

KOREA TOURS

SIC Seoul city full-day tour

Duration : 08:40-17:00

Pick-up & Drop-off at your hotel

Visits : Cheonggyecheon, Blue House, Gyeongbok palace, National Folk Museum, Amethyst showroom or Ginseng center, Bukak sky way, Changdeok palace, Bukchon cultural center, Insa-dong antique shop street, Namdaemun market

Tour includes transfer, English speaking guide, Korean style lunch and entrance fees

SIC Suwon Hwaseong Fortress (UNESCO) & Korean Folk Village full-day tour

Duration : 09:00-17:00

Pick-up & Drop-off at your hotel

Visits : Suwon Hwaseong fortress & Korean Folk Village

Tour includes transfer, English speaking guide and entrance fees

Gyeongju Tour Bus

Duration : 10:00-18:00

Pick-up & Drop-off at your hotel

Visits : Tomb of King Muyeol, Tumuli park, Cheomseongdae (drive past), Anapji, Seokguram grotto & Bulguksa temple

*** Enjoy a full day bus tour of Gyeongju by joining with other tourists**

*** The tour bus transports you to some of the Gyeongju highlights, but English speaking guide is not accompanied.**

Tour price includes bus ticket

Gyeongju – Busan (B)

Busan City Tour Bus (Loop tour).

* Bus stop : Exit 1. of Busan train station (in front of Arirang Hotel at Busan station square)

* Bus ticket reservation is not available, kindly buy a ticket directly on board (fare KRW 15,000)

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* Bus does not operate on Mondays

* No English speaking guide but, English, Chinese and Japanese speaking audio guide in the bus

HAEUNDAE COURSE

> Busan City Tour Bus departures from 09:45 to 16:45 (30minutes interval)

- 1) Busan station
- 2) UN Memorial Cemetery
- 3) Busan Museum
- 4) Yonghoman Sightseeing Boat Terminal
- 5) Gwangalli Beach
- 6) Nurimaru
- 7) Haeundae Beach
- 8) (Old) Haeundae Station
- 9) Centum City & Sinsega Department Store
- 10) Busan Cinema Center
- 11) Busan Museum of Art
- 12) Yeongdo Bridge

TAEJONGDAE COURSE

> Busan City Tour Bus departures from 09:30 to 17:00 (30minutes interval)

- 1) Busan station
- 2) Yeongdo Bridge
- 3) 75 Square
- 4) Taejongdae
- 5) National Maritime Museum of Korea (International cruise terminal)
- 6) Songdo Beach
- 7) BIFF Square & Jagalchi Fish Market

Busan – Jeju (B)

: 08:00-19:00

Pick-up & drop-off at hotels in downtown Jeju

Visits : Jeju ice museum, Mysterious road, Circus world Asia's best motorcycle show, Dwarf's land theme park,

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Tour includes transfer, Korean style Lunch and entrance fee

Course

Duration : 08:00-19:00

Pick-up & drop-off at hotels in downtown Jeju

Visits : Jeju souvenir shop, Pony ranch, Jeju Jeolmul natural recreation forest, Monglian horse show,

Seongeup folklore village, Guang qi gi ocean, Seangsean sunrise peak, Jeju women divers museum

Tour includes transfer, Korean style Lunch and entrance fee

Seoul – Gyeongju (B D) 370km

Meeting with a guide and speed train to Gyeongju, an ancient capital of the Silla dynasty (BC57-AD935). As leisurely make your way to Gyeongju, you will see Korea's fertile farmland, glistening brooks, heavily sheltered ginseng farms, apple plantations and lovely rice paddies that together forming a patchwork of colors and ever-changing textures of the rural Korean life. Gyeongju is one of the ten historical cities in the world. Temple sites with weathered stone pagodas, royal tombs, Buddhist bas-reliefs, and fortress ruins are scattered throughout this ancient city. Your afternoon tour includes **Poseok bower**. All that can be seen now is the abalone-shaped stone channel through which at one time a cool stream of water was directed into the palace. The later kings of Silla often forgot their royal duties and spent most of their time here with royal banquets. Visit tomb of Kim Yusin (595-673), Silla's great general who united the kingdom under the rule of the King Muyeol in the 7th century. Dressed in civilian garb, the stone carved zodiac images surrounding the mound are the most well preserved of all the remains. Then on to **King Muyeol's Tomb**. The first thing that you will notice is granite turtle base and tablet cap-stone, which is considered one of the most important historical remains. The tomb is as high as 12m and the diameter is almost 100m. There are four other huge burial mounds from the early period of the Silla Dynasty, lined up on the gentle slope. Finally, visit **Bunhwangsa temple** with 10m-high three-storied rectangular pagoda, the main worship hall with Buddha of Medicine, and legendary well that is said to have saved the kingdom. The nearby open field was once occupied by Silla's largest temple Hwangyongsa. The 67m tall nine-storied pagoda made entirely of wood stood here until it was destroyed during the Mongol invasion in 1238. Korean style short rib barbecue dinner.

Gyeongju (B L)

Full day tour of Gyeongju exploring UNESCO world heritage temples: **Seokguram grotto**, the home of the serene stone Buddha of the eighth century and **Bulguksa temple**, which were both built during the glorious period of the Silla kingdom (BC57-AD935). Seokguram grotto is one of the finest Buddhist shrines in Asia. Inside, a white serene statue of a seated Buddha, in a sublime state of enlightenment, is surrounded by Bodhisattva, disciples, devas, and guardian kings. The grotto represents the magnificent harmony of religion, science and the arts of Buddhism, symbolizing the pure land in which Buddha resides. A short ride from the Grotto is Bulguksa, which is one of the best-known temples in the country. There are two double level arched stone staircases - the symbolic bridges, leaving the world of sufferings behind and to enter Buddha's land. And, on the terraced courtyard stands main worship hall with its two pagodas; calm simplicity of lines three-storied Seokgatap while the noted complexity of the Dabotap, blending well into the architectural harmony. The architectural design of Bulguksa is one of constrained dignity, peace, and harmony and the

temple still remains as one of the most remarkable achievements of the ancient Far East. Visit **Gyeongju museum** displaying the 23 ton Emille Bell which was cast in AD 771, and thousands of priceless treasures including splendid craftworks such as a gold crown and belt from Cheonmachong. The Anapji hall exhibits many thousands of artifacts dredged up from the Anapji including a royal barge. Near the museum is **Anapji**. It was built in AD674 soon after the unification as a pleasure garden to commemorate the victory of Silla, and later used as the recreational area for the Silla's royal family - Grand parties and games were played here. Then, stroll through **Banwolseong**, half moon fortress, where Silla palace with its eight fortress gates and many buildings were stood. There is a **Seokbinggo**, a freezer made of stones. Half of the structure is underground while the other half is above ground with three air vents on top. You will not be disappointed at the entrance of this humble structure. Adjacent wood is Gyerim, literally meaning Rooster Forest. It is a sacred woodland area where progenitor of the Gyeongju Kim family, Kim Al-ji, was supposed to have been born. Drop by **Cheomseongdae**, known as the world's oldest astronomical observatory. It was scientifically constructed, and each stone used in the observatory bears symbolic meaning; the same number of the days of the year by lunar calendar, the number of the major stars, the months of the year and the numbers of the seasonal divisions. The rectangular stones on the top are calibrated to the standard of Silla's meridian, and each corner of the stones points to one of the four directions. Visit **Tumuli Park**. The park encompasses 23 huge tomb mounds where Silla rulers were buried and the largest cluster of ancient tombs around Gyeongju. One of the tombs, Cheonmachong, is opened to the public and you can go inside and see how the tombs were made and see replicas of the treasures excavated in 1973. Korean style table D'hote lunch at local restaurant.

Gyeongju – Ynagsan – Busan (B D) 130km

Travel to Busan, a Korea's second largest city surrounded by the ocean on one side, and mountains on the other. Its deep harbor and gentle tides have allowed it to grow into the largest port in Korea and the fifth largest in the world. It is also a center of industry and commerce, a thriving metropolis formed unusually long in shape along its coastal line. En route, drop by **Tongdosa temple**, literally meaning 'pass through to enlightenment'. The approach to the temple is completely entrancing. Magnificently set by a lane of pine trees dancing in the wind and beside which a mountain stream sings a babbling song a distinctive and exalting place. Tongdosa was founded in AD 646 and it is comprised of 35 buildings. The main hall is unique in that it has no statue of the Buddha, only a window looking out onto the Diamond Precepts Altar which leads up to a platform containing the bell shaped stupa housing the cremated remains of the Buddha himself, thus earning a name the temple of the Buddha. The Diamond Precept Altar is a unique and elaborately-built artifact. As the name indicates, once the precepts are given to the monks, they are indestructible. Visit UN cemetery, where 2,300 deceased soldiers from sixteen Korean War allies rest in honored serenity. Currently

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buried at the cemetery are 885 soldiers from the United Kingdom, 462 from Turkey, 378 from Canada, 281 from Australia, 117 from the Netherlands, 44 from France, 34 from New Zealand, 36 from the U.S.A, 11 from South Africa, 1 from Norway, 36 from South Korea, 4 unknown soldiers and 11 civilians. With time to hassle over city's traffic, visit **Jagalchi fish market**, a great attraction located on dockside off to the bustling downtown. The market has a wide variety of fish, such as sea bream, sea bass, snapper, saury, pollack, halibut, corvina, cutlass fish, mackerel, octopus, sea squirt, cuttlefish, frogfish, flounder, abalone, crab, shells, to name just a few. One big draw of this market is its flexible pricing system. Since a wide array of foods from the sea sold here do not have fixed prices, visitors are free to haggle over what they expect to pay. There are also many restaurants selling raw fish at reasonable prices. Trying them here in the market is really a visual and culinary treat. Neighboring block is a vibrant and lively PIFF Square filled with movie theaters and so many trendy shops, having hand prints of the famous movie stars and directors on the sidewalk. A little further on is **Gukjesijang**, the largest traditional market in Busan, selling anything else you can imagine. You will explore them today. Visit **Yongdusan park**, the most popular park in Busan, located at the head of a steep slope that looks over the city and harbor in a breathtaking view.

Seafood buffet dinner at city restaurant.