

Splendors of Japan and Korea 16 Days

From **\$5199** +\$680 Taxes W/Air

Code: **NHFJK16**

Seoul - Mount Seorak - Andong - Gyeongju - Osaka - Nara - Kyoto - Mount Fuji - Hakone -
Kamakura - Yokohama - Tokyo

Day 1: Canada -Seoul

Board an overnight flight to Seoul.

Day 2: Seoul

Arrive in Seoul. You will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel.



Day 3: Seoul - Mount Seorak (B, L, D)

Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Preservation District in 1982 due to the many rare species found in the national park, Mount Seoraksan National Park is Korea's most

famous national park. This morning, tour Shinheungsa Temple and take the cable car to Gwonkeumseong Fortress to experience the beautiful natural landscapes on offer. Continue to Sokcho Fishing Village this afternoon.



Day 4: Mount Seorak - Andong - Gyeongju (B, L)

This morning visit the traditional village of Andong, with its well preserved traditional houses and unique mask dancing performance. Later, travel to Gatbawi Shrine.



Day 5: Gyeongju (B, L)

Today, explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs and monuments of Gyeongju, the capital of the ancient Shilla Kingdom. Visit Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Royal Tumuli Park, Gyeongju National Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple.



Day 6: Gyeongju - Seoul (B, L)

This morning, visit Changdeokgung Palace, one of the “Five Grand Palaces” built by the Kings of the Jeon Dynasty and Insadong, a street full of traditional Korean antiques and tea houses. Continue to Cheonggyecheon Stream and admire its unique beauty, before visiting Myeongdong, one of Seoul’s main commercial districts. Then visit a Korean Ginseng Centre to learn about Ginseng, which has existed for thousands of years to improve people’s overall health. This evening, experience the city’s best night view at Namsan Tower.



Day 7: Seoul (B, L, D)

Visit North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, located within the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. An entire infantry division can move through the tunnel in an hour. View North Korean territory including the Propaganda Village, People's School and Gaeseong City, the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom from the Dora Observation Platform. Also visit Freedom Park, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. North Hall contains displays of North Korean lifestyle, and the Exhibition Hall houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War.



Day 8: Seoul - Osaka (B)

Board a direct flight operated by a local carrier from Seoul to Osaka. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to airport hotel.

Day 9: Osaka (B)

Today, visit one of Osaka's most famous landmarks, **Osaka Castle**; which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century of the Azuchi-Momoyama period, before being dropped off at **Dotonbori** a street known to exemplify Osaka's vibrant night life.

Day 10: Osaka - Nara - Kyoto (B, L, D)

This morning, travel to Nara and visit **Todaiji Temple**, one of Japan's most famous temples, with its Great Buddha Hall housing the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free before heading onwards to Kyoto, one of the country's oldest cities. In the afternoon, visit **Nishijin Textile Centre** and enjoy a traditional kimono show, before capping off your day at the UNESCO World Heritage Kiyomizu-dera Temple and drink to your fortune from the streams of the Otowa Waterfall.

Day 11: Kyoto - Mount Fuji (B, L, D)

This morning, visit **Nijo Castle**, the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa Shogunate and **Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion**, a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai and Zen. Also visit **Togetsu Bridge**, the landmark of Western Kyoto's Arashiyama District for over four hundred years, before travelling onwards to **Mount Fuji by bullet train**(maximum speed 320km/h).

Day 12: Mount Fuji - Hakone - Atami (B, L, D)

Today, visit **Oshino Hakkai**. Known as the Springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by the locals. Later, visit **Gotemba Peace Park** to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, before taking a cruise on Lake Ashi, and savour the numerous delights of nature. Visit **Owakudani Valley**, an active volcanic zone with hot springs and hot spring rivers. Also visit **Hakone Shrine**. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest, its location given away only by the temple's huge torii gates.

Day 13: Atami - Kamakura - Yokohama - Tokyo (B, L, D)

This morning, visit **Odawara Castle**. Then travel to Kamakura and visit **Daibutsu**, the Great Buddha which is the second tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan, surpassed only by the statue in Nara's **Todaiji Temple**. Then head back to Tokyo this afternoon to visit Yokohama China Town, the largest Chinatown in Asia.

Day 14: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You may spend a day in Tokyo Disneyland or Disney Sea (admission \$120). Or alternatively, you can join our wide range of optional programs (Tea Ceremony, Pottery-making Experience, Golden Joinery, Kimono Photo Shoot, Cooking Class). All activities are not guided and transportation is self-arranged.

Day 15: Tokyo (B, L, D)

Visit **Meiji Shrine** in the morning, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Later, stroll through the **Asakusa Kannon Temple**, one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular temples and browse for souvenirs at Nakamise Shopping Street. Relax on a Sumida River Cruise. Your last stop today is **Tokyo Tower**, then back to the hotel.

Day 16: Tokyo (NRT) - Canada (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your flight via an intermediate city to Canada.