**South Korea, Up-Close**

May 21 – 30, 2024

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| May 21 (Tuesday) | Depart from U.S. for Seoul and cross the date line. | St. Louis |
| May 22 (Wednesday) | * Arrive in Incheon International Airport and transfer to [Hotel President](https://www.hotelpresident.co.kr/eng/main/) in Seoul. * Balance of the day - rest to recuperate and/or explore the city on your own. * Suggested: Visit [Myeong-dong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myeong-dong) and a local restaurant for dinner | Seoul  [Hotel President](https://www.hotelpresident.co.kr/eng/main/) |
| May 23 (Thursday) | * Early morning departure for a Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) tour * Afternoon: Stroll along the [CheongGyeCheon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cheonggyecheon) to appreciate the architecture and city vibes | B / L  Seoul  Hotel President |
| May 24 (Friday) | * Tour Seoul City Hall, including the rooftop, for a bird’s-eye view of Downtown Seoul, Furniture National Museum or Visit Eunpyong District in Seoul * Lunch at BukHan Mountain * Afternoon, tour of the ChangGyeongGung Palace UNESCO World Heritage, the most well-preserved palace (1392-1910), where kings and their ministers handled state affairs, and the royal families resided. | B / L  Seoul  Hotel President |
| May 25 (Saturday) | Scenic motorcoach ride down **to Gangjin County** in  Jeollanam-do Province, the capital of porcelain.   * Gangjin Goryeo Celadon Museum * Stay overnight at a traditional Korean HanOk village | B (Seoul) / D  Gangjin |
| May 26 (Sunday) | Continue motorcoach ride heading east **to Suncheon City**   * Suncheon Bay Wetland Reserve, the habitat of migratory birds and wild field of reeds * Suncheon Bay National Garden (International Garden Expo in 2013 and 2023) | B / L / D  [Hotel Gite](https://www.hotelgite.com/en/) |
| May 27 (Monday) | Bus ride to **Busan City**:   * Visit Korea Maritime & Ocean University (take ferry, interact with university students, etc.) the campus located inside an island. Stroll HaeUnDae Beach with breathtaking coastal view. | B / L  [Grand Josun Busan](https://gjb.josunhotel.com/main.do) |
| May 28 (Tuesday) | Visit **Yangsan City** tour:   * Temple visit * Traditional cultural performance | L  Grand Josun Hotel |
| May 29 (Wednesday) | Travel back **to Seoul**:   * Free afternoon with optional visits to either Namdaemun Market or Insadong for the last-minute souvenir-shopping for friends or families. | B  Hotel President |
| May 30 (Thursday) | Leave hotel for Inchon Airport to return to St. Louis | B |

Note: B=breakfast, L=lunch or D=dinner included