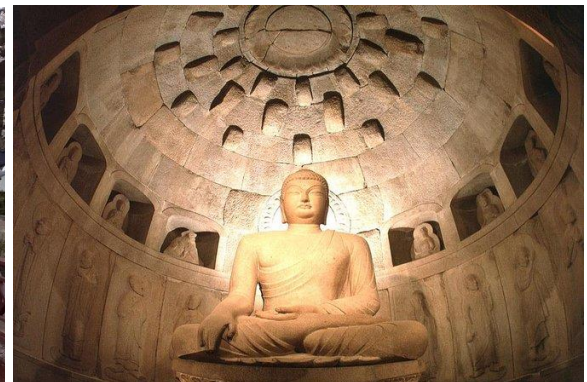






Springtime in South Korea
10 Days
Fully Hosted
24 March – 02 April 2027

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Jeju Island
- Dongmun Market
- Songaksan Mountain
- Jusangjeolli Cliffs
- Busan
- Gamcheon Culture Village
- Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival
- KTX high speed train Busan to Seoul
- 2 internal economy flights (Seoul to Jeju and Jeju to Busan)
- Seoul
- And so much more!

INCLUDES:

- **Private single rooms** in Classic Plus accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary - 9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers by private coach
- **Domestic South Korean Flights** included as per itinerary
- Local Driver / Guide
- **Tour Host** – travels from Brisbane

EXCLUDES:

- Compulsory Travel Insurance
- Flights
- Any tours or meals other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc

From \$9,580* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is per person, Sole Use and subject to availability. Price is in AUD and correct as at 18th August 2026. Classic Plus accommodation is considered 3.5* to 4 * star hotels. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currencies change. Solo Connections is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right at any time to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions of equal value. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Day 1 – Wednesday, 24 March 2027
Arrive Seoul

L-D

This morning those passengers travelling from Brisbane will meet with the Tour Host at Brisbane International Airport for the flight to Seoul. Interstate passengers can meet the host and group enroute in Singapore or at Seoul Airport or the hotel.

Today, we begin our Springtime in South Korea tour. Upon arrival in Seoul, we are met by our local representative and will enjoy a city sightseeing tour and lunch before being transferred to our hotel for check in.

This fascinating city blends centuries old palaces and historic neighbourhoods with modern architecture, fashionable shopping districts and a dynamic cultural scene.

Following time to settle in and freshen up we will come together for a **Welcome Dinner** in the hotel restaurant, the perfect opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers and together you can look forward to the journey ahead.

Accommodation: Nine Tree Premier Rokaus Yongsan, Seoul or similar (1 night)

Please check with reservations before booking your flight. There will only be one group arrival transfer.

Day 2 – Thursday, 25 March 2027
Seoul to Jeju Island

B-D

This morning, we transfer to the airport for our **short flight** to beautiful **Jeju Island**, renowned for its volcanic landscapes, picturesque coastline and relaxed atmosphere.

Upon arrival, we visit bustling **Dongmun Market**, one of the island's oldest and most popular traditional markets. Wander through its lively laneways, where colourful stalls display fresh seafood, seasonal produce, local street food and Jeju specialities. We will also find clothing, handicrafts and handmade souvenirs, offering an authentic glimpse into everyday island life.

In the afternoon, we travel to picturesque **Aewol Beach**, celebrated for its clear blue waters, dramatic volcanic shoreline and sweeping coastal views. We will have free time to stroll along the waterfront, browse the area's stylish cafés and boutiques, or simply relax and take in Jeju's spectacular seaside scenery.

Tonight, we gather for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Maison Glad Jeju or similar (2 nights)



Day 3 – Friday, 26 March 2027
Jeju Island

B-L

Today, we discover some of Jeju Island's most spectacular natural attractions. Begin with a visit to a **traditional tea plantation**, where neat rows of vibrant green tea bushes stretch across the landscape. Learn about the island's tea-growing traditions and enjoy time to explore the peaceful surroundings.

We continue to **Songaksan Mountain**, a scenic volcanic cone set against Jeju's rugged southern coastline. Follow the coastal pathways and take in magnificent views across the ocean, surrounding islands and dramatic volcanic landscape. After lunch, travel to the remarkable **Jusangjeolli Cliffs**, where powerful waves crash against towering, hexagonal rock columns formed by ancient volcanic activity.

Our day concludes at tranquil **Cheonjiyeon Waterfall**. Follow a picturesque walking trail through lush subtropical forest to reach the beautiful cascade, which tumbles into a clear pool surrounded by striking cliffs and dense greenery.

Tonight dinner is at our *own expense*. Our tour host will be on hand for anyone who would like company for dinner.

Day 4 – Saturday 27 March 2027
Jeju Island to Busan

B-D

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the airport for our **short flight to Busan**, South Korea's lively coastal city. Upon arrival, discover **Gamcheon Culture Village**, a colourful maze of hillside lanes filled with vibrant murals, quirky sculptures, artisan workshops and charming cafés.

Enjoy time to explore its winding streets and admire panoramic views across the village's brightly painted rooftops towards the sea.

Next, take to the skies aboard the **Songdo Marine Cable Car**, travelling high above the sparkling waters of Songdo Bay. Admire sweeping views of the coastline, rocky cliffs and city skyline as you journey across to Songdo Sky Park.

Our final stop is bustling **Jagalchi Fish Market**, Korea's largest seafood market and one of Busan's most iconic attractions. Wander among the lively stalls displaying an extraordinary variety of fresh fish and shellfish while experiencing the sights, sounds and flavours of local life.

This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Asti Hotel, Busan or similar (3 nights)



Day 5 – Sunday 28 March 2027
Busan

B-L

Today, we discover some of Busan's most iconic attractions, beginning at Haedong **Yonggungsa Temple**.

Dramatically positioned along the rocky coastline, this striking Buddhist temple offers a unique combination of traditional architecture and sweeping ocean views. We will have time to explore the temple grounds, admire the ornate pagodas and statues, and enjoy the peaceful seaside setting.

We then board Busan's famous **Sky Capsule** for a memorable journey along the coast. Travelling in colourful, elevated capsules, you can admire uninterrupted views of the sparkling ocean, rugged shoreline and Busan's modern skyline. Following lunch, we visit Haeundae Beach, one of South Korea's best known seaside destinations.

Enjoy time to stroll along the wide stretch of golden sand and take in the lively waterfront atmosphere. Nearby, we explore **Haeundae Traditional Market**, where we can browse stalls filled with fresh seafood, local produce, tempting street food and regional specialities.

We conclude our day at **Nurimaru APEC House**, an impressive contemporary building set on scenic **Dongbaekseom Island**. Surrounded by coastal walking paths and pine trees, it offers beautiful views across the sea, Gwangan Bridge and Busan's skyline.

Tonight dinner is at our *own expense*. Our tour host will be on hand for anyone who would like company for dinner.

Day 6 – Monday 29 March 2027
Jinhae

B-D

Today, we enjoy a full day excursion to **Jinhae**, a charming naval city renowned for hosting South Korea's most celebrated spring festival. Each year, the city is transformed by thousands of flowering trees, creating a spectacular display of soft pink blooms along its streets, parks and waterways.

Our first stop is beautiful **Yeojawcheon Stream**, where we stroll beneath arching canopies of delicate blossoms* lining the waterway. Admire the picturesque bridges, seasonal decorations and petals reflected in the stream, creating one of Jinhae's most enchanting springtime scenes.

We then visit **Gyeonghwa Station**, a former railway station surrounded by long rows of flowering trees. We will have time to walk along the historic railway tracks, enjoy the festive atmosphere and capture photographs of one of South Korea's most recognisable seasonal landscapes.

Tonight, we return to Busan and gather with our fellow travellers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

***Please note:** *Due to the unpredictability of mother nature, we can not guarantee the Cherry Blossoms will be in full bloom.*



Day 7 – Tuesday 30 March 2027
Busan - Gyeongju - Bulguksa Temple - Seoul

B-D

This morning, we travel to the ancient city of **Gyeongju**, once the capital of the powerful Silla Kingdom and often described as a “museum without walls”.

Throughout the day, we discover remarkable temples, royal tombs and archaeological treasures that bring Korea’s rich history to life.

We begin at magnificent **Bulguksa Temple**, a **UNESCO World Heritage site** nestled among the forested slopes of Tohamsan Mountain. As we explore the complex, its ornate prayer halls, graceful stone terraces, historic pagodas and peaceful courtyards, all reflecting the artistry of the Silla period.

We continue to the **UNESCO-listed Seokguram Grotto**, an eighth-century Buddhist sanctuary overlooking the surrounding mountains and coastline. Inside, we will see a serene stone Buddha surrounded by beautifully carved guardians and Buddhist figures, considered masterpieces of Korean religious art.

Next, we visit **Daereungwon Royal Tombs**, a tranquil park filled with enormous grass-covered burial mounds belonging to Silla kings, queens and nobles. As we wander through the grounds, we will learn about Gyeongju’s royal heritage and the precious crowns, jewellery and ceremonial objects discovered within the tombs.

We also see **Cheomseongdae**, a distinctive seventh century stone observatory believed to be the oldest surviving astronomical observatory in East Asia. Its carefully arranged granite blocks demonstrate the Silla Kingdom’s advanced understanding of astronomy and the changing seasons.

Later, we enjoy time exploring **Hwangridan-gil**, where traditional *hanok* houses have been transformed into inviting cafés, restaurants, boutiques and artisan stores. We can wander the atmospheric streets, browse for locally made souvenirs or sample one of the neighbourhood’s popular sweet treats.

At the end of our visit, we board the **KTX high-speed train for our journey back to Seoul**.

This evening, we gather with our fellow travellers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Nine Tree Premier Rokaus Yongsan, Seoul or similar (3 nights)



Day 8 – Wednesday 31 March
Korean Demilitarized Zone

B-L

Today, we travel to one of the world's most fascinating and closely guarded borders for a thought-provoking tour of the **Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)**. As we explore this historically significant region, we will gain insight into the events that divided the Korean Peninsula and the continuing hopes for peace and reunification.

We begin at **Imjingak Park**, a deeply symbolic site featuring monuments, memorials and exhibits dedicated to the Korean War and families separated by the division of Korea. Here, we will **see Freedom Bridge**, which was crossed by thousands of prisoners of war returning to South Korea following the conflict.

We continue to the **Third Infiltration Tunnel**, discovered beneath the border in 1978. Believed to have been constructed for a potential military incursion, the tunnel offers a powerful reminder of past tensions between North and South Korea. Where access conditions permit, we can descend into a section of the tunnel and experience this extraordinary historic site firsthand.

At the **DMZ Exhibition Hall**, we view photographs, maps, artefacts and informative displays detailing the Korean War, the creation of the DMZ and its ongoing significance. We will also learn how this restricted area has become an unexpected sanctuary for wildlife.

Our final stop is **Odusan Unification Observatory**, situated high above the meeting point of the Han and Imjin rivers. From the observation areas, enjoy sweeping views across the border towards North Korea. On a clear day, villages, farmland and surrounding landscapes may be visible, offering a rare perspective on life beyond the border.

Following lunch, we return to central Seoul, where the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or continue exploring the city at your own pace.

Tonight dinner is at our *own expense*. Our tour host will be on hand for anyone who would like company for dinner.

Day 9 – Thursday, 01 April 2027
Seoul

B-D

Today, we explore the highlights of Seoul, discovering the royal heritage, traditional neighbourhoods and lively markets that make South Korea's capital so captivating.

We begin at magnificent **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, the largest and most impressive of Seoul's five grand palaces. Once the principal residence of the Joseon dynasty, the complex features elegant throne halls, ornate pavilions, peaceful courtyards and beautiful gardens set against the backdrop of Bukhansan Mountain. We will have time to explore the palace grounds and admire the intricate architectural details that reflect Korea's royal past.

During our visit, we witness the colourful **Changing of the Royal Guard Ceremony**. Dressed in vibrant traditional uniforms, the guards recreate an important Joseon-era ritual accompanied by ceremonial music, flags and precisely choreographed movements.



We then wander through the atmospheric laneways of **Bukchon Hanok Village**, a historic neighbourhood filled with beautifully preserved *hanok* homes. As we stroll along its narrow streets, admire the curved tiled roofs and traditional wooden architecture while enjoying glimpses of Seoul's modern skyline.

This afternoon, we visit **Insadong**, a lively cultural district known for its art galleries, antique shops, craft boutiques and traditional tea houses. We will have time to browse for handmade ceramics, calligraphy, artwork and distinctive Korean souvenirs, or pause to enjoy tea and a local sweet treat (at your own expense).

Our sightseeing concludes at bustling **Gwangjang Market**, one of Seoul's oldest traditional markets. Here, we can experience the sights, sounds and aromas of local life while exploring stalls selling textiles, handicrafts and authentic Korean street food such as *bindaetteok* pancakes, *mayak gimhap*, dumplings or freshly prepared noodles are among some options to taste (at your own expense).

Tonight, we come together with our fellow travellers for a special **Farewell Dinner**, sharing memories and celebrating the unforgettable experiences of our journey through South Korea.

Day 10 – Friday, 02 April 2027
Depart Seoul

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After a leisurely breakfast, we enjoy some free time before our checkout. This afternoon we transfer to Incheon International Airport for our onward flights, bringing our unforgettable springtime journey through South Korea to a close.

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