

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please *do not* file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Ryan K Zinke
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Lolita C Zinke OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 28th 2026 Return: April 3rd 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Seoul, South Korea Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC), The Korea Society
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
All meeting and events are described in attached itinerary
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all attachments and the Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: _____



Date: April 15th 2026

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC),
The Korea Society

2. Travel Destination(s): Seoul, South Korea

3. Date of Departure: March 28, 2026 Date of Return: April 3, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ryan Zinke, Lolita Zinke

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$10,507.83	\$554.20	\$726.04	\$907.18
Accompanying Family Member	\$10,481.82	\$554.20	\$669.01	\$974.03

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sabine Schleidt Date: April 15, 2026

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1401 K Street NW Ste 901, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-222-0972 Email: sschleidt@usafmc.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Ryan Zinke

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 512 Cannon House Office Building, Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-945-2806

Email Address of Contact Person: zinkescheduling@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ryan Zinke
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: South Korea
4. a. Date of Departure: March 28th 2026 Date of Return: April 3rd 2026
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Lolita Zinke
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
Republic of Korea is one of the USA's strongest and oldest allies in the Pacific. As a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and chairman of the Task Force on Foreign Military Sales, this trip will give me a deeper understanding of the needs of ROK and how I can better serve the US security interests in the region. Additionally, Montana exports wheat and pulse crops to Asia with the opportunity for increased exports. I look forward to strengthening those ties between our two countries during this trip.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____ Date: _____

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: The Korea Society

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See Attached

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: March 28, 2026 Date of Return: April 3, 2026

7. a. City of departure: See Attached

b. Destination(s): Seoul, South Korea

c. City of return: See Attached

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
See Attached

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$130 (good faith estimate)
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name:	<u>Shilla Hotel Seoul</u>	City:	<u>Seoul</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$227.63</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Convenient location for meeting partners</u>				
Hotel Name:	_____	City:	_____	Cost Per Night:	_____
Reason(s) for Selecting:	_____				
Hotel Name:	_____	City:	_____	Cost Per Night:	_____
Reason(s) for Selecting:	_____				

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See Attached	\$569.09	\$780
For each Accompanying Family Member	See Attached	\$569.09	\$780

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$807.43	Translators, guide, room fees
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$807.43	Translator, guide, room fees

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Sabine Schleidt Date: 2/23/2026
 Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer
 Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
 Address: 1401 K Street NW Ste 901, Washington, DC 20001
 Email: SSchleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: (202) 507-4849

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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March 26, 2026

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
U.S. House of Representatives
512 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to South Korea,¹ scheduled for March 28 to April 3, 2026, sponsored by Former Members of Congress and the Korea Society.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Chairman

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Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Name of your organization: The Korea Society
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 02/04/26

Name: Dr. Abraham Kim Title: President & CEO

Organization: The Korea Society

Address: 350 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Telephone: (212) 759-7525 Email: abraham.kim@koreasociety.org

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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2026 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to South Korea

Saturday, March 28 – Friday, April 3, 2026 | Seoul, South Korea

Lodging

Shilla Hotel | 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul | Tel: +82-2-2233-3131

Agenda As Travelled

Saturday, March 28, 2026 – USA (Various Time Zones) <Casual> TRAVEL DAY

12:50 PM ET	Departures from USA Rep. Mark Pocan & Philip Frank, Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart, Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 094 IAD-ICN
6:31 PM ET 11:40 PM PT	
	Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA 504 BWI-SFO • UA 805 SFO-ICN

Sunday, March 29, 2026– USA & Seoul (Various Time Zones) <Casual> TRAVEL DAY

5:38 AM ET 12:40 PM ET	Departures from USA Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DL 1388 RDU-DTW • DL 159 DTW-ICN
12:10 PM HAST	
	Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OZ 231 HNL-ICN
5:50 PM ET	Arrivals in Korea KE 094 IAD-ICN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Mark Pocan & Philip Frank • Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart • Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke
Afternoon	Arrive at the Shilla Hotel <i>Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i>
Evening	Informal Dinner (Room Service - Up to 100,000 KRW Per Person) <i>Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i>

<p>4:20 AM</p>	<p>Arrivals in Korea UA 805 SFO-ICN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera </p>
<p>8:00 – 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s):</i> Rep. Ami Bera</p>	<p>Covering Korea: Journalists’ Perspectives on Current Events in South Korea Maple Room, Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</p> <p>Breakfast roundtable discussion with journalists covering the Korean Peninsula and regional affairs to help understand the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle LEE, Washington Post Yoonjung SEO, CNN Dasl YOON, Wall Street Journal
<p>9:30 – 10:15 AM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>10:15– 11:45 AM</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s):</i> Rep. Ryan Zinke</p>	<p>U.S. Embassy Meeting with Leadership & Country Team Brief U.S. Embassy – Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul</p> <p>Senior U.S. embassy officials provided a country team briefing for an overview of South Korean security, politics, and economy to help prepare the delegation for their upcoming official meetings with South Korean meeting partners (current events update, discussion topics to expect, etc.).</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James R. Heller, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim U.S. Mission Korea Nick Namba, Acting DCM and Minister Counselor for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Gary Schaefer, Internal Political Affairs Unit Chief Alexei Kral, Minister Counselor for Economic and Scientific Affairs Lagretta Nickles, Deputy Spokesperson Jerome Hohman, Minister Counselor for Management Affairs Ian Hillman, Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs and Consul General Lt. Col. Sterling Taylor, Assistant Army Attache Shanah Lee, Foreign Commercial Service Officer Kelly Stange, Minister Counselor for Agricultural Affairs
<p>11:45 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:45 PM</p> <p>Members Only</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s):</i> Rep. Ami Bera</p>	<p>Lunch Discussion on Foreign Relations of South Korea Samcheonggak, 3 Daesagwan-ro, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul</p> <p>Discussion with Foreign Minister Cho Hyun on South Korea's diplomatic relations with the United States, its relations with other neighbors such as Japan and China, as well as its multilateral partnerships.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHO Hyun, Minister of Foreign Affairs
<p>1:45 – 2:10 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>2:10 – 2:55 PM</p> <p>Members Only</p>	<p>Korea: Past to Present Gyeongbok Palace, Seoul</p> <p>Guided tour with a historical background on the Joseon Dynasty that structures the backdrop for modern society and government in Korea. Led by Expert Guide.</p>
<p>2:55 – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>

<p>3:30 – 5:00 PM</p> <p>Members Only</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Ryan Zinke</i></p>	<p>Legislative Exchange Discussion with Members of the ROK National Assembly 1 Uisadang-daero, Yeongdeungp-gu, Seoul</p> <p>U.S. Representatives and South Korean National Assembly members discussed the key issues that impact U.S.-ROK bilateral relations and how sustained interparliamentary exchanges can strengthen the alliance.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOO Won Shik, Speaker of the National Assembly • CHO Jeong-sik, Democratic Party of Korea • CHO Kyoung-tae, People Power Party • LEE Un-ju, Democratic Party of Korea • HAN Zeea, People Power Party
<p>4:00 – 4:30 PM</p>	<p>Transfer & Executive Time</p>
<p>4:25 PM</p>	<p>Arrivals in Korea DL 159 DTW-ICN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan
<p>5:30 PM</p>	<p>OZ 231 HNL-ICN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Transfers to Hotel, Dinner</p>
<p>6:30 PM</p>	<p>Informal Dinner <i>The Maple Leaf, 130 Sancheong-ro, Jongro-gu, Seoul</i></p>
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Informal Dinner for Evening Arrivals (Room Service - Up to 100,000 KRW Per Person) <i>Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i></p>

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Business, Casual for Dinner>

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Individual Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Transfer
<p>9:00 – 10:30 AM</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Ami Bera</i></p>	<p>CJ ENM Site Visit and Roundtable with Chairman <i>66 Sangamsan-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Discussion with CJ Chairman and Tour of CJ's entertainment studio center provided a high-level overview of one of CJ's swiftly growing businesses. This engagement showcased Korea's cultural exports and public diplomacy, and how they connect the hearts and minds of Koreans and Americans, enhancing mutual understanding between the two countries.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyung Shik SOHN, Chairman, CJ Group and Chairman, Korea Enterprises Federation • Pious JUNG, Chief Executive Officer, CJ America, Inc. and President of Content & Global Business, CJ ENM • Jun BANG CEO, CJ 4DPLE • Yoon DongI OH, Head, CJ 4DPLEX Immersive Studio • Jeong Han KIM, Head of Strategic Support, CJ ENM Entertainment
10:30– 11:30 AM	Transfer
<p>11:30 AM – 12:45 PM</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Ami Bera & Rep. Ryan Zinke</i></p>	<p>U.S.-ROK Business Outlook Lunch Roundtable <i>KITA 51st Floor Grand Conference Room, Gangnam-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Luncheon roundtable discussion with representatives from Korean companies on the role of Korean Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, the Lee Administration's approach to FDI, and the current state of US-ROK trade relations.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hwi-ryung Howard LEE, Vice Chairman, SeAH Steel and Non-Executive Vice President, KITA • Young-mi YOUN, Chairwoman of KOIMA, CEO of Highland Foods Group, and Non-Executive Vice President, KITA • Sang-jun LEE, Vice President & Head of International Cooperation Group, KITA • Joonyoung HONG, Head of International Trade Affairs Office, POSCO • Dae-Young KIM, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs Department, Hanwha Ocean • Dong Jo KIM, Executive Vice President, Head of Global Policy Office, Hyundai Motor Group • Yunju KO, President, LG Global Strategy Center • Byoung Hoon LEE, Vice President of International Affairs & Alliances, Korean Air • Daesoon PARK, Corporate Vice President of Global Public Affairs, Samsung Electronics • Jiyeon SON, Head of Government Affairs, Naver Corporation • Seojin YANG, Vice President of Global Business Policy, SK Hynix
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Transfer

<p>1:30 – 3:00 PM</p> <p>Members Only</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Ami Bera & Rep. Ryan Zinke</i></p>	<p>Meeting with President Lee Jae Myung <i>President's Office, The Blue House, Seoul</i></p> <p>President Lee discussed, from the perspective of the South Korean executive branch, where U.S.-ROK relations stand and how the ROK intends to maintain a strong alliance moving into the future.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President LEE Jae Myung
<p>3:00 – 3:45 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>3:45 – 5:45 PM</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon</i></p>	<p>Roundtable Discussion with Korea Foundation Experts <i>Maple Room, Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Discussion with Korea Foundation President Guido Song and scholars on the state South Korea's public diplomacy and how it impacts Korea's position on the international stage.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Guido SONG, President, Korea Foundation • Professor Chung In MOON, former Special Adviser to the President for Unification, Foreign Affairs and National Security
<p>5:45 – 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Executive Time</p>
<p>6:30 PM</p>	<p>Informal Dinner</p>

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Business AM, Business Casual for DMZ & Dinner>

<p>8:30 – 10:00 AM</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Mark Pocan</i></p>	<p>Breakfast Roundtable with the Korea-US Interparliamentary Union <i>Marrioner Room, Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Discussion between Members of Congress and Members of the National Assembly of Korea who serve as leadership of the newly formed ROK-U.S. Parliamentary Union and conversation on U.S.-ROK relations.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHO Jeong-sik, Democratic Party of Korea • CHO Kyoung-tae, People Power Party • KIM Young-bae, Democratic Party of Korea • CHO Jung Hun, People Power Party • KANG Min-kuk, People Power Party • KIM Eunhye, People Power Party • KIM Namhee, Democratic Party of Korea • HONG Kee-won, Democratic Party of Korea • SHIN Sung-Bum, People Power Party • LEE Haimin, Rebuilding Korea Party
<p>10:00 AM – 11:30 AM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>11:30 – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>Traditional Korean Meal & Korean Food Culture <i>110 Saeori-ro, Tanhyeon-myeon, Paju</i></p> <p>Overview of traditional Korean food and cultural practices surrounding food, discussing and exploring how Korean food plays an important role in building relationships in Korean culture. Discussion of Korean soft power with relation of the K-Food trend worldwide. Led by Expert Guide.</p>
<p>12:45 – 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>1:30 – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Tour of Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and the Joint Security Area (JSA) <i>Paju</i></p> <p>The discussion and tour of the DMZ and Join Security Area focused on the history of the Korean War, the division of Korea, and the evolution of U.S.-North Korea relations. Discussion with military personnel informed Members' understanding of the Korean Peninsula security situation vis a vis the close-range threat of North Korea, helping understand the importance of sanctions against North Korea enacted by Congress in ROK security.</p>
<p>3:30 – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Transfers & Executive Time</p>
<p>6:30 – 8:45 PM</p>	<p>Dinner Roundtable Discussion with LG Executives <i>Korea House, 36-gil, Toegye-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Dinner discussion with senior representatives of LG, focused on up-and-coming technologies meant to advance the practical use of technology in day-to-day life as well as in industry, such as artificial intelligence, biotechnologies, and 5G integration.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yunju KO, President, LG Global Strategy Development Institute • Kevin CHO, EVP & CSO, LG Uplus • Changhyun LEE, EVP, Head of Engineering Materials Business Division, LG Chem • Jihye RHO, SVP, Head of Strategy Center, LG H&H • John W. MIN, SVP & CTO, LG Innotek • BAE Min, SVP, LG CNS Finance/Public Sector Division

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Business for Minister Meetings, Business Casual Otherwise>

<p>8:30 – 9:45 AM</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Jill Tokuda</i></p>	<p>Discussion with Ewha Womans University Leadership <i>Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Dangju-dong, Seoul</i></p> <p>University leadership and Members discussed current status of exchanges with both the U.S. and ROK universities and future cooperation plans. University leadership shared their perspectives on academic and cultural exchanges, friendship, and development plans between the U.S. and Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youngeen CHO, Vice President • Jaehyun JUNG, Associate Vice President • Leif-Eric EASLEY, Professor
<p>9:45 AM – 10:1 AM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Members Only</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Ami Bera</i></p>	<p>U.S.-ROK Trade Relations Discussion <i>Westin Josun Seoul, 106 Sogong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, 04533</i></p> <p>Discussion with ROK Trade Minister on ongoing trade challenges and opportunities. Discussion included topics such as foreign direct investment, tariffs, future areas of cooperation, and multilateral trade dynamics in the region.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEO Han-koo, Trade Minister
<p>10:45 AM – 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Executive Time & Optional Lunch</p>
<p>1:00 – 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>2:00 – 2:45 PM</p> <p>Members Only</p> <p><i>Meeting Lead(s): Rep. Pat Harrigan</i></p>	<p>U.S.-Korea Security Relations and South Korea's Defense Challenges <i>22, Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Conversation with Vice Minister of National Defense LEE Doo-hee that gave an update on U.S.-ROK military alliance and the areas of cooperation for the two allies to deter security threats from North Korea, China, and other regional actors.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEE Doo-hee, Vice Minister of National Defense
<p>2:45– 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>3:30 PM – 4:45 PM</p>	<p>Transpacific Town Hall at Ewha Womans University <i>International Education Building, 52, Ewhayeodae-gil, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 03760 Republic of Korea</i></p> <p>Members engaged in a salon-style discussion at Ewha Womans University with an interactive Q&A for students to discuss and communicate various topics related to Korea-U.S. relations, the U.S. government's foreign policy, as well as university and student exchanges.</p>

4:45 – 5:40 PM	Transfer
5:40 – 6:00 PM <i>Meeting Lead(s): Dr. Abraham Kim & Rep. Ami Bera</i>	Discussion with Korean American Chef Edward Lee <i>The Roof, 4th Floor, 4, 35-gil Deokseodang-ro, Yongasn-gu, Seoul</i> Discussion with award-winning Korea American Chef Edward Lee, who blends Korean cuisine with American tradition. Chef Lee's work, both in the kitchen and in his books bridge Korean and U.S. cultures, enhancing people-to-people ties and intercultural understanding through sharing his perspectives on food and culture.
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Closing Dinner <i>The Roof, 4th Floor, 4, 35-gil Deokseodang-ro, Yongasn-gu, Seoul</i> A debriefing discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on dimensions of the U.S. – ROK relationship. Facilitated by Rep. Ami Bera & Rep. Ryan Zinke.

Friday, April 3, 2026 – Various Time Zones <Casual>

TRAVEL DAY

Breakfast KST	Individual Breakfast at Hotel
10:25 AM KST	Departures from Korea Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart, Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 093 ICN-IAD
10:35 AM KST 2:31 PM ET	Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DL 7851 ICN-ATL • DL 1550 ATL-RDU
10:40 AM KST	Rep. Mark Pocan & Philip Frank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 037 ICN-ORD
11:30 AM KST 8:35 AM PT	Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA 0806 ICN-SFO • UA 5520 SFO-SMF
9:05 PM KST	Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DL 7939 ICN-HNL

Friday, April 3, 2026 – USA (Various Time Zones) <Casual>

TRAVEL DAY

	Arrivals in USA & Final Destinations
9:40 AM CT	KE 037 ICN-ORD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Mark Pocan & Philip Frank
11:15 AM ET	KE 093 ICN-IAD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart • Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke
9:38 AM PT	UA 5520 SFO-SMF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera
3:48 PM ET	DL 1550 ATL-RDU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan
10:35 AM HAST	DL 7939 ICN-HNL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata



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4. This study tour is intended for current Members of the United States Congress; FMC invited Members of the House of Representatives who have previously expressed interest in Korea and U.S.-ROK relations – in particular, security, energy, trade, and social issues – and serve on committees relevant to the trip's issue areas. Please find below a list of all participants.

7A.

- Rep. Ami Bera & Dr. Janine Bera: Washington, DC
- Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan: Raleigh, NC
- Rep. Mark Pocan & Phil Lawrence: Washington, DC
- Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart: Washington, DC
- Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke: Washington, DC
- Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Mitchibata: Honolulu, HI

7C.

- Rep. Ami Bera & Dr. Janine Bera: Sacramento, CA
- Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan: Charlotte, NC
- Rep. Mark Pocan & Phil Lawrence: Chicago, IL
- Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart: Washington, DC
- Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke: Washington, DC
- Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Mitchibata: Honolulu, HI

12. The Congressional Study Group on Korea (CSGK), established in 2018, is one of four legislative exchange programs conducted by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC). CSGK aims to create constant channels of communication and dialogue between U.S. legislators and their counterparts in South Korea through year-round roundtables in Washington, in addition to annual study tours. It offers both Members of Congress and senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to examine issues such as the U.S.-ROK military alliance, energy policy, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, and social issues ranging from gender equality to demographic change. CSGK is responsible for organizing seminars, arranging meetings, and inviting experts during the study tour. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations and communications with study tour participants, as well as managing the study tour budget.

The Korea Society, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization, awards annual grants to fund the year-round programming of the Congressional Study Group on Korea as part of their mission of promoting greater awareness, understanding, and cooperation between the people of the United States and South Korea. For this trip, the Korea Society provided a restricted grant for CSGK to organize this trip.

15. b. 2) Seoul is the political and financial hub of South Korea where the delegation will meet with high-level government officials, corporate representatives, journalists, think tank experts, and university students to discuss issues ranging from South Korea's history and politics to society and the economy. The delegation will also visit the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to learn about the division of Korea and the history of the Korean conflict, an issue pertinent to U.S. national security. Site visits to multinational companies based in Seoul will also allow the delegation to discuss issues concerning trade, investments, and technology and innovation.



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Total Transportation Expenses per Participant:

- Rep. Ami Bera: \$11,371.63
- Dr. Janine Bera: \$11,282.83
- Rep. Pat Harrigan: \$11,005.98
- Raquel Harrigan: \$11,005.98
- Rep. Mark Pocan: \$10,279.63
- Phil Lawrence: \$10,279.63
- Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon: \$10,364.63
- Mark Stewart: \$10,364.63
- Rep. Ryan Zinke: \$10,364.63
- Lolita Zinke: \$10,364.63
- Rep. Bill Tokuda: \$7,112.13
- Kyle Mitchibata: \$7,112.13



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Confirmed

Rep. Ami Bera, *Co-Chair of
the Congressional Study
Group on Korea*

Rep. Ryan Zinke
Rep. Pat Harrigan
Rep. Mark Pocan

Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon
Rep. Jill Tokuda

Invited

Rep. Rick Allen
Rep. Mark Amodei
Rep. Jodey Arrington
Rep. Jake Auchincloss
Rep. Don Bacon
Rep. Tom Barrett
Rep. Michael Baumgartner
Rep. Aaron Bean
Rep. Nicholas Begich
Rep. Cliff Bentz
Rep. Stephanie Bice
Rep. Sheri Biggs
Rep. Mike Bost
Rep. Rob Bresnahan
Rep. Tim Burchett
Rep. Kat Cammack
Rep. Mike Carey
Rep. Andre Carson
Rep. Judy Chu
Rep. Juan Ciscomani
Rep. Andrew Clyde
Rep. Tom Cole
Rep. Rick Crawford
Rep. Warren Davidson
Rep. Monica De La Cruz
Rep. Maric Diaz-Balart
Rep. Troy Downing
Rep. Neal Dunn
Rep. Jake Ellzey
Rep. Tom Emmer
Rep. Ron Estes
Rep. Gabe Evans
Rep. Pat Fallon
Rep. Julie Fedorchak
Rep. Randy Feenstra
Rep. Brad Finstad
Rep. Michelle Fischbach
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher
Rep. Mike Flood
Rep. Vince Fong
Rep. Scott Franklin
Rep. Russel Fry

Rep. Andrew Garbarino
Rep. Carlos Gimenez
Rep. Craig Goldman
Rep. Michael Guest
Rep. Brett Guthrie
Rep. Abe Hamadeh
Rep. Mike Haridopolos
Rep. Clay Higgins
Rep. French Hill
Rep. Erin Houchin
Rep. Richard Hudson
Rep. Bill Huizenga
Rep. Wesley Hunt
Rep. Jeff Hurd
Rep. Darrell Issa
Rep. Brian Jack
Rep. Julie Johnson
Rep. John Joyce
Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Rep. Tom Kean
Rep. Young Kim
Rep. Mike Kennedy
Rep. David Kustoff
Rep. Mike Lawler
Rep. Julie Letlow
Rep. Ted Lieu
Rep. Barry Loudermilk
Rep. Nicole Malliotakis
Rep. Celeste Maloy
Rep. Tracey Mann
Rep. Brian Mast
Rep. Michael McCaul
Rep. Jennifer McClellan
Rep. Betty McCollum
Rep. Rich McCormick
Rep. John McGuire
Rep. Grace Meng
Rep. Mark Messmer
Rep. Dan Meuser
Rep. Carol Miller
Rep. Max Miller
Rep. John Moolenaar
Rep. Blake Moore

Rep. Nathaniel Moran
Rep. Greg Murphy
Rep. Zach Nunn
Rep. Jay Obernolte
Rep. Gary Palmer
Rep. August Pfluger
Rep. Guy Reschenthaler
Rep. Mike Rogers
Rep. David Rouzer
Rep. Michael Rulli
Rep. John Rutherford
Rep. Maria Salazar
Rep. Derek Schmidt
Rep. Austin Scott
Rep. Keith Self
Rep. Terri Sewell
Rep. Jefferson Shreve
Rep. Mike Simpson
Rep. Adrian Smith
Rep. Jason Smith
Rep. Chris Smith
Rep. Lloyd Smucker
Rep. Pete Stauber
Rep. Bryan Steil
Rep. Greg Steube
Rep. Marilyn Strickland
Rep. Suhas Subramanyam
Rep. William Timmons
Rep. Norma Torres
Rep. David Valadao
Rep. Beth Van Duyne
Rep. Matt Van Epps
Rep. Ann Wagner
Rep. James Walkinshaw
Rep. Bruce Westerman
Rep. Rob Wittman
Rep. Steve Womack
Rep. Rudy Yakym



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Dear Representative,

On behalf of FMC's Congressional Study Group on Korea (CSGK), it gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in our 7th annual U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to South Korea. **The 2026 Study Tour will take place March 28th through April 3rd and will visit Seoul and nearby sites.**

Korea remains one of the United States' closest and most important allies in the Indo-Pacific. With a rising China as an economic and military superpower, and the development of North Korean nuclear capabilities, Korea is a vital partner for addressing policy concerns that Members of Congress must confront in their efforts to further advance U.S. interests in the region. Within this context, our 2026 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour provides a timely opportunity for U.S. and Korean lawmakers and other meeting partners to discuss and reflect on issues relating to:

- Domestic Politics (National Assembly and Presidential)
- Security (North Korea, U.S.-Japan-South Korea trilateral cooperation, cybersecurity),
- Regional Relations (China, Russia, North Korea, Taiwan),
- Trade and the Economy (FDI),
- Global Challenges (wars in Europe and the Middle East),
- Timely Topics (artificial intelligence, demographic change)

Since our inaugural Study Tour in 2018, The Congressional Study Group on Korea has taken approximately 40 Members of Congress to South Korea. We will continue our tradition of meeting with national and local government officials, business and academic leaders, students, cultural figures, and civil society members. Please find the itinerary of our most recent delegation enclosed for your reference.

Business-class airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by FMC, a congressionally chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in partnership with The Korea Society. We have funding for six to eight Members and a limited number of spouses, but please understand that no congressional staff/assistants are permitted to participate in this trip. While participants are allowed to arrive early or extend their visit at their own expense, they are expected to attend all official programs throughout the duration of the Study Tour. Participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a bipartisan delegation. This privately sponsored travel will be reported to the House Ethics Committee and is not part of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA). Please note that trip dates may be subject to change if deemed inopportune or unfeasible.

We hope that you will join us for the continuation of this vital transpacific dialogue. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ms. Olivia Truesdale, Program Manager, at 202-222-0976 or otruesdale@usafmc.org. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Best wishes,

Peter M. Weichlein, Esq.
Chief Executive Officer, FMC

Sabine Schleidt
Chief Operating Officer, FMC



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Agenda

Saturday, March 28, 2026 – USA (Various Time Zones) <Casual>

TRAVEL DAY

Departures from USA	
6:15 AM EST 10:20 AM PST	Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA 1095 IAD-SFO • UA 0893 SFO-ICN
7:00 AM EST 12:00 PM EST	Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 3997 RDU-BOS • KE 092 BOS-ICN
12:50 PM EST	Rep. Mark Pocan & Phil Frank, Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart, Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 094 IAD-ICN
12:55 HST 8:05 PM JST	Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH 185 HNL-HND • NH 867 HND-GMP

Sunday, March 29, 2026– Seoul (KST) <Casual>

TRAVEL DAY

Arrivals at Incheon International Airport	
3:00 PM	UA 0893 SFO-ICN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera
4:35 PM	KE 092 BOS-ICN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan
5:50 PM	KE 094 IAD-ICN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Mark Pocan & Phil Frank • Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart • Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke
10:20 PM	NH 867 HND-GMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata
Afternoon	Arrive at the Shilla Hotel Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul
Evening	Informal Dinner at the Shilla Hotel (Room Service) Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul

Monday, March 30, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Business>

8:00 – 9:30 AM 1.5	Covering Korea: Journalists' Perspectives on Current Events in South Korea <i>Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i> Breakfast roundtable discussion with journalists covering the Korean Peninsula and regional affairs to help understand the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Korea.
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Transfer
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM 1.5	U.S. Embassy Meeting with Leadership & Country Team Brief <i>U.S. Embassy – Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul</i> Senior U.S. embassy officials will provide a country team briefing for an overview of South Korean security, politics, and economy to help prepare the delegation for their upcoming official meetings with South Korean meeting partners (current events update, discussion topics to expect, etc.).
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Transfer
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Informal Lunch <i>Location To Be Confirmed</i>
1:15 – 1:30 PM	Transfer
1:30 – 2:30 PM 1	Discussion on Foreign Relations of South Korea <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 60, 8-gil, Sajik-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul</i> Discussion with Foreign Minister on South Korea's diplomatic relations with the United States, its relations with other neighbors such as Japan and China, as well as its multilateral partnerships.
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Transfer
3:15 – 4:15 PM 1	U.S.-Korea Security Relations and South Korea's Defense Challenges <i>22, Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i> Conversation with Minister of National Defense to provide an update on U.S.-ROK military alliance and the areas of cooperation for the two allies to deter security threats from North Korea, China, and other regional actors.
4:15 – 4:45 PM	Transfer
4:45 – 5:45 PM 1	Meeting with President Lee Jae Myung <i>President's Office</i> President Lee will discuss, from the perspective of the South Korean executive branch, where U.S.-ROK relations stand and how it intends to maintain a strong alliance moving into the future.
5:45 – 7:00 PM	Executive Time & Transfer
7:00 PM	Informal Dinner <i>The Maple Leaf, 211 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul</i>

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Business>

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Individual Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Transfer
9:00 – 10:30 AM 1.5	<p>CJ ENM Site Visit and Roundtable with Chairman <i>66 Sangamsan-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Discussion with CJ Chairman and Tour of CJ's entertainment studio center will provide a high-level overview of one of CJ's swiftly growing businesses. This engagement will showcase Korea's cultural exports and public diplomacy, and how they connect the hearts and minds of Koreans and Americans, enhancing mutual understanding between the two countries.</p>
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12:00 – 1:30 PM 1.5	<p>U.S.-ROK Business Outlook Lunch Roundtable <i>KITA 51st Floor Grand Conference Room, Gangnam-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Breakfast roundtable discussion with representatives from Korean companies on the role of Korean Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, the Yoon Administration's approach to FDI, and the current state of US-ROK trade relations.</p>
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Transfer
2:00 – 3:00 PM 1	<p>National Museum of Korea: The Three Kingdoms to Today <i>137 Seobinggo-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p><i>This tour of the National Museum with a private guide will offer a historical background on the Three Kingdoms that structures the backdrop for modern society and government in Korea.</i></p>
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Transfer
3:45 – 5:30 PM 2	<p>Roundtable Discussion with Korea Foundation Experts <i>Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Discussion with Korea Foundation Executive President Guido Song and scholars on the state South Korea's public diplomacy and how it impacts Korea's position on the international stage.</p>
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Executive Time
6:30 PM	Informal Dinner

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Business>

<p>8:00 – 9:30 AM</p> <p>1.5</p>	<p>Breakfast Roundtable with the Korea-US Interparliamentary Union <i>Location To Be Confirmed</i></p> <p>Discussion between Members of Congress and Members of the National Assembly of Korea who serve as leadership of the newly formed ROK-U.S. Parliamentary Union and conversation on U.S.-ROK relations.</p>
<p>9:30 AM – 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>10:30 AM – 12:15 PM</p> <p>1.75</p>	<p>Legislative Exchange Discussion with Members of the ROK National Assembly 1 Uisadang-daero, Yeongdeungp-gu, Seoul</p> <p>U.S. Representatives and South Korean National Assembly members will discuss the key issues that impact U.S.-ROK bilateral relations and how sustained interparliamentary exchanges can strengthen the alliance.</p>
<p>12:15 – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>12:45 – 2:00 PM</p> <p>1.25</p>	<p>Luncheon with Ewha Womans University Leadership 52, Ewhayeodae-gil, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 03760 Republic of Korea</p> <p>University leadership and Members will discuss the current status of exchanges with both the U.S. and ROK universities and future cooperation plans. University leadership will discuss their perspectives on academic and cultural exchanges, friendship, and development plans between the U.S. and Korea.</p>
<p>2:00 – 2:45 PM</p>	<p>Transfer</p>
<p>2:15 – 3:45 PM</p> <p>1.5</p>	<p>Transpacific Town Hall at Ewha Womans University 52, Ewhayeodae-gil, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 03760 Republic of Korea</p> <p>Members will engage in a salon-style discussion at Ewha Womans University with an interactive Q&A for students to discuss and communicate various topics related to Korea-U.S. relations, the U.S. government's foreign policy, as well as university and student exchanges.</p>
<p>3:45 – 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Executive Time & Transfer</p>
<p>6:30 – 8:00 PM</p> <p>1.5</p>	<p>Dinner Roundtable Discussion with LG Executives <i>Location To Be Confirmed</i></p> <p>Dinner discussion with senior representatives of LG, focusing on up-and-coming technologies meant to advance the practical use of technology in day-to-day life as well as in industry, such as artificial intelligence, biotechnologies, and 5G integration.</p>

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Business Casual>

Breakfast	Individual Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 – 9:30 AM	Transfer
9:30 – 11:30 AM 2	<p>Tour of Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and the Joint Security Area (JSA) <i>Paju</i></p> <p>The discussion and tour of the DMZ and Joint Security Area will focus on the history of the Korean War, the division of Korea, and the evolution of U.S.-North Korea relations. Discussion will inform Members' understanding of the Korean Peninsula security situation vis a vis the close-range threat of North Korea, helping understand the importance of sanctions against North Korea enacted by Congress in ROK security.</p>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM 0.5	<p>Transfer & DMZ/JSA Debrief Discussion</p> <p>Conversation on the security situation the delegation saw at the DMZ and how it impacts Members' perspectives on ROK-North Korea relations, as well as the international community's role on the Korean Peninsula. Facilitated by Rep. Ami Bera & Rep. Ryan Zinke.</p>
12:00 – 1:30 PM 1.5	<p>Traditional Korean Meal & Korean Food Culture <i>110 Saeori-ro, Tanhyeon-myeon, Paju</i></p> <p>Overview of traditional Korean food and cultural practices surrounding food, discussing and exploring how Korean food plays an important role in building relationships in Korean culture. Discussion of Korean soft power with relation of the K-Food trend worldwide. Led by Expert Guide.</p>
1:15 – 6:30 PM	Transfer & Executive Time
6:30 – 8:30 PM 2	<p>Closing Dinner <i>Location To Be Confirmed</i></p> <p><i>A debriefing discussion on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on dimensions of the U.S. – ROK relationship. Facilitated by Rep. Ami Bera & Rep. Ryan Zinke.</i></p>

Friday, April 3, 2026 – Seoul (KST) <Casual>

TRAVEL DAY

Breakfast (KST)	Individual Breakfast at Hotel
	Departures from Korea
9:30 AM KST 2:07 PM EST	Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 091 ICN-BOS • KE 3423 BOS-CLT
10:40 AM KST	Rep. Mark Pocan & Phil Frank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 037 ICN-ORD
11:30 AM KST 8:35 AM PST	Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA 0806 ICN-SFO • UA 5520 SFO-SMF
10:25 AM KST	Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart, Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 093 ICN-IAD
12:40 PM KST 9:55 PM JST	Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH 864 GMP-HND • NH 186 HND-HNL

Friday, April 3, 2026 – USA (Various Time Zones) <Casual>

TRAVEL DAY

	Arrivals in USA & Final Destinations
9:40 AM CST	KE 037 ICN-ORD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Mark Pocan & Phil Frank
11:15 AM EST	KE 093 ICN-IAD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon & Mark Stewart • Rep. Ryan Zinke & Lolita Zinke
9:38 AM PST	UA 5520 SFO-SMF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ami Bera & Janine Bera
10:20 AM HST	NH 186 HND-HNL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Jill Tokuda & Kyle Michibata
4:33 PM EST	KE 3423 BOS-CLT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Pat Harrigan & Raquel Harrigan