

Arcadia Travelers presents...

Japan & South Korea: From Tokyo to Seoul

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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

16 Days • 23 Meals: 14 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Tea Ceremony, Bullet Train, *Ama* Pearl Divers Dinner, *Okonomiyaki* Cooking Class & Dinner, Discussion with an A-Bomb Survivor in Hiroshima, Fushimi Inari Taisha, Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Korean Demilitarized Zone, North Korean Defector Talk, Gyeongbok Palace

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 – 4 Aloft Tokyo Ginza, Tokyo
- Days 5, 6 Nemu Resort, Ise-Shima
- Days 7, 8 ANA Crowne Plaza Hiroshima, Hiroshima
- Days 9 – 11 Hotel Monterey Kyoto, Kyoto
- Days 12 – 15 Courtyard Marriott Namdaemun, Seoul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, April 17, 2027 Overnight Flight From the tranquility of ancient temples to the energy of bustling cities, find a blend of all things old and new in Japan. Travel through the Land of the Rising Sun on an unforgettable journey and finally take another step farther to explore Seoul, South Korea.

Day 2: Sunday, April 18, 2027 Tokyo, Japan Say “*Konnichiwa!*” to the incredible, eclectic city of Tokyo. Japan is a land of contrasts, and you’re about to discover the thousand facets of culture, art, and life that make up its incredible spirit. From busy cities to quiet shrines filled only with silence, you’ll come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making. Storied history, artistic traditions, cutting-edge technology - it’s all part of Japan’s everyday life. You’ll soon discover that you could explore Japan for a thousand years and only experience a part of what this country has to offer. As travelers’ arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

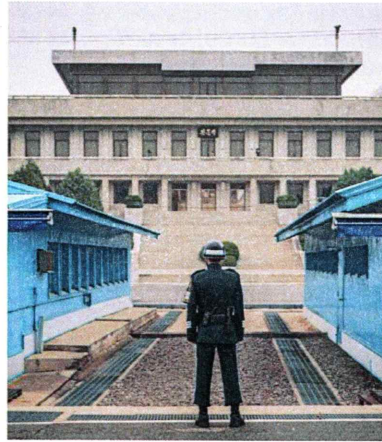
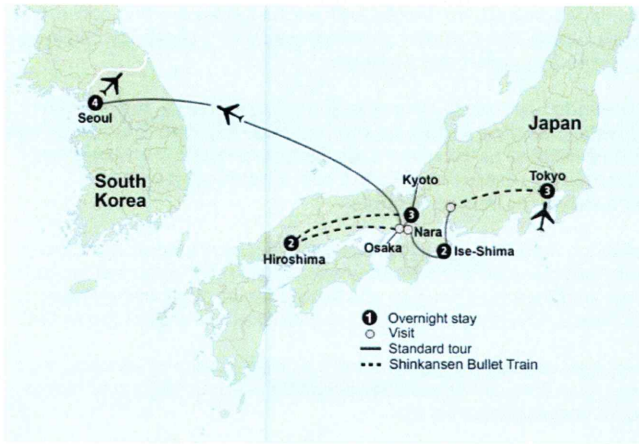
Day 3: Monday, April 19, 2027 Tokyo This morning, start your day in Tokyo like a true local - by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. Set out on a walk to the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Palace. Later this afternoon, make your way back to your hotel located in the popular Ginza district of Tokyo, a perfect location for spending an afternoon at leisure before getting to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, April 20, 2027 Tokyo Feel the excitement start to build as you head to Asakusa to witness the subtle art of preparing green tea in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Visit the Sensoji Temple before enjoying free time to the Nakamise shopping street, where you can stroll between the stalls and buy local souvenirs and sweets. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. This evening, you are free to explore on your own. (B)

Day 5: Wednesday, April 21, 2027 Tokyo - Ise-Shima Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen*, or bullet train. Sleek, modern, and comfortable, the bullet train will flash through the idyllic Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour, but you’ll barely feel or hear a thing. Keep an eye peeled for Mt. Fuji in the distance.* Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan – Ise Shrine. This grand shrine is built to honor the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Wander among the thatched roofs and raw wood of buildings, taking in the serenity of this spiritual wonder. Tonight, your meal will be a traditional and delicious Japanese *kaiseki* dinner, an artfully prepared and presented, multi-course meal using ingredients at the absolute peak of freshness. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, April 22, 2027 Ise-Shima This morning, you’ll head to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum. Explore the island and the legacy of the skilled *ama* pearl divers, women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea to harvest oysters and their pearls. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history and science of pearl diving. This evening, set out for Azurihama Beach, where you’ll venture across the sands to an *ama* hut for an incredible dining experience. While local seafood is grilled in a charcoal fire right before your eyes, hear tales from the *ama* women about their lives and the sacred rights of their profession. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, April 23, 2027 Ise-Shima - Nara - Hiroshima Today, travel to Nara Park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive temple to take some time in this sacred place and find the huge bronze Buddha statue. Wander the grounds outside and discover the famous “bowing” deer of Nara. Then, you’ll once again board the *shinkansen* bullet train and be whisked away to Hiroshima. Enjoy dinner at a local cooking studio, where you’ll learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savory pancake, a favorite of Hiroshima residents. (B, D)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$10,749; Single \$11,749

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Los Angeles Intl Airport, Inter-flights from Osaka Kansai, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 8: Saturday, April 24, 2027 Hiroshima A short walk from your hotel takes you to the Peace Memorial Park. Pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), a sobering reminder of the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum before a powerful **Impact Moment** connects you with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the Atomic bomb firsthand.** They'll talk about what it was like to live in Japan during that time, the aftermath of that terrible day, and how they preserve the memory of those who were lost. After, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate standing proudly in the water. (B)

Day 9: Sunday, April 25, 2027 Hiroshima - Kyoto Kyoto awaits! Journey to Japan's former capital city via *shinkansen* bullet train. Your first stop takes you to Fushimi Inari Taisha for a glimpse into the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the rows of orange torii that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Later this afternoon, head to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. As you walk through Gion's narrow cobblestone streets, if you're lucky, you may see a woman in full traditional geisha regalia headed to one of the hidden, exclusive tea houses. Tonight is at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Monday, April 26, 2027 Kyoto Enjoy a laid-back morning before visiting the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that shade the forest paths and gently sway in the breeze. Continue to Kinkaku-ji Temple (UNESCO), known as the Golden Pavilion for its top two floors that are completely covered in gold leaf. Once the lavish retirement home of a shogun, it was converted to a Zen temple in the 1400s. It has survived wars, been rebuilt after fires, and still stands as an impressive piece of historic architecture. Later, try your hand at making sushi during an interactive class and dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, April 27, 2027 Kyoto This morning, make your way to Nishiki Market with your Tour Manager, where colorful stalls are filled with fresh foods and local specialties, like pickles, dried seafood, and sushi. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore how you want. Perhaps you'll take another visit to the Gion district to wander among its temples, shrines, traditional shops, and

charming cafés, visit a museum, or spend time in the park and grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. (B)

Day 12: Wednesday, April 28, 2027 Kyoto - Seoul, South Korea Today, jump on a flight and journey to your final destination: Seoul, the capital city of South Korea. An energetic and eclectic modern city with deep roots, Seoul has something for everyone. Arrive later this afternoon and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Thursday, April 29, 2027 Seoul Head to the Korean Demilitarized Zone, or the DMZ, this morning. This conflict-ridden stretch of 150 miles between North and South Korea has been sealed tight for the last 68 years, and the struggles of the Korean War have yet to be resolved. Take an exclusive tour of this storied border, seeing Imjingak Park, the Bridge of Freedom, the DMZ Theater and Exhibition Hall, the Dora Observatory, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, and more. This is a rare opportunity to see the "Hermit Kingdom" of North Korea up close, and the long cold war between the two countries. Tonight, your evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 14: Friday, April 30, 2027 Seoul This morning, learn about the struggles in North Korea firsthand when you gather for a private talk with a North Korean defector. During this **Impact Moment**, learn about their life in North Korea, how they escaped to the south and are adjusting to their new life, and the struggles they face in a new country. Leave the city and stop by a local market to pick up some ingredients before you sit down for a home-hosted traditional Korean lunch with a local family, and get insight into the daily lives of a South Korean family. (B, L)

Day 15: Saturday, May 1, 2027 Seoul Start your day by hopping on the subway and heading to the awe-inspiring Gyeongbok Palace. Take a tour of the sprawling grounds and watch the elaborate and ceremonial changing of the guard. Next, visit Insadong Street, Seoul's charming and colorful shopping area. Tour the narrow maze of alleys that hold tea shops, boutiques, galleries and cafes. You have the afternoon at leisure to explore the area, perhaps heading to the Museum of Contemporary History with its multimedia exhibitions, or the National Museum of Korea with its statues, paintings, and artifacts. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

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Day 16: Sunday, May 2, 2027 Seoul - Tour Ends Say goodbye to the energy and splendor of Seoul as you depart for home. Return with countless memories of your journey through Japan and unforgettable moments from the South Korean capital. (B)

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

You will have two separate Tour Managers throughout your trip: one while traveling in Japan and another while traveling through South Korea.

Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require travelers to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days.

Bon Holiday (Obon) is a Buddhist holiday honoring the spirits of ancestors that occurs in mid-August. During the Bon holiday, many Japanese people travel to their hometowns to pay respects to their ancestors, resulting in increased traffic congestion and crowded public transportation. Some businesses may also close or operate with reduced hours during this time.

**In the event that an atomic bomb survivor is unavailable, a legacy successor (relative or friend of a survivor) will meet the group and share their relative's experiences and stories.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

*Mt Fuji is only visible from the train on a clear day and cannot be guaranteed based on weather conditions.

Golden Week is a cluster of national holidays in Japan, including Showa Day (April 29th), Constitution Memorial Day (May 3rd), Greenery Day (May 4th), and Children's Day (May 5th). During Golden Week, popular tourist destinations tend to be extremely crowded, and many businesses, including attractions and restaurants, operate on altered schedules. It's essential to anticipate traffic congestion and longer than usual wait times for any attractions and transportation. We reserve the right to modify the order of your inclusions during this period, without prior notice.

In the case of extreme summer heat and humidity, walking tours may be shortened, rescheduled, or replaced with alternative activities to ensure traveler comfort and safety.

We have selected hotels in Tokyo and Hiroshima for their excellent locations, making it easy for you to explore the area. However, these hotels do not offer a portage service, so you'll need to carry your own luggage to and from your room.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

This tour provides authentic Japanese dining experiences. Any special meal requests, including vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free may not be able to be accommodated as these are not widely catered to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travelers will arrive into Tokyo airport and depart from Seoul airport.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Return flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 a.m.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 11, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 17, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until September 18, 2026.

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