



# Seoul Extension

Short Stay | 4 Days | Physical Level 1

Extend your holiday with a fascinating stay in South Korea's dynamic capital city, Seoul, and admire it's many local treasures. From temples and palaces to the delicious street snacks.

- Discover bustling Seoul
- Visit the royal Gyeongbok Palace
- Witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony
- Enjoy panoramic views of the city from N Seoul Tower
- Stroll through Hanok village

## TOUR MAP

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### SEOUL EXTENSION INCLUSIONS:

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- Transportation and transfers as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring and entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Accommodation
- English speaking guide

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditures e.g. drinks, optional excursions, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check-in or late check-out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

### ITINERARY CHANGES:

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It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive Seoul

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Arrive in South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

This dynamic city is particularly fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition.



### Destination Information

**Seoul** – Seoul is a dynamic metropolis where skyscrapers, shopping malls and pop culture meet Buddhist temples, palaces and street markets. Seoul was the capital of Korea from 1394 until the formal division of the country in 1948. Its history stretches back over two thousand years, the name itself has come to mean “capital” in the Korean language.

### Day 2: Explore Seoul

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Meals: B, L

You will be picked up from your hotel to begin your full day seat-in-coach tour of the city. Your first stop will be at Cheongwadae, the former residence and office of the President of South Korea. Continue to Gyeongbok Palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony, before visiting Jogyesa Temple.

After lunch, take a stroll along Insadong Street, home to a plethora of antique shops and traditional tea houses, then go on to visit N Seoul Tower for panoramic views over the city. Your last stop of the day is Hanok Village, a historic district featuring rows of traditional houses.



Transfer back to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure.

*Please note, if today's date falls on a Tuesday, your itinerary may differ due to the Gyeongbok Palace being closed on Tuesdays.*

### Destination Information

**Cheongwadae** – Also known as the Blue House, Cheongwadae is the former residence and office of the President of South Korea. Located in the heart of Seoul, it is a symbol of the country's political power and heritage. Today, it serves as both a working presidential office and a historical site, showcasing traditional Korean architectural elements with modern influences.

**Gyeongbok Palace** – Built in 1395, Gyeongbok Palace was located at the heart of newly appointed capital of Seoul (then known as Hanyang) and was the main royal palace of the Joseon Dynasty. The palace has been rebuilt after destruction several times, and houses museums, ornamental gardens and some of Seoul's most outstanding architectural sights.

**Jogyesa Temple** – Built in the 14th century, it is one of the most important Buddhist temples in Korea and a symbol of Korean Buddhism. It serves as the head temple of Jogye order.

**N Seoul Tower** – The N Seoul Tower, built in 1969, is a communication and observation tower located on Namsan Mountain. At 236 metres, it is the second highest point in Seoul.

**Hanok Village** – A charming historic neighborhood that preserves traditional Korean architecture and provides a glimpse to Korea's past, featuring well-preserved hanok houses throughout narrow lanes. Many of the hanoks are still inhabited, creating a unique blend of old and new.

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#### Day 3: Discover Seoul

Meals: B

After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of the vast metropolis that is Seoul.



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#### Day 4: Depart Seoul

Meals: B

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



## SEOUL EXTENSION TRAVEL INFORMATION

### VISAS:

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A visa is not required for Australian passport holders for entry into South Korea for stays up to 90 days.

### INSURANCE:

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We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

### TRANSPORT:

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**Coaches:** Please note, the nature of the Jeju Island tours that take place on Day 2 and 3 will be in a seat-in-coach style. This means, you will enjoy your tour within a shared coach with other passengers that may or may not be a part of a Wendy Wu Tour.

Whilst onboard, you will be accompanied by an English speaking tour guide that will also be joining you as you explore the various sites mentioned on your itinerary.

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