



South Korea Delegation Important Information:

The delegation will travel to Incheon, South Korea on **Friday, October 30**, and will return from Incheon on **Friday, November 6**, with programming in Incheon from October 31-November 2 and November 4-6, and in Geoje City from November 3-4. This delegation is anchored by attendance at the Philadelphia Orchestra's performance in Incheon on November 5, which will serve as a kickoff to the Orchestra's Asia Tour.

Important Dates:

- Application Opens: **July 6, 2026**
- Applications Due: **August 7, 2026**
- Registrations confirmed by: **August 17, 2026**
- Final Payment for confirmed Delegates: **August 31, 2026**
- Delegation Departs: **October 30, 2026**
- Delegation Return: **November 6, 2026** (departing Incheon and arriving in Philadelphia same day due to time zone change)

Travel Info:

Once registration is confirmed, participants will be asked to book airfare directly on flights and routing recommended by World Affairs. Booking individually will allow flexibility for each traveler and offer the opportunity to choose the seats, class of service, and other needs that are most comfortable for them.

Hotel arrangements for the delegation will become available after participants are confirmed, and we will send a hotel reservation form to complete and return so that we can secure each participant's space within the group booking. Additional hotel details for Geoje City will be shared once bookings are finalized. Please do not book flights or make hotel arrangements until your participation is confirmed and you have received additional instructions from our team.

Cost Estimate:

Once registration is confirmed, participants will be responsible for their individual travel expenses, including round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations.

Estimated travel expenses include:

- Round-trip airfare: est. \$1,500
- Hotel accommodations for six nights (GSA federal per diem rates est.: \$150/night in Incheon; \$60/night in Geoje; and \$245/night in Seoul)
- Travel insurance: est. \$200-\$500
- Delegation fee (includes local ticket fees, protocol, select group meals, general ground transportation, interpretation, group meeting arrangements, and a ticket to the Philadelphia Orchestra performance on November 5): \$1,800



Preliminary Itinerary Highlights:

- **Friday, October 30:** Overnight flight (Philadelphia > Dallas Fort Worth > Incheon)
- **Saturday, October 31:** Arrival in Incheon, transfer to the hotel, and evening at leisure.
- **Sunday, November 1:** Welcome to Incheon & cultural visits (including a group dinner at Wiir Philadelphia, a South Korean cheesesteak restaurant featured in the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#))
- **Monday, November 2:** Day of meetings – hosted lunch with counterparts in the city.
- **Tuesday, November 3:** Day in Geoje City with a visit to Hanwha Ocean's Shipbuilding Headquarters. Stay overnight in Geoje City.
- **Wednesday, November 4:** Return to Incheon. Meetings continue. Reception at the Ambassador's residence.
- **Thursday, November 5:** Private 1-on-1 or group meetings to be scheduled. Philadelphia Orchestra evening concert at the Incheon Arts Center.
- **Friday, November 6:** High flexibility day. Sister City Arrangements (TBD) and Private 1-on-1 or group meetings to be scheduled. Return to Philadelphia in evening.

Please complete the application form by **Friday, August 7**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Fiorella Fernandez, who will be serving as the primary point of contact for this trip, at ffernandez@wacphila.org or call 267-802-1252. Our team will review all applications following the application deadline.

Once registration is confirmed, participants will receive a follow-up communication by **Monday, August 17**, with additional information, including an invoice for the \$1,800 delegation fee, recommended flight guidance, hotel reservation instructions for the confirmed group blocks, and additional program logistics.