

## ROUND TAIWAN AND DISCOVER KOREA WITH JAPAN GOLDEN ROUTE EXTENSIONS 22 DAYS

**TOUR CODE: ATL112 + AKL100 + JHL115**

**\*INFORMATION**

<b>DURATION</b>	22 Days 21 nights
<b>VISITING</b>	Taipei, Sun Moon Lake, Fo Guang Shan Monastery, Kaohsiung, Kenting, Taitung (Hot Spring), East Coast National Scenic Area, Hualien, Taroko Gorge, Taipei, Seoul, Gyeongju, Busan, Jeju Island, Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, Hakone, Kyoto
<b>THEME</b>	Tour & Sightseeing, History & Cultural, Package Tour, Best Selling Tour, Semi-Guided Tour, Multi Destination Package
<b>DEPARTURE</b>	<b>Jan. 13; Feb 10, 24; Mar 24; Apr 21; May 5, 26; Jun 23; Jul 7; Aug 4; 25; Sep 8, 29; Oct 13, 27; Nov 17</b>
<b>MIN.PAX</b>	<i>2 Pax (*The tour requires a minimum of 2-adult participants to be committed to guarantee departure.)</i>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>ADULT : \$5,590 / PERSON (* SINGLE SUPPLEMENT CHARGE: \$1,490)</b> <b>CHILD (2-11) : \$4,472 / PERSON</b>
<b>HIGHLIGHTS</b>	Visit the numerous temples, shrines, hot springs and national parks of Taiwan around the entire island. First exploring Taipei's urban and historic highlights then leave bustling Taipei behind for the remote beaches and rocky coastal scenery of Sun Moon Lake, Taroko Gorge, Kenting National Park and the East Coast National Area. Your guide provides insightful commentary on sites as Fo Guang Shan Monastery, Wenwu Temple, Holy Shrine and Tse-En Pagoda. As Korea's capital and most populous city, Seoul is the country's vibrant center for business, education and culture. This comprehensive itinerary combines the bustling activities to be enjoyed in Seoul, the volcanic formed wonders of Jeju Island and its tradition of women divers 'Haenyeo,' and finally the majestic ancient former capital, Gyeongju. This scrupulously well-preserved city was home to Korean rulers for more than 1000 years. Japan Golden Route is best-selling package tour of Japan. It takes you to all the hidden treasures places with an experienced guide. Visit Tokyo, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Kyoto. It provides a deep insight of the culture and rich history. Currently Japan is a symbol of the exotic, the unknown and the immeasurable and exudes a sense of complete 'difference' that draws travelers to its fascinating and volcanic shores. A wealth of World Heritage shrines, temples and gardens as well as modern Japan with its ultra efficient transport system and tall skyscrapers await discovery on this introductory tour. You will travel by comfortable coach, bullet train and stay.
<b>INCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 21-night accommodation in the 3.5-5 Star hotels with breakfast</li> <li>- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers as specified in the itinerary</li> <li>- Transports by van, mini-bus, and/or coach</li> <li>- English speaking tour guide</li> <li>- Meals in the itinerary</li> <li>- Admission fees to sites listed in the itinerary</li> <li>- <b>Domestic air tickets based on economy class (PUS-CJU-GMP)</b></li> </ul>
<b>EXCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Round-trip international air ticket</li> <li>- Travel insurance</li> <li>- Meals not specified in the itinerary</li> <li>- Service beyond the itinerary</li> <li>- Personal expenses throughout the tour</li> <li>- Gratuities (optional, not required)</li> <li>- Single supplement charge: \$1,490</li> </ul>
<b>NOTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The tour requires a minimum of 2-adult participants to be committed to guarantee departure.</li> <li>* Price listed is per person, based on double occupancy and subject to availability.</li> <li>* Child rate applies only when sharing a room with 2 paying adults.</li> <li>* Single Supplement Charge is for any odd number of pax or pax requesting single room (except 1 pax).</li> <li>* The itinerary/accommodation is subjects to change due to unexpected local circumstances.</li> <li>* This is a group joining tour and people are from all English speaking countries.</li> </ul>

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<b>CANCEL POLICY</b>	<p><i>[Deposit &amp; Payment]</i></p> <p>* Deposit Required within 3 business days (10%) : Non-Refundable</p> <p>* Remaining Balance payment required: 31 days before travel start date.</p> <p><i>[Cancellation Policy]</i></p> <p>* 31 days or more prior to departure: 20% of total cost</p> <p>* 19 to 30 days or more prior to departure: 40% of total cost</p> <p>* 10 to 19 days or more prior to departure: 60% of total cost</p> <p>* 03 to 09 days or more prior to departure: 80% of total cost</p> <p>* Within 48 hours or no show: 100% of total cost</p> <p>* There will be no refund for any single part of the tour has skipped by own while it is in progress.</p>

**\* ITINERARY (B = BREAKFAST / L = LUNCH / D = DINNER / X = NO MEAL)**

**Day 1: Arrive in Taipei (X/X/X)**

Upon arrival at Taipei International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel by a local driver on a private basis. After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

- **Accommodation: Grand Mayfull Hotel Taipei or similar (5 Star)**

**Day 2: Full-Day Taipei Highlight Tour (B/L/X)**

After breakfast, we will head to National Palace Museum. We will short stop at Grand Hotel overlooking Taipei Basin. National Palace houses the world's largest collection of Chinese art treasure. Most of the 620,000 art objects were part of the Chinese imperial collection that was brought to Taiwan for safe-keeping. The collection is too large to be displayed at one time! While many popular pieces remain on permanent display, other items are rotated regularly, making each visit unique. We will proceed to visit Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, another landmark of Taipei, built to honor the Late President Chiang Kai-Shek who passed away in 1975 at the age of 89. Within walking distance, we will have photo stop in front of Presidential Office Building. This renaissance-style building has been the highest seat of government in Taiwan for over a century, first as the office of the governor general's office during the Japanese colonial period and after 1949 as Taiwan's 'White House.' Continue the tour to the most remarkable landmark – the Taipei 101 Tower We would like to give you some free time to go to Taipei 101 89<sup>th</sup> floor Observatory deck (At your own account) to have bird's eye view of Taipei city, or go shopping at Taipei 101 Mall. In the afternoon, we will visit Shifen Old Streets and Waterfalls in Pingxi, where you are able to experience flying sky lantern. In the past, those who worked or farmed in this remote hillside town used lanterns to inform their families they were safe when facing the risk of being robbed or killed. Nowadays, the lanterns do not function as signals anymore, but used as symbols of peace and good fortune. Our last stop today is Shihlin Night Market, one of the largest night markets in Taipei formed by many prosperous shops famous for various snacks and eatery. When one walks in the turning lanes and alleys, one would often find something unexpected.

- **Accommodation: Grand Mayfull Hotel Taipei or similar (5 Star)**

**Day 3: Taipei - Sun Moon Lake & Natural Hot Spring (B/X/X)**

After breakfast, we will pick you up at lobby of your hotel. Then we will drive south to Sun Moon Lake, which is located in the middle of Taiwan and situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of Central Taiwan about 2,500 feet above sea level. Tour will stop at the famous Wenwu Temple, also known as Literature-Warrior Temple, dedicated to Confucius as Master of Pen and to Kuan Ti as Master of Sword. You will also visit Holy Monk Shrine and Tse-En Pagoda. After touring around Sun Moon Lake, check in hotel. Enjoy natural hot spring at the Fleur de Chine Hotel, Sun Moon Lake. You can also enjoy the walking trails, biking, hiking or boating at the lake.

- **Accommodation: Fleur De Chine, Sun Moon Lake - Mountain View or similar (5 Star)**

**Day 4: Sun Moon Lake - Fo Guang Shan Monastery – Kaohsiung (B/X/X)**

After breakfast and check out hotel, passing by the lovely small and old Jiji Railway Station, drive to Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery, the most famous Buddhist sacred place of southern Taiwan. Here you will learn about Buddhism

during the monastery walking tour to visit "Buddha Memorial Center" and communicate with some of the monks and nuns during the visit, there will be opportunity to find a massive Buddha status and taste Buddhist vegetarian lunch (at your own cost). Continuously, we will drive to Kaohsiung City, which is the second largest city of Taiwan. The tour will take you to Love River (pass by) and stroll through Lio Ho Night Market.

- **Accommodation: Grand Hi-Lai Hotel, Kaohsiung or similar (5 Star)**

#### **Day 5: Kaohsiung - Kenting - Zhiben Hot Springs (B/X/X)**

After breakfast and then take a morning tour to Kenting National Park, located at Taiwan's southern tip. The 37 miles of coral-rimmed shoreline along three sides of the park provide many notable attractions. Stops will be made at the Eluanbi lighthouse, the Maobitou scenic coastal area and the forest recreation area, Longpan Park. Continuously we will drive to Taitung via Southern Link Highway. Enjoy natural hot spring at Hotel Royal Chihpen (Zhiben Hot Springs).

- **Accommodation: Hotel Royal Chihpen, Taitung or similar (5 Star)**

#### **Day 6: Taitung - East Coast National Scenic Area - Hualien (B/X/X)**

After breakfast, it will be an exciting East Coast Tour. The East Coast National Scenic Area, known as "Taiwan's last unspoiled land", stretches 106 miles down the east coast of the island. Weathering, erosion, and accumulation have produced a wide range of landforms here. Our tour will stop at Siaoyeliu, Sansientai, Shihtiping (Stone Steps), marble factory and showroom. Late afternoon, we will proceed to Hualien for overnight stay at Taroko National Park.

- **Accommodation: Silks Place Taroko, Hualien or similar (5 Star)**

#### **Day 7: Hualien - Taroko Gorge - Taipei (B/X/X)**

After breakfast, we will make a whole day visit to Taroko National Park. Taroko Gorge is an exceptionally beautiful, narrow ravine created by the Liwu River which has cut deep into the mountains of solid marble. A road carved into sheer walls of rock winding its way past forested peaks and cliffs towering thousands of feet above it, while hundreds of feet below a river roars past gigantic marble boulders. Stops will be made at Ci Mu Bridge, Swallow Grotto, and Changchun Temple (Eternal Spring Shrine). We will then drive back to Taipei with a stop at Qingshui Cliff, drive through Syue-Shan Long Tunnel (8 miles) to arrive at around 18:00pm. After the tour, we will drop you off at your hotel in Taipei. After check in, the rest of day is free at leisure on your own.

- **Accommodation: Grand Mayfull Hotel Taipei or similar (5 Star)**

#### **Day 8: Depart to South Korea - Arrive in Seoul (B/X/X)**

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

- **Accommodation: Tmark Grand Hotel or Similar (4.5 Star)**

#### **Day 9: Seoul - KTX Bullet Train - Gyeongju (B/L/X)**

After breakfast, met and transferred to Seoul Station by a local driver on a private basis. Then you will board on KTX bullet-train head to Shin-Gyeongju Station [KTX121 10:00 - 12:06] on your own. Upon arrival at Shin-Gyeongju Station, you will meet a tour guide with name board at Station Exit and enjoy half-day Gyeongju tour. Your first stop is Bulguksa Temple, the representative relic of Gyeongju and continue visit to Gyeongju Folk Craft Village, a home to craftsman and artisans. Finally, you will enjoy little walking at Anapji Pond, designed as a park for royalty. After the tour, transfer to hotel and the remaining of the day is at leisure on your own. Lunch will be served en route at a local restaurant.

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

#### **Day 10: Gyeongju - Busan (B/L/X)**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, you will meet up with your guide at hotel lobby. Visit Daereungwon Tomb Complex, large ancient tombs of kings and nobles of the Silla Kingdom and Cheomseongdae, the oldest existing astronomical observatory in Asia, in the morning. Leave for Busan, the largest port city in Korea via Hanatour vehicle. After hotel check-in, you will enjoy free time at Haeundae Beach. Sightseeing of the city of Busan will be Busan Tower, the symbol of Busan

and Jagalchi Market, located on the shore side road in Busan, the largest seafood market selling both live and dried fish. After the tour, transfer to your hotel and the rest of the day is at leisure on your own. Lunch will be served en route at a local restaurant.

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

**Day 11: Busan - Gimhae Airport - Jeju Island (B/L/X)**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, meet your guide at hotel lobby. You will visit Haedong Yonggungsa Seaside Temple and Dongbaekseom Island. After the tour and lunch time, you will be transferred to Gimhae International Airport to Jeju Island. Upon arrival at Jeju International Airport, you will be met by a local driver and transferred to your hotel on a private basis. After hotel check-in, the remaining of the day is at leisure on your own.

<p><b>[Flight Information – Gimhae to Jeju]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation number: TBA</li> <li>- Flight: TBA</li> <li>- Departure date: TBA</li> <li>- Departure time at Gimpo : TBA</li> <li>- Arrival time at Jeju : TBA</li> </ul>	<p><b>[Flight Information – Jeju to Gimpo]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation number: TBA</li> <li>- Flight: TBA</li> <li>- Departure date: TBA</li> <li>- Departure time at Jeju : TBA</li> <li>- Arrival time at Gimpo : TBA</li> </ul>
<p><b>[Jeju domestic flight]</b>  <b>Baggage weight allowance is 15 kg (33lb). Over weight charge is \$2/kg.</b>  <b>Hand Carry baggage is 10 kg (22lb).</b>  <b>Passenger has to check in one hour before departure at least.</b></p>	

- **Accommodation: Best Western Hotel Jeju or similar (4 Star)**

**Day 12: Full-Day Jeju World UNESCO Heritage Tour (B/L/X)**

After breakfast, meet your guide in the lobby of the hotel. During this full-day tour you will visit and learn things about Jeju Island that you never knew about before and will be able to get-away from the hustle and bustle of Seoul and enjoy picture like views and get some fresh air!

Your tour guide will pick you up at your hotel in Jeju Island. Tour bus will head over to Woljeong Beach, one of must go to beaches in Jeju Island due to emerald colored beaches with charmingly decorated cafe. Then you will visit Manjanggul Lava Tube that stretches for as far as 7.4km which was formed when the lave that was deep in the ground spouts from the peak and flows to the surface.

After having seasonal local lunch you will enjoy Haenyeo Performance. Haenyeo literally means "Sea-Women" and they are divers in Jeju Island who dive into the ocean to catch various seafood or oceanic organisms. (It could be cancelled due to the weather condition.) Then continue on to visit Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, designated by UNESCO as World Nature Heritage in 2007. Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak rose from under the sea in a volcanic eruption over 5,000 years ago. Located on the eastern end of the Jeju Island, there is a huge crater at the top of Sungsan Ilchulbong Peak.

Afterwards you will visit Seongeup Folk Village. The Seongeup Folk Village shows the unique culture of Jeju Island: the black lava rock walls, the straight but curvy alleys to block the wind, and the stone grandfather statues (Harubang), which have become a prime feature of the landscape. The local black-haired pigs and tongsi (pigsty / restroom) are especially well-known characteristics of Jeju folk culture.

Finally, you will stop by for a Foot Spa Experience. At the end of tour, participants can relieve fatigue and tension while taking a foot spa in warm water.

When the tour ends, we will transfer you back to your hotel and spend the remaining of the day at leisure.

- **Accommodation: Best Western Hotel Jeju or similar (4 Star)**

### **Day 13: Full-Day Jeju Volcanic Island Tour - Jeju Airport - Gimpo Airport - Seoul (B/L/X)**

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up from your hotel in Jeju Island. Tour bus will head over to Yakchen Temple via Olle-trekking 8 courses. Then visit Jusangeolliade, also called Seaside Cliff, a popular spot due to an impressive pillar rock formation along the coast of Jeju Island and is a designated cultural monument of Jeju Island. This cliff was also formed when the lava from Mt. Halla erupted in to the sea of Jungmun area. Then you will visit Cheonjeyeon Falls., "The Pond of God," consists of 3 sections.

After having a seasonal local lunch, then move on to the famous Yongmeori Beach, also known as Dragon Head Shore situated at the bottom of Mt. Sanbang at the north of Jeju City. The Dragon Head Shore was created by strong winds and waves over thousands of years. There are Gulbangs here which are depressed into the shape of rooms, and wide rocks stacking up on one another along the seashore cliffs which create the majestic scenery by the sea.

Afterwards, you will visit Camellia Hill. The arboretum is home to 6,000 camellia trees of 500 different species including species that are known to produce the world's largest and earliest blossoms.

Finally, if you are visiting during November through January, you will proceed to experience Tangerine Picking. Jeju Island's tangerines are known for its abundant nutrients and sweetness. If you are visiting during the month of February through October, you will visit the Eorimok Trails, which are surrounded by lush forest of Mt. Halla.

When the tour ends, we will transfer you to Jeju International Airport with your guide for taking a flight back to Seoul. Upon arrival at Gimpo Airport, you will be met and transferred to hotel by a local driver on a private basis. After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

- ***Accommodation: Tmark Grand Hotel or Similar (4.5 Star)***

### **Day 14: Full-Day Seoul Highlight 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 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 visit Insadong-gil, 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, 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: Tmark Grand Hotel or Similar (4.5 Star)***

### **Day 15: Free day in Seoul (B/X/X)**

After breakfast, have your free day at leisure to relax and pursue your own activities in Seoul.

- ***Accommodation: Tmark Grand Hotel or Similar (4.5 Star)***

### **Day 16: Depart to Japan - Arrive in Tokyo (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 Japan. 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 rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

- ***Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel or Similar (3.5 Star)***

### **Day 17: Full-Day Mt. Fuji and Hakone Excursion Tour (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, meet up with your guide at the lobby of your hotel. Your tour will begin as soon as you board the coach bus prepared just for you. You will be visiting Mount Fuji and Hakone. When you visit Mount Fuji, enjoy the awesome sight at the 5th Station. Take a ride on the Hakone Ropeway and Lake Ashi Boat Cruise. After the tour, return to your hotel and spend the remaining of the day at leisure on your own. We will serve lunch and dinner en route.

- **Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel or Similar (3.5 Star)**

#### **Day 18: Full-Day Tokyo Highlights Tour (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, meet up with your guide at the lobby of your hotel. Your tour will begin as soon as you board the coach bus prepared just for you. The morning portion of the tour will include visits to Asakusa Temple, where Sensoji, the most popular temple in Tokyo, is located in, and to Nakamise Shopping Street, featuring 80+ shops. After lunch, the tour will take you to the Imperial Palace where the Japanese emperor resides in, and Diver City and Toyota Mega Web in Odaiba. After the end of the tour and return to the hotel, take some time for yourself! We will serve lunch and dinner en route.

- **Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel or Similar (3.5 Star)**

#### **Day 19: Tokyo - Shinkansen Bullet Train - Arrive in Kyoto (B/X/X)**

After breakfast, you will be heading to Tokyo Station individually. At the station, you will be able to catch a ride on the famous bullet train. Take the Shinkansen to Kyoto, where Japan's traditions are still alive and flourishing. We hope that you'll enjoy your ride on the Shinkansen - having the bento meal. After you arrive at Kyoto Station, you will head to the hotel individually. After hotel check-in, take some time to prepare for the next day's schedule and relax.

#### **[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: Dormy Inn Premium Kyoto Ekimae or Similar (3 Star)**

#### **Day 20: Full-Day Kyoto and Arashiyama Tour (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, meet your guide at the lobby of your hotel. Your tour will begin as soon as you board the coach bus prepared just for you. You will be visiting Arashiyama and find tranquility in your heart as you walk the bamboo forest and the garden of Tenryu-ji Temple. Enjoy Kyoto's lunch and visit Kinkaku-ji Temple and Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Next, visit the Gion District and see the beauty of Maikos in kimono. After you return to the hotel, relax and enjoy the evening. We will serve lunch and dinner en route.

- **Accommodation: Dormy Inn Premium Kyoto Ekimae or Similar (3 Star)**

#### **Day 21: Full-Day Fushimi Inari-taisha and Kyoto Castle Tour (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, meet up with your guide at the lobby of your hotel. Your tour will begin as soon as you board the coach bus prepared just for you. Watch the Kimono Show at the Nishijin Textile Center and spend some quality time at Kitano Tenmangu Shrine, Daiunzan Ryoanji and Nijo Castle (the castle of Nijo-jo). The tour concludes at Fushimi Inari Taisha, where you take the most Japanese photo during the tour. After returning to the hotel, enjoy your evening. We will serve lunch and dinner en route.

- **Accommodation: Dormy Inn Premium Kyoto Ekimae or Similar (3 Star)**

#### **Day 22: Kyoto - Kansai International Airport - Depart to next destination (B/X/X)**

After breakfast, spend some time at leisure till met and transferred to Kansai International Airport by a pre-reserved shared ride for your flight to next destination.