

**Phoenix Sister Cities**

# **Delegation to South Korea and Japan**

**July 9 - 22, 2023**

**Delegation Stops:**

Seoul, Suwon, Kyoto, Himeji

# PHOENIX – SOUTH KOREA / JAPAN DELEGATION

**July 9-22, 2023**

**Itinerary (subject to change)**

## **Sunday, July 9**

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7:03 am - Depart from PHX Airport (Sky Harbor International – Terminal 3) to San Francisco (Est. arrival: 9:05 am)

- United Airlines, #2166

10:40 am – Connecting flight from San Francisco to Seoul, South Korea

- United Airlines, #893

## **Monday, July 10**

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2:45 pm - Arrive in Incheon, South Korea Intl. Airport

Pass through immigration, collect luggage, meet English-speaking guide and proceed to motorcoach for transfer to Seoul for hotel check-in

Accommodation in Seoul's Courtyard Marriott Namdaemun

- <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/selsn-courtyard-seoul-namdaemun/overview/>

Dinner: On your own & rest

## **Tuesday, July 11**

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8:00 am - Breakfast (Breakfast is included throughout the entire trip)

9:00 am - Transfer to Paju near border of North Korea to visit the DMZ

Visit

- **Imjingak House** - The park has many statues and monuments regarding the Korean War.
- **Freedom Bridge** – This was installed to pay respect to the displaced people from North Korea.
- **3rd infiltration tunnel** - One of four known tunnels under the border between North Korea and South Korea, extending south of Panmunjom.

- **DMZ Theater and Exhibition Hall** – View a video which explains the 3rd tunnel and other tunnels as well as history of the division of Korea.
- **Dorasan Observatory** - Situated on top of Dorasan in Paju, the observatory provides scenic views across the Demilitarized Zone.
- **War Memorial Museum** – This museum opened in 1994 on the former site of the army headquarters to exhibit and memorialize the military history of Korea.
- **Lunch** – Included in trip package and site TBD
- **Jongmyo UNESCO Heritage Site** - Jongmyo is a Confucian shrine dedicated to the deceased kings and queens of the Korean Joseon Dynasty.
- **Noryangjin Fish Market** - Expansive wholesale & retail market with stalls offering hundreds of types of fish & seafood.
- **Stroll around Han River** – A major river in South Korea that has played an important role in Korean History

Return to the hotel, dinner is on your own

### **Wednesday, July 12**

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9:00 am - Breakfast (Included)

11:00 am - Check out and depart for a tour day of Seoul (schedule subject to change):

Visit

- **Gyeongbukgung Palace to see Changing of the Royal Guard** - The Gwanghwamun area reenacts the guard-changing procedure that took place during the Joseon dynasty.
- **Cheongwadae Blue House** – Formerly served as the executive office and official residence of the president of South Korea from 1948 to 2022.
- **Jogyesa Temple** - The chief temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism.
- **Insadong Antique Alley** - The streets of Insa-dong are filled with antiques, traditional crafts, galleries, teahouses, traditional restaurants, and more.
- **Lunch included at a local restaurant**
- **Buchon Hanok Village** - Korean traditional village in Seoul
- **Seoul N Tower with Cable Car** - The first commercial cable car service in Korea. The length of the cable is 605 meters

Drive to Suwon, with early evening estimated arrival time

Check into the Courtyard Marriott Suwon

- <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/selcw-courtyard-suwon/overview/>

Dinner included. Time and location TBD

### **Thursday, July 13**

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9:00 am – Breakfast (Included)

Visit Suwon's famous Botanical Gardens

Lunch – Included in package. Possibly Suwon's famous fried chicken

Continued touring of Suwon sites TBD

5:00 pm – Return to hotel to freshen up.

6:00 pm - Welcome dinner hosted by Honorable Mayor of Suwon LEE Jae-Jun -  
Location TBD (Business attire)

### **Friday, July 14**

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9:00 am – Breakfast (Included)

Visit Suwon Hwaseong Fortress (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Lunch included in the trip package at local restaurant TBD

Visit the Suwon Museum of Art

5:00 pm – Return to hotel to freshen up

6:00 pm - Phoenix hosted dinner honoring the Sister City relationship with  
Suwon. Location: Marriott Hotel Banquet Room

### **Saturday, July 15**

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9:00 am - Breakfast (Included)

Visit the Suwon World Cup Stadium – Suwon was a World Cup host in 2002 as part of  
Korea Japan 2002 Jointly Hosted World Cup

Lunch (Included – site TBD)

Tour of other sites in Suwon TBD

6:00 pm - Farwell dinner. Location TBD

## **Sunday, July 16**

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9:00 am – Breakfast (Included)

10:30 am - Take the motorcoach to Incheon, South Korea Intl. Airport

2:05 pm - Depart from Incheon to Osaka on Asiana Airlines flight #114

3:50 pm – Arrival in Osaka

Clear immigration and customs to be met by English-speaking tour guide for transfer to Kyoto, Japan

Check-in to the Hotel Okura

- <https://www.okura-nikko.com/japan/kyoto/hotel-okura-kyoto/>

Free time to relax, dinner is on your own

## **Monday, July 17**

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8:00 am - Breakfast at hotel (Included)

9:00 am - Meet tour guide in the hotel lobby for a full day tour of Kyoto ( casual attire and comfortable walking shoes)

Visit

- **Nijo Castle** - Nijo Castle served as the Tokugawa shogunate's center of power in Kyoto.
- **Golden Pavilion** - Zen temple in northern Kyoto where the top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf.
- **Ryo-an Ji Temple** – A Zen temple that belongs to the Myōshin-ji school of the Rinzai branch of Zen Buddhism.
- **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove** – Large bamboo garden; one of Kyoto's most iconic sights
- **Lunch at local restaurant included in package**
- **Tenryuji Temple** - The head temple of the Tenryū-ji branch of the Rinzai sect of Zen Buddhism
- **Japanese confectionary-making experience**

Return to hotel about 5pm – Dinner TBD

## **Tuesday, July 18**

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8:00 am - Breakfast at hotel (Included)

9:00 am - Meet tour guide in the lobby for a full day tour of Kyoto (casual attire and comfortable walking shoes)

Visit:

- **Fushimi Inari Shrine** - The head shrine of the Kami Inari
- **Fushimi Sake Museum** – Experience the spirit of Fushimi, its history and the sake culture
- **Kimono wearing**
- **Tea ceremony**
- **Lunch included at a local restaurant**
- **Kiyomizu Temple** - A famous Buddhist temple in Kyoto
- **Gion Historic District** - A community of Kyoto that is known for its traditional wooden storefronts and rich Geisha culture

Return to hotel about 5pm – Dinner on your own

## **Wednesday, July 19**

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9:00 am – Breakfast (Included)

10:00 am – Hotel check out and travel to Himeji by coach

Early afternoon hotel check-in at the Hotel Monterey Himeji

- <https://www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/en/himeji/>

Free time to relax at the hotel

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm - Welcome reception hosted by City of Himeji (location TBD)

## **Thursday, July 20**

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9:00 am – Breakfast (included)

Depart for visit the famous Himeji Castle (Comfortable attire and walking shoes are a must. The Himeji Castle includes many uneven stairs and low ceilings / entry ways. When visiting it is important to be watch your head when entering or passing

from room-to-room. Be prepared to climb stairs both inside and outside of the castle)

Lunch at Ichiba Fish Market (Included)

Visit KoKoEn Japanese Garden, sister garden to RoHoEn garden in Phoenix

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Reception and dinner hosted by Phoenix at the Hotel Monterey

## **Friday, July 21**

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9:00 am – Breakfast (Included)

Hike to Shoshazan Engyoji Temple for meditation, copying sutra, and other activities. (Casual respectful attire and comfortable walking shoes. An uphill hike is required to reach the temple.)

Lunch at New Sunpia Himeji Yumesaki (Included)

Visit the Himeji City Museum of Art (opening of “Existence in an Infinite Country”

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – Farewell party hosted by City of Himeji (location TBD)

## **Saturday, July 22**

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8:00 am – Breakfast (Included)

9:00 am - Visit to Japan Toy Museum and opportunity to shop

11:00 am – Casual lunch at Udon or Ramen restaurant (Included)


12:30 pm – Hotel check-out and depart Himeji by motorcoach for Osaka International Airport

2:30 pm – Arriving at Osaka Airport by motor coach

4:50 pm - Depart from Osaka to San Francisco, California on United Airlines Flight #34 with an 11:15 am arrival

4:32 pm – Depart from San Francisco to Phoenix, Arizona (Est. arrival: 6:41 pm)  
- United Airlines, #1201






Seoul is the capital of South Korea, and the largest metropolis in the country.

Seoul, South Korea




Seoul was rated Asia's most liveable city in 2015.





Was established in 1953 to  
serve as a buffer zone  
between the countries of  
North Korea and South Korea

Demilitarized Zone



Within the DMZ is a meeting  
point between the two  
nations, where negotiations  
take place.




**Suwon is the capital of South Korea's most popular province, Gyeonggi-do**

**Suwon, South Korea**



**This is the last completely walled city in South Korea.**





**Kyoto is the cultural capital of Japan and is a popular tourist destination.**

**Kyoto, Japan**



**Kyoto is home to numerous beautiful temples and gardens.**





**Himeji, Japan is a stunning city located in the Kansai region of Japan.**

**Himeji, Japan**



**Himeji Castle is Japan's most beautiful surviving feudal castle.**



## **PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS**

A \$500 delegation deposit is due by **May 10, 2023**. The deposit is nonrefundable unless the trip is cancelled. Balance payments for the trip are due by **May 30, 2023**.

## **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

Consideration should be given to purchasing individual trip cancellation insurance. Delegates may choose the insurance carrier of their choice, a company Phoenix Sister Cities recommends is Trip Assure, at <https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=MARI7035AZ>.

*Please sign and return the following Indemnity and Medical Release along with your completed registration form on the following page.*



### **INDEMNITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE - Phoenix Sister Cities**

The delegation services outlined, including without limitation transportation, lodging, and sightseeing, are provided by the carrier, hoteliers, and other suppliers that are independent contractors and not agents for employees, partners, or joint ventures of Phoenix Sister Cities (PSC). PSC issues tickets, vouchers, and other travel documents for such services merely as an agent for the companies that furnish such services. Such tickets, vouchers, and other travel documents are subject to all terms and conditions of the respective suppliers (some of them may limit or exclude the supplier's liability). PSC is not responsible for any loss of or damage to property or death or injury to persons, resulting from any act or omission of any supplier providing any tour service or any other person or entity or caused by strike, war, weather, quarantine, sickness, government restriction or regulation, or any other cause beyond its reasonable control. The trip participant expressly waives all rights, which he or she may have against PSC in connection with the foregoing. Under no circumstances is PSC to be construed as a carrier under contract for safe carriage of the passenger or his or her baggage and belongings. PSC reserves the right to remove a delegate from a delegation and provide a full refund for PSC services.

**Booking Terms & Conditions are subject to change.**

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## July 9-22, 2023, REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:			
PASSPORT	Country:	Number:	Expiration Date (D/M/Y):

**Name MUST appear exactly as on passport**

ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
DAY TEL #:	MOBILE #:		
EMAIL:			

EMERGENCY CONTACT	NAME:	TELEPHONE:
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### Land & Air Package: South Korea / Japan

1	PSC Friend Level Member - Single	\$7,867
2	PSC Non-Member - Single	\$7,992
3	PSC Friend Level Member - Double	\$6,862
4	PSC Non-Member - Double	\$6,987

### Land Package: South Korea / Japan

5	PSC Friend Level Member - Single	\$5,047
6	PSC Non-Member - Single	\$5,172
7	PSC Friend Level Member - Double	\$4,042
8	PSC Non-Member - Double	\$4,167

### Land Package: South Korea Only

9	PSC Friend Level Member - Single	\$2,458
10	PSC Non-Member - Single	\$2,673
11	PSC Friend Level Member - Double	\$2,045
12	PSC Non-Member - Double	\$2,170

### Land Package: Japan Only

9	PSC Friend Level Member - Single	\$2,899
10	PSC Non-Member - Single	\$3,024
11	PSC Friend Level Member - Double	\$2,397

### OPTIONAL TRAVELERS MEDICAL INSURANCE

Description	Qty.	Cost
Provided by Collegiate Risk Management (Premium is calculated from the date of departure and includes the date of return. This is medical insurance only - to include air evacuation. <b>This is not trip cancellation insurance.</b> )		\$3.99/day

### SELECTION

Qty.	Package Description	Amount
	PACKAGE #:	
	Travelers Medical Insurance- \$3.99 per day	
<b>PACKAGE SUB TOTAL</b>		
Service Fee on Credit Card Charges (multiply by 3%)		
Less Deposit of \$500 per person (Due by 5/10/23 and non-refundable)		
<b>TOTAL COST- DUE BY: 5/30/23</b>		

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check#:	
Credit Card#:	
Credit Card:	AmEx Visa MasterCard
Expiration Date:	
Amount:	
Signature:	

All credit card payments will be subject to a 3% service charge per order. To receive the Phoenix Sister Cities member rate, you must be a **\$125 friend level member** prior to registration. The package is non-refundable after 5/30/23. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended. **Registration costs listed are subject to change based on travel conditions and fluctuation of currency.** Do you have special dietary needs?

No  Yes  \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, contact Rick Gerrard: (602): 495-5918; [rick.gerrard@phoenix.gov](mailto:rick.gerrard@phoenix.gov) Mail registration to:  
Phoenix Sister Cities, C/O Rick Gerrard, 200 W. Washington St. 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003

**Phoenix Sister Cities will try to assist those who wish to visit South Korea or Japan only with their air ticketing. For assistance, please contact Rick Gerrard at (602) 495-5918.**

