

[GROUP] JAPAN GOLDEN ROUTE AND EASTERN KOREA INCLUDING SEOUL 12 DAYS

TOUR CODE: AKL201

*** INFORMATION**

DURATION	12 Days 11 Nights
VISITING	Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, Hakone, Kyoto, Nara, Seoul, Busan, Ulsan, Gyeongju, Andong, Wonju, Pyeongchang, Gangreung, Yangyang
THEME	Tour & Sightseeing, Culture & History, Best Selling Tour, Package Tour, Semi-Guided Tour, Multi Destination Package
DEPARTURE	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24; Feb. 21; Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25; May. 9, 16, 23, 30; Jun. 6, 13, 20, 27; Jul. 4, 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Sep. 5, 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26
MIN.PAX	2 Pax (<i>*The tour requires a minimum of 2-adult participants to be committed to guarantee departure.</i>)
PRICE	ADULT : \$3,190 / PERSON (*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT CHARGE: \$980) CHILD (2-11YRS) : \$2,552 / PERSON
OVERVIEW	Japan and Korea 12 Days is specialized with most popular itinerary which covers the major cities in South Korea and Japan. Taking you to all the hidden treasures around the countries, this tour will give you a deep insight of the culture and rich history of two countries.
INCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11-night accommodation in the 4-5 Star hotels with breakfast - Round-trip airport/hotel transfers as specified in the itinerary - Transports by van, mini-bus, and/or coach - Professional English speaking tour guide - Meals in the itinerary - Admission fees to sites listed in the itinerary
EXCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Round-trip international and all domestic air ticket - Travel insurance - Meals not specified in the itinerary - Service beyond the itinerary - Personal expenses throughout the tour - Gratuities (optional, not required) - Single supplement charge: \$980
NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The tour requires a minimum of 2-adult participants to be committed to guarantee departure. * Price listed is per person, based on double occupancy and subject to availability. * Child rate applies only when sharing a room with 2 paying adults. * Single Supplement Charge is for any odd number of pax or pax requesting single room (except 1 pax). * The itinerary/accommodation is subjects to change due to unexpected local circumstances. * This is a group joining tour and people are from all English speaking countries.
EMERGENCY CONTACT	<p>☎ Emergency contact - Japan Representative Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 09:45-17:45 (TEL: +81-(0)3-6895-8345) - Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 17:45-22:00 (TEL: +81-(0)3-4405-8629) - Weekends & Holidays: 08:00~22:00 (TEL: +81-(0)3-4405-8629) <p>☎ Emergency contact - HanaTour Seoul Office: Ms. Hyeri Lee (Office) +82-(0)2-398-6690 // (Mobile) +82-(0)10-2333-3211</p>
CANCEL POLICY	<p><i>[Deposit & Payment Policy]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Deposit Required within 3 business days (10%) : Non-Refundable * Remaining Balance payment required: 31 days before travel start date. <p><i>[Cancellation Policy]</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 31 days or more prior to departure: 20% of total cost* 19 to 30 days or more prior to departure: 40% of total cost* 10 to 19 days or more prior to departure: 60% of total cost* 03 to 09 days or more prior to departure: 80% of total cost* Within 48 hours or no show: 100% of total cost* There will be no refund for any single part of the tour has skipped by own while it is in progress.
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*** ITINERARY (B = BREAKFAST / L = LUNCH / D = DINNER / X = NO MEAL)**

Day 1 (5/16-Wed): Arrive in Tokyo (X/X/X)

Upon arrival at Narita International Airport, you will meet our representative with name board at airport exit. We will assist you to board an airport limousine bus, and then you will transfer to the hotel on your own. After hotel check-in, the remaining of the day is at leisure on your own.

- **Accommodation: Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa or Similar (4 Star)**

Day 2 (5/17-Thu): Full-Day Tokyo Grand Tour (B/L/X)

After breakfast, you will start your Tokyo Grand Experience with a pickup from your hotel and today you will get a taste for all the amazing sights in metropolitan Tokyo. This morning first visit is Tokyo Tower, a symbol of Tokyo and major sightseeing spot that provides a 360-degree panoramic view of Tokyo, such as high-rise buildings in the nation's capital, the Tokyo Skytree broadcasting tower which began operating in 2011 and Tokyo Bay. Next you visit Meiji Jingu Shrine, taking in a fine example of Japanese Shrine architecture, nestled in a peaceful and picturesque area. Then you will drive by Akasaka Palace (known as Government State Guest House) and National Diet Building. Afterwards, enjoy a pleasant walk in the East Garden of the Imperial Palace, as a place of historical interest and scenic beauty. After driving through Ginza Shopping District, have a Japanese style lunch. This afternoon your guide takes you to Hamarikyū Garden which is a typical Daimyō garden in the Edo period with a tidal pond. Move on to Hinode Pier, where you'll enjoy a short Cruise on the Sumida River as you head towards Tokyo's Asakusa neighborhood. Your ride on this historically significant body of water will take you underneath 12 bridges as you enjoy the unique architectural landmarks along the riverbank and see a harmonious blend of old and new Tokyo. Disembark from your boat and spend some time to stroll the Streets of Nakamise, a thoroughfare that's packed with vendors selling handicrafts and food. Head on from Nakamise to Asakusa Kannon Temple (also known as Senso-ji Temple), where you'll have the chance to explore Tokyo's oldest and most important Buddhist temple. After the tour, concludes your excursion with a drive through Kappabashi, Ueno and Akihabara. Finally you will be transferred to your hotel and then spend the rest of day at leisure on your own.

- **Accommodation: Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa or Similar (4 Star)**

Day 3 (5/18-Fri): Tokyo - Mt. Fuji - Hakone (B/L/X)

(Luggage transfer service from hotel in Tokyo to Hotel in Kyoto. Please leave your luggage at hotel front desk by 7:30am. 1 Luggage per person only) After breakfast, we will pick you up at your hotel. Today you will enjoy full day Mt. Fuji and Hakone Tour. Tour guide takes you to visit Mt. Fuji 5th Station (30min), Lunch, Lake Ashi Cruise (30 min), Hakone Ropeway (Hakone Sky Gondola) (20 min). After the tour, we will drop you off at your hotel in Hakone. After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

- **Accommodation: Yumoto Fujiya Hotel or Similar (4 Star)**

Day 4 (5/19-Sat): Hakone – Shinkansen Bullet Train - Kyoto - Nara - Kyoto (B/L/X)

After breakfast, we will pick you up at your hotel. Then depart from hotel in Hakone proceed to Odawara Station and take a Shinkansen to Kyoto Station. Upon arrival at Kyoto Station, meet an assistant at the platform of Kyoto Station and transfer to the hotel with an assistant. Enjoy lunch and follows Half Day Nara Afternoon Tour.

[Half Day Nara Afternoon Tour]

Tour guide takes you to visit Nara Park & Todai-ji Temple and Great Buddha (60min), Kasuga Taisha Shrine (40min), Nara Nagomikan (20min). After the tour, we will drop you off at Kyoto Station and transfer to the hotel on own (walking distance). After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

[About Shinkansen Luggage Regulation]

Overhead shelves on shinkansen trains are about 40cm high and 60cm deep and cannot accommodate large items. There is usually space for two to three large suitcases behind the last row of seats in each car on most long-distance trains. Furthermore, on many shinkansen trains, the leg room is large enough to place a suitcase in front of you, although this may not be the most comfortable solution.

According to JR regulations, each passenger may bring up to two pieces of luggage onto trains, not including smaller bags. Each piece of luggage may not weight more than 30kg, and its three dimensions (length, width, and depth) may not add up to more than 250cm, while its length may not exceed 200cm.

- **Accommodation: New Miyako Hotel or Similar (4 Star)**

Day 5 (5/20-Sun): Full-Day Kyoto Highlights Tour (B/L/X)

After breakfast, you will start to immerse yourself in the captivating culture of Kyoto on a 9-hour sightseeing tour. Travel first to Nijo Castle, a superficially deceptive structure that harbors a magnificent interior, stroll the lavishly decorated chambers and marvel at glittering gold leaf and opulent tones as your guide offers tales of the building's heritage. Next, absorb the sacred ambience of Kinkaku-ji Temple, World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion and a pond-centered garden. Next visit the shining Kinkaku (Golden Pavilion), is a symbol of Kyoto and one of the historical buildings most representative of Japan before venturing to the next destination. Satisfy cultural cravings at Kyoto Imperial Palace and marvel at the regal resplendence of the residence. Appreciate the simple and serene Japanese style as you explore opulent chambers and learn of ancient ceremonies that still occur within the walls. Enjoy a moment of quiet reflection at the vibrant Heian Shrine then head to the Buddhist temple of Sanju-Sangendo Hall and gaze at the 1,000 life-size statues that inhabit the grand hall. Conclude your tour with a leisurely stroll down a charming lane lined with pottery shops and arrive at Kiyomizu Temple. Marvel at panoramic vistas of the city from the vertiginous vantage point of a lofty terrace then return to your comfortable vehicle for the relaxing journey back to your hotel. The rest of day is free at leisure on your own.

- **Accommodation: New Miyako Hotel or Similar (4 Star)**

Day 6 (5/21-Mon): Depart to South Korea - Arrive in Seoul (B/X/X)

After breakfast and hotel check-out, spend some time at leisure till met and transferred to Kansai International Airport by a local driver with shared vehicle for your flight to South Korea. Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, you will meet our representative with name board at airport exit, and then transferred to your hotel by a local driver on a private basis. After hotel check-in, the remaining of the day is at leisure on your own.

- **Accommodation: Center Mark Hotel or Similar (4 Star)**

Day 7 (5/22-Tue): Seoul - Jinju - Busan (B/L/D)

After breakfast, meet tour guide at hotel lobby. The first stop is Jinjuseong Fortress, historically linked to the Japanese invasion in 1592. Afterward, transfer to Busan and visit Igidae Park, the coastal walking path, famous for its panoramic view of Marine city and Gwangan Bridge. Rest of the day is free for you to explore Haeundae Beach known for its modern feel. You may spend fantastic night time at cafes and pubs. Also you can enjoy watching busking along the shoreline as well as Haeundae Market. After dinner, check in hotel and rest of the day is at leisure.

- **Accommodation: Novotel Ambassador Busan or Similar (5 Star)**

Day 8 (5/23-Wed): Busan - Ulsan - Gyeongju (B/L/D)

After breakfast, head to Ulsan and pass through the world's largest single automobile plant. Visit Daewangam Park, littered with rocks carved into interesting shapes by the wind and ocean. Next, explore Bulguksa Temple, the representative relic designated as a World Cultural Asset by UNESCO in Gyeongju. Explore to Gyeongju National Museum and Daereungwon Tomb Complex. Before you head to Cheomseongdae Observatory, choose your preferred Hanbok, Korean National Costume and make a special memory wearing Hanbok with your companions. Lunch and dinner will be served en route at local restaurants. After hotel check in, rest of the day is at leisure.

- **Accommodation: Hilton Hotel Gyeongju or Similar (5 Star)**

Day 9 (5/24-Thu): Gyeongju - Andong - Wonju - Pyeongchang (B/L/D)

After breakfast, transfer to from Gyeongju to Andong and visit Andong Hahoe village, home to descendants of the Ryu clan of Pungsan and well-known for its traditional houses. Then, transfer to Wonju and visit Hanji Theme Park where you can get a chance to experience the Hanji making process. Then, transfer to Pyeongchang. Lunch and dinner will be served en route at local restaurants. After hotel check in, rest of the day is at leisure.

- ***Accommodation: InterContinental Alpensia Pyeongchang Resort or Similar (5 Star)***

Day 10 (5/25-Fri): Pyeongchang - Gangreung - Yangyang - Seoul (B/L/X)

After breakfast, this morning stop by Ski Jump Observatory for Olympic Winter Games Pyeongchang 2018 and then explore Jumunjin Seafood Market, including a variety of fresh seafood caught on the East Coast. For the next stop, transfer to Yangyang for a short hiking at Jujeongol of Mt. Seorak to enjoy the nature. After the tour, transfer to Seoul. Drop off service is available at T-Mark Hotel, T-Mark Grand Hotel, Lotte Hotel Seoul and Center Mark Hotel.

- ***Accommodation: Center Mark Hotel or Similar (4 Star)***

Day 11 (5/26-Sat): Full-Day Seoul Highlights Tour (B/L/X)

After breakfast, meet up with tour guide at hotel lobby. Visit Gwanghwamun Gate, the main gate founded by the first king of the Joseon Dynasty and enjoy The Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, explore Gyeongbokgung Palace (Changdeokgung Palace on Tuesday), arguably the most beautiful and the grandest of all five palaces and also visit National Folk Museum of Korea. Then pass by Blue house, also called Cheong Wa Dae, the presidential residence. Then you will explore Insadong-gil Street, which is connected to a multitude of alleys that lead deeper into the district, with modern galleries and tea shops and also visit Jogyesa Temple, the chief temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, becoming so in 1936. Afterward, head to Myeongdong district, one of the busiest places in Seoul and among Korea's premier shopping destinations and have a lunch at a local restaurant. Then explore Namsangol Hanok Village (Bukchon Hanok Village on Monday) where there are five restored traditional Korean houses and a pavilion, a pond and a time capsule. Next, visit N Seoul Tower, offering panoramic views of Seoul and the surrounding areas. After the tour, transfer to hotel.

- ***Accommodation: Center Mark Hotel or Similar (4 Star)***

Day 12 (5/27-Sun): Depart to next destination (B/X/X)

After breakfast, spend some time at leisure till met and transferred to Incheon International Airport by a local driver on a private basis for your flight to next destination.