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Seoul's Gyeongbokgung Palace (this and other illustrations free of copyright c/o Wikimedia Commons)

"KOREA, LAND OF THE MORNING CALM"

16 days, from Sunday, September 6, to Monday, September 21, 2020

Our comprehensive tour of South Korea includes all the major sights of the peninsula and features excellent hotels, breakfast daily, and many if not most lunches and dinners. The tour leader is Jacques R. Pauwels, author of 'Beneath the Dust of Time: A History of the Names of Peoples and Places', London, 2009.

Tour price from Toronto, including all airport taxes/surcharges/security fees and based on double occupancy:
\$6,595 – "land only": \$5,345 – single room supplement: \$1,250.

ITINERARY:

(Meals: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

Day 1 - Sunday, September 6: Afternoon departure on Air Canada's non-stop flight from Toronto to Seoul, Korea.

Day 2 - Monday, September 7: (D) Arrival in Seoul around 5PM local time, and immediate transfer to the first-class/four-star Koreana Hotel or similar. Welcome pork BBQ dinner in a typical restaurant.

For more information on the places and monuments mentioned in the itinerary, please check

<http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto>

Day 3 - Tuesday, September 8: (B/L) Sightseeing tour of the Korean capital, with highlights such as Cheongwadae or Blue House, the office and residence of the South Korean head of state; beautiful Gyeongbokgung Palace; Bukchon Hanok, a traditional village with restored traditional Korean houses, pavilion, and pond; and Insadong, a maze of alleys with art galleries and tea shops. Group lunch in a typical restaurant. Return to the hotel in late afternoon, and rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4 – Wednesday, September 9: (B/L) After breakfast, we board our private coach and motors to Gongju (or Jeonju), capital of the historically important Baekje Kingdom (18 BC to 660 AD); this entire region is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our visits here will include the Royal Tomb of King Muryeong, Gongsanseong Fortress, the Magoksa Temple, surrounded by a mountain and rivers curving a yin-yang shape, and Jeonju’s Hanok Village, a showcase of traditional Korean houses. Traditional Korean lunch in a typical restaurant. Accommodation in the 4-star Ramada Hotel.

Day 5 – Thursday, September 10: (B/L/D) After breakfast, drive to Suncheon for visits to Naganeupseong folk village and fortress, illustrating the traditional architecture and lifestyle of Korea’s southern provinces, and Suncheonman Bay Wetland Reserve. Late afternoon arrival in Yeosu, one of the country's most picturesque seaports, located at the southern tip of the Korean peninsula. Dinner and overnight in the 4-star Hidden Bay Hotel. Today, lunch will be included as well as dinner in the hotel, to be followed by a leisurely tour of Yeosu’s scenic Odongdo Island.

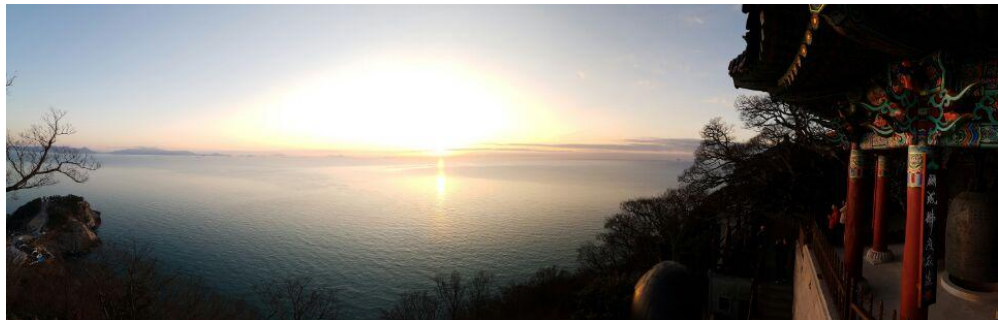


< *Odongdo Island*

Day 6 – Friday, September 11: (B/L/D) After breakfast, we enjoy a ride on Yeosu Cable Car, with great views of the city, the coast, and the neighbouring islands! Then we leave Yeosu and motor to Jinju for lunch, followed by a visit to Jinjuseong Fortress, a historic site associated with a Japanese invasion in the late 16th century. On to Busan, South Korea’s second largest city, tucked between the mountains and the sea and proclaimed as “the No. 1 travel destination in Asia” for the year 2018 by Lonely Planet; the city has it all: a subtropical climate, beaches, hot springs, Buddhist temples, and fine cuisine, especially seafood! (<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/best-in-asia>) Early arrival at our hotel, the Ibis Haeundae. Dinner in the hotel.

View from the Hyangiram hermitage >

Day 7 – Saturday, September 12: (B/L) A day of leisurely sightseeing in beautiful Busan, with sights such as Gamcheon Cultural Village, and the Jagalchi Fish Market, Napodong Street and Kukje Market, Busan Tower, and Igidae Park with its coastal walking path. We will break for another traditional lunch in a typical restaurant. Return to the hotel in late afternoon.



Day 8 – Sunday, September 13: (B) This morning we continue our local sightseeing program with a visit to the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, the world’s only UN cemetery, with the tombs of soldiers from 16 countries killed during the Korean War of 1950-1953, followed by time to explore (and shop!) in Shinsegae Centum City, the world’s largest shopping complex! Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 9 – Monday, September 14: (B, L, D) Departure after breakfast. We visit Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, a very popular Buddhist sanctuary situated along the shoreline, then motor north to Gyeongju, capital of the ancient kingdom of Silla, which ruled most of the Korean Peninsula from the 7th to the 9th centuries; this city is now known as “the museum without walls.” After a group lunch, visits to the major attractions, Gyeongju National Museum, with many treasures of the ancient Silla kingdom, of which Gyeongju was the capital, the Daereungwon complex of royal tombs, scenic Anapji Pond, Late afternoon arrival at the K-Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 – Tuesday, September 15: (B/L) After breakfast we visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, an unusual stone temple known as the Seokguram Grotto, and the Bulguksa Temple, also dating back to the Silla Kingdom era. followed by a visit to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, Yandong Folk Village. Return to the hotel in late afternoon.

Day 11 – Wednesday, September 16: (B/L/D) On to the city of Andong for lunch, Andong Hahoe Folk Village, located in a bucolic setting on the banks of the Nakdong River and at the foot of Hwasan Mountain, and featuring picturesque houses belonging to families of the Ryu clan. In the afternoon we continue to Pyeongchang, home of the 2018 Winter Olympics, situated in the Taebaek Mountains region. Dinner and overnight in the Alpensia Holiday Inn.



< *Masks for sale at Andong Hahoe Folk Village*

Day 12 – Thursday, September 17: (B/L/D) After breakfast and a panoramic tour of Pyeongchang, we motor to Gangneung, a city on Korea’s east coast, to view the beach and check out the famous Jumunjin Fish Market. On to Daepohang Port, famous for its fish restaurants, to another seaport, Sokcho, which was part of North-Korea until the end of the Korean War. Overnight in the Hotel Naksan Sokcho.

Day 13 – Friday, September 18: (B/L/D) Morning exploration of Mt. Seoraksan National Park, including a ride to the top of Gwonggeomseong Peak and a visit to Sinheungsa Temple, featuring a huge bronze Buddha statue. In the afternoon we head for Seoul, with a group lunch en route. Arrival in the capital, and dinner and overnight in Hotel Koreana.

Bronze Buddha at Sinheungsa Temple >



Day 14 – Saturday, September 19: (B/L) Full-day excursion to Panmunjeom, site of the armistice that ended (or did it?) the Korean War, with the Armistice Commission Building and the Joint Security Area, and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), including sights such as Dorasan Observatory, where one can peek into North Korea, and Dorasan Station, the northernmost stop on South Korea's railway line. Lunch will be included. Return to Seoul and free evening.

Day 15 – Sunday, September 20: (B/L) Morning visit to the Korean Folk Village (<http://www.koreanfolk.co.kr/multi/english>). After another group lunch, visit to Changdeokgung Palace and Gwangjang Market one of the oldest and largest traditional markets in South Korea. Return to the hotel in late afternoon. There may also be an opportunity to visit the Seoul Sky Observatory (Seoul Tower), offering panoramic views of the city and its surroundings, on an optional basis.

Day 16 – Monday, September 21: (B/L) Morning at leisure. After a final group lunch, transfer to the airport and departure on Air Canada’s non-stop flight to Toronto, departing around 6:25PM and – since we cross the date line! - arriving the same day, around the same time.

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Included in the price are:

- Non-stop flights Toronto-Seoul-Toronto with Air Canada, including all airport taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges;
- Accommodation based on double occupancy, in 4-star/first-class hotels – the single room supplement is \$1,250;
- Breakfast daily, lunch daily (13 in total), and 6 dinners, as shown in the itinerary;
- Overland transportation by private coach;
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary;
- Services of a Pauwels tour escort and local guides;
- Airport lounge pass for air-inclusive bookings made more than 90 days prior to departure.

Not included:

- Beverages such as wine or beer with dinners;
- All expenses of a personal nature;
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers, in total \$100 US, to be collected and disbursed by the tour director;
- Travel insurance, available upon request.



VISA AND VACCINATIONS:

To visit South Korea, Canadians require a valid passport, but no visa. Vaccinations are not required but some are recommended, see <https://www.passporthealthglobal.com/ca/destination-advice/south-korea>

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer

from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT *GROUP* AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.

It is the airline that makes the reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline, i.e., 30-60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a “land only” basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because your individual airfare’s conditions are likely to involve cancellation penalties.

We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!

REGISTRATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the “Korea, Land of the Morning Calm” tour of September 6 – 21, 2020.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flights _____ or Land only _____.

(If booking land only please send the office a copy of your flight details).

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1,500.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 6 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please** indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. “Liz” for “Mary Elizabeth”)

Address _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES _____ NO _____

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____

Other _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

“I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment”.

Date _____ **Signature(s)** _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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