

2019 Best of South Korea & Japan

13 Days Seoul-Gangwon-do-Seoul-Osaka-Nara-Kyoto-Hamamatsu-Tokyo

- Visit the Yeongneung Royal Tomb of King Sejong, the 4th ruler of the Joseon Dynasty, and The Dae Jang Geum Theme Park.
- You will take a bullet train (Shinkansen) from Kyoto to Hakone, take a boat ride on the Lake Ashi. And visit Oshino Hakkai, a touristy set of eight ponds in Oshino on the site of a former sixth lake.
- Stay in Kyoto for two nights, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site - Kiyomizu-dera, Arashiyama, The Togetsukyo Bridge, Golden Pavilion Temple, a sake brewerier, Fushimi Inari Shrine.
- Three nights hotel in downtown of Tokyo, visit the Imperial Palace, the "double bridge" Senso-ji Buddhist Temple, the Nakamise-dori street, Meiji Shrine, the Odaiba Marin Park. Shibuya shopping, dining and entertainment district.



Itinerary

Day01 USA - Seoul, South Korea

Fly overnight to Seoul, South Korea

Day02 Arrive Seoul

After arriving at Incheon International Airport in Seoul, a professional English speaking tour guide will be awaiting you at the Gate 12 on the 1st floor of the arrival hall of Terminal 1. Our tour guide will assist you and guide you to the bus (hours of shuttle operation 10:00AM-10:30PM). Hotel check-in is after 2pm. Relax on your own for the remainder of the day. If you miss the last shuttle (depart at 10:30PM), please proceed to hotel at your own expenses.

Accommodation: Howard Johnson Hotel Incheon Airport or similar



Day03 Seoul - Gangwon -do

After breakfast, we will head to the Dae Jang Geum Theme Park and to Namiseom. We will visit Lake Skywalk to catch a stunning view of nature. Then Seoraksan National Park, known as one of Korea's most beautiful mountains. Within your stop to Seoraksan, we will visit Sinheungsa Temple. After our adventures, we will head back to the hotel, where you may enjoy the rest of the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hanwha-Seorak Resort Hotel or similar

Day04 Gangwon-do-Seoul

After breakfast you will visit the Yeongneung Royal Tomb of King Sejong. Then, head to the Bukchon Hanok Village. You will visit the beautiful presidential residence and join a walking tour at Bukchon Hanok Village. Then back to Seoul, visit the Seoul Tower (admission fee not included). After you will proceed to the Namdaemun Market, the largest traditional market in Seoul with over 10,000 vendors and 600 years of

history. Most of the market is outdoors with stalls lining both sides of the pedestrian streets and sometimes in the middle of them.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Grand Hilton, Sheraton Seoul Palace or similar

Day05 Seoul Sightseeing

Today, enjoy a free day at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Hilton, Sheraton Seoul Palace or similar

Day06 Seoul - Osaka

After breakfast, our guide will assist you on the airport shuttle to Incheon International Airport (shuttle fee is at your own expense, around \$15), you will depart on your flight to Osaka. Arrival into Kansai International Airport, where the representative of Amaztravel will assist you to take shuttle bus to the hotel (hours of shuttle operation 11:00-21:00). Your local guide will be present to assist with the hotel check in. Hotel check-in time is after 3:00pm. If you miss the last shuttle (depart at 21:00), please make your own transportation arrangements to arrive to the hotel (at your own expense)

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Hotel, Hotel Hanshin or similar

Day07 Osaka- Hiroshima - Osaka

Today, enjoy a free day at leisure or pay a optional Hiroshima day tour (\$369USD)

You will take the bullet train (Shinkansen) to Hiroshima (1.5 hours).

After arrival, we will proceed to Miyajima and the World Heritage Site, Itsukushima Jinja shrine. The Itsukushima Jinja is one of the three most celebrated Japan attractions, a shrine built in the midst of the sea, the famous 'torii' (shrine gate) appears to be “floating’ in the sea. Then we will visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to witness the history and legacy of the Hiroshima atomic bomb.

You will have a chance to view the A-Bomb Dome and see the ruins of the atomic bomb explosion, a testament of the fearsome power of the atomic bomb and a peace not cheaply won. In the evening, take the bullet train (Shinkansen) back to Osaka (1.5 hours).

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Hotel, Hotel Hanshin or similar



Day08 Osaka - Nara - Kyoto

After breakfast, a morning visit to Osaka Castle (admission fee of the tower not included). Next visit to Black Gate Market (Kuromon Ichiba Market), Black Gate Market has been around for over 170 years, preserving the food and culture of Osaka. In the afternoon, proceed to Todai-Ji in Nara and Nara deer park. Todai-ji is currently still the largest all-wooden structure in the world. And then visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site - Kiyomizu-dera in Kyoto . This temple was founded in 778AD, and its present buildings were constructed in 1633 by order of Tokugawa Iemitsu.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Rihga Royal Hotel, Crystal Hotel III or similar

Day09 Kyoto Sightseeing

After breakfast, a morning visit to Arashiyama, a pleasant, touristy district in the western outskirts of Kyoto.

The Togetsukyo Bridge is Arashiyama's well known, central landmark. Many small shops, restaurants and other attractions are found nearby. Then proceed to Golden Pavilion Temple to visit a sake brewery. Sake is a Japanese rice wine, which is made by fermenting rice. We conclude the day's tour with a visit to Fushimi-Inari Taisha. The Fushimi Inari Shrine is an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. The highlight of the shrine is the rows of torii gates this is called Senbon torii.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Rihga Royal Hotel, Crystal Hotel III or similar



Day10 Kyoto - Hakone - Tokyo

After breakfast, you will take a bullet train(Shinkansen) to Hakone, then take a bus to the foothills of Fuji Mountain to the Five Lakes District. Visit Oshino Hakkai, a historic natural attraction comprising of eight clear, freshwater ponds replenished by the melted snow of Mt. Fuji. Next, you will take a leisurely, scenic boat ride on Lake Ashi. Lake Ashi is also referred to as Hakone Lake or Ashinoko Lake. Then drive to Tokyo, visit to the Tokyo Tower (admission fee not included). We conclude the day's tour with a visit to Shibuya, Tokyo's most

famous upscale shopping, dining and entertainment district, featuring numerous department stores, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, night clubs and cafes.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Daiwa Roynet Hotel, Prince Hotel or similar

Day11 Tokyo Sightseeing

After breakfast, we will proceed to the Great Buddha of Kamakura, the second-largest Buddha statue in Japan. Next, a visit of the Hase-dera Temple. After Lunch, visit to the Imperial Palace of Tokyo – the royal family's residency. Visit the famous Nijubashi which means the "Double Bridge". Then we will proceed to Senso-ji Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple in the historic Asakusa district. The Nakamise-dori street is the main approach to this ancient temple. This stretch of road, packed with traditional shop fronts, is the premiere place to buy souvenirs and Japanese snacks. Then visit the Meiji Shrine, raised in the midst of a manmade, primeval forest, to honor the memory of Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Daiwa Roynet Hotel, Prince Hotel or similar

Day12 Tokyo

Today is a free day for you to enjoy Tokyo at your own leisure.
(\$110 less per person if you end travel tour on Day 12)

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Daiwa Roynet Hotel, Prince Hotel or similar









Day13 Tokyo - Home City(Service end)

After breakfast, our travel guide will assist you with taking the Limousine airport bus to Tokyo Narita International Airport (bus fee at your own expense), where you will depart on your flight back home as you conclude your marvelous journey through Japan.

Meals: Breakfast

Price Includes:

- Deluxe accommodations, Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Incheon 1 night, Howard Johnson Hotel Incheon Airport or similar 
- Gangwon-do 1 night, Hanwha-Seorak Resort Hotel or similar 
- Seoul 2 nights, Grand Hilton, Sheraton Seoul Palace or similar 
- Osaka 2 nights, Sheraton Miyako Hotel, Hotel Hanshin or similar,3-4 Star Hotel. 
- Kyoto 2 nights, Rihga Royal Hotel, Crystal Hotel III or similar,3-4 Star Hotel. 
- Tokyo 3 nights, Daiwa Roynet Hotel, Prince Hotel or similar,3-4 Star Hotel. 
- Due to the limited room availability, for in case that we may use other similar standard hotels.
- All transfers, sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned motor coach.
- English-speaking tour guide for the entire portion of your scheduled trip.
- 20 meals: 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners.
- Administration & Entrance fee
- Domestic flight tickets from Seoul-Osaka, bullet train from Kyoto-Hakone

Price Excludes:

- International flight USA-Seoul, Tokyo-USA. Airline taxes & fuel surcharges.
- Optional tours and Extension Tours. Personal expenditure.
- Tips of tour guide and driver will be collected upon reservation is made, total USD140.
- Airport of Shuttle transfer refers to the itinerary.
- If you would like to purchase travel insurance, you may do so by contacting us or your agent.