Jim Gold International Folk Tours

South Korea

Seoul, Jeonju, Tongyeong, Busan, Gyeongju, Andong

Traditional Folk Dance and Music, History and Culture, Adventure and Friendship

April 5-16 and October 10-21, 2027

Journey from Seoul's royal palaces to the harbors of the south coast and the mask-dance villages of Andong, discovering Korea's traditional music and dance through classes and performances, alongside some of the country's most treasured UNESCO sites.

Features

Music and Dance

- ★ **Traditional music class at the National Gugak Center, Seoul**
- ★ **Traditional dance or music performance at the Korean Folk Village**
- ★ **Coastal ritual and Tongyeong Jin Dance experience in hanbok**
- ★ **Hanryangmu dance experience**
- ★ **Hahoe Mask Dance performance in Andong**

Culture & Sightseeing

- ★ **Bibimbap cooking class or traditional drinks museum and tasting**
- ★ **Green tea tasting at Seonamsa Temple**
- ★ **Cable car over Hallyeohaesang National Marine Park**

★ **Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto (UNESCO)**
★ **Night-view tour of Woljeonggyo Bridge, Andong**
★ **Price includes hotels, private bus, guide, sightseeing, all breakfasts, most dinners**

Itinerary

Day 0: Saturday, May 15
Depart on airlines of your choice to South Korea

Day 1: April 5, Monday: Arrival in Seoul
Arrive at Incheon International Airport. After clearing immigration and collecting your luggage, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel in Seoul. Check in (standard check-in time is 15:00) and relax before dinner. Overnight in Seoul.

DAY 2: April 6, Tuesday: Seoul
Breakfast at the hotel. Full-day tour of Seoul by private coach, beginning at Gyeongbokgung Palace for the changing of the guard ceremony. Continue to Bukchon Hanok Village, with its traditional wooden houses, then browse the antique shops of Insadong and taste street food at Namdaemun Market.
Today's tour is with your guide by public transportation (subway and bus); a pre-loaded transportation card is provided. Please note: Gyeongbokgung Palace is closed on Tuesdays; on a Tuesday, Deoksugung Palace is visited instead. Overnight in Seoul.

DAY 3: April 7, Wednesday: Seoul: Traditional Music Class
Breakfast at the hotel. Traditional Music Class at the National Gugak Center. A 90-minute class at Korea's national center for traditional performing arts, with an introduction to the janggu (hourglass drum) and samulnori, the exhilarating Korean percussion quartet. Please note: Available on weekdays, January to November.
Today's tour is by public transportation with a pre-loaded transportation card. Then continue to COEX Mall to see the spectacular Starfield Library and explore the shops and cafés of Gangnam. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Seoul.

DAY 4: April 8, Thursday: Seoul - Yongin - Jeonju
Breakfast at the hotel, then drive about 1.5 hours to the Korean Folk Village in Yongin, a living museum of Joseon-era life, to enjoy a traditional dance or music performance. Continue by expressway to Jeonju. Bibimbap Cooking Class In Jeonju, home of Korea's most famous rice dish, make your own bibimbap - and enjoy it for dinner. Overnight in Jeonju.

DAY 5: April 9, Friday: Jeonju - Damyang - Gwangju
Breakfast and check-out. Morning tour of Jeonju: Gyeonggijeon Shrine, Jeondong Cathedral

and Awon House. Continue to Damyang to stroll the paths of Juknokwon, a serene bamboo forest park. Continue to Gwangju. Overnight in Gwangju.

DAY 6 : April 10, Saeturday: Gwangju - Suncheon - Tongyeong

Breakfast and check-out. Drive to Suncheon to visit Naganeupseong Folk Village, a walled Joseon-era town still home to its residents, and taste green tea at Seonamsa Temple. Continue to Tongyeong and ride the cable car for sweeping views over Hallyeohaesang National Marine Park.

Overnight in Tongyeong.Breakfast and check-out. Drive to Suncheon to visit Naganeupseong Folk Village, a walled Joseon-era town still home to its residents, and taste green tea at Seonamsa Temple. Continue to Tongyeong and ride the cable car for sweeping views over Hallyeohaesang National Marine Park. Overnight in Tongyeong.

DAY 7: April 11, Sunday: Tongyeong -

Busan Breakfast at the hotel. Traditional Korean Ritual & Folk Dance Experience. A hands-on encounter with Tongyeong's living traditions. Learn about Namhaean Byeolsingut, a coastal ritual performed for the well-being of fishing communities; create your own wish lantern and take part in a symbolic ritual procession; then dress in hanbok to learn the graceful movements of the Tongyeong Jin Dance from local cultural heritage practitioners.

Explore Dongpirang, Tongyeong's colorful mural village on the hillside above the harbor, and the Otchil (Lacquer) Museum of Art.

Tour Tongyeong, including the Sebyeonggwan Pavilion and a replica of Admiral Yi Sun-sin's famous turtle ship. Continue by expressway to Busan. Overnight in Busan.

Day 8: April 12, Monday: Busan

Breakfast at the hotel. Full-day tour of Busan: BIFF Square, home of the Busan International Film Festival, the bustling Jagalchi Fish Market and the colorful hillside Gamcheon Culture Village. Enjoy a one-hour pleasure-boat cruise and visit the UN Memorial Cemetery, the world's only UN cemetery. Overnight in Busan.

DAY 9: April 13, Tuesday: Busan - Gyeongju

Breakfast at the hotel. Hanryangmu Dance Experience. Discover Hanryangmu, a traditional dance that captures the elegance, charm and carefree spirit of Joseon-dynasty gentlemen. Performed with traditional hats and fans to the rhythm of Korean instruments, it is known for its graceful movement, lively footwork and expressive gestures. You'll learn the basic movements and experience this unique performing art firsthand.

Continue by expressway to Gyeongju, the ancient capital of the Silla kingdom. Visit Tumuli Park, the Cheomseongdae Observatory, and Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond. Overnight in Gyeongju.

DAY 10 Gyeongju - Andong

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning tour of Gyeongju's UNESCO-listed Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. Continue by expressway to Andong to visit Hahoe Folk Village, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hahoe Mask Dance & Andong Mask Museum. Watch the Hahoe mask dance at 14:00, a satirical folk drama performed here for centuries, then explore the Andong Mask Museum. In the evening, enjoy a night-view tour of the illuminated Woljeonggyo Bridge. Please note: The mask dance is performed Tuesday to Sunday. Overnight in Andong.

DAY 11 Andong - Wonju - Seoul

Breakfast and check-out. On the way to Seoul, stop in Wonju to visit Museum SAN, an acclaimed art museum set in the mountains. In Seoul, explore lively Hongdae Street. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Seoul.

DAY 12 Departure

Breakfast and check-out, then transfer to Incheon International Airport for your departure.

Accommodation

Nights	City		
3	Seoul	Summit Hotel 3?	Amanti Hotel 4?
1	Jeonju	Best Western Plus Jeonju 3.5?	Best Western Plus Jeonju 3.5?
1	Gwangju	U-Top Boutique Hotel 3?	L7 Chungjang by Lotte 4?
1	Tongyeong	Stanford Hotel Tongyeong 4?	Stanford Hotel Tongyeong 4?
2	Busan	Avani Central Busan 4?	Avani Central Busan 4?
1	Gyeongju	Commodore Hotel Gyeongju 4?	Lahan Select Gyeongju 4.5?
1	Andong	Stanford Hotel Andong 4?	Stanford Hotel Andong 4?
1	Seoul	Summit Hotel 3?	Amanti Hotel 4?

Hotels shown are "or similar" and subject to availability; a hotel of similar standard may be substituted. The itinerary may be adjusted due to local circumstances.

Included in the Price

Accommodation: 11 nights in twin rooms with daily breakfast, as listed above

Meals: 11 breakfasts at the hotels and 8 dinners at local restaurants

Transportation: airport transfers and touring by private vehicle with driver - van (4 travelers), minibus (5-9) or full-size coach (10+). Groups of 4-9 tour Seoul by public transportation on Days 2 and 3, with a pre-loaded transportation card

Guide: English-speaking guide for the full 12 days

Admission fees and the music, dance and cultural experiences shown in the itinerary for your group size. Bottled water: one bottle per person per day. Not Included

International flights · Lunches and meals not listed · K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization) fee, if required · Drinks with meals · Personal expenses

Land Price: $6,995
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Total balance due three months prior to trip. (January 5, or July 10, 2027).

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