

2023 CHERRY BLOSSOMS^o DISCOVER KOREA "10 NIGHT" LAND TOUR #3

10 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS ALL-INCLUSIVE VACATION!

Includes 30 Complete Meals! • Includes English-Speaking Professional Local Guide

March 30 – April 10, 2023 • Tour Manager: Lori Lee

VISIT:

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

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Korean Folk Village • KBS Suwon Studio • Mt. Seorak National Park • Shinheungsa Temple Area
Cable Car Ride to Gwongseumseong Rock • Fruit Picking • Andong Hahoi Village
Hahoi Mask Museum • Bulguksa Temple • Seokguram Grotto • Gyeongju National Museum
Tumuli Park • Anapji Pond • Busan Tower • Jagalchi Fish Market • Gukje Market • Jeju Island
Cheonjiyeon Waterfall • Sungsan Peak Rise • Seojicoji • Oedolgae Rock • Jusangjeollidae
Hallim Park • Mysterious Road • Jeju National History Museum • Yongduam Beach • DMZ
Deoksugung Palace • Changing of the Guard Ceremony • Myeongdong Shopping District
Namdaemun Market • Insadong Antique Street • Ample Free Time for Shopping

KOREAN CUISINE HIGHLIGHTS:

Samgyetang (Chicken Ginseng Soup) • Abalone Stew
Grilled Black Pork • Bibimbap (Rice with Vegetables and Meat)
Hanjeongsik (Vegetable Wraps) • Premium Seafood Buffet

ART PERFORMANCES:

Traditional Korean Art Performance • NANTA – Modern "Cooking Spoof" Broadway-Style Show

HANDS-ON KOREAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCES:

Make a Mask at the Mask Museum • Traditional Wedding Ceremony Dress-Up – Photo-Op
Korean Mulberry Paper Fan Making • Bibimbap Cooking Class • Kimchi Making Class
Bulgogi (Barbecued Beef) Cooking Class

YOUR ESCORTED KOREA LAND TOUR INCLUDES:

Roundtrip Airfare from Honolulu • 10 Nights "4 and 5-Star" Hotel Accommodations
Incheon (1 Night) – Nest Hotel Incheon • Sokcho (2 Nights) – Ramada Sokcho
Gyeongju (2 Nights) – Hilton Gyeongju • Jeju Island (2 Nights) – Grand Hyatt Jeju
Seoul (3 Nights) – Lotte Hotel Seoul • Sightseeing and Admissions
30 Meals (10 Buffet Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 10 Dinners)
Tips for Local Tour Guides and Bus Drivers • All Taxes and Fees

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Day 1: Thur, Mar 30 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Fri, Mar 31 – INCHEON. Arrive Incheon, South Korea. After entry formalities, transfer to your hotel. NEST HOTEL INCHEON (1 Night) (D)

Day 3: Sat, Apr 01 – INCHEON – SUWON – SOKCHO. After breakfast, depart Incheon for Sokcho. Enroute, 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. Then tour the **KBS Suwon Studio**, which produces high quality TV dramas. Enjoy dinner in Sokcho before checking into the hotel for the evening. RAMADA SOKCHO (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sun, Apr 02 – SOKCHO – MT. SEORAKSAN 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: Mon, Apr 03 – SOKCHO – ANDONG – GYEONGJU. Start the day with a visit to a local farm and **pick some fruit**. Then visit **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. Tour the **Hahoi Mask Museum** located within the village. The museum not only displays Hahoi masks, but masks from all over the world. While there, **make a mask of your own** before transferring to Gyeongju. HILTON GYEONGJU (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

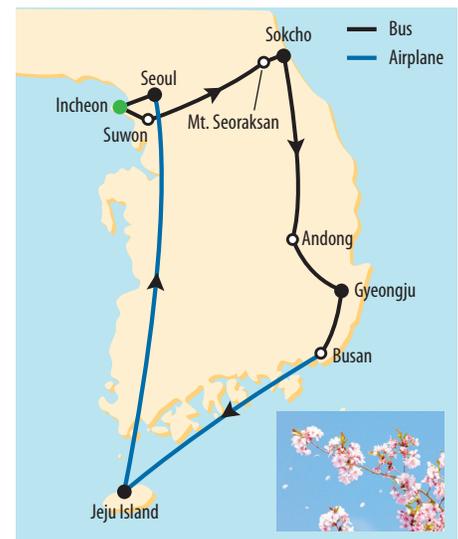
Day 6: Tue, Apr 04 – GYEONGJU. **Bulguksa Temple**, one of Korea's best known temples, is a testimony to both the skill of Silla architects and the depth of Buddhist faith at the time. Except for the wooden buildings, all the stone bridges, stairways and pagodas are original. The temple, originally built 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. 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. 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. **Anapji Pond**, which means Goose and Duck Lake, is an artificial pond in Gyeongju National Park. It was once a part of the royal palace complex of ancient Silla dynasty. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Wed, Apr 05 – 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 in Jeju before transferring to the hotel for the evening. GRAND HYATT JEJU or Similar (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 8: Thur, Apr 06 – 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 your exploration of Jeju Island 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. Next, see the view of 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. Then visit the lush green fields of **Seojiciji**, the **filming site of the drama "All-In."** **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 2 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: Fri, Apr 07 – JEJU ISLAND – SEOUL. Continue your tour of Jeju Island by exploring some of the almost 100,000 square meters of lush gardens and sites at **Hallim Park**. Experience an optical illusion as the bus is shifted into neutral and coasts down **Mysterious Road** while appearing to "defy gravity" and "roll uphill." Learn about Jeju and its people at the **Jeju National History Museum**. Then visit **Yongduam Beach**. Yongduam Beach (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. Depart Jeju and fly to Seoul. Enjoy dinner before transferring to the hotel for the evening. LOTTE HOTEL SEOUL (3 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sat, Apr 08 – SEOUL. Start with a tour of the **DMZ**. The drawing of the 155 mile cease fire line from the East Sea to the Yellow Sea had created the Demilitarized Zone (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. At **Deoksugung Palace**, watch the **changing of the guard ceremony**. Enjoy a **traditional art performance**. Immerse yourself in Korean culture. Experience a **Traditional Wedding Ceremony Dress-up**, **Paper Fan Making** and enjoy the **hands-on Bibimbap Making Class**. Dinner is served! (B, L, D)



Day 11: Sun, Apr 09 – SEOUL. Learn how to **make Kimchi and Bulgogi Beef**. Enjoy your yummy creations for lunch! 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 and cosmetics etc. 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 etc. 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. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a **Premium Seafood Buffet**. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Mon, Apr 10 – SEOUL – HONOLULU. Morning at leisure. After lunch, spend some time shopping! **Insadong Alley** 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 tea houses and restaurants, it is simply the place in Seoul for tourists wanting to experience traditional Korea. 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)

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