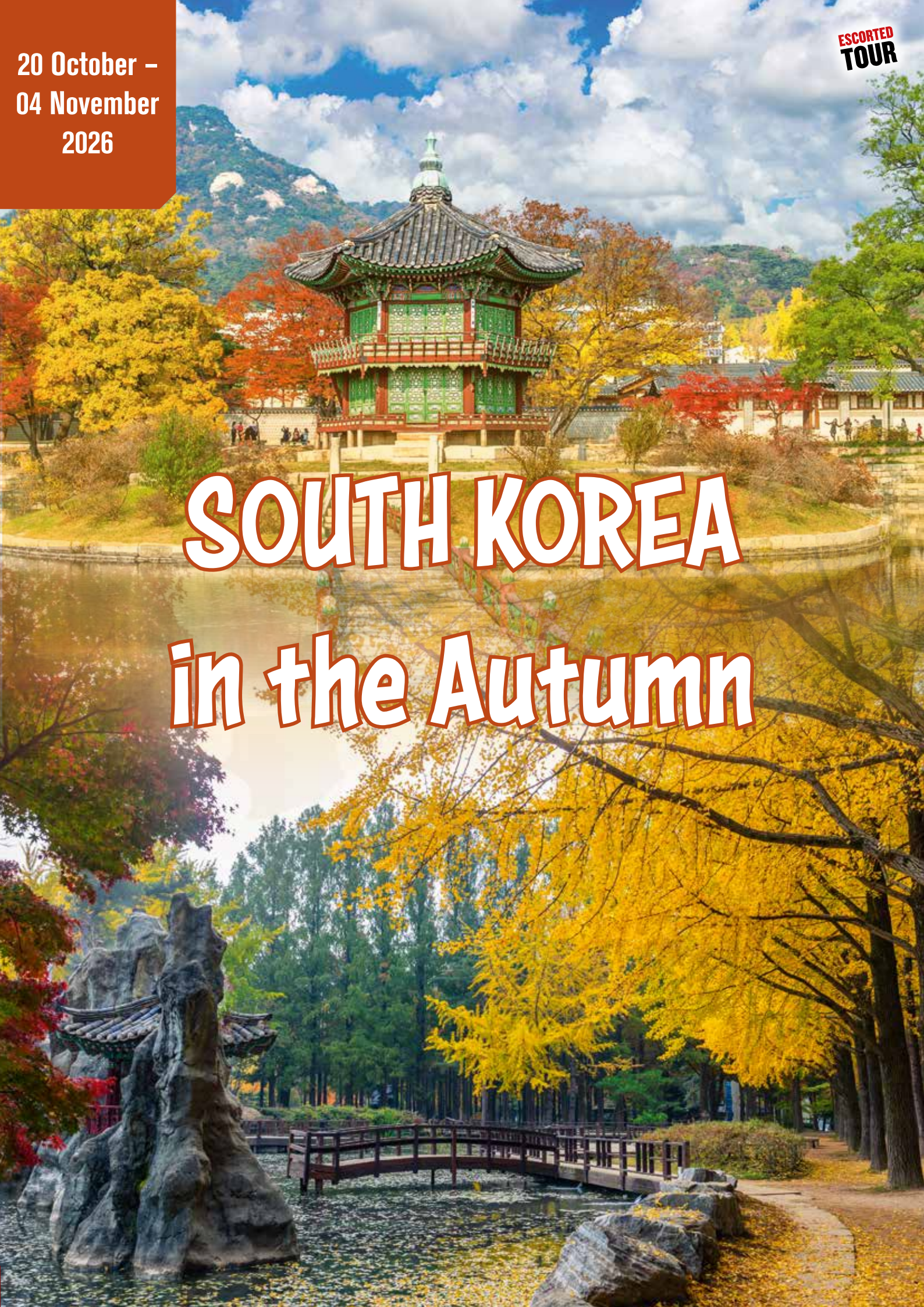


20 October –
04 November
2026

ESCORTED
TOUR

SOUTH KOREA in the Autumn



The Korean fall foliage lasts for about six weeks and is definitely the best time to travel in Korea. Dazzling reds, burning oranges, rich golds, and lush greens paint the cities, forests and mountains of Korea in waves of splendour that shouldn't be missed. This fully escorted tour moves at a comfortable pace that lets you properly take in the sites, markets and local experiences. It includes the DMZ tunnels, Gyeongju's ancient tombs, and Busan's coastal beauty, while savoring authentic Korean cuisine, cultural activities such as weaving in Jeonju Hanok Village, and is topped of with a fast train experience on the KTX Express.

October 2026

Tuesday 20 Auckland – Seoul

Depart on a late morning flight to Seoul arriving early evening and transfer to our hotel for a three-night stay.

Wednesday 21 Seoul B D

Today, you will explore the historic Gyeongbokgung Palace, including the National Folk Museum located on its grounds. Afterward, a visit to Bukchon Hanok Village, a traditional area with well-preserved hanok houses followed by a stroll through Insa-dong Antique Street, renowned for its craft shops and charming tea houses. Welcome Dinner this evening.

Thursday 22 Seoul B

Today your visit to the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), begins with Imjingak Park and the iconic Freedom Bridge. You will explore the Third Infiltration Tunnel, followed by the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, where you'll learn more about the region's history. Next a visit to the Dora Observatory for a panoramic view of North Korea, and stop by Dorasan Station, a symbol of potential future reunification. Finally, pass through the Unification Village before returning to the hotel in the late afternoon.

The Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) is a heavily fortified area that separates North and South Korea. It was established in 1953 after the Korean War to prevent further conflict between the two countries. The zone includes forests, estuaries, and wetlands, and is a sanctuary for hundreds of bird species including white-naped and red-crowned cranes. It is also home to Asiatic black bears

Friday 23 Seoul – Nami Island – Sokcho

B L D

This morning travel to Nami Island to enjoy a scenic walk and a taste of the islands cultural charm. Continue onto Sokcho and this evening enjoy a traditional Korean full-course meal, featuring an array of small Banchan plates, each offering unique flavour and colour.

Nami Island is famed for its year round natural beauty, but the best time to visit is definitely in autumn. With tree-lined streets of giant metasequoia and golden ginkgo, this is one of the most pleasant places to see autumn leaves.

Saturday 24 Sokcho Sightseeing B L D

A day of sightseeing in the autumn coloured mountains. First a visit to Nakansa Temple, a serene Buddhist temple complex nestled on the slopes of Naksan Mountain, then on into Seoraksan National Park, which includes a scenic cable car ride.

The first place for autumn foliage in Korea is on the north-east coast, where Seoraksan National Park is one of the first and also most impressive places to see Korean autumn leaves. The autumn foliage in Seoraksan is forecast to begin in late September, with peak colors appearing around late October.

Sunday 25 Sokcho – Andong B D

On today's journey you will explore the Andong Hahoe Folk Village, a UNESCO World Heritage site that offers a glimpse into traditional Korean life, with its well-preserved thatched-roof houses and cultural heritage. Included is a visit to a Confucian school to learn about the deep-rooted Confucian traditions that have shaped Korean society. Dinner tonight is the famous Andong Jjamdak, a savory dish made with chicken, vegetables and glass noodles in a rich, flavourful sauce.

Monday 26 Andong – Gyeongju B D

After departing Andong, visit the historic Cheomseongdae Observatory, one of the oldest astronomical observatories in East Asia. Next, explore the Daereungwon Tomb Complex, home to the ancient burial mounds of Silla kings and nobility, offering a fascinating glimpse into Korea's royal past. Finally, a visit to the renowned Bulguksa Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, celebrated for its stunning architecture and cultural significance.

Tuesday 27 Gyeongju - KTX Express train - Busan B

Today's highlight is the experience of travelling on Korea's famed Express train to Busan. Busan, is South Korea's second largest city. Today's sightseeing tour includes visits and walking opportunities at the picturesque Cheongsapo Marina, the popular Haeundae Beach and the scenic Dongbaek Island.

Wednesday 28 Busan B

The city tour today goes to the vibrant Gamcheon Culture Village, known for its colourful hillside homes, art installations, and narrow alleyways that offer stunning views of Busan. On to the Songdo Yonggung Suspension Bridge, where you can enjoy panoramic views of the coastline and the city. A stop at BIFF Square, the heart of Busan's film industry, bustling with street food





vendors, shops, and entertainment then to Jagalchi Market, Korea’s largest seafood market, where you can sample some fresh local delicacies. The evening is free with plenty of options for finding a great spot for dinner.

Thursday 29 Busan – Suncheon
B D

The day starts with a short scenic drive to Suncheon, a charming city known for its natural beauty and the Suncheon Bay Wetland Reserve, a stunning coastal ecosystem home to diverse wildlife, including migratory birds and rare plant species. A leisurely stroll through the Suncheon Bay Ecological Park is included. This evening, you will indulge in a traditional Korean Shabu-Shabu dinner, where you can enjoy a hot pot filled with fresh ingredients, including thinly sliced meat, vegetables, and tofu, all cooked to perfection at the table.

Friday 30 Suncheon – Jeonju B D
Today travel to Jeonju, on arrival there is a visit at Jeonju Hanok Village, a beautifully preserved area that offers a glimpse into traditional Korean life with its picturesque hanok houses. Also visit a local Hang Workshop, where you can

learn about the intricate art of making traditional Korean paper lanterns, a craft with centuries of history. Tonight’s meal at Jeonju, a city renowned for its rich history and culinary heritage; is Jeonju Bibimbap, one of Korea’s most famous dishes, it features a mix of rice, seasoned vegetables, a fried egg, and a spicy gochujang sauce.

Saturday 31 Jeonju – Deajeon B L
This morning, depart and travel to Deajeon, a vibrant city known for its mix of modern technology and natural beauty, where you’ll visit Maison Tapsa, a unique and picturesque stone temple. Next, is Yuseong Hot Springs Foot Bath Park, where you can relax your feet in the soothing, therapeutic hot spring waters—a perfect way to unwind and rejuvenate.

November
Sunday 01 Deajeon -Suwon- Seoul B L
A visit to the impressive Hwaseong Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its beautiful architecture and historical significance. After exploring the fortress, continue the journey to Seoul, making a stop at the bustling Gwangjang Market. Famous for its

street food and traditional Korean snacks. Gwangjang Market is the perfect place to sample local delicacies like bindaetteok (mung bean pancakes) and mayak gimbal (mini rice rolls).

Monday 02 Seoul B D
Your final day in Seoul where you will visit the iconic Lotte World Tower, one of the tallest buildings in Korea. Here you can take in stunning panoramic views of the city from its observation deck. Next, take a peaceful stroll around Seokchon Lake, a serene and picturesque spot especially beautiful in the autumn, offering a tranquil escape from the city’s hustle and bustle. Afterward, visit Bongeunsa Temple, a Buddhist temple nestled in the heart of the city, where you can experience a sense of calm amidst the urban landscape. This afternoon, you’ll have free time to relax or explore before a Farewell Dinner.

Tuesday 03 Seoul – Incheon – Auckland B
A free morning to pack and browse before an afternoon transfer to Incheon for your return evening flight home.

Thursday 04 Arrive Auckland
Arrive into Auckland midday.

*Itinerary subject to change.



Costs* (per-person)

Twin	\$9,948
Single	\$11,958

Korean Air Business class upgrade +\$4,899

Early Booking Discount (If paid by 01 April 2026) **\$150**

Previous International Tour Client Discount **\$100**

* This is a cash / cheque price. Credit cards will incur a 1.5% fee.

* Itinerary and costs subject to change, airline fuel charges and currency fluctuations prior to final payment



Inclusions

- Korean Air economy direct flights Auckland – Incheon – Auckland
- Airline and airport taxes \$360 per person
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- All international transfers
- Express Train from Gyeongju to Busan
- Sightseeing includes Gyeongbokgung Palace, the DMZ, Nami Island, Seoraksan National Park, Andong Hahoe Folk Village, Gamcheon Culture Village, Cheomseongdae Observatory, Suncheon Bay Wetland Reserve, Jeonju Hanok Village, Hwaseong Fortress and Lotte World Tower
- Daily breakfast, four lunches, eight dinners
- Specialty dinners included are a Korean full course meal featuring Banchan Plates; famous Andong Jjamdak dinner; Korean Shabu-shabu; Jeonju Bibimbap
- Transportation in a luxury, air conditioned coach
- Local professional English-speaking Korean guide
- Pukekohe Travel escort subject to 15 persons travelling

Exclusions

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance is essential (please ask us for a quote)
- Items not specified

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Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person will secure a place on the tour
- Full payment is due no later than 24 July 2026

Cancellations and Refunds

- From the date of booking to 24 July 2026 – loss of deposit
- After 24 July 2026 – no refund

Documentation

- A current passport is required, valid six months beyond date of travel
- An electronic K eta visa is required to enter South Korea on a NZ passport Approx USD40 – Other nationalities please ask

Currency

South Korean Won KRW

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend all clients purchase travel insurance to protect against cancellations, lost items, and delays that could lead to unexpected costs. Please ask us for a quote.

Health and Mobility

We want to ensure you have the best experience possible! Please note that this tour includes a variety of activities, such as walking tours, hikes, and visits to cultural sites, some of which may involve uneven terrain, stairs, and moderate physical exertion. We recommend a good standard of fitness to fully enjoy and participate in the itinerary. If you have any concerns about your physical readiness, please feel free to reach out to us for guidance.

Weather

Average Temperature: 11°C to 18°C
October is part of South Korea's autumn season. The weather is crisp and cool, with clear skies and very little rain. It's one of the most comfortable months for travelling, with mild daytime temperatures and cooler nights.

Terms and Conditions

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