

Tour Korea! Post Adoption Services for Adoptees

See below for overview of available services. Upon registration, you'll receive a Registration Form for the following services in your Tour Korea! Registration Confirmation Packet. Please note that clients are responsible for additional transportation fees, assessed as applicable.

Birth clinic or hospital visit: Adopted persons and their families visit the hospital or clinic where the adoptee was born (as information is available in the file).
Included in price of the tour.

Finding site visit: Adopted persons and their families visit the site where the adoptee was found (as information is available in the file).
Included in price of the tour.

Foster mother meeting: Adoptees and their families meet with the person who provided their foster care before they joined their adoptive families (per information available in the Korean file).
Included in price of the tour.

Tour-related birth family search*: Using the Korean agency file, a search is conducted to find an adoptee's birth family (per information available in the Korean file). If the search results in a meeting, the initial meeting is facilitated by Children's Home staff. Includes expediting the search as part of the tour, communication with birth family before and during the tour, translation and facilitation of meetings.
The cost for this service is \$300. If it is found that information in the file is inadequate to conduct a search, the fee is refunded.

Re-establishing previous birth relative contact: For adoptees already in contact with their birth families. Children's Home, in cooperation with the Korean agency, will re-establish contact with relatives and facilitate initial meeting.
The cost for this service is \$150. If existing contact information is inaccurate, search fees may apply.

Customized side trips in Korea: Children's Home can assist with visiting locations of personal significance not included in the tour itinerary. Side trips may require an overnight stay and /or not attending other scheduled itinerary activities.
Side trips may be subject to a \$50 cancellation fee.

File review meeting in Korea: The adoptee looks at his/her physical adoption file at the agency in Korea in a meeting conducted with a Korean agency social worker and, upon request, a Children's Home staff member.
Included in price of the tour.

* These services are available to adopted persons over the age of 13 if adopted via Eastern Social Welfare Society and Social Welfare Society, and over the age of 18 if adopted via Korea Social Service and Holt Children's Services.

Travelers rave about Tour Korea!

"Absolutely amazing how organized, flexible, supportive and helpful Tour Korea! staff were. They bent over backwards to make sure each person's hopes were met. Their presence for our visit to the Korean adoption agency and side trips was a wonderful part of our experience."
— Adoptive Parent



"The whole trip was fantastic, but getting to know everyone we traveled with was the highlight."
— Adoptee



"What did we enjoy the most? When we discussed Tour Korea! as a family, everyone said it was ALL their favorite!"
— Adoptee



"My son was able to meet not only his foster mom, but both his birth mother and father. He also reviewed his file. I can't stress enough how well orchestrated the whole trip was. The sequence of visits and meetings was excellent—that's very important."
— Adoptive Parent

Tour Korea! 2017

"I went to Korea to find a piece of me . . . I tried to soak up all of the beauty and breathe it all in, so I could take some back with me when it was time to go. Korea is not only a part of me; it defines who I am, where my roots are, and where I came from."
— Adult Adoptee,
Tour Korea! participant



Learn more at chiss.org/tourkorea

DRAGON TOUR
June 21–July 4, 2017
TIGER TOUR
July 5–July 16, 2017
TIGER TOUR PLUS
July 5–July 19, 2017

Experience and connect with the beginning places, culture and people important to your birth and adoption story.

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Tour Korea! is the acclaimed birth country travel experience balanced in adoption and culture that gives you the opportunity to explore the traditions, language and people of Korea, and gain insight into your birth and adoption story while learning about Korea today. For over 30 years, adopted persons and their families have trusted Children's Home to guide and support them on this most meaningful journey.

What will you discover? Begin your journey today at chlss.org/tourkorea.

TOUR KOREA! AT A GLANCE

14-DAY DRAGON TOUR | **12-DAY TIGER TOUR** | **15-DAY TIGER TOUR PLUS**
includes an extension to Jeju

- Choose from **Tour Only** or **Tour + Flight** options.*
- All tours include hotel; daily breakfast, most lunches and dinners; sightseeing by private motor coach; all admission fees; professional, English-speaking in-country guides; post-adoption support; in-country transportation and translation services.
- Low traveler-to-staff ratio ensures personalized attention.
- Tour staff includes a translator, country and post-adoption specialists, and adopted adult and adoptive parent support staff.
- Pre-trip orientation sessions—in person or live via webinar—address cross-cultural etiquette, language, gift giving, post-adoption intermediary services, travel preparation and detailed itineraries.
- All tours include activity choices and options.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ALL TOURS

Your tour begins in Seoul for adoption- and service-related activities. Here, your adventure will include meeting everyday Koreans and cultural exchanges. You'll enjoy new foods, cultural performances, shopping and a look at both old and new Korea through visits to the DMZ/Panmunjom, the Korean Folk Village, a palace and a cooking class. Then you'll travel out of Seoul into the mountains for a quiet respite at Haeinsa Temple in Gyeongsangbuk Province.

After your stay in a beautiful national park, a visit to historic Gyeongju follows, with the always-favorite afternoon at a boys' high school with English students, and depending on the tour, a stop at the seaside with opportunities to shop along the way. You'll return to Seoul for the final part of the tour, where you can catch a baseball game, a music/dance performance, or have a free night on your own.

Adoption-focused elements are integrated throughout your trip and include a visit to your Korean agency, an orphanage visit, and a conversation with Korean single mothers. Customized post-adoption services are available, specific to your own birth and adoption history.

*Flights are round trip from either Minneapolis-St. Paul or from D.C. to Incheon, Korea. Additional fees may apply for purchase of flights from other departure cities.



Save the Dates!

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 18, 2016
Activities subject to change per weather and availability.

DRAGON TOUR JUNE 21–JULY 4, 2017*

Our classic Korea experience with extra time for more cultural exploration. Dragon Tour includes a visit to a palace, a Pusan excursion, and activities in the city of Daegu. **\$3,800 and up†**

14-day tour with deluxe accommodations including:

- 1 night at Kayasan National Park/Haein Temple
- 1 night in historic Gyeongju
- 2 nights in Pusan
- Play date at Seoul orphanage
- Includes all but 8 meals

TIGER TOUR JULY 5–JULY 16, 2017*

A condensed version of the Dragon Tour. You'll discover all the wonder of Korea as you immerse yourself in its history, culture and traditions, and experience everyday life through the eyes of its people. **\$3,100 and up†**

12-day tour with deluxe accommodations including:

- 1 night at Kayasan National Park/Haein Temple
- 2 nights in historic Gyeongju
- Play date and service at special needs orphanage
- Includes all but 6 meals

TIGER TOUR PLUS JULY 5–JULY 19, 2017*

Take the Tiger Tour to the next level by adding a memorable 3-day excursion to scenic Jeju Island. **\$4,150 and up†**

12-day Tiger Tour with deluxe accommodations, PLUS 3-day extension to Jeju Island

- Includes all Tiger Tour highlights listed above
- Cheongbang Waterfall
- Hanlim Park and Lava Caves
- Visit a green tea plantation, the Trick Art Museum and Jeju World Cup Stadium
- See a historical drama portrayed on horseback
- Beach time at the Yellow Sea
- Includes all but 4 meals

* Tour dates include travel days to/from Korea.

† Estimated cost; final tour prices will be published online before registration opens.

Want to know more? Attend a Tour Korea! Information Session

Join us in person or online via webinar. Our Tour Korea! team and past participants will give you an overview of the tours and answer your questions. There are many dates and times available to meet your schedule.

Webinars

- Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. CT
- Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. CT
- Thursday, December 1, 2016, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. CT

Sign up via link on chlss.org/tourkorea

In-person Meetings

Children's Home & LSS Office - Minnesota
1605 Eustis Street Saint Paul, MN 55108

- Saturday, October 29, 2016, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. CT
 - Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. CT
 - Saturday, November 12, 2016, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. CT
- No RSVP required

For meetings below, RSVP to jane.lee@chlss.org

Children's Home & LSS Office - Virginia
6800 Versar Center #404 Springfield, VA 22151
Thursday, November 17, 2016, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. ET

Des Moines Public Library, Forest Branch - Iowa
1326 Forest Avenue Des Moines, IA 50314
Saturday, November 5, 2016, 10:30 a.m. - noon CT