



25th World Scout Jamboree South African Contingent SOUTH KOREA - 2023

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what is a jamboree?

In Scouting, a Jamboree is a large gathering of Scouts who rally at a national or international level. The World Scout Jamboree is the largest scouting event organised by the Scout Movement, gathering up to 50,000 people from all over the world. Above all, it is an educational event to promote peace and understanding. A World Scout Jamboree includes a wide variety of activities and places great importance on everyday life and interaction on the campsite.

the first world scout jamboree

Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scout Movement, invited young people from all over the World and wanted them to exchange cultures and enjoy adventure. It was in 1920 that the first World Scout Jamboree was realised, held in the Olympia halls in Kensington, London, and was hosted by the United Kingdom. Since then, there have been twenty-four World Scout Jamborees, hosted by a different country across the world, generally every four years.

17th world scout jamboree, 1991: south korea

The 17th World Scout Jamboree (Korean: 제17회 세계잼버리) was held August 8 to 16, 1991 and was hosted by South Korea at Seoraksan National Park, near the border with North Korea, and some 200km, six hours by road, from Seoul.

Many Lands, One World was the theme, which brought together 19,093 Scouts from 135 countries and territories.

what to expect?

World Scout Jamborees are always jam-packed with fun and adventurous activities, service to others and our planet, and create moments to embrace the many cultures present. *The 25WSJ is taking this up a notch!* In addition to making new friends and meeting people from different cultures and countries, participants will get to take part in safe, inclusive, and sustainable programmes.

The programme has been designed around several core elements:

Scouting for Life, Smart & Scientific, Safe & Secure, Sustainability, and ACT: Adventure, Culture, Tradition.

Over 48,000 scouts and adult leaders of National Scout Organizations from 159 countries and territories across the world will be attending this spectacular gathering.

pretour

During past Jamborees, Scouts South Africa have always provided a sightseeing tour for the Contingent in the region where the Jamboree is held, and this Jamboree will be no exception.

An exciting Pre-Jamboree Tour is planned in Korea and all participants are encouraged to take full advantage of this. The South African Contingent departs for South Korea on 23 July 2023 and will return home on 13 August 2023. The pre-tour take place from 24 July 2023 until 01 August 2023.

It will comprise of a Shakedown Camp (24-25 July) at the Korean Scout Association (KSA) Training Centre, tours though the Demilitarised Zone between North & South Korea, Seoul and its surrounding area, and a visit to the Gongju Hanok Village.

We will use the KSA Training centre as our main base of operations for 7 nights and will spend the last night of the pre-tour in a traditional Korean Hanok Village while en route to the Jamboree Site, before arriving at the Jamboree the following day.



south african contingent 25th world scout jamboree

25th world scout jamboree, 2023: south korea

The 25th World Scout Jamboree will be held from Tuesday 1st to Saturday 12th August 2023 in SaeManGeum, Jeollabuk-do, Korea.

The Jamboree will take place on a brand-new site in SaeManGeum, *land of tomorrow*, a spacious eco-friendly recreational ground that is currently being developed, where humans and nature will be able to resonate as one.

The campsite is flat and overlooks the sea on one side and features a view of the mountains. It is situated near the beautiful Byeonsanbando National Park (Byeonsan Peninsula) located on the West Coast of Jeollabuk-do. The site is about 8.8 km² and spreads out on a wide piece of land measuring 6.2km by 1.7km (based on the longest points). (35'42"N 126'35"E)



The logo for the 25th World Scout Jamboree symbolises the gathering of scouts from around the world who will come together under one tent in Korea to enjoy the jamboree experience.

The logo is designed in the shape of traditional Korean tiled roof (Giwa-jibung) and tents and embodies the spirits of joyful festivals that take place in Korea.

As the Jamboree is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement the World Scout Emblem is also featured



Draw your Dream!

The theme of the Jamboree **"Draw your Dream!"** expresses the desire of the members of the Scout Movement to transform the 25th World Scout Jamboree into their own festival and to grow their dreams through the event.

SaeManGeum will be shaped into a spacious recreational ground, giving young Scouts from around the world an opportunity to pursue their hopes and dreams throughout the Jamboree.

the jamboree site – saemangeum



SaeManGeum-Land of Hope in the Future as an Eco-Friendly Land Where Humans and Nature Are in Harmony.

SaeManGeum (Ariul), "Land of Opportunities and Hope", implemented directly by the central Korean government! SaeManGeum (Ariul), an open land for the world of "Global Green Land"! North-eastern Asia newly transformed through construction of industrial and research, international cooperation, tourist, recreational, agricultural, bio, environmental and ecological areas!

Construction of an Eco-Friendly Land in Harmony with Nature: we will construct diverse ecological spaces with an environmental and ecological area for migratory birds, nature-friendly streams, and green roadside trees, offering the natural confluence of humans and nature.

application deadline extended

Applications to be a member of the SCOUTS South Africa Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree were due on 25th January 2022.

However, **there is still a chance for you to "Draw Your Dream" and be a part of the World Scout Jamboree's once-in-a-lifetime experience!**

SCOUTS South Africa is aims to send three Jamboree Troops to 25WSJ; but with the number of Scout applications received *there is a possibility of a fourth Jamboree Troop*, as only a few more Scout applications are required to make up a full Troop compliment of 36 Scouts.

We would like to give as many Scouts as possible the opportunity to attend a Jamboree, therefore we are happy to announce that the **25WSJ APPLICATION DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 28th FEBRUARY 2022!!**

All applications must be submitted to The Contingent Management Team, SCOUTS South Africa Contingent, 25th World Scout Jamboree, **by 28th February 2022** - Be sure to get your application in soon!

Don't wait until the last minute to submit your application as it **will be a on a first come, first serve basis**, and the rest will be placed on a waiting list.

how do i apply to be a member of the contingent?

To attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree in 2023, you should first check to make sure that you meet the age and advancement requirements shown below.

Once you see that you are eligible to apply, you will need to follow the process below:

Go to the SCOUTS South Africa National Web Site and click on the 'SA Contingent News' link to the 25th World Scout Jamboree SA Contingent page where you will find the *Expression of Interest Form* for the South African Contingent.



Scouts SA website

<https://www.scouts.org.za/>

25th WSJ SA Contingent page

<https://www.scouts.org.za/25th-world-scout-jamboree/>

Click or scan link to the form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/RTLYJqiM9H>

- ◆ Complete the **Expression of Interest Form** and click "submit". This is the first step in the application process for all applications.
- ◆ **All Expression of Interest Forms must be submitted on or before 15th February!**
- ◆ Within 24 hours you will receive an email from the 25WSJ Contingent Management Team with your unique Jamboree application number and the 25WSJ Application form.
- ◆ The 25WSJ Application form must then be completed in full and submitted by the very latest 28th February 2022. *No late applications will be considered!*

It is important that you fill out the application completely, print clearly and ensure that the information is true and correct.

Please note that your 25WSJ Application does not guarantee a position as a member of the SCOUTS South Africa Contingent, as your application still needs to be approved by the 25WSJ Selection Panel.

to whom does my application get sent?

Once you have completed the application form and have had the relevant parties sign and endorse your 25WSJ application, the 25WSJ Application Form, together with a copy of the proof of payment of the Jamboree deposit, must be emailed to the 25WSJ Contingent Management Team by email - jamboree@scouts.org.za .
Please note that this is the only email address that will be used for all incoming Jamboree correspondence!

Once you have submitted your application form via email, the original signed hard copy of the application forms and the proof of payment must be sent to or Handed in at you interview:

25WSJ SSA Contingent Member Application
Contingent Management Team
SCOUTS South Africa
PO Box 374
Newlands, Cape Town
7725

Alternatively, the application forms may be handed in at your interview.

what happens next?

You will receive confirmation of your Jamboree application and be notified whether any additional information is needed from you.

You may be asked to meet with the 25WSJ Selection Panel during February and March 2022 and shortly thereafter will be notified of your acceptance, or not, as a member of the SA Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree.

Interview dates are:

Western Cape	17 / 18 / 19th February 2022
Gauteng	4 / 5 / 6th March 2022
KZN	11 / 12 / 13th March 2022

Other small regions will be zone via teams or zoom

Once you are accepted as a member of the SA Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea – the FUN begins!! You can start preparing yourself for an experience of a lifetime in July/August 2023!

who is eligible to attend?

To be a Scout or Ranger participant at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea 2023, you need to have turned 14 but not yet had your 18th birthday at the start of the Jamboree.

This means that if you were born

- ◆ between 22nd July 2005 and 31st July 2009, you can attend as a Scout participant
- ◆ Scouts born after 31st July 2009, you will have to wait for the next Jamboree in 2027.

If you were born on or before the 21st of July 2005 you can attend as International Service Team (IST) or as an Adult Leader in a Jamboree Troop or as a member of the SA Contingent Support Team.

All participants, Scouts/Rangers and Adult Leaders, must have been active in a Scout Troop or Ranger Crew for at least one year prior to 1st July 2023 and be recommended and approved by Group and Provincial Staff as well as a WSJ Selection Panel.

Preference will be given to those Scouts/Rangers who hold or commit to obtain the Discoverer advancement badge / Diamond badge by 1st July 2023.

All adults attending the Jamboree as Contingent Management Team, Contingent Support Team, and Jamboree Troop or International Service Team staff are required to hold a warrant and have completed the required Adult Leader Training.

Preference as an Adult Leader in a Jamboree Troop will be given to Adult Leaders who hold a Wood Badge and are currently actively involved in a Scout Troop.

how much does the jamboree cost?

The current Rand exchange rate against world currencies has not been kind to us. We are currently finalizing our budgets, consulting with travel agents and various suppliers and anticipate that the Jamboree fee will be in the region of R60, 000 per participant. At present, with the current exchange rate, the budget is as follows:

Jamboree <i>plus Pre-Tour</i>	R 60 000 - Depart 23 July 2023, return 13 August 2023
IST Jamboree only	R 45 000 - Depart 28 July 2023, return 13 August 2023

Of course, we will endeavour to get the best value for money and a good package at a reasonable price. (The cost for the Scouts SA Contingent to the 24WSJ in the USA in 2019 was R60k) This fee pays for your flights and all transportation to and from the Jamboree; all accommodation; all Jamboree pre-tour sightseeing; three meals a day; the Jamboree fee; all Jamboree on and off-site activities; tents and cooking gear you will use while at Jamboree; medical care during the period of the World Scout Jamboree itself (medication and any costs relating to hospitalization are NOT included in the fee); several Jamboree badges; a World Scout Jamboree participation pack, including a handbook and a Jamboree scarf.

In addition to the Jamboree fee, you may also need to budget for the purchase of extra uniform parts, pocket money and special Jamboree gear.

do i need to pay a deposit?

The Jamboree Contingent application must be accompanied by a save-a-place deposit of R 5, 000 in order to secure a place as a member of the SCOUTS South Africa Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree.

The full deposit will be refunded in the event of the application not being accepted and R1000 of the deposit is non-refundable should the applicant withdraw his/her application once accepted plus any cost that contingent has paid on your behalf, should you not be able to find a replacement that CMT are in agreement with.

This payment will serve as the first payment of the full Jamboree fee and is to be deposited into the SCOUTS South Africa bank account and a copy of the proof of payment attached to the application prior to submission thereof.

The bank account details can be found on the 25WSJ Application Form and only use you the jamboree number as reference.

The full Withdrawal and Refund Policy in respect of the South African Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree can be found on the SCOUTS SA website on the following link:

<https://www.scouts.org.za/wp-content/uploads/25WSJ-SA-Contingent-Withdrawal-and-Refund-Policy.pdf>

by when do payments need to be made?

No.	Item	Due	Amount
1	1st Payment - Deposit	2022-02-28	R 5 000.00
2	2nd Payment	2022-04-30	R 5 000.00
3	3rd Payment	2022-09-30	R 15 000.00
4	4th payment	2022-12-15	R 15 000.00
5	5th Payment	2023-03-30	R 10 000.00
6	Final Payment	2023-05-30	R 10 000.00

The payment schedule is alongside, and you will be required to make payments in instalments, with the **full and final payment being made by the latest 20th May 2023.**

code of conduct & parent/guardian's consent and undertaking

All SCOUTS South Africa Jamboree Contingent members will be required to agree to and sign a Code of Conduct and parents or guardians of all minors (under the age of 21) will be required to sign a Parent / Guardian's Consent and Undertaking.

operation-k explained

As part of their efforts in hosting the 25th World Scout Jamboree, the Jamboree organisers, in collaboration with the Korean government, have launched **Operation-K Solidarity Programme** to ensure that as many Scouts as possible are able to attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree, regardless of their socio-economic circumstances.

They are **assisting with partial funding for nine South African Scouts and one Adult Leader, to give them an opportunity of a lifetime in being a member of the Scouts South Africa Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree.**

Operation-K is a three-way funded programme and is subject to sufficient funds required being raised. Some financial support is provided by the 25WSJ organisers, and the balance is required from self-funding by the applicant and the majority through donations and financial support from donors.

If you would like to attend the Jamboree but are perhaps not able to afford the full Jamboree fee, an estimated cost of R60,000 per participant, you can apply to be a recipient of the Operation-K Solidarity Programme funding assistance.

As **Project-K** is based on financial circumstances, proof of current financial standing will need to be provided. Application as an **Operation-K Participant** is open to all Scouts / Adult Leaders who meet the following criteria prior to departure in July 2023.

Each selected Scout participant:

- ✓ Must have been born between 22nd July 2005 and 31st July 2009.
- ✓ Must be an active member of a Scout Troop and Patrol.
- ✓ Must have achieved their Discoverer advancement before departure.
- ✓ Must be recommended by their Court of Honour and Troop Scouter.
- ✓ Will be required provide a financial contribution of R3,000 (Three Thousand Rand) towards the full Jamboree Contingent Fee.
- ✓ Will be required to provide proof of income and bank statements of the parents/guardians to support their application for Operation-K funding.

Please complete the Operation-K application form that can be found on the SCOUTS South Africa website, [25th World Scout Jamboree 2023 - SCOUTS South Africa](#), and submit this along with all the required supporting documentation to the SSA Contingent Management Team, 25th World Scout Jamboree, on email jamboree@scouts.org.za



introduction to south korea



Official Name	Republic of Korea (South Korea)
Population	51 Million
Capital	Seoul
Size	100,210 km ²
Official Language	Korean (Text: Hangeul)
National Flower	Mugunghwa
Currency	Won (KRW) (₩)
Motto	"To broadly benefit the human world"

South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea (ROK), is a country in East Asia, constituting the southern part of the Korean Peninsula and sharing a land border with North Korea. Its western border is formed by the Yellow Sea, while its eastern border is defined by the Sea of Japan (East Sea). About 25 million people, around half of the country's population of 51 million, live in the Seoul Capital Area.

The Korean Peninsula was inhabited as early as the Lower Paleolithic period. Its first kingdom was noted in Chinese records in the early 7th century BCE. Following the unification of the Three Kingdoms of Korea into Silla and Balhae in the late 7th century, Korea was ruled by the Goryeo dynasty (918–1392) and the Joseon dynasty (1392–1897). The succeeding Korean Empire was annexed in 1910 into the Empire of Japan. Japanese rule in Korea ended following the former's surrender in World War II, after which Korea was divided into two zones; a northern zone occupied by the Soviet Union and a southern zone occupied by the United States. After negotiations on reunification failed, the latter became the Republic of Korea in August 1948 while the former became North Korea.

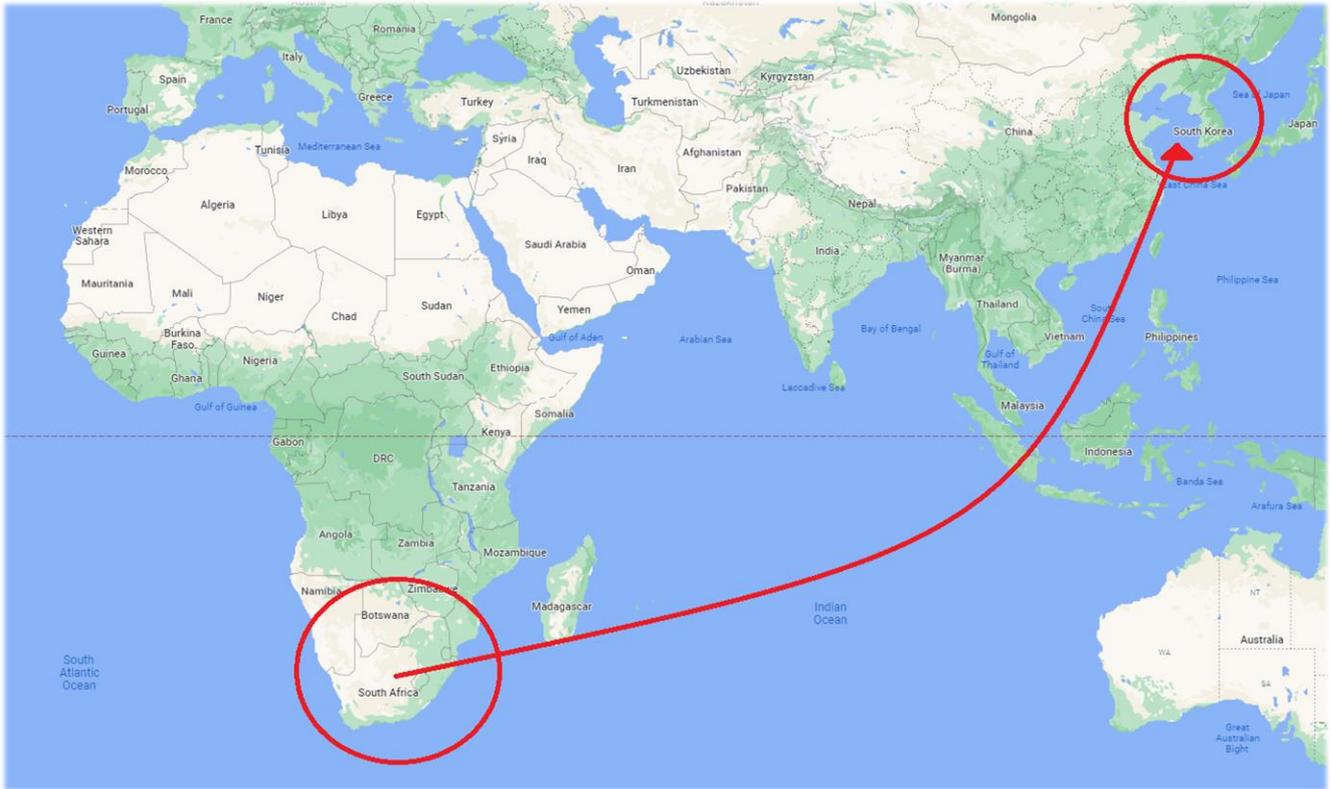
In 1950, a North Korean invasion began the Korean War, which saw extensive United States-led U.N. intervention in support of the South, while China intervened to support the North with Soviet assistance. After the war's end in 1953, the country's economy began to soar, recording the fastest rise in average GDP per capita in the world between 1980 and 1990. The June Struggle led to the end of authoritarian rule in 1987 and the country is now considered among the most advanced democracies in Asia, with the highest level of press freedom.

South Korea is a developed country and is ranked as the seventh-highest country on the Human Development Index (HDI) in the Asia and Oceania region. Its economy ranks as the world's tenth-largest by nominal GDP. Its citizens enjoy one of the world's fastest Internet connection speeds and the densest high-speed railway network. The country is the world's fifth-largest exporter and eighth-largest importer. South Korea was in 2017 the world's 7th largest emitter of carbon emissions and the 5th largest emitter per capita. Since the 21st century, South Korea has been renowned for its globally influential pop culture, particularly in music (K-pop), TV dramas and cinema, a phenomenon referred to as the Korean Wave. It is a member of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee, the G20, and the Paris Club.

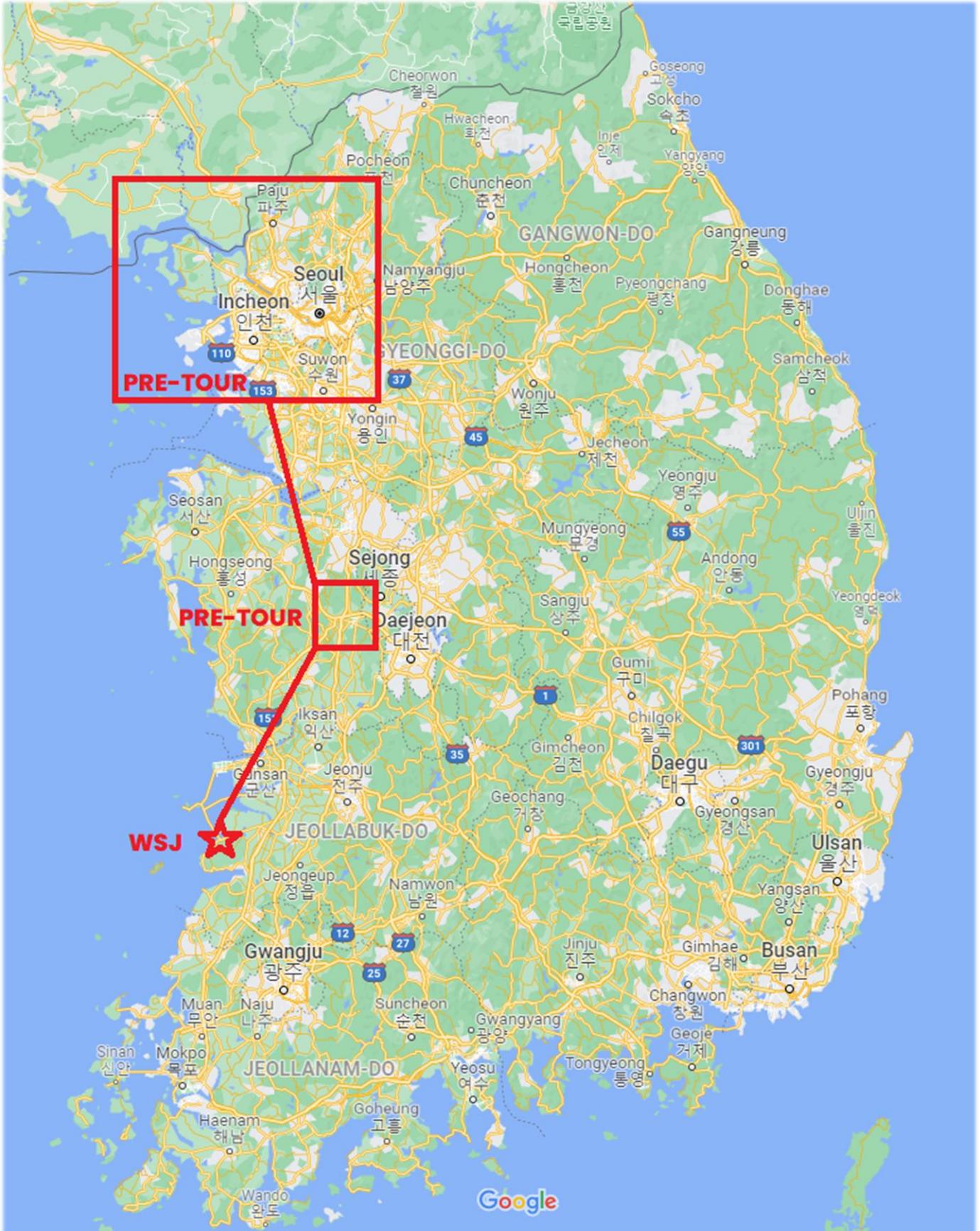
SA Departure	23 July 2023
Korea Arrival	24 July 2023
Shakedown Camp	24 – 25 July 2023 – Korean Scout Association National Training Centre 2 Nights
Touring Dates	26 July 2023 - 1 August 2023 6 Nights
Jamboree Dates	01 August 2023 – 12 August 2023
Korea Departure	Late 12/Early 13 August 2023
SA Arrival	13 August 2023
Accommodation	KSA National Training Centre - Camping 24-31 July 7 Nights Gongju Hanok Village – Traditional Hanok Style Accommodation 31 July – 01 August 1 Night
No. of people	TBC 4x Troops 1 Troop Scouter, 3x Assistant Troop Scouters; 36 Scouts per troop 8x Adults CMT (Contingent Management Team) +/- 30 Adults IST (International Service Team)
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English-speaking guide Days 4, 7, 8, 9 - Transport - All Meals - DMZ TOUR (Day 4) - 48 hours Discover Seoul Pass - 24 Hour MPASS Transport Card / Seoul Metro Transport Credit (TBC) - Accommodation - 7 nights at KSA National Training Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jamboree tents & mattresses for Scout Youth and Unit Leaders (TBC) o Spars and rope for shakedown camp activities (TBC) - 1 night at Gongju Hanok Village 5 people per room - Luggage truck traveling between accommodations.
Not Included	Personal expenses, personal travel insurance, all out-of-schedule expenses, pocket money
Flight Details	TBC
STATUS	DRAFT – DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*This itinerary and the details described herein are subject to change until finalised. Local and global conditions up until 2023 may cause last minute changes.

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pretour itinerary

date	city	itinerary	meal examples
Day 1 24 July Monday	Incheon	[Time TBC] Arrive at Incheon Airport Drive to the KSA National Training Centre Settle in and rest - Free Time	L : In-flight meal D : Yangnyeom chicken (Seasoned Fried Chicken)
	Goyang	Accommodation: KSA National Training Centre	
Day 2 25 July Tuesday	Goyang	Breakfast at KSA National Training Centre SHAKEDOWN CAMP [13:00] Friendship activities with local scouts	B : Local breakfast L : Galbitang (Short Rib Soup) D : Jjimdak (Braised Chicken)
	Goyang	Accommodation: KSA National Training Centre	
Day 3 26 July Wednesday	Goyang	Breakfast at KSA National Training Centre SHAKEDOWN CAMP [13:00] Friendship activities with local scouts	B : Local breakfast L : Sundubujjigae (Soft Bean Curd Stew) D : Dwaegi galbi gui (Grilled Spareribs)
	Goyang	Accommodation: KSA National Training Centre	
Day 4 27 July Thursday	Goyang	Breakfast at KSA National Training Centre	B : Local breakfast L : Bibimbap (Rice Mixed with Vegetables and Beef) D : Bulgogi (Grilled Marinated Beef)
	Paju	[08:00] Meet guide at the accommodation Drive to Paju DMZ Tour - The only site of division in the world Imjingak, The 3rd Tunnel, Dora Observatory Paju Imjingak Peace Gondola ride Camp Greaves DMZ Experience Centre	
	Seoul	Drive to Seoul Hongdae street & Campus tour (VR experience at T.um, etc...) Gyeongui Line Forest Trail	
	Goyang	Drive to accommodation: KSA National Training Centre	
Day 5 28 July Friday	Goyang	Breakfast at KSA National Training Centre	B : Local breakfast L : Free meal (Given in cash) D : Mandu-Guk (Dumpling Soup)
	Seoul	[09:00] Depart from the accommodation Drive to Seoul Explore the city of Seoul in patrols (Discover Seoul Pass)	
	Goyang	Drive to accommodation KSA National Training Centre	

date	city	itinerary	meal examples
Day 6 29 July Saturday	Goyang	Breakfast at KSA National Training Centre ISTs travelling with contingent depart to Jamboree Site <u>REST DAY</u>	B : Local breakfast L : Free meal (Given in cash) D : Samgyetang (Ginseng Chicken Soup)
	Seoul	[09:00] Depart from the accommodation Drive to Seoul Rest day at the Lotte World Theme Park <i>Discover Seoul Pass</i>	
	Goyang	Drive to accommodation KSA National Training Centre	
Day 7 30 July Sunday	Goyang	Breakfast at KSA National Training Centre [08:00] Meet guide at the accommodation	B : Korean breakfast L : Free choice-marketplace (cash provided) D : Bulgogi (Grilled Marinated Beef)
	Yongin	Drive to Yongin Korean Folk Village Martial arts on horseback, Traditional wedding ceremony Suwon Hwaseong Fortress [UNESCO World Heritage] Archery experience Hwaseong Haenggung Palace Return to accommodation and free time	
Day 8 31 July Monday	Goyang	Breakfast at KSA National Training Centre [09:00] Depart from the accommodation	B : Local breakfast L : Mul naengmyeon (Cold Buckwheat Noodles) D : Ssambapjeongsik (Rice with Leaf Wraps)
	Gongju	Drive to Gongju [UNESCO World Heritage City] Baekje Historic Areas Gongju Gongsanseong Fortress Ungjin Baekje Historical Museum Gongju Songsan-ri Tombs and Royal Tomb of King Muryeong Drive to accommodation Gongju Hanok Village	
Day 9 01 August Tuesday	Gongju	Breakfast at Gongju Hanok Village [09:00] Depart from the accommodation Depart for Jamboree	B : Local breakfast
	Buan	ARRIVAL AT JAMBOREE	

pre-tour destination descriptions



imjingak

Located approximately 56 kilometers from Seoul City Hall and 7 kilometers from DMZ, Imjingak is an important part of Korean history. Imjingak Resort has various war-related artifacts as well as spacious Pyeonghwa Nuri Park. The resort preserves the Freedom Bridge and Imjingang rail bridge from the Korean War to remind people of the past, along with a Memorial Hall, memorial monuments and recreational areas.



the 3rd tunnel

The 3rd Tunnel was discovered by South Korea in 1978. It spans over 1,635m in length, 2m in width, and 2m in height and is located 52km from Seoul. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 soldiers could move through the tunnel per hour. The scale is similar to the 2nd Tunnel, but it was thought to be more threatening as an invasion tool than the 1st and 2nd Tunnels. Located only 4km away from Imjingak toward the southwest and 3.5km from the Tongilchon area, it is accessible by car in approximately 45 min from Seoul.



dora observatory

Situated in Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do and at the northernmost point of the Military Demarcation Line, Dora Observatory replaced the previous Songaksan Observation Post. From the observatory, visitors can overlook North Korea, including Gaeseong, Songaksan, Kim Il-Sung Statue, and Cooperation Farm Geumamgol). The observatory has 500 spectator seats, a VIP room, and a large parking area. It was first opened to the public in January 1987.



paju imjingak peace gondola

Paju Imjingak Gondola logo is a representation of the DMZ, the Imjin River, and the image of the Gondola, which symbolizes peace, and represents Paju by providing a premium cable car service that is different from the previous one. At a height of up to 50 meters, Crystal Cruise's flight is the best thing to see and offers unforgettable memories. During the ride you will get a bird's eye view of the DMZ and will even get a glance at Camp Greaves, which was the filming location of the drama "Descendants of the Sun". The camp is also famous for the 506th Regiment where the main character of the American drama "Band of Brothers" and the main character from "Saving Private Ryan", were stationed.



camp greaves dmz experience center

Camp Greaves served as a camp base for the 506th US Second Infantry Division for about 50 years after the ceasefire agreement of the Korean War. The land was given back to the Korean government in 2007. The camp has been turned into a peace and security experience facility, and it is located approximately 2 kilometres away from the DMZ. It is also the first youth hostel to be located within a restricted area for civilians in Paju city.

An entire building of the US Army officer quarters was remodelled into a youth hostel and can accommodate up to 240 guests. The hostel is comprised of an office, a small auditorium on the first floor, rooms on the second and third floors, and a large auditorium on the fourth floor. The camp offers diverse programs including educational programs.



hongdae street

Hongdae is a neighbourhood known for its youthful ambience, with shops selling everything from clothing and cosmetics to living goods and books, as well as unique cafés and restaurants. The streets are also filled with buskers and dance performances, making a walk here quite entertaining. Special streets such as ateliers' street (lined with private institutions for art students preparing for university entrance exams), Picasso's Street, and Club Street are also must-go places for anyone hoping to fully experience the Hongdae area.



gyeongui line forest road

Gyeongui Line Forest Trail is Seoul's answer to the global trend of reinterpreted railway. Covering a 6.3-kilometer stretch of the old Gyeongui Line, it runs from Gajwa Station in north-western Seoul towards Seoul Station in Yongsan-gu Ward, terminating near Hyochang

Park Station. The ideal length for a weekend afternoon stroll, the trail offers a novel perspective on the city that mushroomed around and along the railway in the turbulent century of its lifetime.

Beyond the realm of Public Space for Citizens, the forest trail continues. Landscaping work on the trail began in 2011 and was only completed earlier this year, so there's still a freshly transplanted feel to the vegetation, the pine and oak trees buttressed at the waist by wooden beams. But the lack of major roads on each side of the narrow strip provides a relaxing ambience, offering glimpses straight into quiet residential neighbourhoods where some surprisingly old houses remain.



hwaseong haenggung palace

A haenggung is a temporary palace where the king and royal family retreated to during a war. Hwaseong Haenggung Palace is the largest one of these, used by the Joseon kings since the time of King Jeongjo (r. 1776-1800). In addition to being used as a shelter during war, King Jeongjo also stayed here during trips to worship at his father's tomb. The palace was the location of a splendid feast held on the 60th birthday of his mother, Hyegyeonggung Hong, and many other events, including award certificates for successful candidates of special national exams. These days, the palace serves as a venue for many traditional cultural performances and activities.



Discover Seoul Pass is the Seoul's first "free pass" available for 24 hours, 48 hours, and 72 hours.

Using the pass, you can visit Seoul's representative tourist attractions for free and enjoy various discount benefits in areas such as transportation, shopping and performance.

<https://www.discoverseoulpass.com/app/spot/index/list>

***Guidebook Coming Soon**

lotte world



Operated by Lotte Group, Lotte World is the perfect spot for entertainment and sightseeing for Koreans and international tourists alike. The theme park is divided into the indoor Lotte World Adventure, and the outdoor lakeside Magic Island, with additional amenities including a shopping mall, folk museum, ice rink, hotel, and more. Lotte World Adventure is the world's largest indoor amusement park, complete with top-of-the-line rides, fantastic parades and performances, and food from around the world. The Folk Museum displays miniature models of Korea throughout 5,000 years in history. Lotte World Garden Stage presents various themed musicals to match each season and Lotte World Star Avenue is the perfect place to experience Korean stars and the entertainment world.

korean folk village (seoul area)



Korean Folk Village introduces traditional culture from the late Joseon period to both local and international visitors through cultural classes experience, shaman faith, seasonal customs and others. It recreated the past through the restoration of houses from the Joseon dynasty. Performances including nongak (farmer's music), martial arts on horseback, traditional wedding ceremony, and other special events are available by season. In particular, "Welcome to Joseon," an event held every May, takes visitors back to the past. In addition, a family-friendly theme park equipped with 15 exciting attractions is also available. Visitors can also try various Korean foods at the market street.

suwon hwaseong fortress [unesco world heritage]



Suwon was one of four main regional government centers during the Joseon dynasty. Hwaseong Fortress, built to protect the city, was designated as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site on 12 December 1997, for its historical value. The fortress offers various performances daily as well as the Suwon Hwaseong Cultural Festival every fall. The walls stretch for 5.7 kilometers, with Paldalsan Mountain at the center. The fortress, constructed from 1794 to 1796, was built as a display of King Jeongjo's filial piety towards his father and to build a new pioneer city with its own economic power.

gongju gongsanseong fortress [unesco world heritage]



Located in Gongju-si, Gongsanseong Fortress is a mountain castle which was established during the Baekje Period (234-678). The fortress is more than 2.6 kilometers long at 110 meters above sea level. Built using earthen fortifications during the Baekje dynasty, the fortress was strengthened during the Joseon dynasty with stones. There are many structures and relics left from the Baekje, Goryeo, and Joseon dynasties within the fortress. At the West and East entrances, visitors can enjoy a thick forest with the Geumgang River in the background. It is worth the visit for its historical and cultural significance, and for the beautiful view of the Geumgang riverside and the walking trail.

gongju songsan-ri tombs and royal tomb of king muryeong



The Songsan-ri Tombs and Royal Tomb of King Muryeong (reign 462-523) contains representative relics of the Baekje period (234-678). The Songsan-ri Tombs contain the graves of kings from the period when Baekje's capital was Gongju, and it is believed to contain 17 such graves. Only seven graves have been discovered so far. There are two types of tomb designs, traditional Baekje-style rock and earth fortification tomb and Chinese-influenced rock tomb. First five tombs were made using the traditional Baekje-style design while tomb number six and the Royal Tomb of King Muryeong was made using the Chinese influenced design. Even though many artifacts were stolen from the tombs, the tombs serve as important evidence of Baekje culture and the foreign exchanges during that period.