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## Itinerary Details

**Discover South Korea & Japan - Sum 2024**

13Nights 14Days



## Day 1 : Annyeonghaseyo Seoul – South Korea’s vibrant capital.



Welcome to Seoul – a huge metropolis where modern skyscrapers, high-tech subways and pop culture meet Buddhist temples, palaces and street markets. Get transferred to your conveniently located hotel. (Check-in on your own after 15:00). Overnight in Seoul. (Dinner)

Dinner

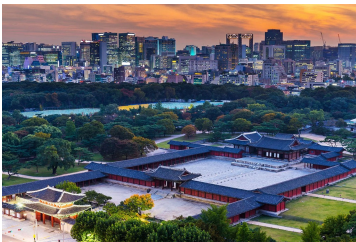
## Day 2 : DMZ - ‘The Korean Demilitarized Zone



Today we visit the famed ‘The Korean Demilitarized Zone’ (DMZ) on the border of South and North Korea. It’s a weapons-free buffer zone between North and South Korea, a 2-kilometer wide demilitarized zone on each side. This border barrier divides the peninsula roughly in half. Here we will visit Dorasan Peace Park, Dora Observatory and the third Infiltration Tunnel which was dug by the northern army to spy on southern part. Later return to Seoul for a trip to the Namsan Tower - a symbol of Seoul. Officially the YTN Seoul Tower and commonly known as the Seoul Tower. The 236-meter-tall tower marks the second highest point in Seoul and is considered a local landmark. Visit the observation tower which allows you to view the entire city and surrounding areas. Overnight in Seoul. (Packed Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 3 : Get familiar with the city of Seoul on a guided city tour. Flight to Jeju Island



Start the day with a guided city tour of Seoul – visit Gyeongbok Palace - UNESCO World Heritage Site and the main royal palace of the Joseon dynasty. Gyeongbok Palace is the most beautiful and grandest of all the palaces. Next proceed to Bukchon Hanok Village with a lot of cultural centers which showcase’s the culture of the Joseon Dynasty. Gwangjang Market is a colorful market in the heart of Seoul. It is one of the best experiences where tradition, culture, and delicious Korean street foods all meet. Later we take a flight to the beautiful Jeju Island - known for its beach resorts and volcanic landscape of craters and cavelike lava tubes. Overnight in Jeju. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 4 : Full day sightseeing of Jeju Island.



Today we visit Manjanggul Caves which consists of variety of interesting structures including 70 cm lava stalagmites and the lava tube tunnels. Later we proceed to visit Seongsan Iculbong Sunrise Peak – A UNESCO World Natural Heritage, which was formed around 100,000 years ago by an underwater eruption. Visit Seongeup Village - an entire village which preserves the living site of the people of old Jeju, has been designated as an Important Folklore Cultural Heritage. Next up we visit EcoLand – a charming park offering ambling old-fashioned train rides through various gardens & picnic areas. Overnight in Jeju. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 5 : Onto Busan – Gyeongju

Today we will board a flight to Busan. Upon arrival we proceed to Gyeongju - often referred to as "the museum without walls". Visit Bulguksa Temple - its two most



famous features are the Dabotap Pagoda, the Pagoda of Many Treasures or of Multiple Jewels, and the Seokgatap Pagoda, the Sakyamuni Buddha Pagoda. They stand within the central courtyard in front of the historic main hall, dedicated to the Sakyamuni, one of the Buddha's titles. Seokguram Grotto portrays the enlightenment of Buddha and Bulguksa Temple represents the Buddhist utopia taking its form in the terrestrial world. The two sites are closely linked physically, historically and culturally and all of their key components are included within the boundaries of the property. Later we proceed to Busan – largest port city in South Korea known for its beaches, mountains and temples. Overnight in Busan (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 6 : Guided city tour of Busan with Gamcheon Cultural Village, Busan Tower, Jagalchi Fish Market and Haeundae Beach



Today we proceed for an exciting guided tour of Busan. See Gamcheon Cultural Village – a picturesque attraction featuring a village of colorful houses, painted murals, shops & cafes. See the Yongdusan Mountain in downtown Busan - one of Busan's three famous mountains. Go up the Busan Tower gives you views over the city and the sea. Visit The Jagalchi Market - It is Korea's largest seafood market. After the Korean War the market solidified itself as a fish market. This market represents Busan and is famous throughout the country. See the Haeundae Beach - probably the most famous beach in South Korea. The sand of this beach is composed of sand that comes from Chuncheon Stream and shells that have been naturally eroded by the wind over time. Haeundae Beach is also famous for the various cultural events and festivals held throughout the year. Overnight in Busan (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 7 : Onto Kyoto via Osaka



This morning say we say goodbye to Korea and take a flight to Osaka. Upon arrival we will proceed to Kyoto. Visit Arashiyama Bamboo Grove - one of the most photographed sights in the city. Standing amid these soaring stalks of bamboo is like being in another world. Visit the Kinkakuji - a Zen Buddhist temple. Kinkakuji, or the Golden Pavillion, is a Zen temple of which the top two floors are covered in gold leaf. The first floor is built from natural wood and plaster. It is designated as a National Special Historic Site and is one of 17 locations making up the Historical Monuments of Ancient Kyoto. Later visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine. This intriguing shrine was dedicated to the god of rice and sake by the Hata clan in the 8th century. Overnight in Kyoto (Breakfast/Dinner)

Breakfast,Dinner

## Day 8 : Onto Hiroshima - Peace Memorial Park and Museum



Today we proceed to the railway Station to board a Hi-speed Bullet train - Shinkansen to Hiroshima via Nagoya. On arrival at Hiroshima station board your coach and on a guided tour of Hiroshima – visit Peace Memorial Park and Museum. It is dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city in the world to suffer a nuclear attack and to the memories of the bomb's direct and indirect victims. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is visited by thousands of people each year. See the Atomic Bomb Dome. The A-Bomb Dome is the skeletal ruins of the former Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall. It is the building closest to the hypocenter of the nuclear bomb that remained at least partially standing. This has

been designated as a World Heritage site. Visit the Itsukushima Shrine: a Shinto shrine on the island of Itsukushima (popularly known as Miyajima), best known for its "floating" torii gate. Miyajima Island has long been a holy site in shinto, and Itsukushima Shrine was built in the 12th century. The shrine, and the torii gate, are built over water. Overnight in Hiroshima. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) Note: Due to limited baggage space on the Bullet train, you may proceed only with a Hand Baggage with overnight requirements. The check-in baggage may be transported directly to Toyoma hotel by a baggage truck.

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 9 : Onto Nagoya



Today we depart for Nagoya, capital of Japan's Aichi Prefecture, is a manufacturing and shipping hub in central Honshu. See the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology, also known as Toyota Tecno Museum, is a technology museum which showcases the worldwide history of automobiles and automobile culture. See the The SCMaglev and Railway Park - a railway museum owned by Central Japan Railway Company in Nagoya, Japan. Overnight in Nagoya. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 10 : Onto Toyama – Shirakawa Historic Village



Today we proceed to Toyama - coastal city on Japan's main island, Honshu. Enroute we see the historic Village of Shirakawa-gō - one of Japan's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The cultural property consists of three historic mountain villages over an area of 68 hectares in the remote Shogawa river valley, stretching across the border of Gifu and Toyama Prefectures in central Japan. Overnight in Toyama. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 11 : Alpine Route



Alpine Route is a unique and spectacular route through the Northern Japan Alps. It includes various means of transportation including cable cars, trolley buses and a ropeway. The main attraction of the Alpine Route is the magnificent scenery of the Mountain Range. Other highlights along the route are the single-span Ropeway that provides great panoramic bird's eye views of the surrounding mountain scenery, Overnight in Matsumoto. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

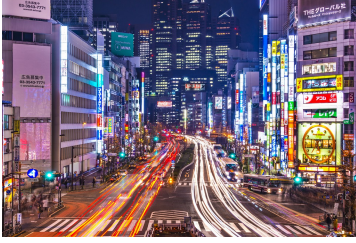
## Day 12 : Hakone – Mt Fuji - Experience ropeway and enjoy scenic boat cruise. Onto Tokyo



This morning we proceed to Mt. Fuji - the highest and most famous mountain in Japan. It rises 3,776 meters above sea level. It is considered as one of the most beautiful conical volcanoes in the world and the base of Mt. Fuji forms an almost perfect circle stretching 35 to 40 km from east to west and north to south. The volcano has been inactive for over 250 years. Experience a ropeway and later enjoy the panoramic view of Mt. Fuji from the Cruise. (Ropeway operation is subject to weather conditions.) Proceed to Tokyo - Japan's busy capital, mixes the ultramodern and the traditional, from neon-lit skyscrapers to historic temples. Overnight in Tokyo. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 13 : Guided tour of Tokyo



Today we proceed on the city tour of Tokyo. Drive past the Rainbow Bridge via Odaiba, Japan Diet Building, photostop by Imperial Palace, Tokyo Olympic Stadium, Shibuya Crossing. Photo-stop at Tokyo Tower – the self-supported steel tower. Proceed to Asakusa Sensoji Temple - an ancient Buddhist temple which is one of the most significant landmarks in Tokyo. Indulge in some souvenir shopping at Nakamise shopping Street. The bustling street is 250-meter-long and is occupied with colorful souvenir and other essentials shops. Visit Shinjuku Gyoen Park for the pretty flowers and trees. Overnight in Tokyo. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## Day 14 : Depart and fly back.



Your Holiday ends, and it's time to fly out. Check out at 11:00 and depart for the airport for your flight home / onwards. (Breakfast).

Breakfast

## Highlights

- A Comprehensive tour, precisely crafted and delivered at an honest price.
- Visit the DMZ - Korean Demilitarized Zone
- Get familiar with the city of Seoul on a guided city tour.
- Enjoy unobstructed view of the city from the Seoul Tower.
- Visit Manjanggul Caves & Seongsan Iculbong Sunrise Peak in Jeju Island
- Visit Bulguksa temple & Seokguram Grotto
- Visit Gamcheon cultural village & the Busan Tower in Busan
- Visit the famous Jagalchi Fish Market & Haeundae Beach
- Visit the Kinkakuji - a Zen Buddhist temple
- Visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum in Hiroshima
- Visit Nagoya, capital of Japan's Aichi Prefecture
- Visit Shirakawa Historic Village - one of Japan's UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Get thrilled with the views on the Alpine Tour.



- Experience ropeway and enjoy scenic boat cruise – Mt Fuji.
- Guided tour of Tokyo.
- Service of multilingual & knowledgeable tour manager who will accompany you throughout the tour.