



THE NEW SANNO



Tokyo, Japan

# 2017 Seoul / Tokyo Program



DRAGON HILL LODGE<sup>®</sup>

Seoul, Korea



**THE NEW SANNO**

Experience the timeless splendor of Japan and South Korea on a unique, custom-designed 18 Day / 17 Night package for Military Retirees. A nostalgic walk unlike any other to relive the memories, share them with your loved ones, see how much has changed, and witness first-hand your contribution toward the growth and prosperity of the two most dynamic and vibrant capital cities in East Asia. All you have to do is get here; we'll take care of the rest!



## Schedule:

1300 - 1800 → Arrive in Tokyo \*\*

*\*\*Travelers from USA will cross the International Date Line. Please note, Korea is one day ahead of U.S. Please keep this in mind when booking your flight reservation to arrive at the start day of the program. Consult with our Discover Seoul Team prior to purchasing your airfare!*

## Day 1

### Welcome to Japan



*You will arrive at Narita International Airport and be greeted by a representative. Enjoy some time to mingle with your fellow retirees and stretch your legs after the long flight before boarding a private coach bus en-route to Tokyo.*

*During the drive, watch as the dynamic city landscape forms around you before arriving at the heart of the World Largest Metropolitan Area! The rest of the afternoon is yours to get checked in, unpack and relax.*



## Day 2

### Historic Tokyo



#### Schedule:

0600 – 0830 → Breakfast at New Sanno

0900 – 1300 → Meiji Shrine

Hamarikyu Garden

Lunch\*

1730 – 2000 → Welcome Dinner at New Sanno

*\*Not included in the package price*

*Spend the day getting acquainted with your home for the next seven days. Your guide will take you along the downtown district pointing out historic buildings, monuments, architecture, shopping spots and more throughout this dynamic city.*

*You'll start with a ride through the heart of Tokyo and the Central Business District. You will learn the history of the Meiji Shrine, peruse the royal grounds, a nearby marketplace and time to enjoy a local taste of Japan.*



## Day 3 Tokyo City Tour



### Schedule:

0600 – 0830 → Breakfast at New Sanno

0900 – 1600 → Asakusa

Tokyo Sky Tree

Ebisu Beer Museum

Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

*Discover two of Tokyo's must-see destinations on a guided tour of the Asakusa district and the Tokyo Skytree. Sit back and relax on a sightseeing tour of central Tokyo. You'll drive through Imperial Palace Plaza, National Diet Building, State Guest House, Ginza and Akihabara. Next, you'll visit the famous Buddhist shrines and temples of Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. In addition to admiring the temple's five-story pagoda, imposing Thunder Gate and distinctive temple architecture, you'll have the opportunity to browse the avenue of outdoor food stalls and souvenir shops leading up to the temple. Then have Tokyo at your feet when you take in views from the Tokyo Skytree, one of the world's tallest towers!*



## Day 4 Free Day



### Schedule:

0630 – 0830 → Breakfast at New Sanno

0900 – 1630 → Free day / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

*The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:*

- *Experience the Tokyo metro subway to see*
  - ✓ *Roppongi Hills / Mori Tower*
  - ✓ *Shibuya and Harajuku Shopping Districts*
  - ✓ *Tokyo Tower*
  - ✓ *Odaiba Shopping District*
  - ✓ *Tokyo Zoo / National Museum / Ueno Park*
  - ✓ *Shinagawa Aquarium*
- *Work out in our Health Club*



## Day 5 Yokohama Tour

### Schedule:

0600 – 0830 → Breakfast at New Sanno

0900 – 1300 → Yokohama / Chinatown  
Lunch\*

1500 – 1800 → Cup Noodle Museum

1700 – 1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

*Yokohama is the capital of Kanagawa and second largest city in Japan after Tokyo. Starting as a small fishing village during the Edo period, the city quickly became the base of foreign trade in Japan. With the growth in trade increasing numbers of Chinese also came to settle in the city and is now home to the largest expat population of Chinese and foreigners in Japan.*

*Experience the Cup Noodle Museum – an iconic museum that shows the history of instant ramen noodles using a combination of whimsical exhibits and hands on workshops. It was opened by the Nissin Food company, whose founder invented instant ramen noodles in 1958 as a fast and convenient food that generations all over the world have come to enjoy.*



## Day 6

### Hakone / Mt. Fuji Tour



#### Schedule:

0600 – 0830 → Breakfast at New Sanno

0900 – 1800 → Hakone by bullet train

Mt. Fuji

Lunch\*

1900 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

*Discover some of Japan's most famous highlights on a full-day guided tour from Tokyo. Travel to Mt Fuji's bustling 5th Station and learn about the revered mountain. Continue to nearby Lake Ashi for a short boat cruise, followed by a ride on the Mt Komagatake Ropeway. Climb by aerial tram to the top of Mt Komagatake and get fantastic views of the Owakudani volcanic valley, Lake Ashi and Mt Fuji. Return to Tokyo by bullet train (Shinkansen) in the evening. Enjoy the ease of included transportation, entry fees and a knowledgeable guide. Please note: Views around Mt Fuji are always subject to weather conditions as mountain weather is notoriously unpredictable*





## Day 7 Free Day

### Schedule:

0630 – 0830 → Breakfast at New Sanno

0900 – 1630 → Free day / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

*The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:*

- *Experience the Tokyo metro subway to see*
  - ✓ Roppongi Hills / Mori Tower
  - ✓ Shibuya and Harajuku Shopping Districts
  - ✓ Tokyo Tower
  - ✓ Odaiba Shopping District
  - ✓ Tokyo Zoo / National Museum / Ueno Park
  - ✓ Shinagawa Aquarium
- *Work out in our Health Club*



## Day 8

### Onward to Seoul, Korea

#### Schedule:

0600 – 0800 → Breakfast at New Sanno  
Checkout  
Load Bus to Narita

1300 – 1800 → Arrival in Seoul / DHL  
1900 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

The private coach bus will depart the New Sanno for Narita Airport. Relax on the 2 hour flight connecting these two dynamic cities and get ready to arrive to your new home for the next ten days!



## Day 9

### Seoul City Tour

#### Schedule:

0630 – 0930 → Breakfast at DHL

0930 – 1500 → Seoul City Tour / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

*Spend the day getting acquainted with your home for the next ten days. Your guide will take you along the downtown district pointing out historic buildings, monuments, architecture, shopping spots and more throughout this dynamic city.*

*You'll start with a ride through the heart of Seoul - a part of what was once home to Korean royalty. Now a thriving business district, enjoy the contrast between the old and modern before arriving at Gyeongbuk Palace. You will learn the history of the Joseon Dynasty, peruse the royal grounds, a nearby marketplace and time to enjoy a hearty and invigorating Korean favorite, "Bibimbap"*



## Day 10 Historic Seoul

### Schedule:

0630 – 0930 → Breakfast at DHL

1000 – 1600 → Jeongdong Tour / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

Dubbed the “Hermit Kingdom”, the Sino-Japanese War marked the rapid decline of any power the Joseon Dynasty of Korea had managed to hold against foreign interference, as the battles of the conflict itself had been fought on Korean soil and the surrounding seas. Subsequently and fittingly, during the reign of the last Royal Joseon Monarch, King Gojong in which Jeongdong was his residence, many of Seoul’s first encounters with Western education, medicine, diplomacy, imperialism, and religion took place here on the western edge of the walled city.

Travel back in time as this walk through Jeongdong will highlight some of the first formalized contacts that Korea had with the west – diplomatic, religious and educational – through the remarkable preservation of the buildings since the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century!





## Day 11

### 2018 Winter Olympic Village

#### Schedule:

0600 – 0700 → Breakfast at DHL

0700 – 1800 → Pyeongchang / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

Head to Alpensia Resort, the main venue for the 2018 Olympics for a tour of the facilities to see why Korea beat out Germany and France for the rights to host the 2018 Winter Olympics! From there, a private tour will take you to Woljeongsa Temple – The head temple of the Jogye Order and a crisp nature walk around the pristine surroundings and herb gardens. Enjoy “Sanchae” - a traditional temple meal with a myriad of vegetable dishes. This region of Korea with its picturesque landscapes, traditional *hanok*-style architecture, cozy villages, and untouched natural surroundings make it a huge draw among foreigners and the setting makes for a peaceful retreat amidst the hustle and bustle of Seoul.



## Day 12 Nanta!

### Schedule:

0630 – 1300 → Breakfast / Lunch\*

1400 – 1600 → Nanta Performance

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

Nanta is the longest-running show in Korean History. Since 1997, this non-verbal performance has been staged in 18 countries around the world and on NYC's Broadway's musical circuit. The musical has a simple back story of three cooks attempting to finish preparing a wedding banquet within a strict time limit while the manager installs his incompetent nephew among the kitchen staff. The show involves acrobatics, magic tricks, comedy, and audience participation. The unifying element throughout the musical is the use of traditional Korean music, which in this case is performed with improvised instruments, such as cutting boards, water canisters and kitchen knives.



## Day 13

### Joint Security Area & Demilitarized Zone

#### Schedule:

0630 – 0730 → Breakfast at DHL

0730 – 1800 → DMZ Tour / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

Korea is the only divided country in the world. After the Korean War (June 25 1950 – July 27 1953), South Korea and North Korea established a border that cut the Korean peninsula roughly in half. Stretching for 2km on either side of this border is the **Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)**. As one of the last relics of the Cold War, the DMZ attracts a great deal of public interest, and is a popular destination for travelers visiting Korea. Despite the fact that this is the most heavily armed border in the world, it is extremely rare that any hostilities take place. These days the DMZ is a safe destination that we would thoroughly recommend to any traveler. The DMZ and its surroundings contain many interesting historical sights and pristine untouched natural surroundings.



**Day 14**  
Free Day

**Schedule:**

0630 – 0930 → Breakfast at DHL

0900 – 1630 → Free day / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

*The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:*

- *Attend Religious Services (info provided upon request)*
- *Walk to the National Museum / War Memorial (recommended)*
- *Take the subway to City Hall to see*
  - ✓ *Cheongyecheon Stream*
  - ✓ *Gwanghamun Square*
  - ✓ *Myungdong Shopping District*
- *Work out in our Point Health Club*
- *Receiving a relaxing massage/facial from our Beauty Shop*





## Day 15

### GEN Douglas MacArthur's Famous Incheon Landing



### Schedule:

0630 – 0730 → Breakfast at DHL

0730 – 1700 → Incheon Tour / Lunch\*

1800 → Dinner\*

*\*Not included in the package price*

The most successful amphibious sea-landing operation in military history masterminded by the legendary General MacArthur, the operation involved over 75,000 troops, 261 naval vessels, and led to the recapture of the capital Seoul two weeks later. At the end of this full-day tour, you will have learned a great deal of Korea's past and how this battle shaped its future. In the end, a decisive victory to reverse the strategic momentum in favor of U.N. allied forces during the Korean War.

Chinatown > Starting in 1884 with the opening of the consulate in Incheon, the town has gone through boom/bust cycles due to Korea's turbulent past. Today, an enduring boom cycle is spreading roots in this major tourist attraction and due to its close proximity to the battlegrounds, Chinatown is a must-see for those on the tour and lunch (yes, chinese food) is highly recommended.



## Day 16

### Han River Area Tour and Cruise

#### Schedule:

0630 – 1300 → Breakfast/ Lunch\*

1300 – 1600 → Fish Market / 63 Tower

1700 – 2200 → Dinner\* / Cruise

*\*Not included in the package price*

Nestled in the shadow of the 63 building on the edge of Yeoido lies the Noryangjin fish market. It's a must see destination that shines among the tourist spots in Seoul. It's an all out assault on the senses from your first eager step inside the market until you drag yourself away stuffed with seafood delights... every kind of cut, size, and types of fish imaginable.

Bisecting the capital, the Han River is Seoul's most iconic symbol. In one of the best ways to enjoy the panoramic views, seeing Seoul from its main waterway at night is a great way to get your bearings in this dynamic capital city!



## Schedule:

0630 – 0930 → Breakfast at DHL

0730 – 1630 → Free day / Lunch\* /  
Options\*

1800 → Farewell Dinner

*The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:*

- **Suwon Folk Village**

*(Guided Tour-- Morning Option)\**

- **Souvenir Shopping at Namdaemun Market**

*(Guided Tour-- Afternoon Option)\**

- Take the subway to City Hall
- Walk to the National Museum / War Memorial
- Riding the cable car to Namsan Seoul Tower
- Receiving a relaxing massage/facial from our Beauty Shop

*In the evening, join us for a final farewell dinner to share memories, photographs and enjoy the company of your fellow retirees one last time before heading home.*

## Day 17

### Free Day / Half-Day Options\*

- 1) Suwon Folk Village
- 2) Souvenir Shopping



**Day 18**  
Farewell!

**Schedule:**

0500 – 0600 → Check out

0530 – 0600 → Breakfast

0600 Load Bus for Incheon Airport

Thank you for choosing to visit Seoul / Tokyo for your special retiree vacation. The private coach bus will depart Dragon Hill Lodge at 0600 – this will get you to the airport on time to catch morning departure flights

**Ahn-yong!**





## The Retiree Package Includes:

- *Transportation and transfers (Narita and Incheon International Airport) via private coach bus*
- *Welcome Dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of your arrival*
- *10 nights in a Standard Room at the Dragon Hill Lodge / 7 Nights at the New Sanno*
- *Breakfast each morning*
- *Special Tours given by professional guides (exception: Free Days)*
- *Farewell Dinner the day before your departure*
- *“Ahn-yong” gift upon departure*
- *Network and share experiences with other retirees*

## Getting Around During Your Visit:

**Airfare is not included with the package.** Upon making reservation for the package, our team will consult you on your options to facilitate airport transfers (stops must be included at Narita (Tokyo) and Seoul (Incheon) respectively on the prescribed dates). Due to the complexities of connecting flights and crossing the international date line, we must consult, review, and approve on your choice of flight itineraries before coordinating airport transfers. **Please contact us for before making your flight reservations. Flight reservations made without our consultation and approval is ok, but you may be responsible for all transfers to the airport / hotel.**

*If you arrive before the start date or depart after the end of the program you will be responsible for transportation arrangements and cost to the New Sanno / DHL*

*During your stay, all transportation to and from tours is provided via private coach (exception – free / option days)*



**\$4,499 for singles (one person in a room)**  
**\$5,999 for couples (two persons in a room)**

***Only 15 spots are available on this special program! To reserve your spot, please contact our Reservations Specialists at [reservations@dragonhilllodge.com](mailto:reservations@dragonhilllodge.com)***

- The package does not include lunch, dinner and airfare in the total price (two dinners included)*
- The itinerary is subject to changes (due to inclement weather / reasons beyond control). A finalized schedule will be provided to you upon arrival.*
- All with an eligible DD Form 2 and their guests are eligible to participate in this program.*
- Retirees and their guests will be processed through DBIDS on the second day of arrival (Korea only). Retirees sponsoring civilian guests will be required to make an extra stop at an ID processing center the morning following arrival.*
- Package prices are based upon two adults in a Standard Room. Retiree ID Card holders may sponsor a maximum of two rooms at each property.*
- You will receive an e-mail confirmation from our Vacation Planning Center once you make your reservation. At the time of the reservation, you will be charged a \$2,500 non-refundable deposit and you will receive a confirmation email for the package. At that time we suggest researching your plane tickets with our consultation following for airport transfers. If we do not sell the required minimum 5 months prior to the program, you will receive a notification for the potential cancellation and refund of deposit (due to popularity, we have not cancelled any programs to date)*