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**15 -27 Oct 2017 13-days South Korea (Seoul, Suwon, Soraksan National Park, Gangneung, Samcheok, Gyeongju, Busan)**

**Rm4500 per pax for Group of 12 pax, Rm4300 14 pax, Rm4100 for 16 pax and above  
Cost above does not include flights - we use Air Asia for this trip**

**Update 11 May 2017 - AA return including taxes is RM1455 approximate.**

**BEFORE BUYING YOUR FLIGHT TICKETS, PLEASE CHECK WITH US IF PLACES ARE AVAILABLE.**

Details for Air Asia (AA) Flight Bookings

**Depart 15 OCT 2017 SUN D7 506 KUL(KLIA2) to ICN(Seoul) 0100 0820**

**Return 27 OCT 2017 FRI D7 519 PUS(Pusan) to KUL (KLIA2) 1035 1555**

### **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 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! 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.



Gyeongbokgung Palace / Nanta Show Seoul

This trip is different from my other trips in 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 its essential that participants pack light and preferably use backpacks.

**Day 0 Mon KLIA2** Meet at KLIA2 at **9PM 14Oct Sat** for after midnight flight departing **0100 on 15Oct Sun** to Seoul. Arriving 0820 6hr20 flight time.

**Day 1 Seoul** Arrived Seoul 0820, make our way to guesthouse in Hongdae (a popular univeristy urban town known for it's arts, indie music, restaurants, clubs) and leave luggages. We do a full day sightseeing including Gwanghwamun Square, Cheongyecheon stream, Jogyesa Buddhist Temple and Bukcheon Village. We adjourn at night to Insadong Market, the premier place for antiques, arts and crafts. ON Seoul.

**Day 2 Seoul** We visit the UNESCO World Heritage site Gyeongbokgung Palace and the NationalFolkMusuem, have a peek at the Blue House (official residence of Korea President). Then, we visit the renown 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 Myeongdong, is one of the primary shopping district in Seoul. Shopping continues to Namdaemun "Great Southern Gate", it has the large traditional market

selling various affordable goods from personal items, indoors and outdoors items. ON Seoul.

**Day 3 Suwon** We take subway to Suwon, 31km south of Seoul, 1 hour journey by metro. After checking into our hotel, we visit the Hwaseong Fortress which inscribed in UNESCO world heritage list. Korea is the world champion in Archery sport, within the Fortress, you can experience the sport itself with guide. ON Suwon

**Day 4 Suwon** Morning we depart by bus to Korean Folk Village, which is a tasteful reconstruction of traditional Korean village. There are scheduled shows including a farmer's dance to the sound of gongs and drums, acrobatics and tight rope dance. There are also very good eateries served in traditional village environment. Later, if time permit, we visit "Mr. Toilet House" - a two-story toilet-shaped building (Toilet museum) constructed by a former mayor of Suwon. Optional visit to Everland Park, this is a huge Theme Park, closes at 9PM and members can stay as early or as late as they wish. ON Suwon.

**Day 5 Sokcho** Early morning, we bus to Sokcho 3.5hours, which is a coastal town on the east. This pleasant fishing town is wellknown for its raw-fish eateries. We also visit their typical small town local market. ON Sokcho.

**Day 6 Soreaksan NP** We depart for Soreaksan National Park (30 mins) for a full day in this most popular National Park. We cable car up to Gwongeumseong for amazing views of the park. We also 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. Overnight Sokcho.

**Day 7 Gangneung** Morning bus 1.5 hours to Gangneung, the largest coastal city in Gangwon Province, third largest overall. It is nestled at the east side of South Korea's longest mountain range, Taebaek. The beauty of Gangneung lies towards the sea, we visit Jeongdongjin Beach. The sandy beach stretches over 250m with several nice swimming spots. There is a popular sunrise view spot next to SunCruiseResort (Ship-shaped Resort) over the cliff. ON Gangneung.

**Day 8 Samcheok** Early morning Sea Train ride 1.5 hours to Samcheok. This Sea Train running along the beautiful East Coast, every seat is tailored to face the ocean and windows are larger than those of regular trains for visitors to overlook the majestic waves, elegant beaches, and the emerald-blue ocean. It travels 58 kilometers, connecting Gangneung, Donghae and Samcheok. After checking in, we bus to Hwanseon Caves. This is the largest limestone caves in South Korea. ON Samcheok.



Dining in Korean Folk Village Suwon / Yongdong Village

**Day 9 Gyeongju** Early morning we bus to Haesindang Park aka 'The Penis Park' is around 30km from the centre of Samcheok, and is, as the name would suggest, a park full of penises!!! Before you write this off as some kind of sleaze fest, or scoff at the immaturity of wishing to visit the area; take a moment to digest the story behind the park. Afternoon, we bus 5 hours to UNESCO World Heritage Gyeongju area. ON Gyeongju.

**Day 10 Gyeongju** Gyeongju is described as an an open museum because of it's many tombs and UNESCO listed historical places. Today, we chartered private transport for full day to visit the tombs of Silla Kings in Tumuli Park, Seoguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple. We break for lunch at before visiting the folk village of Yangdong on the outskirts of Gyeongju. This is a living working village with many centuries old buildings and dwellings. If time permits, we continue to Cheomseongdae, an astronomical observatory in Gyeongju, South Korea. Cheomseongdae means star-gazing tower in Korean. Cheomseongdae is the oldest surviving astronomical observatory in Asia, and possibly even the world. ON Gyeongju.

**Day 11 Busan** Early morning bus to Busan 1 hour. We visit Haeundae Beach; then recharge at Spa Land -"Korea's most outrageous sauna" by CNN located at Shinsegae Centum City - the world largest departmental store. Everyone wears their birthday suit for this with no exceptions.



Option of watching Nanta Show in Busan. ON Busan.

**Day 12 Busan Jagalchi Fish Market** We visit the the famous fish market of Jagalchi, have sashimi at the seafood restaurants. There is good outdoor shops at Gukje Market. Across the street, we visit BIFF square - a "Star Street" dedicated to film, related to the world-famous Busan International Film Festival. With short bus ride, our last stop before dinner 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 - ON Busan.



Unesco listed Bulguksa Temple / Forest in Gyeongju

**Day 13 Home:** Transfer to airport for AA flight 1035 Arrive KLIA2 on **Fri 27Oct 2017 355PM**

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Cost cover Yongo guiding, accomodation and travelling to sites mentioned above.
2. Accomodation will be in local budget motels
3. Inter-town travel is covered which will be by trains and public buses. South Korea's public transport is excellent and very modern.
4. Not covered are Air Asia flights, in-town taxis subways or buses, meals, entrance fees to theme parks, museums, etc. and travel insurance.
5. Entrance fees to museums and palaces are very reasonable. Entrances to Unesco Bulguksa is W5,000 or Rm20. Entrances to theme Parks Everland and Lotte World are higher at about Rm200 each.
6. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates.
7. A deposit of Rm850 will be payable to confirm your place. If you want us to purchase the Air Asia flight tickets, please deposit another Rm1400. The excess will be returned.

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