

2024 Jaisohn Philip Memorial Foundation Special Event

Visit to Jaisohn Philip's Birthplace in Boseong and Homeland Tour

Date: Sept 23 – Oct 1, 2024 | 8 nights, 9 days

Price \$2,980.00 (pp, based on double occupancy)

*** Due to Airfare changes, prices subject to change*

To Register: Please submit a passport copy, application form, and non-refundable \$500.00 deposit by January 30, 2024



Join us on an unforgettable journey to Korea, celebrating the legacy of Dr. Jaisohn Philip!

In collaboration with the Jaisohn Philip Memorial Foundation (President: Choi Jung-soo), we are excited to announce a special tour that marks our first visit to Dr. Jaisohn Philip's birthplace since the pandemic. This exclusive tour will take you on an 8-night, 9-day adventure across Korea, departing from Philadelphia on September 23, 2024.

Tour Highlights:

- **Jaisohn Philip's Birthplace & Korea:** This special tour includes a visit to Dr. Seo Jae-pil's birthplace in Boseong, providing a unique glimpse into the life and legacy of this important historical figure.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Enjoy a comprehensive tour of Korea, visiting Chungcheong-do, Jeolla-do, Gyeongsang-do, and Gangwon-do. Discover local food, traditions, and the rich history of each region.
- **Special Theme:** This tour commemorates the spirit of Dr. Jaisohn Philip, a prominent figure in Korea's enlightenment period and independence movement. His story is deeply intertwined with the history and culture of Korea, providing a meaningful context to your travels.
- **Explore key cultural and historical sites across Korea,** including national cemeteries and memorials, traditional villages and ancient temples, scenic coastal towns and vibrant cities, and historic markets and local culinary experiences.

9 Day Life & Culture of South Korea Tour Itinerary

[Day 1] September 23, 2024 (Monday) Philadelphia, New York Kennedy Airport

Our exclusive JFK airport shuttle service will depart from Lansdale, PA, at 8:00 AM. Upon arrival at JFK airport, a group check-in will commence. Then, Asiana Airlines flight 221 will depart for Incheon, Korea, at 1:00 PM.

[Day 2] September 24, 2024 (Tuesday) Incheon



Arrive at Incheon International Airport at 5:30 PM. After a welcome greet, we will transfer to a local Korean dinner restaurant. Enjoy a delightful dinner before checking in to your hotel. After settling in, there will be a brief orientation about the upcoming itinerary. (D)

[Day 3] September 25, 2024 (Wednesday) Daejeon, Jeonju

Start your day with an early breakfast at the hotel before transferring to Seoul National Cemetery in Dongjak-gu, Seoul. Here, we will pay respects at the National Cemetery with a briefing by the cemetery staff. After the visit, transfer to Jeonju where we will visit Jeonju Hanok Village (an traditional village of Korea), Jeondong Cathedral (the first Romanesque-style cathedral built in the Honam region), and Pungnammun (symbolizes Jeonju, the birthplace of the Joseon Dynasty).



Hotel: Jeonju Wangyijiml Hanok Hotel +82 63-284-1004 (B/L/D)

[Day 4] September 26, 2024 (Thursday) Gwangju, Boseong, Yeosu



After hotel breakfast, our tour continues to Gwangju. A brief city tour of Gwangju will include a special visit to the 5.18 National Cemetery, where the victims of the 1980 Gwangju Democratization Movement are buried. Next, we will move to Boseong, the birthplace of Dr. Jaisohn. The highlight of this tour will include a visit to the Boseong Tea Museum and its picturesque tea fields. Afterward, we will participate in a Book Concert and enjoy a cultural performance. After the venue is complete, we will drive to Yosu for a nice warm rest at the hotel.

Hotel: Yosu Ramada Hotel +82-61-642-0000 (B/L/D)

[Day 5] September 27, 2024 (Friday) Yeosu, Jinju, Geoje

The tour of Yeosu begins with a visit to Odongdo, an island famous for its beautiful camellia flowers. Next, we will visit Yi Sun-sin Square, dedicated to Admiral Yi Sun-sin, who led a victorious battle during the Imjin War. Our journey continues with a visit to the exciting city of Jinju. In Jinju, we will tour Jinju Fortress, the site of one of the three great battles of the Imjin War. We will also visit Namgang Chokseok Pavilion, known for the heroic story of Non-Gae, a woman who embraced a Japanese general and leaped off the pavilion during the 1593 Imjin War. Then, we will transfer to Geoje Island to visit the Geoje POW Camp Historic Park, where we will learn about the stories of the unfinished war.

Hotel: Geoje Samsung Hotel +82-55-631-2114 (B/L/D)



[Day 6] September 28, 2024 (Saturday) Geoje, Busan



Start your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel to fuel up for the journey ahead. Begin your adventure in Geoje with a visit to Oedo, a stunning paradise in the South Sea, and marvel at the majestic Haegeumgang, known as the "Geumgang Mountain on the sea." After lunch, embark on a scenic drive via the Geoga Bridge, connecting Geoje and Busan's Gadeok Island, featuring a sea bridge and an approximately 3.7 km long immersed tunnel. Upon arriving in Busan, enjoy another lunch and prepare to explore. Visit the UN Memorial Cemetery, a serene resting place for UN soldiers who participated in the Korean War, and dive into the vibrant atmosphere of Jagalchi Fish Market, the world's largest fish market. Conclude your day with a delectable dinner before checking in to your hotel and relaxing, ready for more exploration tomorrow.

Hotel: Shilla Stay Seobusan +82-51-661-9000 (B/L/D)

[Day 7] September 29, 2024 (Sunday) Busan, Gyeongju

After breakfast, begin your tour with a visit to Songdo Cloud Trails, a beautiful sea path adjacent to a 365m long breakwater. Continue to Haeundae Beach, Dongbaek Island, and APEC House, iconic symbols of Busan. Next, transfer to Gyeongju, the ancient capital of the Silla kingdom. Explore Daereungwon, a large burial site with 23 Silla-era tombs, and then visit Cheonmachong, a representative Silla tomb open to the public. Discover Cheomseongdae, an ancient astronomical observatory built during the reign of Queen Seondeok. Conclude your day with a delicious dinner before checking in Hotel.

Hotel: Gyeongju Commodore +82-54-745-7701 (B/L/D)



[Day 8] September 30, 2024 (Monday) Gyeongju, Yeongdeok, Samcheok, Gangneung



Hotel breakfast before transferring to Yeongdeok. Visit the Yeongdeok Ganggu Port Fish Market and experience the vibrant local seafood culture. After lunch, transfer to Samcheok to tour Chuam Chotdaebawi Rock, famous for its stunning sunrises and its mention in the first verse of the Korean national anthem, as well as the unique Chuam Suspension Bridge.

Next, transfer to Gangneung and visit Ojukheon, the birthplace of Shin Saimdang and Yi Yulgok. Continue your journey by transferring to Sokcho, where you will visit Abai Village to get a glimpse into the lives of displaced people from North Korea. Conclude your day with a delicious dinner before checking in and resting at your hotel.

Hotel: Sea Cruise Hotel Sokcho +82-1644-8810 (B/L/D)

[Day 9] October 1, 2024 (Tuesday) Sokcho, Chuncheon, Seoul

Start your day at 9:30 AM with a delightful hotel breakfast before touring Seoraksan. Take in the grandeur of Seoraksan by riding the Seoraksan Cable Car for breathtaking views. Afterward, transfer to Seoul and visit Seodaemun Independence Park, the Temporary Government Building, and the Seodaemun Prison History Hall. At 4:00 PM, the scheduled activities will conclude at Seoul's Kwanghwamun Area. Afterwards, our bus's final stop will be at Incheon Airport.

Please note that this itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions, weather, traffic congestion, and other unforeseen circumstances. Thank you for your understanding.

Know Before You Go

Even though most of the planning and preparation have been handled for you, there are still a few important details to consider to ensure your comfort, safety, and peace of mind. Please review the following information before your departure to ensure that any surprises along the way are pleasant ones.

Travel Protection

Even the best-planned trips can be affected by the unexpected. To protect yourself and your investment, we recommend purchasing Travel Protection, which offers coverage for medical expenses. For a comprehensive summary of coverages, benefits, limitations, and exclusions, please refer to the Description of Coverage available on our website. Our travel agency assumes no liability for any claims or losses arising from your travel.

Climate & Clothing

In late September, Korea experiences mild and pleasant weather, with temperatures typically ranging from 59°F to 77°F (15°C to 25°C). The humidity is lower compared to the summer months, and the season transitions from summer to autumn, bringing clear skies and the beginning of vibrant fall foliage, especially in the northern regions. Occasional rainfall can occur, but overall, it's a comfortable time for outdoor activities and travel.

Bring comfortable walking shoes, a sweater, clothes you can layer, and an all-weather jacket. Some religious sites may require modest dress to enter: no shorts or short skirts, knees must be covered by long pants or a long skirt. No sleeveless tops are allowed; shoulders must be covered, and a shawl or scarf is frequently not accepted as adequate coverage.

Notable Movies & Films

Parasite (2019)
A Taxi Driver (2017)
71: Into the Fire (2010)
Tae Guk Gi: The Brotherhood of War (2004)
Ode to My Father (2014)

Staying Healthy While Traveling

There are several easy steps you can take to stay healthy while traveling, which may help prevent contracting an illness while away from home:

- Watch what you eat:
- Stay hydrated
- Allergies and medical issues: If you have allergies to foods, please let us know.
- Hand hygiene
- Bring Sun and insect protection and First-aid kit

Please do your part in preparing for unforeseen situations during your trip, including potential health issues.

Thank you, and welcome to Korea, the land of morning calm.