

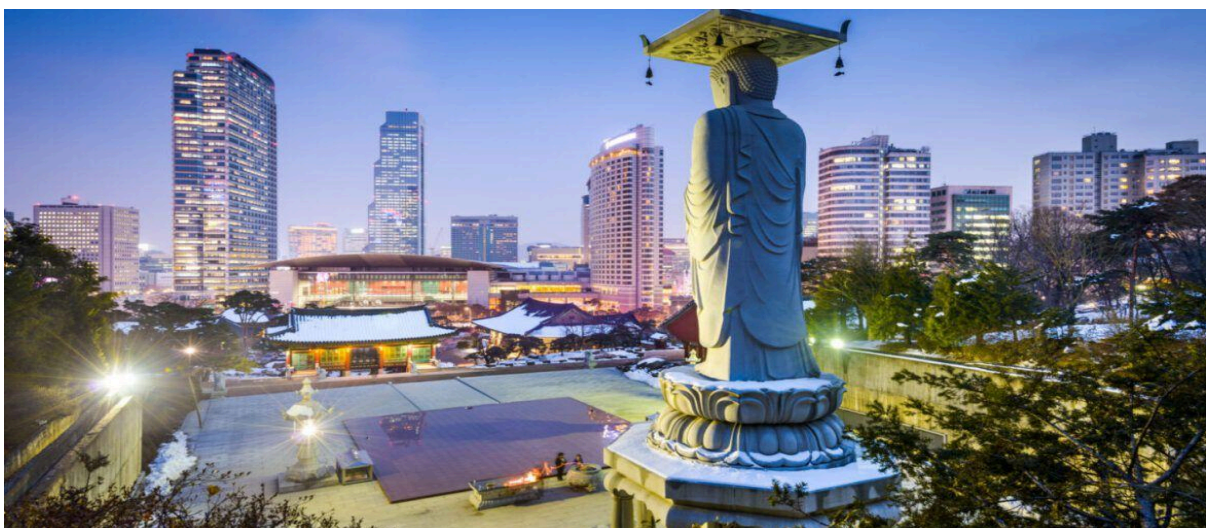


**STATE EXPRESS
GLOBAL VOYAGES**

JAPAN WITH KOREA TOUR

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

Tokyo (2N)→Mishima (1N)→Hiroshima (1N)→Osaka (3N)→Seoul
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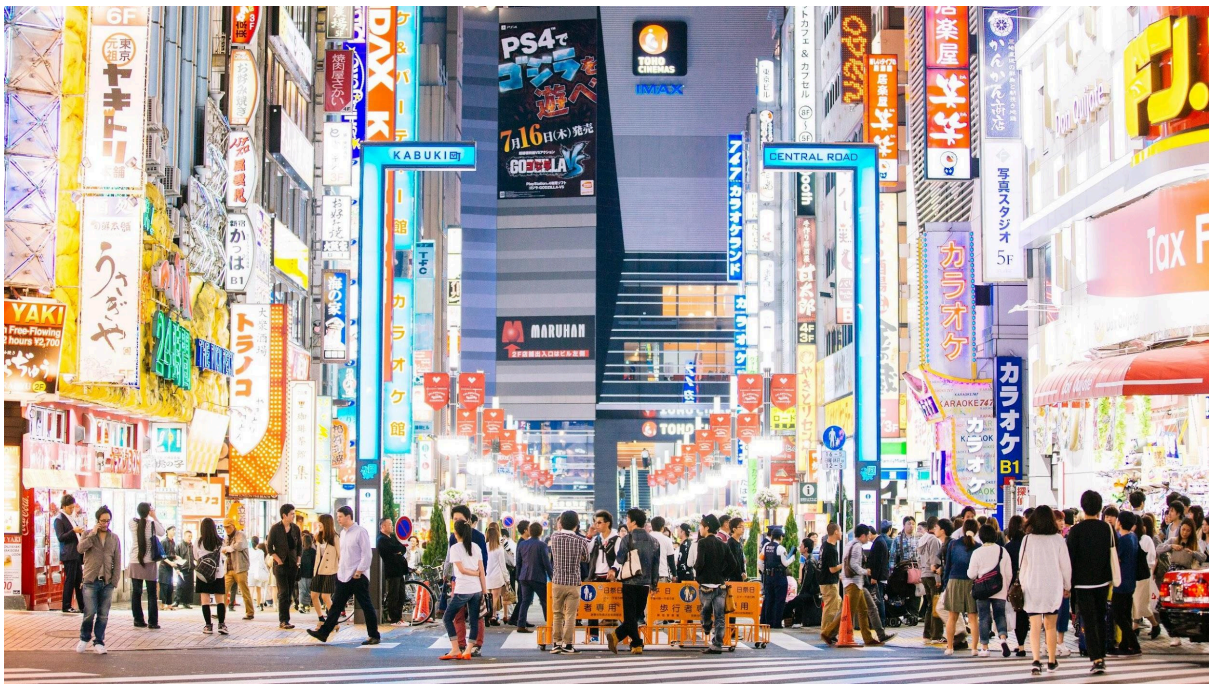


DAY 01: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

On arrival at **Narita** International Airport in **Tokyo**, you will be met by our local representative in Japan for a brief meet and greet. Proceed to check-in at your city centre hotel.

Apart from being the capital city of Japan, **Tokyo** is the biggest economic powerhouse of the country. With 36 of the Forbes 500 company based in the city, Tokyo has the highest GDP of any city in the world. It had its humble beginnings as a fishing village called Edo, which became an important political centre in 17th century and by the time the emperor shifted his imperial capital from Kyoto to Tokyo in 19th century, it was already the most populous city in the world. Today Tokyo is famous for its busy streets, anime inspired markets and large video game parlours.

Overnight stay at Tokyo Hotel.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Tokyo and check-in at the hotel

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DAY 02: TOKYO SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed embarking on a scenic **Sumida River cruise**, offering enchanting views of **Tokyo Bay**. Following this serene experience, head to **Asakusa** to explore the iconic **Sensoji Temple**. Don't miss the chance to stroll along **Nakamise Dori**, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere and perhaps finding unique souvenirs.

Later, immerse yourself in Japanese tradition as you seize the opportunity to wear a graceful Kimono. Elevate your perspective by visiting the **Tokyo Skytree observatory**, standing tall at 350 meters. This renowned television broadcasting tower is not only a landmark but also the second tallest structure globally upon completion, reaching an impressive height of 634 meters.



Visit the **Hie Shrine**, renowned for its captivating red Torii gates. Take in the spiritual ambiance and appreciate the unique beauty of this historical site. Your day promises a blend of cultural exploration, panoramic views, and delightful culinary experiences in the heart of Tokyo.

Overnight stay at hotel in Tokyo.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Asakusa Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Street.
- Visit the Tokyo Sky Tree, the tallest building in Japan and a prominent landmark of Tokyo.

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DAY 03: VISIT MT. FUJI

After breakfast, embark on a journey to the captivating **Hakone region**. Begin the day with a leisurely cruise on the enchanting **Lake Ashi**, where the serene waters offer stunning views of the surrounding landscapes.

Next, experience a thrilling ride on the **Owakudani Ropeway**, providing an opportunity to witness the dramatic volcanic activity at the **Owakudani boiling valley**. Marvel at the rising fumes and embrace the unique experience of being in close proximity to this geological wonder.

Following the ropeway adventure, set out for a scenic drive to the **5th station of Mount Fuji**, weather permitting. As the highest peak in Japan, Mount Fuji stands as an iconic symbol of the country. Take in the majestic beauty of the landscape and, weather permitting, capture breathtaking views of the awe-inspiring mountain.

Overnight stay at hotel in **Mishima**.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic journey from the leisurely cruise on the enchanting Lake Ashi.
- Immerse yourself in the scenic drive to the 5th station of Mount Fuji.

DAY 04: TRANSFER TO HIROSHIMA

After breakfast, we'll embark on an exhilarating journey aboard the Bullet train from either Mishima or Odawara station, heading towards **Hiroshima**. During the bus ride, all the guests will have the opportunity to participate in a short Meet & Greet session, making it a delightful way to connect and get to know each other better.

Upon reaching Hiroshima, savor the flavors of Indian cuisine at a local restaurant for lunch. Energized and ready for exploration, make your way to the pier for a scenic ferry ride to **Miyajima Island**. There, you'll discover the centuries-old **Itsukushima Shrine**, famed globally for its mesmerizing "**Floating Tori (Gate)**." Immerse yourself in the historical significance and architectural beauty of this iconic shrine, set against the picturesque backdrop of **Miyajima Island**.

Return to Hiroshima for Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Head towards Hiroshima.
- See the world-famous Torii gates at the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Island

DAY 05: VISIT TO HIROSHIMA PEACE PARK AND TRANSFER TO OSAKA

Begin your day with a visit to the **Hiroshima Peace Park**, a poignant site dedicated to commemorating the victims of the atomic bombing on August 6, 1945. Explore the iconic **Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome)**, an UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996. This haunting ruin stands as a testament to Hiroshima being the "first city in the world" to endure a nuclear attack, serving as a memorial to those who lost their lives.

Proceed to embark on a scenic drive to **Osaka**. En route, take a delightful break for lunch at an Indian restaurant. Savor the flavors before continuing your journey.

Upon reaching Osaka, make a photostop at the renowned **Osaka Castle**, a historic landmark that played a pivotal role in the unification of Japan during the 16th century. Marvel at the grandeur of this castle, appreciating its cultural significance and architectural splendor.



Dinner and Overnight stay at hotel in Osaka.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the iconic Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome), an UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996.
- Transfer to Osaka and visit to Osaka Castle.

DAY 06: SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF KYOTO FROM OSAKA

After breakfast at the hotel, Start your day by heading to **Nara** and explore the enchanting **Nara Deer Park**, home to numerous freely roaming deer, regarded as "Messengers of God." Enjoy the unique experience of interacting with these sacred creatures. Afterward, make your way to the **Todaiji Temple**, where the impressive **Daibutsu** awaits – a colossal, gilded bronze Buddha standing at an awe-inspiring 15 meters in height. Marvel at the cultural and historical significance of this iconic site.

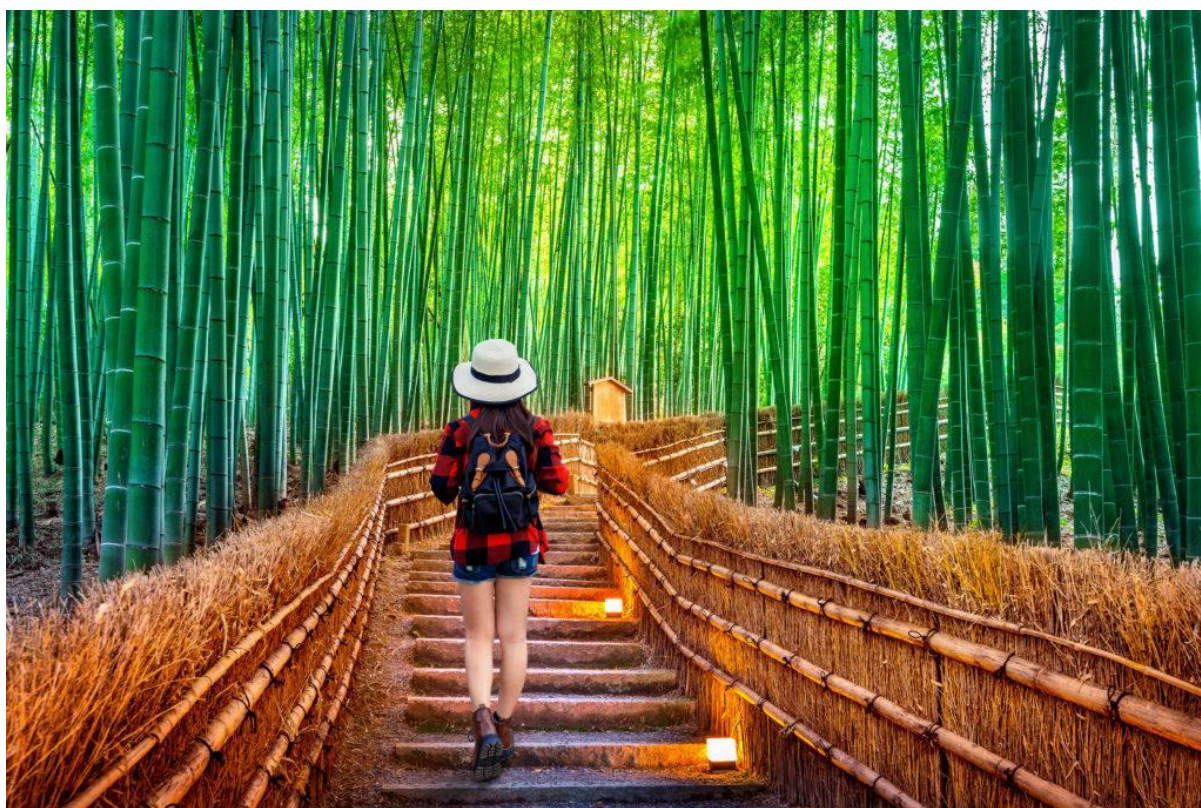


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Proceed to **Kyoto**, where you'll indulge in a delightful lunch at an Indian restaurant, savoring diverse flavors. In the afternoon, embark on a journey to the **Kinkaku-ji Temple**, the heart of the temple complex adorned with the **Golden Pavilion (kinka-ku)**. Positioned elegantly in a garden by a serene lake, this architectural masterpiece offers a captivating glimpse into Japanese history and aesthetics.

Later, visit the world-renowned **Arashiyama Bamboo Forest in Kyoto**. Wander through this enchanting natural wonder, where dense green bamboo stalks create a mesmerizing labyrinth that seems to stretch endlessly in every direction. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of this iconic destination, providing a perfect blend of nature and cultural richness.



Return to Osaka for overnight stay.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the enchanting Nara Deer Park, home to numerous freely roaming deer.
- See the most popular sights of Kyoto on a sightseeing tour from Osaka
- Enjoy a visit to the world-renowned Arashiyama Bamboo Forest in Kyoto

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DAY 07: KOBE SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a drive to **Kobe City**, renowned as the sister city of Osaka. Our first stop is the iconic **Kobe Himeji Castle**, often referred to as the "White Heron Castle" for its exquisite white exterior. Recognized as Japan's national treasure and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the castle promises a captivating journey into the country's rich history and architectural brilliance.



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Following the castle exploration, we head to a local restaurant for a delectable taste of the region with a specially curated Local Lunch, offering an authentic culinary experience unique to Kobe. Proceed to the **Kobe Earthquake Museum** to get insights into the infamous **Kobe earthquake**. This visit offers a somber yet enlightening experience as we learn about the historical events and the city's resilience in the face of adversity.

Later, return to **Osaka** and immerse yourselves in the traditional Japanese culture with a visit to a **Japanese Tea Ceremony**. This ceremonial activity involves the meticulous preparation and presentation of "**MATCHA**," powdered green tea. A cultural gem, the Japanese Tea Ceremony allows us to engage in the age-old customs and rituals that continue to be practiced in various parts of Japan.

Overnight stay at hotel in Osaka.



DAY 08: TRANSFER TO SOUTH KOREA

Today after breakfast at your hotel, proceed to the airport for your flight to **Korea**. Arrive at **Incheon International airport** and you will be met and transferred to your hotel and check in.

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The allure of South Korea lies in its vibrant and globally renowned entertainment industry, which has captured the hearts of people across different cultures. The energetic and catchy K-POP music, accompanied by mesmerizing performances, has garnered a massive fan base, known as the "K-Pop fandom." This fandom transcends borders and unites fans from all corners of the globe.

Overnight stay at Hotel.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in South Korea and check-in at the hotel

DAY 09: TRANSFER TO BUSAN

After breakfast at the hotel, head to the station to catch the **KTX train** bound for **Busan**.

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Once you arrive, you'll have the opportunity to visit the charming **Gamcheon Culture Village**, which is renowned for being one of the most picturesque spots in Korea, perfect for photography enthusiasts. Afterward, continue your exploration by visiting **BIFF Square**, known for its vibrant atmosphere and various cultural events. If the weather allows, you can also make your way to **Songdo Bay Station**, offering scenic views of the beautiful bay.



Overnight stay at hotel in Busan.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch the ktx train to Busan
- Visit the charming Gamcheon Culture Village, which is renowned for being one of the most picturesque spots in Korea.

DAY 10: VISIT GAMCHEON CULTURE VILLAGE AND TRANSFER TO SEOUL

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After breakfast, embark a trip to **Gamcheon Cultural Village** and **Haeundae Beach** in Busan. Gamcheon Cultural Village is a vibrant and picturesque neighborhood, famous for its colorful houses, narrow winding streets, and stunning hillside location. The village has been renovated and beautified to attract tourists, earning it nicknames like "Korea's Santorini" and the "Machu Picchu of Busan."

Later, try some delicious local Korean dishes for lunch at one of the restaurants near Haeundae Beach, savoring the flavors of the region.

Take a train to Seoul for overnight stay.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit to Gamcheon Culture Village
- Transfer to Seoul

DAY 11: VISIT NORTH KOREA

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After breakfast, embark on an exhilarating journey to the **DMZ**, where you can explore the observatories to catch a glimpse of **North Korea**. Keep in mind that activities around the DMZ may be subject to availability and government rules for the day. Afterward, have lunch and head to **Seokchon Lake Park (East Lake)** for a pleasant time. Then, make your way to the **Lotte World Tower Observatory**, known as the Lotte Seoulsky Observatory.

This impressive observatory, located in the nation's tallest building and the world's fifth tallest, offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the entire capital city. It's sure to be an unforgettable experience!



Overnight stay at hotel in Seoul.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit DMZ and explore the observatories to catch a glimpse of **North Korea**.
- Make your way to the Lotte World Tower Observatory offering a breathtaking panoramic view of the entire capital city.

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DAY 12: SEOUL CITY TOUR

Start your day by exploring the historical beauty of **Gyeongbokgung Palace**. Afterward, make your way to the renowned **K-Star Road**, a lively street known for its numerous Korean entertainment companies that have played a crucial role in the rise of K-pop.

Once you've experienced the entertainment scene, head over to the fascinating **Samsung Innovation Museum**. The Samsung Innovation Museum in Seoul showcases the history of Samsung's technological advancements and innovations. It's a great place to explore the company's contributions to various industries and technological developments over the years.

In the evening, you'll have free time to indulge in some shopping.



Overnight stay at hotel in Seoul.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the famous Gyeongbokgung Palace and K-Star Road.
- Visit the Samsung Innovation Museum in Seoul.

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DAY 13: FLY BACK TO INDIA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to airport catch a flight back to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your **Japan tour with Korea** organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime

HIGHLIGHTS

- Board flight to return back to India

“TOUR END”



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