



Seoul Culture Week

South Korea, Seoul

Quick Overview

Come and get a taste of Korea, the trendiest country in Asia. Experience the fast-paced, modern city of Seoul firsthand. Discover Korea and its culture, beyond K-pop and K-movies, get a taste of real Korean food, take a walk in the royal palace, and chill out at the pubs in the coolest town in Seoul.

Explore Korea with colleagues and by yourself, and get around to the beach and countryside by train and local metro. You will be able to live like a local ordering chicken and beer at local pubs.

Program Description

Over the course of one week, you will learn the rich culture and traditions of Korea, and experience life in Korea.

Seoul Culture Week is a great program to get to know Korea and settle in before starting any project placement in Korea. By the end of the week, you will become a Seoulite comfortably living and making your way to wherever you need to go around Korea.

Days and Hours

Typically, The Culture Week will have around 3-4 hours of activities, whether it's a tourist schedule, or writing your name in Korean with a brush, or trying to cook Korean cuisine. The rest of the day, and all weekends are your free time to do as you wish. Some may wish to go for a day trip or a hike, some may want to stay in the guest house and have a chilled-out weekend. In any case, the local team will be there to help you plan and make reservations for your schedules.

Daily Transportation

Our projects are located in various parts of Seoul. Most of the activities scheduled in Culture Week will be in the central Seoul area, and the local team will accompany all the schedules. Taking the metro or bus is the most effective and cheapest way to get to and from the activities in Seoul. Travel time varies widely from activity to activity, and you should expect to spend 10-60 minutes traveling each way.

Aims & Objectives

- Soft-landing of participants coming to Korea for the first time.
- A chance to share Korean culture and experience.

Add-on: +Learning

- Additional Korean language lessons.
- Traditional Korean activities (making traditional paper, making miniature temples, kites, etc).
- Day trip or weekend trip to other cities.
- Additional charges will apply.

Schedule

Monday

- Orientation
- Walk around to get to know the neighborhood
- Korean Language Lesson Part 1
- Visit to Royal Palace or the Shrine
- Welcome Party

Tuesday

- Korean Language Lesson Part 2
- Visit HIKR Ground (showcasing K-Pop and K-Drama experiences)
- Carving/making an authentic Korean stamp
- Visit to the Kimchi Museum

Wednesday

- Free time (Hang out at Han River)
- Visit to the War Memorial of Korea in Yongsan before heading to COEX Mall
- Planning for a weekend getaway. Local coordinators will help arrange and book necessary accommodation and transportation.
- Hang out in Gangnam

Thursday

- Visit Jogyesa Temple. Make a lotus lantern
- Hiking to Cheongwadae Observatory
- Visit Bukchon Hanok Village
- Visit the traditional market "Gwangjang Market"

Friday

- Cooking class (Korean food cooking)
- Visit to Seodaemun Prison History Hall
- Explore Yeonnam-dong or Hongdae Cafe Street

This schedule is subject to change and/or amendment depending on weather conditions, local conditions, and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2024

This program starts every week.

During 2025

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Standard Requirements

Minimum age:	18
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	No
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

The following are further necessary in order for both the participants, local staff and everyone involved to have a meaningful, enjoyable and safe cultural experience.

- Older participants or over 65 years are required to have a medical clearance as proof of their physical fitness as they may perform various activities.
- Participants below 18 years old need a signed parental consent as proof of involvement of their children in the program. If possible, accompaniment by an adult is highly advised.
- Due to the length and active nature of this program and as there are lots of outdoor activities under the heat of the sun, a decent level of fitness is required.
- Excellent time management and self-organizing and a strong desire to take on new challenges and learn as much as possible.
- Have completed or recommended the following vaccines: Polio, Hepatitis A, Diphtheria/Tetanus, Typhoid, Malaria, Hepatitis B, and Tuberculosis.

Additional Equipment

Dress Code:

- Personal Appearance. You may wish to bring a range of options from casual to business casual, similar to what you might wear at home. There is no strict restriction on the clothes you choose to wear in your free time, but please make sure you pack work clothes for the following placement.
- It is completely fine to wear Western clothes as long as they fit the local standards.
- Be thoughtful of the graphics, symbols, or text printed on your clothing and avoid wearing clothing styles that might be inappropriate especially when visiting the Royal Palace and Temples.

Personal belongings such as:

- Comfortable and sturdy shoes as there are lots of activities taken on foot such as hiking activities.
- Bring Personal toiletries such as basic soap, shampoo, toothpaste and towels.
- Bring also hat, and sunglasses to protect from the heat of the sun, particularly during the hiking day.
- An environmentally friendly sunscreen or lotion is also advised to protect you from the heat of the sun and please carry with you preventive agents during outdoor activities, such as mosquito repellents for insect bites or other insects that may irritate your skin.
- Moreover, bring Medicines with you especially if you have to take specific medicines on a regular basis as well as other medicines for headaches and stomach aches.
- Refillable water bottles and hydration packs to stay hydrated throughout the day particularly during exploration and outdoor activities.