

South Korea

Discover the Land of the Morning Calm

highlights

In the Past, Striding to the Future. Korea holds fast to their traditional customs as they make technological leaps into the future. From hanboks at holidays to video game tournaments being more popular than sporting events, Korea has a pulse all its own.

Spiritual Balance. Temples and palaces punctuate the landscape—across urban and rural vistas—as Buddhism and the imperial history of the nation play key roles in the foundation of modern Korean culture and social customs.

Succulent Sustenance. No journey to the Korean Peninsula is complete without a deep dive into the subtle complexity of the cuisine. Slurp, crunch, nibble and devour all the dishes—from kimchi to bibimbap and beyond.

at a glance

Exploration of Modern Korea. Enjoy exploring the many neighborhoods and museums of Seoul including the National Museum of Korea, containing over three-hundred-thousand pieces, and the modern Leeum Samsung Museum. Meet with local alumni living in the capital to discuss life in the country, as well as a meeting at the U.S. Embassy to discuss the ever-complicated politics of the peninsula.

A Nation Divided. The Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea is a surreal travel experience; in the over 60 years since the armistice of the Korean War, the DMZ has served as a no man's land where visitors can peer through binoculars into the secretive North Korea and trek through tunnels dug from a thwarted northern invasion south.

Gastronomic Paradise. Find out why local Koreans have been flocking to Jeonju—a city whose name literally means “perfect region”—for creative dishes and discussions with local chefs. Each establishment has its own take on thousand-year-old recipes.

Open Air Museum. Gyeongju is the capital of the ancient Kingdom of Silla, a dynasty which ruled the Korean peninsula for nearly a millennium. Immerse yourself in the “museum without walls,” seeing Bulguksa Temple, Seokuram Grotto, Tumuli Tombs, and Donggung Palace.

Culture Villages and Classic Markets. Wander the refugee housing turned permanent village on the hills above Busan. Then explore the Bosu Book Street and the Busan Fish Market, meeting the sellers keeping their traditions alive in a modern booming city.

Pearl Divers and Lava Tubes. Optional extensions to Jeju Island can be arranged to meet with the famously independent female free-divers and explore the science behind the island's lateral volcanoes.

details

- 14 days. Spring and Fall dates recommended.
- 5-star accommodations with a few boutique, traditional hotel stays.
- Pricing: From \$5,999 with 2 up-front land/air FOC.
- Time for 4-5 lectures as well as free time for exploring each city, with options.

