

Crafts and Fabrics of Korea



INCLUDES
GWANGJU ART
BIENNALE



14-26 OCTOBER, 2020



11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS



STARTS / ENDS - SEOUL

DELVE INTO KOREA'S RICH CULTURE OF CRAFT, TEXTILE AND ARTISTIC TRADITION.

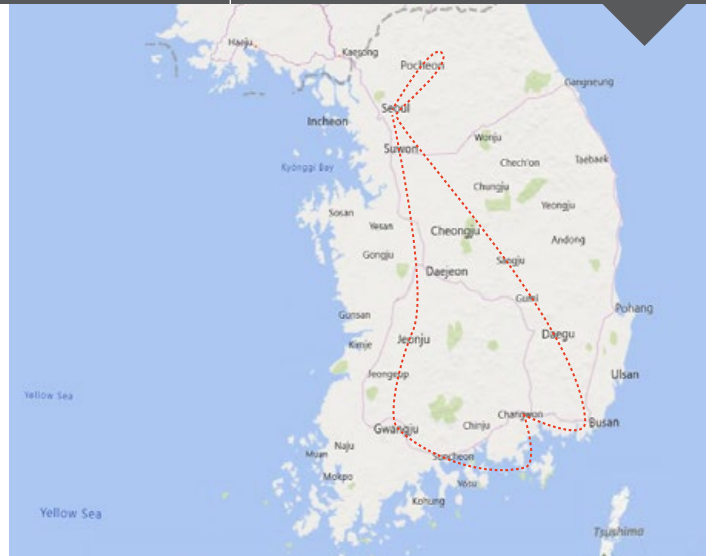
We know about the skilled crafts of Japan, but we ignore the same quality and diversity found in Korea. While there are similarities, there are substantial differences, providing many reasons why an exploration of Korea is essential for anyone who enjoys fine artisanal skills, be they fabric, wood, clay, jewelry, and even cuisine.

Our program commences in Seoul and over 12 days our journey circumnavigates south from the capital. Along the way we enjoy mountain scenery, coastal villages, farmland and forests. We visit important galleries, significant museums and participate in hands-on workshops.

While our featured highlight is a day at the renowned Gwangju Biennale, there is much more to discover in our program such as velvet, mother-of-pearl, furniture, black ceramics, cooking, paper, and of course ramie.

Accommodation is four-star, well located, western style hotels with breakfast. Group size is from eight to 15 guests. Transport is by private vehicle and fast train, and a local English-speaking guide accompanies us throughout.








Your Tour Host, Christine Pearson, visited South Korea recently, and was impressed by the many small galleries and artisan studios to be explored. Christine welcomes your decision to join her on our new cultural adventure.



Korea Journey Highlights

- › In depth exploration of Seoul - South Korea's dynamic and artistically rich capital
- › Observation and interaction with skilled artisans with workshop visits
- › Indulge in Korea's famous cuisine
- › Visit historic locations and witness fantastic landscapes on this comprehensive journey

ON THIS TRIP

-  Focus on crafts and textiles
-  Daily sightseeing programme
-  Gallery visits and Art Biennale
-  Temples and historic sites
-  Interaction with local artists
-  Expert local guides
-  Enjoy Korean cuisine

IMPORTANT TRIP PRACTICALITIES

Our cultural exploration of this fascinating country commences in Seoul, the capital of South Korea. You will be met on arrival at Seoul's Incheon International Airport and transferred into the heart of the city for a 3-night stay.

Our journey also concludes in Seoul and transfers to the airport on the final day are provided.

Guests may like to spend a few nights before or after this trip in Seoul or other Asian cities. Contact us if you would like assistance planning a Seoul city stay or contemplating further exploration in Korea or surrounding countries.

Full joining instructions are provided in your final travel documentation. If you have questions before this time, please ask us.



YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ARRIVE SEOUL - WELCOME TO KOREA (WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2020)

On arrival at Incheon International Airport you will be met by our local English-speaking guide and transferred to Seoul and your accommodation at Center Mark Hotel (4*) or similar.

DAY 2-3 - EXPLORATION OF SEOUL

Over the next two days our program includes a number of important sites such as Gyeongbok Palace - seat of the Joseon Dynasty and built in 1395. We visit artisans' private museums & ateliers, and the National Museum of Korea amongst others. We also have the opportunity of two hands-on workshops and visit a market featuring Hanbok traditional costume.

DAY 4 - SEOUL - SEOICHEON - JEONJU

After breakfast at hotel travel for 2.5 hours to Seocheon and meet our Ramie master weaver as well as visit a Ramie museum. Ramie has long been a fabric of choice for summer clothing in Korea. Cultivation of the ramie plant is only possible where appropriate soil and climate conditions co-exist, and the Hansan area in Seocheon, has a longstanding reputation for ramie production. Intertwined with the natural climate and cultural features, ramie weaving takes on various forms depending on the region and helps to define the identity of its practitioners. We then proceed a short distance to Jeonju and their paper museum. The historic Hanok Village is home to more than 700 traditional houses. Overnight stay at Jeonju Ramada Hotel (4*) or similar.

DAY 5 - JEONJU - GWANGJU - BIENNALE VISIT

After breakfast at the hotel we travel a short distance to Gwangju. The city has been known for its historical

tradition of art and culture and is home to Asia's oldest biennale of contemporary art. This event has greatly contributed to the emergence of Korean art on the international stage.

Best known for the political uprising against the former military government, Gwangju has played a key role in the development of modern Korea. We visit 'Art Street' - a well-known centre full of local galleries and beautifully decorated shop windows. We include a visit to the local museum and try our hand at authentic Korean cooking preparing a famous dish. Overnight at Holiday Inn Gwangju Hotel (4*) or similar.

DAY 6 - GWANGJU - BOSEONG - TONGYEONG

Leaving Gwanju after breakfast we travel through rural areas on our way to Boseong - one of the most important tea plantation areas in the country. The fields here produce more than 40% of Korea's entire tea crop. There is an opportunity to walk in the tea fields and we enjoy tea tasting. Perhaps you might try the green tea ice cream? From Boseong we proceed to Tongyeong situated on the southern coastline of the Korean peninsula. Here we visit and observe a 'Jagae' (mother-of-pearl) master's atelier and enjoy hands-on class. A wonderful cable car ride takes us to the summit of nearby Mireuksan providing fantastic views of the southern coastline. A final highlight today is Dongpirang village - a living art gallery, with its narrow alleyways winding and snaking around the hill, past humble houses where walls display a dizzying array of colourful murals. Overnight at Tongyeong Stanford Hotel & Resort (4*) or similar.

DAY 7 - TONGYEONG - BUSAN

Tongyeong has been known for 'Najeonchilgi' (mother-of-pearl crafts) for centuries. The celebrated Ottchil Museum displays a mixture of daily use crafts and contemporary



lacquer art (including formative art pieces), both employing the finest lacquer extracted from lacquer trees. The displayed items provide the opportunity to appreciate the elegance of traditional Korean crafts.

After our gallery visit, we continue our journey towards Busan, stopping along the way at Gamcheon village, which was built in the 1950s by Korean war refugees. Slowly, the people started building brick houses and the village continued to grow. With the support of local government working together with local artists, the village has been reborn and it now attracts local and international visitors. It is a hot spot for the creative and visual arts displayed in galleries, boutiques and through street art. This afternoon we explore the sprawling Jagalchi Fish market – the largest in Korea. Overnight at Busan Crown Harbor Hotel (4*) or similar.

DAY 8 - BUSAN - GYEONGJU

Often touted as the nation's 'museum without walls,' Gyeongju is a city teeming with stunning architectural structures, ancient artifacts, and thousand-year-old temples. The Gyeongju National Museum is a must-visit attraction housing some 30,000 archaeological artifacts and art works that have been unearthed over the years from various sites around the city. There are some pleasant walks here including through beautifully manicured tombs which are concentrated at Daereungwon Tumuli Park. One such tomb was excavated in 1973, is open for display and is representative of the typical upper-class tombs of the Silla period. Check in at Gyeongju Suites Hotel (4*) or similar.

DAY 9 - GYEONGJU - DAEGU - SEOUL

Daegu distinguishes itself from other urban centres by retaining its traditional market culture, with the Seomun Market being one of the largest and oldest establishments of its kind in the country. Daegu is the hub city of Korea's textile and fashion industries which have been vital to the country's economic growth.

A highlight today will be a visit to Korea's first dedicated textile museum. Later this afternoon we board the KTX Bullet Train for our return trip to the bustling capital city of Seoul. Check in for 2-nights at Center Mark Hotel (4*) or similar.

DAY 10 - SEOUL EXPLORATION

After a busy week of touring and exploration we enjoy a more leisurely day in Seoul today. There is an opportunity to visit one of the city palaces, or a fascinating furniture museum that focuses only on traditional wooden furniture. The museum's collection boasts more than 2,500 pieces of traditional Korean furniture. Rather than exhibiting the collection behind glass, the pieces are displayed in ten 'hanok' (traditional houses) to show visitors how these pieces would have actually been used in daily life. There's time for individual pursuits including shopping in the many speciality locations in the city. Looking for something specific? Check with your Tour Host and our local guide. They can point you in the right direction.

DAY 11 - HONGCHEON DAY EXCURSION

We have one last treat today as we head north-east to the regional centre of Hongcheon – a centre of agriculture in the country. On arrival we visit a carpenter's atelier to observe the master craftsmen at work. A further highlight will be a visit to a master of black ceramics which we expect will resound deeply with guests. Works are sought after by ceramic collectors the world over. We return to Seoul this afternoon after almost two weeks of extraordinary discovery in Korea. No doubt our interactions with local artisans, enjoyment of wonderful meals, fantastic scenery and the congenial company of fellow guests will make this a memorable journey, with all the hallmarks of an 'Intentionally Different Travel' experience.

DAY 12 - SEOUL DEPARTURE

Our wonderful Korean experience comes to an end today. After breakfast and at the appropriate time, we transfer to Seoul's Incheon International Airport for onward travel. Programme concludes.

ABOUT OUR ITINERARY: The information provided here is given in good faith and has been compiled with all reasonable care. However, some information may have changed after publication. Please check with us if you are unsure about anything. The document was correct at time of publication. If you have any queries, please contact our office.



YOUR KOREAN EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Group size is from eight to 15 guests
- ✓ All accommodation in comfortable hotels with western bathrooms and daily breakfasts on a twin share basis
- ✓ Transfers from the airport to Seoul accommodation on Day 1 and return to the airport on the final day
- ✓ Services of Christine Pearson as Tour Host
- ✓ Services of well-qualified English-speaking local guides
- ✓ All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- ✓ Cooking class and mentioned workshops
- ✓ All sightseeing and visits
- ✓ Comprehensive information kits
- ✓ Prices are in Australian dollars

The programme does not include:

- › *International airfares to South Korea including, airport and government taxes*
- › *Visa and passport expenses (if applicable)*
- › *Travel insurance - (mandatory on ID Travel programmes)*
- › *Health costs (ie Doctor visits)*
- › *Personal expenditure, communication expenses and shopping*
- › *Single rooms available at a reduced supplement*
- › *Tips and gratuities (Allow \$10-15 per day)*
- › *Meals not mentioned*
- › *Transfers outside our schedule*

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12-DAYS | 14-26 OCTOBER 2020
 \$7268 PER PERSON, TWIN-SHARE
 JOINING IN SEOUL



Christine Pearson
Your ID Tour Host

Christine is co-founder of *Intentionally Different Travel* and has visited scores of countries and all continents. A graduate from ANU (BVA), Christine is a recognised ceramic artist and has expanded her interest and skills to include textiles, metal, wood and more. However, her true and constant passion is travel, with a difference. Christine values our travel programs for their incorporation of a theme within the journey, so that apart from the essential 'must-do' features her guests experience superb immersion into crafts and arts at the same time.

"On my last visit to South Korea I found the plethora of small galleries and craft shops, the well-presented museum collections, the few tourists, quaint Korean characteristics, smiling people and exotic dishes were just some of the experiences that drew me to Korea. Their craft skills are finely developed and I found these wonderful to observe and enjoy. Korea is different and deserving of a visit by anyone interested in discovering a fresh culture. I do hope you can join us".

Christine Pearson - ID Travel Director

WHAT WE PROVIDE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YOUR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

With all our programs our accommodation selection criteria include central location, charm, cleanliness, cultural integrity, uniqueness, and standard of service. All rooms have private western-style bathrooms and comfortable beds. Some have pools while others have pleasant gardens. Where choice is limited, we select the most appropriate accommodation for our guests. A single room is available at a \$A1,232 supplement.

MEALS AND DINING

Dining during our programs is an enjoyable experience and we explore regional delicacies and patronise some of the great restaurants and local cafes. We don't include all meals, as we prefer our guests to have as wide a choice as possible to cater for budget, taste and style.

ROAD TRAVEL

We use comfortable air-con vehicles and endeavor to provide more seats than guests. Road conditions are First World but do vary. Some are excellent while others may be winding. This trip also includes a rail trip aboard the KTX Bullet Train.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

Korean Airlines is the obvious choice and a great airline to use, especially if you extend to include our Japan program with Valerie Kirk. Intentionally Different Travel has excellent fares so please contact us for details.

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL

Extra nights can be reserved, either pre or post-tour but you MUST advise us well in advance. If you would like to continue to Europe or other destinations please let us know, so we can develop an individual travel program for you. We have designed exciting itineraries for our clients throughout the region for many years. Our Japan Textiles program follows on from Korea, and would be an excellent adjunct to the Korean experience.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must have comprehensive travel insurance to join this programme. We can recommend a policy designed to cover participants on this trip and travel in South Korea and Asia. Or you can source your own travel insurance. Your policy must provide coverage for your medical costs in case of hospitalisation, emergency travel and repatriation.

Please check the terms of your policy carefully, particularly with regard to limits of cover. Also ensure you are familiar with the procedure for making claims. Once you have paid your deposit or full payment, certain fees will apply if you have to cancel your holiday. For this reason, you should take out travel insurance at the time of paying your deposit. You will be required to send us your travel insurance policy details prior to departure.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Australian passport holders do not require a visa to enter South Korea. Stays of up to 90-days are allowed for tourists. If you are travelling on another passport, please check with your consular authorities. Your passport should have at least six-months validity from the time of your departure for home.

OUR STYLE

We aim to excel when it comes to personal attention and relevant information. This includes information on where to dine, where to purchase textiles and other products, explanations on craft practice along with answers to the myriad of other questions our guests pose.

Apart from good and relevant information, and excellent hands-on experiences, we include attractive accommodation, good sightseeing opportunities, plenty of 'getting-to-meet-the-locals' encounters and of course, great dining opportunities from exquisite restaurants to quaint local cafes. We don't hold your hand all the way so there are 'free time' periods to allow you to rest, explore on your own, or simply visit a café for a coffee. Past guests have found our 'style' very much to their liking and we trust you will also.

SHOULD YOU JOIN THIS PROGRAM?

Firstly, if you enjoy crafts and textiles you should join. However, as there is much more included in the program, others with a general interest in Korean history and culture would also enjoy this tour. There is opportunity for short walks throughout, so a reasonable level of fitness is an advantage. While this is not an 'outdoor/adventure' trip, a 'sense of adventure' is required for the trip. As this is a Study Tour with comprehensive notes and information provided, some guests may receive a tax concession. Check with your financial advisor.

RESERVATIONS

Email to: christine@intenttravel.com.au with any questions you may have.

To secure your place, please email your intention to join to her program. You will then receive a reservation form to complete. Your option is held for seven days secured by receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person. Deposit is refunded if minimum numbers are not reached.

'THE PAPERWORK'

Your deposit will be acknowledged. We keep you informed as to the status of bookings and advise you when minimum numbers are reached. Then, we send you a confirmation kit and invoice. Final payment is due 60-days prior departure. When our group is complete and after final payment, air tickets and travel documents will be sent out. Then it is only a short time before your wonderful Korean travel experience begins!

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