Japan & South Korea 17 Days

Seoul • Mt. Seorak • Andong • Gyeongju • Osaka • Nara • Kyoto • Mount Fuji • Tokyo
Tour Highlights

• Stroll through the Changdeokgung Palace grounds
• Gaze into North Korean territory at the Demilitarized zone (DMZ)
• Immerse yourself in the bustling crowds of Myeongdong
• Explore the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, Gyeongju
• Experience the serenity of Seokguram Grotto

Day 1 • Australia ✈️ Seoul
Fly overnight with China Southern Airlines via Guangzhou to Seoul.

Day 2 • Seoul
Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 3 • Seoul 🗻 Mt. Seorak • (B, L, D)
Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Preservation District in 1982 due to the many rare species found in the national park, Mt Seoraksan National Park is Korea’s most famous national park. This morning, tour Shinheungsan Temple and take the cable car to Gwonkeumseong Fortress to experience the beautiful natural landscapes on offer. Continue to Sokcho fishing village this afternoon.

Day 4 • Mt. Seorak 🗻 Andong 🗻 Gyeongju • (B, L)
This morning visit the traditional village of Andong, with its well preserved traditional houses and unique mask dancing performance. Later, travel to Gatbawi Shrine.

Day 5 • Gyeongju • (B, L)
Today, explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs and monuments of Gyeongju, the capital of the ancient Shilla Kingdom. Visit Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Royal Tumuli Park, Gyeongju National Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple.

Day 6 • Gyeongju 🗻 Seoul • (B, L)
This morning, heading to Changdeokgung Palace, one of the “Five Grand Palaces” built by the Kings of the Jeseon Dynasty and Insadong, a street full of traditional Korean antiques and tea houses. Continue to Cheonggyecheon Stream and admire its unique beauty, before visiting Myeongdong, one of Seoul’s main commercial districts. Then visit a Korean Ginseng Centre to learn about Ginseng, which has existed for thousands of years to improve people’s overall health. Later, experience the city’s best night view at Namsan tower.

Day 7 • Seoul • (B, L, D)
Visit North Korea’s 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, located within the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. An entire infantry division can 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, and the Exhibition Hall houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War.

Day 8 • Seoul ✈️ Osaka • (B)
Take a direct flight from Seoul to Osaka. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to airport hotel. Spend the rest of the day at your own leisure.
Day 9 • Osaka 🔄 Kyoto 🔄 Osaka • (B, L)
This morning, travel to Kyoto and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Kiyomizu-dera Temple and drink to your fortune from the streams of the Otowa Waterfall. Later, visit Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai and Zen.

Day 10 • Osaka • (B)
Spend today free at your own leisure. You may spend the day visiting one of Osaka’s most famous landmarks, Osaka Castle; which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century of the Azuchi-Momoyama period.

Day 11 • Osaka 🔄 Nara 🔄 Mount Fuji • (B, L, D)
This morning, travel to Nara and visit Todaiji Temple, one of Japan’s most famous temples, with its Great Buddha Hall housing the world’s largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Also visit Nara Park, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free before heading onwards to Mount Fuji by bullet train (Max. speed 320km/h).

Day 12 • Mount Fuji 🔄 Tokyo • (B, L, D)
Today, visit Oshino Hakka. 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 the locals. Later, visit Gotemba Peace Park to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, before taking a cruise on Lake Ashi, and savour the numerous delights of nature. Visit Owakudani Valley, an active volcanic zone with hot springs and hot spring rivers.

Day 13 • Tokyo • (B)
Spend today free at your own leisure. You may visit one of the many local parks to enjoy the natural beauty of Tokyo.

Day 14 • Tokyo • (B)
Spend today free at your own leisure. You may visit of the world’s busiest intersections - Shibuya Crossing. Or go and watch a Sumo Wrestling competition.

Day 9 • Tokyo • (B, L, D)
Visit Meiji Shrine in the morning, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Later, stroll through the Asakusa Kannon Temple, one of Tokyo’s most colourful and popular temples and browse for souvenirs at Nakamise Shopping Street. Relax on a Sumida River Cruise before arriving at Hama-Rikyu, a beautiful landscape garden in central Tokyo. Your last stop today is Tokyo Tower, before heading to Narita Airport hotel for a good night’s sleep. (Upgrade to CBD hotel $100/room/night, hotel airport transfer is not included)

Day 10 • Tokyo 🔄 Australia • (B)
Spend the morning at your own leisure before transferring to the airport for your flight back to Australia.

Day 11 • Australia
Arrive home this morning.

B = Breakfast    L = Lunch    D = Dinner

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Immerse yourself on an incredible journey covering two fascinating countries, Japan and South Korea. Discover South Korea’s capital city, Seoul. Seoul is Korea’s financial, political, commercial and cultural centre with over 600 years of history. Travellers can explore the many archaeological sites and temples before enjoying the beautiful natural landscapes this country has to offer.

After an enchanting tour of South Korea, you will explore one of the most beautiful countries in the world, Japan. Discover a new level of cool with a journey through cherry blossoms, mountains, bustling cities and ultimately, history. The combination of places visited in these two countries will provide you with an unforgettable life-time experience. Sure you are packing already!

South Korea

Synonymous with the global phenomenon Gangnam Style, South Korea is a dream destination for many travellers. The capital, Seoul, is a fast-paced cosmopolitan centre with an appetite for fashion, pop culture and the latest in high-tech gadgets. Yet just an hour away from the cityscape, travellers here can find themselves enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the various national parks encompassing gorgeous hiking trails and dense mountain landscapes, and with the ancient cultural traditions also retaining a strong presence throughout the country, travellers seeking a cultural experience are also sure to be satisfied. Friendly people, delicious food and delightful contrasts between the modern and the traditional, ensure that the indomitable spirit of South Korea will encapsulate and inspire travellers from all walks.

Japan

We would love for our customers to experience Japanese culture & history. We will spend few nights of the tour in a traditional Japanese hotel sleeping on rice straw mattresses called “Tatami Mats.” You will also visit restaurants on this tour where it is customary to remove shoes and be seated at low tables called “Kotatsu”. An authentic Japanese experience!

From the end of March through April, when the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, people gather in parks in a Japanese tradition known as “Hanami”.

The best season of the year for viewing the vibrant crimson maple leaves in Japan. You can feel the fragile beauty of the changing seasons from observing nature. The fiery red is a truly spectacle.

Hotel Accommodation *All hotels based on local hotel ratings

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Package Inclusions:
- Return international economy airfares
- Current airline fuel surcharge (subject to change) & airport taxes
- Arrival/departure transfers
- Accommodation
- Daily meals as listed on the itinerary
- All transportation: coach & bullet train (Kyoto to Mount Fuji)
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- English-speaking tour guide(s)
- Tipping

Package Exclusions:
- Travel insurance (required)
- Personal expenditure
- Visa (Australian passport holders Visa exempt for a stay of up to 90 days)

*Japan & South Korea Tour Peak Season Surcharge: $500

Interstate Surcharge: Departing Brisbane/Adelaide $300, Perth $600

Cathay Pacific Upgrade Surcharge: From $500 (Tipp: upgrade to avoid paying the interstate surcharge & stay behind surcharge

Tours subject to availability unless sold out prior. Please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel consultant prior to booking.