Highlights of Japan & South Korea

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Embark on an unforgettable journey into the ancient hearts of Japan and South Korea. Journey from Japan's capital, Tokyo, through iconic landscapes to Kyoto and Osaka's cultural landmarks. Then, encounter South Korea's authentic Hanok villages, timeless pagodas and palaces nestled between modern-day futuristic skyscrapers.

Fly to Tokyo to begin your Japanese adventure with a city tour among the neon-lit Shibuya district and the contrasting serenity of the Meiji Shrine. Journey south to experience a panorama of the Fuji Five Lakes from Mt. Fuji's 5th Station, followed by a cruise across Lake Kawaguchiko with awe-inspiring views of the snow-capped Mount Fuji. Explore the timeless charm of Shirakawa-go's UNESCO-listed thatched-roof houses, then stroll along historic Sannomachi Street in Takayama's Old Town. Travel to Kyoto's Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for thousands of vermilion torii gates, before you discover the beauty of the Temple of the Golden Pavilion. Head to Osaka where there's time to discover the famous Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori shopping districts, and a chance to explore nearby Hiroshima via the bullet train.

Fly to Busan to discover the highlights of South Korea. Enjoy a sightseeing tour in Yongdusan Dragon Head Park then visit the 'must-see' Jagalchi Fish Market, largest of its kind in Korea. Take your own Instagram snap in the colourful Gamcheon Culture Village before visiting Gyeongju's UNESCO World Heritage-listed ancient temples, palaces, pagodas and more. Indulge your senses with Jeonju's UNESCO-listed birthplace of Korea's distinctive and delicious 'Bibimbap'. Then, join a tour of Jeonju Hanok, the largest traditional Korean village, before you make your way to Seoul. Visit the beautiful Gyeongbokgung Palace, the National Folk Museum and enjoy the Traditional Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Experience traditional Korean cuisine while at a traditional Hanok village before time at leisure to explore Dongdaemun, one of Korea's largest traditional markets.

Experience the highlights of Japan and South Korea, including return international full-service flights, a one-way international flight, 14 nights staying in quality hotel accommodation, 14 meals, English-speaking tour guides, airport transfers and more.

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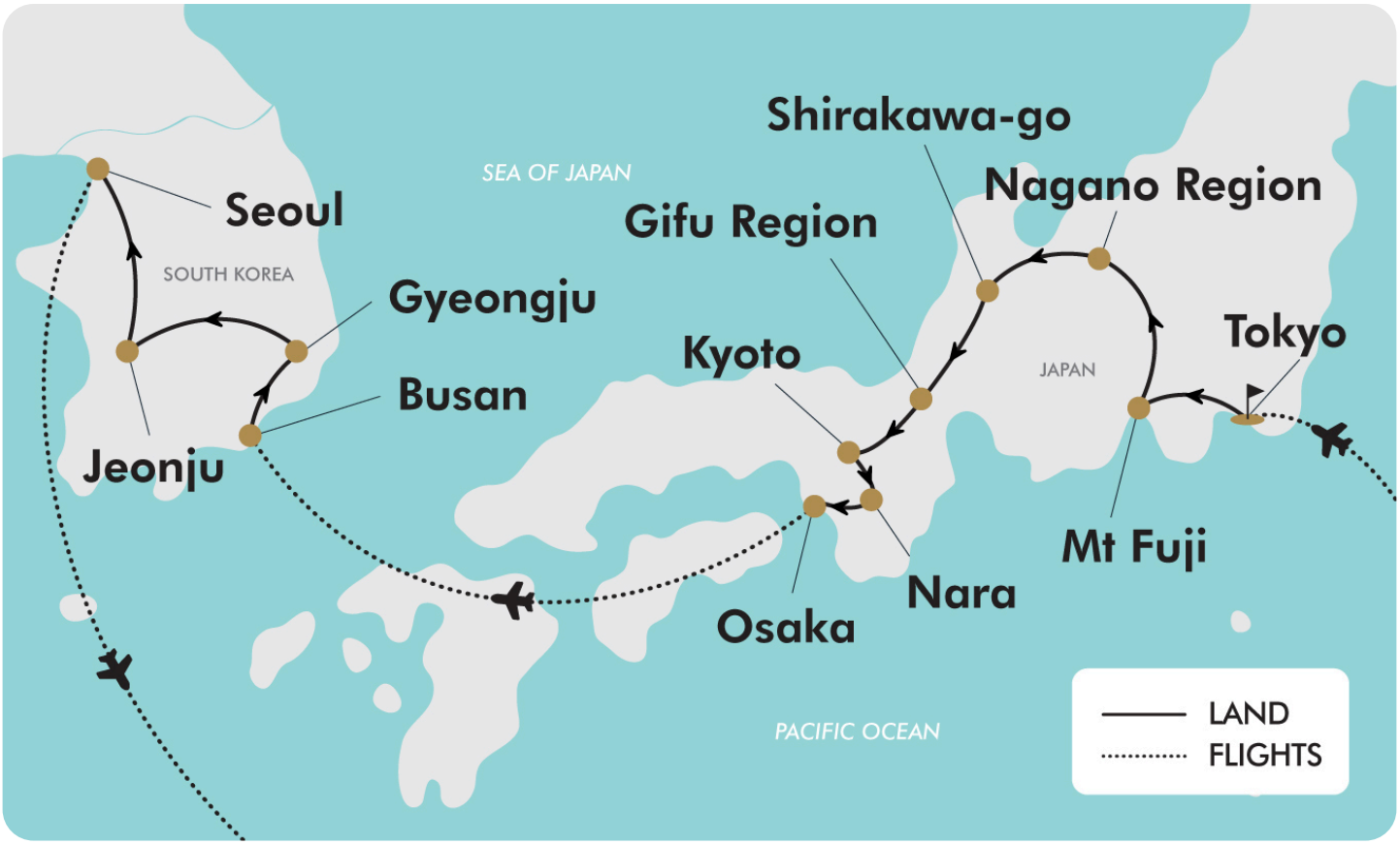
Want more? Arrive Early in Tokyo, Japan & Stay Behind in Seoul, South Korea options are available.

The Map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Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) – Tokyo, Japan

Today fly from Australia (or New Zealand) to one of the most captivating cities in the world - Tokyo, Japan. Upon arrival be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

Overnight: Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar, Tokyo or similar
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Tokyo Half-Day Sightseeing Tour - Free Afternoon

This morning you'll enjoy an introductory tour of Tokyo. This includes visiting the Tsukiji Outer Market where you can encounter traditional Japanese cuisine.

Afterwards, you'll stop by the stunning Meiji Shrine, a Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Enjoy walking among the serene gardens that surround the shrine as you learn details about its importance from your guide.

You'll then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore this fascinating city.

Overnight: Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar, Tokyo or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Tokyo – Mt Fuji – Nagano Region

After breakfast, you'll embark on an approximately 350-kilometre journey, starting at Mt Fuji's 5th Station. Located 2300 metres above sea level, it offers a commanding view of the Fuji Five Lakes area below, making it a popular spot even for those who do not intend on climbing the mountain, and features shrines, torii gates and souvenir shops.

Afterwards, you'll continue to Lake Kawaguchiko to admire the scenery as you enjoy a short cruise across the lake. The waters are overlooked by surrounding mountains including both Mt Fuji and Mt Komagatake.

Arrive in Nagano region this afternoon, check into the hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Route-Inn Suwa Inter or similar, Nagano Region
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Nagano Region – Shirakawa-go – Takayama – Gifu

Today is a fun day to visit the countryside of Japan and see how local people live. Cover 170 kilometres during the drive to Shirakawa-go which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in 1995. The area is famous for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years old.

Afterwards, you'll visit Takayama Old Town to walk along Sannomachi Street which survives in a particularly pretty state with many old homes, shops and restaurants. Takayama was once a bustling hub drawing expert artisans, farmers and merchants

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from throughout the surrounding area. You'll find that Sanmachi, as well as Oshinmachi, preserves the traditional aesthetic of this time.

Finish the day in Gifu where you will check into your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Resol Gifu or similar, Gifu
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Gifu - Kyoto Sightseeing Tour

This morning, you'll take a 140-kilometre trip to Kyoto where you'll enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of the ancient capital. First up visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. It's famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The tour continues with a visit to the iconic Temple of the Golden Pavilion where you'll see that the temple's top two floors are coated in gold leaf, creating a dazzling mirror image in the pond on which it's built.

Afterwards, enjoy the afternoon at your leisure or join one of the below optional activities, which can be booked during the trip directly with the operator.

Optional Activity: Maiko Dinner Show - 35,000 JPY per person

Today you will have the unique chance to enjoy an incredible Maiko performance with a Kaiseki dinner in Kyoto. Immerse yourself in the beguiling beauty of the 'Maiko' (apprentice geisha) scene during an exquisite evening of culture and cuisine at a Gion district restaurant. Gain fascinating insights into ancient Japanese customs as you chat with maikos and capture photographs to immortalize your memorable evening. You will also have the chance to sip on a drink and pleasure your palate with delicacies inspired by 'kaiseki' cuisine, a traditional Japanese cooking style.

Optional Activity: Geisha Dress-Up Experience - 30,000 JPY per person

Enjoy a unique geisha transformation experience with full white face makeup, a beautiful kimono, a Japanese traditional hairstyle wig and a professional cameraman. The experience of a geisha makeover in the city of Geisha is a dream come true for many women from all around the world. You will remember this Geisha makeover experience forever.

Overnight: Comfort Hotel Kyoto Horikawa Gojo or similar, Kyoto
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Kyoto - Nara - Osaka

This morning depart Kyoto for Nara and head to Nara Park to spot hundreds of free-roaming deer, which are considered the messengers of the gods. These deer have become a symbol of the city and have been designated national treasure status. Deer crackers are for sale around the park, and you'll find that some deer have learned to bow to visitors to ask to be fed.

You'll then visit the Todaiji Temple, one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. The temple was constructed in 752 AD as the head temple of all provincial Buddhist temples in Japan.

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Finish the day in Osaka where you can check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. There's something for everyone in Osaka as it's where you'll find the famous Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori shopping and entertainment districts.

Overnight: Kansai Airport Washington Hotel, Osaka or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Osaka Free Day

Today you can enjoy free time at leisure to explore Osaka. Alternatively, you can join an optional activity which can be booked during the trip directly with the operator.

Optional Activity: Hiroshima Day Trip

This morning transfer to Shin-Osaka train station, where your bullet train awaits. Climb aboard and marvel at the train's incredible velocity during a two-hour ride to Hiroshima. On arrival, continue the journey to Miyajimaguchi by coach or train, then board a boat travelling to the majestic Miyajima Island, otherwise known as Itsukushima, or Divine Island. This landmass is hailed as one of Japan's most beautiful landscapes so enjoy discovering the natural and cultural treasures of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Island for 45 minutes with your guide. This is your chance to see the shimmering Itsukushima Shrine before enjoying a delicious lunch in a local eatery (not included). Cruise back to Hiroshima to reflect on the history of the region. Take a moment of contemplation at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, a historical site near to where the atomic bomb exploded. See exhibitions that articulate the destruction the bomb caused and marvel at the city's regenerative recovery. Finally, board a bus to the Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome), a skeletal structure that miraculously survived the 1945 attack. Return to the train station for the exhilarating return journey to Osaka on the bullet train, where the tour concludes. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Kansai Airport Washington Hotel, Osaka or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Osaka, Japan - Busan, South Korea

Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Busan, South Korea. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Please note: This flight is approximately 1.5 hours long and does not include meals.

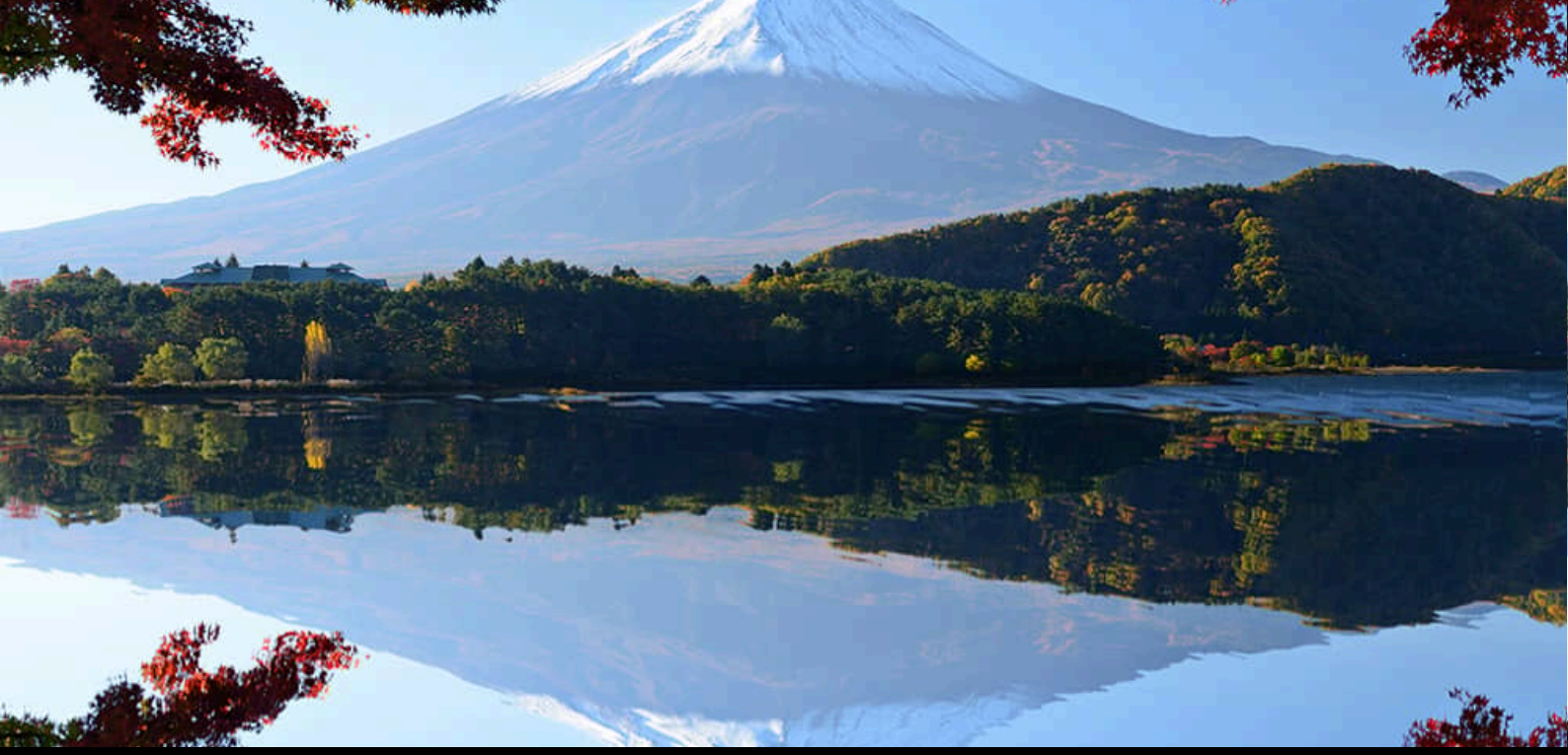
Overnight: Asti Hotel or similar, Busan
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Busan City Tour

This morning you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Busan.

Start by visiting the Yongdusan Dragon Head Park – it is called Yongdusan because the shape of the mountain resembles a dragon's head emerging from the sea. Then go to the iconic Busan Tower, a 120-metre high structure that provides a stunning bird's eye view of the entire city of Busan, including islands and ships dotted in the distant seas. Those who'd like to go up to the top of Busan Tower can purchase tickets directly (approximately $10 USD per person)*.

From there visit the Jagalchi Fish Market, the largest of its kind in Korea and a popular 'must-see' site for tourists in Busan. Afterward, travel to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, situated on the coast of the northeastern portion of Busan. This superb attraction offers visitors the rare find of a temple along the



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shoreline (most temples in Korea are located in the mountains). Next, continue onwards to the Instagram-famous Gamcheon Culture Village. The village is formed by houses built in staircase fashion on the foothills of a coastal mountain, earning the nickname 'Machu Picchu of Busan'. Many alleys that cut through this community are vibrantly decorated with murals and sculptures created by the residents.

Finish the day back at your accommodation where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Asti Hotel or similar, Busan
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Busan Free Day

Today is a free day at leisure to explore the beautiful city of Busan. Alternatively, you can take part in a full-day Busan city tour to visit some sights you did not see the previous day.

Optional Activity: Full-Day Busan Sightseeing Tour

This morning you'll visit Huinnyeoul Culture Village, a charming coastal village located on the sloping cliff of Yeongdo in Busan. In December 2011, the old houses of the area were remodelled and the area was reborn as a unique culture and art village where you can walk through and visit the numerous cafes and galleries while enjoying the sweeping views of Busan and the ocean. Afterwards, visit Songdo Beach where you can board the famous cable car to ride over the bay and enjoy views through the transparent floor of the cable car before stopping by the Sky Harbor Observatory Platform which offers beautiful views of the Songdo Sea and cable cars.

Return to Songdo Beach via the same cable car and take a short walk along the Songdo Cloud Walk which features sections of clear glass floor that creates the feeling of walking on top of the ocean. First opened in 2015, the 365-metre-long skywalk offers an amazing panoramic view of the surrounding area that has made the Skywalk a popular destination. You'll then visit the Nurimaru APEC House, built to host the 2005 APEC Summit meeting at the tip of Dongbaek Island (◇◇◇), which stands near Haeundae Beach. This eye-catching glass building has been one of Busan's symbolic places ever since.

Finally, you'll visit the UN Memorial Cemetery (Note. No sportswear/No revealing clothing/No strapless slippers.) after driving over the 7.4-kilometre Gwangandaegyo Bridge which is the longest bi-level bridge over the ocean in Korea.

On the way back to the hotel, you can visit Nampodong International Market which is one of Korea's largest markets. Each alleyway is crowded with stalls and connects to Bupyeong Market, Kkangtong Market and other smaller markets. The market stocks such a wide variety of goods that you can find almost everything you need. Note. Tour Bus will pick you up in an hour, For those who need more time at the market, will need to make their own way back to the hotel (approximately 10-15 minute taxi).

Please note:

- *This tour requires a minimum of 10 travellers to operate.*
- *Please see current pricing in Important Information.*

Overnight: Asti Hotel or similar, Busan
Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 11 Busan - Gyeongju - Jeonju

This morning transfer to Gyeongju, the century-old historical Gyeongju City and 1,000-year-old capital of the Silla Dynasty. The Gyeongju Historic Areas were designated a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in 2000. The protected areas encompass the ruins of temples and palaces, outdoor pagodas and statuary, as well as other cultural artifacts left by the Silla Kingdom. The historic areas are also known as one of the largest outdoor museums in the world.

Start your city tour from Bulguksa temple, also known as 'The Buddhist Country Temple'. Alongside the neighboring Seokguram Grotto Hermitage, Bulguksa Temple was designated a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in 1995. Lastly, visit Daereungwon, also known as Tumuli Park which has more than 20 large and small tombs from the Silla Period. Pass by Chomsongdae Observatory, constructed as the lunar calendar, and Tumuli park exhibiting the Royal tombs.

In the afternoon you will proceed to the celebrated village of Jeonju, an important tourist centre that is famous for its Korean food and historic traditional buildings. In May 2012, Jeonju was chosen as a Creative City for Gastronomy as part of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network. This honour recognises the city's traditional home cooking handed down through generations over thousands of years, its active public and private food research, its system for nurturing talented chefs, and its hosting of distinctive local food festivals. Jeonju is the birthplace of Bibimbap (rice with vegetables & meat). In 2011, it was ranked 40th on the world's 50 most delicious foods readers' poll compiled by CNN Travel. We highly recommend you enjoy excellent Bibimbap food during your stay (not included).

Check into your accommodation on arrival and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Best Western Plus Jeonju Hotel or similar, Jeonju
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Jeonju - Seoul

This morning, We first visit Hanji Industry Center (Korean Traditional Mulberry paper). As Korea's first center specializing in paper, it has an extensive collection of 3,000 artifacts and a database documenting the long history and superiority of Hanji (Korean paper). Additionally, you will have the opportunity to make Korean paper with wooden tools or Traditional Fan making and bring it back home.

Afterwards, take a tour of Jeonju Hanok, the largest traditional Korean village with various traditional cultural facilities in the downtown area.

The tour will then depart for Seoul, South Korea's bustling capital. Your accommodation is located in Insadong, the heart of the city, and one of the cultural and artistic hubs of Seoul. There is one main road in Insadong with alleys on each side. Within these alleys are galleries, traditional restaurants, teahouses, and cafes.

The galleries are the heartbeat of Insadong. There are hundreds of them in the area offering every example of traditional Korean fine art, from paintings to sculptures. The most famous are Hakgojae Gallery, which functions as the centre of folk art, Gana Art Gallery, which promotes many promising artists, and Gana Art Centre.

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The teahouses and restaurants are the perfect complement to the galleries. They are hidden deep within the twisting alleyways, making it feel like a treasure hunt. The shops in Insadong are very popular among all age groups providing a unique experience for every taste.

Overnight: Ibis Ambassador Seoul Insadong or similar, Seoul
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Seoul City Tour

This morning begin a Seoul city tour at the beautiful Gyeongbokgung Palace to experience the most representative edifices of the Joseon Dynasty (more than 500 years old).

Afterwards, visit the National Folk Museum to learn about the country's unique culture and how Koreans used to live in the olden days. Continuing onwards, enjoy a quick stop to witness the Traditional Royal Guard Changing Ceremony and the Presidential Blue House before arriving at the famous Bukchon Hanok Village. This is a Korean traditional village in Seoul with a long history, located on the top of a hill between Gyeongbok Palace, Changdeok Palace and Jongmyo Royal Shrine. The traditional village is composed of many alleys and hanoks, preserved to showcase its 600-year-old urban environment. Here you will enjoy a guided walk and marvel at beautiful traditional homes.

After visiting the Bukchon Hanok village, you will then visit an Amethyst factory and learn more about South Korean Amethyst, which was one of the Koreans' symbols of wealth in olden times.

Finish the day with some time at leisure at the Dongdaemun open market, the largest of its kind in the Orient. Dongdaemun Market is a large commercial district of traditional markets and shopping centres that covers the entire area around Dongdaemun Gate, a prominent landmark in Korea. It is Korea's largest wholesale and retail shopping district, featuring 26 shopping malls, 30,000 specialty shops and 50,000 manufacturers.

Return to your accommodation, where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Please note:

- *If the Seoul City Tour falls on a Tuesday, then the Gyeongbokgung Palace will be closed and the Changdeokgung Palace will be visited instead. Changdeokgung Palace was the second royal palace built following the construction of Gyeongbokgung Palace in 1405, recognised as a World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO.*
- *Due to recent local government regulations aimed at protecting resident privacy and maintaining order Bukchon Hanok Village has been temporarily closed for groups. If the village is closed for your tour, an alternative visit to Namsangol Hanok Village will be provided in place of this.*

Overnight: Ibis Ambassador Seoul Insadong or similar, Seoul
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Seoul Free Day - Optional DMZ Tour

Today is a free day to explore Seoul at leisure or join the below optional tour (not included).

Optional Activity: Korean DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) Tour

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Nowhere is the tension between North and South Korea more palpable than in the no-man's-land known as the Korean Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ. Located on each side of the 38th parallel, this infamous border was established at the end of the war in 1953 at the signing of Panmunjom's armistice in order to separate North and South Korea.

This morning you'll head towards the North Korean border where you'll take the gondola for a perfect bird eye view of the Demilitarized Zone. Then, visit Dokgae Bridge which symbolises the pains of war and separation. The skywalk experience will be divided into three themes: past, present, and future. Proceed to Bunker Beat 131, a military underground bunker constructed during the Korean War turned into a unique exhibition space. You can feel the atmosphere of a military facility from the entrance. Walking down the stairway, you will see the situation room of the command during wartime.

Afterwards, you will head through passport security control and visit the Odusan Unification Observatory (closed every Monday), which is on the South Korean Side of the 38th parallel. After receiving a brief and listening to the precautions, you can watch a 3D film about the war, and then we can vividly see the North Korean villages, people working, and their daily lives.

The tower gives a view of North Korea at a glance and is a special place to experience the division of a nation and the life of North Korean people. Using binoculars, you can see the North Korean territory from the 304 square feet, 500-person capacity observatory. There's also an exhibition hall with displays on the conflict. Then, you will enjoy the Imjingak Resort, which has various war-related artefacts as well as boasting the spacious Pyeonghwa Nuri Park. The resort preserves the Freedom Bridge and Imjingang rail bridge from the Korean War to remind people of the past, along with a Memorial Hall, memorial monuments, the Bell of Unification Last Train Out, The Bridge of No Return and other recreational areas.

Please note:

- *This tour requires a minimum of 5 travellers to operate.*
- *You must bring your passport for ID checks.*
- *The Odusan Unification Observatory is closed every Monday so will be replaced by the Imjingak Peace Observatory.*
- *The tour may be cancelled without notice in case of an emergency military meeting or other critical situation.*
- *Please see current pricing in Important Information.*

Overnight: Ibis Ambassador Seoul Insadong or similar, Seoul
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Seoul, South Korea - Australia or (New Zealand)

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

Please note: If you have an evening transfer, you can leave your luggage at the hotel reception after check in and prior to your departure.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 16 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Marvel at stunning views from Mt Fuji's 5th Station, 2300 metres above sea level

Take a tour of Tokyo to visit Meiji Shrine and Tsukiji Outer Market

Enjoy a scenic cruise along Lake Kawaguchiko which sits in the shadow of Mt Fuji

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage village of Shirakawa-go, famous for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses

Visit Takayama Old Town and walk along Sannomachi Street, famous for its many old homes, shops and restaurants

Visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine and iconic Temple of the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto

Visit Nara Park, home to thousands of free roaming deer and Todaiji Temple

Explore the famous Dotonbori entertainment district in Osaka with time at leisure

Visit Gyeongbokgung Palace, the National Folk Museum and Dongdaemun market on a full day tour of Seoul

Visit a traditional Hanok Village in Seoul and marvel at the village's houses and alleyways

Explore Jeonju Hanok, the largest and most famous traditional Korean village

Visit the Jagalchi Fish Market, the largest of its kind in Korea and a popular 'must-go' tourist destination in Busan

Walk through the Instagram-famous Gamcheon Culture Village, featuring colourful houses built on the foothills of a coastal mountain

Tour the century-old historical Gyeongju City which was the capital of the Shilla Dynasty

Visit UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bulguksa Temple, also known as 'The Buddhist Country Temple'

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply.(Excludes Trip Only option)

One-way international flight from Osaka, Japan to Busan, South Korea

ACCOMMODATION

14 nights of quality hotel accommodation

DINING

14 meals included

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour leader

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

All airport transfers included (Excludes Trip Only option)

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.
On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

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Cancellation & Refund Policy

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- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
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General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 9th November 2027.
This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of $1,450 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, *Perth, *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane: $200 per person
- Adelaide: $300 per person
- Auckland: $400 per person

International Full-Service Airline(s) Used

(Australia/NZ to Japan; South Korea to Australia/NZ)
- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Please note:

- *From Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 18.5 hours, with up to 1 stop.*
- *From Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 20 hours, with up to 1 stop.*
- *From Adelaide or Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 22 hours, with up to 2 stops.*
- *This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.*

Important Information

International Airline(s) Used (Osaka, Japan to Busan, South Korea)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note:

- *For this short one and a half hour flight meals and entertainment are not included.*
- *Your internal flight/s between Osaka and Busan will likely only have a checked luggage limit of 15 kilograms per person. Unfortunately, TripADeal is unable to increase this amount during the booking process due to airline restrictions, so we recommend all travellers keep this in mind when packing for your holiday, regardless of the limits allowed on your long-haul international sectors.*
- *Additional luggage will be able to be booked through the airline online or at the airport and the cost will vary depending on the airline used.*

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Qantas: $450 per person
- Singapore Airlines: $500 per person

Please note:

- *Only available for Sydney and Melbourne travellers.*
- *Preferred airlines do not guarantee direct flights.*
- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.*

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Tokyo, Japan - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Seoul, South Korea - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- ***Exclusions:***

  This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- ***Cancellations & Changes:***

  Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- ***High-Season:***

  A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

- ***+ 60 days:***

  You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

- ***Estimated dates:***

  Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

- *High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:*

3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026
26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026
18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026
12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027
19 March 2027 - 28 April 2027
19 June 2027 - 18 July 2027
11 September 2027 - 10 October 2027
10 December 2027 - 31 January 2028

Stopover Packages

- Hong Kong
- Singapore

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.*
- *When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.*
- *When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.*
- *Stopover packages are subject to availability.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:*

Important Information

- *Christmas and New Years Eve: 18th December 2026 to 3rd January 2027*
- *Hong Kong Rugby 7's: end March/beginning April - (dates tbc)*
- *Christmas and New Years Eve - 20th December 2027 to 3rd January 2028*

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Trip Only Option

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Tokyo, Japan: Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar
- Nagano Region, Japan: Hotel Route-Inn Suwa Inter or similar
- Gifu, Japan: Hotel Resol Gifu or similar
- Kyoto, Japan: Comfort Hotel Kyoto Horikawa Gojo or similar
- Osaka, Japan: Kansai Airport Washington Hotel or similar
- Busan, South Korea: Asti Hotel or similar
- Jeonju, South Korea: Best Western Plus Jeonju Hotel or similar
- Seoul, South Korea: Ibis Ambassador Seoul Insadong or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

General Information

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 36 per vehicle.

Optional Tours/Activities

- Day 5 Kyoto, Japan: Maiko Dinner show - 35,000 JPY per person*
- Day 5 Kyoto, Japan: Geisha Dress-up Experience - 30,000 JPY per person*
- Day 7 Osaka, Japan: Hiroshima Day Trip - 55,000 JPY per person*
- Day 10 Busan, South Korea: Full-Day Busan Sightseeing tour - $125 AU per person**
- Day 14 Seoul, South Korea: Korean DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) Tour - $100 AU per person**

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.*
- **These optional activities must be booked during the trip directly with the tour operator and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.*
- *** These optional tours must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Expected gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only option.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an

area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Tokyo

Tokyo, the capital city of Japan, has a humid subtropical climate with four distinct seasons. Here is some climate information for Tokyo:

Spring (March to May)

Spring in Tokyo is mild and often considered the most pleasant season.
Average temperatures range from 10°C to 20°C in March and gradually increase to 15°C to 25°C in May.
It is generally dry, although occasional rain showers occur.

Summer (June to August)

Summers in Tokyo are hot, humid, and can be uncomfortable.
Average temperatures range from 25°C to 30°C, and high humidity levels make it feel hotter.
July and August are the rainiest months, and occasional thunderstorms and typhoons occur during this time.

Autumn (September to November)

Autumn in Tokyo is characterised by mild temperatures and comfortable weather.
Average temperatures range from 20°C to 25°C in September and gradually decrease to 10°C to 20°C in November.
It is generally dry and less humid, with clear skies and beautiful autumn foliage.

Winter (December to February)

Tokyo experiences relatively mild winters compared to other parts of Japan.
Average temperatures range from 5°C to 10°C in December and January, gradually increasing to 8°C to 13°C in February.
While snowfall is infrequent in Tokyo, occasional light snow or flurries can occur.

Seoul

Seoul, the capital city of South Korea, has a humid continental climate with four distinct seasons. Here is some climate information for Seoul:

Spring (March to May)

Spring in Seoul is generally mild and pleasant.
Average temperatures range from 5°C to 15°C in March and gradually increase to 15°C to 25°C in May.
It can be a bit chilly in March, but by May, the weather becomes more comfortable and enjoyable.
Spring is known for cherry blossoms, which usually bloom in early to mid-April, attracting many tourists.

Summer (June to August)

Summers in Seoul are hot, humid, and can be quite muggy.
Average temperatures range from 20°C to 30°C, with high humidity levels making it feel hotter.
July and August are the rainiest months, with frequent showers and occasional thunderstorms.
Seoul experiences some heat waves during the summer months, with temperatures occasionally soaring above 30°C.

Autumn (September to November)

Autumn in Seoul is considered the most pleasant season with mild temperatures and clear skies.
Average temperatures range from 15°C to 25°C in September and gradually decrease to 5°C to 15°C in November.
It is generally dry, and the foliage displays beautiful autumn colours, especially in October.

Winter (December to February)

Winters in Seoul can be cold and dry.
Average temperatures range from -5°C to 5°C in December and January, gradually increasing to 0°C to 8°C in February.
Snowfall occurs, but it is generally light to moderate, with occasional heavy snowfalls in January or February.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Important Information

Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/ requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required

A low-moderate level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with gentle activity. This may include days averaging up to 5,000 steps with a maximum duration of 2 hours walking per day. You will be required to have the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes unassisted. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

Please note:

- *It is expected that every traveller be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*
- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/ travel.*

Gratuities/Tipping

Land

Japan

While Japan does not have a tipping culture for most services, the travel industry works a little differently and there is still an expectation of tipping on these tours. While tipping is not mandatory, it is common practice and a gesture of appreciation which is shared amongst the local guides, drivers and other staff members who have serviced your tour. The expected tip is $10 per person per day, paid in local currency where touring and/or transfer services are provided. Please factor this into your holiday budget, as we know this is going to be an amazing adventure!

South Korea

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is the equivalent of $10 AUD per person per day in local currency where touring and/or transfer services are provided. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Japan

A tourist visa is not required for Australian or New Zealand citizens visiting Japan for stays of up to 90 days.

South Korea

Australian passport holders can visit as tourists for stays of up to 90 days without applying for a K-ETA (or visa waiver). The South Korean Government has announced that Australian passport holders will remain exempt from applying for a K-ETA until 31 December 2026.
While you don't need a visa or a K-ETA, you do need to complete a digital arrival card. See the official government portal at www.e-arrivalcard.go.kr.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

Please note:

- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel

insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.