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Cover: DMZ on the border between North and South Korea. Typical Korean landscape; Seoul, South Korea. Courtesy Hana Tours.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif. 94965 U.S.A.
Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504.

Name _____

Name _____
(as it appears on your passport)

Name _____

Name _____
(as you would like it to appear on ID badge/passenger list)

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (days) _____

Email if one _____

We wish to reserve ____ spaces on the following tour:

on a ____ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or ____ I am traveling alone and wish to pay the single supplement so as not to share my hotel room, or ____ share with another tour member: __ Smoking __ Non smoking

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$ _____
(\$600 per person) or charge my credit card

Exp _____ Sec code _____ (for visa/master card only)

Please arrange my/our air arrangements from _____
to Seoul to coincide with tour in ____ Economy class or ____ business class.

Special needs, dietary requirements _____

Next of kin _____

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure:

Signature _____

Date _____

Reservations and Final Payment

Reservations can only be held with a deposit accompanied by the Application form. Payments accepted in the form of a personal check or credit card. Final payment is normally due 90 days prior to departure unless otherwise stated on confirmation. Reservations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required and valid six months beyond date of travel. Tour cost based on minimum of 10 paying participants. If we fall below the minimum number required, adjustments may be made to itinerary.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 89 and 30 days prior to commencement of tour subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation within 30 days or ‘no shows’ are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements such as airfare. If flight changes are requested after airline tickets are issued, revision fees will apply. Travel medical emergency insurance is included in tour cost for S. Korea tour only, but does not include cancellation or trip interruption coverage. Available upon request.

Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Porterage for one bag per person is included in the tour cost; however there may be times when you will be responsible for your baggage, so it is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings. Limited baggage insurance is included in the tour cost.

Disabilities

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

Single travelers

Single occupancy of hotel rooms requires a single supplement. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

Not included in tour cost

Meals not indicated in itinerary, passport fees, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages, tipping to driver & guide, foreign airport departure taxes, cancellation/trip interruption insurance coverage.

Valor Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels listed in itinerary with hotels of similar quality.



Korean War Veterans tour to So. Korea – October 2013

“I have returned from Korea safe, sound and most satisfied! Thank you for the outstanding service you provided. This was one of the best tours I’ve ever been on and your choice of venues was far better than I expected. I hope I’ll again have the pleasure of using your services.” Jeff Tremblay, U.S. Air Force



War Memorial in South Korea



DMZ and 3rd Tunnel

Tour Cost

\$4950.00 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$600.00.

Includes: Round trip economy class air fare via Eva Airlines from/to San Francisco; hotel accommodations at 3 and 4 star hotels; English speaking guide throughout; Services of tour leader from USA; private coach transport; entrance fees; meals indicated in itinerary with B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner; water on coach provided.

Premium economy class upgrade additional \$2345 per person; business class upgrade additional \$3424 per person. Air fares subject to change.

Itinerary for South Korea – Subject to change

August 6 Depart USA

11:30pm Depart SFO via Asiana Airlines nonstop to Seoul, Korea.

August 7 Arrive Seoul D

4:30am Arrive Seoul, clear immigration and collect your bag for customs. Outside of customs area meet local guide and transfer to Amid Hotel for check-in. Dinner tonight is at local restaurant.

August 8 Seoul • Cheorwon County • Chuncheon B, L, D

After breakfast 2 hour drive to Cheorwon 2nd Tunnel, Cheorwon Peace Observatory, Woljeong-ri Station. Dinner and overnight Sejong Hotel Chuncheon.

August 9 Chuncheon • Yanggu • Seoul B, L, D

After breakfast drive to Yanggu, the 4th Tunnel, Eulji Observatory, Yanggu War Memorial Hall. Return to Seoul.

August 10 Seoul B, L, D

After breakfast drive to Incheon. Incheon Jayu Park and War Memorial Hall. Return to Seoul.

August 11 Osan B, L, D

After breakfast drive to Osan and the Osan Jukmiryeong Peace Park: UN Forces First Battle Memorial and Charles B. Smith Peace Hall. Then onto Chilgok and The Chilgok Patriots & Peace Memorial. Ending day at Busan and the Commodore Hotel.

August 12 Busan B, L, D

After breakfast drive to UN Peace Memorial, UN Memorial Cemetery, Busan Tower, returning to Seoul for overnight.

August 13 Seoul and the DMZ B, L, D

After breakfast drive to Paju: Imjingak Freedom Bridge, Mangbaedan, National Memorial Hall of the Korean War; DMZ tour of the 3rd Tunnel, Dora Observatory, Unification Village. JSA (Joint Security Area) if reopened by then.

August 14 Seoul B, L, D

After breakfast drive top Gwanghwamun Square, Changdeokgung Place and Secret Garden, N. Seoul tower with Cable car.

August 15 Depart Seoul for USA B

Day free until check out of hotel and transfer to airport for 8:40pm departing via Asiana Airlines, arriving SFO 3:00pm.



A portion of the North Korean DMZ seen from the [Joint Security Area](#) in January 1976. Wikipedia.



Amid Hotel Seoul is a 10 minute walk from Gyeongbokung Palace and located city center. It is equipped with Free Wifi, non smoking rooms, fitness center, 3 restaurants, laundry facilities, air conditioning with view of the city.