

Travelrite International invites you to join us on the 2026

SOUTH KOREA

RAIL, CHERRY BLOSSOM AND FOOD TOUR

Visiting Seoul and the DMZ, Gangneung, Sokcho,
Andong, Gyeongju, Busan, Gwangju, Jeonju

25 March – 9 April 2026



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Flights, accommodation, sightseeing tours,
most meals, private transport,
first-class local trains and heritage trains

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South Korea has a wealth of architectural, culinary and geographical attractions, plenty of cherry blossoms at springtime and exciting rail experiences. On this 16-day tour, you'll discover the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), enjoy spring flowers and the spectacular scenery at Seoraksan Mountain and the Naejangsan National Park, step back in time at the traditional folk villages of Gamcheon, Andong and Jeonju Hanok, take high speed trains throughout the country and experience a range of heritage and scenic rail journeys. Along the way, you'll discover the glittering metropolis of Seoul, enjoy the scenic bamboo forest walk in Damyang, hear stories of female Haeyno shellfish divers in Busan, wander the Hwarangdae Railway Park and tour the Uiwang Railroad Museum. South Korea's rich culinary scene will impress with foodies feasting on all-you-can-eat Korean BBQs, bibimbap rice bowl dishes, various delightful iterations of kimchi, Korean fried chicken, silky glass noodles and bowls of steaming hot pots. With its bustling cities, complex history, UNESCO world heritage-listed national sites and led by an Australian tour leader, expert local guides and support vehicles so you can ride the rails just with carry-on luggage, this trip of a lifetime is bound to please.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Travel on the retro Sky Capsule Train and the Haeundae Beachside Train
- Take a street food tour in the Gwangjang Market in Seoul, feasting on local delights
- Ride the specially chartered "cherry blossom shuttle train" in Jinhae
- See spectacular hot pink cherry blossoms all over the country
- Ride on a heritage steam train at the Gokseong Seomjingang River Train Village
- Tour the island village of Abai to learn about North Korean refugees who live there

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Wednesday 25 March 2026 Seoul

Depart Australia on your flight to Seoul. Upon arrival, transfer to our tour hotel. Your adventure begins South Korea's vibrant capital with a metro population of 26 million and full of high-tech gadgetry, soaring skyscrapers and delicious food. Meet at the group hotel at 6pm, and visit the Insadong entertainment district for a group welcome dinner of Korean hotpot – a delicious favourite full of mixed vegetables, meat and noodles. *Overnight:* Amid Hotel Insadong, Seoul (D)

DAY 2 Thursday 26 March 2026 Seoul

This morning, you'll travel on Seoul's modern and immense network of subway trains and visit Yeouido Park, which features over 2,000 Yoshino cherry trees, plus tulips, azaleas, and forsythia and tour the cherry tree filled Gyeongbokgung Palace. Visit the home of Daniel Gray – the food expert from Netflix's *Street Food Asia Seoul* to learn about Korean food history and enjoy a



home cooked lunch. Later, see traditional hanok houses in Bukhcon and wander the Cheong-gyecheon Stream, a meeting place for locals. Finish at the Gwangjang Night Market to try some street food favourites at dinner. *Overnight:* Amid Hotel Insadong, Seoul (B,L,D)

DAY 3 Friday 27 March 2026 Seoul / DMZ

This morning, travel on the DMZ Train Line to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), disembarking at Dorasan Station where the South and North Korean rail systems once connected. Peer across the border to catch glimpses of the North Korean villages and visit Imjingak Park to see steam locomotives, tanks and aircraft once used in the Korean War. Enjoy lunch while talking to a North Korean defector, and tour the Hwarangdae Railway Park to see old locos, a rail museum before relaxing in their train café. Later, visit the beautiful Seoul Forest Park, a peaceful oasis and smothered in pink cherry blossoms during spring. Free evening. *Overnight:* Amid Hotel Insadong, Seoul (B,L)

DAY 4 Saturday 28 March 2026 Gangneung

This morning, we'll have an early start for the A-Train aka Jeongseon Arirang Train bound for Jeongseon. The A-Train has four themed carriages with large panoramic windows and glass walls – each of them decorated in different colours and motifs. While in Jeongseon, tour the Arirang 5-day market to see what local farmers and artisans have in season and enjoy lunch. Arrive at the coastal city of Gangneung and ride on the quaint and quirky Jeongdongjin Rail Bikes alongside railway tracks and the scenic coastline. Return to town and enjoy dinner together in a local restaurant. *Overnight:* Avvio Hotel, Gangneung (B,L,D)

DAY 5 Sunday 29 March 2026 Gangneung

After breakfast, we'll visit Gyeongpo Lake, where pink and white-blossoming trees line the lakeside path during springtime. Later, travel to Sokcho to explore their vibrant Jungang market and visit Abai – a small island village where you'll visit a family home of North Korean refugees and enjoy



a home cooked lunch of giant dumplings. Head to Seoraksan National Park which is a whimsical place to visit during spring, when cherry blossoms take over the mountains. Upon arrival, ride a cable car to Gwongeumseong Fortress Peak to see the Sinheungsu Buddha statue before returning to your hotel. *Overnight:* Avvio Hotel, Gangneung (B,L)

DAY 6 Monday 30 March 2026

Andong

This morning, we'll travel on the festive Sea Train aka the East Sea and Santa Village Train! The train is famous for its unique holiday cheer and the spectacular views of the coastline. Purchase lunch at your own cost and change trains to ride on the spectacular Baekdudaegan Mountain Canyon V-Train, a heritage train from the 1970s. Arrive at the delightful traditional riverside Andong Hahoe Folk Village and check into different authentic hanoks (traditional Korean houses) in the town. Enjoy dinner with your hosts in this UNESCO World Heritage site and try Andong's favourite dishes. *Overnight:* Hanok Traditional Houses, Andong (B,D)



DAY 7 Tuesday 31 March 2026

Gyeongju

After breakfast, you'll wander the quaint settlement of Anhong to see traditional residences with tiled or thatched roofs, old pavilions and experience the gentle rhythms of countryside village life. Visit the Hahoe Mask Museum, enjoy a traditional lunch and travel by train to the historical town of Gyeongju. Known as the Golden City and 'the museum without walls', the town has more tombs, temples, Buddhist statues and palace ruins than any other place in the country. Upon arrival, visit the dazzling Donggung Palace which is mirrored in the Wolji Pond and enjoy dinner together. *Overnight:* GG Tourist Hotel, Gyeongju (B,L,D)



DAY 8 Wednesday 1 April 2026

Busan

This morning, you will enjoy the annual Gyeongju Cherry Blossom Festival while touring the royal tombs, burial tomb complexes and temples in the city. Enjoy lunch and travel to Jinhae, one of South Korea's most famous springtime towns. Almost 400,000 cherry trees are planted throughout the town, making it a fairy tale come to life. Stroll along the Yeojwacheon stream, with its canopy of blossoms over the water, then visit Gyeonghwa Station to ride the specially chartered "cherry blossom heritage train". Travel to Busan, check into your hotel for a free evening. *Overnight:* Felix Hotel by STX, Busan (B,L)



DAY 9 Thursday 2 April 2026

Busan

This morning, you'll discover the Gamcheon Culture Village, with its brightly painted terraced houses and twisted labyrinth-like alleys decorated with murals and sculptures. Visit the blossom filled Haedong Temple by the sea, enjoy a seafood lunch before talking with the courageous female Haenyeo divers. Travel on the retro Haeundae Sky Capsule Train and the Haeundae Beach Train – the world's first battery-charged eco-friendly train, which both operate along the old Donghae Nambu Railway Line. Finish by taking a stroll along Busan Green Railway walking trail that runs parallel to the railway. Enjoy a free evening. *Overnight:* Felix Hotel by STX, Busan (B,L)



DAY 10 Friday 3 April 2026

Gwangju

This morning, you'll ride the Busan-Seoul KTX bullet train, hoping off at Osong before continuing by train to Gwangju. Upon arrival, tour the May 18th Democratic Uprising Cemetery Museum and take a walk along Chungjang-ro Street, the city's premier fashion district where you'll have free time for lunch. Later, enjoy a local train ride to the Seomjingang Train Village in the town of Gokseong. See a few old steam locomotives and board a steam engine train and enjoy the scenic view of lush greenery and springtime flowers while you ride. Check into your hotel for a free evening. *Overnight:* Utop Boutique Hotel, Gwangju (B)

DAY 11 Saturday 4 April 2026

Gwangju

After breakfast, travel along the scenic Metasequoia Road, full of spring cherry trees to Damyang. Upon arrival, explore the serene Juknokwon Bamboo Forest, known for its towering green bamboo groves and peaceful walking trails. Enjoy a group lunch and travel to the spectacular Naejangsan National Park, one of the best places to see the springtime cherry blossoms and azaleas in South Korea. Upon arrival, wander the park and enjoy a cable car ride over the top of the most wonderful kaleidoscope of colours. Return to Gwangju for a free evening. *Overnight:* Utop Boutique Hotel, Gwangju (B,L)

DAY 12 Sunday 5 April 2026

Jeonju

This morning after breakfast, you'll board the S Train aka the Namdo Train bound for Suncheon. The train, which is colourfully painted in blue, pink and orange shades have five themed cars set up for family occasions, tea drinking and party events! Arrive in Suncheon, visit the Naganeupseong Folk Village and enjoy lunch. Surrounded by high walls, the village is Korea's best-preserved fortress town with traditional houses lining the narrow alleyways. Later, continue by train to the town of Jeonju where you'll check into your hotel and enjoy dinner at a traditional bibimbap restaurant. *Overnight:* Ggotshim Hotel, Jeonju (B,L,D)



DAY 13 Monday 6 April 2026

Jeonju

This morning, step back in time as we explore the Jeonju Hanok Village. The village is made up of over 800 traditional Korean houses which are known for their beautiful carved roofs. Wander the cobblestone streets in the old town and visit a renowned local noodle restaurant for lunch and afterwards, learn the art of making kimchi during a cooking demonstration. You will also visit Jaman Village to see the eclectic and colourful murals that adorn the walls of this shantytown and visit the Gyeonggijeon Temple. Return to your hotel where the rest of your evening is free. *Overnight:* Ggotshim Hotel, Jeonju (B,L)



DAY 14 Tuesday 7 April 2026

Seoul

This morning, you will ride the 305 km/hr KTX bullet train back to Seoul, travelling past dramatic landscapes, majestic mountain passes and endless rice paddies. Disembark, enjoy lunch together and tour the Korail Railroad Museum to see steam locomotives, a presidential train carriage, a coach that was used by the UN forces stationed in Korea and a narrow-gauge boxcar. Take a metro line back to Seoul and tour Deoksugung Palace. Enjoy a farewell dinner, and finish by wandering the Dongdaemun Night Market for a cultural experience like no other. *Overnight:* Amid Hotel Insadong, Seoul (B,L,D)

DAY 15 Wednesday 8 April 2026

Seoul / Depart

A free morning for last minute shopping or sightseeing before we are transferred to the airport for overnight flights back to Australia (B).

DAY 16 Thursday 9 April 2026

Arrive Australia

Tour members arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.



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Included in the tour price:

- Return international flights
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 14 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class and moderate first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Meals: 14 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 7 dinners
- Eight rail fast/heritage train journeys and experiences
- Highest category air conditional local train journeys
- A support vehicle to carry large luggage while on train
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional' plus locally guided tours
- Transport by first-class chartered coaches
- A local tour guide throughout
- Tour management by Travelrite

Tour Price

Per person twin-share \$ 10,490
Single supplement \$ 3,450

Not included in the price:

- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary.



General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on transportation, accommodation costs, entrance costs and the exchange rate as at 12 February 2025. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days of departure.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellations outside of 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit paid per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY: Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to fit in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

BAGGAGE: All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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