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SOUTH KOREA

12 DAY ITINERARY

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THE JOURNEY

Tour South Korea, Day by Day

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DAYS	DESTINATION	REGION

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

DAY 01

Seoul - Gyeongbokgung Palace

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Begin your journey in Seoul with a visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace, the largest and most iconic of the five grand palaces in the city. Built in 1395, this historical site reflects the grandeur of the Joseon Dynasty. As you wander through its majestic gates, you'll be captivated by the beautiful architecture, which harmonizes with the surrounding mountains. Don't miss the changing of the guard ceremony, held at the main gate, which is a vibrant display of traditional Korean culture. Explore the National Palace Museum of Korea and the beautiful gardens within the palace grounds, providing an immersive experience into Korea's history and royal heritage.

DAY 2

DAY 02

Seoul - Bukchon Hanok Village

02

On your second day, venture to Bukchon Hanok Village, a charming area that showcases traditional hanok houses, some of which date back to the Joseon Dynasty. As you stroll through the narrow, winding alleys, you'll feel as though you've stepped back in time. The picturesque village offers stunning views of the surrounding modern skyline juxtaposed with traditional architecture. Engage with local artisans, visit small galleries, and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Korea. The village is also an excellent spot for photography, capturing the essence of both old and new Korea in one frame.

DAY 3

DAY 03

Seoul - N Seoul Tower

03

Day three brings you to N Seoul Tower, an iconic landmark that offers breathtaking panoramic views of the sprawling city below. Take the cable car or hike up to the tower, where you can enjoy a meal at the revolving restaurant or simply take in the stunning scenery from the observation deck. As the sun sets, the city transforms into a glittering sea of lights, making it the perfect time for photography. The tower is also surrounded by Namsan Park, where you can enjoy a leisurely walk through beautiful gardens and wooded paths, adding a touch of nature to your urban exploration.

DAY 4

Seoul - Jogyesa Temple

04

On the fourth day, immerse yourself in the serenity of Jogyesa Temple, the main temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism. This peaceful oasis in the heart of Seoul is adorned with beautiful lanterns and vibrant flowers, creating a tranquil atmosphere perfect for reflection and meditation. Explore the temple grounds, where you can observe monks in practice and participate in traditional tea ceremonies. The rich history and cultural significance of Jogyesa Temple provide insight into Korean Buddhist practices, making it a must-visit for those seeking spiritual enrichment amidst the bustling city life.

DAY 5

DMZ - Demilitarized Zone

05

Day five takes you to the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), a unique and historically significant area that serves as a buffer zone between North and South Korea. This guided tour provides insight into the complex history of the Korean Peninsula. You'll visit key sites such as the Third Infiltration Tunnel, the Dora Observatory, and the Joint Security Area. As you learn about the tensions and hopes for peace, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the region's past. This experience is both sobering and enlightening, offering a rare glimpse into a divided nation.

DAY 6

Jeonju - Jeonju Hanok Village

06

Travel to Jeonju on day six to explore Jeonju Hanok Village, a charming area famed for its well-preserved hanok houses and rich culinary heritage, particularly its bibimbap. Wander through the village, where traditional architecture and modern living coexist harmoniously. Engage in local cooking classes or sample street food offerings, including the famous Jeonju bibimbap, a mixed rice dish loaded with fresh ingredients. The village is also home to quaint cafes, art galleries, and shops selling handmade crafts, making it a delightful destination for culture and food lovers alike.

DAY 7

Busan - Haeundae Beach

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On your seventh day, head to Busan and relax at Haeundae Beach, one of Korea's most popular beach destinations. Known for its vibrant atmosphere and stunning coastline, Haeundae offers a perfect escape from the bustling city life. Enjoy sunbathing, swimming, or participating in beach sports. The area is lined with restaurants and cafes, serving fresh seafood and local delicacies, making it a great spot to indulge in culinary delights. As the sun sets, the beach transforms into a lively hub of activity, with street performances and night markets adding to the festive ambiance.

DAY 8

Seoul - Changdeokgung Palace

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Return to Seoul on day eight to visit Changdeokgung Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its stunning secret garden and harmonious integration with nature. This palace was the favorite residence of the Joseon Dynasty kings, and its architecture reflects a deep respect for the surrounding environment. Take a guided tour to explore the beautifully landscaped gardens and tranquil ponds, where you can appreciate the natural beauty and serenity. The secret garden is particularly enchanting, with its winding paths and lush greenery, making it a perfect retreat to escape the city's hustle and bustle.

DAY 9

DAY 09

Seoraksan National Park

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On day nine, embark on an adventure to Seoraksan National Park, renowned for its breathtaking mountain scenery and diverse flora and fauna. This national park offers numerous hiking trails suitable for all levels, from leisurely walks to challenging treks. As you hike through the park, be sure to take in the stunning views of jagged peaks, serene valleys, and vibrant autumn foliage if you visit in the fall. The park is also home to unique wildlife, including the elusive Korean goral. Take your time to explore the natural beauty and tranquility of this magnificent landscape, making it a highlight of your trip.

DAY 10

DAY 10

Seoul - Gwangjang Market

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On your tenth day, return to Seoul and visit Gwangjang Market, one of Korea's oldest traditional markets. This vibrant market is famous for its street food, textiles, and lively atmosphere. As you wander through the stalls, indulge in delicious local delicacies such as bindaetteok (mung bean pancakes) and bibimbap, each bursting with flavor. The market is also a great place to shop for unique textiles and handmade crafts. Immerse yourself in the bustling energy of this cultural hotspot, where locals and tourists alike come to experience the authentic tastes and sights of Korea.

DAY 11

DAY 11

Seoul - Free Day

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Enjoy a free day in Seoul on day eleven to explore the city at your own pace. You may choose to revisit your favorite sites, discover hidden gems, or indulge in shopping and dining experiences. Consider exploring trendy neighborhoods like Hongdae or Gangnam, known for their vibrant nightlife and modern culture. Alternatively, you might visit local museums, art galleries, or parks to soak in more of the city's rich history and artistic expressions. This day is all about personalizing your experience and making unforgettable memories in the dynamic capital of South Korea.

DAY 12

DAY 12

Departure from Seoul

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Conclude your South Korea journey on day twelve as you prepare for departure from Seoul. Take some time in the morning for last-minute shopping or sightseeing before heading to the airport. Reflect on your incredible experiences, from the historical sites to the vibrant culture and natural beauty you've encountered. Whether you are carrying back souvenirs or memories, this trip will surely leave a lasting impression. As you board your flight, take with you the essence of Korea and the warmth of its people, ensuring that you will always cherish your time spent in this captivating country.

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