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15-day tour link



Package price starting from

**\$4,699** CAD









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# 15 Days Enchantment of Japan and South Korea

Highlights of Nippon, Seoul with bullet train

**Trip Code: TP15JK**

-  13 Nights
-  Small Group (Avg. 26 pax)
-  17 Meals
-  Airfare included
-  Escorted Tour
-  Coach, Flight
-  4 Star Hotel
-  Daily Sightseeing



## ♥ WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Immerse yourself on an incredible journey covering two fascinating countries, Japan and South Korea. From the "Land of the rising sun" to the the "Land of the morning calm". This voyage will take you on an Asia cultural adventure that is unlike any other.

- ✓ Visit spectacular Osaka Castle, which houses an incredible collection of art, armor, and collectibles
- ✓ In Nara, visit the most famous Todaiji and feed the gentle sika deer at Nara Park
- ✓ Travel to Kyoto on the famed shinkansen, or "bullet train"
- ✓ Visit Kinkakuji, World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion
- ✓ Cruise on Lake Ashi, famed for its views of Mount Fuji
- ✓ Enjoy natural hot spring and dress in Yukata robes during our Fuji dinner banquet
- ✓ Tour Tokyo, a metropolis of ancient traditions and cutting-edge technology
- ✓ Walk past the traditional homes to imagine the country in its past life in the Andong Hahoe folk village
- ✓ Delve into the many flavors of Korean cuisine – Korea BBQ & Chicken soup with ginseng
- ✓ In Busan, view the waves while looking down through the transparent Oryukdo Skywalk
- ✓ Immerse yourself in the bustling crowds of Myeongdong, one of Seoul's main commercial districts

- Day 1: North America to Seoul**
- Day 2: Seoul**
- Day 3: Seoul - Andong - Busan**
- Day 4: Busan - Daegu**
- Day 5: Dageu – Gyeongju – Seoul**
- Day 6: Seoul**
- Day 7: Seoul**
- Day 8: Seoul-Osaka**
- Day 9: Osaka-Nara**
- Day 10: Osaka**
- Day 11: Osaka-Kyoto - Nagoya - Hamamatsu**
- Day 12: Hamamatsu - Mt. Fuji**
- Day 13: Mt. Fuji - Tokyo**
- Day 14: Tokyo**
- Day 15: Tokyo - North America**



### Day 1: North America to Seoul

Enjoy an overnight flight to Seoul.

### Day 2: Seoul

After arrival, transfer to the hotel, and the rest of the day is on your own.

### Day 3: Seoul - Andong - Busan

Visit the traditional village, Andong, which features traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty period (1392-1897). Then transfer to Busan, stop at one of Korea's largest markets, Nampo Dong Gukje Market for a wide variety of goods at affordable prices. Then visit Nurimaru APEC House, a memorial hall and prestigious international conference hall located near Haeundae Beach, offering visitors spectacular views of the nearby natural landscape. Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple. Enjoy the special Samgyetang Lunch (Chicken soup with ginseng). Then transfer back to Seoul.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 4: Busan - Daegu

In Busan, we visit Haedong Yonggungsa (East Sea Dragon Palace Temple), situated on the coast of the north-eastern portion of the city and overlooking the ocean.

Afterwards, you will have an opportunity to view the waves while looking down through the transparent floor of the 15 metre high Oryukdo Skywalk, which is set over a 35 meter-high coastal cliff.

Travel to Gamcheon Culture Village situated on the foothills of a coastal mountain and nicknamed 'Machu Picchu of Busan'. You will be thrilled by the many alleys cutting through this village, vibrantly decorated with murals and sculptures created by the local resident. Then transfer to Daegu to visit Gatbawi Shrine, which is a medicinal Buddha shrine and national treasure, some 850m above sea level and said to date back to AD 638. Then take a stroll in Dongseongno Shopping District, a major fashion retail district. The streets are packed with hundreds of stores full of personality that reflect the city's fastpaced fashion trends.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 5: Dageu – Gyeongju – Seoul

Today we explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs, and monuments of Gyeongju, the capital of the ancient Silla Kingdom (57 BC – 935 AD). Visit Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory,

Royal Tumuli Park, Gyeongju National Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple. Enjoy the special Samgyetang Lunch (Chicken soup with ginseng). Then transfer back to Seoul

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 6: Seoul

This morning, visit Changdeokgung Palace, one of the 'Five Grand Palaces' built by the Kings of the Jeoson Dynasty, and Insadong, a street full of traditional Korean antique and art shops, restaurants and tea houses. Here we will visit the Ginseng Centre and Cosmetic Shop. Continue to Cheonggyecheon Stream and admire this urban oasis before visiting Myeongdong, one of Seoul's main commercial districts.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 7: Seoul

Today is free on your own or join the optional DMZ tour with lunch. Visit North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, located within the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. In the event of an invasion from the North, an entire infantry division could have move through the tunnel in an hour.

View North Korean territory, including the Propaganda Village, People's School, and Gaeseong City – the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom – from the Dora Observation Platform. Also visit Freedom Park, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. North Hall contains displays of North Korean lifestyle. Later, try on a hanbok, the traditional attire of the Korean people at Namsan Hanbok Culture Experience Centre before experiencing the city's best night view at Namsan Tower.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 8: Seoul-Osaka

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and fly to Osaka. Upon arrival at Osaka Airport, you will meet our representative with the name board at the airport exit. We will assist you to board an airport shuttle and then transfer to your hotel on your own. After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 9: Osaka - Nara - Osaka

This morning, you will move to Nara, now known as Nara remains full of iconic sites. Then see Todai-ji Temple, one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples, constructed in the 8th century. In its huge area houses various national treasures of Japan. Step foot in the Daibutsuden (Great Buddha Hall), housing the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through Nara Park, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka. Visit the Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century, before being dropped off at Donburi, which exemplifies Osaka's vibrant food culture.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 10: Osaka

Spend today free at your own leisure. You may join the optional Kansai Culture Tour with lunch(US\$179). Which consist of visiting Higashi Hongan-ji, which is a religious complex of the Pure Land (Jodo Shinshu) Buddhism. Its monumental architecture renowned for being sheltered by the largest wooden roof in the world. Here we can also take a great picture of Kyoto tower. Then visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, a mesmerizing grove of thousands of tall bamboo plants.

A paved walkway runs through the middle of both sections, forming the famous "Bamboo Alley," one of Kyoto's most photographed sights. Japanese traditional lunch will be included at a local Japanese restaurant. After that, we will visit one of the most sacred and impressive destinations – Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine and walk through the famous vermilion Torii Gates, the most picturesque location on tour. You may also choose the optional Kimono Rental (US\$55) and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street in Japan's beautiful national dress. In the afternoon, you will get a chance to experience a unique Tea ceremony and Wakashi making, which will make your travel memorable. You will make Japanese sweets called nerikiri perfect for the tea ceremony and ideal for taking back home as a souvenir. Then return to your comfortable vehicle for the relaxing journey back to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure on your own. In the evening, you may join the traditional art show(USD\$79) which includes a variety of Japanese arts Kyo-mai dance, Kado flower arrangement, Koto, Gagaku court music, etc.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 11: Osaka - Kyoto - Nagoya

This morning experiences a true modern marvel by riding the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto Station. Kyoto was Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868. Countless temples, shrines, and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today. Visit Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion), World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion and a pond-centered garden. Visit the shining Kinkaku with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai, and Zen.

Then we will visit Nishiki market and experience local life. Rich with history and tradition, the market is renowned as the place to obtain many of Kyoto's famous foods and goods. Travel to Nagoya to visit Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology. Here you will learn about the history of Toyota which started out as a textile machinery manufacturer and how it became a successful mass exporter and manufacturer of automotive technology, including robots. Continue our trip to Hamamatsu and stay overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 12: Hamamastu- Mt. Fuji

Today, visit Oshino Hakkai. Known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Afterwards, visit Gotemba Peace Park to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, and Hakone Shrine. Enjoy the picturesque view of Mount Fuji from a distance onboard the cruise on Lake Ashi, a crater lake famous for its views of the famous peak. Finish the day with a true cultural experience in our hot spring hotel. Dress in Yukata bath robes and enjoy a traditional dinner.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 13: Mount Fuji - Tokyo

Visit Meiji Shrine in the morning, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Your next stop today is Tokyo Metro to enjoy a panoramic view of enormous Tokyo city. Later, stroll through the Sensoji Temple(Asakusa Kannon Temple), one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples. Then walk along the famous 820-ft long Nakamise shopping street where you can explore the lines of stalls selling different Japanese-styled goods and souvenirs.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 14: Tokyo

Spend today free at your leisure. Enjoy a free day to explore and enjoy bustling Tokyo at your leisure. Perhaps discover Japanese history and art at a museum or indulge in some retail therapy at Tokyo's cutting-edge stores - the choice is yours. Alternatively, you may join our optional day trip to Kamakura and Yokohama.(min 10 pax US\$169). Explore two of Japan's most captivating cities on a full-day Kamakura and Yokohama trip from Tokyo.

After pickup from your Tokyo hotel, travel southwest by coach to Kamakura, a picturesque seaside city nestled in forested hills on Sagami Bay renowned for its Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines and rich history. Next, continue to Yokohama, Japan's second-largest city. Visit Sankeien garden and the Red Brick Warehouse, where early-20th century custom buildings now house stylish shops, and stroll in waterside Yamashita Park and China town.

**Meal:** Breakfast

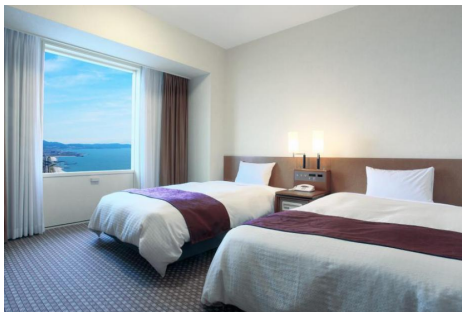
## Day 15: Tokyo-North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Canada.

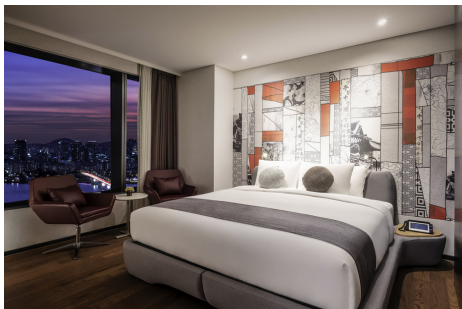
**Meal:** Breakfast

### Optional Tours

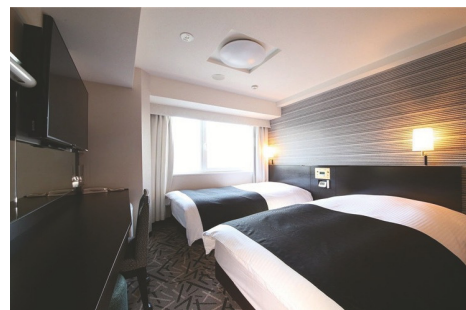
- DMZ Day Tour USD\$95
- Kaiseki Dinner(min 8 pax) USD\$90
- Kansai Culture Day Tour (Pre-book, min 10 pax) USD\$179
- Kimono Dress Rental USD\$55
- Kamakura and Yokohama Tour( Pre-Boo, Min 10 pax) USD\$169
- Traditional art show USD\$79



**Star Gate Hotel Kansai Airport** ★★★★★



**Novotel Yongsan Seoul** ★★★★★



**Tokyo Bay APA Resort** ★★★★★

### Package Includes

- Return international airfares from Vancouver (Add-on \$400 for departing from Toronto);
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- All intra-flights: Osaka - Seoul
- 13 nights 4 star First Class accommodations
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Shinkansen ticket from Osaka to Kyoto (bullet Train)
- Lake Ashi Cruise
- Japan airport shuttle bus arrangements and all transfers
- Meals and featuring regional delicacies mentioned in the itinerary
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### Package Does Not Includes

- Visa Fee
- Prepaid Tipping: USD\$210/person for the entire trip
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenditures

### 2023 Departures

|               |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Depart</b> | 21-Mar | 30-Mar | 11-Apr | 3-May  | 9-May  | 6-Jun  | 5-Sep  | 19-Sep |
| <b>Return</b> | 4-Apr  | 13-Apr | 25-Apr | 17-May | 23-May | 20-Jun | 19-Sep | 3-Oct  |
| <b>Depart</b> | 10-Oct | 17-Oct | 24-Oct | 7-Nov  | 14-Nov | 30-Nov |        |        |
| <b>Return</b> | 24-Oct | 31-Oct | 7-Nov  | 21-Nov | 28-Nov | 14-Dec |        |        |

#### Land Only Price

From **\*\$3,599** CAD

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\*Leading price is based on specific departure dates in low season. \$100 to \$700 price increases may apply during shoulder season and peak season. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information. <https://tripoppo.com>

### Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: \$1,699
- Add on airfare from other cities: Toronto from \$400, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$500, Calgary, Edmonton \$500, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.