

9 Days Enchantments of Japan 15 Days Japan & South Korea

Highlights of Nippon with Bullet train and Seoul

Trip Code: 9 Days - TP09JP ; 15 Days - TP15JK

🥑 7 / 13 Nights 4 Star Hotel 🌱

- 🛞 8 / 16 Meals
- Airfare included
 Daily Sightseeing
- 🚍 Coach, Flight
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WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Immerse yourself on an incredible journey covering two fascinating countries, Japan and South Korea. From the "land of rising sun" to 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.
- \checkmark In Nara, visit the most famous Todaiji and feed the gentle sika deer at Nara Park.
- ✓ Travel to Nagoya on the famed shinkansen, or "bullet train".
- Visit Kinkakuji, World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion.
- 🗸 Cruise on Lake Kawaguchi, famed for its views of Mt. Fuji.
- Enjoy natural hot spring and dress in Yukata roves during our Fuji dinner banquet.
- \checkmark 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 flavours 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.

Seoul Andong Daegu Gyeongju Busan Osaka Hamamatsu

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Day 1: North America to Seoul Day 2: Seoul Day 3: Seoul Day 4: Seoul Day 5: Seoul – Andong – Daegu Day 6: Daegu – Gyeongju – Busan Day 6: Daegu – Gyeongju – Busan Day 7: Busan Day 7: Busan Day 8: Busan – Osaka Day 8: Busan – Osaka Day 9: Osaka–Nara Day 10: Osaka 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 enjoy the rest of the day.

Day 3: Seoul

This morning, visit Gyeongbokgung Palace, was built as the official palace of the Joseon dynasty by Yi Seong-gye, who becomes King Taejo and the founder of the new regime. Gyeongbokgung Palace is arguably the most beautiful and is the largest of all five palaces. You may try on a hanbok, the traditional attire of the Korean people and having great photo opportunity. Late, visit the Ginseng Centre and Cosmetic Shop for souvenirs shopping. Today we will have the special Samgyetang (Chicken soup with ginseng) for lunch. Continue to Gyeongbokgung Palace Stream and admire this urban oasis before visiting Myeongdong, one of Seoul's main commercial districts.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Seoul

Today is your free leisure or you may join the optional DMZ tour* (US\$125/person). **Meals:** Breakfast

Cheorwon DMZ tour

After pickup at your Seoul hotel in the morning, drive to the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Cheorwon. Firstly, you will visit The Second Tunnel, it was being discovered in March 1975. lies about 800 meters (0.5 mile) south of the Military Demarcation Line, as per the Korean Armistice Agreement. This incomplete tunnel extends for 3.5 km, with a maximum height of 2 m and a width of 2.1 m. It runs through bedrock at a depth ranging from 50 m to 160 m below ground. The tunnel was seeminaly designed for a surprise attack on Seoul from North Korea, with the capacity to accommodate up to 30,000 soldiers per hour, along with their light weaponry. North Korea initially denied involvement,

claiming it was part of a coal mine and citing construction explosions for the tunnel's blackened interior. The tunnel visit takes appx, 1 hour. Then, you will have appx, 40 mins to visit the Peace Observatory to looks across the Demilitarized Zone. It is the part of South Korea closest to the North. Visitors can catch a rare glimpse of the reclusive North Korean state through binoculars. Finally, make a brief stop at Woljeongri Station. It was a small train yard where rail stock was stored or shunted before leaving for Wonsan, now in North Korea. At the site are remains of a train used by the North Korean army which was bombed by UN forces. "The windows of the train car are twisted toward the sky and the frame, and the body of the train are crooked and rusty." Then transfer back to the hotel in the afternoon. A traditional lunch is included.

Notes: If there's an unannounced official event or unforeseen situation in the DMZ, the program will be cancelled & replaced by Paju tour. Tripoppo will have the right to adjust the itinerary on spot accordingly.

Day 5: Seoul - Andong - Daegu

After breakfast, depart to Andong. Visit the traditional village, which features traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty period (1392-1897). Then transfer to Daegu to visit Daegu Donghwasa Temple, located on the southern slopes of Mt. Palgongsan (1193m) in Daegu. The name of the temple means "Paulownia Blossom Temple" in English. Tonight we will have the Korea BBQ for dinner. Overnight in Daegu. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6: Daegu - Gyeongju - Busan

This morning, transfer to Gyeongju, 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 Royal Tumuli Park, Gyeongju National Museum. This afternoon, transfer to Busan. Overnight in Busan. **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 7: Busan

After breakfast, visit Haedong Yonggungsa (East Sea Dragon Palace Temple), situated on the coast of the north-eastern portion of the city and overlooking the ocean. 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. 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. In the evening, we stop at one of Korea's largest markets, Nampo Dong Gukje Market for a wide variety of goods at affordable prices. Overnight in Busan.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Busan - Osaka

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and fly to Osaka. Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel, enjoy the rest of the day at your own pace. **Meal:** Breakfast

9-day Japan Tour arrive Osaka today

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 Dotonbori, which exemplifies Osaka's vibrant food culture. **Meal:** Breakfast

Day 10: Osaka

Spend today free at your own leisure. Alternatively, you may join the optional Kansai Culture Tour with lunch (US\$179/person).

Kansai Culture Tour

Consist of 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, and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street. In the afternoon, you will get a chance to experience a unique Tea ceremony, where skilled tea masters quide you through the art of tea preparation. This cultural experience offers a tranquil escape to savor Japan's cherished tea rituals. 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. Meal: Breakfast

Day 11: Osaka - Kyoto - Nagoya - Hamamatsu

This morning, travel to Kyoto, it 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. Firstly, 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 visit the Higashi Hongan-ji, which is a religious complex of the Pure Land (Jodo Buddhism. Shinshu) Its monumental architecture is renowned for being sheltered by the largest wooden roof in the world. Then, transfer to the Kyoto Station, Here we can also take a great picture of Kyoto tower. In the afternoon, experiences a true modern marvel by riding the Shinkansen (bullet train) from Kyoto to Nagoya Station. Upon arrival in visit Toyota Commemorative Nagoya, 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. Meal: Breakfast

Day 12: Hamamatsu- Mt. Fuji

Today, visit Gotemba Peace Park to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, 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 locals. Afterwards, revered by and Sengenjinja Shrine. Enjoy the picturesque view of Mount Fuji from a distance onboard the cruise on Lake Kawaguchi, a crater lake famous for its views of the famous peak. Finish the day with a true cultural experience and buffet dinner in our hot spring hotel. 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. You may also choose the optional Kimono Rental (US\$55/person) and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street in Japan's beautiful national dress. Tonight, you have the optional Teppanyaki may (US\$108/person), Savor the excitement of Japanese Teppanyaki, where skilled chefs prepare and cook your meal right at the table with flair and precision. This interactive dining experience combines fresh ingredients with masterful techniques, creating a feast for both the eyes and the palate. Meal: Breakfast

Day 14: Tokyo

Spend today free at your leisure. Enjoy a free day to explore and enjoy bustling Tokyo at your leisure. Alternatively, you may join our optional full-day tour (US\$159/person) to explore contemporary Tokyo.

Optional Modern Tokyo Exploration

Begin your day at the Imperial Palace, where you'll see the beautiful gardens and historical significance of the residence of Japan's Emperor. Satisfy your culinary cravings at the world-famous Tsukiji Fish Market, you may take the opportunity to try a variety of fresh seafood or explore the local food on own expenses. Immerse yourself in the energetic chaos of Shibuya Crossing and pay your respects to the loyal Hachiko Statue. Finally, enjoy some leisure time in the bustling Shinjuku district, known for its entertainment, shopping, and dining options. Transfer back to the hotel after that. This tour offers a dynamic blend of innovation, culture, and exploration, showcasing the contemporary spirit of Tokyo. Meal: Breakfast

Day 15: Tokyo-North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your flight to North America. **Meal:** Breakfast

Optional Tours

DMZ Day Tour with traditional lunch	US\$ 125/p (Min. 10)
Kansai Culture Day Tour	US\$ 179/p (Min. 10)
Teppanyaki - Japanese Grills	US\$ 108/p
Modern Tokyo Exploration Tour	US\$ 159/p (Min. 10)
Kimono Dress Rental	US\$ 55/p

Package Includes

- Round-trip airfares from Vancouver
- Add-on airfare available for other cities
 departure
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Intra-flight: Busan Osaka
- 7 / 13 nights 4 star accommodations
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Shinkansen ticket from Kyoto to Nagoya (bullet Train)
- Lake Kawaguchi 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 (If apply)
- Prepaid Tipping:
 9 Days: US\$126/person
 15 Days: US\$210/person
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenditures
- Land Only Price does not include intra-flight: Seoul - Osaka
- Land Only Price does not include airport transfers

Featured Hotels





Four Points by Sheraton Josun, Seoul Station or equivalent +





Odysis Suite Osaka Airport Hotel or equivalent

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Hotel The Manhattan Tokyo or equivalent

15 Days Japan and South Korea Tour 2025 Departures

18-Mar	20-Mar	25-Mar	01-Apr	15-Apr	06-May	13-May
20-May	10-Jun	08-Jul	05-Aug	02-Sep	09-Sep	16-Sep
07-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	04-Nov	11-Nov	02-Dec	/

9 Days Japan Tour 2025 Departures

24-Mar	26-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	21-Apr	12-May	19-May
26-May	16-Jun	14-Jul	11-Aug	08-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep
13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	10-Nov	17-Nov	08-Dec	/

Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: 9 Days: \$1,099 15 Days: \$1,799
- Add on airfare from other cities: Toronto from \$400; Calgary, Edmonton from \$500; Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$600; Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax and other cities from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Leading price is based on specific departure dates, please check with our website: **tripoppo.com** for the updated information.