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# East Asia Explorer: Seoul & Hong Kong Highlights



7 Days

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Seoul • Sokcho • Nami Island • Hong Kong

-  6 Nights Hotel (Double occupancy)
-  Escorted Tour
-  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included in Korea
-  Cantonese/ Mandarin Tour Guide on request
-  Scenic Spot Ticket Included

### Journey Across Cultures

From the tranquil mountains of Sokcho to the neon-lit streets of Hong Kong, this 7-day journey blends Korea's timeless traditions with Hong Kong's cosmopolitan energy. Stroll under the tree-lined avenues of Nami Island, breathe in the crisp air of Seoraksan National Park, and soak in the warmth of Korean spas. Then, shift gears to Hong Kong, where sweeping harbor views, cultural landmarks, and modern art create a vibrant finale.

## Tour Highlights



Wander Nami Island's iconic tree-lined paths, famous from beloved Korean dramas



Marvel at the peaks, waterfalls, and autumn foliage of Seoraksan National Park



Step into Korean royal history at Gyeongbokgung Palace



Stroll the charming lanes of Bukchon Hanok Village



Admire Hong Kong's skyline from Victoria Peak and stroll the sands of Repulse Bay



Explore the cutting-edge M+ Museum, Asia's first global museum of contemporary visual culture

## Itinerary

### Day 1 | Welcome to Seoul

Arrive at Incheon International Airport, where your adventure begins. Our friendly team will greet you and escort you to your hotel. Settle in and relax, ready for the cultural treasures ahead. Airport pickup service available from 9:00AM to 9:00PM.

**Hotel:** Golden Tulip Incheon Airport Hotel or similar

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### Day 2 | Sokcho Escape – From Drama Island to Mountain Serenity

After breakfast at the hotel, journey into the natural beauty of Gangwon Province. Your first stop is **Nami Island**—reached by a short, scenic ferry ride. Here, sprawling lawns and meandering pathways lead you through forests of white birch and towering metasequoia trees. Fans of the beloved Korean drama *Winter Sonata* will recognize this romantic backdrop, where the lead characters once strolled hand in hand beneath golden autumn leaves or gentle winter snow.

Pause midday to enjoy a flavorful local lunch before continuing onward to **Seoraksan National Park**, one of Korea's most celebrated mountain landscapes. Rising dramatically over Sokcho, its rugged peaks, crystal-clear streams, and vibrant seasonal colors invite moments of quiet awe. Visit the serene **Sinheungsa Temple**, where ancient architecture and the peaceful gaze of the Great Bronze Buddha inspire reflection.

As evening approaches, gather for a warm and satisfying dinner, the perfect finale to a day in the mountains. Then, indulge in pure relaxation at **AquaWorld Spa** (admission and free pass included). This Mediterranean-style wellness haven offers mineral-rich hot springs, invigorating body massages, and a variety of water slides and pools for both leisure and fun. The pristine waters and gentle steam melt away travel fatigue, leaving you refreshed and ready for the days ahead. *(Please bring your own swimwear.)*

**Breakfast:** Hotel buffet

**Lunch:** Korean stir-fried chicken with vegetables

**Dinner:** Korean hot pot with squid & pork belly

**Hotel:** Sono Hotels & Resorts or similar

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### Day 3 | Royal Seoul & Urban Buzz

After breakfast at the hotel, return to the heart of Seoul to explore **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, the first and largest royal palace of the Joseon Dynasty, built in 1395. Across the seasons, its elegant pavilions, grand gates, and landscaped gardens form a perfect harmony with the surrounding trees and mountains. Continue to **Cheong Wa Dae**, the Blue House, where the President's official residence and grand courtyard stand as symbols of Korean leadership.

Step into the living history of **Bukchon Hanok Village**, where centuries-old wooden homes line quiet alleys, creating an open-air museum of traditional life. In the afternoon, experience the vibrant energy of **Dongdaemun Market**, Seoul's shopping mecca where towering malls meet lively street stalls. Here, fashion, cosmetics, home goods, and souvenirs abound.

**Breakfast:** Hotel buffet

**Lunch:** Braised pork ribs with potatoes

**Dinner:** Ginseng chicken soup

**Hotel:** Swiss Grand Hotel or similar

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### Day 4 | Stories of Courage & City Rhythms

After breakfast, visit the **War Memorial of Korea**, the nation's highest-level military museum, honoring history through immersive exhibitions of photographs, documents, uniforms, and military artifacts. Gain insight into Korea's journey through times of conflict and resilience.

Pause midday for a hearty lunch before passing by **Namsan Seoul Tower**, an iconic city landmark offering panoramic views over the capital. Spend the afternoon in **Myeongdong**, a dazzling blend of luxury brands, boutique shops, and hidden alleyway finds. Later, immerse yourself in the youthful, creative energy of **Hongdae Walking Street**, a hub of street performances, art, and trendsetting shops, cafés, and eateries.

**Breakfast:** Hotel buffet

**Lunch:** Korean BBQ buffet

**Dinner:** Korean set menu

**Hotel:** Golden Tulip Incheon Airport Hotel or similar

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### Day 5 | Seoul to Hong Kong

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning before your transfer to Incheon International Airport via hotel shuttle bus. Bid farewell to the romantic charm of Korea, taking with you the sights, flavors, and stories that have filled your journey.

**Breakfast:** Hotel buffet

**Hotel:** Metropark Hotel Mong Kok or similar

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### Day 6 | Skyline to Shoreline

Begin your Hong Kong adventure with a visit to **Victoria Peak**, where sweeping views of the harbor and skyline unfold beneath you. Continue to the serene curve of **Repulse Bay**, often called the “Oriental Hawaii” for its soft sands and tranquil waters. Then, explore the **M+ Museum**, Asia’s first global museum of contemporary visual culture, showcasing design, architecture, film, and visual arts with a touch of Hong Kong’s own identity.

The afternoon is yours to discover Hong Kong at your own pace—whether it’s strolling through bustling markets, sipping milk tea at a local café, or wandering hidden alleyways rich in history.

**Hotel:** Metropark Hotel Mong Kok or similar

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### Day 7 | Until We Meet Again

Enjoy free time in the morning before your scheduled transfer to the airport or high-speed rail station. As you depart, carry home the memories of soaring peaks, quiet temples, bustling markets, and the warmth of shared moments along the way.

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## Inclusion

### Price Include

- 6 nights hotel accommodation (double occupancy)
- Transportation during the tour
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Seoul
- Attraction entry tickets as listed

### Price Does Not Include

- International flights
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Tips/service fees for guides and driver
- Personal expenses, such as shopping, beverages, laundry or mini-bar charges
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended): including medical, theft, cancellation, or interruption coverage
- Tips for hotel porters, restaurant servers, or bellhops
- Single room supplement: CAD 680 for solo travelers
- Optional tours or activities not listed as included

## Regulations

- **Tour Fee = Registration Fee + Comprehensive Service Fee** (excluding porter and server tips).
- Itinerary and hotels are subject to change based on actual conditions. Please refer to the final tour confirmation.
- If the tour is affected by national policy or regulation, prepaid ticket fees will be refunded (handling fees deducted).
- Any additional losses beyond the tour fee are the responsibility of participants.