



## SEOUL – BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERN-DAY

### 4 days / 3 nights

#### **D1 SEOUL: THE GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE AND THE ROYAL SANCTUARY OF JONGMYO (L)**

Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 09h00.

Transfer by the subway to visit Gyeongbokgung Palace (*closed on Tuesday*), the Royal Palace located north of the capital, which was built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and then later restored in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This "Shining Palace of Happiness" is one of the five palaces of the Choson (Joseon) Dynasty, which includes the Folk Museum with the collection of Korean traditional artefacts.

#### **Lunch at a local restaurant.**

In the afternoon, visit the Royal Sanctuary of Jongmyo, inscribed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is a Confucian shrine dedicated to the perpetuation of memorial services for the deceased kings and queens of the Choson (Joseon) dynasty. Then, visit the Jogyesa Temple, one of the most significant temples of the city and the center of the Jogyejong Buddhist Order, who are advocating the Zen meditation.

Return back to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Overnight in Seoul.

#### **D2 SEOUL: THE "HANOK" OF BUKCHON AND THE KOREAN COOKING LESSON (B/L)**

After breakfast, the morning is dedicated to a Korean cooking lesson. There are more than 130 kinds of Kimchi in South Korea, discover of one recipe with a chef (about 2h). Then, the lesson concludes with a walk through the market for an explanation about the traditional food ingredients.

#### **Lunch is at a local restaurant.**

In the afternoon, depart by Jihachul, the subway serving the main areas of the city.

Walk through the "Hanok" village of Bukchon. This place, known as the "North Village", is home to some 900 traditional Korean houses and offers a unique cultural immersion in the Korean ancient times.

The day ends with a stroll through Insadong Street full of antique shops and art galleries.

Overnight in Seoul.

**Note:** *Full day transportation by subway. The Royal Sanctuary of Jongmyo is closed on Tuesday. The Korean cooking class is about 2h.*

### D3 SEOUL: DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND PANMUNJEOM (B/L)

After breakfast, transfer by subway to the Lotte Hotel and depart for a full day excursion with a local guide to the Demilitarized Zone (**closed on Monday**).

Located on both sides of 38<sup>th</sup> parallel, this ill-reputed border was established at the end of the war in 1953 at the signing Panmunjom's armistice separating the North and South Korea.

Upon arrival, proceed to the passport security control followed by a short introduction to the United Nations' camp.

Visit the Dora's observatory and Dorasan railway station. Discover the Imjingak Park including: the Memorial, the Liberty Bridge and the Unification Bell.

By late morning, visit the 3<sup>rd</sup> tunnel which were dug into the rock at a depth of 73m and capable of moving a full division per hour with their weapons.

#### **Late lunch during the excursion.**

In the afternoon, transfer on board of a military bus towards the secure area and the point of no return. Return back to the hotel in the late afternoon. Overnight in Seoul.

**Note: This full day excursion is arranged according to the rules imposed by the Government and is available only from Tuesday to Saturday, except on days of military training, as well as the Korean and American (USA) holidays. The visit is organized in a group.**

### D4 SEOUL: THE T.UM MUSEUM & K-POP CULTURE (B/L)

In the morning, depart by Jihachul, the local subway, for a day full of adventures in the modern world.

Stop at the "Lotte World", the biggest shopping mall of the country and a shopping paradise.

Then stop at the T.Um Museum offering a very unique tour. Each space is dedicated to a world of fashion, home, entertainment... and each reacts according to the visitor - a futuristic experience not to be missed!

#### **Lunch at a local restaurant.**

The afternoon is dedicated to a fascinating exploration of the K-pop culture. This new-age culture became famous worldwide, thanks to the singer PSY and his famous song "Gangnam Style". K-pop is a modern form of pop music combining different kinds of popular music and a wide variety of audiovisual elements.

Walk through the bustling Myeongdong. One of the most surprising sites with large screens and incredible boutiques; here the K-pop is represented in all its varieties.

Enjoy a free time in this open air sanctuary of K-pop to do some shopping.

Return back to your hotel in the late afternoon.

#### **End of our services.**

**Note: Depending on the period, it is possible to attend a K-pop concert, with supplement, please contact us.**



**Number of Participants:** 2 - 4 persons  
**Name of the participants:** To be advised upon booking



**Selected accommodation:** Standard Category

City	Hotel	Category	Room Category
Seoul	Shinshin Hotel	Superior	*** +

### Superior Category

City	Hotel	Category	Room Category
Seoul	Novotel Seoul Ambassador	Standard	****

Please note that here we give the official classification of the hotels and resorts based the local standard.



### Price per person in USD: Standard Category

Base	2 pax	3 - 4 pax
From August 1 <sup>st</sup> to September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2016	1275.-/person	1100.-/person

### Superior Category

Base	2 pax	3 - 4 pax
From August 1 <sup>st</sup> to September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2016	1455.-/person	1270.-/person

*\*We reserve the right to adjust the prices at any time in the event of an increase in the fuel surcharge applied by the airlines.*

### Our prices include:

- Accommodation in a shared double or twin room at the selected hotel in Seoul for 3 nights.
- One day and a half transportation by Jihachul (subway).
- English speaking guide except during free time or if mentioned otherwise in the program.
- Entry fees for all sightseeing tours as mentioned in the program.
- Meals as mentioned in the program: (B) for breakfast, (L) for lunch or (D) for dinner.
- Government taxes currently in force (V.A.T.).

### Our prices do not include:

- Entry Visa for South Korea (if necessary).
- International flights and airport taxes.
- Meals not mentioned.
- Drinks, tips, personal expenses and all services not clearly mentioned.
- Transfer from the airport to the hotel and vice-versa.

### Note:

- The offer is subject to availability.
- Upon booking, a deposit of 30% is required.
- The program is subject to change without prior notice due to the changes in the airline schedules or flights cancellations.
- We reserve the right to adjust the prices at any time in the event of an increase in the fuel surcharge applied by the airlines.

**VALIDITY:** From August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016



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