



## *Best of South Korea with G Adventures*

### Day 5: Busan

Today we said goodbye to historic Gyeongju-si and began our journey toward the vibrant coastal city of Busan – but not before making a memorable stop at the beautiful Bulguksa Temple.

One of Korea’s most revered Buddhist temples, Bulguksa is steeped in history and tradition. It’s also home to a charming modern legend—the “**lucky pig.**” A hidden pig carving, discovered only in 2017, was considered an unusual find for this time period. Since then, a bronze pig statue has been added, inviting visitors to rub it for good fortune.

After our temple visit, we continued on to Busan, South Korea’s beloved seaside city, known for its stunning coastal views and lively culture.

Our first stop was the colorful **Gamcheon Cultural Village**—a place that feels like stepping into a living piece of art. Originally built as a refugee settlement during the Korean War, this hillside community has been transformed into a vibrant arts district. Brightly painted homes, winding alleyways, and creative murals make it one of the most photogenic spots in the city.

We then headed to the breathtaking **Haedong Yonggungsa Temple**, perched dramatically along the rocky coastline. Unlike most temples in Korea, which are typically set in the mountains, this seaside sanctuary offers sweeping ocean views and a truly serene atmosphere.

Of course, no visit to Busan would be complete without sampling its famous seafood. Lunch took us to the bustling **Jagalchi Fish Market**, for fresh seafood.

To cap off an incredible day, we were treated to a special evening highlight—a **yacht tour of Busan’s harbor**, courtesy of G Adventures. Though offered as an optional activity, it came highly recommended, and it’s easy to see why. Cruising along the water, we took in panoramic views of the city skyline illuminated against the night sky. The experience was capped off with a dazzling fireworks display, creating a truly magical ending to the day.

Without a doubt, it was a standout moment—and for many of us, the highlight of the trip so far.

## Day 6: Busan - Seoul

Today we split our time between Busan and Seoul—though if we had our way, we would have happily stayed longer by the sea. Busan has quickly become a favorite, and we were excited to hear that future G Adventures itineraries will include an extra day here based on traveler feedback. It's definitely a destination that deserves more time.

### A Final Morning in Busan

We started the day with a visit to **Yongdusan Park**, making our way up to **Busan Tower** for sweeping views over the city and harbor. The perspective from above really gives you an appreciation for Busan's mix of urban energy and coastal beauty.

Next, we explored **Dongbaek Island**, a peaceful and scenic spot perfect for a morning stroll. While there, we stopped at the **APEC House**, originally built to host the 2005 APEC Summit. The modern glass structure, set against the ocean backdrop, made for a striking contrast between nature and architecture.

### Riding the KTX to Seoul

Soon it was time to say goodbye to Busan as we boarded the **KTX high-speed train** bound for Seoul. Traveling at speeds of up to 300 km/h, the journey was smooth and efficient—an experience in itself and a reminder of just how easy it is to travel across South Korea.

### Seoul by Night

Arriving in Seoul, we jumped straight into exploring with a visit to **N Seoul Tower**. Taking the cable car up added to the experience, offering beautiful views as the city began to light up for the evening.

We wrapped up the day at the bustling **Namdaemun Market**, one of the oldest markets in Korea, dating back to the 1400s. With thousands of vendors spread across several blocks, it offers a more traditional and local feel compared to nearby Myeongdong. While you'll still find classic tourist souvenirs, prices tend to be better—and the atmosphere feels more authentic.

Though today involved a lot of movement, it perfectly captured the contrast between Busan's coastal charm and Seoul's vibrant city life—leaving us excited for what's ahead.

Our last day in Seoul will be a visit to the DMZ and War Memorial Hall of Korea.





















