



KOREA & JAPAN MAY 2026

May 16: Welcome to Seoul

Upon arrival at Incheon Airport, a private car or charter bus will take you to your hotel. Before check-in, we'll visit the iconic N Seoul Tower and Lovelock Wall, perched atop Namsan Mountain—one of the tallest towers in Asia with breathtaking panoramic views. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to relax and adjust to the time difference.

Overnight: Seoul

May 17: Seoul City Tour

After a restful night, we dive into the heart of Seoul, starting with a visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace (or Changdeokgung Palace on Tuesdays), a stunning 500-year-old symbol of the Joseon Dynasty. Explore the National Folk Museum, witness the Changing of the Royal Guard, and stop at the Presidential Blue House. Then stroll through Bukchon Hanok Village, home to beautifully preserved traditional houses. Later, visit Jogyesa Temple, a serene center of Korean Buddhism, followed by a feast for the senses at Gwangjang Market—famous for its street food. Wrap up the day at Dongdaemun Market, the largest open-air market in the Orient.

Overnight: Seoul

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

May 18: Seoul ⇄ DMZ (57 km)

Today, we head north to the DMZ, the tense yet fascinating buffer between North and South Korea. (Passport required.) Ride the gondola across the Imjin River, visit the Camp Greaves Gallery, and explore Imjingak Resort's poignant landmarks like the Freedom Bridge and the Bell of Unification. Continue to the Skywalk and Bunker Beat 131, a former underground military base turned immersive exhibit. End at Odusan Observatory for rare views of North Korean villages and daily life. Back in Seoul, Then we visit [Itaewon](#), the past American army base transformed into the international commercial district it is today. After a delicious Western dish to remind you of home Afterwards, enjoy some shopping at Myeongdong and Namdaemun Markets before returning to your hotel.

Overnight: Seoul

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

May 19: – Seoul to Osaka

Check out by 11:00 a.m. and enjoy some free time before a private transfer to Incheon Airport. Upon



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arrival in Osaka, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. After settling in, enjoy a welcome dinner to mark your first evening in Japan.

Overnight: Osaka

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

May 20: -- Osaka Highlights

Begin with a visit to Osaka Castle for sweeping views and insights into the city's feudal history. Continue to Shinsekai, a nostalgic neighborhood, and Den Den Town for pop culture treasures. In the evening, explore the electric atmosphere of Dotonbori—home to iconic neon signs, street food like takoyaki and okonomiyaki, and the tranquil Hozenji Temple. End with shopping at Shinsaibashi Arcade.

Overnight: Osaka

Meal: Breakfast

May 21: -- Kyoto Arrival

Travel to Kyoto and settle into your hotel. In the evening, explore Gion, the famed geisha district with historic wooden houses. Enjoy a guided walk through lantern-lit lanes and dine along the Pontocho riverside, soaking in Kyoto's timeless ambiance.

Overnight: Kyoto

Meal: Breakfast

May 22: -- Kyoto's Cultural Treasure

Start the day in Arashiyama, walking through its serene bamboo grove and across the picturesque Togetsukyo Bridge. Then visit Ryoanji Temple's iconic Zen rock garden and the shimmering Golden Pavilion (Kinkakuji).

In the afternoon, head to Kiyomizudera Temple for sweeping views and spiritual rituals at the Otowa Waterfall. End with a stroll among charming shops and traditional sweets vendors.

Overnight: Kyoto

Meal: Breakfast

May 23: -- Kyoto to Tokyo

Upon arrival at Tokyo Station, begin your exploration of Japan's capital with a visit to the Imperial Palace, the residence of the Emperor, surrounded by serene gardens and moats. Continue to Ginza, Tokyo's premier shopping and entertainment district, where high-end boutiques, gourmet eateries, and elegant cafés blend tradition and modernity.

Overnight: Tokyo

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

May 24: -- Tokyo City Tour

Start the day with breathtaking views from the Tokyo Skytree, one of the tallest towers in the world. Then, step back in time at Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple, and stroll down the bustling Nakamise Street lined with traditional shops. In the afternoon, dive into Japan's rich history at



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the Tokyo National Museum and discover the charm of Yanaka, a quaint neighborhood that preserves the atmosphere of old Tokyo.

Overnight: Tokyo

Meals: Breakfast

May 25: -- Tokyo Sites

Immerse yourself in Tokyo's dynamic blend of culture and fashion. Begin at the tranquil Meiji Shrine, a peaceful oasis dedicated to Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken. Then head to vibrant Harajuku, known for its youth culture and quirky shops, followed by the famous Shibuya Scramble Crossing. End the day in Shinjuku, where neon lights, cozy alleyways like Omoide Yokocho, and panoramic city views await.

Overnight: Tokyo

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

May 26: -- Tokyo - USA

At agreed upon time, transfer to the airport for your flight back to the USA.

Package Includes:

- 3 nights in Seoul at hotel at Amid hotel in Standard rooms from 16 to 19 May 2026
- 2 nights in Osaka at the Sheraton Miyako in standard rooms from 19 to 21 May 2026
- 2 nights in Kyoto at the Double Tree by Hilton Kyoto Station from 21 to 23 May 2026
- 3 nights in Tokyo at the Shinagawa Prince hotel from 23 to 26 May 2026
- English speaking guide throughout the program
- Private transportation throughout the program
- Breakfast and taxes in the hotels.
- Other meals as specified in the program
- All entrance fees according to the program
- Bullet train from Kyoto to Tokyo

Package Excludes:

- ✓ International flights
- ✓ Domestic flights (unless specified)
- ✓ Airport taxes and fees
- ✓ Travel insurance, www.allianztravelinsurance.com Travel Agent ACCAM: F030217
- ✓ Visas and entry fees
- ✓ Gratuities/tips for guides, drivers, and staff
- ✓ Personal expenses (laundry, minibar, room service, etc.)
- ✓ Optional activities or excursions not listed in the main itinerary
- ✓ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ✓ Beverages during meals, especially alcoholic drinks
- ✓ Early check-in or late check-out at hotels
- ✓ Portage in some hotels (if not included)
- ✓ Room upgrades or special room requests (e.g., ocean view, extra bed)



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Important Notes

- **Meals:** Mixed meals will be arranged by the guide after booking. Menus cannot be changed after arrival unless special dietary requests (e.g., Halal, allergies, vegetarian) are made in advance.
- **Hotels:** Hotel category and location are on request; confirmation is subject to availability. Most hotels do **not offer DBL (queen size beds). Rooms are with twin beds.**
- **Room Types:** Tatami or Western-style rooms in traditional hotels (Ryokan) are available on request.
- **Porter service** is included.
- **Transportation:** Good quality coach provided.

Price Per Person is \$4,750.00 Based on Double Occupancy, Minimum 10 People
International and Domestic Air: \$1,289.00 from Los Angeles, CA Airport (LAX)

A deposit of \$700.00 is required by August 31, 2025 to secure your space. Payments of \$500.00 are due the 15th of the months September-March 2026.

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Reserve my space to celebrate: Trip to Korea & Japan 2026		
My deposit of \$ _____ is enclosed (\$700.00 per person is required by August 31, 2025)		
PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE.		
PASSPORT MUST BE VALID THROUGH NOVEMBER 2026.		
E-mail address:		
Name (As it appears on Passport):		Date of Birth
Street	City & State	ZIP
Telephone: Home	Office	Cell
Name of Roommate		Hotel Bedding: ____ 1 Bed; ____ 2
Beds		

Dietary Restrictions _____



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