

15 Day Highlights of Japan & South Korea

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| Australian Owned | Return Flights Included | Small Group Tour |
| 7 Day Change Of Mind | | |

Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo, Hamamatsu, Osaka, Shizuoka, Seoul, Jeonju, Yeosu, Gyeongju, Pyeongchang

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour **Tokyo's** incredible sites including the Meiji Shrine, the historic Asakusa, and the grounds of the Imperial Palace
- Take in views of **Mount Fuji** and a boat cruise on Lake Ashi
- Explore **Nara** on a guided tour to visit Todai-ji Temple – home to one of the largest bronze buddha statues in the world
- Take a guided walking tour of the vibrant Dōtonbori area of **Osaka**
- Tour historic Nagoya Castle, a stunning 17th-century landmark in **Nagoya**
- Guided tour of **Seoul** including the vibrant Itaewon Street, Hwaseong Fortress, and Myeongdong Street
- Explore **Gongju** and reveal the history of the Baekje Dynasty home of UNESCO fortresses and sites
- Visit **Jeonju** Hanok Village home to 700 traditional Korean houses
- Tour **Gwangju**, birthplace of the modern democratic movement in Korea and the coastal city of **Yeosu**
- Discover Jinjuseong Fortress – historically linked to Japanese invasion in 1592 in **Jinju**
- Travel to **Busan**, Korea's bustling port city known for its beaches, mountains and temples
- Visit the UNESCO temples and historic sites of **Gyeongju** and **Andong**

ITINERARY

Day 1: Home - Tokyo

Konichiwa! Welcome to Tokyo – Japan!

On arrival, you will be met at the airport in the arrivals hall and transferred to your hotel.

Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Meal: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3* or similar

Please note: Depending on the time of your departure flight, the start date of your tour may be the day prior. If purchasing the land only option, please be advised transfers will not be included and you will need to make your own way to the hotel.

Day 2: Tokyo - Oishi Park - Lake Kawaguchi - Mount Fuji - Hamamatsu

After breakfast, you will travel to Mount Fuji, beginning with a visit to Oishi Park on the shores of Lake Kawaguchi.

This park is renowned for its tranquil, flower-lined pathways and breathtaking views of Mount Fuji.

Next, head to Oshino Hakkai, a picturesque village in the Fuji Five Lakes region, known for its eight clear ponds fed by melting snow from the nearby mountains. Here, you can admire traditional thatched-roof farmhouses set against the stunning backdrop of Mount Fuji.

After exploring the Mount Fuji area, continue your journey to Hamamatsu. Enjoy a relaxing evening at your leisure and settle in for an overnight stay in Hamamatsu.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Loisir Hotel Toyohashi 4* or similar

Day 3: Hamamatsu - Nara - Osaka

Today, we head to Nara, renowned for its historic temples and free-roaming deer. Begin with a visit to Todaiji Temple, one of Japan's most significant and impressive temples. This massive structure houses one of Japan's largest bronze statues of Buddha (Daibutsu), a remarkable sight.

After exploring Todaiji, wander through Nara Park, where you can interact with the hundreds of friendly Sika deer that roam freely throughout the park.

Next, continue to Osaka for a walking tour of the vibrant Dōtonbori area. This popular district, running parallel to the Dōtonbori canal, is a bustling hub of shopping, street food, bars, and entertainment. At night, Dōtonbori lights up with colorful neon signs and animated billboards, including the iconic running Glico Man and the Kani Doraku crab sign.

Enjoy the evening at your leisure, exploring more of Osaka or relaxing at your own pace.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Inn & Suites Shin Osaka 3* or similar

Day 4: Osaka

Today, you have a full day of free time to explore Kyoto at your own pace. Discover historic sites like the Gion district or Kinkaku-ji, stroll through the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, or visit the Kyoto Imperial Palace. You can also enjoy shopping at Nishiki Market or the Kawaramachi area. This day is yours to experience Kyoto's rich culture, beautiful landscapes, and vibrant local life as you wish.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Inn & Suites Shin Osaka 3* or similar

Day 5: Osaka - Igaryu - Nagoya - Shizuoka

After breakfast, we depart from Osaka and head towards Shizuoka. En route, we'll stop at the Ninja Museum of Igaryu, where you can explore a ninja trick house, learn about the history of ninjas, and enjoy a ninja show if time permits (additional costs apply).

Next, we visit the historic Nagoya Castle, a stunning 17th-century landmark that stands as one of Nagoya's most iconic sights. After touring the castle, we continue our journey to Shizuoka.

Upon arrival in Shizuoka, you'll have the evening free to relax and explore at your own pace.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Associa Shizuoka 4* or similar

Day 6: Shizuoka - Asakusa - Nakamise Street - Tokyo

After breakfast, we return to Tokyo to embark on a tour of this dynamic city. Our first stop is the charming Asakusa neighborhood, which offers a glimpse into older Tokyo. Here, we'll visit Sensō-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest and most significant Buddhist temple, originally built in the 7th century during the Asuka era. Be prepared for crowds as you explore this historic site, particularly its impressive Kaminarimon, or 'Thunder Gate,' adorned with a grand red lantern.

Next, we'll stroll along Nakamise Street, the bustling shopping avenue that connects the temple's front gate with the main hall. This vibrant street is lined with food stalls and souvenir shops, perfect for picking up traditional Japanese crafts and unique souvenirs.

In the late afternoon, we'll head to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for stunning panoramic views of the city. Afterward, check in to your hotel and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3* or Similar

Day 7: Tokyo - Seoul

After breakfast, you have the morning at your leisure before we drive to the airport for your flight to Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel located in the vibrant city center.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace, allowing you to settle in and begin exploring this dynamic city.

Meal: In-flight meals.

Accommodation: Mayplace Seoul Dongdaemun 3* or similar

Day 8: Seoul

After breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel around 08:30-09:00 am for a full day of sightseeing in Seoul. The day's itinerary includes a visit to Jogyesa Temple, a serene Buddhist site known for its traditional architecture and colorful lanterns. We will then explore Gyeongbokgung Palace (or Deoksugung Palace on Tuesdays), where you can witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, we'll head to the National Folk Museum to learn about Korea's cultural heritage. You will also visit a Korean Ginseng Center or an Amethyst shop. Following this, we will transfer to the Korean Folk Village, located about an hour and a half from Seoul, where you can experience the culture of the late Joseon Dynasty through its collection of 260 traditional houses. In the late afternoon, we will return to Seoul, allowing you some time to rest and relax.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Mayplace Seoul Dongdaemun 3* or similar

Day 9: Seoul - Gongju - Buyeo - Jeonju

After breakfast we travel by road to Gongju. Here, we explore the rich history of the Baekje Dynasty, including a visit to the Tomb of King Muryeong (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and Gongsanseong Fortress (another UNESCO site), a mountain castle established during the Baekje Period (234-678 AD).

Following our visit to Gongju, we will continue to Jeonju and visit the Jeonju Hanok Village, home to approximately 700 traditional Korean houses known as Hanok. After checking in to your hotel, you will have the rest of the day free to explore or relax at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: RAMADA Jeonju Hotel 3* or similar

Day 10: Jeonju - Gwangju - Suncheon - Yeosu

Today we travel to Gwangju, the leading city of the Honam region and is renowned as the birthplace of Korea's modern democratic movement. Here, visit the May 18th National Cemetery, a site commemorating the May 18 Gwangju Democratization Movement, which is also referenced in BTS member J-Hope's song "Ma City."

From Gwangju, continue to Suncheon and explore the Suncheon Bay National Garden, a beautiful and expansive garden area. Following this, proceed to Yeosu, a charming coastal city located 38 km from Suncheon, about a 40-minute drive. In Yeosu, visit Yi Sun-shin Plaza, known for its picturesque setting and historical significance.

After a day of exploration, check in to your hotel in Yeosu and enjoy an overnight stay.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Yeosu 3* or similar

Day 11: Yeosu - Jinju - Busan - Gyeongju

After breakfast, you will visit Jinjuseong Fortress, a site historically significant for its connections to the Japanese invasion in 1592. Following your visit, travel to Busan and visit Jagalchi Market and BIFF Square, Busan's vibrant old downtown area known for its seafood and lively atmosphere. Explore Haeundae Beach and Dongbaek Park, both popular destinations offering scenic views and relaxation.

Afterward, proceed to Gyeongju, located about 100 km from Busan, a journey of approximately 1.5 hours. Check in to your hotel and enjoy an overnight stay in Gyeongju.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel Gyeongju 4* or similar

Day 12: Gyeongju - Andong - Pyeongchang

This morning, we will visit Seokguram Grotto (a UNESCO World Heritage site), constructed by Kim Dae-Seong during the reign of King Gyeong-Deok (742-765) of the Silla Kingdom. Next, we'll explore Bulguksa Temple (also a UNESCO site), renowned for its stunning architecture and the exquisite artistry of its stone relics, which attract praise from visitors worldwide.

Following these visits, we will travel to Andong and discover Hahoe Village, a historic site that preserves the architectural and cultural heritage of the Joseon Dynasty. The village, still inhabited by local residents, gained international fame following a visit by Queen Elizabeth II.

From Andong, we will continue to Pyeongchang, known for hosting the 2018 Winter Olympics, Pyeongchang offers a scenic and serene environment. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: RAMADA Hotel PyeongChang 3* or similar

Day 13: Pyeongchang - Mt. Sorak - Seoul

After breakfast, we will drive to explore the venues of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games, with a stop in Sokcho, located 100 km away, about a 1.5-hour drive. In Sokcho, we will visit Gangneung Hangho Beach, known for its scenic beauty and BTS album cover.

Next, we will head to Seoraksan National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The park is renowned for its dramatic mountain peaks that pierce the clouds and the clear, jade-colored streams flowing through its valleys, offering some of Korea's most breathtaking landscapes. Due to its rich biodiversity, it was designated as a Biosphere Preservation District by UNESCO in 1982.

After exploring the park, we will return to Seoul.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Mayplace Seoul Dongdaemun 3* or similar

Please note: During the peak season in October access to Seoraksan National Park may be restricted for operational reasons and may not be included.

Day 14: Seoul - Home

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. You will have free time to explore or relax until it's time to head to the airport for your flight back home.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: in-flight

Day 15: Home

Arrive home today.

We hope you have enjoyed your journey through Japan trip with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return flights from Australia**
- Flight from Tokyo to Seoul
- Selected 3 & 4-star centrally located hotels
- Bottled water during touring
- Breakfast daily
- Air-conditioned transportation
- All entrance and sightseeing fees as mentioned in the program
- Experienced local English speaking tour guides

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Tipping
- Airport transfers
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

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| Saturday 22 Nov 2025 | Saturday 06 Dec 2025 | AU\$6,799 | | Book |

OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth and Tasmania

Interstate Surcharge

Surcharge of **\$400** for departures from Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth and **\$300** for departures from Tasmania

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Jetstar Airlines, Qantas Airlines, Malaysia Airlines or similar (20/23kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).

- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 23 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of \$250 per person.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of \$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results

in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.

- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a \$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of 10AUD per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with **nibTravel Insurance** to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$1,499 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size: From 15 – 20 persons

Triple Share

Upon your request except for cruises

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of

six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

Australian passport holders do not need a visa to travel to Japan, for stays less than 90 days.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

Cherry Blossoms

Please note that Cherry Blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your arrival.

Luggage Policy:

1 Passenger is limited to carrying a maximum of 2 Suitcases with following Dimensions;

1 Suitcase having measurement of L 51 cm x W 31 cm x H 77 cm, with maximum weight 30 KG

1 Common Carry on Cabin Suitcase having L 38cm x W 23cm x H 60cm, with maximum weight of 10kg

Extra Charge for transfers is needed for any overweight and over quota luggages

Coach

* Drivers' working hours are regulated by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

* Driver's daily working hours may not exceed 12 hours, including leaving/returning/standby time (average service hours: 09.00 – 20.00)

* Daily driving time shall not exceed 9 hours. In addition to this, driver must have a daily rest period of at least 8 consecutive hours.

* Daily driving distance shall not exceed 500 KM.

* ONLY 1 piece of large suitcase per guest will be accepted to be loaded in coach trunk.

* Should there the bus trunk capacity is FULL, Guests have to bear the luggage transfer cost according to their respective dimension or weight.

* If over 35 pax/coach, luggage transfer truck is required on Arrival and Departure.

* Regarding current official government guidelines in safe coach operation, passengers may be required to wear masks and body temperature screening will be conducted whenever it is necessary.

* There is also a possibility of changing in passenger capacity per coach to keep passengers apart from each other. (ex. Maximum 25 pax per coach) Therefore, with this in mind, please note that price may change based on government measures.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

This is available upon your request. Please select number of night for pre or post tour and our travel consultant will get back to you.

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