# ITINERARY

## 10 Days Japan Kanto, Kansai & Korea Tour

| DEPARTURE | DESTINATION | DURATION |
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| Tokyo | Seoul | 10 Days / 9 Nights |

### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1

### Day 1: Welcome to the Land of the Rising Sun Arrive in Tokyo

Upon touching down at **Narita (NRT)** or **Haneda (HND)** Airport, you are warmly welcomed by our **on-site receptionist**. They will manage your seamless transfer to your distinguished hotel. Complimentary service runs from **8:00 AM to 10:00 PM**; kindly note that a short, necessary wait may occur while coordinating all group arrivals. Your sophisticated accommodation awaits; check-in is available after **3:00 PM** (passport required). Guests arriving early are invited to secure their luggage and immediately begin their own independent discovery of the electric capital.

Hotel: Tokyo Dome Hotel or similar

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Day 2

### Day 2: Tokyo Icons and the Mountain's Embrace (B, L, D)

After a refreshing breakfast, step into the city's spiritual heart at **Senso-ji Temple**, Tokyo's oldest, and stroll the vibrant artisan market of **Nakamise Dori**. We admire the soaring profile of the **Tokyo Skytree** from afar before visiting the famous **Nijubashi Bridge** near the Imperial Palace East Garden. Our city exploration culminates in the dazzling, illuminated entertainment hub of **Shinjuku Kabukicho**. Finally, we journey to the tranquil Mt. Fuji area, where a traditional dinner and the restorative bliss of a **Japanese-Style Hot Spring** (*onsen*) await to soothe your soul.

**? Seasonal Enchantments (Day 3):**

**Spring (Mar 22 - Apr 12):** Witness the ethereal beauty of cherry blossoms at **Chidorigafuchi Park** and **Shinjuku Gyoen**.

**Autumn (Oct 18 - Nov 15):** Discover the stunning autumnal artistry of **Yoyogi Park** and **Rikugien Garden**.

Hotel: Fuji Kawaguchiko Resort Hotel or Motosu Phoenix Hotel or similar

Meals: **Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner** Hotel: **Hotel: Fuji Kawaguchiko Resort Hotel or Motosu Phoenix Hotel or similar**

Day 3

### Day 3: Majestic Fuji and the Road to Nagoya (B, L)

The morning brings us to the sacred slopes of **Mt. Fuji's 5th Station** for a breathtaking vantage point halfway up Japan's holiest peak (should weather deny the ascent, we will visit the insightful **Mt. Fuji World Heritage Center**). Next, explore **Oshino Hakkai**, a picturesque, traditional village where crystalline spring water pools and rustic water wheels are perfectly framed by the mountain's grandeur. We seek serenity at **Bussharito Heiwa Park**, a place of peace showcasing exquisite Japanese gardening. Later, we transfer to **Nagoya** for an evening of independent discovery, allowing you to stroll and savor the atmosphere of the famous **Osu Shopping District**.

Hotel: Hotel Keihan Nagoya or Hilton Nagoya or similar

Meals: **Breakfast,Lunch** Hotel: **Hotel: Hotel Keihan Nagoya or Hilton Nagoya or similar**

Day 4

## Day 4: Golden Pavilion and the Soul of Kyoto (B, L)

Following breakfast, we begin at **Nagoya Castle**, a masterpiece that once commanded the region. Our journey continues to the cultural capital, **Kyoto**. Here, we are instantly captivated by the shimmering **Kinkakuji Temple** (Golden Pavilion), its two upper stories entirely clad in **radiant gold foil**. Afterwards, immerse yourself in the ancient charm of **Gion**, the city's celebrated geisha district. Feel the vibrant, spiritual energy of **Yasaka Shrine**, and walk down **Hanamachi Street**—the most distinguished geisha quarter from the Edo period—before a peaceful pause by the **Kamo River**.

**? Seasonal Enchantments :**

**Spring (Mar 22 - Apr 12):** Enjoy a restful moment beneath the cherry trees at **Maruyama Park**.

**Autumn (Oct 18 - Nov 15):** Capture the glorious fall colors in the **Arashiyama Area**, featuring the iconic **Togetsukyo Bridge**.

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Shijo Karasuma or Keihan Kyoto Hachijoguchi or similar

Meals: **Breakfast,Lunch** Hotel: **Karasuma or Keihan Kyoto Hachijoguchi or similar**

Day 5

## Day 5: Vermillion Gates, Friendly Deer, and Osaka's Feast (B, L)

Our final morning of historical discovery begins at the **Kyoto Imperial Palace**, the former seat of the Imperial Family. Then, prepare for one of Japan's most unforgettable sights: the virtually endless, blazing orange corridor of *torii* gates winding up the hill at **Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine**. Our cultural journey pauses in **Nara Park**, a unique sanctuary where **friendly, curious deer** roam freely. We explore the nearby **Kasuga Taisha Shrine** before heading to **Osaka** to visit the grounds of **Osaka Castle Park**. As evening falls, dive into the electric atmosphere of **Shinsaibashi**, the largest shopping district, before savoring the renowned local flavors along the famous **Dotonbori Food Street** (dinner on your own).

Hotel: Osaka Sheraton Miyako or Hommachi Miyako or similar

Meals: **Breakfast,Lunch** Hotel: **Hotel: Osaka Sheraton Miyako or Hommachi Miyako or similar**

Day 6

## Day 6: Farewell from the Kansai Region (BD)

**From the Islands to the Land of the Morning Calm**

Your morning begins with a seamless transfer to the airport (*shuttle bus ticket included, guide assistance provided the day before*), bidding farewell to Japan as you take flight for **South Korea**. Upon arrival in Seoul, your dedicated guide welcomes you and immediately transports you to the serene eastern province of **Gangwon-do**. The day culminates in a comforting introduction to local Korean flavors with a delicious **local cuisine** dinner.

Hotel: Sea Cruise Hotel Sokcho or Sunrise Hotel or similar

Meals: **Breakfast,Dinner** Hotel: **Hotel: Sea Cruise Hotel Sokcho or Sunrise Hotel or similar**

Day 7

## Day 7: Peaks, Temples, and a Taste of France (BLD)

Awake for an exploration of natural splendor at **Seoraksan National Park**. Ascend the mountainside via a **cable car** for breathtaking, panoramic views of one of South Korea's most iconic eastern peaks. Within the park, discover the tranquility of **Shinhungsa Temple**. The journey continues to the bustling **Sokcho Tourist & Fishery Market**, a sensory delight offering all the bounty of the sea and local crafts. Finally, step into the whimsical storybook setting of **Petite France**, a charming cultural village inspired by "The Little Prince" before transferring to the vibrant capital city, **Seoul**.

Hotel: Ibis Styles Ambassador Seoul Yongsan or similar

Meals: **Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner** Hotel: **Hotel: Ibis Styles Ambassador Seoul Yongsan or similar**

Day 8

## Day 8: Standing at the Edge of History (BL)

Today is a profound journey to the **Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)**, a site of poignant national division. From the **Odusan Unification Observatory**, gaze across the Han and Imjin Rivers where the two Koreas stand separated. Visit **Imjingak Park**, a powerful collection of war-related artifacts, and walk upon the **Freedom Bridge**, the poignant path used by repatriated prisoners of war. Returning to the city, immerse yourself in millennia of heritage at the **National Museum of Korea**, home to a vast collection of artifacts. Conclude the day with a spectacular drive along the **Bugak Skyway**, offering one of the finest **panoramic views of downtown Seoul** sparkling beneath the evening sky.

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Meals: **Breakfast,Lunch** Hotel: **Hotel: Ibis Styles Ambassador Seoul Yongsan or similar**

Day 9

## Day 9: Imperial Palaces, Hanok Alleys, and River Breezes (BL)

Step back in time at **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, the magnificent Imperial Palace of the Joseon Dynasty. Afterward, explore the rich folk traditions of Korea at the **National Folk Museum**. The journey shifts to the captivating blend of old and new in **Ikseon-dong**, where traditional **Hanok** houses and winding alleys create an irresistibly charming atmosphere. Find serenity aboard the **Han River Cruise**, enjoying the refreshing breeze and scenic city views from the water. The day ends with time to delight your senses at **Myeongdong**, Seoul's famous and bustling center for shopping and street life.

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Meals: **Breakfast,Lunch** Hotel: **Hotel: Ibis Styles Ambassador Seoul Yongsan or similar**

Day 10

## Day 10: Farewell to Seoul (B)

Enjoy a final breakfast before your memorable journey through the Land of the Morning Calm concludes as you transfer to the airport on your own expense (a taxi ride is estimated around US$70 per way) for your homebound flight.

Meals: **Breakfast**

## WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

### COST INCLUDES

- ✓ ? 9-night hotel accommodation with b'fast (2 people share one room);
- ✓ ? Daily meals as indicated (B=breakfast. F=lunch, D=Dinner)
- ✓ ? Transfer service as indicated in the itinerary;
- ✓ ? English-speaking tour guide service;
- ✓ ? Admission tickets to attractions as indicated in itinerary;

### COST EXCLUDES

- ✗ × International airfare /airport tax;
- ✗ × tipping to tour guides & drivers:200 cad/pp,pay upon reservation.
- ✗ × Visa;
- ✗ × Travel Insurance;
- ✗ × Optional Programs;
- ✗ × Personal expense (such as laundry, shopping etc.)

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

- **Valid Passport** — must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date

- **Required Visas** — verify visa requirements for your destination and nationality before travel
- **Travel Insurance Certificate** — trip cancellation and out-of-country medical coverage (strongly recommended)
- **Credit Card & Cash** — for personal expenses and emergencies
- **Medications** — in original packaging with prescriptions, plus a copy stored separately

**IMPORTANT TRAVEL ADVISORIES**

**Entry Requirements:** Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure all documents are valid and in order.

**Local Conditions:** Living standards and practices at the destination, and the standards and conditions with respect to utilities, services, and accommodation, may differ from those found in Canada.

**Airport Arrival:** Please arrive at the airport at least **3 hours before** international departures and **2 hours before** domestic departures. Reconfirm onward flights with the airline at least 72 hours in advance.

**Government Travel Advice:** Check Global Affairs Canada at **travel.gc.ca** for the latest travel advisories for your destination.