

16 Day Discover Japan and South Korea

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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.

Return Flights Included	Travel by Shinkansen	7 Day Change Of Mind
Fully Escorted by local English speaking guide		

Day by Day Itinerary

Seoul, Mt. Seoraksan, Andong, Daegu, Gyeongju, Seoul, Tokyo, Mt.Fuji, Hamamatsu, Osaka, Kyoto, Himeji, Hiroshima

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Gyeongbokgung Palace, Seoul**

Gyeongbokgung Palace is one of Seoul's most iconic landmarks, originally constructed in 1395 as the main royal palace of the Joseon dynasty. Visitors can explore the palace's beautiful architecture, tranquil gardens, and the vibrant Changing of the Guard ceremony, making it a must-visit attraction in South Korea.

- **Mount Seoraksan National Park**

Mount Seoraksan National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, is renowned for its breathtaking mountain landscapes, rich biodiversity, and the ancient Shinheungsa Temple. The park offers visitors a chance to experience South Korea's natural beauty through scenic hiking trails, cable car rides, and stunning viewpoints.

- **Fushimi Inari Taisha, Kyoto**

Fushimi Inari Taisha is one of Kyoto's most famous shrines, known for its thousands of vibrant red torii gates that create a mesmerizing pathway through the forest. This iconic site offers visitors a unique cultural experience, as they walk through the gates and explore the various shrines dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice.

- **Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima Island**

The Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island is a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its "floating" torii gate, which appears to rise out of the sea during high tide. This picturesque shrine, with its stunning views and serene atmosphere, is a top attraction in Japan, offering visitors a glimpse into the country's spiritual and architectural heritage.

- **Himeji Castle**

Himeji Castle, often referred to as the White Heron Castle, is one of Japan's most spectacular and well-preserved medieval castles. Known for its elegant design and imposing size, the castle is a UNESCO World Heritage site that attracts visitors from around the world, offering a glimpse into Japan's feudal past.

ITINERARY

Day 1: - Seoul, South Korea

Welcome to Seoul, the vibrant capital of South Korea!

After arriving at Seoul Incheon International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the city.

Seoul, a city where ancient traditions harmoniously blend with cutting-edge technology, offers a captivating experience for visitors and is known for its lively street food markets, bustling nightlife, serene Buddhist temples, and impressive modern architecture.

Meals: on plane

Accommodation: Stanford Hotel Seoul 4* or similar

Please note:

If purchasing the land only option, please be advised that transfers are not included. You will need to make your own way to the joining hotel.

Depending on the time of your departure flight, the start date of your tour may be the day prior.

Day 2: Seoul - Mt. Seoraksan

Today, embark on a scenic journey to the stunning Seoraksan National Park. On your way, stop at Sokcho Fishing Village, a charming coastal town known for its fresh seafood and rich history. The village was established by refugees from Hamgyeong Province in North Korea during the Korean War. Afterward, continue to Mt. Seoraksan, South Korea's most famous national park and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Visit the ancient Shinheungsa Temple and take a cable car ride to Gyeongju Fortress for breathtaking views of the rugged mountain landscapes.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Sokcho Sea Cruise Hotel 3* or similar

Day 3: Mt. Seorak - Andong - Daegu

Today's adventure takes you to Andong, a city steeped in history and tradition. Explore Andong Hahoe Village, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its well-preserved traditional houses and vibrant mask dance performances. This village, home to the Ryu clan of Pungsan, gained international fame after Queen Elizabeth II visited in 1999.

After soaking in the cultural richness of Andong, travel to Daegu, where you'll visit the bustling Dongseongno Shopping District, a hotspot for fashion, dining, and entertainment.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Inter-Burgo Exco 3* or similar

Day 4: Daegu - Gyeongju

Begin your day in Gyeongju, the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, known for its rich historical heritage. Visit Cheomseongdae, the oldest surviving astronomical observatory in Asia, and explore the Gyeongju National Museum, home to priceless relics from the Silla Dynasty. Later, visit Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, to admire their intricate architecture and spiritual significance. End the day with a visit to Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, where the serene beauty of the pond and palace under the moonlight will leave you enchanted.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Commodore Hotel Gyeongju 3* or similar

Day 5: Gyeongju - Seoul

Today, embark on a fascinating tour of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a buffer zone between North and South Korea. Visit the Third Infiltration Tunnel, discovered in 1978, where you'll learn about the Korean War and the ongoing conflict between the two nations.

Explore the Imjingak Resort Unification Park and the North Korea Center, offering insights into the history and aspirations for reunification.

At the Dora Observation Platform, catch a glimpse of North Korean territory, including the eerie Propaganda Village.

If the DMZ tour is unavailable, you'll visit Imjingak Resort instead.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Stanford Hotel Seoul 4* or similar

Day 6: Seoul

Today, immerse yourself in Seoul's rich cultural tapestry. Start with a visit to Cheong Wa Dae, the Blue House, the official residence of South Korea's president. Next, explore Gyeongbokgung Palace, the grandest of the Five Grand Palaces, built in 1395.

Afterward, visit a traditional Amethyst Store before heading to the historic Insadong district, known for its antique shops, art galleries, and traditional teahouses.

Step back in time at Bukchon Hanok Village, where traditional Korean houses (hanoks) have been preserved, and then fast-forward to modern Seoul with a walk along Seoulo 7017, an elevated urban park.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Stanford Hotel Seoul 4* or similar

Day 7: Seoul - Tokyo, Japan

Today, you'll bid farewell to Seoul and fly to Tokyo, Japan's bustling capital. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel.

Tokyo is a city that seamlessly blends the ultramodern with the traditional, offering an exciting array of experiences from neon-lit skyscrapers to historic temples.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Lumiere Kasai 3* or similar

Day 8: Tokyo

Explore the vibrant city of Tokyo, starting with a visit to Odaiba, an artificial island in Tokyo Bay, where you'll see the famous Rainbow Bridge and a replica of the Statue of Liberty.

Continue to the iconic Tsukiji Fish Market, where you can indulge in fresh sushi and other Japanese delicacies. Later, visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building's observation deck for panoramic views of the city.

End the day at Sensoji Temple in Asakusa, one of Tokyo's most visited temples, and explore the bustling Nakamise Shopping Street for souvenirs.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Lumiere Kasai 3* or similar

Day 9: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji - Hamamatsu

Start your day with a visit to the Gotemba Peace Park, offering serene views of Mt. Fuji, Japan's most iconic peak.

If time allows, head to Miho no Matsubara, another scenic spot offering stunning views of the mountain.

In the evening, arrive in Hamamatsu, where you can relax and explore the city at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Crown Palais Hamamatsu 3* or similar

Day 10: Hamamatsu - Osaka

Today, visit the Iga-ryu Ninja Museum, where you'll discover the secret world of ninjas through interactive exhibits and demonstrations.

Afterward, visit Osaka Castle, a symbol of Osaka's history and resilience. The castle's impressive architecture and beautiful gardens make it a must-see.

Spend your evening exploring Osaka's lively Dotonbori district, famous for its neon lights, street food, and entertainment.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sarasa Hotel Namba 3* or similar

Day 11: Osaka - Kyoto - Osaka

Board the shinkansen bullet train for a quick and thrilling ride to Kyoto. Begin your Kyoto tour at Fushimi Inari Taisha, famous for its thousands of red torii gates that create a magical pathway through the forest.

Next, visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, where towering bamboo stalks create a serene and otherworldly

atmosphere. Finally, admire the stunning Golden Pavilion (Kinkaku-ji), a Zen temple covered in gold leaf, before returning to Osaka for the night.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sarasa Hotel Namba 3* or similar

Day 12: Osaka

Enjoy a free day to explore Osaka at your own pace. You can visit the Osaka Aquarium, explore the historic streets of Osaka Castle Park, or shop for souvenirs in the vibrant Shinsaibashi district.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sarasa Hotel Namba 3* or similar

Day 13: Osaka - Himeji - Hiroshima

Today, journey to Hiroshima with a stop at the majestic Himeji Castle, known as the White Heron Castle for its elegant, bird-like appearance.

After exploring this UNESCO World Heritage site, continue to Hiroshima, where you can spend the evening soaking in the city's peaceful atmosphere.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: HOTEL MYSTAYS Hiroshima Peace Park 3* or similar

Day 14: Hiroshima - Osaka

Start your day with a visit to Miyajima Island, home to the famous Itsukushima Shrine with its "floating" torii gate. The shrine, built over water, offers stunning views, especially during high tide.

Afterward, return to Hiroshima to visit the Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome, both of which serve as poignant reminders of the devastation of World War II. In the evening, return to Osaka.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sarasa Hotel Namba 3* or similar

Day 15: Osaka - Home

As your Japanese adventure comes to an end, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home at the appropriate time.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 16: Home

Welcome home, we hope you enjoyed your amazing holiday in Japan with AVG Travels.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return International Flights**
- All return airport transfers
- 14 nights superior 3-star twin share accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Flight from Seoul to Tokyo
- Ride the bullet train from Osaka to Kyoto
- Dedicated Coach transportation throughout the tour
- Professional English speaking tour guide
- In-depth sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All monument entrance fees as per the itinerary

EXCLUSIONS

- Tipping (Non-compulsory)
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the program
- Trip delays or interruptions due to airline schedule changes
- Extra cost of missed tour due by flight delay or cancellation
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program
- Travel insurance – Travel insurance is compulsory
- Optional touring and tour extensions
- Personal expenses

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

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Friday 21 Feb 2025	Saturday 08 Mar 2025	AU\$6,899		Book
Friday 28 Feb 2025	Saturday 15 Mar 2025	AU\$6,899		Book
Friday 07 Mar 2025	Saturday 22 Mar 2025	AU\$6,899		Book
Friday 21 Mar 2025	Saturday 05 Apr 2025	AU\$7,549		Book
Friday 28 Mar 2025	Saturday 12 Apr 2025	AU\$7,549		Book
Friday 04 Apr 2025	Saturday 19 Apr 2025	AU\$7,549		Book
Friday 02 May 2025	Saturday 17 May 2025	AU\$7,249		Book
Friday 06 Jun 2025	Saturday 21 Jun 2025	AU\$6,899		Book
Friday 04 Jul 2025	Saturday 19 Jul 2025	AU\$7,249		Book
Friday 15 Aug 2025	Saturday 30 Aug 2025	AU\$7,249		Book
Friday 29 Aug 2025	Saturday 13 Sep 2025	AU\$7,249		Book
Friday 12 Sep 2025	Saturday 27 Sep 2025	AU\$7,249		Book
Friday 10 Oct 2025	Saturday 25 Oct 2025	AU\$7,249		Book
Friday 24 Oct 2025	Saturday 08 Nov 2025	AU\$7,249		Book
Friday 07 Nov 2025	Saturday 22 Nov 2025	AU\$6,899		Book

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Friday 21 Nov 2025	Saturday 06 Dec 2025	AU\$6,899		<div style="background-color: #008080; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Book</div>

OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes return flights from Sydney/Melbourne.

Flights from Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth attract a **\$400 surcharge**.

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 Asia Vacations Group 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. Asia Vacations Group 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Land Only Packages

Transfers ARE NOT included for land only packages.

Please note that customers purchasing the land only option need to make their own way to the joining hotel and the airport at the end of the tour. Asia Vacation Group can assist with purchasing private transfers if choosing the land only option.

Local Operator

AVG Travels have sourced a local, trusted partner to operate this tour. Our team has carefully vetted the itinerary and on-ground operations to ensure AVG Travels clients are in good hands.

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 km 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.

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 of \$2500 in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size:

min 2, max 45 travellers

Triple Share

Upon request

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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

Visa & Passport information

Please ensure that your passport has at least 6 months validity from your travel date. You should also have a minimum of 2 blank pages in your passport.

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.

Australian passport holders can visit South Korea as tourists for stays of up to 90 days without applying for a K-ETA (or visa waiver) until 31 December 2024. Previously approved K-ETA applications will remain valid up to the granted expiry date. Visit the official [K-ETA website](#) for more information.

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 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 2 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 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.

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