on exchange rate at time of final collection.

KUL - BUSAN - SEOUL Flights

Vietnam Airlines (VN)

24 MAR 2025 MON KUL to BUSAN (PUS) 1930 0710+1

04 APR 2025 FRI SEOUL (ICN) to KUL 1015 1805

Trip.com return fare Rm1305 Fare check 15Jun24

NOTE: FLIGHT choice may CHANGE subject to better options if available later.

NOTE: DO NOT PURCHASE FLIGHT TICKET UNTIL WE ADVISE.

Update 15 Jun 2024 – This is semi-backpacking trip using local public buses, trains and subways, NO chartered transport throughout trip except Jeju self-drive. It is important participants are able to manage your own luggage, preferably backpacks or softpacks, or trolley NOT more than 24", 20-22" is ideal. Large size 28" luggage is NOT ALLOWED on Yongo trips. Packing light and small bag ease your traveling experience. We do not send tour guide from Malaysia. Seoul based local tour leader will meet group at Busan airport. WhatsApp CF Wong +82 10 57113989 or Yeow Lim +6016 2093360

IMPORTANT NOTICE This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

This is for people who like to travel like locals, taking local transportations and stay in local accommodations. Tour leader is living in Korea for over 20 years. His in-depth knowledge of cities and country-side made this itinerary uncommon and travel experience unparalleled. South Korea is the place to travel if one desires modern facilities and comfort while loving both nature and cultural experiences. This trip is thoughtfully tailored to cover in and around Seoul, the modern, vibrant city with futuristic touch and the latest trendsetting city in lifestyles and technology. Savouring East Coast fishing town of Sockho to famous Soreaksan National Park. Ancient UNESCO city of Gyeongju and bustling port city of Busan with its gorgeous beach. The highlights include a stay in UNESCO Hahoe Folk Village in Andong.



Gyeongbokgung Changing Guards & in Spring

Day 1 KUL BUSAN, 24 MAR 2025 4.30PM Meet at KLIA for Vietnam Air departing 730PM to HCMC, transit 4h5. Next flight depart after midnight 12.35AM to Busan. Arriving Busan 7.10AM on 25Mar.

Day 2 BUSAN FISH MARKET & GAMCHEON VILLAGE, Arrived **Busan 7.10AM on 25 MAR.** Once settled our luggage at hotel, we visit the **Fish Market of Jagalchi** (Korea's largest seafood market) and sample some typical local lunch nearby. With short bus ride, our next stop is **Gamcheon Culture Village**. The area is known for its steep streets, twisting alleys, and brightly painted houses, which have been restored and enhanced in recent years to attract tourism. Later, we transfer to **Songdo area** where one can enjoy the Cable Car ride over the ocean, or simply stroll along the coastal front and coffee near the beach. On the way back to hotel, we visit **BIFF square** - a "Star Street" dedicated to film, related to the world-famous Busan International Film Festival. And spot the hand printings

(cemented on the street) of famous movie celebrities include Zhang Yimou, Oliver Stone and Kitano Takeshi. ON Busan.

Day 3 BUSAN HAEUNDAE. After breakfast, we subway to **Haeundae**, the area is the location of one of the most popular beaches in Korea. Here, you can take the **Sky Capsule**, some colourful mini trains slow ride along a coastal rail, or some may prefer to stroll along a walkway right next to the train to enjoy the view. Later, with some lucks, we could head to a nearby street which is popular for cherry blossom trees. After back to hotel, you are free & easy to explore other attractions nearby. The area is perfect place to shop and eat includes **Gukje Market** (International Market), **Bupyeong Kkangtong Night Market** and **Lotte Department Store**. Other nearby attractions include **Busan Tower**, a symbol of Busan that at height of 120m, its observation deck offers city and sea view. The best visit hour recommended is late afternoon (5pm+) before sunset when you can view Busan at day light and sit around until it gets dark for night scenery. ON Busan.



Sky Capsule, Beach Train & Walkway / Gumcheon Cultural Village

Day 4 UNESCO GYEONGJU CITY. 2hr transfer to Gyeongju city with metro and intercity bus. Gyeongju, an ancient capital of Silla Kingdom (57BC to 935AD), is described as an open museum because of its many tombs and UNESCO listed historical places. We visit **Tombs of Silla Kings in Royal Tumuli Park** - the **Daereungwon Tomb Complex** and **Cheomseongdae**, an ancient astronomical observatory. Cheomseongdae (built 647 AD) means stargazing tower and is the oldest surviving astronomical observatory in Asia. ON Gyeongju

Day 5 UNESCO GYEONGJU CITY. Today we hop into local buses to visit three main attractions. Firstly, **UNESCO-listed Bulguksa Temple**, follow by **Gyeongju National Museum** to learn more about the city's ancient past, and then **Woljeonggyo Bridge**, which was built during the Unified Silla period (AD676-935), but was burnt down and rebuilt in 2018 to become the largest wooden bridge in Korea. ON Gyeongju.



Royal Tombs / Andong Hahoe Folk Village

Day 6 UNESCO ANDONG HAHOE FOLK VILLAGE. After breakfast, we train 1.5hr to Andong city. Andong is known as a centre of culture and folk traditions. West of the city, UNESCO World Heritage Site **Hahoe Folk Village** has tile-roofed centuries old buildings and homes and been visited by late Queen Elizabeth and President George Bush. We will take a tour around the village before sunset and stay a night in the traditional house (hanok) inside the UNESCO Village itself. ON Hahoe Folk Village, Andong.

Day 7 SOKCHO (EAST COAST). Today we take a long journey to Sokcho with several transfers through couple of towns and in various transport modes of buses, trains and taxis. Sokcho, which is a coastal town by the East Sea (or Sea of Japan), is a pleasant fishing town well known for its grilled fish eateries and a gateway to Seoraksan National Park. During transfers, we have time to rest, quick meals & shall arrive hotel before 7pm for the grilled fish dinner. ON Sokcho.

Day 8 SEORAKSAN NATION PARK. We take local bus to Seoraksan National Park, the most popular National Park in Korea. There are various ways to explore the place. One can cable car up to **Gwongeumseong** for amazing views of the park. The **Sinheungsa Temple** and surrounding area along the stream just nice to wander for its nature. Others can trek to **Heundelbawi (Tottering Rock)** and for fitter ones, proceed on to **Ulsanbawi**, which are the huge stone mountains, accessible via long and steep metal stairways. Later afternoon, free & easy to explore sokcho beach, lakesie walkway, and nearby market. ON Sokcho.



Seoraksan National Park / Grilled Fish in Sokcho

Day 9 SEOUL LANDMARKS. Morning bus 2.5hr to Seoul. There are plenty of lunch choices at Seoul Station. We visit main attractions within the vicinity of 600-year history of **Gwanghwamun** public square, the epic centre of Seoul Metropolitan City. Attractions include UNESCO World Heritage site **Gyeongbokgung Palace** and Changing of Guards ceremony, **Cheongyecheon stream** and nearby the **Bukcheon Village**. ON Seoul.

Day 10 SEOUL GANGNAM STYLE. Gangnam literally means 'South of the river', and this district in Seoul that lies along the south banks of the Han River (or Hangang in Korean). This is an upscale modern area home to gleaming skyscrapers, designer brands and stylish nightclubs and as popular depicted in PSY's hit song 'Gangnam Style'. It's also home to country's top plastic surgery clinics and K-Pop entertainment companies. We visit the **COEX Mall** (largest underground shopping mall in Asia) in Gangnam, then the tallest in Korea and world's 5th tallest building, **Lotte World Tower-Mall & Seokchon Lake** cherry blossom trees. On the way back to hotel, we could have dinner at **Ikseondong**, Seoul's hipster maze-like streets of restaurants, cafes & handicraft shops. ON Seoul.

Day 11 SEOUL TOWER & LOCAL MARKETS. Before visiting the Tower, we have brunch at **Gwangjang Market**, one of the oldest & largest in Korea, to taste some local most popular traditional foods. Seoul Tower, aka **Namsan Tower**, it is a communication and observation tower located on Namsan Mountain in central Seoul. At 236m, it marks the highest point in Seoul. Then, we move to **Namdaemun** "Great Southern Gate", it has the large traditional market selling various affordable goods from personal items, indoors and outdoors items. Shopping continues to nearby trendy **Myeongdong shopping district**, and upmarket **Hyundai Duty Free Departmental Store**. ON Seoul.



Gwangjang Market / COEX Starfield Library

Day 12 SEOUL-KUL. Early morning transfer to Incheon airport for flight home. DEPART **4 APRIL FRI 1015AM** to HCMC, landing 1.25PM. Transit 1h35 Next flight departs 3PM and landing Kuala Lumpur 6.05PM.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Trip Cost cover accommodation, transportation to sites mentioned in itinerary.
2. Accommodations will be in budget to mid-range hotels, local homestays and guesthouses on twin or multi share basis.
3. Not covered are Flight cost Rm1600 (estimates) and Meals KRW40,000 per day (Rm140 x 10d=Rm1400 estimate), Entrance Fees Rm350 (estimate), optional activities.
4. Cost is subject to change based on fluctuations in exchange rates.
5. Non-refundable deposit of **Rm2000** is payable to confirm your place. Additional deposit **Rm800** for Jeju extension.
6. Participants are responsible to purchase TRAVEL INSURANCE prior to departure, and be adequately insured.

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JEJU EXTENSION (Pre-Trip)

Cost per pax Rm1800 (minimum 4pax) **EXCLUDES** one-way domestic flight from Jeju to Busan.

NOTE: Flights details to be advised once group formed. KUL - JEJU - BUSAN - KUL.



Seongsan Ichubong / Manjanggul Cave

Day 1 KUL JEJU. Fly AX/SPRING Airlines departing at 2315 or 11.15PM from KLIA2 to Jeju via Shanghai on **21 Mar 2025 FRI.**

Day 2 NORTHERN JEJU. Morning arrives Jeju Airport on **22 Mar 2025.** As soon as we arrive in Jeju, we pick-up our **rental private vehicle**, which will be our mode of transport in Jeju, we first check-in hotel, and then explore the northern coastal road for some scenic photo spots and its local market. ON Jeju.

Day 3 SOUTHERN JEJU. After breakfast, we drive straight to **Yongmeori Coast** at the southern Jeju. The UNESCO-listed Yongmeori (means Dragon Head) is a rough and dramatic coastline shaped from volcano lava eruptions. Walking along the spectacular rock formations is an eye-catching experience. Before lunch, we may have a mini **Olle Trail** experience, i.e. walking trails pass through villages and coastline. Later, we visit the world's largest **optical art museum - Alive Museum**, or fun at Fruit Picking (subject to seasonal factor) before head back to Hotel. ON Jeju.

Day 4 EASTERN JEJU. Today, we explore the eastern-end of Jeju begin with UNESCO's site **Manjanggul Cave**, which is one of the finest lava tunnels in the world. Only 1km of the 13,422m Manjanggul Cave is open to tourists with comfortable temperature of 11~21°C all year-round. We then climb another UNESCO World Heritage's site **Seongsan Ilchulbong**, a tuff cone crater rose 90m from under the sea in a volcanic eruption over 100,000 years ago. "Ilchulbong" means Sunrise. Later, we visit **Seopjikoji** - a popular site for Korean Drama "All-in" overlooking East China Sea from the cliff. On the way back to hotel, we make a brief stop at **Seonggeup Folk Village** - which is a small town with traditional houses hold unique local culture of the black lava rock walls. ON Jeju.

Day 5 JEJU BUSAN. Early morning transfer to Airport for domestic flight **CJU to PUS** to join the rest of members in Busan.