

24 DAY TOUR – 5 NOVEMBER 2021

Japan & South Korea



SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA AT NIGHT

Tour INTRODUCTION

Discover two of the world's most culture-rich countries where tradition, modern wonders and interesting history intersect for a truly authentic and memorable experience.

Visit the sacred shrines and temples of Japan, take a ride on the infamous bullet train, travel deep into the Japanese Alps and explore its bustling cities and picturesque centuries-old towns. Experience a blend of traditional folk and Western performance at a Nanta in South Korea, sample divine local food, explore grand palaces and discover its fascinating history and spectacular natural beauty.

From Mt Fuji and Tokyo to Nami Island and Seoul, this 24-day tour gives you a look into the real Japan and South Korea.

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DAY ONE

5 NOVEMBER 2021

Today you will be transferred from your home address in Newcastle* to the Rydges at Sydney Airport. Due to our early flight the next morning, we will be spending the night across from the airport.

DAY TWO

6 NOVEMBER 2021

We will be flying from Sydney to Osaka to start our journey through Japan. Once we touch down, we will be transferred to our accommodation for the next two nights.

(Meals: Breakfast, Meals in Flight, Dinner)

DAY THREE

7 NOVEMBER 2021

Your first day of touring begins with an excursion to Nara to visit the Todaiji Temple, one of the most famous temples in Japan. Here you'll see the 15-metre tall bronze statue of Buddha (locally known as Daibutsu). Walk through Nara Park and get up-close to some of the park's famous free-roaming deer. This herd, all 1,200 of them, are revered in Nara and are known to approach visitors in the hopes of being fed the deer crackers available for purchase from local vendors. Back in Osaka, we will visit Osaka Castle, a major landmark of the city and the previous home of warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi. The final stop of the day takes you into Dotonbori, a hub of dining and nightlife in the city, where we will sit down to a great dinner.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY FOUR

8 NOVEMBER 2021

Depart Osaka to Hiroshima, stopping at the magnificent Himeji Castle on the way. This 17th century hilltop castle is the largest in Japan.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY FIVE

9 NOVEMBER 2021

Reflect on Hiroshima's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bombing. Afterwards we will take the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima to visit the Itsukushima Shrine. This is best known as the 'floating torii gate'. The name Itsukushima literally means 'island of worship' and from ancient times the island itself was worshipped as a god. The mystical Itsukushima Shrine built on the water was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 1996.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY SIX

10 NOVEMBER 2021

Start the day with a journey by bullet train to Kyoto. Japan's capital for 1,000 years, it is the embodiment of traditional culture. Once in Kyoto, we will visit Kinkakuji Temple (also called the Golden Pavilion). This UNESCO World Heritage Site temple is well-known for its two floors that are entirely covered in thin layers of pure gold – a striking sight! Afterwards, we will visit Nishijin Textile Centre to see a traditional kimono show and learn more about this emblematic form of Japanese dress.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY SEVEN

11 NOVEMBER 2021

Enjoy one of Kyoto's most delightful spots, Kiyomizu, a 17th century Buddhist temple, before experiencing the age-old ritual of a traditional tea ceremony. After lunch we will visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 red torii gates.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY EIGHT

12 NOVEMBER 2021

The first visit of today's itinerary is to Nijo Castle, the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa Shogunate.

Next, take in the design of Togetsukyo Bridge and the serenity of the famed Bamboo Grove, both of which are found in Western Kyoto's popular Arashiyama District. Today we farewell Kyoto for the city of Kanazawa.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY NINE

13 NOVEMBER 2021

Today is devoted to the discovery of Kanazawa. The history of this castle town stretches back 300 years. See Buke Yashiki, a traditional samurai house, to learn about the lives of high-ranking samurai during the Edo period. Walk through the streets of Higashi Chaya, one of Kanazawa's prettiest districts thanks to old buildings and heritage teahouses once frequented by local geisha and guests. Take a stroll around the immaculate grounds of Kenroku-en Garden and finish the day with a trip to Omicho Market to taste local cuisine delicacies and peruse local crafts.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY TEN

14 NOVEMBER 2021

After breakfast we will depart Kanazawa and travel to Takayama. There is a stop at Shirakawa-go along the way to enjoy a half-day tour exploring this small village and its gassho-style houses. Take a photo stop at a lookout point and appreciate the views across the entire town before continuing through to Takayama.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)



MT FUJI

DAY ELEVEN

15 NOVEMBER 2021

Take in some of the top sights in Takayama this morning. This city sits within the mountainous Gifu Prefecture and retains much of its traditional architecture and atmosphere. Venture into the Old Town to see some of the best examples of the well-preserved buildings and make the trip to the open-air Hida Folk Village museum. Other places of note that you'll take in today include Takayama Jinya, the former local government office; Matsuri no Mori, a local museum; and the festival floats at Takayama Matsuri Yatai Kaikan. Travel to Nagano in the afternoon. *(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY TWELVE

16 NOVEMBER 2021

Travel deeper into the Japanese Alps to see the Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play in their hot spring pool at the Jigokudani Monkey Park. Whilst in the region we will also visit Zenkoji, one of Japan's most prolific Buddhist temples.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY THIRTEEN

17 NOVEMBER 2021

Begin the day by seeking out Hokusai Museum, dedicated to the eponymous artist. Here you'll have time to take in the works of Katsushika Hokusai, who is widely regarded as one of the pre-eminent ukiyo-e painters from the Edo period. Say goodbye to Nagano as we travel to the city of Matsumoto to see the incredible Matsumoto Castle, one of the most complete and recognisable castles in Japan. The final activity of the day is a walk from the castle to Nakamachi Street, where you can take in the line-up of preserved buildings, tiny shops, and traditional ryokans.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY FOURTEEN

18 NOVEMBER 2021

Swap the manmade sights of Matsumoto for one of Japan's most iconic natural landmarks today, as the group travels towards Mt Fuji. Stop by Oshino Hakkai to see the eight, snow-fed mountain ponds and discover



KINKAKUJI TEMPLE, JAPAN

why this crystal-clear water is so revered by locals. Head up to Mt Fuji Fifth Station to cast your gaze across the sweeping panorama of the Fuji Five lakes area below. This is one stop where you'll want your smartphone or camera's battery to be fully charged!

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY FIFTEEN

19 NOVEMBER 2021

The day starts with an outing to Gotemba Peace Park, where you can take in another perspective of the imposing Mt Fuji and Hakone Checkpoint. The latter was once a key checkpoint on the highway that connected Kyoto and Tokyo during the Edo period. Afterwards, hop into a boat for a scenic cruise on Lake Ashi. We'll arrive in the non-stop Japanese capital, Tokyo, in the afternoon. This remarkable metropolis is the ultimate mix of the modern and the traditional, teeming with LED-adorned skyscrapers, ancient temples, sprawling shopping malls, and peaceful parks.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY SIXTEEN

20 NOVEMBER 2021

Begin with a visit to the observation deck of the Skytree, the world's tallest tower, and then visit the outside Imperial Palace. Head across town to Asakusa, Tokyo's old town, to experience the ancient Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's largest! We will cross the famous Shibuya Crossing and explore the colourful streets of Harajuku.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY SEVENTEEN

21 NOVEMBER 2021

Spend your day browsing traditional

Japanese souvenirs and tasting authentic Japanese food. We'll enjoy a tour that starts in the neighbourhood of Ningyocho, a district known for its old traditions and, as you'll soon discover, some very tasty treats. We'll visit a number of shops that have been around for over 100 years, many of which are still family-owned and operated and specialise in unique goods made right here in Japan. Once we've exhausted Ningyocho, we'll visit another neighbourhood nearby, Nihonbashi. This district was a hub for merchants during the Edo period and although it is very much a modern neighbourhood, Nihonbashi features many traditional Japanese shops hidden in its alleys and even within its department stores. Here we will find shops that have been in business since 1704!

(Meals: Breakfast, Snacks, Dinner)

DAY EIGHTEEN

22 NOVEMBER 2021

Sayonara Japan! It's time to fly to Seoul in South Korea. Tonight we will visit the Nanta Theatre, which is where you can see and enjoy a crowd-drawing 'Nanta', which is the first Korean non-verbal performance. Nanta is a combination of traditional Korean folk performance called Samulnori, and western forms of entertainment. They use all the things that can make sounds such as pots, pans, and plates. This performance will make you love the traditional rhythm and beats of Korea. Over seven million people have seen the Nanta and it is still drawing a crowd!

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY NINETEEN

23 NOVEMBER 2021

Have you ever tried one of the world's top five healthiest foods, Kimchi? If you think it is too spicy for you, you can make your own and make it less hot! The Kimchi is served at every meal in Korea, either alone or mixed with rice or noodles. Learn Korea's greeting etiquette in traditional dress Hanbok, representing one of the most visible aspects of Korean culture. Spend the rest of the day discovering the beautiful architecture and landscape of Seoul while learning about its history, culture and traditions. In the afternoon, we will visit two grand palaces, including UNESCO World Heritage-listed Changdeokgung Palace.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY TWENTY

24 NOVEMBER 2021

Today venture to the border of South and North Korea, where the unsettling Demilitarised Zone separates the two countries in a four kilometre-wide swath of land lined by tanks, landmines, and electric fences. Learn about the 1978 discovery of the Third Infiltration Tunnel, view North Korea from atop the Dora Observatory, and visit Dorasan Station, which once connected both nations.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY TWENTY-ONE

25 NOVEMBER 2021

Visit the Gyeongdong Market, which is one of the largest herbal medicine and ginseng markets in South Korea. Supplying 70 per cent of the nation's herbal medicine ingredients, The market also has more than 1,000 related shops and oriental medical clinics in the area. Your next stop would be at the oldest and largest wholesale market in Korea for marine and agricultural products. The Garak-dong Agricultural Market, which opened in 1985, is located at the Songpa-gu district of Seoul. Lastly, explore the vibrant Dongdaemun Market where you'll find an interesting mix of tradition and modernity.

(Meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY TWENTY-TWO

26 NOVEMBER 2021

Nami Island is one of the most famous islands in South Korea for being the filming location of the TV drama 'Winter Sonata'. A half-moon island in the middle of the North Han River, it's also filled with ever-changing seasonal beauty. The road lined with metasequoia trees and snowy landscapes make Nami Island the perfect place to stroll amongst nature. Continue on to Petite France in the heart of the South Korean countryside, where you might be mistaken for stepping into a French village. Take beautiful photos of this remarkable French village before returning to Seoul.

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY TWENTY-THREE

27 NOVEMBER 2021

Immerse yourself in Korean Folk Village, a living exhibition of history and culture, on a morning tour. Explore the famous museum with your experienced guide, browse collections of centuries-old artefacts, and indulge in unique local flavours from different regions across the country. Korean Folk Village encompasses more than 260 traditional houses and contains fascinating artefacts from the Joseon Dynasty, which ruled Korea for more than 500 years. Marvel at the wide assortment of residential buildings, workshops and customs preserved by the local people. See traditional blacksmith demonstrations, bamboo crafts, pottery, cotton looms and more. We will return to the hotel to freshen up before being transferred to the airport for our overnight flight to Sydney.

(Meals: Breakfast, Meals in Flight)

DAY TWENTY-FOUR

28 NOVEMBER 2021

On arrival in Sydney, once bags are collected, you will be transferred* back to your home address.

(Meals: Meals in Flight)

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- Only 12 spots available!
- 4 star accommodation
- Tipping included
- Inclusive touring
- Pick up from your home address in Newcastle/Hunter/Lake Macquarie
- Pre-tour get together to meet your travelling companions

Secure your place by contacting Jayes Travel on 1300 891 100

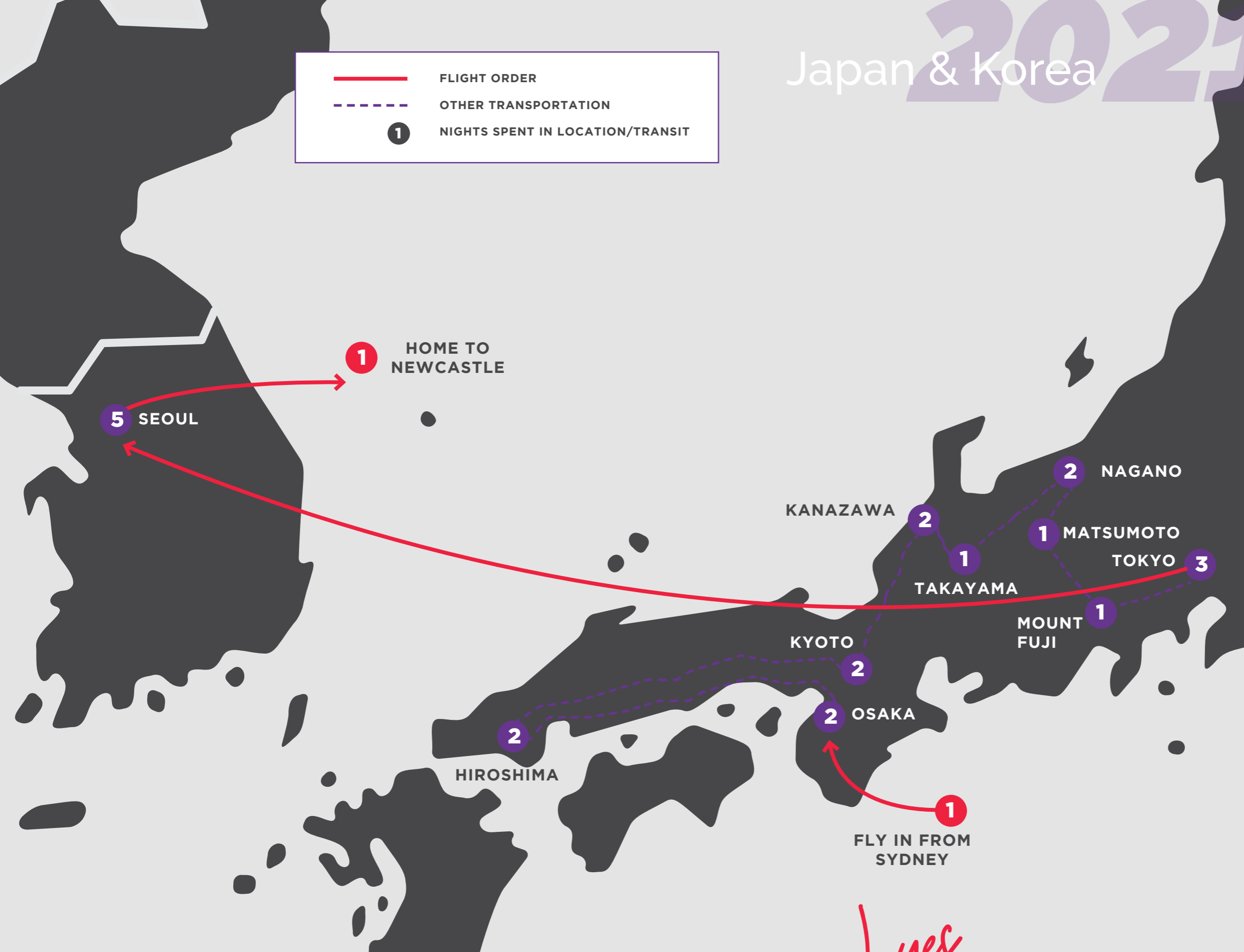
*Jayes Travel Women includes home pick-ups from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the Hunter Valley. Outside of these regions, a supplement may apply. There is no reduction in tour cost if you choose not to use the transfers from Newcastle.



MAIKO GEISHA WALKING ON A STREET IN KYOTO, JAPAN

Japan & Korea

— FLIGHT ORDER
- - - OTHER TRANSPORTATION
1 NIGHTS SPENT IN LOCATION/TRANSIT



Tour HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the sacred shrines, striking temples and exquisite gardens of Japan
- Try real Japanese foods and learn about traditional Japanese culture
- Ride a bullet train through Japan
- Explore Kyoto and the bustling capital of Tokyo
- Stroll through markets, stunning towns and incredible castles
- Visit Mt Fuji, one of Japan's most iconic landmarks
- See a crowd-drawing Nanta and make your own Kimchi in South Korea
- Discover the amazing architecture and rich culture of Seoul
- Visit the Demilitarised Zone and the famous Nami Island
- Find local gifts in Korean folk markets and explore its lavish castles

Tour DETAILS

- Twin Share Cost per person \$15,490
- Single Share Supplement \$2,500
- Deposit \$2,500 per person
- Final Balance Due 5 Aug 2021

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