

SOUTH KOREA

2 WEEKS IN CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON

Jeju - Busan - Seoul



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WHEN TO GO: 2026 DATES

Cherry blossoms move from south to north. The Jeju - Busan - Seoul route follows the bloom perfectly.

JEJU

Mar 30 - Apr 3 | 4 nights | Peak: late March

BUSAN

Apr 3 - 8 | 5 nights | Peak: early April

SEOUL

Apr 8 - 11 | 3 nights | Peak: mid-April

HIGHLIGHTS

Jeju Noksan-ro's 5 km blossom avenue and Seongsan Ilchulbong. Recommended dates: Mar 30 - Apr 3.

Busan Taejongdae Park and the coastal Sky Capsule. Apr 3 - 8 is the sweet spot.

Seoul The Yeouido festival is the country's main blossom event. Apr 8 - 11 should be right at peak bloom.

Book hotels 3-4 months ahead. Blossom season sells out fast.

ROUTE OVERVIEW AND HOTELS

USEFUL TO KNOW

Payments Cards work almost everywhere. Keep cash for markets and street food.

Transport Use a T-money card for metro, buses and taxis. Top up at CU or GS25.

Navigation Kakao Maps or Naver Maps are more accurate than Google in Korea.

Food budget Street food: KRW 30,000-50,000 per day. Restaurants: KRW 70,000-120,000 per day for three.

Route Moscow - Shanghai transit - Jeju - flight to Busan - KTX to Seoul - Moscow.

HOTELS

Jeju	Hamdeok Beach Stay Jeju	Mar 30 - Apr 3
Busan	Mipoblues Haeundae	Apr 3 - 8
Seoul	Nine Tree by Parnas Insadong	Apr 8 - 11

Hamdeok Beach Stay Jeju

Two minutes from turquoise Hamdeok Beach and a great base for coastal bike rides.

Mipoblues Haeundae

A two-bedroom apartment with a kitchen - ideal for a family. Homeplus and E-Mart are nearby.

Nine Tree by Parnas Insadong

In the heart of Insadong, with old streets, cafes and Jongno 3-ga station within walking distance.

JEJU: ARRIVAL AND FIRST DAYS

DAY 1 | MOSCOW - SHANGHAI TRANSIT - JEJU

Breakfast Home or airport

Lunch On board, included

Dinner Shanghai transit-zone restaurant

- About 5 hours in Shanghai transit with cafes and duty-free. Stay airside if travelling visa-free.
- Shanghai to Jeju flight: about 2 hours.

DAY 2 | JEJU - FIRST EVENING

Hotel Hamdeok Beach Stay Jeju

Lunch Airport food court: black pork, about KRW 15,000

Dinner Hamdeok Beach restaurant, KRW 15,000-25,000 per person

- 18:00+ Buy a T-money card at Jeju Airport.
- Taxi to Hamdeok Beach: about 25 min and KRW 20,000.
- Evening walk along the turquoise shoreline.

DAY 3 | OLLE TRAIL AND SEOGWIPO

Hotel Hamdeok Beach Stay Jeju

Breakfast Paris Baguette or a cafe

Lunch Harbour fish cafe, KRW 10,000-15,000

- 10:00 Bike path along Hamdeok Beach, about 3 km.
- 11:00 Bus 600 to Seogwipo, about 50 min, or taxi.
- 12:00 Jeongbang Falls, the only waterfall in Asia flowing into the sea.
- 14:30 Olle Trail Route 6, 3-5 km of cliffs, sea and pines.
- 18:30 Sunset on the beach.

JEJU: ISLAND TOUR AND BLOSSOMS

DAY 4 | SIX-HOUR ISLAND TOUR

Hotel Hamdeok Beach Stay Jeju

Breakfast Light breakfast before 9:30

Dinner Domi Gui or seafood stew, about KRW 20,000

- 10:00 Guided island tour.
- 10:30 Jeongbang Falls.
- 11:30 Seogwipo Port.
- 12:30 Mini-orchid and tangerine garden.
- 14:30 Haenyeo women divers, UNESCO intangible heritage.
- 16:00 UNESCO geopark and hexagonal lava cliffs.

DAY 5 | NOKSAN-RO BLOSSOMS AND A BIKE DAY

Breakfast CU or Paris Baguette before 8:00

Lunch Woljeong Beach cafe, KRW 15,000-20,000

Dinner Black pork at Heukdonga or Dombae, book ahead

- 07:30 Taxi to Noksan-ro.
- 08:00 Peak blossom time on the 5 km avenue.
- 09:30 Rent e-bikes via biketripjeju.com or Klook.
- 10:00 Hamdeok - Gimnyeong - Woljeong coastal ride, about 20 km.
- 11:30 Manjanggul lava cave.
- 13:00 Lunch at Woljeong Beach.
- 14:30 Seongsan Ilchulbong, 30-minute climb.
- 16:00 Seopjikoji volcanic cape and canola fields.

BUSAN: COAST, MARKETS AND TEMPLES

DAY 6 | JEJU TO BUSAN - ONE-HOUR FLIGHT

Hotel Mipoblues Haeundae

Lunch Gaya Milmyeon noodles, about KRW 8,000

Dinner The Bay 101 or Haeundae street food

- Taxi to Haeundae: about 30 min.
- 15:00 Haedong Yonggungsa temple on the sea cliffs.
- 17:30 Haeundae Beach.
- 19:30 The Bay 101 for yachts and night lights.

DAY 7 | TAEJONGDAE AND JAGALCHI

Hotel Mipoblues Haeundae

Lunch Fresh sashimi at Jagalchi, KRW 30,000-50,000 for three

Dinner BIFF Square street food

- 10:00 Taejongdae cliffs and blossoms.
- 12:00 Danubi mini train through the park.
- 13:30 Jagalchi Market, eat upstairs after choosing your fish.
- 15:30 BIFF Square.
- 17:00 Nampo waterfront.

BUSAN: SKY CAPSULE AND GYEONGJU

DAY 8 | BUSAN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Hotel Mipoblues Haeundae

Breakfast At home before 8:00

Dinner Dwaeji Gukbap or Korean BBQ

- 08:40 Busan Highlight City Tour.
- 10:00 Haeundae Blueline Park and Sky Capsule.
- 13:30 Oryukdo Skywalk.
- 15:00 Huinnyeoul Culture Village.
- 16:30 Gamcheon Culture Village.

DAY 9 | SKY CAPSULE AND BLOSSOM TOUR

Breakfast At home or Paris Baguette

Dinner Haeundae restaurant or street food

- 09:00 Sky Capsule and Cherry Blossom Tour.
- 10:00 Coastal blossom views at Haeundae Blueline Park.
- 17:00 Free time on Haeundae Beach.
- 18:30 Gwangalli Beach and illuminated Gwangan Bridge.

DAY 10 | DAY TRIP TO GYEONGJU

Breakfast CU or GS25

Lunch Beef-broth rice soup, about KRW 10,000

- 08:30 Train from Busan, about 30 min.
- 09:30 Bulguksa Temple and blossoms.
- 11:00 Seokguram Grotto.
- 13:30 Tumuli Park royal tombs.
- 14:30 Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond.
- 15:30 Hwangnam bread with red-bean filling.

SEOUL: KTX, YEOUIDO AND LOTTE WORLD

DAY 11 | BUSAN TO SEOUL BY KTX

Hotel Nine Tree by Parnas Insadong

Lunch Korean lunch box from the station shop

Dinner Ikseon-dong, about KRW 20,000 per person

- 09:00 Metro to Busan Station.
- 12:30 KTX to Seoul, about 2.5 hours.
- 15:00 Arrive and take the metro to Insadong.
- 16:00 Ikseon-dong Hanok Village.
- 18:00 Evening walk along Cheonggyecheon Stream.

DAY 12 | YEOUIDO BLOSSOMS AND LOTTE WORLD

Breakfast Insadong cafe or hotel

Lunch Han River picnic from GS25 or CU

Dinner Lotte World food court

- 09:30 Yeouido, Seoul's main cherry blossom festival.
- 12:00 Picnic by the Han River.
- 14:00 Seokchon Lake blossom loop.
- 15:00 Lotte World and Aquarium.
- 20:00 Return to illuminated Seokchon Lake.

SEOUL FINALE AND DEPARTURE

DAY 13 | PALACE GUARD, SEONGSU AND NAMSAN

Lunch Gwangjang Market, KRW 5,000-10,000

Dinner Myeongdong Kyoja, about KRW 10,000

- 10:00 Guard-changing ceremony at Gyeongbokgung.
- 11:00 Cheonggyecheon Stream.
- 12:00 Sewoon Cheonggye Arcade.
- 13:00 Dongdaemun Design Plaza.
- 14:00-17:00 Seongsu-dong and HAUS NOWHERE SEOUL.
- 18:30 N Seoul Tower.
- 20:00 Myeongdong NANTA show.

DAY 14 | FLIGHT HOME

Breakfast Insadong cafe or hotel

Lunch Bibigo or Bonchon Chicken at Incheon Airport

- 07:00 Final packing and breakfast.
- 08:00 Insadong walk or souvenir shopping.
- 10:00 AREX to Incheon Airport, about 1 hour.
- 13:30 Refund the T-money deposit and remaining balance.

RESTAURANTS TO BOOK

Haenyeo Restaurant, Jeju - seafood - KRW 25,000

Heukdonga or Dombae, Jeju - black pork - KRW 30,000

Jagalchi Market, Busan - live sashimi - KRW 15,000

Myeongdong Kyoja, Seoul - noodles - KRW 10,000

WHAT TO BUY

- Laneige, COSRX and Innisfree skincare at local prices.
- Maxim Mocha Gold, Korea's iconic instant coffee.
- Choco Pie, Honey Butter Chips and Buldak Ramen.
- Plenty of Korean sheet masks.
- Soju and makgeolli to try during the trip.
- Handmade souvenirs from Gamcheon and Insadong.

KOREA IS WAITING

Save the route, book early and enjoy the blossoms.

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