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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 15, to Monday, September 30, 2019

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:
\$6,995 – “land only”: \$5,745 – single room supplement: \$1,150.

Day 1 - Sunday, September 15: Early afternoon departure on Air Canada's non-stop flight from Toronto to Seoul, Korea.

Day 2 - Monday, September 16: (D) Arrival in Seoul around 5PM local time, and immediate transfer to the first-class/four-star T-Mark Grand Hotel (or similar). Welcome dinner in the hotel.

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 17: (B/L/D) After breakfast, we board our private coach and motors to Gongju, capital of the historically important Baekje Kingdom. Baekje Kingdom (18 BC to 660 AD); this entire region is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our visits here will include Magoksa Temple, surrounded by a mountain and rivers curving a yin-yang shape; the tomb of King Muryeong; and Gongsanseong Fortress, a mountain castle dating back to the Baekje Era. Arrival in Jeonju for overnight and accommodation in the 4-star Ramada Hotel. Traditional Korean dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 4 – Wednesday, September 18: (B/L) This morning we explore Jeonju’s Hanok Village, a showcase of traditional Korean houses, followed by a lunch of a local specialty, Jeonju Bibimbab, which we help to prepare! Afternoon visits to two temples, the Gyeonggijeon and Hyanggyo Shrines, as well as the Jeonju Korean Traditional Wine Museum. No group dinner this evening. Accommodation in the 4-star Ramada Hotel or similar

Day 5 – Thursday, September 19: (B/L/D) After breakfast, departure for Boseong Green Tea Plantation for a visit and a tasting of the famous Boseong Green Tea. On to Suncheon and visit Naganeupseong Folk Village, illustrating the traditional architecture and lifestyle of Korea’s southern provinces, and Suncheonman Bay Ecological Park, famous for reeds taller than a full-grown man. 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 Yeosu Ocean Hill Hotel, or similar.



< *Traditional Korean cuisine*

Day 6 – Friday, September 20: (B/L) After a visit to Hyangiram, a famous Buddhist hermitage, we enjoy a ride on Yeosu Cable Car, offering great views of the city, the coast, and the neighbouring islands! On to Jinnamgwang Hall, a historic building associated with the victories of Admiral Yi Sun-sin in the 16th-century Imjin War against Japan. We conclude today’s program with a walk (via a causeway) to scenic Odongdo Island, famous for its lush vegetation. No group dinner this evening. Overnight in the 4-star Yeosu Ocean Hill Hotel or similar.

View from the Hyangiram hermitage >

Day 7 – Saturday, September 21: (B/D) We leave Yeosu and motor to Jinju for a visit to Jinjuseong Fortress, another historic site associated with the Japanese invasion in the late 16th century. Early arrival in Busan, South Korea’s second largest city, and 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>) We stay in the five-star Haeundae Grand Hotel (or similar), and there will be enough free time to enjoy the local sights on our own before our group dinner.

Day 8 – Sunday, September 22: (B/L) Our local sightseeing program will include sights such as Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, a very popular Buddhist temple situated along the shoreline, the spectacular new Gwangan Bridge, Busan Tower, the coastal walking path through Igidae Park, and Jagalchi Fish Market. Lunch in a seafood buffet restaurant. Also free time to shop and/or explore this great city on your own. Our hotel is the 5-star Haeundae Grand Hotel, or similar.

Day 9 – Monday, September 23: (B/L) After breakfast, we 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 and now known as “the museum without walls.” Our sightseeing program here includes two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Bulguksa Temple and an unusual stone temple known as the Seokguram Grotto, as well as the Silla Arts & Science Museum & Folk Craft Village, the Gyeongju National Museum, the Daereungwon Tomb Complex, and the picturesque Anapji Pond. No group dinner. Accommodation in the 5-star Gyeongju Hilton Hotel or similar.

Day 10 – Tuesday, September 24: (B/L/D) Today we travel first to Andong to visit another UNESCO World Heritage Site, Andong Hahoe 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. On via Wonju and its theme park devoted to the production of traditional hand-made paper, known as Hanji. Transfer to Pyeongchang, home of the 2018 Winter Olympics, situated in the Taebaek Mountains region. We stay in the 5-star Pyeongchang Ramada Hotel or similar.



Masks for sale at Andong Hahoe Folk Village

Day 11 – Wednesday, September 25: (B/L) After breakfast and a panoramic tour of Pyeongchang, we motor to Gangneung, a city on Korea's east coast, and visit Gyeongpodae Beach and Jumunjin Fish Market. Continue via 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 4-star Sokcho Ramada Hotel or similar.

Day 12 – Thursday, September 26: (B/L) Morning exploration of Mt. Seoraksan National Park, including a ride to the top of Gwongumseong Peak and a visit to Sinheungsa Temple, featuring a huge bronze Buddha statue. In the afternoon we reach Seoul and check into the 4-star T-Mark Grand Hotel or similar.

Bronze Buddha at Sinheungsa Temple >

Day 13 – Friday, September 27: (B/L) Full-day excursion to Panmunjeom, site of the armistice that ended 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. No group dinner.



Day 14 – Saturday, September 28: (B/L) This morning, part one of our sightseeing program in Seoul, with as highlights Gwanghwamun Gate, the city's main gate, where we enjoy the changing of the Royal Guard ceremony; Gyeongbokgung Palace, arguably the most beautiful and the grandest of all five palaces; the National Folk Museum of Korea; Insadong-gil Street, connected to a quaint multitude of alleys with art galleries and tea shops; Jogyesa Temple, the chief temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism. Group lunch in a typical restaurant, and the rest of the day is free to shop and/or explore on your own.

Day 15 – Sunday, September 29: (B/D) After breakfast, part two of our local sightseeing program, with visits to Namsangol Hanok Village with its restored traditional Korean houses, pavilion, and pond; the Seoul Tower, offering panoramic views of the city and its surroundings; Afternoon at leisure, and group dinner in a Korean BBQ restaurant.

Day 16 – Monday, September 30: (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 6:30 and – since we cross the date line! - arriving the same day, around the same time.

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Included in the price are:

- Return flights Toronto-Seoul with Air Canada, including all airport taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges;
- Accommodation based on double occupancy, in 4-star/first-class hotels and occasionally 5-star deluxe hotels – the single room supplement is \$1,150;
- Overland transportation by private coach;
- Breakfast daily and many lunches and/or dinners, as shown in the itinerary;
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary;
- Hotel portage services.

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. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) 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 15 - 30, 2019.

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 _____.

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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