2026 DISCOVER KOREA "10 NIGHT" LAND TOUR

Circle Korea Plus Jeju Island

10 Nights / 12 Days • 26 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 8 Dinners)
Escorted from Honolulu • Includes an English-Speaking Professional Local Guide
Tour #7: September 03 – 14, 2026 • Tour Manager: Lee Ann LaFortune
Tour #9: October 01 – 12, 2026 • Tour Manager: Gordean Akiona

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VISIT:

Incheon, Suwon, Sokcho, Mt. Seorak, Andong, Gyeongju, Busan, Jeju Island & Seoul

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Korean Folk Village, Suwon Hwaseong Fortress, Mt. Seorak National Park, Shinheungsa Temple Area, Cable Car Ride to Gwongeumseong Rock, Andong Hahoi Village, Bulguksa Temple, Seokguram Grotto, Hwanglidangil, Tumuli Park, Donggung Palace, Wolji Pond, Gyeongju National Museum, Busan Tower, Jagalchi Fish Market, Gukje Market, Jeju Island, Yongduam Beach, Jeju National History Museum, Hallim Park, Cheonjiyeon Waterfall, Oedolgae Rock, Jusangjeollidae, Sungsan Peak Rise, Haenyeo Museum, DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), Myeongdong Shopping District, Namdaemun Market, Deoksugung Palace, Changing of the Guard Ceremony, Insadong Antique Street & Costco Shopping

ART PERFORMANCE:

NANTA – Modern "Cooking Spoof" Broadway-Style Show

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Fruit Picking, Dress-Up for a Traditional Wedding Ceremony, Traditional Paper Craft, Bibimbap Cooking Class, Kimchi Making Class & Bulgogi (Barbecued Beef) Cooking Class

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Day 1: HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: INCHEON. Arrive Incheon, South Korea. After entry formalities, enjoy a special galbitang (beef short rib soup) dinner at a local restaurant in town before transferring to your hotel. NEST HOTEL INCHEON (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: INCHEON – SUWON – SOKCHO. After breakfast, depart Incheon for Sokcho. En route, stop in Suwon for the **Korean Folk Village**. The Korean Folk Village is a living museum that recreates the lifestyle of several centuries ago. There are potters, weavers, blacksmiths, and other artisans who practice their trades in traditional fashion. There are also 260 traditional houses and a small amphitheater for folk music and dance performance. Explore the **Suwon Hwaseong Fortress**, a fortification surrounding the center of Suwon. Built from 1794 to 1796 by King Jeongjo of the Joseon Dynasty to house and honor the remains of his father, Prince Sado, who had been executed by his own father King Yeongjo after failing to obey a command to commit suicide. The fortress and enclosed palace were designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997. Enjoy dinner in Sokcho before checking into the hotel for the evening. RAMADA SOKCHO (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 4: SOKCHO – MT. SEORAK NATIONAL PARK – SOKCHO. Located in the northeast of Korea, Mt. Seorak (Seoraksan) reaches a height of 1,708 meters at its highest point, Daecheongbong Peak. It's Korea's third largest mountain and has a variety of hiking trails, most of which take only a few hours to complete. **Mt. Seorak National Park** spans four cities and counties, and has an area of 163.6 square kilometers. It's one of Korea's most iconic parks, and was the first area to be designated as a national park by Korean government, in 1970. After lunch, visit the **filming site of the drama *Autumn in My Heart***. Hike the **Shinheungsa Temple area** before taking the **cable car to Gwongeumseong Rock**. (B, L, D)

Day 5: SOKCHO – ANDONG – GYEONGJU. Start the day with a visit to **Andong Hahoi Village**, a traditional village that preserves the Joseon Dynasty (1392–1897) style architecture, folk traditions, valuable books, and an old tradition of clan-based villages. Andong Hahoi Village was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2010. After lunch, visit a local farm and **pick fruit** at its peak of ripeness. Transfer to Gyeongju for dinner. LAHAN SELECT GYEONGJU (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

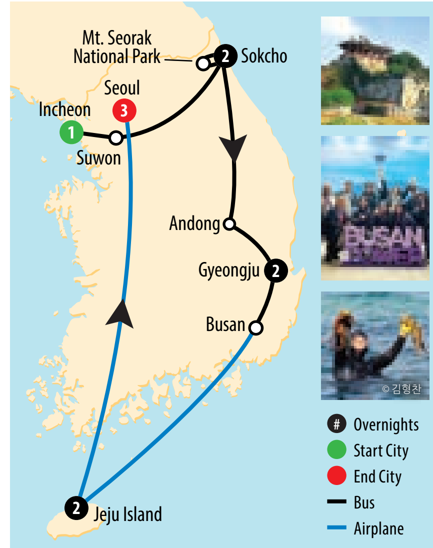
Day 6: GYEONGJU. **Bulguksa Temple**, one of Korea's best known temples, is a testimony to both the skill of Silla architects and the depth of Buddhist faith at the time. Except for the wooden buildings, all the stone bridges, stairways and pagodas are original. The temple, originally built in 535, was enlarged in 752. **Seokguram Grotto** is one of the world's finest shrines of Buddha, dating back to the same period as Bulguksa Temple. Surrounded by Bodhisattvas and guardian deities, the serene central statue of Buddha gazes out over the forested hills and across the East Sea to the horizon. It is also listed on UNESCO's prestigious World Cultural Heritage List. Visit **Hwanglidangil**, home to numerous restaurants, cafes, photo studios, and shops in traditional hanok buildings, making it popular among the younger generations in Korea. Enjoy time to explore and have lunch (on your own). The numerous hills you see at **Tumuli 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** was a secondary palace used by the crown prince of the Silla Kingdom It served as a banquet site for important national events and important visitors. **Wolji Pond** was created in 674, during the reign of King Munmu. The pond features three small islands, and a landscape of 12 small hills to the northeast. After the fall of Silla, the site was abandoned and forgotten. Originally referred to as "Anapji," the name was corrected to Wolji when a pottery fragment was found in the 1980s with the letters "Wolji" ("a pond that reflects the moon") carved into it was found, revealing the true name of the pond. Next, tour the **Gyeongju National Museum**, a museum in Gyeongju, North Gyeongsang Province, South Korea. Its holdings are largely devoted to relics of the Silla Kingdom, of which Gyeongju was the capital. (B, D)

Day 7: GYEONGJU – BUSAN – JEJU ISLAND. Transfer to Busan. **Busan Tower** is a symbol of Busan that stands proudly 69 meters above sea level at a height of 120 meters. The tower offers a stunning view and plenty to see. Next, explore **Jagalchi Fish Market**, Korea's largest seafood market. After the Korean War, the market solidified itself as a fish market. Then explore **Gukje Market**, Korea's largest traditional market in Busan. Shops in Gukje sell an assortment of new and used items at both wholesale and retail prices. Transfer to the airport and fly to Jeju. Enjoy dinner (on your own) in Jeju before transferring to the hotel for the evening. GRAND HYATT JEJU (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 8: JEJU ISLAND. Jeju Island is one of the nine provinces of Korea. Located only an hour's flight south of Seoul and known for its beach resorts and volcanic landscape of craters and cave-like lava tubes. Begin the day with a visit to **Yongduam Beach**. Yongduam Beach (also known as Dragon Head Rock) was created by strong winds and waves over thousands of years, but there are plenty of other stories of how it came to be. One legend has it that a dragon stealing precious jade from Mt. Halla was shot down by an arrow from the mountain deity. When he fell down on Yongduam, his body immediately sank into the ocean and his head rapidly froze looking at the sky. Another legend has it that a white horse, who dreamed of being a dragon and ascending to the sky, came to be caught by a soldier and froze into the rock. Next, learn about Jeju and its people at the **Jeju National History Museum**. Continue your tour of Jeju Island by exploring some of the almost 100,000 square meters of lush gardens and sites at **Hallim Park**, and by visiting the **Cheonjiyeon Waterfall**. Cheonjiyeon literal means "sky connected with land." At 22 meters high and 12 meters wide, the waterfall empties into a 20 meter deep pond. **Oedolgae Rock** is an amazing rock formation that is 10 meters in circumference and 20 meters in height. Also known as Janggunseok Rock, Oedolgae Rock was the **filming location for the drama *Jewel in the Palace***. On a two kilometer stretch of the coastline are vertical pillar shaped rocks in rectangular or hexagonal shape that look like they were stamped out with a cookie cutter. A result of the rapid cooling and contraction of lava as it poured into the sea, **Jusangjeollidae** rock formations are a sight to see. (B, L, D)

Day 9: JEJU ISLAND – SEOUL. View the surrounding countryside from **Sungsan Peak Rise**, a tuff cone crater that was formed more than 5,000 years ago by a volcanic eruption under the sea. Before departing Jeju, learn about the haenyeo (Jeju's female divers) at the **Haenyeo Museum**. Exhibiting the history of the haenyeo culture dating back to ancient times, all exhibits were donated by the haenyeo themselves. A replica of the haenyeo's house, detailed exhibits on their food culture, upbringing, semi-agricultural and semi-fishing culture are on display. Depart Jeju and fly to Seoul. Enjoy dinner before transferring to the hotel for the evening. NOVOTEL SUITES AMBASSADOR SEOUL YONGSAN (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 10: SEOUL. Begin the day with a tour of the **DMZ (Demilitarized Zone)**. The drawing of the 155 mile cease fire line from the East Sea to the Yellow Sea had created the DMZ. Symbolizing both war and peace, the DMZ is a place where time has come to a stop. Today, it is a haven for rare animals, birds, and plants in one of the few places where nature remains undisturbed. After lunch, explore the **Myeongdong Shopping District**, which has long been the trendsetting center of Korean fashion – Lotte and Shinsegae department stores, underground stores, and shopping malls for apparel, shoes, accessories, cosmetics, and more. Next is **Namdaemun Market**, the largest traditional market in Korea selling clothing, shoes, house wares, foodstuff, flowers, tools, wigs, glasses, accessories of every kind, gifts, sporting goods, electric appliances, furniture, and more. Tonight



you're in for a treat! **NANTA** is a non-verbal performance of reckless rhythms that dramatize customary Korean percussion in a strikingly comedic stage show. Integrating uniquely Korean traditional drumbeats with a western performance style, NANTA storms on stage into a huge kitchen where four capricious cooks are preparing a wedding banquet. While cooking, they turn all kinds of kitchen items – pots, pans, dishes, knives, chopping board, water bottles, even brooms and each other into percussion instruments. (B, L)

Day 11: SEOUL. Start the day with being immersed in the Korean culture. **Dress-Up** in traditional attire for a **traditional wedding ceremony**. Then participate in learning **traditional paper craft** and **learn how to make bibimbap**. Enjoy your tasty creation for lunch! At **Deoksugung Palace**, watch the **changing of the guard ceremony**. Before dinner, spend some time shopping! **Insadong Antique Street** is where you can experience the traditional culture of Korea while remaining in the heart of the city. With art galleries, traditional craft stores, antique art dealers, traditional teahouses and restaurants, it is simply the place in Seoul for tourists wanting to experience traditional Korea. Enjoy a Farewell Buffet Dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: SEOUL – HONOLULU. Enjoy a morning of leisure. **Learn how to make kimchi and bulgogi beef (barbecued beef)**. Enjoy your yummy creations for lunch! After lunch, get some **last minute shopping** done at **Costco**, before transferring 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)

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