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261026 Nicole Kindell group - Itinerary 9 days 8 nights S. Korea Culture and Beauty

Oct 26, 2026 - Nov 3, 2026

Highlights: Seoul(4) - Andong(1) - Busan(2) - Seoul(1)

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Trip Summary

October 26 - Monday

Arrive in Seoul

Private transfer to Hotel

Check in at Nine Tree by Parnas Seoul Myeongdong II

October 27 - Tuesday

Breakfast

Seoul Highlights - Gyeongbokgung Palace

Lunch

Dinner

October 28 - Wednesday

Breakfast

Seoul - Temple Life Experience - Kimchi Cooking Class

Lunch

October 29 - Thursday

Breakfast

Nami Island & Petite France

Lunch

October 30 - Friday

Breakfast

Check out hotel

Seoul - Andong

Lunch

Check in at Rakkojae Andong Hahoe Hanok

Dinner

October 31 - Saturday

Breakfast

Check out hotel

Andong – Gyeongju, UNESCO Heritage Sites - Busan

Lunch

Check in at L7 HAEUNDAE by LOTTE HOTELS

Dinner

November 1 - Sunday

Breakfast

Busan Highlights

Lunch

Dinner

November 2 - Monday

Breakfast

Check out hotel

Busan - Seoul

Check in at Nine Tree by Parnas Seoul Myeongdong II

November 3 - Tuesday

Breakfast

Check out hotel

Private transfer to Airport

October 26 - Monday

Arrive in Seoul
Arrive in Seoul, receive a warm welcome from our guide.

Private transfer to Hotel
Private transfer to your hotel check-in.

Note: Transfer offer only one time for the most group customers arrive at the same time.

Check in at Nine Tree by Parnas Seoul Myeongdong II

ROOM / BED TYPE
Standard room

Nine Tree by Parnas Seoul Myeongdong II

Address: 28, Mareunnae-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea

Phone: +82-2-6967-0999

October 27 - Tuesday

Breakfast

Seoul Highlights - Gyeongbokgung Palace
Today is an exciting day as we visit some of Seoul's most captivating sights. You will have the opportunity to experience the culture by wearing Hanbok (traditional Korean costume). Our first destination is the magnificent **Gyeongbokgung Palace,** the largest of the five royal palaces built during the Joseon dynasty in 1394. It's a testament to the country's rich history and culture, and witness the mesmerizing Changing of the Guard Ceremony, a culturally significant spectacle. Next, visit the **National Folklore Museum of Korea** to glimpse the traditional way of life of Koreans through a treasure trove of historical objects. Our journey continues to **Insadong**, a charming antique street with tea cafes and art craft shops. Immerse ourselves in the local culture as we browse through countless stalls selling unique souvenirs and quirky trinkets. For lunch, we treat ourselves to a sumptuous Korean-family-style at Hanjeongsik. After lunch, head to the **Bukchon Hanok Village**, a picturesque neighborhood showcasing the beauty of traditional Korean-style houses. As we walk through the quaint streets and admire the stunning architecture, we feel transported back in time to a bygone era. Finally, make your way to **Seoul Tower** on Mt. Namsan for a breathtaking bird's eye view of the bustling metropolis below. With its panoramic vistas and stunning scenery, this iconic landmark is the perfect way to cap off an unforgettable day in the vibrant city of Seoul. It's a must-visit for anyone looking to experience the beauty of Seoul. Transfer back to your hotel.

**Note: Regarding environmental concerns in Mt. Namsan, only environment public buses are permitted. Once you reach the bus stop, there is a distance of approximately 150m that needs to be covered on foot. It is advised to take into consideration the age of the group we suggest taking the Cable car from Myeongdong to Seoul N Tower which we included in the cost.*

Gyeongbokgung Palace & National Folklore Museum of Korea will be closed on Tuesday. The tour will be changed to Changdeokgung Palace & National Seoul Museum of Craft Art.

Lunch

Dinner
Traditional BBQ Korean at the local restaurant

October 28 - Wednesday

Breakfast

Seoul - Temple Life Experience - Kimchi Cooking Class
Start your day with a visit to the magnificent Temple in Seoul, South Korea. This ancient Buddhist temple has been a sacred site for worship and meditation. The temple offers an exceptional opportunity to learn about Korean Buddhism while immersing yourself in a tranquil atmosphere. You can participate in the morning chanting service. Watch the monks as they go about their daily tasks and afterward enjoy a delicious vegetarian meal served in a traditional brass bowl, which is said to aid digestion and enhance the experience.

Later, attend a **cooking class** held at Museum Kimchikan, a new museum of Kimchi based on a long tradition, that is starting to tell new stories of the old food, Kimchi, to both Koreans and people throughout the world. Here, you also learn and hand on to make the Beachu Kimchi from scratch. Each participant will take home about 1kg of kimchi. A kimchi container will be provided. Please notify us in advance if you have any food allergies.

Lunch

October 29 - Thursday

Breakfast

Nami Island & Petite France

Namiseom (Nami) island, the half-moon-shaped island in the southwest of Chuncheon served as a setting in the popular Korean TV drama Winter Sonata. It is also famous for the scenic tree lined roads that offer spectacular views of autumn foliage, but the scenery is beautiful year round. Namiseom offers fun activities for bike riding, ziplining, camping, and boating. The island's redwoods, ginkgos, and pines offer a habitat for roaming deer and waterfowl. Then head to the nearby Garden of Morning Calm. It is an artistic space with a beautiful balance between the Korean concept of natural curves with asymmetry, and plants with synthetic materials. Scenic walkways, beautifully manicured grass, and flower beds connect the garden's 20 different themed sections. The last site of the day is Petit France.

Nestled in the hills, you would think that you have arrived at a real French village in the Alps. The village is inspired by the famous French novel "Le Petit Prince." The village actually contains a memorial hall to Antoine de Saint-Exupery, the author of "Le Petit France." Enjoy a mix of food, shops, performances, and French culture.

Lunch

October 30 - Friday

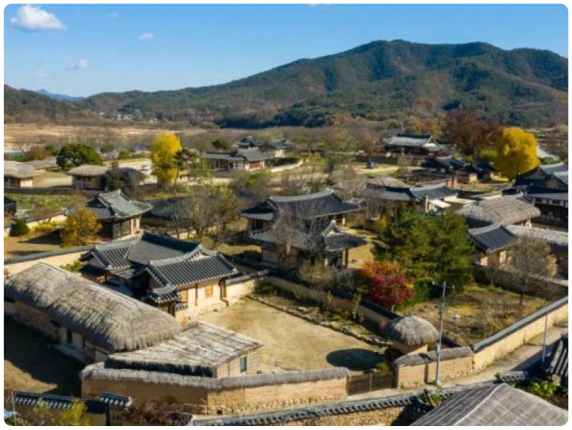
Breakfast

Check out hotel

Seoul - Andong

The day begins early with a 3-hour journey to **Andong**. Along the way, we stop at a unique Korean "rest stop" for an authentic Korean lunch.

Once we arrive in Andong, we will visit **Byeongsan Seowon** (Byungsan Confucian Academy), a historic Confucian academy from the Joseon Dynasty and explore **Hahoe Village**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. To fully immerse ourselves in the beauty and culture of Andong, we will check into a Hanok, a traditional Korean guesthouse.



Lunch

Check in at Rakkojae Andong Hahoe Hanok

Rakkojae Andong Hahoe Hanok

Rakkojae Andong Hahoe is situated in front of the Hahoe Village ferry dock and comprises four separate "choga" houses: Anche, Byulche, Sarangche, and Munganche. It is the only traditional accommodation in Hahoe Folk Village that offers private bathrooms in each room. Additionally, the yellow-mud sauna located in Munganche is available for guests to enjoy as a relaxing and healthy space. We hope that all our guests can rejuvenate their minds, bodies, and souls during their stay at Rakkojae Andong Hahoe.

Dinner

Enjoy an authentic Korean dinner at Rakkojae Hahoe Hanok restaurant.

October 31 - Saturday

Breakfast

Check out hotel

Andong – Gyeongju, UNESCO Heritage Sites - Busan

In the morning, leave Andong for two hours drive to Gyeongju, old Capital City of Shilla Kingdom. Upon arrival, visit the ancient architectural complex of the Bukkuksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, considered a masterpiece of Buddhist art are designated as UNESCO Heritage Sites and are renowned for their stunning architecture and intricate artwork. Make your way towards Busan, takes approximately one hour.

Lunch

Check in at L7 HAEUNDAE by LOTTE HOTELS

ROOM / BED TYPE
Standard Room

L7 HAEUNDAE by LOTTE HOTELS

Address: 55, Haeun-daero 570beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan, South Korea

Phone: +82 517711000

Dinner

November 1 - Sunday

Breakfast

Busan Highlights

Begin your day with an enriching visit to **Yonggungsa Temple,** the only oceanside Buddhist temple in South Korea. With a captivating history of over 600 years, this temple is renowned for its stunning setting and spiritual importance. Take the **Sea Train** from Songjeong to Haeundae, enjoying the scenic coastal views. Participate in an exceptional **Korean food master-led workshop** and learn the intricate art of crafting **Dongnae rice wine**. Following your visit, indulge in a scrumptious lunch at local restaurant, savoring the local flavors and aromas. we will proceed to the **Gamcheon Cultural Center**, a vibrant neighborhood famous for its colorful residences. These houses were transformed from a shanty town after the Korean War and are now popular tourist attraction. Afterwards, explore the famous **Jagalchi Fish Market**, Korea's largest seafood market, featuring both live and dried fish. Return to your hotel.

Lunch

Dinner
Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

November 2 - Monday

Breakfast

Check out hotel

Busan - Seoul
Private transfer to Busan Station. Take KTX Bullet train ride to Seoul (about 2 hour and 40minutes). Once we arrive, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel for check-in.

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Free time for the rest of the day to relax or do last-minute shopping.

November 3 - Tuesday

Breakfast

Check out hotel

Private transfer to Airport
Meet guide at hotel and private transfer to airport.

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Information & Documents

Prices

Item	Group 10 - 12 people	Single Surcharge
Land Package	$4798	$1455

Prices are per person, based on double/twin occupancy, for private services for a small group of travelers.

Features Included & Excluded

Features Included

- Private transportation as specified in the program
- Private local English speaking guide in each city
- Accommodations based on Double/Twin share
- Meals (excluding drinks) as specified in the itinerary
- Boat fees & admission fees as specified in the itinerary
- **Bullet train tickets from Busan to Seoul (First class)**

Features Excluded

- Travel insurance
- Gratuities (tour guide & driver)
- Visa

Term & Conditions

1. Deposit & Final Payment:

To confirm your booking, a non-refundable land package deposit is required. The deposit amount may vary depending on the destination you select. For all destinations except Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, the deposit is $250.00 per person. For Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, the deposit is $500.00 per person.

For River Cruise packages, the deposit amount is $750.00 per person based on double cabin occupancy and $1500.00 per person for single cabin occupancy.

Prices will be confirmed once the deposit is received. If additional deposits are required, you will be notified at the time of booking. These additions may be for Holidays, airfare, other special occasions, or supplier requirements.

Final payment will be due 75 days prior to travel (any earlier deadlines will be advised at the time of deposit). If a deposit is not received by the due date, we reserve the right to cancel the booking and keep the non-refundable deposit. Bookings made within 75 days of travel will require payment in full to secure the reservation. In the case of computer or human billing or invoice error, we reserve the right to amend and send the corrected invoice.

Payments may be made with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or agency check. The name on the card must match the name of the passengers traveling. Our acceptance of this credit card or payment indicates the passenger's acceptance of all terms and conditions and their compliance.

Check payments and authorization forms should be sent to:

V’Explore Tours

12443 Lewis Street, Suite 103

Garden Grove, CA 92840, USA

2. Revision and Cancellation fees:

$50.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to the reservation before 75 days. A change of departure date within 75 days of departure will be treated as a cancellation and cancellation charges will apply.

For individual bookings, the following per person cancellation fees apply.

More than 75 days prior to departure: a non-refundable deposit will be retained.

75 - 60 days prior to departure: 25% of the total price

59 - 45 days prior to departure: 50% of the total price

44 - 21 days prior to departure: 75% of the total price

Within 21 days prior to departure: 100% of the total price

Please note that for holidays or peak season bookings, the cancellation fees will depend on the suppliers or hotel policy. The details of the penalty policy will be indicated in the proposal or confirmation.

No refund or reduced fees will be made to passengers who deviate from the original itinerary regardless of the portions of the itinerary unused and/or failed to secure valid travel documents such as passports or visas.

Airline tickets may be non-refundable once ticketed. Any changes will incur the revision fee plus any airline-imposed penalty. This penalty may be up to 100% of the ticket and the new ticket will be issued at the current rate at the revision time.

Price Guarantee:

Prices are subject to increase without notice. However, the land price is guaranteed once V’Explore Tours has received your deposit. Airfares are included in the booking price and become guaranteed when we receive the full air payment.

All prices are based on double occupancy. Single-room supplements and triple-room reductions are listed where applicable.

Passports and Visas:

You are responsible for obtaining and paying for all visas and entry documents before travel. All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport that must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the conclusion of your trip. In addition to a valid passport, passengers are required to possess a valid visa where required. Please check with your consulate to verify all requirements.

Travel Documents:

We will email you your e-travel documents 21 days before your travel date. In addition to your full itinerary and air tickets, the e-travel documents will include local emergency contacts, guide information, and helpful travel tips.

For your convenience, we will also include a link in the mobile app to download and view your itinerary on your mobile device.

You are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all documents, including names and dates. This information should be confirmed at the time of reservation. By confirming your payment, you indicate that all information is correct and agreed upon by all parties involved.

We highly recommend purchasing insurance to protect you and your travel investment.