

27OCT - 7NOV 2025 (12D10N) South Korea Autumn (Seoul, Sokcho, Andong, Gyeongju & Busan)

Cost Rm4800 per pax (15-18 pax), Rm4900 (10-14 pax) EXCLUDE FLIGHT & JEJU EXTENSION
JEJU Extension 4D3N Rm1800 EXCLUDE domestic flight Busan to Jeju

Based on KRW1000 = Rm3.203 (Oanda 12Mar25) Final adjustment on trip cost is based on exchange rate at time of final collection.

AIR ASIA X

27 OCT 2025 MON KUL (KLIA2) to ICN (Seoul) 2250 0620+1

Vietnam Air

07 NOV 2025 FRI PUS (Busan) to KUL via HCMC 0930 1850

AAX Rm534 Vietnam Air Rm537 **WITHOUT** check-in baggage both ways. Fare check 12Mar25 **PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE FLIGHT TICKET UNTIL WE ADVISE.**

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This is a semi-backpacking trip that we will use **public transport** i.e. trains, subways, buses and taxis to move about. Cost of private transport is prohibitive and one also has to content with bad traffic jams. Therefore it's essential that participants pack light and preferably use backpacks or small trolley bag (20-22"). This is most definitely not the "touch-n-go" Korea 4-8 days tours. Its 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 countryside made this itinerary uncommon and travel experience unparalleled. **OPTION for JEJU extension 4D3N** min 4pax. Contact **CF WONG** +82 (10) 57113989 cfwong7@gmail.com or **Yong Lee Min** +60 (16) 2209033 yongo123@gmail.com

Autumn in South Korea, with its mild temperatures and gentle breezes, is a perfect time to travel. There are plenty of spots to enjoy the beauty of autumn with its surrounding foliage burst with magical colours of red, orange, yellow and more. This itinerary takes you in and around Seoul (3 days), then guides you to venture out into the countryside to taste the stunning beauty of South Korea's autumn. Savouring East Coast fishing town of Sockho to famous Soreaksan National Park. The hightlights include a stay in UNESCO heritage site of Hahoe Folk Village, and tour of Gyeongju, another UNESCO ancient city. Before fly home, Busan is the perfect place to shop in addition to its beautiful natural coastline.

IMPORTANT NOTICE This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the **right attitude** or close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. 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.



Day 1 KLIA-2 Meet at KLIA2 at **8PM 27 OCT 2025 (Monday)** for AIR ASIA X direct flight to Seoul departing at **2250 or 10.50PM** Flight time 6h30

Day 2 SEOUL LANDMARKS Arrived Seoul airport **620AM 28 OCT 2025 (Tuesday)**. Local guide will meet group at airport and travel by train/bus to hotel in downtown Seoul. Once settled luggages at hotel, we visit main attractions within the vicinity of 600-year history **Gwanghwamun Square**, the epic centre of Seoul Metropolitan City. First stop, **Gyeongbokgung Palace** & Changing of Guards Ceremony. Then the square itself and follows by **Cheongyecheon stream** and **Bukcheon Village**. ON (Overnight) Seoul

Day 3 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**, and Seokchon Lake Autumn trees. On the way back to hotel, we may have dinner at **Ikseondong**, Seoul's hipster maze-like streets of restaurants, cafes and handicraft shops. ON Seoul.



Bukcheon Village



Gwangjang Market

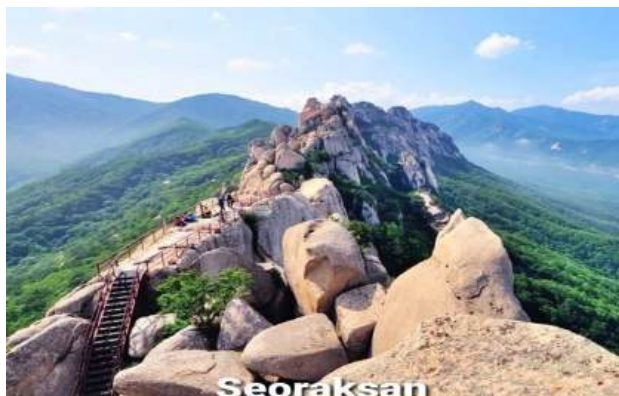
Day 4 SEOUL TOWER & LOCAL MARKETS Before visiting the Tower, we have brunch at **Gwangjang Market**, one of the oldest & largest in Korea, to taste some local most popular traditional food. **Seoul Tower, aka Namsan Tower**, it is a communication and observation tower located on Namsan Mountain in central Seoul. At 236m, it marks the highest point in Seoul. Then, we move to **Namdaemun "Great Southern Gate"**, it has the large traditional market offers authentic local foods, and selling various affordable goods from personal items, indoors and outdoors items. After lunch, we move to nearby trendy **Myeongdong** shopping district, and upmarket **Hyundai Duty Free Departmental Store**. ON Seoul.



Grilled Fish in Sokcho

Day 5 SOKCHO (EAST COAST) Morning is Free & Easy, then we check-out and re-group before noon to bus 2.5 hours to Sokcho, which is a coastal town by the East Sea (or Sea of Japan) and gateway to nearby Seoraksan National Park. This pleasant fishing town is well known for its raw-fish eateries. We take leisure walk around the nearby lake, dinner at local joint, pack some food and rest early for tomorrow mini hike. ON Sokcho.

Day 6 SOREAKSAN NATIONAL PARK We take local bus to **Soreaksan 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, it's free and easy activities around hotel e.g. Sokcho beach, lakdeside walkway, and nearby market or simply rest after morning's climb. ON Sokcho



Seoraksan



Hahoe Village

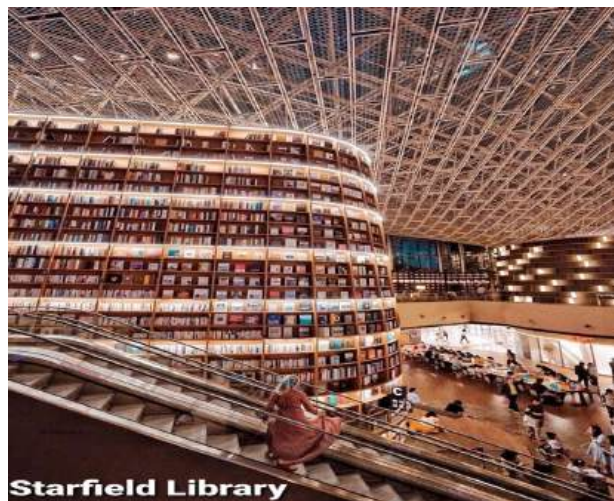
Day 7 UNESCO ANDONG HAHOE FOLK VILLAGE Today we will travel to Andong cit via Wongju or Donghae by express bus and train. From Andong, we take a local bus westward to **UNESCO world heritage site Hahoe Folk Village**. The village has tile-roofed centuries old buildings and homes. It has been visited by tourists included Queen

Elizabeth and President George Bush. We will stay a night in the traditional house (hanok) inside the UNESCO village itself. ON Hahoe Folk Village, Andong.

Day 8 UNESCO GYEONGJU CITY We take a tour around the village in the morning. The living working village is surrounded by Nakdonggang River, and it preserves Joseon-style architecture (1392 to 1897). After check-out, we bus to **Andong city** for lunch, and later board another train heading further south to Gyeongju City. The journey takes about 2 hours. Gyeongju, and ancient capital of Silla Kingdom (57BC to 935AD), is described as an open museum because of its many tombs and UNESCO listed historical places. ON Gyeongju.



Day 9 UNESCO GYEONGJU CITY 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 star-gazing tower and is the oldest surviving astronomical observatory in Asia. Then we hop into local buses to visit the UNESCO-listed **Bulguksa Temple**, follow by **Gyeongju National Museum** to learn more about the city's ancient past, and then **Woljeonggyo Bridge**, which built during the Unified Silla period (AD 676-935), but was burnt down and rebuilt in 2018 to become the largest wooden bridge in Korea. ON Gyeongju.



Day 10 BUSAN FISH MARKET & GAMCHEON VILLAGE Early morning 1 hour bus to Busan city, and further 40mins of subway to our Hotel in Nampo area, which is the central commercial and shopping area in Busan. 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, if time permit, to visit Songdo area where one can enjoy the **Cable Car** ride over the ocean, or simply stroll along the Skywalk, i.e. features sections with a clear glass floor that create the feeling of walking on top of the ocean. 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 11 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. Afternoon is free and easy and time to finish your shopping list before fly home. The area is perfect place to shop and eat includes **Gukje Market** (International Market), **Bupyeong Kkangtong Market** and **Lotte Department Store**. Nearby **Busan Tower**, a symbol of Busan that at height of 120m, its observation deck offers city and sea view. ON Busan.

Day 12 BUSAN to KUALA LUMPUR Depart **9.30AM 07 NOV 2025 (FRIDAY)** with Vietnam Airlines via HCM City, landing Kuala Lumpur 1850 or 6.50PM

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 share except Hanok Folk Village, multi-share.
3. Not covered are Flight cost Rm1500 (estimates) and Meals KRW40,000 per day (Rm140 x 11d=Rm1540 estimate), Entrance Fees Rm350 (estimate) and optional activities.
4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rate.
5. Non-refundable deposit of **Rm2000** (main trip) is payable to secure your booking on first-come basis. Additional deposit for **Jeju extension is Rm800**.
6. Participants are responsible to purchase TRAVEL INSURANCE prior to departure, and be adequately insured.

JEJU EXTENSION (Post-Trip)

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

Note - Busan to Jeju flight details to be advised nearer departure date.

SCOOT Airline JEJU - KUL via SIN 0840 1720 (Rm659 Fare check 11Mar2025)

Day 1 NORTHERN JEJU. Fly Busan Jeju. As soon as 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. ON Jeju.

Day 2 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 landscapes, small villages, farms, 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 3 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 **Seongeup Folk Village** - which is a small town with traditional houses hold unique local culture of the black lava rock walls. ON Jeju.

Day 4 JEJU KUL Morning transfer to Jeju airport for flight home,



**Manjanggal
Lava Tube**



**Seongsan
Ilchubong**



Jeju Olle Trail



Jeju Seopjikoji