

South Korea & Japan

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Exploration from Seoul to Tokyo

Discover the wonders of South Korea and Japan on one remarkable journey through royal capitals, coastal landscapes, and ancient cultural heartlands. Begin in Seoul, South Korea's dynamic capital, where royal palaces and traditional markets exist in harmony with skyscrapers. Travel south by high-speed train to Busan, Korea's vibrant port city, renowned for its scenic beaches, seafood markets, and relaxed coastal atmosphere.

Continue by flight to Kyoto, Japan's former imperial capital, celebrated for its preserved temples, tranquil gardens, and traditions. The final journey takes us by speed train to Tokyo, where ancient shrines and historic districts blend seamlessly with modern architecture and the energy of a modern metropolis.

Itinerary overview

Day 1
Departure Flight

Board your international flight from the USA to your destination, where your tour begins.

Day 2
Arrival in Seoul

Arrive in Seoul, meet your Tour Manager, and enjoy an introductory walk with a welcome dinner exploring Myeongdong and Namdaemun Market.

Day 3
Gyeongbokgung
Palace

Discover Seoul's history and culture with visits to Gwanghwamun Square, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, Insa-dong, and Ikseon-dong Hanok.

Day 4
Secret Garden & Street
Art

Explore Changdeokgung Secret Garden, stroll through Ihwadong Mural Village, and take in panoramic views from Namsan Tower.

Day 5
DMZ to Busan

Embark on a full-day DMZ tour including the Third Tunnel and Red Suspension Bridge. Evening speed train to Busan.

Day 6
Gamcheon Culture
Village

Explore Gamcheon Culture Village, Busan Tower and Yongdusan Park, Gwangbok-ro Fashion Street, BIFF Square, and Jagalchi Market.

Day 7
Temple & Beaches

Visit Haedong Yonggungsa Temple and Zodiac Park, relax at Haeundae Beach, and enjoy a walk along Gwangalli Beach.

Day 8
Travel to Japan and
Nara

Arrive in Japan, transfer to Kyoto via Nara, and enjoy an introduction by your Tour manager to Kyoto center.

Day 9
Kyoto: Back in Time

Explore Kyoto's temples, streets, and markets on a guided tour—ending with dinner and a taste of traditional Japan.

Day 10
Tokyo Twilight

Travel to Tokyo by bullet train, ascend the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for panoramic views at

sunset, and explore Shinjuku before dinner.

Day 11
Tokyo Old Town

Explore gardens, temples, and old Tokyo streets, and end the day with sweeping views from Tokyo Skytree.

Day 12
Tokyo Farewell

Enjoy a free day in Tokyo or join an optional trip to Kamakura. End the tour with a festive farewell dinner at a local izakaya.

Day 13
Return Flights

Transfer to the airport, reflecting on unforgettable memories of your tour as you travel back to the USA.

Tour Inclusions

- Round Trip Flights from USA to South Korea and Japan with return.
 - Flight from Busan, SK to Osaka, Japan.
- Tour Manager from arrival to departure day
- Private high-quality motor coach for transfers and excursions
- Speed trains Seoul-Busan, Kyoto-Tokyo
- Transportation for all scheduled activities, local transports in cities
- Daily dinners, quality meals with a drink
- Central hotels with a full, warm breakfast (high level 3 to 4-star quality)
- Local Expert Guides for guided sightseeing in Seoul, at DMZ, Kyoto and Tokyo
- Smartphone app for all travelers and private tour web page
- Entrances/Excursion included to:
 - Gyeongbokgung Palace
 - Changdeokgung Palace Secret Garden entrance
 - Namsan Tower including cable car to the tower
 - Busan Diamond Tower
 - Jagalchi Market
 - Haedong Yonggungsa Temple
 - Excursion to DMZ incl guide and entrances
 - Fushimi Inari Taisha and Yama – Kyoto
 - Kiyomizu-dera – Kyoto
 - Todaiji Temple and Buddha – Nara
 - Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden – Tokyo
 - Sushi Making Class
 - Sensoji Temple - Tokyo
 - Gov Metropolitan Building - Tokyo
 - Tokyo Sky Tree - Tokyo

Other:

- 13 Days
- Minimum 29 travelers

Prepare for tour: <https://rb.gy/8twszo>

Money on tour: <https://rb.gy/8twszo>

Rates & Enrollment

Starting rates, depending on season and departure hub

All rates are per person

STUDENT ROOM RATE: \$ 5,987

3 PERSONS SHARING ONE ROOM (SEPARATE BEDS)

DOUBLE / TWIN ROOM RATE: \$ 6,174

2 PERSONS SHARING ONE ROOM (SEPARATE BEDS OR KING SIZE CHOICE AT ENROLLMENT)

SINGLE ROOM RATE: \$ 7,087

1 PERSON IN PRIVATE ROOM

Above rates may have a supplement added depending on your departure airport hub and travel season. Adults cannot enroll in a student room. Students can upgrade to twin room. A family of 3 can request a triple room at a discount. Supplements and optional extras can be added to a standard tour.

Enrollment:

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T&C: www.lingo-tours.com/termsandconditions/

- \$150 REGISTRATION PAYMENT – Due upon enrollment.
- \$500 PAYMENT – Due within 30 days of your registration online.
- ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – Ten (10) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 20% PAID BY – Eight (8) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 30% PAID BY – Seven (7) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 40% PAID BY – Six (6) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 50% PAID BY – Five (5) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 75% PAID BY – Four (4) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 85% PAID BY – Three (3) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY – Two (2) months prior to your tour departure date.

Day 1

Departure Flight



Board your international flight from the USA to your destination, where your tour begins.

Departure Flight

Our adventure begins as you board your international flight from the USA to your first destination on tour. Get ready to explore the world and its dynamic sights, where history, culture, and modern charm come together seamlessly. Iconic landmarks, bustling streets, and rich heritage await, promising unforgettable experiences. Sit back, relax, and prepare for the journey ahead!



Inflight Meals



Overnight Flight

Day 2

Arrival in Seoul



Arrive in Seoul, meet your Tour Manager, and enjoy an introductory walk with a welcome dinner exploring Myeongdong and Namdaemun Market.

Arrival in Seoul

Arrive in Seoul, where your journey through South Korea begins. After landing, meet your Tour Manager, who will accompany you throughout the tour and help you settle into your new surroundings. You'll receive an introduction to the itinerary ahead, practical travel information, cultural tips, and guidance on how to make the most of your time across the country over the coming days.

Take some time to relax after your journey before heading out for an introductory walk. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and explore some of Seoul's most vibrant areas, including Myeongdong Shopping Street and Namdaemun Market Food Street, where the sights, sounds, and flavors of Korea come alive. This relaxed first evening allows you to ease into the rhythm of the tour, sample local cuisine, and prepare for the experiences ahead. With the city's energy surrounding you, tonight marks the official start of an immersive journey through South Korea's culture, history, and modern life.



Dinner



Hotel in Seoul

Day 3

Gyeongbokgung Palace



Discover Seoul's history and culture with visits to Gwanghwamun Square, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, Insa-dong, and Ikseon-dong Hanok.

Gyeongbokgung Palace

Begin the day at Gwanghwamun Square, the symbolic heart of Seoul, where towering statues and monuments honor Korea's historic figures. From here, step into Gyeongbokgung Palace, the largest of Seoul's five grand palaces, and wander through its serene gardens, courtyards, and pavilions, imagining life in the royal court.

Next, stroll through Bukchon Hanok Village, a labyrinth of narrow streets lined with traditional hanok homes, where history lives alongside cafés, galleries, and artisan shops. Then head to Insa-dong Cultural Street, a bustling hub for antiques, teas, crafts, and contemporary art, perfect for immersing yourself in Korea's vibrant cultural scene. Conclude the day at Ikseon-dong Hanok Village, a neighborhood that seamlessly blends heritage architecture with modern boutiques and stylish cafés. Throughout the day, enjoy guided explanations, photography opportunities, and time to explore at your own pace, allowing Seoul's rich layers of history and contemporary life to unfold around you.



Breakfast & Dinner



Hotel in Seoul

Day 4

Secret Garden & Street Art



Explore Changdeokgung Secret Garden, stroll through Ihwa-dong Mural Village, and take in panoramic views from Namsan Tower.

Secret Garden & Street Art

This morning, step into the tranquil world of Changdeokgung Palace Secret Garden, a hidden royal retreat of pavilions, ponds, and wooded paths. The palace's careful landscaping and harmonious architecture provide insight into Korea's aesthetic values and royal lifestyle.

Afterward, explore Ihwa-dong Mural Village, a vibrant neighborhood where colorful murals, street art, and creative installations turn every alleyway into an open-air gallery. Stroll at leisure, taking in the playful designs and local artistry that reflect Seoul's contemporary cultural energy.

In the evening, ascend Namsan Tower, taking the cable car or shuttle up to the observation deck. From the top, enjoy panoramic views of Seoul's skyline as day turns to night, with mountains and rivers framing the glittering city lights. This day offers a perfect balance of historic elegance, modern creativity, and breathtaking urban vistas, giving you a richer understanding of Seoul's layered character.



Breakfast & Dinner



Hotel in Seoul

Day 5

DMZ to Busan



Embark on a full-day DMZ tour including the Third Tunnel and Red Suspension Bridge. Evening speed train to Busan.

DMZ to Busan

Embark on an excursion to Korea's Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a 150-mile-long military buffer separating North and South Korea. Visit notable sites including the Third Tunnel, discovered beneath the border, learning about Korea's complex history, ongoing tensions, and hopes for peace.

Travel south by high-speed train to Busan, Korea's maritime hub where urban life meets the sea. Watch the countryside pass by as you speed toward the coast, reflecting on the diversity of Korea's landscapes. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided introductory walk along Gwangalli Beach, taking in the ocean breeze, sparkling water, and the famous bridge that lights up at night.



Breakfast & Dinner



Hotel in Busan

Day 6

Gamcheon Culture Village



Explore Gamcheon Culture Village, Busan Tower and Yongdusan Park, Gwangbok-ro Fashion Street, BIFF Square, and Jagalchi Market.

Gamcheon Culture Village

Begin the day at Gamcheon Culture Village, an artistic hillside community of brightly painted houses, creative murals, and quirky sculptures. Stroll its narrow streets, enjoy photo opportunities, and soak in the local creativity. Continue to Busan Tower and Yongdusan Park, where panoramic views of the city, harbor, and surrounding mountains provide a stunning contrast to the colorful streets below.

Explore Gwangbok-ro Fashion Street and the nearby BIFF Square, bustling areas where fashion, cinema, and street food merge in a lively urban atmosphere. Conclude the day at Jagalchi Market, Korea's largest seafood market, where vendors display the day's freshest catches and you can sample delicacies directly at food stalls. This day combines art, culture, shopping, and gastronomy, providing a comprehensive introduction to Busan's character and energy.



Breakfast & Dinner



Hotel in Busan

Day 7

Temple & Beaches



Visit Haedong Yonggungsa Temple and Zodiac Park, relax at Haeundae Beach, and enjoy a walk along Gwangalli Beach.

Temple & Beaches

Visit the iconic Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, a seaside sanctuary perched dramatically on rocky cliffs, with its beautifully ornate structures overlooking the ocean. Nearby, stroll through Zodiac Park, appreciating the symbolic statues and views along the coastline.

Spend time at Haeundae Beach, Korea's most famous beach, walking along the soft sand, enjoying the waves, and observing locals and visitors alike enjoying the coastal lifestyle. In the afternoon and evening, return to Gwangalli Beach for a leisurely walk, experiencing the twinkling bridge lights reflected on the water and the relaxed atmosphere of seaside cafés. This day blends spiritual heritage, natural beauty, and leisure, offering a complete sensory experience of Busan's coastal charms.



Breakfast & Dinner



Hotel in Busan

Day 8

Travel to Japan and Nara



Arrive in Japan, transfer to Kyoto via Nara, and enjoy an introduction by your Tour manager to Kyoto center.

Travel to Japan and Nara

Fly from Busan to Osaka, where you'll transfer to Kyoto, Japan's former imperial capital. Before arriving in Kyoto, we make a longer stop in Nara, Japan's first capital, where ancient temples meet gentle wildlife. Explore the grounds of Nara Park and stand before the towering Great Buddha inside Todaiji Temple. As you walk through the area, encounter the city's famous deer—friendly (and sometimes pushy) locals who may eat senbei crackers straight from your hand. Don't forget your camera!

After checking into your hotel, enjoy an evening introduction walk through the heart of central Kyoto. Stroll through bustling streets, historic lanes, and charming local shops as your guide shares stories of the city's rich heritage. Step into the Gion District, Kyoto's geisha neighborhood. In the evening, savor your first authentic Japanese dishes at a local restaurant, experiencing Kyoto's renowned culinary traditions.



Breakfast & Dinner



Hotel in Kyoto

Day 9

Kyoto: Back in Time



Explore Kyoto's temples, streets, and markets on a guided tour—ending with dinner and a taste of traditional Japan.

Kyoto: Back in Time

Begin your immersion into Kyoto with a guided half-day tour led by a local expert. Ride comfortably through the city's scenic streets before stepping into the serenity of Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Perched on a hillside, this 1,200-year-old wooden structure offers sweeping views over tiled rooftops and gardens below. Continue your journey through the atmospheric lanes of the Higashiyama District, lined with tea shops, artisan stalls, and traditional wooden homes.

Next, visit Nishiki Market—Kyoto's culinary heart. Explore stalls selling local delicacies, handmade sweets, and regional pickles. This bustling indoor street invites you to sample, browse, and soak up the city's culinary pulse. After time to rest and refresh, rejoin the group for dinner and reflect on your rich day. Kyoto reveals itself slowly and gracefully—through its flavors, its rituals, and its timeless streets.



Breakfast & Dinner



Hotel in Kyoto

Day 10

Tokyo Twilight



Travel to Tokyo by bullet train, ascend the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for panoramic views at sunset, and explore Shinjuku before dinner.

Tokyo Twilight

Board the shinkansen and enjoy a scenic ride through the Japanese countryside as you speed toward Tokyo—Japan’s fast-paced, ever-evolving capital. After the 4-hour journey, check in and prepare for an unforgettable evening that begins with a sky-high view. As dusk settles, ascend the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building and witness the city stretch endlessly in every direction. Watch the skyline shift as the sun sets behind distant mountains and neon lights begin to glow.

After taking in the view, explore the vibrant Shinjuku district on foot. Walk through Golden Gai, a famous maze of narrow alleys lined with tiny, atmospheric bars and eateries that capture Tokyo’s after-dark character. In the evening, come together for a traditional Japanese dinner as a group—perfect for reflecting on the contrast between the peaceful countryside of the morning and the electric energy of Tokyo by night.



Breakfast & Dinner



3-4 Star Hotel

Day 11

Tokyo Old Town



Explore gardens, temples, and old Tokyo streets, and end the day with sweeping views from Tokyo Skytree.

Tokyo Old Town

Begin your second day in Tokyo with a peaceful start: a visit to Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden. Wander through its tranquil paths and admire the variety of cherry trees and landscaped grounds—a serene retreat in the heart of the city. Then head to Asakusa, where Tokyo's traditional past comes to life. Explore charming streets lined with craft shops and food stalls, and visit Sensoji Temple, one of the city's most beloved and vibrant Buddhist sites.

Cap off your day with a visit to Tokyo Skytree, Japan's tallest structure. Soar up to take in the glittering metropolis from above and marvel at the engineering and beauty of modern Tokyo. In the evening, enjoy a group dinner to reflect on this unforgettable day.



Breakfast & Dinner



3-4 Star Hotel

Day 12

Tokyo Farewell



Enjoy a free day in Tokyo or join an optional trip to Kamakura. End the tour with a festive farewell dinner at a local izakaya.

Tokyo Farewell

Make the most of your final full day in Japan with a choice of how you spend it. For those staying in Tokyo, explore at your own pace—perhaps visiting futuristic exhibitions like TeamLab Planets, discovering modern art at the Mori Tower Museum, or diving into pop culture districts like Harajuku or Akihabara. From high-end fashion to themed cafés, Tokyo offers something for every interest.

Alternatively, opt in for a guided day trip to Kamakura, a peaceful coastal town known for its historic temples and gardens. Visit the iconic Great Buddha and explore Hase Kannon Temple's hillside views and tranquil grounds. After returning to Tokyo, reunite with your group for a festive farewell dinner at a lively izakaya—a traditional Japanese pub. Celebrate your journey, share your favorite memories, and toast to new friendships and unforgettable experiences across this captivating country.



Breakfast & Dinner



3-4 Star Hotel

Day 13

Return Flights



Transfer to the airport, reflecting on unforgettable memories of your tour as you travel back to the USA.

Return Flights

On your final day, you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA, reflecting on the incredible journey you've just experienced. You'll carry with you memories of stunning landmarks and unforgettable moments. This adventure through fascinating destinations will stay with you long after your flight home. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you again on another unforgettable journey. Thank you for traveling with Lingo Tours.



Inflight Meals



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