

DISCOVER SEOUL

11 Day / 10 Night - PROGRAM



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Ahn-yong-hah-seh-yo!

Majestic Mountains, flowing rivers, historic culture and dynamic growth in one of Asia's most exciting Capital Cities. The Dragon Hill Lodge offers the vacation of a lifetime! Our full-service Seoul Escapes package includes a personal meet and greet at Incheon International Airport, private bus transportation to all destinations with a professional guide and a ten night stay at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Our goal is to provide our guests with an exciting and memorable experience in and around the "Soul of Asia." The combination of superb facilities, eager-to-please staff and spectacular location allows you to focus on having a great time while we take care of the rest.



Day 1

Welcome to Korea

Schedule:

1300 – 1800 → Arrive in Seoul

You will arrive at the Incheon International Airport and be greeted by an Dragon Hill Lodge representative. Enjoy some time to mingle with your fellow retirees and stretch your legs after the long flight before boarding a private coach bus en route to Seoul.

During the drive, watch as the dynamic city landscape forms around you before arriving at the heart of the World Second Largest Metropolitan Area! The rest of the afternoon is yours to get checked in, unpack and relax.



Day 2 City Tour

Schedule:

0630 – 0730 → Breakfast at DHL

0730 – 0930 → Orientation / DBIDS

0930 – 1500 → Seoul City Tour / Lunch*

1700 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

Spend the day getting acquainted with your home for the next ten days. Your guide will take you along the downtown district pointing out historic buildings, monuments, architecture, shopping spots and more throughout this dynamic city.

You'll start with a ride through the heart of Seoul - a part of what was once home to Korean royalty. Now a thriving business district, enjoy the contrast between the old and modern before arriving at Gyeongbuk Palace. You will learn the history of the Joseon Dynasty, peruse the royal grounds, a nearby marketplace and time to enjoy a signature Korean favorite, "Bibimbap" – Rice Topped with seasonal mixed vegetables!



Day 3

Historic Seoul

Schedule:

0630 – 0930 → Breakfast at DHL

1000 – 1600 → Jeongdong Tour / Lunch*

1700 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

Dubbed the “Hermit Kingdom”, the Sino-Japanese War marked the rapid decline of any power the Joseon Dynasty of Korea had managed to hold against foreign interference, as the battles of the conflict itself had been fought on Korean soil and the surrounding seas. Subsequently and fittingly, during the reign of the last Royal Joseon Monarch, King Gojong in which Jeongdong was his residence, many of Seoul’s first encounters with Western education, medicine, diplomacy, imperialism, and religion took place here on the western edge of the walled city.

Travel back in time as this walk through Jeongdong will highlight some of the first formalized contacts that Korea had with the west – diplomatic, religious and educational – through the remarkable preservation of the buildings since the late 19th Century!





Day 4

2018 Winter Olympic Village

Schedule:

0600 – 0700 → Breakfast at DHL

0700 – 1800 → Pyeongchang / Lunch*

1900 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

Head to Alpensia Resort, the main venue for the 2018 Olympics for a tour of the facilities to see why Korea beat out Germany and France for the rights to host the 2018 Winter Olympics! From there, a private tour will take you to Woljeongsa Temple – The head temple of the Jogye Order and a crisp nature walk around the pristine surroundings and herb gardens. Enjoy “Sanchae”- a traditional temple meal with a myriad of vegetable dishes. This region of Korea with its picturesque landscapes, traditional *hanok*-style architecture, cozy villages, and untouched natural surroundings make it a huge draw among foreigners and the setting makes for a peaceful retreat amidst the hustle and bustle of Seoul.



Day 5 Nanta!

Schedule:

0630 – 1300 → Breakfast / Lunch*

1400 – 1600 → Nanta Performance

1700 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

Nanta is the longest-running show in Korean History. Since 1997, this non-verbal performance has been staged in 18 countries around the world and on NYC's Broadway's musical circuit. The musical has a simple back story of three cooks attempting to finish preparing a wedding banquet within a strict time limit while the manager installs his incompetent nephew among the kitchen staff. The show involves acrobatics, magic tricks, comedy, and audience participation. The unifying element throughout the musical is the use of traditional Korean music, which in this case is performed with improvised instruments, such as cutting boards, water canisters and kitchen knives.



Day 6

Joint Security Area & Demilitarized Zone

Schedule:

0630 – 0730 → Breakfast at DHL

0730 – 1800 → DMZ Tour / Lunch*

1800 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

Korea is the only divided country in the world. After the Korean War (June 25 1950 – July 27 1953), South Korea and North Korea established a border that cut the Korean peninsula roughly in half. Stretching for 2km on either side of this border is the **Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)**. As one of the last relics of the Cold War, the DMZ attracts a great deal of public interest, and is a popular destination for travelers visiting Korea. Despite the fact that this is the most heavily armed border in the world, it is extremely rare that any hostilities take place. These days the DMZ is a safe destination that we would thoroughly recommend to any traveler. The DMZ and its surroundings contain many interesting historical sights and pristine untouched natural surroundings.



Day 7

Free Day

Schedule:

0630 – 0930 → Breakfast at DHL

0900 – 1630 → Free day

1700 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:

- *Attend Religious Services (info provided upon request)*
- *Walk to the National Museum / War Memorial (recommended)*
- *Take the subway to City Hall to see*
 - ✓ *Cheongyecheon Stream*
 - ✓ *Gwanghamun Square*
 - ✓ *Myungdong Shopping District*
- *Work out in our Point Health Club*
- *Receiving a relaxing massage/facial from our Beauty Shop*



Day 8

GEN Douglas MacArthur's Famous Incheon Landing



Schedule:

0630 – 0730 → Breakfast at DHL

0730 – 1700 → Incheon Tour / Lunch*

1800 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

The most successful amphibious sea-landing operation in military history masterminded by the legendary General MacArthur, the operation involved over 75,000 troops, 261 naval vessels, and led to the recapture of the capital Seoul two weeks later. At the end of this full-day tour, you will have learned a great deal of Korea's past and how this battle shaped its future. In the end, a decisive victory to reverse the strategic momentum in favor of U.N. allied forces during the Korean War.

Chinatown > Starting in 1884 with the opening of the consulate in Incheon, the town has gone through boom/bust cycles due to Korea's turbulent past. Today, an enduring boom cycle is spreading roots in this major tourist attraction and due to its close proximity to the battlegrounds, Chinatown is a must-see for those on the tour and lunch (yes, chinese food) is highly recommended.



Day 9

Han River Area Tour and Cruise

Schedule:

0630 – 1300 → Breakfast/ Lunch*

1300 – 1600 → Fish Market / 63 Tower

1700 – 2200 → Dinner* / Cruise

**Not included in the package price*

Nestled in the shadow of the 63 building on the edge of Yeoido lies the Noryangjin fish market. It's a must see destination that shines among the tourist spots in Seoul. It's an all out assault on the senses from your first eager step inside the market until you drag yourself away stuffed with seafood delights... every kind of cut, size, and types of fish imaginable.

Bisecting the capital, the Han River is Seoul's most iconic symbol. In one of the best ways to enjoy the panoramic views, seeing Seoul from its main waterway at night is a great way to get your bearings in this dynamic capital city!



Day 10

Free Day / Half-Day Options*

- 1) Suwon Folk Village
- 2) Souvenir Shopping



Schedule:

0630 – 0930 → Breakfast at DHL

0730 – 1630 → Free day / Options*

1700 – 2200 → Dinner at DHL*

**Not included in the package price*

The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:

- **Suwon Folk Village**

*(Guided Tour-- Morning Option)**

- **Souvenir Shopping at Namdaemun Market**

*(Guided Tour-- Afternoon Option)**

- Take the subway to City Hall
- Walk to the National Museum / War Memorial
- Riding the cable car to Namsan Seoul Tower
- Receiving a relaxing massage/facial from our Beauty Shop

In the evening, join us for a final farewell dinner to share memories, photographs and enjoy the company of your fellow retirees one last time before heading home.



Day 11
Ahn – yong!

Schedule:

0500 – 0600 → Check out

0530 – 0600 → Breakfast

0600 Load Bus for Incheon Airport

Thank you for choosing to visit Dragon Hill Lodge for your special retiree vacation. The private coach bus will depart Dragon Hill Lodge at 0600 – this will get you to the airport on time to catch morning departure flights

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The Program Includes:

- *Transportation from Incheon International Airport to Seoul via private coach bus*
- *Welcome Dinner on the second day*
- *Ten nights in a Standard Room at the Dragon Hill Lodge*
- *Breakfast each morning*
- *Special Discover Seoul tours given by professional guides*
- *Farewell Dinner the day before your departure*
- *“Ahn-yong” gift upon departure*
- *Network and share experiences with others*

Getting Around During Your Visit:

Transportation via private coach from Incheon International Airport to Seoul and from Seoul to Incheon International Airport included within the package. We encourage afternoon arrivals and will make every effort to coordinate ground transportation. Please be advised, there may be a wait (up to two hours) as we wait for others to arrive on later flights. Only available for arrivals and departures out of Incheon International Airport. Please contact us for scheduling conflicts in advance.

*If you arrive before or after the start / end dates of the program you will be responsible for transportation arrangements and cost to or from Dragon Hill Lodge. **Please note, Korea is one day ahead of U.S.** For example, if you are leaving the U.S. on 1 May, you **WILL** arrive Korea on 2 May. Please keep this in mind when booking your flight reservation to arrive at the start day of the program (Spring or Fall).*

During your stay, all transportation to and from tours is provided via private coach (exception – free / option days)



\$2,499 for singles (one person in a room)
\$2,999 for couples (two persons in a room)

Only 30 spots are available on these special Discover Seoul packages! To reserve your spot, please contact our Reservation Specialists at **reservations@dragonhilllodge.com**

- *The Discover Seoul package **DOES NOT** include lunch, dinner and airfare in the total price.*
- *The itinerary is subject to changes (due to inclement weather and situations beyond our control). A finalized schedule will be provided to you upon arrival.*
- *All with an eligible DD Form 2 and their guests are eligible to participate in the Discover Seoul packages.*
- *All sponsors and their guests will be processed through DBIDS on the second day of arrival. Those sponsoring civilian and family guests (non-DoD) will be required to make a extra stop at an ID Processing center the morning following arrival.*
- *Package prices are based upon two adults in a Standard Room. ID Card holders may sponsor a maximum of four rooms.*
- *You will receive an e-mail confirmation once you make your reservation. At the time of reservation, you will be charged a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit and you will receive a confirmation email for the package tour. At that time, we suggest researching into plane tickets. If we do not sell the required minimum 5 months prior to the program, you will receive a notification of the potential for cancellation and refund of deposit. (due to popularity, we have not cancelled any programs to date).*