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All the main sights by land and rail while staying in the finest hotels and resorts.



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Geishas adorned in exquisite kimonos on the streets of Kyoto, Japan

Bastions of culture. Young and old. Towering cities blessed with ancient temples and sacred shrines. Bright lights. Saturated colours. An island of avant-garde art. Cherry blossoms hailing the start of spring. Geishas stepping through hanamachis steeped in the past. Castles and palaces aplenty. Tranquil forests cradling magnificent mountains. Bullet speed train journeys in comfort and style. A demilitarised zone that sobers and fascinates. Markets and izakayas. Traditional drinks and mouth-watering delicacies. Observing the experts who concoct them. Mimicking their art and savouring your creations. An adventure to stir the senses. Freedom to explore with new friends. Knowing the little things have been looked after so you can live fully in each and every unforgettable moment.

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All taken care of

We make planning your travel experience as seamless as it can be. Our travel experts can look after all aspects of your journey. There's 24/7 emergency support and we'll keep you updated on any travel requirements.

For full details visit aptouring.co.nz/bookwithconfidence or speak with your local travel agent.

See Japan's iconic Mount Fuji for yourself

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Welcome to Japan & South Korea

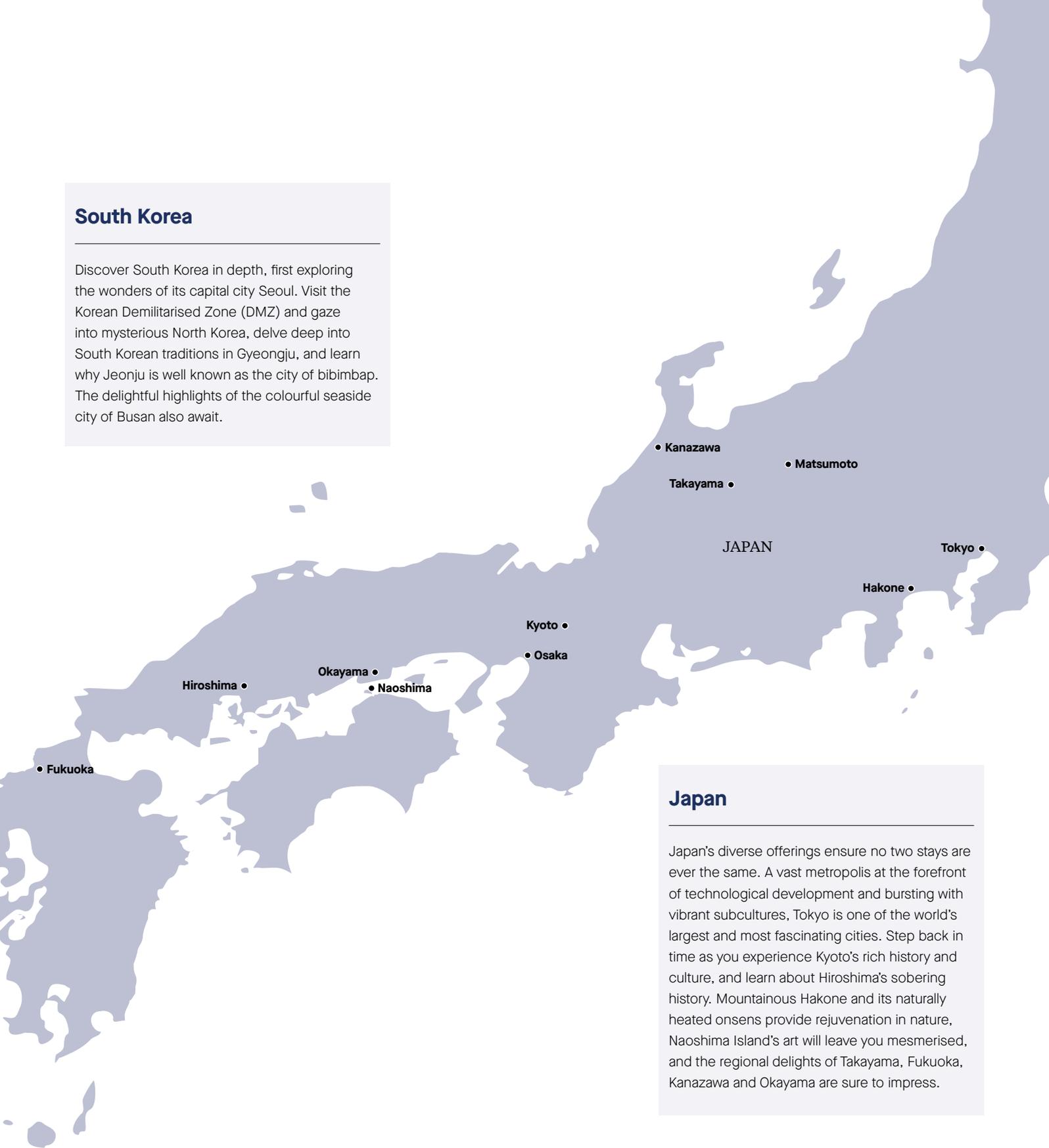
Captivating, diverse and multi-faceted, Japan and South Korea are a joy to discover. Here, the future and past seamlessly collide as ancient traditions live on in a modern world. Embrace cultures old and new, while visiting iconic wonders and hidden delights. From sprawling cities to quaint villages and everything in between, explore these rich regions in depth, traversing them by high-speed train and spacious coach, savouring sensational cuisine and indulging in luxury stays throughout your journey.



The "floating" torii gate at Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima, Japan

South Korea

Discover South Korea in depth, first exploring the wonders of its capital city Seoul. Visit the Korean Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) and gaze into mysterious North Korea, delve deep into South Korean traditions in Gyeongju, and learn why Jeonju is well known as the city of bibimbap. The delightful highlights of the colourful seaside city of Busan also await.



Japan

Japan's diverse offerings ensure no two stays are ever the same. A vast metropolis at the forefront of technological development and bursting with vibrant subcultures, Tokyo is one of the world's largest and most fascinating cities. Step back in time as you experience Kyoto's rich history and culture, and learn about Hiroshima's sobering history. Mountainous Hakone and its naturally heated onsens provide rejuvenation in nature, Naoshima Island's art will leave you mesmerised, and the regional delights of Takayama, Fukuoka, Kanazawa and Okayama are sure to impress.





Seoul, South Korea

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Luxury Stays

We've already scoped out the views, checked the pillow menus and sampled the breakfasts to ensure each hotel is exceptional. They're chosen for their prime locations, unsurpassed settings, impeccable service and attention to detail.



Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu, Japan

Hotel Lotte Seoul, South Korea

Located in the heart of Seoul's buzzing CBD and one of the city's key shopping districts, Hotel Lotte Seoul is a luxurious oasis. Your stylish and spacious room is the perfect home to retire to after an exciting day of activities, while its facilities, including a spa and pool, ensure your stay is a highlight of its own.

Paradise Hotel Busan, South Korea

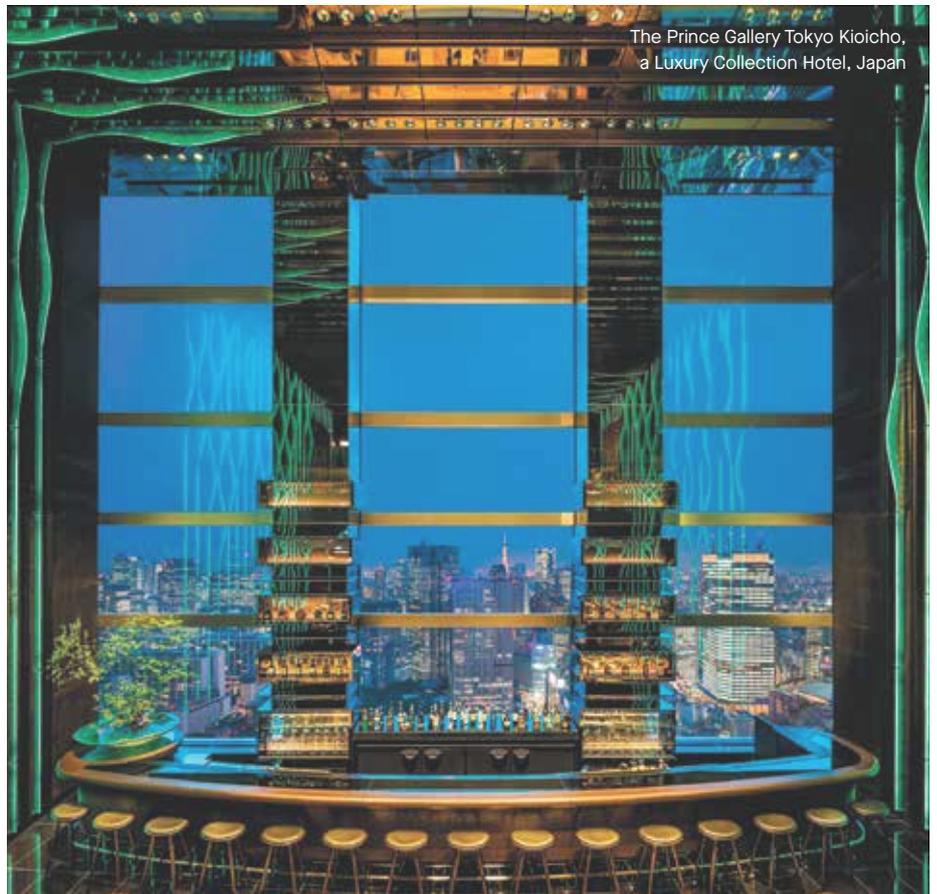
Perched on a hill overlooking the ocean and Haeundae Beach, Paradise Hotel Busan views are spectacular. Savour them from an infinity spa and enjoy a luxurious stay in an elegant ocean view room.

The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Japan

Standing just a stone's throw away from the Imperial Palace, The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho's central location is superb for accessing the vast city's greatest highlights. Spend three nights here enjoying the outstanding five-star facilities, accommodation and service.

Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu, Japan

Stay nestled in the forested hilltops of Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu. The quaint environment pairs perfectly with the hotel's naturally heated open-air onsens for your ultimate relaxation.



Luxury Dining

The cuisine of Japan and South Korea is exceptional and dining is routinely transformed into a ceremonial experience in both nations. Indulge at world-class restaurants, tour lively markets and learn how to cook incredible meals as you dive head first into the region's rich and diverse food and drink culture.

Delectable Dinners

Savour sensational dining experiences throughout your luxury holiday, from mouth-watering Hida beef and dinner with a geisha or maiko in Japan, to royal cuisine and delicious Korean BBQ in South Korea.

Cooking Classes

Try your hand at creating some of the region's most iconic dishes. In South Korea, you'll learn how to make bibimbap, while you'll get the chance to make sushi and soba noodles in Japan. And don't worry, you'll get to enjoy your creations too.

Local Delights

Okonomiyaki, fresh tempura, Korean temple food, and treats fresh from the market are sure to impress along your journey, while Korean rice wine and soju, and Japanese sake and whisky pair brilliantly as you delve into the diverse cuisine of each region.



Enjoy traditional Korean Royal Cuisine



Learn how to cook bibimbap



Take a soba noodle cooking class

Luxury Service

Outstanding service and an unrivalled insider's perspective are hallmarks of every APT journey. You're free from obligations and stress, so you can make every moment of your holiday count, knowing our experts have taken care of everything.

Local Experts – Local Insight

Our experts share with you insights only a local could possess. Through them, the history, culture and traditions of their home towns truly come to life.

Arrive in Style

With a friendly face to greet you as you step off your flight, and a vehicle at the ready to whisk you away, you'll be treated to impeccable service on every APT journey from door to door.

Tour Directors

When it comes to service, rest assured that nothing is too much trouble and everything will be taken care of throughout your journey with us. Your APT Tour Director is with you from start to finish – navigating through new destinations and connecting the dots for you along the way. They take pride in going the extra mile to ensure your journey exceeds your every expectation. And our experienced drivers know just how to get you from A to B in comfort and safety.



Immerse yourself in Japan's rich traditions

Signature Experiences

These exclusive or unique events are designed to deepen your experience, taking you on an inspiring journey beneath the surface of local history, culture and traditions. What's more, these once-in-a-lifetime moments are often not available to the regular traveller. The following experiences are just a taste of what we have prepared especially for you.

🌟 Look for the logo on itinerary pages for your Signature Experiences.

Dinner with a maiko or geisha

Enjoy a special night of private entertainment with a maiko or geisha in Japan, sharing an intimate dinner and drinks together. She will regale you with compelling conversation and a traditional performance of dance.

Art Island Discovery

Spend a full day exploring the wonders of Naoshima Island, Japan's incredible Art Island, from its avant-garde galleries and museums to its unique outdoor installation art works.

Instrument Creation

In Gayatgo Village, take part in a hands-on experience crafting your very own mini gayageum, a traditional Korean stringed musical instrument.

Traditional Tea Ceremony

Delve into traditional Japanese culture with a special tea ceremony experience. Learn all about tea varieties and the importance and process of serving tea to guests in Japan, and enhance your experience by wearing an exquisite kimono.



Freedom of Choice™

We work with you to personalise your journey to suit your interests. Mix and match a wide selection of cultural, culinary, active and relaxing experiences. Opt for something gourmet one day and get active the next. Or immerse yourself in historical temples and palaces and relax in picturesque gardens. Visit museums and get a taste of community life in a region's unique districts. It's completely up to you.

Culture & Heritage

Whether it's wandering through a centuries-old palace, admiring world-renowned art, touring museums or delving into iconic neighbourhoods, a cultural immersion is guaranteed.

Gourmet Delight

These are for the gastronomes. Savour local delights in fresh-food markets, sip your way through Kyoto's best sake or take a tour at a whisky distillery.

Relax & Revive

Discover the tranquil side of a region. In Tokyo, you can explore beautifully manicured and landscaped gardens for a quaint experience in the centre of the buzzing metropolis.

Get Active

You'll have the chance to take a number of fascinating active tours across Japan and South Korea, with a walking tour in Kyoto among the highlights.

See pages 40-41 for a full list of Freedom of Choice inclusions.



The historic Changdeok Palace in Seoul, South Korea

All-Inspiring Luxury

At APT, we like to make things as easy as possible. Our holidays are what we like to call All-Inspiring Luxury. When you travel with APT, everything you need, and nothing you don't, is included and organised, so you can rest assured knowing those details have been taken care of when you're away. It's the sort of luxury that sets you free.



Mount Fuji, Japan



Live Fully

With every detail taken care of behind the scenes, you're 100% free to be whoever you want to be. Reveal the true heart of each destination and explore on your own terms, finding paradise in unique regions bursting with culture and history. These days are yours.



Luxury Redefined

Deluxe airport transfers, world-class dining experiences, top-class transport, elegant and spacious accommodation and impeccable service. Our land and rail journeys through Japan and South Korea are all about the luxury of chasing your own adventure with the comfort of knowing we're always there to lend a hand.



Award-Winning Travel

Among numerous accolades, APT was voted Best Holiday Operator in 2023 by Reader's Digest, and Best International Tour Operator from 2014 to 2015 by AFTA – The National Travel Industry Awards. We're also proud of the 98% satisfaction rating we receive from our travellers.



APT Club

A CLUB THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

Welcome to APT Club – our member-only loyalty program. APT Club is free for anyone to join and members have access to exclusive benefits, whether or not you have toured with us previously. Every time you travel with us, you rise through the membership tiers, so not only do you enjoy unforgettable travel experiences throughout the world, you unlock exciting new benefits with every trip.



Welcome Home voucher



Friends & Family voucher



Private airport transfers



Overnight hotel stays



Custom-made travel accessories



Exclusive offers just for you



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Member-only competitions and events



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- Choose the departure date that best suits your holiday needs



Explore South Korea's vibrant capital, Seoul

Book one of the following Superdeals by 30 November 2023*, unless sold out prior – strictly limited

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Save up to \$2,800 Per Couple*

*Book any Japan or South Korea holiday by 30 November 2023 and enjoy Earlybird Savings of up to \$2,800 per couple.

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Save up to \$600 Per Couple*

*Pay in full 10 months prior to departure and you will enjoy additional savings of: Holidays of 10-17 days, save \$400 per couple. Holidays of 21-26 days, save \$600 per couple.

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Save up to \$600 Per Couple*

*When six or more people book together on an Asia holiday.

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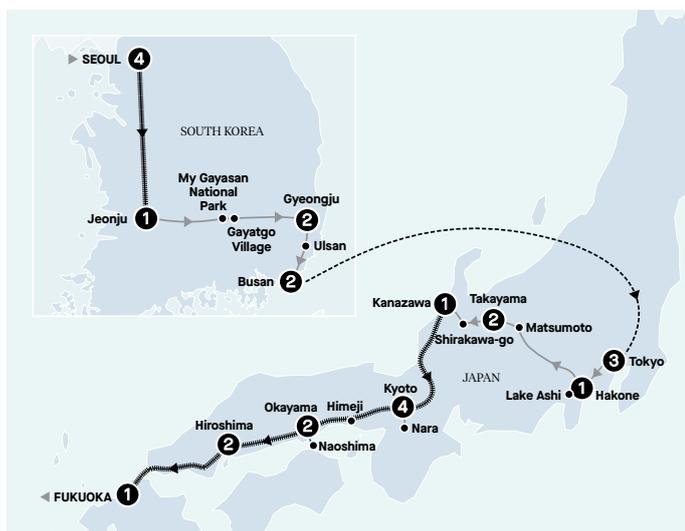
Japan's iconic cherry blossoms in Kyoto

Trip Finder

Your dream holiday awaits in one of these hand-crafted journeys designed just for you. Select your preferred itinerary and you're on your way.

Step back in time at Bukchon Hanok Village in Seoul, South Korea





See the changing of the guard ceremony at Gyeongbok Palace



Marvel at Japan's historic temples and enchanting gardens in Kyoto

Japan

A nation at the forefront of technological advancement, and rich in culture and customs, both old and new. As you explore incredible Japan, you'll journey to its greatest destinations and uncover its hidden delights. Embrace the country's unique traditions, discover its quieter pockets and traverse picturesque landscapes aboard thrilling bullet trains and spacious coaches, all while savouring gourmet Japanese food and drinks along the way.



Lake Ashi in Hakone, Japan

Enchanting Japan

Tokyo to Osaka 12 days / 11-night Classic Journey

Visit Eight places, one country / **Go For** Ancient villages, bustling metropolises, traditional ceremonies and world-class food

Signature Experiences

- ✦ Take part in a sushi-making class and enjoy your homemade delights for lunch.
- ✦ Try your hand at creating traditional cuisine with a soba buckwheat noodle cooking lesson.
- ✦ Enjoy a Sarubobo-making workshop, learning how to create these traditional dolls.
- ✦ Relish a gold leaf-making experience, and decorate a small lacquer plate.
- ✦ Delve into traditional Japanese culture with a special tea ceremony and kimono-wearing experience.
- ✦ Savour a special night of entertainment with a private dinner and drinks hosted by a maiko or geisha.

Day 01: Arrive Tokyo Welcome to Tokyo. Be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers at a welcome reception at the hotel. Three Nights: The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho, a Luxury Collection Hotel.

BLD: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 02: Tokyo Head to Roppongi and take in outstanding views of Tokyo from Mori Tower. Visit Asakusa and the city's oldest temple, Sensoji, before a stroll through the Namikase shopping street. After lunch, explore Tokyo your way. You can delve into the buzzing districts of Shibuya and Harajuku, discover the Japanese gardens at Hamarikyu and the Imperial Palace East Gardens, or visit the Tokyo National Museum (see page 40). Later, savour a welcome dinner at a delightful Japanese restaurant. **BLD**

Day 03: Tokyo Visit Meiji Shrine before a sushi-making class and enjoy your homemade delights for lunch. Explore Ginza, Tokyo's most famous upmarket shopping district and marvel at the food at a local department store. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. **BL**

Day 04: Tokyo, Hakone Depart for Hakone following breakfast and catch glimpses of iconic Mount Fuji if it's a clear day. Visit Hakone Shrine, enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi and arrive at Togendai before heading to the volcanic valley of Owakudani, via the Hakone Ropeway. Transfer to your luxury hotel and enjoy dinner with your fellow guests this evening. **BLD**
Stay: Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu.

Day 05: Hakone, Matsumoto, Takayama Set out this morning to Gotemba for a soba buckwheat noodle cooking lesson and

lunch. Continue to Matsumoto and visit the spectacular Matsumoto Castle. Explore the castle and its grounds before being transferred to your new hotel in Takayama, where you'll indulge in dinner tonight. **BLD**

Two Nights: Associa Takayama Resort.

Day 06: Takayama Visit the Miyagawa morning market to try some of the area's best produce and then enjoy a Sarubobo-making workshop. After lunch, wander through the old town to the Festival Floats Museum. For dinner, you'll savour the region's famous Hida beef. **BD**

Day 07: Takayama, Shirakawa-go, Kanazawa Today you'll visit the World Heritage-listed village of Shirakawa-go. Stop at Kanda House before strolling around the village. Continue to Kanazawa and visit the Kenroku-en garden, the Nagamachi Samurai district and the Nomura Samurai House. Choose between Japanese or French food for dinner (see page 41). **BD**
Stay: Hotel Nikko Kanazawa.

Day 08: Kanazawa, Kyoto Start your day in the Higashi Chaya District, Kanazawa's largest geisha district. Relish a gold leaf-making experience and decorate a small lacquer plate, before visiting the Shima teahouse. Transfer to the train station to board your first-class train to Kyoto. Check in to your accommodation before dinner at a local restaurant. **BLD**
Four Nights: The Thousand Kyoto.



Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ 11 nights in luxury accommodation.
- ✓ Experiences in eight destinations.
- ✓ First-class bullet train journey from Kanazawa to Kyoto.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in three locations.
- ✓ Locally inspired dining – a total of 25 meals.
- ✓ The services of an APT Tour Director.
- ✓ Return airport transfers and gratuities.



Day 09: Kyoto Ride a rickshaw past the Nonomiya Shrine and Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. Later, visit Tenryuji Temple. After lunch, head to the iconic temple, Kinkakuji, and Nijo Castle before returning to your hotel and spending the evening at your leisure. **BL**

Day 10: Kyoto Delve into traditional Japanese culture with a tea ceremony experience while wearing an exquisite kimono. Next, you can embark on a Nishiki Market and sake-tasting tour, set out on a walking tour of Ginkakuji and the Philosopher's Path, or take a Suntory Distillery tour (see page 40). Tonight, dine on French or Japanese cuisine (see page 41). **BD**

Day 11: Kyoto, Nara, Kyoto Head to Nara this morning. Discover Todaiji Temple and explore Nara Park before visiting Kasuga Taisha shrine. This evening, a night of entertainment and dinner with a maiko or geisha awaits. **BD**

Day 12: Kyoto, Depart Osaka Your journey concludes after breakfast with a transfer to the airport. **B**

Trip from **\$12,495** per person, twin share

SAVE UP TO \$1,800 PER COUPLE*

2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)
Per person, twin share

Early Booking Price From* **Standard Price From**

12 Days Tokyo to Osaka (JA12)

Mar. 12'; Apr. 4'; May 7, 14; Sep. 24; Oct. 15; Nov. 5; \$12,495 \$13,395

Solo Travellers, please enquire for details. Early Booking Price includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount. For full terms and conditions see pages at back of brochure. *Cherry Blossom season in Japan usually lasts from late March to early May. However, due to changeable weather, blooms cannot be guaranteed, even during spring months. See pages at back of brochure for full terms and conditions.

For a detailed day-by-day itinerary, up-to-date prices, savings and departure dates, scan this QR code with your phone or device
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Extend Your Journey

Travel further into Japan on the Culture & Art of Japan holiday or add a South Korean discovery on the Ancient Kingdoms of Japan & South Korea journey.

Tour Codes: JA17 – see pages 28-29 and **JAS21** – see pages 36-37.





Experience the incredible art of Naoshima Island

Culture & Art of Japan

Tokyo to Fukuoka 17 days / 16-night Classic Journey

Visit 14 places, one country / **Go For** A remarkable island of art, magnificent gardens, historic shrines and temples

Signature Experiences

- ★ Take part in a sushi-making class and enjoy your homemade delights for lunch.
- ★ Try your hand at creating traditional cuisine with a soba buckwheat noodle cooking lesson.
- ★ Enjoy a Sarubobo-making workshop, learning how to create these traditional dolls.
- ★ Relish a gold leaf-making experience, and decorate a small lacquer plate.
- ★ Delve into traditional Japanese culture with a special tea ceremony and kimono-wearing experience.
- ★ Savour a special night of entertainment with a private dinner and drinks hosted by a maiko or geisha.
- ★ Admire one of Japan's most iconic and spectacular castles, Himeji Castle.
- ★ Spend a full day exploring the wonders of Naoshima Island, Japan's incredible island of art.

BLD: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 01: Arrive Tokyo Welcome to Tokyo. Be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers at a welcome reception at the hotel.
Three Nights: The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho, a Luxury Collection Hotel.

Days 02-11: Tokyo to Kyoto See days 02-11 on pages 26-27 for details.

Day 12: Kyoto, Himeji, Okayama Head to Kyoto Station and take a first-class bullet train to Himeji to visit one of Japan's most iconic and spectacular castles. World Heritage-listed Himeji Castle. Having avoided damage from war and natural disasters, the beautifully preserved castle is a fascinating historic site to explore. Journey on to a sake brewery, touring the traditional site and enjoying a delicious tasting. Following lunch, it's time for another first-class bullet train journey to Okayama. Discover the city at leisure after checking into your luxury hotel. **BL**

Two Nights: Hotel Granvia Okayama.

Day 13: Okayama, Naoshima, Okayama A truly special experience awaits today with a full day on the remarkable Naoshima Island. You'll travel to Uno Port for your ferry to the island. Commonly known as Art Island, Naoshima Island is peppered with captivating galleries and outdoor art pieces. The exploration begins at Chichu Art Museum, a unique museum built into the hillside overlooking the coastline. Designed by Ando Tadao, the building lies

mostly underground and relies only on natural light to illuminate each work, allowing you to admire its permanent Claude Monet paintings in diffused daylight. Following lunch at a local restaurant, you'll visit the Benesse House Museum, which was also designed by Tadao. Later, enjoy the Art House Project, which features an abandoned temple and shrine along with a collection of abandoned houses and workshops converted into art installations and galleries by artists and architects from across the world. Wander between and inside each converted space and admire the diverse art installations. Return to Okayama and be transferred to your accommodation, enjoying dinner tonight at your hotel. **BLD**

Day 14: Okayama, Hiroshima This morning, visit the beautiful and spacious Korakuen Garden, a member of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Afterwards, board a bullet train for a first-class ride to Hiroshima. Here you'll visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, which lies at ground zero of the devastating atomic bomb which dropped on the city in August 1945. Stroll through the park and discover its memorials and monuments before a moving visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. Later, visit the nearby Hiroshima Orizuru Tower for expansive views of the surrounding areas. Enjoy your evening at leisure. **BL**

Two Nights: Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel.



Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ 16 nights in luxury accommodation.
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- ✓ Traverse Japan by first-class bullet train and luxury coach.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in three locations.
- ✓ Locally inspired dining – a total of 36 meals.
- ✓ The services of an APT Tour Director.
- ✓ Return airport transfers and gratuities.



Day 15: Hiroshima, Miyajima, Hiroshima Head to the Mazda Museum and factory this morning to learn about one of the world's leading car manufacturers. For lunch, try Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki at a local restaurant before boarding a ferry to Miyajima Island. A sacred island and holy place of Shintoism, Miyajima is home to the World Heritage-listed Itsukushima Shrine, which is famous for its partially submerged "floating" torii gate. After strolling around the island, be transferred back to your hotel and enjoy Hiroshima's charm at your leisure. **BL**

Day 16: Hiroshima, Fukuoka After breakfast, board a first-class bullet train to Fukuoka, where you'll have free time for lunch before a visit to Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine. Explore the shrine before reboarding your coach and driving to your luxury accommodation. Tonight, soak in the atmosphere at a local izakaya, where you'll enjoy a farewell dinner to toast your incredible Japanese journey. **BD**

Stay: Fukuoka, Miyako Hotel Hakata.

Day 17: Depart Fukuoka Your journey finishes today after breakfast with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

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Botanica World Discoveries

Botanically themed boutique journeys

Embark on an exclusive botanical journey across Japan. Combining centuries-old gardening practices with a strong focus on structure and style, these gardens have influenced landscape design around the world and are perfect for garden inspiration. See iconic gardens and hidden beauties, taking part in cultural experiences along the way. With more than 20 years' experience, Botanica consistently offers a vast range of unique itineraries and botanically themed cruises.



See Japan's iconic cherry blossoms



Visit Kinkakuji, best known as the 'Golden Pavilion' in autumn

Visit Japan at its Most Beautiful

Experience the beauty of Japan's traditional gardens at their most special. You can traverse them on a 12-day holiday during autumn as you admire the vibrant foliage transform the landscapes, or travel a little further to marvel at the views dotted by the country's iconic cherry blossoms on an 18-day small ship and rail journey.

Explore Iconic Gardens with a Botanical Guide

Botanica takes you to the most iconic gardens of Japan, which you will explore with your Botanical Guide. Go behind the scenes and learn the stories of the famous gardens you have read about or seen on television, and discover gems you never knew existed.

Enjoy Unique Touring and Cultural Experiences

Botanica's journeys are unique: you won't find our botanically themed itineraries anywhere else in the world. Our tours take you off the main tourist trail and incorporate iconic sightseeing, garden visits and cultural experiences. Whether travelling by coach, train or small ship, you'll appreciate Botanica's attention to detail.

Cultural Touring

Our journeys are not all about gardens. There is something to please everyone, including art, history and culture, as well as general sightseeing. Enjoy access to workshops and cultural events you're unlikely to discover any other way.

Smaller Groups

We travel in smaller groups of between 15 to 30 people, so guests have ample opportunities to chat with Botanical Guides.

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12-Day Japanese Culture, Art & Gardens in Autumn Splendour

11-night Land Journey / BTJPA12

Enjoy 12 days with a Botanical Guide in a small group. Travel by bullet train to see Japanese gardens in beautiful autumn. See Japan's highlights, learn about its fascinating history from your local guide and enjoy cultural and art experiences.

Departs 6 November 2023 and 4 November 2024.

Botanical Guide: Simon Rickard.



18-Day Japanese Gardens, Landscapes & Culture during Cherry Blossom

17-night Cruise & Rail Journey / BTJPC18

Savour 18 days including a 14-night luxury small ship cruise during the heart of the cherry blossom season. Venture along historic shores exploring ancient castles, peaceful gardens and opulent temples.

Departs 31 March 2024. Botanical Guide: Simon Rickard.





Vibrant Gangnam-gu in Seoul

South Korea

From ancient royal palaces to towering skyscrapers, delve into the incredible wonders of South Korea. Savour delectable dining experiences throughout your luxury holiday in this culinary world destination, learning how to cook bibimbap and dining on royal cuisine. Experience the country's cultural diversity from K-pop to ancient dynasties, learn all about South Korea's captivating history, visit the fascinating Korean Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), and admire the natural beauty of Korea throughout your journey.



Gyeongbok Palace, Seoul

Impressions of South Korea

Seoul to Busan 10 days / 9-night Classic Journey

Visit Eight places, one country / **Go For** Gourmet cuisine, the Korean Demilitarised Zone, quirky culture and historic temples

Signature Experiences

- ★ Savour Korean royal cuisine, soju and rice wine at a special welcome dinner at Seokparang.
- ★ Try your hand at making traditional crafts at Bukchon Hanok Village.
- ★ Learn how to make bibimbap and enjoy your creation for lunch.
- ★ Enjoy a hands-on experience crafting your very own mini gayageum.

Day 01: Arrive Seoul Welcome to South Korea. Be met on arrival and transferred to your luxurious hotel in Seoul. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at Seokparang, where you'll experience Korean royal cuisine, and try local drinks including soju and rice wine. **D**

Four Nights: Lotte Hotel Seoul.

Day 02: Seoul Enjoy a full day to explore Seoul. Following breakfast, head to Gyeongbok Palace, the country's largest palace and a former royal residence for five centuries. Witness the lively changing of the guard ceremony before taking a tour of the palace. After lunch transfer to Bukchon Hanok Village.

BLD: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Explore the village and try your hand at making traditional crafts. Later, soak in the views at Seoul Tower atop Mount Namsan, where you'll enjoy dinner overlooking the city. **BLD**

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Gyeonggijeon Shrine, Jeondong Cathedral and the Jeonju Traditional Drinks Museum. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight. **BLD**
Stay: Lahan Hotel Jeonju.

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Two Nights: Lahan Select Gyeongju.

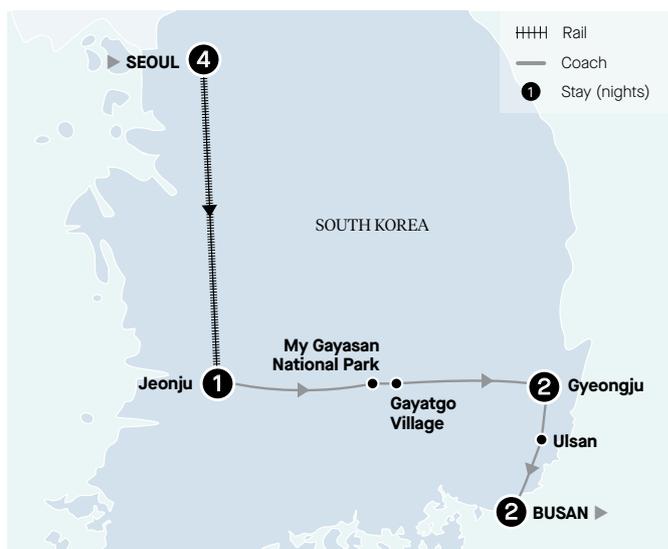
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Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ Nine nights in luxury accommodation.
- ✓ Experiences in eight destinations.
- ✓ Travel in deluxe class on South Korea's high-speed KTX train.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in one location.
- ✓ Locally inspired dining – a total of 23 meals.
- ✓ The services of an APT Tour Director.
- ✓ Return airport transfers and gratuities.



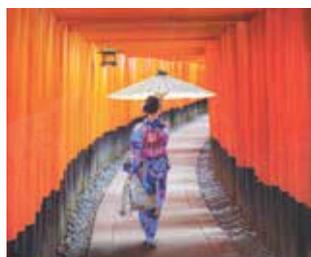
Visit the picturesque Gamcheon Culture Village in Busan

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Two Nights: Paradise Hotel Busan.

Day 09: Busan Embark on an in-depth discovery of Busan today on a full-day city tour. Head to downtown Busan for a walking tour of Gamcheon Culture Village before taking a cable car to Songdo Island. Savour lunch at a local restaurant and then visit BIFF Square, a bustling movie district, and Jagalchi Fish Market. Enjoy panoramic views from Busan Tower before stopping at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery. This evening, indulge in a farewell Korean BBQ dinner with your fellow guests at a local restaurant. **BLD**

Day 10: Depart Busan Your luxury holiday comes to an end after breakfast this morning with a transfer to the airport. **B**



Extend Your Journey

See more of this diverse region and add a journey through Japan on the Ancient Kingdoms of Japan & South Korea and Cultural Wonders of Japan & South Korea holidays.

Tour Codes: JAS21 – see pages 36-37 and JAS26 – see pages 38-39.

Trip from \$8,995 per person, twin share

SAVE UP TO \$1,800 PER COUPLE*

| 2024 Dates and Prices (A\$) Per person, twin share | Early Booking Price From* | Standard Price From |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 10 days Seoul to Busan (KA10) | | |
| Mar. 3, 26*; Apr. 28; May 5; Sep. 15; Oct. 6, 27. | \$8,995 | \$9,895 |

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Ancient Kingdoms of Japan & South Korea

Seoul to Osaka 21 days / 20-night Classic Journey

Visit 16 places, two countries / **Go For** Local delicacies, traditional handicrafts, ancient kingdoms, historic palaces and temples

Signature Experiences

🌸 See the Signature Experiences on pages 26 and 34 for all inclusions.

Day 01: Arrive Seoul Welcome to South Korea. Be met on arrival and transferred to your luxurious hotel in Seoul. Tonight, meet your tour director and fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at Seokparang, where you'll experience Korean royal cuisine, and try local drinks including soju and rice wine. **D**

Four Nights: Lotte Hotel Seoul.

Days 02-09: Seoul to Busan See days 02-09 on pages 34-35 for details.

Day 10: Busan, Tokyo Fly to Tokyo today. Be met on arrival and transferred to your luxurious hotel. Tonight, meet your Japan Tour Director for a welcome reception at the hotel. **B**

Three Nights: The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho, a Luxury Collection Hotel.

Day 11: Tokyo Head to Roppongi and take in outstanding views of Tokyo from Mori Tower. Visit Asakusa and the city's oldest temple, Sensoji, before a stroll through the Namikase shopping street. After lunch, explore Tokyo your way. You can delve into the buzzing districts of Shibuya and Harajuku, discover the

BLD: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Japanese gardens at Hamarikyū and the Imperial Palace East Gardens, or visit the Tokyo National Museum. Later, savour a welcome dinner at a delightful Japanese restaurant. **BLD**

Day 12: Tokyo Visit Meiji Shrine before a sushi-making class and enjoy your homemade delights for lunch. Explore Ginza, Tokyo's most famous upmarket shopping district and marvel at the food at a local department store. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. **BL**

Day 13: Tokyo, Hakone Depart for Hakone following breakfast and catch glimpses of iconic Mount Fuji if it's a clear day. Visit Hakone Shrine, enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi and arrive at Togendai before heading to the volcanic valley of Owakudani, via the Hakone Ropeway. Transfer to your luxury hotel and enjoy dinner with your fellow guests this evening. **BLD**
Stay: Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu.

Day 14: Hakone, Matsumoto, Takayama Set out this morning to Gotemba for a soba buckwheat noodle cooking lesson and lunch. Continue to Matsumoto and visit the spectacular Matsumoto Castle. Explore the castle and its pristine grounds before being transferred to your new hotel in Takayama, where you'll indulge in dinner tonight. **BLD**

Two Nights: Associa Takayama Resort.

Day 15: Takayama Visit the Miyagawa morning market to try some of the area's best produce and then enjoy a Sarubobo-making workshop. After lunch, wander through the old town to the Festival Floats Museum. For dinner, you'll savour the region's famous Hida beef. **BD**

Day 16: Takayama, Shirakawa-go, Kanazawa Today you'll visit the World Heritage-listed village of Shirakawa-go. Stop at Kanda House before strolling around the village. Continue to Kanazawa and visit the Kenroku-en garden. Later, visit the Nagamachi Samurai district and the Nomura Samurai House. Choose between Japanese or French food for dinner. **BD**
Stay: Hotel Nikko Kanazawa.

Day 17: Kanazawa, Kyoto Start your day in the Higashi Chaya District, Kanazawa's largest geisha district. Relish a gold leaf-making experience and decorate a small lacquer plate, before visiting the Shima teahouse. Transfer to the train station to board your first-class train to Kyoto. Check in to your accommodation before dinner at a local restaurant. **BLD**
Four Nights: The Thousand Kyoto.

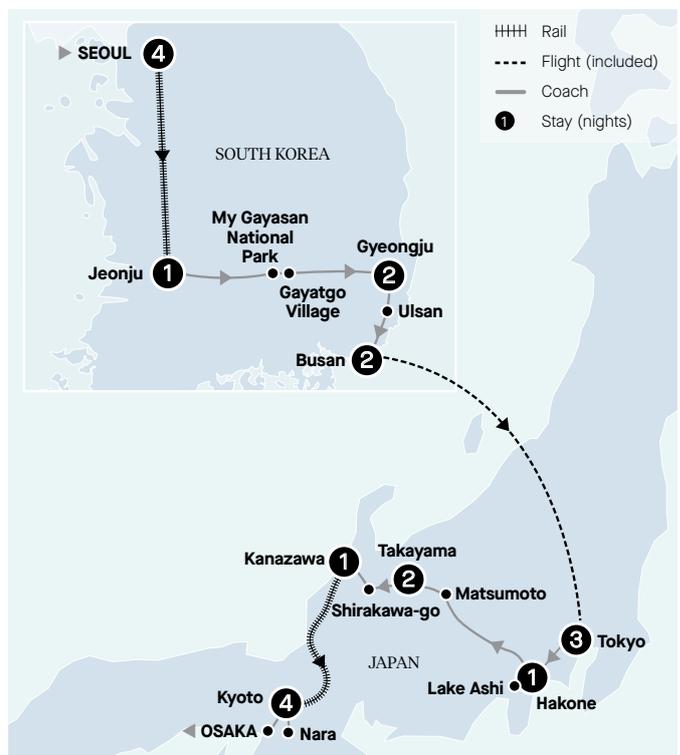
Day 18: Kyoto Set out for Arashiyama and ride a rickshaw past the Nonomiya Shrine and Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. Later, visit Tenryūji Temple. After lunch, head to the iconic temple, Kinkakuji. You'll then visit Nijo Castle before returning to your hotel and spending the evening at your leisure. **BL**



Admire the beauty of Matsumoto Castle in Japan

Highlights & Inclusions

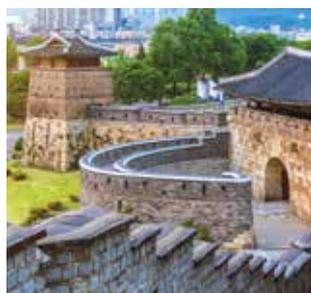
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Day 19: Kyoto Delve into traditional Japanese culture with a tea ceremony experience while wearing an exquisite kimono. Next, you can embark on a Nishiki Market and sake-tasting tour, set out on a walking tour of Ginkakuji and the Philosopher's Path, or take a Suntory Distillery tour. Tonight, dine on French or Japanese cuisine. **BD**

Day 20: Kyoto, Nara, Kyoto Head to Nara this morning. Discover Todaiji Temple and explore Nara Park before visiting Kasuga Taisha shrine. Return to your hotel before a night of entertainment and dinner with a maiko or geisha. **BD**

Day 21: Kyoto, Depart Osaka Your journey concludes after breakfast with a transfer to Kansai International Airport in Osaka. **B**



Extend Your Journey

Embark on a comprehensive discovery of the region by continuing on from Kyoto to Fukuoka on the Cultural Wonders of Japan & South Korea journey. **Tour Code: JAS26** – see pages 38-39.

Trip from **\$21,295** per person, twin share

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2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)
Per person, twin share

Early Booking Price From* **Standard Price From**

21 days Seoul to Osaka (JAS21)

Mar. 3*, 26*; Apr. 28; May 5; Sep. 15; Oct. 6, 27.

\$21,295

\$22,995

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The beautiful Higashiyama district in Kyoto

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Days 11-19: Tokyo to Kyoto See days 02-11 on pages 26-27 for details.

Days 20-24: Kyoto to Hiroshima See days 12-15 on pages 28-29 for details.

Day 25: Hiroshima, Fukuoka After breakfast, board a first-class bullet train to Fukuoka, where you'll have free time for lunch before a visit to Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine. Explore the shrine before reboarding your coach and driving to your luxury accommodation. Tonight, soak in the atmosphere at a local izakaya, where you'll enjoy a farewell dinner to toast your incredible Japanese journey. **BD**

Stay: Fukuoka, Miyako Hotel Hakata.

Day 26: Depart Fukuoka Your journey finishes today after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

Trip from **\$26,195** per person, twin share

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2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)
Per person, twin share

Early Booking Price From* **Standard Price From**

26 days Seoul to Fukuoka (JAS26)

Mar. **3***, **26***; Apr. 28; May 5; Sep. 15; Oct. 6, 27.

\$26,195

\$27,895

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Freedom of Choice™ Sightseeing

Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing options.

 Culture & Heritage

 Gourmet Delight

 Relax & Revive

 Active Exploration

Japan

Tokyo



Shibuya and Harajuku Exploration*

Experience the incredible energy and efficiency of Tokyo's vast underground metro as you delve into the buzzing districts of Shibuya and Harajuku. Shibuya is home to the world's busiest pedestrian crossing, Shibuya Crossing, and is a key city centre for fashion, while Harajuku is a hub of alternative youth culture and boasts many trendy shops and delicious food outlets.



Japanese Gardens Discovery*

Explore quaint pockets of Tokyo and discover the beauty of Japanese gardens at Hamarikyu and the Imperial Palace East Gardens. Hamarikyu is a stunning landscaped garden on the waterfront of Tokyo Bay and is famous for its autumn foliage. Remnants of Edo Castle's past defences can be seen throughout the beautiful and expansive Imperial Palace East Gardens.



Tokyo National Museum Visit*

Learn about the history of Japan at the Tokyo National Museum, which is home to a collection of approximately 110,000 objects. Nearly 100 of Japan's official National Treasures reside here in the impressive museum complex.

Kyoto



Nishiki Market and Sake-Tasting Experience*

Savour an afternoon of delicious treats and embark on a Nishiki Market and sake tasting tour in Kyoto. Often referred to as "Kyoto's Kitchen", Nishiki Market stretches five blocks long and is full of diverse and delectable produce. Meanwhile, Kyoto is bursting with breweries and is one of Japan's best places to taste sake.



Kyoto Walking Tour*

Set out on a walking tour in Kyoto. Visit Ginkakuji – the Silver Pavilion – admiring the traditional 15th-century architecture and exploring its beautiful grounds, including the unique sand and moss gardens. You'll also get to take a pleasant stroll along the Philosopher's Path, a pedestrian trail which follows a canal through the Higashiyama district.



Suntory Distillery Visit*

Discover how some of Japan's best whisky is made on a tasting tour of the Suntory Yamazaki Distillery. Learn about the distillation process as you are shown through the facility, and explore the Yamazaki Whisky Museum and its incredible whisky library.

South Korea

Seoul



Changdeok Palace Tour*

Visit the World Heritage-listed former royal site of Changdeok Palace, the principle palace for a number of kings in the Joseon dynasty. Visit the palace and its picturesque Secret Garden, which served as a private retreat for the royal family. The garden is at its most beautiful in autumn.



War Memorial of Korea Visit*

Take a moving museum tour and learn more about South Korea's history at the War Memorial of Korea. Since opening in 1994, the memorial's collection of documents and memorabilia have provided a poignant insight into the country's long history of resistance to invasions.



Modern Seoul Exploration*

Discover the lively and futuristic wonders of South Korea's exciting capital city on a Modern Seoul exploration. Marvel at the panoramic views of Seoul from Seoul Sky, the Lotte World Tower's observation decks located across floors 117 to 123, explore the diverse offerings at COEX mall in the centre of city, and visit the futuristic Starfield Library.



A picturesque street in Kyoto

Freedom of Choice™ Sightseeing – Notes

Please refer to itinerary pages to determine which sightseeing activities apply to your chosen itinerary. Due to venue closures on some dates, some options may not be available as listed. Minimum and maximum numbers may apply on some activities for them to operate. *Freedom of Choice sightseeing must be pre-booked prior to departure.

Freedom of Choice™ Dining

Personalise your holiday with a choice of included dining options.

Japan

Kanazawa



Benkay

Enjoy Kanazawa's best seasonal produce in a relaxing setting at Japanese restaurant Benkay. Benkay creates dishes unique to each season, showcasing natural ingredients from Ishikawa Prefecture to provide an unforgettable gastronomic experience.



La PLAGÉ

Indulge in an elegant French dinner at La PLAGÉ French Restaurant in Kanazawa. Located on the top floor of Hotel Nikko Kanazawa, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city as you savour a beautiful meal of quality ingredients including fresh fish from the Hokuriku region.

Kyoto



Fortune Garden Kyoto

Enjoy a delicious dinner at Fortune Garden Kyoto, one of Japan's leading French restaurants. Indulge in casual French bistro fare, perhaps savouring snow crab cream croquettes or charcoal-grilled bavette steak, against the backdrop of a bamboo-grove garden.



Tempura Endo

Feast on sensational Kyoto-style tempura in an intimate and traditional setting at Tempura Endo. Mouth-watering battered treats are expertly prepared, transforming locally sourced ingredients into incredibly delectable dishes.

South Korea

Seoul



Balwoo Gongyang*

Dine on Korean temple food at the Michelin-starred Balwoo Gongyang. Experience the wonders of the traditional cuisine and enjoy its special dishes, from cold buckwheat noodles and deep-fried mushrooms to steamed sticky rice wrapped in lotus leaves.



Korea House*

Indulge your tastebuds in sumptuous Korean royal cuisine in the elegant and traditional surrounds of Korea House. Dishes are inspired by fare served to the country's royal court during the Joseon dynasty, which ruled for over 500 years.



Butcher's Cut*

Butcher's Cut is one of Seoul's leading steakhouses. The restaurant was opened in 2011 by SG Dinehill, which operates a number of refined eateries throughout Seoul. Savour the steak cut of your choice, cooked to perfection.

Freedom of Choice™ Dining – Notes

Dining options are subject to availability and seasonal opening times of restaurants. Limited numbers and dining times apply. *Freedom of Choice dining for South Korea must be pre-booked prior to departure.

Extend your stay

If there's no rush to return to reality, then why not stay on a while? Lose track of time in one of these luxury hotels or head out and explore some more.

Your APT adventure draws to a close. You've enjoyed every minute, but you crave one last hurrah. No problem – we offer extended stays at some of the best hotels in Japan and South Korea, where you can stay longer and spend more time exploring, sightseeing and dining. Turning those last pages of your holiday novel beside the hotel pool.

We choose our hotels and resorts for their location, reputation and ability to effortlessly enhance your holiday experience. Even when you've waved goodbye to your APT adventure, you'll experience the same exemplary level of attention and service as before. We've made your decision to linger a while an easy one.

| 2024 Prices (AU\$) per person, from | Twin From | Solo From |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Seoul, South Korea | | |
| Lotte Hotel Seoul | \$365 | \$655 |
| Busan, South Korea | | |
| Hotel Paradise Busan | \$420 | \$695 |
| Tokyo, Japan | | |
| The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho, a Luxury Collection Hotel | \$465 | \$855 |
| Kyoto, Japan | | |
| The Thousand Kyoto | \$320 | \$520 |
| Fukuoka, Japan | | |
| Miyako Hotel Hakata | \$270 | \$460 |

Includes transfers and breakfast. All pre/post accommodation availability and rates are indicative only and may vary depending on seasonal events. For terms and conditions, see pages at back of brochure.

Glossary

Clarifying the intricacies of a journey to Japan and South Korea with APT.

a

Adaptors & Electricity

Electricity is 110V throughout Japan and 220V in South Korea. A plug adaptor is necessary if you plan to bring items from home.

Allergies

If you have a food allergy or another condition that needs to be managed on tour, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible, as most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate this. In some cases you might be asked to fill out a form or waiver.

Audio Guides

Each guest will have an audio headset. While touring, these lightweight headsets allow you to hear every word of your guide's commentary.

b

Bedding Configuration

Double beds are on a request basis for hotels in Japan and cannot be guaranteed.

Beverages

During land journeys, complimentary water and tea are offered during meals. Complimentary alcoholic beverages may also be included with some dinners.

c

Climate

Japan and South Korea's weather varies greatly between seasons – expect hot and humid weather during the summer, and cold winters with the possibility of snow in some locations. Cherry Blossom season in Japan usually lasts from late March to May and in South Korea from March to mid-April, however due to changeable weather, blooms cannot be guaranteed, nor can the region's colourful autumn leaves.

Currency

The unit of currency in Japan is the Yen (JPY), and in South Korea it is the Korean Republic Won (KRW). USD is accepted in some parts of larger cities in South Korea, however change will normally be given in KRW.

For the most up-to-date exchange rate and currency information, please check with your bank, or visit www.xe.com (universal currency converter).

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Dining

During journeys, a full buffet breakfast is included each day. Selected lunches and dinners are also included as indicated on itinerary pages.

Dress Code

The dress code is relaxed. Comfortable clothing is ideal during the day, and smart casual clothing for evenings. Comfortable footwear is imperative for excursions. If your sightseeing includes places of worship, please ensure your clothes adhere to the dress code. As a general guideline, shoulders and knees should be covered (for both men and women) when entering buildings of a religious nature and family homes. When entering temples, shoes may need to be removed. For this reason, please ensure you bring footwear that can be easily removed.

f

Freedom of Choice Inclusions

Minimum and maximum group numbers may apply on some activities. Due to poor weather and/or venue closures on some dates, some options may not be available. Freedom of Choice sightseeing for Japan and South Korea must be pre-booked prior to departure. Freedom of Choice dining for South Korea must be pre-booked prior to departure. Freedom of Choice dining for Japan is to be booked on tour with your Tour Director.

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General Physical Fitness

APT's tours are not physically demanding; however, because of the nature of many of the sites you'll be visiting, some tours will require a good level of fitness and health to participate. Some trips may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions.

You should be able to stand on your feet for an extended period of time to visit museums, attractions and other sites, as well as when checking in for flights and at Customs and Immigration.

Gratuities

Gratuities are included for all drivers, guides and tour directors on APT holidays. Gratuities cannot be redeemed for a cash refund.

l

Luggage

Throughout your journey, you will experience some of Japan's modern and efficient Shinkansen bullet trains. Luggage space, however is very limited and for convenience we have included a luggage transfer service, which requires your luggage to get transferred from your accommodation and delivered (usually the next day) to your next accommodation. This will require you to bring a small overnight bag for select days. Your valuables should always be carried along with you and not put in the luggage being transferred.

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Porterage

Where possible, porterage is always included at hotels and train stations. However, there may be times when you will be required to carry your own luggage for a short distance, usually at train stations. Train stations may have several stairs to climb when elevators are not available, so it's best to pack light and ensure you are able to carry your own suitcase.

t

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is not included in your holiday package. You are required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking that includes (without limitation) coverage for the cost of your holiday package, medical expenses, loss of luggage, land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes.

v

Vaccinations

Travel vaccinations such as typhoid, malaria, and COVID-19 may be required in some countries. We suggest you consult your GP or travel clinic prior to your travels for the latest vaccination and medical advice.

Visas & Passports

Visa requirements are subject to change, with the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in some borders still being closed to international travellers.

Passport holders from Australia and New Zealand do not require a visa to enter Japan, however they will need to register with Visit Japan Web www.vjw-lp.digital.go.jp/en/ prior to departure, to upload a vaccination certificate (or pre-departure PCR test result), answer a health survey, and complete immigration and customs questionnaires.

Passport holders from Australia and New Zealand do not require a visa to enter South Korea, however they will need to obtain a K-ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) before they travel to South Korea. For up to date visa regulations, visit www.k-etasouthkorea.com. All passport holders will need at least six months' validity on their passports.

Discover the highlights of Gyeongbok Palace in South Korea



Terms & Conditions

The following terms and conditions ('booking conditions') form the basis of your contract with Australian Pacific Touring Pty Ltd ('APT', 'we' or 'our'). Please read them carefully as they set out your and our respective rights and obligations.

These Terms & Conditions were correct at time of publication. For the most up to date Terms & Conditions visit our website www.aptouring.com.au/legal/general-information-conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, that you agree to them and that you agree to them applying to your holiday arrangements that you book with us and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. References in these booking conditions to your 'holiday package' are references to the tour package you have booked with APT. References to 'excursions' are references to short trips or tours included or available as part of your holiday package.

Governing Law

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Price Validity

Published prices are valid at the time of publication but are subject to change. They may be varied by advertising or special offers, or changed after the publication date for any reason, including without limitation, to cover changes in government taxes and charges, exchange rate variations, fuel surcharges, airline charges, a force majeure event or other material increases by suppliers. The most up to date pricing may be found on our website - www.aptouring.com.au. Prices will be confirmed at time of booking and honoured for up to seven days. All holidays are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Please see important information listed under Special Conditions for relevant deposit and final payment terms.

Transfers

Airport transfers are included on the first and last day of the holiday package at designated times. No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from the hotel at their own expense. A group transfer is generally a shared transfer and the type of vehicle used will normally be dependent upon the size of the group.

Freedom of Choice™ & Signature Experiences

Minimum and maximum group numbers apply on some Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience inclusions. If your first choice of Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience is unavailable you may be asked to choose an alternative.

Public Holidays & Festivals

Most countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. Festivities may temporarily disrupt your holiday and some religious holidays may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment.

Superdeals & Special Offers

Conditions Apply. For full terms and conditions relating to any Superdeal or special offer on your booking, please go to www.aptouring.com.au/specialdeals.

Other Special Offers

Special Deals and Special Offers other than those advertised herein may be promoted by APT after the program is released. These new special deals/offers do not apply to existing bookings unless otherwise stated.

APT Club

Details including the full range of benefits and conditions, are available on our website at www.aptouring.com.au/apclub

BOOKING & PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

Airfares

Air travel is arranged with independent airlines. APT will arrange air travel as advertised in connection with your holiday package or otherwise arranged with APT. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability. Airfares will be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your deposit to avoid price or tax increases. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and routing of airline. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and, in some cases, are non-refundable. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. APT is not liable for delays or disruptions of air travel. Once tickets are issued APT will have no other liability and will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights.

Airline Loyalty Points Eligibility

APT uses the services of a range of airlines in its packages. APT does not warrant that its airfares attract loyalty points as airlines control the application of loyalty points in all cases. Requests to use loyalty points to upgrade travel need to be directed to the airline concerned by the member.

APT Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind

Applicable when an upfront fee of \$95 per person is paid with your deposit. The holiday package can be cancelled prior to the final payment date and your deposit will be retained as an APT holding credit to be used for future bookings. If Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind is claimed, monies held must be used on a future tour and cannot be redeemed against the original tour departure date. Deposits held in credit will exclude fees imposed by third parties, including but not limited to air travel, rail travel and hotels. When booking airfares through APT (including when taking

advantage of a special offer that includes air travel), standard airline cancellation fees will apply. In some cases, airfares will be non-refundable. In the event of cancellation, these fees will be deducted from the deposit paid, and therefore the credit being held. APT Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind applies to new bookings only and is only valid up until 100 days prior to travel. After three years, unused credit funds will incur the original cancellation conditions. This does not replace travel insurance, which you are recommended to purchase at the time of booking.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. For your protection, you are required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes (without limitation) coverage for the full cost of your holiday package, medical expenses, loss of luggage, land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes.

Travel Information & Documents

After booking you will receive an invoice with all important information relevant to your holiday package. We strongly recommend you check the details carefully and read the included information. Please ensure that you check your flight timings carefully on your tickets, particularly early morning departures. Approximately 21 days before departure you will receive your e-ticket together with your final itinerary. However, in the case of late bookings, charges or late payment, tickets may be emailed to you.

Special Requests

Where a special request (e.g. diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/or particular meals) is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when your booking is made. APT will pass your request onto the hotel, airline or other supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. APT will also pass on any dietary requests to the airline but we strongly recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

Credit & Debit Card Surcharges

If you pay APT by credit or debit card, surcharges will apply. In the case of credit cards a surcharge of between 1% and 3% (depending on the card used), will be added to the tour price. In the case of debit cards a charge of 0.5% will be added to the tour price.

Accuracy

APT has endeavoured to ensure that the information provided about accommodation, itineraries etc., is correct to the best of its knowledge at the time of publication. However, advertised descriptions and facilities and prices may change after publication. We recommend that you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Additionally, flight times, carriers and routes are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your tickets. Holiday package or excursion itineraries may change or be different from those described in our collateral as a result of local conditions, weather conditions, annual events. APT will endeavour to notify you of any significant changes prior to your departure.

Disruption to Cruising and Itinerary Arrangements

Itineraries are intended as a guide only and are subject to alteration without notice. Alterations may be necessary for various reasons including, without limitation, road, rail, river or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond APT's control. If conditions render any routes unsafe for navigation, APT reserves the right to provide alternative services including, but not limited to, accommodation on the docked ship or substitute land arrangements. Under normal river conditions, itineraries will operate as far as possible as published. However, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. For example, without limitation, if there is a water level problem on a river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by coach and alternative sightseeing may be included. APT will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of any event or other factor beyond our control which necessitates a change in your itinerary. Additionally, you are not entitled to any refund for any alterations to your itinerary that are caused or contributed to by any flood or water level events or such other events which are beyond our control. APT cannot guarantee exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by APT and APT will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

Flight Changes

The flight timings detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are set by airlines and affected by events outside our control. Scheduled and charter flight timings, and days of operation are also subject to change. APT will advise you of any significant changes as soon as it is informed by the airline. Minor timing changes will be shown on your flight tickets. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying any applicable cancellation fees except where specified in these booking conditions.

Out of Date Range Flights

If airlines have not published their schedules or airfares at the time of your booking, APT will estimate the cost of airfares connected with your holiday package. When the airline

releases flight inventory and airfares, APT will confirm seats and pricing by sending you an updated invoice. Once flights have been confirmed by you and payment has been received, APT will issue your tickets.

Force Majeure

Force majeure event means the occurrence of an event that is beyond APT's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by APT, which includes, but is not limited to: (a) war, armed conflict, criminal damage, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity or the threat of any such acts; (b) natural disaster (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; (c) nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; or (d) change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, license and the common law as applicable from time to time, including changes or amendments in regulations or access to services, sites or countries caused by declared epidemic or pandemic events.

Termination of Booking Contract or Change of Travel Arrangements due to Force Majeure

If APT, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any force majeure event prevents APT (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, APT may immediately by written notice: (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or in part); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice you for any additional costs.

Limitation of Liability in the Event of Force Majeure

In the event that APT cancels or changes your travel arrangements in any way due to a force majeure event, APT will not be liable to you in contract, tort, statute or restitution for any loss (including, but not limited to, loss of deposit or purchase price and loss of enjoyment), damage, costs, charges, expenses or injury resulting from or in connection with (whether directly or indirectly): (a) the cancellation or change to your travel arrangements; or (b) the force majeure event. APT is not liable to refund any part of the deposit or purchase price paid by you if APT subsequently changes or cancels your travel arrangements in connection with a force majeure event. Force majeure events are unpredictable and beyond APT's control. As you are required to purchase travel insurance to adequately protect yourself against these risks, your policy needs to respond to these risks. You acknowledge and accept that these terms are reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT based on expected non-recoverable costs and expenses to be incurred by APT, including but not limited to overhead expenses and works or services performed personally by APT, leading up to the commencement of the holiday package, alternatively prior to the force majeure event.

Data Protection Policy

Any personal information (including sensitive information and health information) that APT obtains and retains from you or about you is necessary for our business purposes. Our Privacy Policy details why we collect this information, who we may disclose it to (including overseas recipients), and the main consequences if we do not collect it. Our Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may seek access to, or correction of, the personal information held about you, and our complaint resolution procedures. Our Privacy Policy is available at www.aptouring.com.au/privacy or by request to us. By providing personal or sensitive information to us, you are agreeing to the terms of our Privacy Policy.

Limitation of Liability

1. Our holiday packages include the services of independent providers, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of APT. Although we take care in selecting the independent service providers and the optional excursions conducted by some independent service providers, APT is not responsible for the conduct of the independent service providers, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Optional excursions may, depending on your holiday package, include activities such as climbing, exploring, bike riding, swimming and snorkelling. You accept and assume the risk involved with these activities.

2. If, in the opinion of any representative of APT, your mental or physical condition, or general behaviour is such as to affect your own health and safety, render you incapable to care for yourself, cause you to become a hazard to yourself or other passengers or result in you becoming objectionable to other passengers or staff, you will not be permitted to embark or continue on the whole or any part of the holiday package. APT representatives are empowered to ask guests to depart a holiday package if they are displaying known COVID-19 symptoms. Abuse or harassment of any kind toward crew, contracted suppliers or other guests may result in immediate removal from a holiday package. Guests will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own transport home if they are asked to leave the tour. APT is not liable to you for any costs associated with such decision and you will not be refunded for any part of the holiday package.

3. APT accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, loss (including loss of enjoyment), damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) beyond its control.

4. Any term, condition or warranty expressed or implied by statute or otherwise in respect of the holiday packages contained in any of our collateral are excluded to the full extent permitted by law. Nothing in these booking conditions excludes, restricts or modifies the application of the

Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) as amended, consolidated, supplemented or replaced.

5. To the full extent permitted by law, APT's liability arising under or in connection with these booking conditions: (a) is limited to the re-supply of the products or services or the payment of the cost of re-supply of the products or services to you; and (b) excludes liability for any indirect or consequential losses suffered by you or any third party, howsoever caused, including but not limited to pure economic loss or any special, extraordinary or punitive damage to you or any other party.

6. Your travel agent will forward deposits and other payments to us on your behalf, but your travel agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the travel agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us and the travel agent has no authority expressed or implied to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on the part of APT in respect to any monies paid to your travel agent unless and until APT notifies you (by way of a booking confirmation advice or payment receipt advice) that monies have been received by APT. APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by APT within the specified time.

7. Specific meal requests are requests only and cannot be guaranteed.

COVID-19 Requirements

Before booking and before you travel, ensure that you check the latest Government travel requirements and APT updates which include the on board protocols (which will be available on APT's website at www.aptouring.com.au/about-us/travel-updates) which will set out the obligations which apply to customers departing on tours. This may include obtaining proof of negative test results prior to embarkation, completion of health questionnaire, mask wearing, requirement to isolate if COVID-19 symptoms present during tour and removal of passengers from the tour if deemed necessary by medical staff. Compliance with the travel requirements and APT updates is mandatory and anyone refusing to comply can be denied access to the tour or removed from the tour at APT's absolute discretion.

Some of the regions or attractions visited while on tour may impose different regulations to that of the Government requirements, therefore proof of vaccination may be required to participate in some included or optional touring

Local Purchases

APT is not responsible for any items you may purchase locally i.e. jewellery/furniture etc. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for any import duty or freight costs.

Personal Belongings & Lost Items

For security reasons, valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event of any loss.

Medical Assistance

APT does not employ medical staff on its tours. If you require medical attention, local medical services can be contacted immediately. You are responsible for all charges that result from a visiting a medical facility, or for a medical practitioner visiting you. APT is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive.

Smoking

Government regulations forbid smoking in tourist coaches however frequent stops are made for those wishing to smoke. Smoking is not permitted in hotel rooms or ship cabins. Requests for smoking/non-smoking rooms will be passed on to hotels but cannot be guaranteed.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Our staff are trained in the responsible service of alcohol and are obliged by law to refuse service to any guest who, in their reasonable opinion appears to be intoxicated or behaves in an aggressive or offensive manner.

Service Enquiries

If a problem occurs during your holiday you should, in your own interests, advise your tour director so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to APT within 30 days.

Luggage Limits

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160cm (63 inches), or weigh more than 23kg (50 pounds). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of baggage. An extra charge will be imposed to cover portage handling of any additional luggage. Your tour director will advise you of the exact additional charge.

Some holiday packages may have restricted luggage limits, please refer to Specific Terms & Conditions under relevant destination for more information.

SPECIFIC TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA HOLIDAYS

A \$1,000 security deposit per person, per holiday package for all tours is required within seven days of booking confirmation. Deposit requirements may vary when booking a special offer. Final payment of the balance of your holiday package price is due 100 days prior to departure unless stated in the terms of a special offer. APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or, refuse to honour any price or carry any passenger where any payment has not been received by APT within the specified time. All fares and charges are in Australian currency. Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 100 days before departure from Australia or New Zealand. If APT is unable to confirm your reservation, all monies will be refunded.

Travelling with Minors

Children of less than 12 years of age are not permitted on tours and cruises. Minors under 18 years of age must be

accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult.

Included in Holiday Package Price

As indicated in individual itineraries – all transport, accommodation, airfares (if indicated in individual itinerary), gratuities, airport transfers on the first and last day, sightseeing, specified excursions, meals as indicated, admissions, port charges, luggage service (one bag) and the services of a Tour Director.

Not Included in Holiday Package Price

Airfares (unless stated), airport taxes, laundry, passport and visa fees, meals or drinks other than those indicated in your itinerary, excess baggage and fuel surcharge.

Gratuities

Gratuities are included for the land and cruise portion of your tour. Gratuities cannot be redeemed for cash. Gratuities are not included for any individual purchases.

APT Tour Director

The services of an APT Tour Director are included on land tours and where specified (subject to minimum numbers). The APT Tour Director will be different in South Korea and Japan. The flight between South Korea and Japan will be unescorted.

Choosing Your Holiday

To maximise your enjoyment of your APT holiday and to ensure that it lives up to your expectations, it is important that you choose the right holiday package for your requirements. Our brochures contain limited information, however, there is more information online at www.aptouring.com.au and our qualified staff are available to discuss your options.

Hotels

Hotel rooms in South Korea & Japan are often smaller than those in Australia. In more remote places, hotel standards may not be quite as high as in major centres. APT endeavours to utilise the most suitable accommodation available in each destination to ensure that passengers enjoy high levels of cleanliness, comfort and service. The hotels listed in this brochure will be used on almost all holiday packages, however, if a change is necessary for any reason, APT will endeavour to ensure that alternative accommodation is of an equivalent standard to the hotels shown. Hotel rooms are generally not available for check-in before 3:00 pm and require check-out by 10:00 am.

Twin or Double Rooms

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms (sometimes named superior/deluxe) based on twins or doubles unless otherwise stated. In Japan, double beds are on a request basis in hotels and may not be able to be guaranteed.

Solo Travellers

A limited number of single rooms may be available by request at time of booking your holiday package. Single rooms may be smaller than standard twin or double rooms and on occasion may only have one single bed.

Passengers Needing Assistance

APT welcomes all passengers. Guests with limited mobility are asked to please note the following:

1. Guests with a disability or medical condition requiring assistance must inform APT at the time of booking any important information relating to your health, mobility and/or fitness which may affect your partial or total participation in the cruise or tour. This information will allow APT to ensure the tour you have chosen is suitable and meets your needs. Any changes to health, mobility and fitness must also be reported to APT as soon as possible and prior to departure. Where possible, APT will make reasonable adjustments to the tour to assist you, however, it cannot do so if the adjustment required would be unreasonable in all of the circumstances, including if such adjustments would affect your safety and/or the safety and/or enjoyment of other passengers.

2. If you require assistance or care (such as pushing a wheelchair, assistance with dressing or assistance with walking), you must travel with a companion capable of providing the required assistance or care. APT is unable to assist any passenger with walking, dining, boarding or disembarking any transportation vehicles (including river and ocean cruise ships and trains). To safely participate in embarkation and disembarkation you must be able to do so without the need for assistance. You must also be able to do so without unreasonably impacting other passengers' safety and/or enjoyment.

3. While APT will make reasonable efforts to accommodate everyone, it is not responsible for any denial of services by any third party entities it has travel arrangements with, such as carriers, hotels, trains, restaurants or other independent suppliers, or for any additional associated expenses charges by those parties.

4. Please note coaches and minibuses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be carried on coaches, due to space limitations. APT is unable to provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining, disembarking, or embarking cruise ships and/or coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs.

Health and Fitness

A good level of fitness and health is required to participate on APT's holiday packages. In some destinations there are extensive sightseeing excursions by foot which includes the climbing of stairs. Mobility is needed boarding or alighting coaches and trains. We recommend a visit to the doctor before travelling to overseas destinations and consult with them regarding any travel vaccinations which may be required. It is your responsibility to advise APT of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers. A Health, Fitness & Mobility Questionnaire will be provided and requested to be completed at the time of booking if you advise of any health, fitness or mobility issues. APT is not liable for any injury, illness, or loss of enjoyment which could have been reasonably prevented had we been made aware of a pre-existing condition and been provided

an opportunity to review it. We will not be responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties or the return of passengers from a tour, and a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed.

Visa & Passports

All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after the holiday package return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure that they have any applicable visas for countries included in the holiday package prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and paying all associated costs. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the holiday package resulting from incorrect travel documents or visas.

IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY Changes or Additions to Your Holiday

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking, or their travel agent. If it is possible to make the change, it will be subject to an administration charge and payment of any further costs incurred as a result of the change.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following APT cancellation fees apply (in addition to charges of any independent suppliers e.g. airlines and hotels):

Days of Notice

| Prior To Departure | Fee Per Person |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 100 days or more | Loss of deposit |
| 99-61 days | 50% of holiday package price |
| 60 days or less | 100% of holiday package price |

All cancellations must be received in writing by APT and are not effective until this notification has been received. If your holiday has commenced, 100% of the full holiday package price is charged. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the holiday package are missed.

Additional cancellation fees may also be charged in respect of accommodation reserved outside the holiday package dates. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by APT and your travel agent (if any). You acknowledge that the amounts estimated under the Cancellation Policy are reasonable and represent a genuine pre-estimate of APT's loss and are otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT. If you request changes after APT has issued your documents, APT may charge you an administration and processing fee of \$70 per person in addition to any applicable cancellation fees.

Cancellation of Ticketed Airfares

An APT cancellation fee of \$50 per person applies for ticketed airfares, in addition to any airline cancellation fees that are applicable.

Changes to Ticketed Airfares

If you wish to amend the date or routing on your ticketed air booking, an APT amendment fee of \$30 per person for the first change and \$85 for any subsequent changes will be charged in addition to airline change fees and additional taxes that are applicable. If, for any reason, a name change to a ticketed airfare is required, a \$125 per person name change fee will apply for every change in addition to any applicable airline fees.

IF WE NEED TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

If we change or cancel your holiday before your departure, APT endeavours to provide you with all the services confirmed to you at the time of your booking. However, we plan arrangements a long time in advance of your departure date using independent suppliers such as airlines, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasion changes do have to be made, and APT reserves the right to cancel or amend holiday packages/excursions accordingly. All tours require a minimum number of bookings in order to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. In the event adequate numbers cannot be achieved, it may be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and offer the nearest possible alternative date (or a refund of the monies paid for arrangements made by APT). The alternative date (or a refund of the monies paid for arrangements made by APT).

ON HOLIDAY

Noise & Vibration

You acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on transportation and that APT is not liable to you for any such noise or vibration.

Seat Allocation on Coach Tours

To ensure all passengers enjoy forward and window facing seats, on longer tours a daily seat rotation system may apply at the discretion of the Tour Director. We do not warrant that the seat rotation will be adjusted to suit personal preference.

Luggage Limits

You will be required to pack-down to one small carry-on bag for your stays in Hakone, Kanazawa and Okayama.

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Opportunities of Development Thru Art helps disadvantaged children from the rural areas around Siem Reap in Cambodia by offering English and computer lessons. The aim is to improve their chances of employment in the busy tourism industry.

A World of Difference

At OneTomorrow we believe in travel as a platform for change. Across the APT Travel Group, we've partnered with a range of organisations and implemented initiatives to help protect the environment and ensure the wellbeing of local people wherever we go.

Making Travel Mean More

Working together, we can support not-for-profit organisations to continue helping their communities. The best part? Donations through OneTomorrow are tax deductible*, and all donations will be matched dollar for dollar. So together we can double our impact.

**With your help, we can continue
to shape the world together**

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It has been a privilege to welcome so many guests aboard APT's award-winning journeys, and a joy to see those guests fall in love with each new experience the world presents. For many years, the unique spirit of our family-owned and operated company has set us apart – 2024 will be no exception. So it is with great pleasure that I invite you to Live Fully with APT.

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