

2023 CHERRY BLOSSOMS KWAVE & DRAMA "9 NIGHT" KOREA LAND TOUR #2

Get swept up in the **KWAVE** of **K-Drama** & **K-Pop** in this special tour!

9 Nights / 11 Days • 27 Meals (9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners)

Escorted from Honolulu • Includes English Speaking Local Guide

March 31 – April 10, 2023 • Tour Manager: Cliff Nakamura

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Cheongju Early Printing Museum • Gongju National Museum • Naesosa Temple
Yangnim-dong History and Culture Village • Suncheon Nagan Eupseong Folk Village
Hwagae Jangteo Market • Dongpirang Wall Painting Village • Historic Park of Geoje P.O.W Camp
Windy Hill • Yongdu Park • Busan Tower • Busan Cinema Center • Bulguksa Temple
Tumuli Park • Donggung Palace • Wolji Pond • Mungyeong Brewery
Deoksugung Palace • Changing of the Guard Ceremony • Bukchon Hanok Village
Seoul Herb Medicine Museum • Trick Eye Museum • Ice Museum

K-POP HIGHLIGHTS:

Buan Saemangeum Sea Dike • Yongin Everland Amusement Park
K-Style Hub • BT21 Line Friends • Gangnam Street • SMTOWN

K-DRAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

Suncheon Drama Center • Mungyeongsaetae Open Set Studio

SHOPPING HIGHLIGHTS:

Insadong Antique Street • Tongyeong Central Market • Jagalchi Market
International Market • Busan Shinsegae Store Centum City
COEX Mall • Gwangjang Market

YOUR ESCORTED KOREA LAND TOUR INCLUDES:

Roundtrip Airfare from Honolulu • 27 Meals (9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 9 Dinners)
9 Nights "4 Star" Hotel Accommodations: Seoul (Total 4 Nights) – Lotte City Hotel Myeongdong
Holiday Inn Gwangju (1 Night) • Stanford Hotel & Resorts Tongyeong (1 Night)
Shilla Stay Haeundae Busan (2 Nights) • Gyeongju Lahan Hotels Gyeongju (1 Night)
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Day 1: Fri, Mar 31 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Sat, Apr 01 — SEOUL. Arrive Seoul, South Korea. After entry formalities depart the airport. Dinner has been arranged for the group. LOTTE CITY HOTELS MYEONGDONG (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sun, Apr 02 — SEOUL — CHEONGJU — GONGJU — BUAN — GWANGJU. Begin the day at the **Cheongju Early Printing Museum**, which has a copy of the “*Jikji*,” the oldest book in the world printed with moveable metal type. Here, visitors can also learn about the history of the Korean printing technologies and culture. **Gongju National Museum** holds 10,000 artifacts including 19 national treasures and 3 treasures excavated in Daejeon and Chungcheongnam-do areas, especially artifacts from Tomb of King Muryeong. Next, stop at the **Buan Saemangeum Sea Dike**, the world’s longest man-made dike, measuring 33 kilometres — and the location of BTS’ music video *Save me*. Finally, explore **Naesosa Temple**, whose name means “May anyone who comes here revives their life.” Arrive in Gwangju. Enjoy some tteokgalbi (short rib patties) for dinner tonight. HOLIDAY INN GWANGJU HOTEL (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mon, Apr 03 — GWANGJU — SUNCHEON — HADONG — TONGYEONG. **Yangnim History and Culture Village** is located in the area where Western items and ideas first entered Gwangju over 100 years ago. As such, the neighborhood has a unique collection of Western architecture mixed with traditional hanok houses. **Suncheon Nagan Eupseong Folk Village** is a Korean village where times stands still — home to more than 200 Koreans who still live out their daily lives much the same as Koreans did during the height of the Joseon Dynasty. This small village is considered the best preserved example of a Korean fortress town and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2011. The **Suncheon Drama Center** is the largest film set in Korea with background of Korea in the 1960s–1980s. Both K-Drama and K-Pop fans may find that the sets appear familiar as they have appeared in several popular dramas and videos — among them are: *Gangnam Blues* (1970), *Love and Ambition* (2006), *East Eden* (2008), *Running Man* (2012), *Ode to My Father* (2014), and a *Monsta-X MV* (2016). Next, explore the **Hwagae Jangteo Market**, an open air country side market that sells a variety of things, like food, seafood, spices, plants, traditional cooking supplies and knick knacks. Centrally located between the Gyeongsang and Jeolla Provinces — Hwagae Jangteo Market is also a place where people from both provinces (who typically do not get along) can come together on equal ground. Arrive in Tongyeong and have a grilled fish dinner. STANFORD HOTEL & RESORT TONGYEONG (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tue, Apr 04 — TONGYEONG — GEJEDO ISLAND — BUSAN. Once on the verge of being destroyed by redevelopment in the area, Dongpirang was saved thanks to the civil group TYagenda 21 and their “Paint The Streets of Dongpirang With Colours and Sketches” campaign. Have your camera handy as you explore the explosion of color that decorates the streets and walls of **Dongpirang Wall Painting Village**. With almost 400 years of history, **Tongyeong Central Market** is popular to both locals and visitors alike. You can find various things such as fresh seafood, dried fish, veggies, specialty products, clothes, shoes, honey bread (kkul-bbang), and a lot more! The **Historic Park of Gejedo, P.O.W Camp** was built to hold prisoners during the Korean War. The camp was closed upon the signing of the 1953 armistice which ended the war. Remains of the war, such as tanks, trucks and other relics are on exhibit here. The camp was turned into a park in 1997 to ensure that the Korean War is not a forgotten war. **Windy Hill** is a steep cliff side overlooking the sea, with a lush lawn and a wooden crafted windmill at its edge. The location has been made popular by several Korean dramas such as *Carousel* (2003, MBC) and *Eve’s Garden* (2003, SBS). A special shabu shabu dinner is scheduled for tonight. SHILLA STAY HAEUNDAE BUSAN (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wed, Apr 05 — BUSAN. Begin the day at **Yongdusan Park**, a park located in Jung-gu, Busan, South Korea. The 120-meter-high **Busan Tower**, a symbol of Busan, is located here. Yongdu means “dragon’s head” and “san” means “mountain.” The name is an allusion to the similarity of the mountain park, which is said to resemble a

dragon’s head. Next, explore **Jagalchi Fish Market**, Korea’s largest seafood market. Visit the **International Market** shooting location of the K-Drama “*Gukje Sijang*,” before touring the **Busan Cinema Center**, which holds the Guinness World Record for the “longest cantilever roof” in the world. Another Guinness World Record holder is the **Busan Shinsegae Store Centum City** (Department Store) which is registered as the largest department store in the world. It is the proud landmark of Busan and a world-class shopping hub not to be missed. Tonight, “eat like a local” as you select live fish, clams, crabs and lobsters from a seafood fish monger, and have your selection cooked at a nearby restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Thur, Apr 06 — BUSAN — GYEONGJU. **Bulguksa Temple**, one of Korea’s best known temples, is a testimony to both the skill of Silla architects and the depth of Buddhist faith at the time. Except for the wooden buildings, all the stone bridges, stairways and pagodas are original. The temple, originally built in 535, was enlarged in 752. The numerous hills you see at **Tumulji Park** are actually tumuli, burial mounds for the elite of the Silla dynasty, which made the city of Gyeongju its capital for about almost a thousand years, from 57 BC to AD 935. **Donggung Palace** and **Wolji Pond**, formerly known as Anapji, is an artificial pond in Gyeongju National Park, South Korea. It was constructed by order of King Munmu in 674 CE. Enjoy a samgyeopsal (grilled pork belly) for dinner. GYEONGJU LAHAN HOTELS GYEONGJU (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Fri, Apr 07 — GYEONGJU — MUNGYEONG — YONGIN — SEOUL. Travel from Gyeongju to Mungyeong this morning to explore the **Mungyeongsaejae Open Set Studio**, a film set primarily used for KBS sageuk (period) dramas since its opening in 2008 — including the drama *Kingdom*. It consists mostly of various kinds of village set-ups, such as thatched houses, traditional hanoks and city pavilions. You’re in for a treat today! At **Mungyeong Brewery**, you’ll have the chance to learn about and taste **omija makegeolli rice wine**. *Makgeolli* (also known as *takju* and *nongju*), is a milky, sweet alcoholic drink made from rice. It is one of Korea’s most-popular alcoholic drinks. *Makgeolli* is served in a bowl, rather than a cup. There are six distinct flavors: sweet, sour, pungent, roasted, bitter, and spicy. When the flavors are balanced, the alcohol is considered good quality. Fans of BTS (ARMY) will recognize **Yongin Everland Amusement Park** as the location of the BTS’ record breaking *Dynamite* music video. Depart Yongin for Seoul. In Seoul, try *Jjajangmyeon* (noodles in black bean sauce) and *Tangsuyuk* (sweet and sour pork) for dinner. LOTTE CITY HOTELS MYEONGDONG (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sat, Apr 08 — SEOUL. After breakfast, begin the day of touring at **K-Style Hub**, a paradise for Korean culture lovers. K-Style Hub consists of four floors related to K-Pop, K-Med, Traditional Culture, and ICT Technology. Of special interest to the K-Pop fan — You can take some souvenir photos with the K-pop stars in the Hallyu Experience Zone with the help of some advanced and modern technologies — or You can ring the bell of your idol house or imitate the trademark gesture of any star or can show your love for the K-pop star. Then, at **Deoksugung Palace**, watch the **changing of the guard ceremony**. Later, explore **Bukchon Hanok Village**, a residential area in Seoul with countless hanoks (traditional Korean houses). The traditional culture of Korea is represented in **Insadong Antique Street**. Stores in Insadong specialize in a wide variety of goods including ceramics, earthenware, calligraphy materials, antique furniture, hanbok (traditional clothing), hanji (traditional paper), traditional teas, souvenirs, cute accessories, and folk crafts. Lastly, visit the **Seoul Herb Medicine Museum** — which was established to preserve and pass on the history and knowledge of traditional Korean medicine. Visitors will be able to see everything from the herbs and plants used in traditional medicine, to antique medical records, and tools. Enjoy a special bulgogi dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sun, Apr 09 — SEOUL. Start the day in the Hongdae University area. Give your senses a thrill at the **Trick Eye Museum**. Trick Eye is shortened from the phrase “Trick of the eye” and refers to the traditional art technique *Trompe-l’oeil* that turns two dimensional paintings into three dimensional images through the use of optical illusions. Paintings on museum walls, floors and ceilings come alive! Visitors are invited to



step inside Trick Eye paintings and installation and create their own original stories. Next, explore the **Ice Museum**, located inside the Trick Eye Museum. Explore the ice hotel, view the different ice sculptures, take a slide down the 10 meter ice slide, and become an angel of the Ice Kingdom! Walk to the nearby **BT21 Line Friends Store** to shop for your favorite characters: Koya, RJ, Shooky, Mang, Chimmy, Tata, Cooky, and Van. Take a stroll on **K-Pop and Gangnam Streets** — noted for being the location of more than half of Korean entertainment companies and the “birthplace” of many Korean K-Pop stars. Have your cameras ready — if you’re lucky, you may see a star on their way into or out of a building! Also be on the look-out for the 18”Gangnam Doll” (compound word of ‘Gangnam’, ‘idol’, and ‘doll’) that are symbolic images of famous K-Pop groups (BTS, B1A4, KARA, INFINITE, Miss A, SHINee, and many more!) printed on human-scale bear dolls located around the area. For K-Pop fans, **SMTOWN** is the place for you. A sprawling six-story hub that offers everything a k-pop fan could want: a hologram theater, branded merchandise, vocal lessons, a photo studio, a cafe, etc. Finally, you’ll have the chance to explore **COEX Mall**, the largest underground shopping mall in Asia. COEX Mall is generally considered to be one of the best places to go for shopping. Shopaholics and fashionistas will appreciate the hundreds of clothing and accessories stores carrying both domestic brands and international brands, as well as designer and luxury brands. Return to the hotel for the evening. A special farewell dinner tonight is samgyetang (ginseng chicken soup), which is thought in eastern culture to replenish your qi, provide immune support, and calms the mind, nervous system and anxiety. An optional activity will be available for those that wish to participate: try singing K-Pop and K-Drama songs at a noraebang (Korean-style karaoke room). (B, L, D)

Day 11: Mon, Apr 10 — SEOUL — HONOLULU. Enjoy a morning of leisure. Get some last minute shopping done at **Gwangjang Market**, the nation’s first market, which continues to thrive today. We will sample freshly prepared **haemul pajeon (seafood pancake)** and **kimbap (Korean sushi)**. Transfer to Incheon International Airport for your return flight to Honolulu. Depart Seoul, South Korea. Arrive Honolulu the same day. Aloha and Welcome Home! (B, L)

* Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and INCLUDE ALL AIRLINE TAXES AND FEES. Airline fuel supplements, taxes and fees are subject to change and tour member is responsible for any increases. Some airline-imposed personal charges, including but not limited to baggage, priority boarding and special seating, may apply. For details visit www.tripadvisor.com/AirlineFees. After initial deposit, a \$75 per person Non-Stop Travel (NST) Cancellation Fee will apply. Group departures may be cancelled, if there are less than 24 tour members. Final Payment to NST for “non-cruise/line” Air and Land Package must be made by Money Order or Personal Check. NST does not guarantee that all tour members will fly together with Tour Manager. Tour Manager assignments, number of meals offered on tour, tour price, discount, and the “final” tour itinerary are subject to change with/without notice. NST reserves the right to correct errors or omissions including but not limited to, fares, fees and surcharges at any time. Deposit: \$500 per person. Final Payment Due: 11/18/22. Chery, fees and surcharges are subject to weather conditions. † Early Booking Discount is per person. Purchase of Non-Stop Travel’s complete Air and Land Package is required. †† Earn Rewards Every Time You Refer a Friend. For each “New-to-Non-Stop-Travel” customer you refer, both you and your referral can receive a \$25 discount off your next NST escorted group. **Special Assistance:** You must notify NST, at time of reservation, of any disability requiring special assistance. NST reserves the right to cancel your booking or terminate your vacation if your special needs or disabilities are not suitable for the vacation or if you are not traveling with a companion who will provide all the assistance you require. **Wheelchair and Electric Scooter access outside of the USA is severely restricted.** 051722

