

14 Day South Korea with Jeju Island

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NZ owned	International Flights Included	Fully Escorted by English speaking tour guide
7-Day Change of Mind		

Day by Day Itinerary

Seoul, Busan, Gyeongju, Cheolwon, Pocheon, Jeju Island

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gyeongbokgung Palace and Hanbok Experience:**
Discover the grandeur of Gyeongbokgung Palace, the most iconic royal palace in Seoul, while dressed in a traditional Korean hanbok. This immersive experience allows you to step back in time and explore Korea's rich cultural heritage in an unforgettable way.
- Jeju Island Extension:**
Jeju Island, often referred to as the "Hawaii of South Korea," is a breathtaking destination known for its volcanic landscapes, stunning beaches, and lush forests. Its unique blend of natural wonders, including the UNESCO-listed Hallasan Mountain and Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, makes it a paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers.
- KTX Train Journey from Seoul to Busan:**
Travel at lightning speed from Seoul to Busan on the KTX train, South Korea's cutting-edge high-speed rail system. This journey not only saves time but also offers stunning views of the Korean countryside as you zip across the peninsula.
- Haedong Yonggungsa Temple:**
Visit Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, one of South Korea's rare seaside temples, offering breathtaking ocean views and a serene spiritual atmosphere. This temple is a must-see for those seeking to combine natural beauty with cultural exploration.
- Golgulsa Temple Stay and Sunmudo Meditation:**
Experience the ancient martial art of Sunmudo during a temple stay at Golgulsa, where you'll practice meditation and traditional Korean archery. This unique spiritual retreat offers a deep dive into Korea's Buddhist traditions amidst a tranquil natural setting.
- DMZ Tour and Peace Observatory:**
Embark on a DMZ tour to explore the Korean Demilitarized Zone, including the 2nd Tunnel and Peace Observatory, where you can peer into North Korea. This tour offers a rare and insightful look into the history and ongoing tensions between the two Koreas.

ITINERARY

Day 1: - Seoul, South Korea

Annyeong! Welcome to South Korea.

On arrival into (Incheon International Airport) (ICN) you will be met by a local representative and transferred to your accommodation.

After checking in and settling into your room, take some time to freshen up and relax. Depending on your arrival time, you can explore nearby areas such as Myeongdong, which is famous for its vibrant shopping streets and delicious street food. Alternatively, take a leisurely walk along the scenic Cheonggyecheon Stream, a restored urban waterway that runs through downtown Seoul.

Enjoy your first evening in Seoul at your leisure, perhaps sampling local cuisine at a nearby restaurant.

Meals: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Hotel Amid 4 Star or similar

Please note:

If purchasing the land only option, please be advised that transfers are not included. You will need to make your own way to the joining hotel.

Depending on the time of your departure flight, the start date of your tour may be the day prior.

Day 2: Seoul

After breakfast, your first excursion will be experiencing traditional Korean culture by wearing a hanbok and visiting Gyeongbokgung Palace, the main royal palace of the Joseon Dynasty.

Be sure to witness the colourful changing of the guard ceremony at the palace gates. Afterward, head to Bukchon Hanok Village, where you'll wander through its picturesque alleys lined with well-preserved hanok houses. This village offers a glimpse into traditional Korean life and stunning views of the city.

In the afternoon, make your way to N Seoul Tower on Namsan Mountain. You'll take a bus and then a lift to the observation deck, where you can enjoy panoramic views of Seoul's skyline. Spend some time taking in the scenery and perhaps visiting the tower's digital observatory and love locks area. After a day full of exploration, return to your hotel to relax and recharge for tomorrow's activities.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Amid 4 Star or similar

Day 3: Seoul - Busan

After breakfast, check out and prepare for your journey to Busan. You'll take the high-speed KTX train from Seoul to Busan, a comfortable and efficient way to travel across the country in about 2.5 hours.

Upon arrival in Busan, visit Jagalchi Fishery Market, South Korea's largest seafood market. Here, you can witness the bustling activity as vendors sell fresh seafood and enjoy a meal at one of the market's eateries.

Next, explore Kukje International Market, a sprawling market where you can find a variety of goods, from clothing to electronics. Continue your tour with a visit to Busan Tower, located in Yongdusan Park. The tower offers stunning views of Busan's harbour and cityscape. In the late afternoon, head to Gamcheon Culture Village, known for its colourful houses, steep streets, and artistic installations. This vibrant village is often referred to as the "Machu Picchu of Busan." After a full day, check into your hotel in Busan and relax for the evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Busan Crown Harbor 4 Star or similar

Day 4: Busan

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before starting your day. Begin with a visit to Haedong Yonggung Temple, a beautiful Buddhist temple set against the backdrop of the sea. The temple's serene atmosphere and stunning views make it a must-visit spot. Next, head to Haeundae Blueline Park, where you'll take a unique ride on the Sky Capsule along the coastline, offering picturesque views of the ocean and surrounding areas.

Relax at Haeundae Beach, one of Busan's most famous beaches. Whether you want to sunbathe, swim, or simply enjoy the seaside atmosphere, Haeundae Beach is the perfect spot. In the afternoon, take a scenic yacht cruise

along the coast, providing a different perspective of Busan's beautiful shoreline. Finish your day with a visit to Oryukdo Skywalk, a thrilling glass bridge that offers breathtaking views of the cliffs and ocean below. Afterward, return to your hotel and enjoy your evening at leisure.

Meals:Breakfast

Accommodation: Busan Crown Harbor 4 Star or similar

Day 5: Busan - Gyeongju

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before checking out.

Travel to Gyeongju and visit Yangdong Folk Village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This well-preserved traditional village showcases Joseon-era architecture and offers insights into Korean history and culture.

Continue your exploration with a visit to Tumuli Park, known for its large burial mounds of ancient kings and nobility of the Silla Dynasty. The park's lush greenery and historical significance make it a fascinating destination.

This afternoon, head to Gyeongju National Museum, where you'll find an extensive collection of artefacts from the Silla Dynasty, providing a deeper understanding of Korea's ancient history. Afterward, stroll along Hwangridan-gil Road, a popular street lined with trendy cafes, shops, and traditional houses. This charming area is perfect for an afternoon walk and offers plenty of opportunities for shopping and dining. Check into your hotel in Gyeongju and relax for the evening.

Meals:Breakfast

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel 4 Star or similar

Day 6: Gyeongju - Temple Stay Experience

Your first stop today will be Bulguksa Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its unique architecture and serene surroundings. Explore the temple grounds and appreciate its historical and cultural significance. Afterward, head to Golgulsa Temple for a unique temple stay experience.

At Golgulsa Temple, you'll participate in various activities designed to give you a deeper understanding of Korean Buddhism and traditional practices. Start with an archery experience, where you'll learn the basics of traditional Korean archery. Then, engage in Sunmudo meditation, a unique Korean Zen martial art that combines meditation and physical exercise. Watch a Sunmudo performance to see the martial art in action, followed by an orientation and training session where you can practise the techniques yourself.

Participate in the 108 Times Bows, a meditative practice that involves performing 108 prostrations. This activity is both physically and spiritually rewarding. Enjoy a traditional temple meal for dinner, offering a unique culinary experience. After a fulfilling day at the temple, return to your hotel for a restful night.

Meals:Breakfast

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel 4 Star or similar

Day 7: Gyeongju - Seoul

After breakfast, check out and board the KTX train back to Seoul.

Upon arrival, explore Hongik University Street, a vibrant area known for its youthful energy, street performances, and indie music scene. Enjoy shopping, street food, and the creative atmosphere that makes this neighborhood so popular.

In the afternoon, relax on a Han River cruise, offering beautiful views of Seoul's skyline and landmarks. The cruise provides a peaceful break from the city's hustle and bustle.

After the cruise, check into your hotel in Seoul and enjoy the evening at your leisure. You might want to explore nearby areas or simply relax at the hotel.

Meals:Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Amid or 4 Star or Similar

Day 8: Seoul

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before joining in to participate in a cooking class, learning how to make traditional Korean temple food. This hands-on experience offers insights into the dietary practices of Korean monks and the principles of temple cuisine.

Next, visit Gwangjang Market, one of Seoul's oldest traditional markets. The market is famous for its street food and traditional goods, offering a sensory overload of sights, sounds, and smells. Sample local delicacies such as

bindaetteok (mung bean pancakes) and mayak gimbap (mini seaweed rice rolls).

In the afternoon, explore Jongmyo Shrine, a Confucian shrine dedicated to the deceased kings and queens of the Joseon Dynasty. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the shrine offers a peaceful atmosphere and a glimpse into Korea's royal history. Continue your tour with a visit to Myeongdong Street, one of Seoul's busiest and most vibrant districts. Enjoy shopping at popular stores and trying various street foods.

This evening, visit the Nanta Show, a popular non-verbal performance that combines traditional Korean drumming with comedy and drama. The high-energy show is entertaining and engaging for audiences of all ages. After the show, return to your hotel and relax.

Meals:

Accommodation: Hotel Amid 4 Star or Similar

Day 9: Seoul - Cheolwon - Pocheon

Embark on a thought-provoking journey to the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), one of the most heavily fortified borders in the world, symbolising the division between North and South Korea since the Korean War armistice in 1953.

Your visit begins at the 2nd Tunnel, one of four known infiltration tunnels dug by North Korea. Discovered in 1975, this tunnel is a stark reminder of the hostilities that still linger on the Korean Peninsula. The tunnel is large enough to accommodate an army, and it is believed that it was constructed to enable a surprise attack on Seoul. Today, it stands as a reminder of the fragile peace that exists between the two Koreas.

Next, you'll visit Woljeongri Station, also known as the "Iron Triangle Battlefield." This station was once a bustling stop on the Seoul-Wonsan Line before the Korean War disrupted its operations. The station serves as a poignant symbol of the war's destructive impact and the enduring division of the Korean Peninsula. Your DMZ tour continues to the Peace Observatory Tower, where you can peer across the border into North Korea. The observatory offers panoramic views of the lush landscapes of the North, a rare glimpse into a land that remains largely hidden from the outside world.

After exploring the DMZ, your journey continues to the scenic Cheolwon Hantan River Jusangjeolli Clifft Road. This natural wonder is renowned for its unique basalt formations, created by the cooling and contraction of volcanic lava millions of years ago.. The serene landscape offers a moment of reflection, allowing you to absorb the day's experiences while enjoying the tranquillity of the natural environment.

The day concludes with an overnight stay at your hotel in Pocheon, where you can relax and unwind, processing the day's profound and contrasting experiences.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Pocheon Hanhwa Resort or Similar 4 Star

Day 10: Pocheon - Jeju Island

Spend the day exploring Pocheon, starting with a visit to Pocheon Art Valley, a former quarry transformed into a cultural complex featuring sculptures, galleries, and the picturesque Cheonjuho Lake. Next, immerse yourself in the fragrant world of herbs and flowers at Pocheon Herb Island.

In the late afternoon, fly to Jeju, South Korea's largest island. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you can unwind after a full day of exploration.

With no guided activities planned for the evening, you have the opportunity to relax and enjoy your first night on this beautiful island.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jeju Gloucester or Similar – 5 Star

Day 11: Jeju Island

Begin your day with a leisurely breakfast, knowing that the entire day is yours to explore at your own pace. Jeju is a treasure trove of natural wonders and cultural landmarks, offering a variety of experiences for every type of traveller. Whether you prefer to relax on the island's pristine beaches, take a hike up Hallasan Mountain, or explore iconic sites like Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, you have the freedom to create your perfect itinerary.

With its unique blend of volcanic landscapes, lush forests, and picturesque coastlines, Jeju Island invites you to immerse yourself in its natural beauty. You might choose to visit the Jeju Folklore and Natural History Museum for a deeper understanding of the island's culture and history or perhaps wander through the scenic landscapes of the

Hallim Park. Jeju's vibrant markets also offer a taste of the local flavours and crafts, providing a truly immersive cultural experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jeju Gloucester or Similar – 5 Star

Day 12: Jeju Island

The day is yours to continue exploring Jeju Island. Jeju is known for its diverse landscapes, from its volcanic craters and lava tubes to its serene beaches and waterfalls, making it a perfect destination for nature lovers and adventurers alike.

As the evening sets in, return to your hotel and savour your last night on Jeju Island.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jeju Gloucester or Similar – 5 Star

Day 13: Jeju Island [plane] Home

On your final morning in Jeju, enjoy one last breakfast on the island.

After checking out of your hotel, you'll be transferred to Jeju Airport for the flight back to the mainland and onward home.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 14: Home

Welcome home, we hope you had a great trip to South Korea with AVG Travels.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return international flights**
- Return domestic flights in South Korea
- All return airport transfers included
- 10 nights comfortable 4-star centrally located hotels
- 3 nights 5-star Jeju Island stay
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Return KTX high speed train Seoul – Busan and Gyeongju – Seoul
- Daily Breakfast
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- Comfortable group touring with a maximum of 30 guests
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (approx AUD10/per person/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all travel)
- Trip delay or interruption due to airline schedule changes
- Extra cost for missed tour caused by flight delay or cancellation
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the itinerary

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT

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Thursday 20 Feb 2025	Wednesday 05 Mar 2025	\$8,999		Book
Thursday 06 Mar 2025	Wednesday 19 Mar 2025	\$8,799		Book
Thursday 20 Mar 2025	Wednesday 02 Apr 2025	\$8,799		Book
Thursday 03 Apr 2025	Wednesday 16 Apr 2025	\$8,999		Book
Thursday 17 Apr 2025	Wednesday 30 Apr 2025	\$8,999		Book
Thursday 15 May 2025	Wednesday 28 May 2025	\$8,799		Book
Thursday 29 May 2025	Wednesday 11 Jun 2025	\$8,799		Book
Thursday 12 Jun 2025	Wednesday 25 Jun 2025	\$8,699		Book
Thursday 26 Jun 2025	Wednesday 09 Jul 2025	\$8,599		Book
Thursday 10 Jul 2025	Wednesday 23 Jul 2025	\$8,499		Book
Thursday 24 Jul 2025	Wednesday 06 Aug 2025	\$8,499		Book
Thursday 07 Aug 2025	Wednesday 20 Aug 2025	\$8,499		Book
Thursday 21 Aug 2025	Wednesday 03 Sep 2025	\$8,499		Book
Thursday 04 Sep 2025	Wednesday 17 Sep 2025	\$8,699		Book
Thursday 18 Sep 2025	Wednesday 01 Oct 2025	\$8,699		Book
Thursday 02 Oct 2025	Wednesday 15 Oct 2025	\$8,799		Book
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Thursday 30 Oct 2025	Wednesday 12 Nov 2025	\$8,499		Book
Thursday 13 Nov 2025	Wednesday 26 Nov 2025	\$8,499		Book

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Thursday 27 Nov 2025	Wednesday 10 Dec 2025	\$8,699		Book
Thursday 11 Dec 2025	Wednesday 24 Dec 2025	\$8,799		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from **Auckland**.

Regional Surcharge

Surcharge of **\$450** for departures from Christchurch, Queenstown and Wellington.

Airline Selection: We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

Flight Conditions: Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

Ticketing Information: Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an AVG Travels change fee of \$250 per person.

Passenger Details: Please ensure all traveller names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or require the purchase of a new ticket.

Flight Schedule Changes: Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

Internal Airfares: Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

Booking Considerations: If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same due to availability.

Luggage and Fees: You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

No-Show Policy: Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new ticket purchase. AVG Travels charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

Price Adjustments: Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

- Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline
- Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class
- Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.
- Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.
- Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AVG Travels Trusted Partner Tour

AVG Travels have sourced a local, trusted partner to operate this tour. Our team has carefully vetted the itinerary and on-ground operations to ensure our AVG Travels clients are in good hands.

Land Only Packages

Transfers ARE NOT included for land only packages.

Please note that customers purchasing the land only option need to make their own way to the joining hotel and the airport at the end of the tour. AVG Travels can assist with purchasing private transfers if choosing the land only option.

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 km per day or more. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of \$10 per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$1490** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Triple Share

Upon request

Group Size

min 8

max 30 travellers

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while travelling.

We have partnered with Kiwi Holidays Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages. Visa conditions are subject to change at short notice, so it is the responsibility of the traveller to consult with the relevant consulates to ensure they have the appropriate visa for entry to the countries being visited.

NZ passport holders can visit South Korea as tourists for stays of up to 90 days without applying for a visa.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/> for up-to-date information in terms of entry requirements.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are priced at the same price as adults.

We generally recommend that children be over 5 years old, as some itineraries may involve 2-3 hours or even longer of coach travel at a time, which can be challenging for younger children.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre Tour Accommodation

- \$450 per room, per night including one-way airport transfer based on double/twin room share

Post Tour Accommodation

- \$450 per room, per night including one-way airport transfer based on double/twin room share

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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