

SEOUL SERVE TOUR

FAQ

What is the cost?

The cost is \$1,275 for double occupancy. The trip costs will cover lodging, meals, in-country transportation, and ministry expenses but will exclude airfare, visa and vaccination requirements, insurance, and/or tourism activities.

Schedule (tentative):

May 1, Day 1: Arrival

May 2, Day 2: Orientation and Cultural Introduction

May 3, Day 3: Church

May 4-9, Day 4-9: Project Days

May 10, Day 10: Closing Rally

May 11, Day 11: Departures

What projects will volunteers be participating in?

Incorporating the strategies of the local churches and the IMB team, projects include but are not limited to:

- English Classes or Camps: Holding English classes or camps for children and youth. This will meet their needs with God's love, and share the gospel of Christ.
- Prayer Walk and Street Evangelism: Prayer walking on college campuses and in the streets where many young people gather. We will also hand out gift bags to them and share the gospel.
- Food Distribution: Helping disadvantaged people such as senior citizens living alone, drifters, and un-housed individuals and communities.
- Block Parties: Having Block Parties or Cultural Exchange Fellowship meetings and sharing the gospel inviting people who contacted through Prayer Walk, Street EV, and Outreach activities.

Arrival Airport:

-Incheon airport (ICN) Seoul, South Korea

-Airfare is ever changing, because of this we cannot guarantee pricing for airfare. Though it is not required to work through a travel agent, it is highly recommended to do so for both your airfare and travel insurance. We recommend using STG Travel.

- Their contact is:

STGTravel.com

agents@stgtravel.com

Office: 214-789-9451

Fax: 205-206-5344

Will I have to go through an application process and/or pay a deposit?

Yes, every volunteer must go through an application process and complete required trainings. During this process you will also have to pay a deposit of \$400 for a team and/or \$100 if serving as an individual. Your spot will not be reserved until the deposit is paid. DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

If I take a team from my church, will we serve together the whole time?

Possibly, being that there are specific skill sets for each team needed, individuals from teams might have to be distributed to other teams to better fit the needs on the field. However, we will do our best to keep teams together.

What if I want to stay a few extra days?

You are free to arrive early or depart at a later date. However, we CANNOT provide additional days for accommodations. If you decided to spend extra time in Korea planning, including finding lodging, and costs associated with doing so are at your own expense.

Accommodations:

Volunteers will be staying at either a Guest House (one area) and a hotel.

Transportation:

Metro, buses, or taxis. Uber is available as well if you have a need for personal transportation.

Will accommodations include AC/heating?

Most places have AC/heating. (Guest house, hotel, churches have heating/AC).

Health Considerations:

There are many general hospitals, health clinics, and pharmacies if needed.

Cultural Considerations:

Korea is an ancient society that has been shaped by Confucian values, but it is a culture in transition. It is appropriate to politely bow to people older than you when greeting them. When entering a Korean home, you should take off your shoes. When you receive something from other people, you do it with both hands rather than with one hand. When using public transportation, you should not speak loudly in buses, subways, or trains. Korean food is relatively spicy by American standards

Items to bring:

Be prepared to use public transportation and walk a lot. Bring comfortable walking shoes. Small postcards or souvenirs for national partners, etc.

Weather to be expected:

The average temperature in Seoul during May is around 63°F, with daily lows of about 54°F and highs around 73°F. These temperatures make the mornings and evenings cool and the daytime pleasantly warm, creating a very comfortable environment for outdoor activities.

Application Approval:

Please note, for your application to be approved you must finish the application, Safe & Secure Training, all 3 references returned, and background check completed. It can take up to 3 weeks from the date you finish the application requirements until it is approved. Once approved you will receive an email to pay your deposit and/or add other members to your team.

*You cannot pay your deposit until your application is approved.

*If you are a Group Leader, you also cannot invite other members until your application has been approved as well.

Insurance:

Although it is up to the individual, church or ministry to determine which insurance provider they prefer, Send Relief volunteer teams have purchased coverage in the past through the providers below.

Gallagher - www.travelwithgallagher.com

MTA - www.gowithmta.com

Any insurance coverage purchased must include medical, accidental death, medical evacuation, and disability, at a minimum. Please be aware that not every provider or plan provides the same coverages. The volunteer, church or ministry is responsible for comparing the coverage provided by different insurance providers and must select the insurance that fits their needs or desires best.

Additional Recommendations:

We strongly recommend you purchase trip cancellation insurance when you purchase your airfare in case your trip is cancelled or rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please be aware that the coverage and benefits under these policies may vary depending on the provider and reasons for cancellation.

We also strongly recommend that you review any life insurance policy for restrictions related to the country you are traveling to on your volunteer trip. Some policies may exclude or limit benefits under certain circumstances.

Registration Deadlines:

Registration is limited to 25 participants on a first come first served basis. Registration will close when all spots have been filled and/or on January 1, 2026. Please note that your team's registration will not be valid until the deposit of \$400 (\$100 for an individual) has been paid.

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All volunteers must have their applications complete, references returned, and training complete no later than February 15, 2026.

All final payments are due April 1, 2026.

International Serve Tours work with local churches to aid them in meeting the needs in their communities. Because of this, they cannot make final arrangements for Serve Tour projects and accommodations until they know the final number of volunteers coming and the skills sets, they are equipped with. This means we are able to provide an overview for what your team might do during Serve Tour, but we cannot give specific assignments until less than 30 days prior to departure. Because of this, you and your team will not have contact with field personnel until between 60-30 days prior to departure.

*Costs include all on field costs such as lodging, meals, transportation, and ministry expenses. Costs do not include airfare, insurance, tourism activities, visa and/or vaccination requirements.