



11 DAY SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN

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Discover the world with AVG Travels, where our team of destination experts combines local knowledge with a passion for adventure to offer you the vacation of a lifetime. At AVG Travels, we not only provide an immersive travel experience, prioritise your comfort, safety, and enjoyment, but also showcase the beauty and cultural richness of stunning destinations.

Specialists in touring since 2015, AVG Travels, previously known as Asia Vacation Group, are proud to craft your itinerary and create memories that last a lifetime. Travel with confidence knowing your trip has been thoughtfully crafted by our experts with you personally in mind.

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| International Flights Included | Small Group | Bullet Train |
| 7-Day Change Of Mind | | |

Day by Day Itinerary

Seoul, Osaka, Tokyo

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided tour of **Seoul** including the vibrant Itaewon Street, Hwaseong Fortress, and Myeongdong Street
- Travel to the North & South Korean border and the along the Demilitarized Zone (**DMZ**)
- Explore **Osaka** and its main sites including Osaka Castle and the Umeda Sky Observatory
- Tour **Kyoto's** ancient sites including the “Golden Temple”
- Visit Todaiji Temple and the Deer Park home to hundreds of wild deer in **Nara**
- **Bullet Train** (Shinkansen) from Osaka to Tokyo
- Full day tour of **Tokyo** and its main sites
- Enjoy incredible views of **Mt. Fuji** and a cruise on Ashi Lake

ITINERARY

Day 1: Home - Seoul

Annyeong! Welcome to South Korea.

Upon landing at Incheon International Airport, you will be met by a local representative in the arrivals hall and transferred to your accommodation.

Take this first day and evening to unwind. Whether you choose to kick back and relax or venture out to explore Seoul – the epicenter of South Korea’s politics, economy, and culture – the choice is yours.

Meal: In-flight meals

Accommodation: President Seoul 4* or similar

Day 2: Seoul

Your day begins with a bus transfer to Paju for an intriguing DMZ tour, offering insights into the ongoing tensions between North and South Korea along the Demilitarized Zone. Explore key sites such as Imjingak Park, The Bridge of Freedom, The 3rd Tunnel, and the Dora Observatory, each providing a unique perspective on the region’s history and conflict.

After the tour, head to Itaewon Street, a vibrant and internationally known area in the heart of Seoul. Itaewon is famous for its diverse array of bars, restaurants, shopping options, and entertainment venues, making it a perfect place to immerse yourself in the city's lively atmosphere.

Conclude your day with a transfer back to the hotel, where you can enjoy a relaxing evening at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: President Seoul 4* or similar

Day 3: Seoul

Embark on your day with a journey to Suwon, where you'll explore Hwaseong Fortress – a historical fortification encircling the centre of Suwon, the provincial capital of Gyeonggi-do, South Korea. Upon returning to Seoul, stroll through the enchanting Bukchon Hanok Village, showcasing the unique architecture and lifestyle of the Joseon dynasty.

In the afternoon, marvel at the beauty of North Seoul Tower and then venture to Myeongdong Street, renowned as one of Seoul's prime shopping destinations. Your day concludes with a transfer back to the hotel, leaving the evening for you to enjoy at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: President Seoul 4* or similar

Day 4: Seoul - Osaka

Make the most of your final day in Seoul by commencing the morning with a visit to Changdeokgung Palace – a visual delight with its imposing gates, monumental halls, and the enchanting Secret Garden. Following this, explore the Invading Arts and Crafts Street, renowned for its historical arts and crafts.

In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Osaka. Upon arrival in Osaka, a transfer will take you to your hotel. Whether you choose to unwind and relax or wander the streets of Osaka, celebrated as Japan's food capital, the choice is yours to make the most of your time.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4* or similar

Day 5: Osaka - Kyoto - Osaka

Begin your day with a journey to Kyoto, where you'll be captivated by the beauty of Kiyomizudera Temple, renowned for its iconic wooden terrace. Next on the itinerary is a visit to Nijo Castle, the former residence of the Shogun.

You will then explore the "Golden Temple" (Kinkakuji), a zen temple adorned with the top two floors coated in gold leaf. Continue your cultural exploration with a visit to Ryoanji Temple, another Zen temple celebrated for its tranquil rock garden.

Conclude your day with a transfer back to Osaka, where you'll be dropped off at the hotel, allowing you to enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4* or similar

Day 6: Osaka - Nara - Osaka

Commence your day with a journey to Nara, where you will first explore Todaiji Temple, a significant Buddhist temple and the head temple of all provincial Buddhist temples in Japan. The next stop is Kasuga Taisha, Nara's renowned Shinto shrine. Following this, experience Nara Deer Park, a central city park inhabited by hundreds of wild deer, often considered messengers of the gods and a national treasure.

After that you will dwelve into the charm of Naramachi, a former merchant district featuring old-style Japanese housing, creating a truly spectacular sight. Then you will venture to Kuromon Market in Osaka, a bustling produce market spanning 600 metres. Continue your exploration to Shinsaibashi & Dotonbori, the liveliest and most colourful part of Osaka, renowned for its vibrant atmosphere, shopping, and dining options.

The day concludes with a transfer back to the hotel, leaving your last night in Osaka for you to decide how you want to spend it.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4* or similar

Day 7: Osaka - Tokyo

Begin your day by visiting Osaka Castle, hailed as one of the most visually spectacular creations in the country. Following this, head to the Umeda Sky Observatory to soak in breathtaking views.

In the afternoon, make your way to Shin Osaka Station for your bullet train (shinkansen) journey to Tokyo. We would recommend you go for a window seat so that you can admire the natural beauty of Japan's countryside during the trip. Upon reaching Tokyo, you will make your own way to your hotel, whether by metro, taxi, or a leisurely walk, taking in the vibrant atmosphere of the city.

Once reunited with your luggage and checked into the hotel, the evening is yours to either rest or explore Tokyo's lively streets.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Shinagawa Prince 4* or similar

Please note: Your luggage will be transported separately Tokyo by courier and will be waiting for you at our hotel on arrival.

Day 8: Tokyo

Your day begins with a morning pick-up, heading first to the Edo-Tokyo Museum for an insightful journey into Tokyo's history. Next, explore Asakusa Temple, one of Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temples known for its vibrant colors. Before lunch, stroll through the nearby Nakamise shopping street, a renowned destination for traditional souvenirs, sweets, and snacks.

You will then venture to Odaiba, a popular shopping and entertainment district situated on Tokyo's man-made island in the bay. Your journey continues to Ginza, Tokyo's premier shopping district. On the way back to the hotel, take in the impressive Tokyo Tower. Once back at the hotel, the evening is yours to either relax or explore the vibrant nightlife of Tokyo.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Shinagawa Prince 4* or similar

Day 9: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji - Tokyo

Following breakfast, you will be picked up and transported to Mt. Fuji 5th Station, the most popular of the mountain's five stations, situated at 2300m above sea level. Here, you can marvel at the sheer beauty of Mt. Fuji. Following this, enjoy a cruise on Ashi Lake, offering spectacular views. Your next destination is Hakone Oishi Park, a beautiful park with even more breathtaking vistas of Mt. Fuji. Conclude your day by being transferred back to Tokyo, where your last evening in Japan is yours to explore at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Shinagawa Prince 4* or similar

Day 10: Tokyo -

Commence your last day in Japan with a visit to Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the divine spirits of Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken. Following this, indulge in a shopping excursion to Harajuku and Omotesando, vibrant hubs of Japan's fashion world. Proceed to Shibuya Crossing, immersing yourself in the lively intersection that epitomizes Tokyo.

Next, explore the Imperial Palace, the residence of the Japanese emperors. Make your way to Akihabara, renowned for Japanese electronics and recognized as the heart of Japan's otaku (diehard fan) culture. Conclude your day at Ameyoko in the Ueno Area, an atmospheric open-air market offering a diverse range of products, from fashion and cosmetics to medicines and fresh food, all at remarkably affordable prices.

Your journey concludes with a transfer to the airport for your departure, marking the end of your memorable trip.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: In-flight

Please note: If purchasing the land only option, please be advised airport transfers will not be included and you will need to make your own way to the airport.

Day 11: Home Arrival

Arrive home today.

We hope you have enjoyed your journey through Japan trip with AVG Travels.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return International Flights**
- All airport transfers
- Amazing touring including – a guided tour of Seoul, visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), explore Osaka including Osaka Castle, tour Kyoto’s ancient sites, visit Todaiji Temple and Nara’s Deer Park, a full day tour of Tokyo, cruise Ashi Lake with incredible views of Mt. Fuji
- Small group – no more 20 travelers
- Flight from Seoul to Osaka
- Shinkansen from Osaka to Tokyo
- 9-nights in central 4-star hotels
- Daily breakfasts and 2 lunches
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- Bottled water during tours
- Transportation by air-conditioning vehicles.
- Escorted by professional English-speaking tour guides in each city

EXCLUSIONS

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

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

| DEPART AU | RETURN DATE | PRICE | NOTE | RESERVE YOUR SEAT |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------|
| Monday 06 Jan 2025 | Monday 20 Jan 2025 | \$7,099 | | Book |
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OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from **Sydney/Melbourne**.

Interstate Surcharge

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

Airline Selection: We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

Flight Conditions: Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

Ticketing Information: Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an AVG Travels change fee of \$250 per person.

Passenger Details: Please ensure all traveller names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or require the purchase of a new ticket.

Flight Schedule Changes: Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

Internal Airfares: Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

Booking Considerations: If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same due to availability.

Luggage and Fees: You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

No-Show Policy: Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new ticket purchase. AVG Travels charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

Price Adjustments: Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

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

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometers per day or more. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

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 \$10 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. Please note that tipping is not the norm in Japan.

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 **\$1,295** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Triple Share

Upon request

Group Size

min 10

max 20 travellers

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling.

We have partnered with NibTravel Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller'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. Visa conditions are subject to change at short notice, so it is the responsibility of the traveller to consult with the relevant consulates to ensure they have the appropriate visa for entry to the countries being visited.

Australians are eligible for Japan's visa exemption scheme for short-stay tourism and business travel. You don't need a visa if you're visiting for less than 90 days. applying for a visa.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/> for up-to-date information in terms of entry requirements.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are priced at the same price as adults.

Japanese coach companies do not provide baby seats, we require customers to bring their own. We cannot guarantee the compatibility of these seats with the coach's seating arrangements.

We generally recommend that children be over 5 years old, as some itineraries may involve 2-3 hours or even longer of coach travel at a time, which can be challenging for younger children.

Tour Documentation

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

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.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre Tour Accommodation

– \$490 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

Post Tour Accommodation

– \$490 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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