NEXTRIP

Seoul & the Han River Coast: Incheon to Nami Island

SEOUL · INCHEON

6D 4N | 25–30 PAX | STARTS KUALA LUMPUR | MALAYSIA AIRLINES

Discover Seoul's many layers over six lively days, from Joseon palaces and traditional neighbourhoods to contemporary shopping and street culture. Travel first to Nami Island and ride the Gangchon Railbike through the river valley, then explore Gyeongbokgung Palace in hanbok, Namsan Tower and Seoul Grand Park. Continue through Eunpyeong Hanok Village and Insadong, make kimchi during a hands-on cultural session, and visit the striking Starfield Library. Hongdae, Myeong-dong and Namdaemun reveal the city's modern commercial energy before departure. Return Malaysia Airlines flights, hotels, daily meals, private transport, entrances, an English-speaking guide and tipping are included. Halal meals and an Itaewon Mosque visit are built into the itinerary.

DAY

01

INCHEON · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Depart Kuala Lumpur — land in Incheon by evening

Malaysia Airlines MH38 departs KLIA at 12:55 and arrives at Incheon International Airport at 21:15 local time. The flight is approximately 6.5 hours. Assemble at the Malaysia Airlines check-in counters at KLIA at least 3 hours before departure. Your guide meets you at arrivals and the coach transfers to your hotel in the Incheon area for the night.

KLIA Check-in — Malaysia Airlines MH38 includes 30kg checked baggage. Incheon is one of the most efficiently run airports in the world — immigration is usually straightforward even for large groups.

Incheon Hotel Check-in — Your hotel is in the Incheon area, close to the airport. The following morning you head east toward Nami Island.

Note on K-ETA — Malaysian passport holders are required to apply for a K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorisation) before travel. The application fee of RM40 is not included in the tour price. Apply well in advance of departure.

OVERNIGHT

Incheon

DAY

02

NAMI ISLAND · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 3

Nami Island and the Gangchon Railbike — east of Seoul

Check out of the Incheon hotel and head east along the Han River corridor toward Gangwon Province. Nami Island is a small river island that became famous through the Korean drama Winter Sonata in 2002 and has stayed famous since — the metasequoia avenue running down its spine is one of the most photographed lanes in Korea. The Gangchon Railbike is the afternoon's activity: a pedal-powered cart on a 6km disused rail line above the river valley, with the mountains coming in on both sides. It is genuinely good.

Nami Island (Namiseom) — A 430,000 sqm island in the North Han River, accessible by a short ferry from Gapyeong Wharf. The avenues of ginkgo, metasequoia and maple trees are the main draw; the island is also home to ostriches and emus roaming free. Allow 60–90 minutes.

Gangchon Railbike — A 6km pedal-cart ride on a former rail line above the river, ending at a station where a shuttle returns you to the start. The route passes through a tunnel and along an open riverside stretch. Ticket included. Allow 60–75 minutes.

Transfer to Seoul — The drive from Gapyeong back into central Seoul takes approximately 80–100 minutes depending on traffic.

MEALS

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Seoul

DAY

03

SEOUL · OVERNIGHT 2 OF 3

Gyeongbokgung, Itaewon and Namsan Tower — the historical Seoul

The day moves through Seoul's most significant historical and urban sites. Gyeongbokgung is the largest of the five grand Joseon palaces — first built in 1395, rebuilt in the 19th century after Japanese occupation reduced it to rubble, and still one of the most imposing complexes in the city. The Hanbok wearing experience is included: traditional court dress, available in dozens of styles, which also grants free entry to the palace grounds.

Gyeongbokgung Palace — The main palace of the Joseon dynasty, with the throne hall Geunjeongjeon at its centre. The changing of the Royal Guard ceremony runs at 10:00 and 14:00. Allow 90 minutes.

Itaewon International Mosque — The largest mosque in Korea, built in 1976 on a hillside in the Itaewon district. Prayer time and halal lunch in the area.

Seoul Grand Park — A large public park in Gwacheon, south of central Seoul, with a botanical garden and outdoor space. A good interval between the morning's history and the evening.

Namsan Tower (N Seoul Tower) — The communications tower on Namsan Mountain at 480 metres above sea level. The Love Padlock Wall around the base is where couples attach locks engraved with their names — there are hundreds of thousands of them.

MEALS

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Seoul

DAY

04

SEOUL · OVERNIGHT 3 OF 3

Hanok village, Insadong and kimchi — Seoul's cultural quarter

The northern part of Seoul holds its old residential character better than the centre. Eunpyeong Hanok Village is a planned heritage neighbourhood built to traditional Korean architectural standards — tiled roofs, wooden beams, courtyard gates — with Bukhansan mountain as the backdrop.

Eunpyeong Hanok Village — A hillside neighbourhood of traditional Korean houses (hanok) in the Eunpyeong district, built in the 2000s on a slope north of the city. The views over the valley toward Bukhansan are the best reason to go early in the day. Allow 45 minutes.

Insadong Cultural Street — The main artery of Seoul's arts and craft district, lined with galleries, tea rooms, and shops selling hanji (traditional paper), ceramics and ink. Ssamziegil, a courtyard mall within the street, is worth finding. Allow 60 minutes to explore independently.

Kimchi Making at the Seaweed Museum — A hands-on session making kimchi from scratch — salting the cabbage, mixing the gochugaru paste, packing the jars. The process takes about an hour and you take your jar home.

Amethyst Factory — A compulsory shopping stop for Korean amethyst and gemstone products. Allocation is approximately 30 minutes.

COEX Mall & Starfield Library — The underground mall in Gangnam, one of the largest in Asia.

MEALS

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Seoul

DAY

05

SEOUL

Hongdae and Myeong-dong — then the midnight flight home

The final full day is the city at its most commercial and most alive. Hongdae operates on student energy — Hongik University's campus spills into the surrounding streets, which are full of independent fashion, street food and the busking that the district is named for. Namdaemun rounds it out — Seoul's oldest market, operating since 1414.

Hongdae — The university district in Mapo-gu, known for independent fashion boutiques, street performers and the Picasso Street art area. Pine Tree Centre is the main indoor shopping stop. Allow 60–90 minutes.

Shinsegae Duty-Free — One of Seoul's major duty-free department stores, with Korean and international brands. Useful for last purchases before the flight.

Namdaemun Market — The oldest traditional market in Seoul, with over 10,000 stalls across a covered street network. Strong on clothing, textiles and Korean snacks. Free time to browse.

Myeong-dong — Seoul's most visited shopping district. The street food alley running through the centre is the reason most people come at dusk — tteokbokki, hotteok, and egg bread available from the carts. Halal options are available.

Departure — Transfer to Incheon International Airport for Malaysia Airlines MH39 departing at 00:10. The flight arrives at KLIA at 05:45 the following morning.

MEALS

Breakfast | Lunch

DAY

06

KUALA LUMPUR

Arrive Kuala Lumpur — tour ends on landing

Malaysia Airlines MH39 arrives at KLIA at 05:45. The tour ends on arrival. Six days, one palace, one river island, one volcano-edge railbike, a kimchi jar you made yourself, and the midnight streets of Myeong-dong. Seoul is worth going back to.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

What's Included

DEPARTS FROM	FLIGHTS	GROUP SIZE
Kuala Lumpur	**Malaysia Airlines**	**25–30 pax**

INCLUDED

- check 3-star hotel accommodation (Incheon & Seoul)
- check International return flights on Malaysia Airlines (MH38/MH39)
- check 30kg check-in baggage allowance
- check Daily meals as per itinerary (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- check All entrance tickets as per itinerary
- check Hanbok wearing experience at Gyeongbokgung Palace
- check Gangchon Railbike activity
- check Kimchi making experience
- check Private bus transportation throughout the tour
- check English-speaking local guide
- check Tipping for local guide and driver

NOT INCLUDED

- K-ETA application fee: RM40.00 (compulsory for Malaysian passport holders)
- Travel insurance
- Namsan Tower observatory deck entrance
- Any personal expenses not stated in the itinerary