



PACKING GUIDELINES FOR KOREA IN NOVEMBER

LUGGAGE

- Please plan for a maximum of one checked suitcase and one piece of hand baggage.
- If you plan to shop, leave room in your suitcase or bring a folding bag. Plan to make most of your purchases at the end of your tour, in Seoul, if you are close to the domestic flight weight limit.
- Four-star hotels do not have baggage porter service, so please expect to manage your own baggage between the hotel reception and your room.

LUGGAGE LIMITS

The luggage limits on the domestic flights Busan – Jeju – Seoul:

- Checked baggage: Economy Class total weight allowance: 20kg (44lbs)
- Carry-on Baggage: Economy Class: 1 standard hand baggage item plus 1 personal item, with a combined weight limit of 12kg (25lbs)

PLEASE NOTE: The limit for the domestic flights will be less than your international carrier's baggage allowance. Excess baggage fees for domestic flights are the responsibility of the individual traveler.

Luggage Locks

- For flights that originate in the U.S., only TSA-approved locks are permitted for air travel.
- Outside of the U.S. we strongly recommend locking your luggage while in transit, as a security measure.

Please Note: These luggage guidelines may change. If domestic airline information for included internal trip flights on your trip change, we will update information as we receive it.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Climate overview for Seoul, Busan area, and Jeju Island during your November 6 - 18 Trip.

Key Points

As you'll be spending extended time outdoors on our visits, be prepared for sudden changes in weather, especially the occasional drizzle or cooler winds.

- **Layering:** Layering is crucial, as the temperatures can fluctuate throughout the day and especially between daytime and nighttime. In the mornings and evenings, a warmer layer is needed, while midday will feel more comfortable in lighter clothing.
- **Wind Chill:** In all locations, wind can play a significant role in how the temperatures feel. If you're by the coast (Busan, Jeju) or in higher elevations (Seoul), wind can make it feel colder than the actual air temperature.
- **Humidity:** While November is generally dry, humidity can still make a difference, especially in coastal cities like Busan and Jeju Island. It may feel slightly chillier during damp weather.

CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION:

Seoul: The chance of rain in Seoul during November is relatively low, with an average precipitation of about 30mm for the month. Rain is unlikely to be heavy, but light rain or drizzle can still occur. Precipitation chance: Around 10–20% on any given day.

Busan: Busan experiences relatively low rainfall in November, with average rainfall around 50mm. While rain is possible, it's generally light and infrequent. Precipitation chance: Around 15–25% on any given day.

Jeju Island: Jeju has a higher chance of rainfall than the mainland, with an average of 100mm of rainfall in November. You can expect more frequent light showers or overcast days compared to the other locations. Precipitation chance: Around 25–35% on any given day.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES IN NOVEMBER

Seoul Daytime highs: 50–59°F / Nighttime lows: 32–41°F

Busan Daytime highs: 55–63°F / Nighttime lows: 41–50°F

Jeju Island Daytime highs: 55–64°F / Nighttime lows: 46–55°F

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR KOREA

- Dress on this trip is functional and casual. No formal or dressy clothing is necessary.
- Good walking shoes and sun protection are a must.
- It's easiest to bring quick-dry fabrics that you can hand-wash and will dry out overnight.

Most hotels in Korea have laundry service for an additional fee, and some hotels also have self-service laundry facilities.

Footwear

This is a **Moderately Active** journey where walking is part of each daily activity.

Casual, comfortable, supportive walking shoes are recommended for every day of the Trip.

NOTE: It is traditional to remove shoes at the entrance to some buildings, such as temples or houses. In these cases, socks must always be worn - no bare feet. We have one meal, featuring Royal Cuisine in Gyeongju, in a traditional building where shoes are removed before entering.

1. Sneakers or light hiking shoes
2. Slip on casual shoes

Local Etiquette

Your attire is a key part of your non-verbal presentation and introduces you to locals even before you speak. Here are notes on local customs in Korea:

- Modest dress that covers shoulders and knees is expected at temples.
- Koreans - especially older and more traditional people in rural areas and in villages - dress in a relatively modest style, that discourages revealing or tight-fitting outfits such as leggings.
- Hiking in the mountains is the most popular leisure activity in Korea, especially for retirees. The market for colorful, all-weather outdoor clothing and sun protection is extensive.

PACKING LIST

Recommended Clothing

- Shirts: A mixture of short and long-sleeved shirts. Polo shirts are more versatile than T-shirts
- Two long-sleeved shirts for layering and cooler evenings
- Trousers: Comfortable and loose fitting is best. Avoid tight-fitting pants as we may be sitting on the floor at times.
- Shoes: A pair of sturdy, rubber-soled, closed walking shoes; also consider slip-on walking shoes that can be worn to dinner in a restaurant or around the hotel.
- Light fleece or wool sweater
- Underwear and sleepwear
- Socks - for long-haul flight travel and extensive walking, light compression socks are highly recommended
- Swimsuit (optional)
- Waterproof bag for packing wet bathing suit / clothing
- Rain pants: A pair of quick-dry pants or waterproof over-pants
- Rain jacket or outer shell jacket that can be layered with a fleece or sweater

Essential Items

Daily essentials: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, hairbrush, or comb, shaving items, deodorant, etc.

- Pocket-size tissues
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer
- *With the exception of deodorant, most items above are readily available in Korea.*
- Folding walking stick if you use
- Spare eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Travel alarm clock, or watch with alarm
- Camera gear with extra batteries
- Portable battery charger for phone
- Money pouch or belt, or travel vest with interior pockets
- Sun hat / Sunglasses – a retainer strap is handy

Please help eliminate single-use plastic bottles by bringing your own reusable water bottle.

A carrying-strap or a day-pack with an outside bottle pocket will make using it easier.

Medicines & First Aid Gear

- Personal Travel first aid kit: Band-Aids, headache and pain relief, laxatives and anti-diarrhea tablets, upset stomach or motion-sickness remedy, cold remedy, moleskin foot pads, antibiotic
- cream, allergy medication. (Also available in Korea)
- An antibiotic medication for gastrointestinal illness
- Your own prescription medicines, clearly labeled, and carried in your hand baggage.

Optional Gear

- Hand-wash laundry soap
- Travel journal/note pad and pens
- Reading materials
- Lightweight folding umbrella
- Folding bag and extra TSA luggage lock if you plan to shop

NOTE: In Korea, face masks are commonly worn in many public places: in large crowds; on days where the air quality is poor; anyone with a cough or cold. Disposable masks are readily available in Korea at any convenience store.