



*Seoul's Gyeongbokgung Palace*

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## KOREA: LAND OF THE MORNING CALM

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16 days, Tuesday, September 8 to Tuesday, September 24, 2026

*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, The tour leader is historian Jacques R. Pauwels, author of about ten books, including 'Beneath the Dust of Time: A History of Ancient Languages and Names of Peoples and Places', Walterville, Oregon, 2025.*

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**Tour Price: \$11,395.00 CAD\***

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## PROPOSED ITINERARY

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

Day 1 – Tuesday, September 8: Afternoon departure on Air Canada's non-stop flight from Toronto to Seoul, Korea.

Day 2 – Wednesday, September 9: (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 [here](#).

Day 3 – Thursday, September 10: (B/L/D) 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. Group dinner this evening.

Day 4 – Friday, September 11: (B/L/D) 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 [Lahan Hotel](#).

Distances and travel times:

Seoul-Gongju (approx. 136 kms); +/- 1 hr 30 mins.

Gongju- Jeonju (approx. 81kms); +/- 1 hour

Day 5 – Saturday, September 12: (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.

Distances and travel times:

Jeonju – Suncheon (approx.. 119 kms); +/- 1 hr 20 mins

Suncheon – Yeosu (approx.. 40 kms); +/- 30 mins.

< *Odongdo Island*



Day 6 – Sunday, September 13: (B/L/D) After breakfast, we

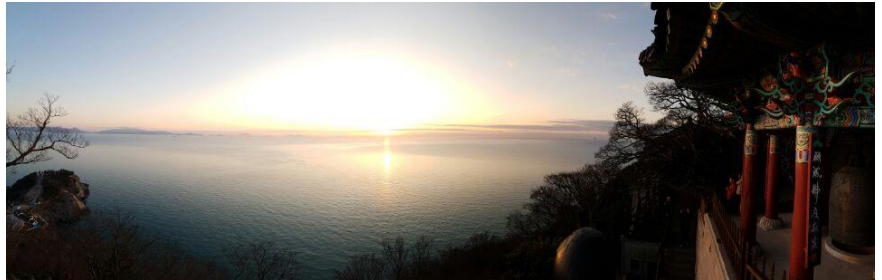
enjoy a ride on Yeosu Cable Car, with great views of the city, the coast, and the neighbouring islands! Then we leave Yeosu and motor to Jinju for lunch, followed by a visit to Jinjuseong Fortress, a historic site associated with a Japanese invasion in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. On to Busan, South 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, [Felix by STX](#). Dinner in the hotel.

Distances and travel times:

Yeosu – Jinju (approx. 80 kms); +/- 1 hr.

Jinju – Busan (approx.. 105 kms) +/- 1 hr.



*View from the Hyangiram hermitage >*

Day 7 – Monday, September 14: (B/L/D)

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 – Tuesday, September 15: (B/L/D) 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 – Wednesday, September 16: (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 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 [Commodore Hotel](#) for dinner and overnight.

Distances and travel times:

Busan – Gyeongju (approx.. 92 kms) +/- 1 hr.

Day 10 – Thursday, September 17: (B/L/D) 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 – Friday, September 18: (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](#).

Distances and travel times;



Gyeongju – Andong (approx. 140 kms) +/- 2 hrs.  
Andong – Pyeongchang (approx.. 135 kms); +/- 1 hr 45 mins.



< Masks for sale at Andong Hahoe Folk Village

Day 12 – Saturday, September 19: (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 Ramada Sokcho](#).

Distances and travel times:  
Pyeongchang – Sokcha (approx. 140 kms); +/- 1 hr 45 mins.

Day 13 – Sunday, September 20: (B/L/D) Morning exploration of Mt. Seoraksan National Park, including a ride to the top of Gwongseumseong 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.

Distances and travel times:  
Sokcho – Seoul (approx. 160 kms); +/- 2 hrs 30 mins

*Bronze Buddha at Sinheungsa Temple >*

Day 14 – Monday, September 21: (B/L/D)  
Morning visit to the [Korean Folk Village](#). 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 15 – Tuesday, September 22: (B/L/D) 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. A packed lunch will be included. Return to Seoul in the late afternoon.

Day 16 – Wednesday, September 23: (B) 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 5:25PM 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 (flight pricing and itinerary are estimated until flights can be confirmed)
- Accommodation based on double occupancy, in 4-star/first-class hotels
- 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
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- 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
- Travel insurance, available upon request.

#### Visas And Vaccinations

- To visit South Korea, Canadian citizens require a valid Canadian passport, but no visa.
- Vaccinations are not required but some are recommended, see [here](#).



## REGISTRATION

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Korea: Land of the Morning Calm" Tour on September 8 – 24, 2026

I wish to book on group flights \_\_\_\_\_ OR land only \_\_\_\_\_.

\*If booking land only please send the office a copy of your flight details.

Please be prepared to pay a deposit of **\$2500 per person and any applicable insurance premium** at time of registration.  
Balance is invoiced no later than 100 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 REGISTRATION FORM.**

PASSPORT NAME(S):

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a **single room** required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ double (1 bed) \_\_\_\_\_?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Please list any dietary requests, allergies, special physical needs, or frequent flyer numbers etc., below. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

INSURANCE: Review plans and rates by clicking [here](#) or calling the office. Record your quoted premium below:

All-Inclusive: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Medical: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Medical/Trip Cancellation: \_\_\_\_\_

Decline Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Bureau LTD, e-transfer to [tours@pauwelstravel.com](mailto:tours@pauwelstravel.com) or call the office to provide credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) to Sandra or Jessica.

Amount To Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT: "I/we have read and agree to the terms and conditions attached to the tour program, have selected or declined insurance, indicated any special requests, and authorize payment of the above amount."

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### **RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. No reservations will be accepted without a deposit and signed registration form. Deposit amounts vary by tour and are listed in the registration 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. at least 91 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$250.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation penalties apply for tour costs:

- 120 days to 91 days before departure: 45% of tour cost
- 90 to 31 days before departure: 65% of tour cost
- 30 – 0 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

Penalties for cancelling insurance or individual airfare may differ than the policy above. Clients are advised to review the cancellation terms for any additional services they may have purchased for the tour.

### **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, submitting my registration, 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 potentially 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 pre-tour/post-tour option periods if the pre-tour/post-tour 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 behaviour 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. 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 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. Additionally, most airlines do not allow advanced seat-selection on group airfares. It is the airline's 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 60 days prior to departure but no requests are guaranteed. Our staff will not be able to aid in advanced seat selection if the airline does not allow it on the group airfare. 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. 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 individual airfare conditions are stricter than the conditions of the group airfare rate. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!