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SOUTH KOREA AUTUMN

Seoul, Nami Island, Seoraksan, Jeju Island, Gyeongju, Haeinsa Temple & Busan

DAY 1 OCT 29 SAT: Incheon Airport arrival / Mt Seorak

(B/L/D)



Depart KLIA2 1am. Arrival Incheon Airport 8.20am. Transfer for noodle breakfast. Proceed to **Mt Seorak National Park**. The mountain was named Seorak ('Seol'

meaning 'snow' and 'Ak' meaning 'big mountain') because the snow would not melt for a long time keeping the rocks in a permanent state of white. At the national park, visit **Sinhung Temple** and ascend to the **summit by cable car** (return cable

car ticket inclusive; subject to weather conditions). Walk up to the impressive **Kwengumseong Fortress**. Then transfer to resort to overnight.

DAY 2 OCT 30 SUN: Mt Seorak / Nami Island / Seoul

(B/L)



Transfer to Nami Island and enjoy a **boat ride to Nami Island**. The half moon shape island was formed as a result of the construction of the Cheongpyeong Dam. It became famous as a scenic location in the filming of the Korean drama, "Winter Sonata".



Transfer to **Seoul**. Visit **UNESCO World Heritage Changdeokgung Palace Complex** including entrance ticket to the **Palace's Secret Garden** (CLOSED on MONDAYS). This palace is the most well-preserved of the five remaining royal Joseon palaces; the most unique attribute is its large rear garden (known as “Secret Garden”), a place of rest for the kings.

Then leisure time in **Insadong** (the oldest part of Seoul and famous for handicrafts and souvenirs). Dinner on your own. Overnight in Seoul.

DAY 3 OCT 31 MON: Seoul

(B/L/D)



Drive by the **Blue House**, the official residence of the South Korean president. Then visit **Cheonggyecheon Stream**, a stream in the middle of the city that was once covered over by an

overhead road, now revealed and developed into a park. Drive by **Namdaemun Gate** (restored after damaged by a fire in 2008, this is South Korea’s National Treasure No. 1). At leisure time in **Myeondong** shopping area. Stop by the Ginseng Outlet. Then to **63 City** to visit Sea World Aquarium, Sky Art Gallery & Wax Museum (Big 3 ticket included). Overnight in Seoul.

DAY 4 NOV 1 TUE: Seoul – Jeju

(B/L/D)



Transfer to airport for flight to **Jeju** island. On arrival in Jeju, transfer for lunch. Then visit **Jeju Folklore & Natural History Museum** and **Yongduam Rock** (Dragon Head Rock). Proceed to the **Ghost Road**, where objects and liquid appear to roll and

flow up the hill instead of down; visit and find out why? Overnight in Jeju city.

DAY 5 NOV 2 WED: Jeju

(B/L/D)

Visit **UNESCO World Heritage Manjanggul Lava Tube Cave**, which at a length of 13.4km, is one of the finest lava tunnels in the world. A lava tunnel is formed when the lava that was deep in the ground spouts out to the surface.



Then visit **UNESCO World Heritage Seongsan Ilchulbong**, a peak that rose from under the sea in a volcanic eruption over 100,000 years ago. The huge crater on top is about 600m in diameter and 90m high. Continue to **Seopjikoji**, a scenic seaside area of green fields, stonewalls and a lighthouse. Then to **Cheongjiyeon Waterfall** "God's pond", it derives its



name from the legend of seven fairies serving the King of Heaven that came down to the pond on stairs of cloud and bathed there. Next, visit **Jusangjeollidae**, which



are rock pillars shaped like cubes or hexagons piled up along the coast. They are formed when the lava from Hallasan Mountain erupted into the sea of Jungmun. Return to Jeju city to overnight.

DAY 6 NOV 3 THU: Jeju – Busan

(B/L/D)



Transfer to airport for morning flight to **Busan**. Besides being the 2nd largest city of South Korea, Busan is also its largest port city and the world's fifth busiest seaport by cargo tonnage. Transfer to **Jagalchi Seafood Market** and enjoy **Jagalchi Seafood Buffet**. Visit **Busan Tower**, a 118m tall tower at Yongdusan Park (including ticket to observation deck). Then to **Busan International Film**

Festival (BIFF) Square. Divided into 'Star Street' and 'Festival Street'; it has grown beyond hosting a collection of movie theatres to become a popular shopping area. Overnight in Busan.

DAY 7 NOV 4 FRI: Busan – Gyeongju

(B/L/D)

Transfer to **Gyeongju**, which was the capital of the ancient Silla kingdom (57 BC – 935 AD) which ruled about two-thirds of the Korean Peninsula between the 7th and 9th centuries. Here you visit the **3 UNESCO World Heritage attractions: Bulguksa Temple, Seokguram Grotto & Gyeongju Historic Areas**.



Bulguksa Temple is a head temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism and encompasses seven National treasures of South Korea, including Dabotap and Seokgatap stone pagodas, Cheongun-gyo (Blue Cloud Bridge), and two gilt-bronze statues of Buddha. The temple is classified as Historic and Scenic Site No. 1 by the South Korean government and considered as a masterpiece of the golden age of Buddhist art in the Silla kingdom.



The **Seokguram Grotto** is an artificial grotto made from granite and is unique in design. The main Buddha statue in the center is 3.5 meters in height and sits on a 1.34 meter tall lotus pedestal. It exemplifies some of the best Buddhist sculptures in the world.



Gyeongju Historic Areas encompass the ruins of temples and palaces, outdoor pagodas and statuary, and other cultural artifacts left by the Silla Kingdom. You will visit **Cheonmachong Tomb** (tomb of an unknown Silla Kingdom king), **Anapji Pond** (an artificial pond that was part of the Banwolsong palace complex of ancient Silla Kingdom), **Cheomseongdae Observatory** (an astronomical observatory built in the 7th century) and **Bunhwangsa Pagoda** (a temple complex, recorded to have been built in 634 under the auspices of Queen Seondeok). Overnight in Gyeongju.

DAY 8 NOV 5 SAT: Gyeongju – Haeinsa Temple – Busan

(B/L/D)



Transfer to visit **UNESCO World Heritage Haeinsa Temple**, most notable for being the home of the Tripitaka Koreana, the whole of the Buddhist Scriptures carved onto 81,350 wooden printing blocks, which it has housed since 1398. Its location amidst serene Gaya mountains and forests makes an enjoyable visit.



Transfer to **Busan** and visit **Gamcheon Culture Village**. Formerly the almost deserted village Taeguokdo, the houses have been repainted with bright colours and the village turned into an 'artsy' village popular with tourists and photographers. Overnight in Busan.

DAY 9 NOV 6 SUN: Busan departure

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After breakfast, transfer to Busan airport for 10.35am departure flight. Arrival KLIA2 3.55pm.

RATES: per person, twin sharing, minimum 16 persons group, with accompanying tour leader

- a) Ground Tour package = RM 4750
- b) Air Asia ticket = RM 1620 (online price on May 20, subject to change)
- c) Travel Insurance = RM 52

TOTAL = RM 6422 /person

Single Supplement RM 1390

Rates & itinerary subject to changes in Forex rates, unforeseen surcharges, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

- a) Air Asia KL to Incheon and Busan to KL air tickets
(total online price on May 20, incl. 20kg luggage both ways & 1 meal on return leg, subject to change by Air Asia)
- b) Domestic air ticket Seoul – Jeju / Jeju – Busan
- c) Return airport-hotel transfers and private coach for tour excursion
- d) Hotel accommodation: SEORAK: Seorak Pines Resort (4 star) or similar
SEOUL: Benikea Bernoui (4 star) or similar
JEJU: Cheju Palace (3 star) or similar
BUSAN: Crown Harbour Hotel (3 star) or similar
GYEONGJU: Daemyung Resort (4 star) or similar
- e) Meals as per listed in itinerary above
- f) English speaking tour guide
- g) Entrance fees for all attractions inclusive as per itinerary
- h) Guide & Driver tipping
- i) 4 shopping stops: ginseng, healthy liver supplements, cosmetic and local food products
- j) Travel insurance

EXCLUDING:

- a) Dinner on Day 2 (while at Insadong shopping street)
- b) Visa not required for Malaysians visiting South Korea. Other nationalities to be advised.
- c) Expenses of personal nature like activities not part of itinerary, laundry charges, mini bar charges, tipping to hotel/restaurant staff, etc.