



# MAGICAL EXPLORER

## **12 days –Japan & Korea Highlights tour**

### **Day 1 Departure**

Depart from Heathrow or your preferred airport on scheduled flights to Tokyo. Meals on board.

### **Day 2 Tokyo**

Arrive in Japan, where you are met by our tour assistant and transferred to central Tokyo for a 3 night stay.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to adjust to the 9 hours time difference.

### **Day 3 Tokyo City tour**

Morning city tour of Tokyo visiting Tokyo Tower and Meiji Shrine. Next, we drive by the Akasaka Guest House and the National Diet Building, home to the Japanese House of Parliament. Our tour continues to the Imperial Palace East Gardens and a drive and stroll along Ginza high street.

Afternoon is free at leisure, or take an optional afternoon Tokyo city tour. *Ask for details at time of booking.*

### **Day 4 Tokyo**

Free day to explore Tokyo at your leisure, or purchase an optional full day tour to either Nikko, or Kamakura and Yokohama.

### **Day 5 Tokyo – Mt Fuji & Hakone tour - Kyoto**

#### **(Includes Lunch)**

You will be picked up from your hotel and driven by deluxe motorcoach to Mount Fuji. Lunch will be provided at a Hotel /Restaurant in Hakone.

In the afternoon we proceed to the Hakone National Park where we will take a cable car ride with the opportunity to see the magnificent volcanic Hakone mountain range below. We will then travel to the Owakudani Boiling Valley and afterwards take a boat cruise on Lake Ashi.

After the tour take Bullet train to Kyoto.

For your convenience and due to luggage restriction on the bullet train, we have arranged free luggage transfer to take your large luggage directly to Kyoto (1 bag per person).

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## **Day 6 Kyoto Tour**

Morning sight-seeing tour of Kyoto, including visiting Nijo Castle, former residence of the Tokugawa Shogun. Next, we visit the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and Kyoto Imperial Palace.

Optional Nara afternoon tour.

## **Day 7 Kyoto**

Free day at leisure or purchase an optional tour or cultural experience.

## **Day 8 Kyoto – Osaka**

Check out of your hotel in the morning and you may leave your luggage with the bellboy. You are then free to further explore Kyoto before taking the train to Osaka (train tickets provide). The JR train from Kyoto to Osaka, is a regular local train service and does not require reserved seats. Therefore, you can take the train whenever you like.

We recommend arriving morning or early afternoon so that you have time to explore Osaka city, which is easily navigated using the underground subways. A must-see sight is the magnificent Osaka Castle located in the city centre. Then explore Dotonbori, which is one of the most popular streets in Osaka and runs adjacent to a canal.

Optional guided tour also available to book.

## **Day 9 Osaka - Seoul**

You will be transferred to the Airport in Osaka for your flight to Seoul. Upon arrival at airport in Seoul, you are met and transferred to your Hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

## **Day 10 Seoul tour**

### **(Includes Breakfast)**

The morning city tour of Seoul provides a fascinating insight into both ancient and modern Seoul.

The tour includes passing by the Blue House (Presidential residence), visiting Gyeongbok Palace (built in 1395 by the first King of the Joseon Kingdom), Folklore Museum and Jogyesa Temple.

## **Day 11 Seoul free day – Korean folk village or DMZ tour (optional tours)**

### **(Includes Breakfast)**

Full day to explore the exciting city of Seoul yourself or take one of the following optional excursions:

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Option 1: Traditional Korean folk village. The Korean Folk Village is a living museum where you can enjoy live performances and experience the traditional customs and culture of 19th century Chosun Dynasty.

The hand crafted reconstructed village provides an unique glimpse into the diverse architectural structures of the wealthy aristocrats and humbled dwelling of farmers.

Option 2: Full day Panmunjeom + Demilitarised zone (DMZ) tour. Panmunjeom is the historic location where the armistice was signed in 1953 ending the 3 year Korean War.

Literally on the border between the democratic South and communist North, you will be able to look across the Border into the world's most sealed-off society.

Note: All visitors to the DMZ must conform to the strict dress code. You must also have your passport on hand.

In any circumstance that Panmunjeom tour is not available due to military operation or meetings, the tour will be substituted with the Demilitarises zone tour (DMZ tour). The DMZ tour visits the:3rd Infiltration Tunnel, Dora Observatory, Station, Unification Village on the way to Imjinkak Pavilion & Freedom Bridge.

## **Day 12 Seoul - Departure**

### **(Includes Breakfast)**

Our Driver will meet you at the hotel and transfer you to Incheon airport for your departure flight homewards.

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## **HOTELS**

**TOKYO** - Shiba Park Hotel

**KYOTO** - New Miyako Hotel

**OSAKA** - New Hankyu Hotel

**SEOUL** - Holiday Inn Express Hotel

(Or similar, subject to availability)

## **What's Included**

- Airport/hotel transfers according to your flight schedule.
- Sightseeing tours by professional English-speaking tour guide.
- All entrance fees whilst on guided tours.
- Overland luggage transfer Tokyo - Kyoto.
- Train tickets. Bullet train ticket advance reserved seat.
- Selections of quality accommodation with private facilities.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary.

## **What's Excluded**

- International Flights. Air fare is usually between £500 and £800pp return. We can book for you with ATOL Protection.
- Optional tours.
- Tipping in Seoul. Tipping not expected in Japan.
- Travel Insurance

*The itinerary is designed according to the most updated information available. On rare occasions, changes can occur due to local conditions which are out of our control, such as flight, train, hotel changes etc. We will always act in your best interest to handle any amendments if this did occur. We reserve the right to change, amend or alter the itinerary if required.*

*Please refer to our website for all current tour details, Terms and Conditions and FAQ pages for up-to-date tour information and further essential information about this tour.*

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