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27MAR to 4APR 2026 (9D8N) South Korea Spring Cherry Blossom (Busan, Gyeongju, Andong, Seoul) Cost Rm3900 per pax (12-18 pax) EXCLUDE FLIGHT & JEJU EXTENSION

Based on KRW1,000 = RM3.15 (Oanda 09Aug26) Final adjustments on trip cost is based on exchange rate at time of final collection.

OPTION for JEJU Extension 23-27 MAR 2026 (4D3N) Rm1800 EXCLUDE domestic flight Jeju to Busan

AIR CHINA

27 MAR 2026 FRI KUL to PUS (Busan) via Beijing 0020 1145 KOREAN AIR

04 APR 2026 SAT ICN (Seoul) to KUL 1620 2150

Air China Rm1029 & Korean Air Rm1177 (Both includes 23kg checked baggage). Fare check 08Aug2025. Note: Flights choice may CHANGE subject to better options if available later.

Note: DO NOT PURCHASE FLIGHT TICKET UNTIL WE ADVICE.

Update 09 Aug 2026 — This is <u>semi-backpacking trip</u> using local public buses, trains and subways, NO chartered transport throughout trip except Jeju self-drive. It is important participants are able to <u>manage your own luggage</u>, preferably backpacks or softpacks, or trolley NOT more than 24", 20-22" is ideal. Large size 28" luggage is NOT ALLOWED on Yongo trips. Packing light and small bag ease your traveling experience. We do not send tour guide from Malaysia. Seoul based local tour leader will meet group at Busan airport.

IMPORTANT NOTICE This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the <u>right attitude</u> for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

This is for people who like to travel like locals, taking local transportations and stay in local accommodations. Tour leader is living in Korea for over 20 years. His in-depth knowledge of cities and country-side made this itinerary uncommon and travel experience unparalleled.

South Korea is the place to travel if one desires modern facilities and comfort while loving both nature and cultural experiences. This trip is thoughtfully tailored to cover in and around Seoul, the modern, vibrant city wth futuristic touch and the latest trendsetting city in lifestyles and technology. The hightlights include a night stay inside UNESCO heritage site of Hahoe Folk Village and tour of Gyeongju, another UNESCO ancient city. And explore Korea's second largest city, Busan, popular for its K-Movie culture scene, seafood and beautiful natural coastline.





Gyeongbokgung Palace

<u>Day 0 KLIA1 to BUSAN</u> Meet at **9PM at KLIA 1** on **26 MAR 2026** THU.

27 MAR 2026 FRI AIR CHINA after midnight flight depart 00:20AM to Busan via Beijing. Transit Beijing 1h50. Arriving Busan 1145AM next day on 27Mar2026.

Day 1 BUSAN FISH MARKET & GAMCHEON VILLAGE. Arrived Busan 11.45AM on 27 MAR 2026. Once settled our luggage at hotel, we visit the Fish Market of Jagalchi (Korea's largest seafood market) and sample some typical local lunch nearby. With short bus ride, our next stop is Gamcheon Culture Village. The area is known for its steep streets, twisting alleys, and brightly painted houses, which have been restored and enhanced in recent years to attract tourism. Later, we transfer to Songdo area where one can enjoy the Cable Car ride over the ocean, or simply stroll along the coastal front and coffee near the beach. On the way back to hotel, we visit BIFF square - a "Star Street" dedicated to film, related to the world-famous Busan International Film Festival. And spot the hand printings (cemented on the street) of famous movie celebrities include Zhang Yimou, Oliver Stone and Kitano Takeshi. ON Busan.

<u>Day 2 BUSAN HAEUNDAE.</u> After breakfast, we subway to Haeundae, the area is the location of one of the most popular beaches in Korea. Here, you can take the Sky Capsule, some colourful mini trains slow ride along a coastal rail, or some may prefer to stroll along a walkway right next to the train to enjoy the view. Later, with some lucks, we could head to a

nearby street which is popular for cherry blossom trees. After back to hotel, you are free & easy to explore other attractions nearby. The area is perfect place to shop and eat includes Gukje Market (International Market), Bupyeong Kkangtong Night Market and Lotte Department Store. Other nearby attractions include Busan Tower, a symbol of Busan that at height of 120m, its observation deck offers city and sea view. The best visit hour recommended is late afternoon (5pm+) before sunset when you can view Busan at day light and sit around until it gets dark for night scenery. ON Busan.





SKy Capsule, Beach Train & Walkway / Gumcheon Cultural Village

<u>Day 3 UNESCO GYEONGJU CITY.</u> 2hr transfer to Gyeongju city with metro and intercity bus. Gyeongju, an ancient capital of Silla Kingdom (57BC to 935AD), is described as an open museum because of its many tombs and UNESCO listed historical places. We visit Tombs of Silla Kings in Royal Tumuli Park - the Daereungwon Tomb Complex and Cheomseongdae, an ancient astronomical observatory. Cheomseongdae (built 647 AD) means star-gazing tower and is the oldest surviving astronomical observatory in Asia. ON Gyeongiu

<u>Day 4 UNESCO GYEONGJU CITY.</u> Today we hop into local buses to visit three main attractions. Firstly, UNESCO-listed Bulguksa Temple, follow by Gyeongju National Museum to learn more about the city's ancient past, and then Woljeonggyo Bridge, which was built during the Unified Silla perod (AD676-935), but was burnt down and rebuilt in 2018 to become the largest wooden bridge in Korea. ON Gyeongju.





Royal Tombs / Andong Hahoe Folk Village

Day 5 UNESCO ANDONG HAHOE FOLK VILLAGE. After breakfast, we train 1.5hr to Andong city. Andong is known as a centre of culture and folk traditions. West of the city, UNESCO World Heritage Site Hahoe Folk Village has tile-roofed centuries old buildings and homes and been visited by late Queen Elizabeth and President George Bush. We will take a tour around the village before sunset and stay a night in the traditional house (hanok) inside the UNESCO Village itself. ON Hahoe Folk Village, Andong.

<u>Day 6 SEOUL LANDMARKS.</u> Morning train/bus 2.5h+ transfer to Seoul. There are plenty of lunch choices at Seoul Station and later we visit main attractions within the vicinity of 600-year history of Gwanghwamun public square, the epic centre of Seoul Metropolitan City. Attractions include UNESCO World Heritage site Gyeongbokgung Palace, Cheongyecheon stream and nearyby the Bukcheon Village. ON Seoul.

Day 7 SEOUL GANGNAM STYLE. Gangnam literally means 'South of the river', and this district in Seoul that lies along the south banks of the Han River (or Hangang in Korean). This is an upscale modern area home to gleaming skyscrappers, designer brands and stylish nighclubs and as popular depicted in PSY's hit song 'Gangnam Style'. It's also home to country's top plastic surgery clinics and K-Pop entertainment companies. We visit the COEX Mall (largest underground shopping mall in Asia) in Gangnam, then the tallest in Korea and world's 5th tallest building, Lotte World Tower-Mall & Seokchon Lake cherry blossom trees. On the way back to hotel, we could have dinner at Ikseondong, Seoul's hipster maze-like streets of restaurants, cafes & handicraft shops. ON Seoul.

Day 8 SEOUL TOWER & LOCAL MARKETS. Before visiting the Tower, we have brunch at Gwangjang Market, one of the oldest & largest in Korea, to taste some local most popular traditional foods. Seoul Tower, aka Namsan Tower, it is a communication and observation tower located on Namsan Mountain in central Seoul. At 236m, it marks the highest point in Seoul. Then, we move to Namdaemun "Great Southern Gate", it has the large traditional market selling various affordable goods from personal items, indoors and outdoors items. Shopping continues to nearby trendy Myeongdong shopping district, and upmarket Hyundai Duty Free Departmental Store. ON Seoul.





Gwangjang Market / COEX Starfield Library

<u>Day 9 SEOUL-KUL.</u> Morning is free and easy last day in Seoul before transfer to Incheon airport for flight home. DEPART 4

APRIL 2026 SAT 1620PM with Korean Air, landing KUL 2150PM.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Trip Cost cover accommodation, transportation to sites mentioned in itinerary.
- 2. Accommodations will be in budget to mid-range hotels, local homestays and guesthouses on twin or multi share basis.
- 3. Not covered are Flight cost Rm2000 (estimates) and Meals KRW40,000 per day (Rm140 x 10d=Rm1400 estimate), Entrance Fees Rm350 (estimate), optional activities.
- 4. Cost is subject to change based on fluctuations in exchange rates.
- 5. Non-refundable deposit of Rm2000 is payable to confirm your place. Additional deposit Rm800 for Jeju extension.
- 6. Participants are responsible to purchase TRAVEL INSURANCE prior to departure, and be adequately insured.

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JEJU EXTENSION (Pre-Trip)

Cost per pax Rm1800 (minimum 4pax) EXCLUDES one-way domestic flight from Jeju to Busan.

Note- Jeju to Busan Flight details to be adviced nearer departure date.

23 MAR 2026 SCOOT Airline KUL-CJU via SIN 2140 0720+1 (Rm967 excludes checked baggage. Fare check 08Aug2025)





Seongsan Ichubong / Manjanggul Cave

Day 1 KUL JEJU. Fly Scoot Airlines departing at 2140 or 9.40PM from KLIA2 to Jeju via Singapore on 23 Mar 2026 MON.

<u>Day 2 OLD JEJU.</u> Morning arrives Jeju Airport on 24 Mar 2026. As soon as we pick-up our <u>rental private vehicle</u>, which will be our mode of transport in Jeju, we first check-in hotel, and then explore the northen coastal road for some scenic photo spots and its local market. ON Jeju.

<u>Day 3 SOUTHERN JEJU.</u> After breakfast, we drive straight to Yongmeori Coast at the southern Jeju. The UNESCO-listed Yongmeori (means Dragon Head) is a rough and dramatic coastline shaped from volcano lava eruptions. Walking along the spectacular rock formations is an eye-catching experience. Before lunch, we may have a mini Olle Trail experience, i.e. walking trails pass through villages and coastline. Later, we visit the world's largest optical art museum - Alive Museum, or fun at Fruit Picking (subject to seasonal factor) before head back to Hotel. ON Jeju.

Day 4 EASTERN JEJU. Today, we explore the eastern-end of Jeju begin with UNESCO's site Manjanggul Cave, which is one of the finest lava tunnels in the world. Only 1km of the 13,422m Manjanggul Cave is open to tourists with comfortable temperature of 11~21°C all year-round. We then climb another UNESCO World Heritage's site Seogsan Ilchulbong, a tuff cone crater rose 90m from under the sea in a volcanic eruption over 100,000 years ago. "Ilchulbong" means Sunrise. Later, we visit Seopjikoji - a popular site for Korean Drama "All-in" overlooking East China Sea from the cliff. On the way back to hotel, we make a brief stop at Seonggeup Folk Village - which is a small town with traditional houses hold unique local culture of the black lava rock walls. ON Jeju.

<u>Day 5 JEJU BUSAN.</u> Morning transfer to Airport for domestic flight CJU to PUS to join the rest of members in Busan.