

Enchanting South Korea

9 Days

Seoul, Mount Seorak,
Andong, Gyeongju



Highlights

- Stroll through the **Changdeokgung Palace** grounds
- Gaze into North Korean territory at the **Demilitarised zone (DMZ)**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling crowds of **Myeongdong**
- Explore the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, **Gyeongju**
- Experience the serenity of **Seokguram Grotto**

Asia's third largest economy and the country which brought the world "Gangnam Style", South Korea is a high-tech, trend setting nation with a reverent, old soul.

With tranquil national parks boasting picturesque landscapes, a rich cultural history, delicious local cuisine, a bounty of the latest technological advances, fashions and more, a visit to the Land of the Morning Calm should be on every traveller's list.

Day 1 • New Zealand ✈️ Seoul

Take an overnight flight to Seoul via a connecting city. (Note: Some flights may depart one day after.)

Day 2 • Seoul

You will be warmly greeted by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Day 3 • Seoul 🚗 Mt. Seorak • (B, L, D)

Designated a **UNESCO Biosphere Preservation District** in 1982 due to the many rare species found in the national park, **Mt Seoraksan National Park** is Korea's most famous national park. This morning, tour **Shinheungsa Temple** and take the **cable car to Gwonkeumseong Fortress** to experience the beautiful natural landscapes on offer. Continue to **Sokcho fishing village** this afternoon.

Day 4 • Mt. Seorak 🚗 Andong 🚗 Gyeongju • (B, L)

Visit the **traditional village of Andong**, with its well preserved traditional houses and unique mask dancing performance. Later, travel to **Gatbawi Shrine**.

Day 5 • Gyeongju • (B, L)

Today, explore the many archaeological sites and temples, **royal tombs** and **monuments of Gyeongju**, the capital of the ancient **Shilla Kingdom**. Visit **Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory**, **Royal Tumuli Park**, **Gyeongju National Museum**, **Bulguksa Temple**, and **Seokguram Grotto Temple**.

Day 6 • Gyeongju 🚗 Seoul • (B, L)

This morning, heading to **Changdeokgung Palace**, one of the "Five Grand Palaces" built by the Kings of the Jeoson Dynasty and Insadong, a street full of traditional Korean antiques and tea houses. Continue to **Cheonggyecheon Stream** and admire its unique beauty, before visiting **Myeongdong**, one of Seoul's main commercial districts. Then visit a Korean Ginseng Centre to learn about Ginseng, which has existed for thousands of years to improve people's overall health. Later, experience the city's best night view at **Namsan tower**.



Mount Seoraksan National Park



Sokcho fishing village

2018 Guaranteed Departures

Package Price (NZD)

Single Supplement

07 Mar	30 May	05 Sep
14 Mar	13 Jun	19 Sep**
21 Mar*	27 Jun**	03 Oct*
28 Mar*	11 Jul*	17 Oct*
11 Apr*	25 Jul*	31 Oct*
02 May	08 Aug	07 Nov*
16 May	22 Aug*	

\$3,399

\$600

Package Inclusions:

- Economy class airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges departing Auckland with China Southern Airlines
- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- Daily meals as indicated (B, L, D)
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Site entry fees
- English speaking tour guide(s)

Package Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in New Zealand: NZD\$77
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses

Price Guide:

- *Shoulder Season Surcharge: NZD\$220
- **Peak Season Surcharge: NZD\$440
- Stay Behind Surcharge: From NZD\$220 surcharge (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)

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Hotel Accommodation All hotels based on local hotel ratings

Seoul	The Palace Hotel Seoul	4H or similar
Daegu	Daegu Grand Hotel	4H or similar
Gyeongju	Gyeongju Commodore Hotel	4H or similar
Mount Seorak	Inje Speedium Hotel & Resort	4H or similar



Shinheungsa Temple



Royal Tumuli Park



Bulguksa Temple



Cheonggyecheon Stream



Andong



Gaeseong City

Day 7 • Seoul • (B, L, D)

Visit **North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel**, located within the **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)** a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. An entire infantry division can move through the tunnel in an hour. View North Korean territory including the **Propaganda Village**, **People's School** and **Gaeseong City**, the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom from the Dora Observation Platform. Also visit **Freedom Park**, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. **North Hall** contains displays of North Korean lifestyle, and the Exhibition Hall houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War.

Day 8 • Seoul ✈ New Zealand • (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home via a connecting city.

Day 9 • New Zealand

Arrive home.

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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Your Travel Agent

Overview/ Introduction to Korea

Synonymous with the global phenomenon Gangnam Style, South Korea is a dream destination for many travellers. The capital, Seoul, is a fast-paced cosmopolitan centre with an appetite for fashion, pop culture and the latest in high-tech gadgets. Yet just an hour away from the cityscape, travellers here can find themselves enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the various national parks encompassing gorgeous hiking trails and dense mountain landscapes, and with the ancient cultural traditions also retaining a strong presence throughout the country, travellers seeking a cultural experience are also sure to be satisfied.

Friendly people, delicious food and delightful contrasts between the modern and the traditional, ensure that the indomitable spirit of South Korea will encapsulate and inspire travellers from all walks.

Language - The official national language is Korean

Entry Requirements - Passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the length of stay. Visas are not required for New Zealand passport holders for entry into Korea for stays of up to 90 days

Cities

Seoul

South Korea's capital city is home to a population of 10.5 million people. A dynamic city blending ancient traditions with modern hi-tech advances, it offers the visitor plenty of sightseeing opportunities; from the famed Gyeongbok Palace, to Seoul Tower to Insadong Antique Alley and beyond.

Gyeongju

The Silla Dynasty reigned during what many would consider the most important period in Korean history. With Gyeongju as its capital, the city itself is often thought of as an open air museum housing an endless array of tombs, temples, pagodas and ruins dating back as early as 57BC.

Andong

The home of Confucianism in Korea, scholars flocked to the city during the Jeonson Dynasty. Also home to a significant number of the noble class during this time, many of their residences have been preserved and the city is a great place to experience the core of Korea's traditional lifestyles.