

SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN

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Dear Canadian University Alumni and Friends,

They say that if you want to know what our kids will be playing or watching five years from now, you should look at Japan and Korea today. I would like to invite you on a tour of two countries that have an outsized influence on our everyday lives – what we watch, what we drive, even what we carry in our pockets. These two nations seamlessly blend the futuristic edge of modern technology with living traditions thousands of years old.

Our tour starts in Seoul, South Korea's bustling capital. From the 14th-century Gyeongbokgung Palace to the fashionable shops and skyscrapers of the Gangnam district, Seoul can show you the whole range of Asian history. Four hundred kilometres to the south, is the country's second-largest city, Busan, known for its beaches, mountains and temples.

From South Korea, travel by air to Japan. In the ancient capital of Kyoto, explore the Kinkakuji Temple (aka the Golden Pavilion), then travel by bullet train to Hiroshima, and finish your journey in Tokyo, one of the world's great modern metropolises.

Start packing your bags for the trip of a lifetime! For more information or to make a reservation, please contact GLP Worldwide at [1-866-760-1987](tel:1-866-760-1987) or alumni@glpworldwide.com

Sincerely,



Melanie McLean
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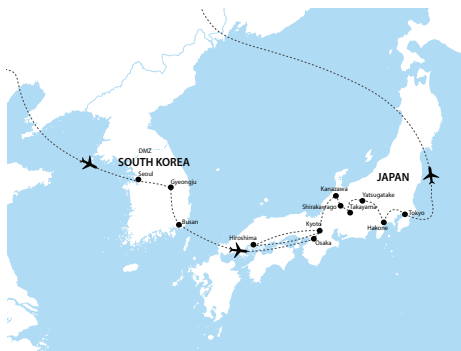
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Bukchon Hanok Village, Seoul

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DAY 1 | MAY 9 | DEPART FOR SEOUL (SOUTH KOREA)

Overnight flight to Seoul.

DAY 2 | MAY 10 | ARRIVE SEOUL (D)

Upon arrival, proceed to the hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is available for relaxation or personal exploration at your own pace.

DAY 3 | MAY 11 | SEOUL (B,L)

Begin your Korean adventure by delving into its culinary traditions with a professional chef, learning to prepare classic dishes like Bulgogi and Sukju Namul. Follow this with a leisurely stroll along Cheonggyecheon Stream, an urban oasis recently reclaimed from beneath a highway, offering a blend of history and modernity. Explore the vibrant Gwanghwamun Square, home to museums, outdoor artworks, and dining options, providing splendid views. The journey continues to the historic Gyeongbokgung Palace, the former royal residence of the Joseon Dynasty, and the War Memorial of Korea, each narrating stories of the nation's past.



Gyeongbokgung Palace, Seoul

DAY 4 | MAY 12 | SEOUL (B,D)

Dive into the heart of Korean heritage at Bukchon Hanok Village, where ancient homes have been transformed into quaint restaurants, cultural museums, and craft workshops. Wander the lanes of Insa-dong, a neighborhood celebrated for its galleries filled with traditional Korean arts and crafts. Later, venture into Gwangjang Market, a bustling hub of culture and commerce that ranks among South Korea's oldest and largest markets. Cap off the day with a visit to the iconic N Seoul Tower, standing as a beacon over Seoul and offering expansive views of the city's dynamic skyline.

DAY 5 | MAY 13 | SEOUL (B,L)

Journey to the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), the stark border between North and South Korea. Visit key sites including Imjingak Park, the symbolic Freedom Bridge, and the clandestine Third Infiltration Tunnel. Gain unique perspectives of North Korea from the Dora Observatory and explore Dorasan Station, the northernmost railway station in South Korea. After exploring these poignant and historic sites, return to the hotel for a leisurely evening or further personal exploration.



Joint Security Area in DMZ

DAY 6 | MAY 14 | SEOUL – GYEONGJU (B,L)

Take the KTX train to Gyeongju, once the capital of the ancient Silla kingdom. Explore Bulguksa Temple, a testament to the golden age of Buddhist art, and Seokguram, a man-made cave temple of remarkable craftsmanship. Wander through Tumuli Park, home to over two dozen unique tombs from the Silla period. Conclude the day by settling into a hanok, offering an authentic traditional Korean lodging experience.



Bulguksa Temple, Gyeongju

DAY 7 | MAY 15 | GYEONGJU – BUSAN (B,L)

Head to Busan and begin your exploration at Songdo Skywalk, a 365-meter promenade offering scenic views over the water from Songdo Beach. Next, visit the 120-meter-high Busan Tower, an emblematic symbol of the city. Explore Jagalchi Market, Korea's largest seafood market, bustling with vibrant stalls and fresh catches. Continue to Huinnyeoul Culture Village, set on Yeongdo's cliffs, offering quaint coastal charm. The journey culminates at Gamcheon Culture Village, known for its colorful houses and winding alleys, artistically set against the hillside.



Busan Tower, Busan

DAY 8 | MAY 16 | BUSAN (B,D)

Explore the coastal Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, renowned for its stunning ocean views, and stroll along the beautiful Haeundae Beach. Enjoy some free time at The Bay 101, a popular spot near Dongbaek Island, known for its scenic beauty and now connected to the mainland. Cap off the day with a traditional Korean sauna experience before returning to the hotel.

DAY 9 | MAY 17 | BUSAN – OSAKA – KYOTO (JAPAN) (B,D)

Enjoy a day at your own pace, followed by a journey to the airport to catch a flight to Osaka. Once arrived, proceed with a transfer to your hotel in Kyoto.



Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kyoto

DAY 10 | MAY 18 | KYOTO (B,D)

Embark on a sightseeing tour of Kyoto, featuring visits to the iconic Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the Golden Pavilion, and the Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its thousands of vermilion Torii gates. Continue to Nara to explore the Todaiji Temple's Daibutsuden Hall, the world's largest wooden structure, housing a colossal bronze Buddha statue. Wander through Nara Park, affectionately known as Deer Park, and conclude at Kofukuji Temple, a pivotal Zen temple in Kyoto with a history of producing renowned monks.

DAY 11 | MAY 19 | KYOTO – HIROSHIMA – KYOTO (B,L)

From Kyoto Station, take a bullet train to Hiroshima and continue with a motorcoach for a day of sightseeing. Visit the Peace Memorial Park, including the Memorial Museum and the iconic A-Bomb Dome. The journey then leads to Miyajima Island for a visit to the Itsukushima Shrine and a ride on the Miyajima Ropeway. Conclude the tour by returning to Hiroshima Station, taking the bullet train back to Kyoto, and walking back to your hotel.

DAY 12 | MAY 20 | KYOTO (B,D)

Begin the day with a coach tour, visiting the historical Nijo Castle, an architectural marvel from the Edo Period. Participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, delving into the country's rich cultural practices. Explore Gion, the famed district of Kyoto known for its preservation of traditional arts and performances. After returning to the hotel, the afternoon is free for personal activities. The day concludes with dinner at a local restaurant, complemented by an enchanting Maiko dance performance.



Miyajima Island, Hiroshima

DAY 13 | MAY 21 | KANAZAWA (B,D)

Depart from Kyoto Station on an express train to Kanazawa, renowned for its gold-leaf production. Explore the exquisite Kenrokuen Garden, celebrated as one of Japan's three most beautiful landscape gardens. Wander through Higashi-Chayamachi, a historic district known for its traditional tea-house architecture and Edo-era geisha culture. Visit a local workshop to observe the meticulous art of applying gold leaf to chopsticks. Conclude the day with a leisurely dinner at a restaurant near your hotel.



Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa

DAY 14 | MAY 22 | KANAZAWA – SHIRAKAWAGO – TAKAYAMA (B,D)

Set off to Takayama by coach, stopping en route in Shirakawago to explore the Wada family's former residence, a distinctive gassho-style house with a steep thatched roof from the mid-Edo period. Continue to Gokayama, where you'll witness the traditional craft of creating Washi, Japanese paper. Afterward, proceed to your hotel in Takayama, where you can indulge in a Japanese hot springs experience.

DAY 15 | MAY 23 | TAKAYAMA – YATSUGATAKE (B,L,D)

Explore Sannomachi Street in Takayama's old town, engaging in a sake tasting session and visiting the Matsuri no Mori Museum, which exhibits the rich heritage of the Takayama Festival. Continue to Matsumoto to view the striking Matsumoto Castle, distinguished by its black exterior and nicknamed "Crow Castle." This historic site stands as one of Japan's most important castles and is the oldest existing five-structure/six-storey castle in the country.



Matsumoto Castle, Nagano

DAY 16 | MAY 24 | YATSUGATAKE – HAKONE – TOKYO (B,L)

Head to Owakudani, a volcanic valley formed during Mount Hakone's last eruption around 3,000 years ago, and marvel at the active geothermal spots. Afterward, explore the Hakone Open-Air Museum, where you'll find an impressive collection of modern and contemporary sculptures in a scenic outdoor setting. Following these visits, continue your journey to Tokyo.

DAY 17 | MAY 25 | TOKYO (B,L)

Start the day visiting Tokyo's serene Meiji Jingu Shrine, steeped in tranquility and tradition. Dive into the culinary world with a sushi-making session, then wander through the lively stalls of Tsukiji Outer Market, famous for its fresh fare and rich history. Continue to the venerable Asakusa Kannon Temple, a beacon of the Edo period, and meander along the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, where a variety of traditional garments, handicrafts, and snacks invite exploration.



Asakusa Kannon Temple, Tokyo

DAY 18 | MAY 26 | TOKYO (B,D)

Enjoy a day at leisure, taking the opportunity to relax or explore at your own pace. As the evening arrives, culminate your journey with a memorable farewell dinner aboard a yakatabune, a traditional Japanese boat, providing an intimate setting to reflect on your experiences and enjoy the city's skyline.

DAY 19 | MAY 27 | TOKYO – TORONTO (B)

Take the day to unwind or explore as you please. Later, proceed to the airport for your return flight, concluding your journey.

PRICING & TERMS

PACKAGE PRICE:

CAD \$12,690 per person based on double occupancy
CAD \$3,750 per person for single supplement



INCLUSIONS:

- International roundtrip airfare in economy class from Toronto to Seoul, and return from Tokyo to Toronto (additional cost to be applied for other departure cities) including applicable air taxes and fees
- Intra-Asia flight from Busan to Osaka including applicable air taxes and fees
- 4-nights hotel in Seoul
- 1-night Hanok accommodation in Gyeongju
- 2-nights hotel in Busan
- 4-nights hotel in Kyoto
- 1-night hotel in Kanazawa, Takayama, and Yatsugatake respectively
- 3-nights hotel in Tokyo
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Porter service in hotels where available
- Transfers, tours and meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers

EXCLUSIONS:

- Meals not included in itinerary
- Optional travel, health, accident or other insurances

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

First Deposit: CAD \$1,500 per person at the time of booking
Second Deposit: CAD \$1,500 per person due on December 2, 2024
Final Payment: Due on February 7, 2025

Note:

1. *Passenger names must match passport.*
2. *Please ensure that passports are valid up till after six (6) months at last destination.*
3. *No visa is required to South Korea and Japan for Canadian passport holders.*
4. *Our office requires submission of copy of passport information along with payment to confirm the booking.*

CANCELLATION CHARGES

From time of booking to December 1, 2024	CAD \$1,500 per person
December 2, 2024 - February 6, 2025	CAD \$3,000 per person
February 7, 2025 - March 3, 2025	50% of tour cost
March 4, 2025 – date of departure	100% of tour cost

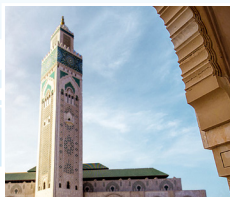
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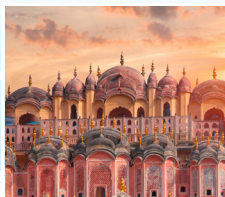
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