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SOUTH KOREA: SUN & MOON - A LIMITED EDITION SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2022)

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Limited Edition Small Group Journeys, Small Group Journeys



Asia, South Korea



12 days, from
AU\$11,995pp

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18 Guests

Journey Overview

This unique journey visits one of Asia's most surprising destinations. This captivating country is a relative newcomer to the luxury travel scene with a host of fascinating natural and cultural highlights. South Korea is a surprise package known as much for its street food and high speed internet as it is for its heavily militarised border, from hip and edgy Seoul where new meets old and pop culture is alive and well to a folk villages and ancient temples. Uncover absorbing local customs, flavoursome culinary delights and picturesque scenery on this unforgettable adventure.

Journey Highlights

Watch as spirited artists perform an adrenalin pumping taekwondo demonstration

Browse the stalls of Seoul's traditional street markets

Admire traditional Korean architecture in the palaces of Seoul

Journey to Korea's haunting demilitarised zone and learn about its sombre history from a North Korea defector

Visit Kyochon Village, with the opportunity to wear a traditional Korean hanbok

Explore heritage listed temples aplenty, including Bulguksa Temple, sharing a tea ceremony with monks

Seek out the magical springtime cherry blossom display when parks, gardens and hillsides are veiled in a mass of pink (March 2022 departure only)

Enjoy fantastic night views of Gwangan Bridge through floor-to-ceiling windows at Park Hyatt in Busan

Typically features a small group size of 10-12 guests



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Seoul, South Korea

Arrive at Incheon International Airport to a warm A&K welcome before being transferred to your hotel in Seoul. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore the wonders of this buzzing metropolis. Seek out delicious local delicacies, track down a market or marvel at the city monuments.

Grand Hyatt Seoul

Day 2: Seoul | City Discovery & Village Treasures

Meet your fellow travellers and Resident Tour Director at a briefing before beginning your discovery of this fascinating city with a visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace. Wander through the grounds, filled with lotus ponds, pleasure gardens and ornate statues, and peruse the exhibits at the National Folk Museum. Head to the charming Bukchon Hanok village, where you'll stroll the cobbled streets, seek out quaint teahouses or curio-filled galleries and immerse yourself in traditional Korean culture.

Savour lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Gwangjang Market, the first permanent market in Korea, overflowing with fresh produce, textiles, handicrafts and items used in Korean traditional medicine. Later, discover the 2,300-year-old Korean martial art, taekwondo, in a high energy demonstration before enjoying a welcome dinner at an authentic Korean BBQ restaurant.

Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Seoul | DMZ & Design Your Day

Journey north to the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) which demarcates North Korea from South Korea. Your guide, a North Korean defector will enlighten you on what it is like living under the storied censorship of the northern provinces, and share Korean military history and how the DMZ was created at the end of the Korean War. Much of your exploration is on foot, hiking through tunnels, along rugged paths, to the Unification Bridge and other places of interest. Plot your own course this afternoon with one of these Design Your Day activities:

- **Kimchi Making Class**
Uncover the secrets of how to make one of the most famous Korean dishes. Learn how to create Kimchi, the perfect traditional Korean side dish, made with top-quality ingredients.
- **Art Museum Visit**
Visit the Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, a fascinating museum showcasing traditional and modern paintings, sculptures and installations by a range of Korean and international artists.
- **Pedicab in East Bukchon**
Explore the many hidden wonders through this unique mode of transport, keeping your camera ready for eye-catching treasures as you discover this traditional village, preserved to showcase a 600-year-old urban environment.

Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: B

Day 4: Seoul | Folk Villages & Imposing Fortresses

Begin with a visit to the Korean Folk Village, exploring the farming village, a private house, official districts, Confucian academy, seodang (village school), and village street.

This afternoon, visit Suwon Hwaseong Fortress, the official fortress of Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do, built as a show of the King's filial piety towards his father Jangheonseja. Here, try your hand at traditional Korean archery, a long-respected weapon of war. The evening is at leisure.

Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: B

Day 5: Gyeongju | Temple Territory

Take a thrilling journey on the KTX high speed train from Seoul to Gyeongju, a city with more tombs, temples, rock carvings, pagodas, Buddhist statuary and palace ruins than any other place in South Korea. After lunch, visit heritage listed Bulguksa Temple before a traditional tea ceremony with local monks, immersing yourself in this incredible humbling experience exclusive to A&K guests.

Afterwards, visit Seokguram Grotto, located on Mt. Tohamsan. A heritage listed wonder, this granite temple houses a monumental Buddha statue overlooking the sea and is considered a national treasure. This evening, enjoy a group dinner.

Hilton Hotel Gyeongju | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Gyeongju | Otherworldly Monuments

Enjoy a full day sightseeing in Gyeongju, starting with the Daereungwon Royal Tombs Complex, housing large ancient tombs of kings and noblemen of the Silla Dynasty. Continue to Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest existing astronomical observatory in Asia. Also, visit Kyochon Village with the opportunity to experience being dressed in Hanbok (traditional Korean costume) before lunch. A long-standing cultural tradition, treasure this incredible honour exclusively available to A&K guests.

Visit the rebuilt Donggung Palace & Wolji Pond. The pond was originally built in 101 AD within Wolseung Fortress, however the fortress was destroyed and now lies in ruins. In 1974, thanks to excavation findings and existing historical records, Anapji Pond has been restored almost to its former glory. The rest of your day is at leisure.

Hilton Hotel Gyeongju | Meals: BL

Day 7: Andong | Immersed in Traditions & History

Journey to Andong to visit Hahoe Folk Village, a village that preserves many cultural traditions, showcasing Korean living cultures and ancient architectural styles. Witness the Hahoe mask dance, a ritual originating from more than 600 years ago performed to praise the village's God. After lunch, visit to The Andong-Soju Traditional Food Museum, tasting a traditional spirit known as soju while you explore the sounds, smells, and flavours that awaken your senses. This evening, enjoy a traditional Korean meal with your group.

Hilton Hotel Gyeongju | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Busan | Port Town Explorations

Transfer to Busan, and explore Korea's largest seafood markets Jagalchi Market and the diverse Gukje Market. Afterwards, check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure to explore this colourful maritime city. In the evening, gather for Sundowner cocktails followed by dinner at the hotel.

Park Hyatt Busan | Meals: BD

Day 9: Busan | Panoramic Views & Military History

Start your sightseeing at Haedong Yonggungsa Temple. The many temple treasures can all be seen looking out over the ocean that surrounds this sacred place. Afterwards, wander to Igidae Park a natural haven bursting with picturesque scenery. Enjoy spectacular sea views on a trek along the Oryukdo Skywalk, a translucent walkway crossing over breathtaking ocean scenes.

Visit the UN Memorial Cemetery honouring UN soldiers and aids from five countries killed in battle during the Korean War. After your sobering exploration, visit Gamcheon Culture Village, Busan's cultural centre and a creative community home to colourfully painted houses, delicious street food, spectacular street art and a labyrinth of intriguing alleyways.

Park Hyatt Busan | Meals: B

Day 10: Busan | Breathtaking Natural Scenes & Historic Sites

Visit Taejongdae Park, especially famous for its rock beach and immense forests. After lunch, journey to Nurimaru APEC House on Dongbaekseom Island, the historic site of the 2005 APEC Leaders' Meeting, and a modernistic expression of "jeongja," a pavilion in traditional Korean architectural style. Finish your day relaxing on the crushed shell sands of popular Haeundae Beach.

Park Hyatt Busan | Meals: BL

Day 11: Busan - Daegu - Seoul | Mountain Views & Traditional Medicine

Transfer to Daegu, starting your immersion with a visit to Palgongsan Mountain, drinking in the scenery from a round-trip cable car ride to the top of the mountain. In the afternoon, pay a visit to Yangnyeong Market in Daegu, showcasing the natural herbs and products used in traditional Korean healing remedies, even and offering exotic wellness experiences. Continue your education with a visit to Yangnyeongsi Museum of Oriental Medicine, with its displays and hands-on demonstrations.

Return returning to Seoul on a thrilling high-speed train journey, watching the landscapes whizz past. This evening, gather for an authentic Korean farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: BD

Day 12: Depart Seoul

Transfer to Incheon International Airport for your departure flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Maximum Group Size: 18

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Please Note: The 23 March departure is scheduled over estimated cherry blossom dates. This natural phenomenon is subject to climate and weather, and cannot be guaranteed. Inclusions may be altered to offer optimum opportunities to view the cherry blossoms if available.

Tour Inclusions

- All accommodation as detailed with private facilities
- Meals as specified in itinerary, including welcome and farewell dinners
- Internal flights as mentioned in itinerary
- Services of English speaking A&K Resident Tour Director - Airport welcome
- Porterage
- Group transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Bottled water during transfers and touring
- All entrance fees
- Planning, handling, operational and communication charges
- All tipping

Tour Exclusions

- International flights to the tour start point and from the tour end point
- Visas and other border fees
- Insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip
- Items of a purely personal nature such as drinks (unless specified), laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax or phone charges
- Transfers, sightseeing or meals not specified in itinerary
- Excess baggage charges

If scheduled departure dates don't work for you, or you would prefer to travel privately, please **talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey for you, or your own small group with family or friends.

Accommodation

Park Hyatt Busan



Taking on the appearance of a wave, or sail, The Park Hyatt sits in the heart of the city's upmarket shopping and beach districts. Pale wood and neutral colours, sleek furnishings and oak flooring adorn the 269 guestrooms and suites evoking a calming lightness within every space. The floor-to-ceiling windows offer views out onto the city, marina and iconic Gwangan Bridge. The city panorama is particularly impressive from The Lounge on the 30th floor as the sun sets and the lights complement a sundowner cocktail. For those looking to unwind there is an indoor pool, sauna, spa and fitness room to use at your leisure. Food enthusiasts are spoilt for choice, with modern French cuisine on show in the Living Room or flavourful fusion on offer at the hotel's main grill and sushi restaurant, The Dining Room. For those craving something sweet there is also a patisserie serving a selection of delights.

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Mar 23, 2022 - Apr 3, 2022

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$12,495 pp	AU\$3,025	AU\$0	Available

Oct 12, 2022 - Oct 23, 2022

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$11,995 pp	AU\$3,025	AU\$0	Available

Nov 16, 2022 - Nov 27, 2022

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$11,995 pp	AU\$3,025	AU\$0	Available

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