



Luxury Japan & South Korea Expedition

JAPAN • SOUTH KOREA

The Offer

Embark on an unforgettable Japanese and South Korean journey, blending the powerful history of Hiroshima with a superb 10-night, five-star expedition cruise aboard Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva, and a delightful stopover in Sapporo!

The journey starts in Hiroshima, a city where a moving past is perfectly balanced with serene beauty. Explore the Peace Memorial Park, stroll through the Shukkeien Garden and visit the spiritually charming Miyajima Island to see its iconic floating torii gate, with a day at leisure.

Step aboard the magnificent SH Minerva, where the real expedition begins. This elegant, purpose-built vessel is a next-generation cultural expedition ship, featuring extra-large stabilisers to ensure a smooth voyage as you navigate the dramatic Kanmon Strait and cross the sea to Busan, South Korea's vibrant second city. Carrying just 152 guests with a crew of 120, you can expect the very highest level of personal service and refined Scandi-chic interiors.

On board, you'll enjoy gourmet dining in the main Swan Restaurant and relaxed, 24-hour tapas-style treats in the Club Lounge. The ship features an Observation Lounge, a Swan's Nest viewing platform for extraordinary 180-degree views, and a heated outdoor pool and spa.

Explore new destinations like the manga artistry of Sakaiminato, the poignant history of Maizuru, and the traditional culture of Sado Island, before the grand finale: a relaxing stopover in the vibrant, food-loving capital of Hokkaido, Sapporo. It's a journey filled with culture, history and pure delight on a truly exceptional ship.!

This adventure package includes return international full-service flights, a 10-night Swan Hellenic cruise, 4 nights of accommodation, 29 meals, all while cruising and more.

Want more? Upgrade to a Balcony Stateroom or Arrive Early and Stay Behind options available.

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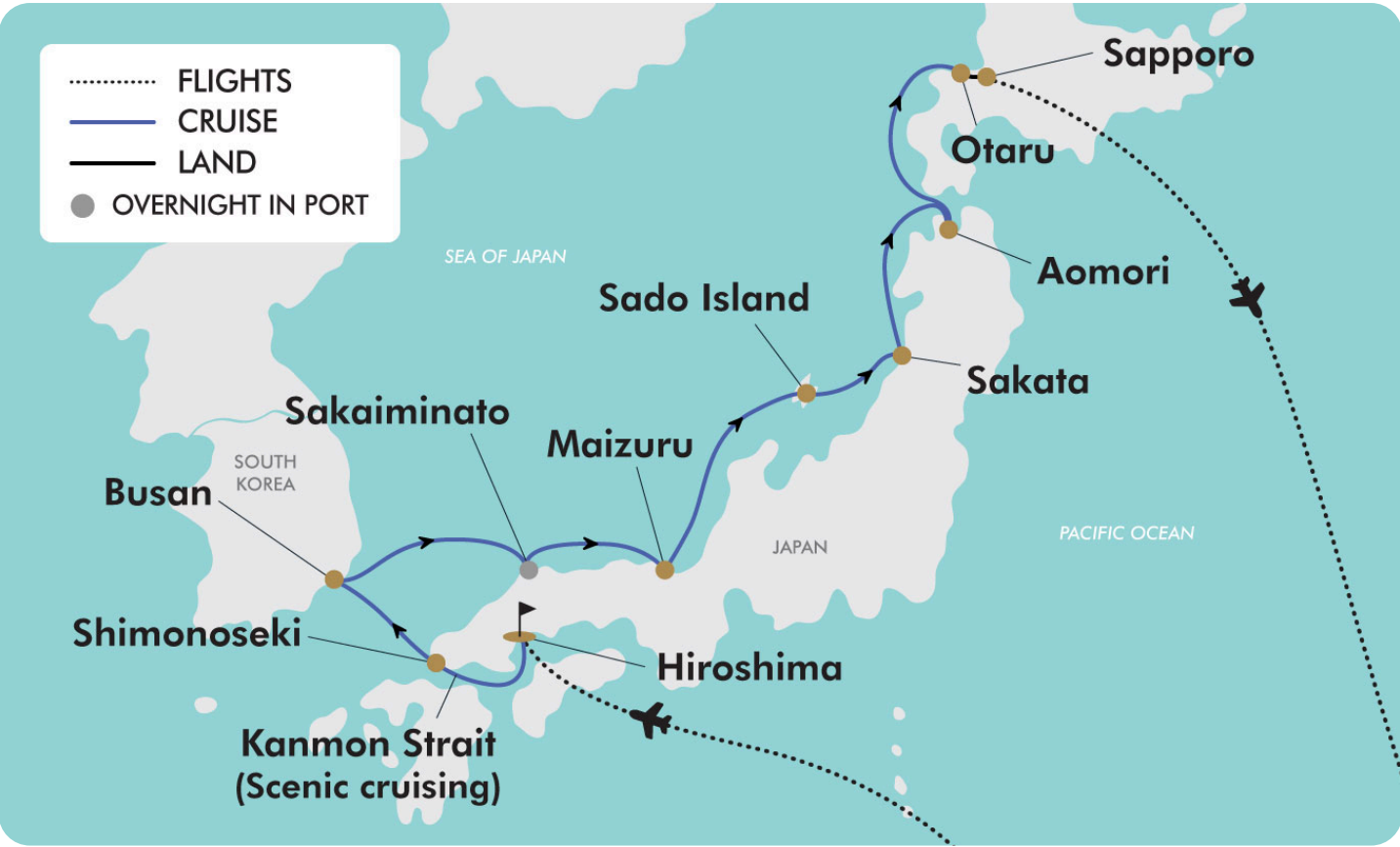
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The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (Or New Zealand) - Hiroshima, Japan

Today, make your own way to the airport for your flight to Hiroshima, Japan.

Upon arrival, a transfer to your hotel is arranged for a two-night city stay. Once checked in, the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Hilton Hiroshima or similar, Hiroshima, Japan

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Hiroshima, Japan - Free Day

Hiroshima offers a powerful mix of history, resilience, and beauty. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is the city's most poignant landmark, featuring the Atomic Bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Museum, and numerous monuments dedicated to peace.

Nearby, Shukkeien Garden provides a serene escape with its traditional Japanese landscaping, while Hiroshima Castle showcases the region's feudal past. A short ferry ride away, Miyajima Island, with its iconic floating torii gate at Itsukushima Shrine, is a must-see for its spiritual and scenic charm.

Overnight: Hilton Hiroshima or similar, Hiroshima, Japan

Meals included: None

Day 3 Hiroshima, Japan - Embark 10 Night Japan and Korea Expedition Cruise (Overnight)

After check-out this morning, please make your own way to the cruise terminal to embark on the SH Minerva.

Once on board, the remainder of the day is at leisure exploring this amazing five-star expedition ship.

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Dinner

Day 4 Hiroshima, Japan

Depart: 18:00

Hiroshima is a city of peace and resilience. The Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, vividly portrays the aftermath of the atomic bombing. Designed by Kenzō Tange and inaugurated in 1955, the museum serves as a global symbol of peace, featuring a solemn cenotaph bearing the victims' names and the Flame of Peace, lit in 1964. The Genbaku Dome stands as the sole original structure left at the site.

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 5 Shimonoseki - Cruising Kanmon Strait

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 15:00

Famous for its fugu (also known as puffer or blowfish), Shimonoseki, at the southwestern tip of Honshu, is surrounded on three sides by the ocean. The Japanese delicacy is available at Karato Ichiba fish market. Other attractions include Kozan-ji Buddhist temple, a 'National Treasure of Japan' that dates from 1327 and the photogenic 1,780 m long Tsunoshima Bridge, which connects Tsunoshima Island (part of Shimonoseki city) with Honshu.

Kanmon Strait (Cruising) Sailing through the Kanmon Strait is challenging with strong currents and an S-shaped bend. One of the world's busiest shipping lanes, the strait cuts a dramatic 38



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kilometres channel, narrowing to 700 metres at its tightest point. The graceful Kanmon Bridge, a 1,068 metres suspension bridge, spans the waterway between Honshu and Kyushu. Shimonoseki overlooks the strait from Honshu, while the Moji district stands watch from Kyushu.

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 6 Busan, Korea

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

Busan, South Korea's second city, blends beaches and mountains with boutiques, lively cafes and delicious seafood in food alleys. The 120 metres tall Busan Tower offers a sense of the skyscraper cityscape. Six beaches, including Haeundae and Gwangalli, attract visitors year-round. Gamcheon Culture Village, previously a slum, is now a kaleidoscopic haven of art nestled on the coastal mountain foothills, affectionately dubbed the "Machu Picchu of Busan".

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 7 Sakaiminato, Japan (Overnight)

Arrive: 12:00

A haven for seafood lovers, manga fans and nature enthusiasts, Sakaiminato's offerings are fairly eclectic for the seemingly slow-paced port town. Fish markets and world-class seafood restaurants line the streets, offering delights including the local delicacy, Matsuba snow crab. You can also feast on Pacific bluefin tuna, Sakaiminato salmon, Natsuki rock oysters, swordtip squid and plenty more (charges apply).

The city was also once home to local hero Shigeru Mizuki, a celebrated manga comic artist. Visit the Mizuki Shigeru museum for a fascinating insight into his life and the world of manga. Stretch your legs and enjoy a hike up the volcanic Mount Daisen, the highest mountain in the region (1730metres). Or you may wish to take a gentler trek through the tranquil and restorative beech and cedar forests whilst connecting with nature and indulging in the Japanese pastime of 'forest bathing'.

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Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Sakaiminato, Japan

Depart: 19:00

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Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner





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Day 9 Maizuru, Japan

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 18:00

The port city of Maizuru in south-central Japan served as a major naval base and post-WWII repatriation port, where over 660,000 Japanese returned home - this history is remembered at the poignant Maizuru Repatriation Memorial Museum. Its scenic harbour, framed by forested hills, is overlooked by Goro Sky Tower atop Mt. Gorogatake. Brick Park evokes the city's industrial past with Meiji-era warehouses housing the unique World Brick Museum.

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 10 Sado Island, Ogi, Japan

Arrive: 14:00 - Depart: 18:00

Sado, Japan's sixth largest island, has a quaint port at Ogi known for tarai-bune, traditional wooden boats. The island is also famous for its world-renowned taiko drummers, continuing a rich cultural tradition. Once a place of exile for artists and academics, Sado now draws visitors to its rugged coasts, hidden beaches and lush terrain for outdoor activities.

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Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Sakata, Japan

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 13:00

Sakata, a port city on the Mogami River, thrived on rice and safflower trade. The traditional 1893 Sankyo Rice Storehouses, shaded by zelkova trees, are now a cultural hub with shops. The city's quiet streets feature preserved, wealthy Edo-era homes, including the Honma Museum of Art with fine art and gardens. South of the river, the Ken Domon Museum honours the famed photographer's powerful work, including images of Hiroshima survivors.

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Aomori, Japan

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 13:00

Aomori, Honshu's northernmost prefecture, is home to some of Japan's most significant Jomon-era archaeological sites, including the UNESCO-listed Sannai Maruyama, a vast and well-preserved settlement with reconstructed dwellings. Highlights also include Seiryu-ji Temple, with its five-story cypress pagoda and Japan's largest seated bronze Buddha, and the Nebuta Warasse Museum, which celebrates the Nebuta Festival's illuminated floats.

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The Itinerary

Day 13 Otaru, Japan - Disembark

Arrive: 08:00 - Disembark

After breakfast this morning, it's time to disembark and enjoy your two-night city stopover in Sapporo. Please arrange your own independent transfer from Otaru port to Sapporo. Once checked into your hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure.

An important port on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, Otaru retains its original architecture. Restored warehouses along its canal, lined with Victorian street lamps, house restaurants and boutiques selling sake, music boxes and renowned Otaru glass. Rooted in the herring industry, the town's trading history is evident from Hokkaido's first railway line terminal to the Herring Mansion on the outskirts, once owned by wealthy herring fishermen.

Overnight: Sapporo Stream Hotel or similar, Sapporo, Japan

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Sapporo - Free Day

Sapporo, the vibrant capital of Hokkaido, offers a mix of nature, culture, and cuisine. In winter, the famous Sapporo Snow Festival transforms the city with incredible ice and snow sculptures. Visitors can explore Odori Park, shop in the underground Tanukikoji Shopping Street, or take in panoramic views from the Sapporo TV Tower. Food lovers shouldn't miss trying Sapporo ramen and fresh seafood at the Nijo Market. Just outside the city, the historic village of Hokkaido and nearby ski resorts like Niseko make for perfect day trips.

Overnight: Sapporo Stream Hotel or similar, Sapporo, Japan

Meals included: None

Day 15 Sapporo - Australia (Or New Zealand)

After check out this morning a transfer is arranged at the appropriate time for the airport for your homeward bound flight.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 16 Australia (Or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

Meals included: None



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the cultural shores and northern landscapes of Japan and Korea on this five-star luxury voyage
- Embark from historical Hiroshima, guiding you through a captivating tapestry of ancient traditions and modern marvels
- See the breathtaking natural beauty and cultural landscapes of southern Japan
- Visit vibrant South Korea and the serene northern Honshu, whilst experiencing Swan Hellenic's renowned expedition cruising
- Experience a unique itinerary that delves into East Asia's most storied regions, a harmonious blend of discovery and reflection
- Cruise the dramatic Kanmon Strait, a passage rich in history
- Explore the art-filled alleys of Busan and the traditional charm of Japanese towns like Maizuru and Sakata
- Immerse in the centuries of maritime tradition, cultural depth and unparalleled insights into the heart of East Asia
- Discover the Sea of Japan, from the vibrant energy of Busan to the tranquil beauty of Sakaiminato and Sakata
- Experience Japan's cultural north, discovering the unique folk traditions of Sado Island
- Explore Aomori's artistic heritage and soak in Hokkaido's maritime charm

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

CRUISE

- Enjoy a 10-night luxury expedition cruise from Hiroshima, Japan to Otaru, Japan
- Cruise on Swan Hellenic's luxury SH Minerva
- Gratuities are included for the ship's crew
- One selected shore excursion/expedition activity per port of call (kayak not included, bookable for a fee on board)
- Lecture programs by an experienced expedition team and guest speakers.
- Standard Wi-Fi Self-service laundry
- Experience Swan Hellenic's 12-person hard-hulled Zodiacs, which takes guests off the ship, so you can get up close and personal with your majestic surroundings (all Zodiac landings included)
- Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle, yours to keep
- All inclusive 24 hour room service; drinks, including selected alcoholic beverages and wines during meals
- Illy espresso, Kusmi tea, and a mini bar stocked with soft drinks and beer in staterooms

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights of 4-star accommodation in Hiroshima
- 2 nights of 4-star accommodation in Sapporo

DINING

- Enjoy 29 meals and all while cruising
- Complimentary hot & cold beverages, beer, wine & spirits any time throughout your cruise 24-hour room service



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Tour Inclusions

ESSENTIALS

- Port charges and taxes
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Day 1: Airport to hotel
- Day 15: Hotel to airport

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.

Our Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent:** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique:** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **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.
- **Travel Offers are a package:** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable:** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click [here](#).

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 the 18th May 2026.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

Oceanview Stateroom: \$13,500

Balcony Stateroom: \$15,000

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

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. 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.

Flights

Departure Cities

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

Departure City Surcharges

Melbourne: \$100 per person

Brisbane: \$550 per person

Adelaide: \$700 per person

Perth: \$550 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used

- 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.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

Not available.

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

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

[Arrive Early](#)

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

Stay Behind

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

Please note:

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

Internal Flights: If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind into a city other than the one where the tour begins or concludes (where applicable), the package will include an internal flight to your destination. This offer applies only to the cities listed in our Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase.

Please note that the package's cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

Please note: If you request to fly into cities not listed in our "Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options", we may be able to customise your itinerary. If possible, the flight's cost will be charged as an extra.

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:

- 1st December 2025 - 19th December 2025
- 20th December 2025 - 31st January 2026
- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

Stopover Packages

Not available.

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.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

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.

Cruise

Swan Hellenic's 'SH Minerva' ship:

The SH Minerva, launched in 2021, is the first of Swan Hellenic's new-generation expedition ships. This 10,600 GT vessel is designed for cultural expedition cruising, offering an intimate and luxurious experience for up to 152 guests across 76 staterooms. With a PC5 ice-strengthened hull and advanced stabilisation systems, SH Minerva is purpose-built for exploring remote polar regions and off-the-beaten-path destinations.

Onboard, guests can indulge in a variety of dining options. The main venue, The Swan Restaurant, offers international and regional cuisine focused on quality, creativity, and flavours, with an open seating policy allowing guests to dine at their leisure. Additionally, the Club Lounge provides a relaxed atmosphere for lighter fare and beverages, while the Pool Bar & Grill offers al fresco dining with stunning views.

Accommodations on SH Minerva are thoughtfully designed, featuring Scandinavian-inspired interiors that blend elegance with comfort. All 76 staterooms are double-occupancy, with most offering private balconies. Guests can expect modern amenities, including en-suite bathrooms, ample storage, and seating areas, ensuring a restful retreat after a day of exploration.

The ship's facilities are tailored to enhance the expedition experience. Guests can unwind in the panoramic sauna, stay active in the well-equipped gym, or relax in the spa (charges apply for spa treatments). The heated outdoor pool and adjacent bar provide a perfect spot for leisure while taking in the surrounding landscapes. For enrichment, SH Minerva offers a well-stocked library and lecture theatre, hosting expert-led talks and briefings that delve into the regions visited.

Entertainment on SH Minerva is designed to complement the expeditionary nature of the voyages. Evenings may include informative lectures, documentary screenings, or live music in the lounge, fostering a sense of community among guests. The ship's small size allows for a more personalised experience, with a high

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crew-to-guest ratio ensuring attentive service throughout the journey. In summary, SH Minerva combines modern luxury with expedition cruising, offering guests an immersive and comfortable way to explore some of the world's most remote and captivating destinations. Onboard currency: USD \$

Cabins/Staterooms:

Oceanview Staterooms: 19m² - 20m²

Light, bright and crafted from natural materials, Oceanview staterooms feature 2 single beds or a double bed in a bedroom, living room and a luxurious ensuite bathroom. All feature panoramic sea views, plush couches, premium pocket-sprung mattresses, ensuite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes, and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest. At the same time, a large flat-screen TV, an espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea-making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is, of course, available at all hours.

Balcony Staterooms: 25m², including the balcony

Staterooms feature 2 single beds or a double bed in a bedroom, living room, luxurious bathroom and your own 5m² balcony. All feature panoramic sea views, plush couches, premium pocket-sprung mattresses, ensuite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes, and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest. At the same time, a large flat-screen TV, an espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea-making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is, of course, available at all hours. All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided

cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Hiroshima, Japan: Hilton Hiroshima
Sapporo, Japan: Sapporo Stream Hotel

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.

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.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions*
- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*
- *Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)*

- *Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional 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
- Mandatory city tax

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component.

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

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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

Japan

In May, Japan experiences pleasant spring weather. The average temperature across most of the country ranges from 16°C to 23°C. It's a comfortable time for sightseeing, as the weather isn't too hot and humidity is low. In northern areas like Hokkaido, temperatures are a bit cooler, typically between 6°C and 16°C. Overall, you can expect sunny days with clear skies, although occasional rain is possible.

South Korea

In May, Busan, South Korea, experiences pleasant and mild spring weather. The average daytime temperature typically ranges from 17°C to 22°C, and nighttime temperatures are cooler, usually between 13°C and 14°C. The weather is generally comfortable for sightseeing, with a good

amount of sunshine, though you should be prepared for some rain, as May can have about 9 to 10 rainy days. The humidity is moderate but can feel a bit breezy.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

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.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 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.

CRUISE

Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.

- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

COACH TOUR

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:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

Important Information

A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

Please note: Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must 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.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival.

You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

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

Australian passport holders are visa exempt for a stay of up to 90 days. The traveller must hold a passport valid at least six months on entry with two blank visa pages

South Korea

Australian passport holders no longer need to apply for a Korean Electronic Travel Authorisation (K-ETA), under a temporary exemption in place until 31 December 2025. Be sure to keep an eye on your visa requirements for entry into South Korea after this date for your 2026 departure.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*

- *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 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 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),

Important Information

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.