

# SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN

May 8 - 26, 2023

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Dear 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 or [alumni@glpworldwide.com](mailto:alumni@glpworldwide.com)*

Sincerely,



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*Bukchon Hanok Village, Seoul*

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### DAY 1 | MAY 8 | DEPART FOR SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Overnight flight to Seoul.

### DAY 2 | MAY 9 | ARRIVE SEOUL (D)

Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

### DAY 3 | MAY 10 | SEOUL (B,L)

Start your exploration of Korea with cuisine. Learn to make Bulgogi and Sukju Namul with the help of a professional chef.

Enjoy a walk along Cheonggyecheon Stream, an ancient focal point of urban life that was recently restored after being buried for decades under a highway. At Gwanghwamun Square, explore museums, outdoor artworks, restaurants and magnificent views. Continue to Gyeongbokgung Palace (the seat of the Joseon Dynasty) and the War Memorial of Korea.

### DAY 4 | MAY 11 | SEOUL (B,D)

Immerse yourself in traditional Korean culture in Bukchon Hanok Village, full of centuries-old houses that today house restaurants, museums and artisanal workshops. In the Insa-dong neighbourhood, explore galleries

devoted to traditional Korean arts and crafts. In the 100-year old Gwangjang Market, have a delicious lunch of local street food.

After lunch, visit Samsung D'light, a showcase of that company's latest product line-up. In the evening, enjoy the Nanta Show, a non-verbal performance consisting of acrobatics, comedy and a percussion ensemble that uses kitchen utensils.

### DAY 5 | MAY 12 | SEOUL (B,L)

Travel to the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to see the border between North and South Korea. Visit Imjingak Park, the Freedom Bridge and the Third Infiltration Tunnel. Observe North Korea from the Dora Observatory. View Dorasan Station, the northernmost stop on South Korea's railway line. After lunch, return to the hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.



*Joint Security Area in DMZ*

### DAY 6 | MAY 13 | SEOUL - GYEONGJU - BUSAN (B,L)

In the morning, travel by KTX train to the coastal city of Gyeongju, the capital of the ancient kingdom of Silla (57 BCE - 935 CE). Visit the Bulguksa Temple, a masterpiece of the golden age of Buddhist art, and the Seokguram Cave, an extraordinary cave temple built by hand. Proceed to Tumuli Park, which has more than two dozen extraordinary tombs, then travel to Busan.



*Bulguksa Temple, Gyeongju*

### DAY 7 | MAY 14 | BUSAN (B,L)

Start the day at Songdo Skywalk, a 365-metre promenade extending over the water from Songdo beach, then proceed to the 120-metre-high Busan Tower, a beloved symbol of the city. After lunch at Jagalchi Market, Korea's largest seafood market, the tour continues. Bosu-dong Book Street is an alley of second-hand bookshops and cafes that dates back to the Korean War. Gamcheon Culture Village is a picturesque community of colourful houses and narrow alleys built on a hillside. Gukje Market, the largest traditional market in Busan, offers a variety of handicrafts and artefacts.

### DAY 8 | MAY 15 | BUSAN (B,D)

Visit the Haedong Yonggungsa Temple by the ocean, and beautiful Haeundae Beach. Free time to explore The Bay 101, an emerging hotspot next to Dongbaek Island. The island, considered one of the most scenic parts of Busan, used to be an island but is now part of the mainland. Experience a Korean sauna, then return to the hotel.



*Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, Busan*

**DAY 9 | MAY 16 | BUSAN – OSAKA – KYOTO, JAPAN (B)**

Spend the day at leisure, then travel to the airport for a flight to Osaka. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel in Kyoto.

**DAY 10 | MAY 17 | KYOTO (B,D)**

Sightseeing tour of Kyoto, including the Kinkakuji Temple (AKA the Golden Pavilion), and Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its red Torii gates. At Todaiji Temple in Nara, visit Daibutsuden Hall, the largest wooden building in the world, home to a giant bronze image of the sitting Buddha. Visit Nara Park (Deer Park), then return to the hotel.



*Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kyoto*

**DAY 11 | MAY 18 | KYOTO – HIROSHIMA – KYOTO (B,L)**

Walk to Kyoto Station and travel to Hiroshima by bullet train, then board a motorcoach for a full day of sightseeing. Visit Peace Memorial Park, with its memorial museum and the iconic A-Bomb Dome. Experience making okonomiyaki (savory pancakes) at lunch. Continue the tour on Miyajima Island, with a visit to the Itsukushima Shrine and a ride on the Miyajima Ropeway. Return to Hiroshima Station for a bullet train back to Kyoto, and walk to your hotel.

**DAY 12 | MAY 19 | KYOTO (B,D)**

Morning sightseeing by coach includes Nijo Castle, built in 1603 by the first

shogun of the Edo Period, and a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Visit Gion, Kyoto's celebrated traditional district, and experience traditional Japanese arts and performances. Return to the hotel. Spend the afternoon at your leisure. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant, featuring a Maiko dance performance.



*Miyajima Island, Hiroshima*

**DAY 13 | MAY 20 | KANAZAWA (B,D)**

Walk to Kyoto Station for an express train to Kanazawa, Japan's gold-leaf production centre. Visit Kenrokuen Garden, one of the three most beautiful landscape gardens in Japan. Other highlights include Higashi-Chayamachi, a historic area with traditional tea-house-style architecture, well-known as a geisha district during the Edo era. At a traditional workshop, watch craftsmen delicately apply gold leaf to chopsticks. Enjoy dinner at a restaurant within walking distance of your hotel.



*Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa*

**DAY 14 | MAY 21 | KANAZAWA – SHIRAKAWAGO – TAKAYAMA (B,D)**

Travel to Takayama by coach. En route, in Shirakawago, visit the former residence of the Wada family, a gassho-style house with a steep thatched roof, built in the mid-Edo period. Later, in Gokayama, observe the intricate process of creating traditional Japanese paper, called Washi. Proceed to the hotel in Takayama. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

**DAY 15 | MAY 22 | TAKAYAMA – YATSUGATAKE (B,L,D)**

Visit Sannomachi Street, in the old town, for a sake tasting and a visit to the Kusakabe Folkcraft Museum, formerly the residence of the Kusakabe family. You will also see Matsumoto Castle, known as “Crow Castle” because of its black exterior. This is one of Japan’s premier historic castles, the oldest extant five-structure/six-storey building.



*Matsumoto Castle, Nagano*

**DAY 16 | MAY 23 | YATSUGATAKE – HAKONE – TOKYO (B,L)**

Proceed to the 5th station of Mount Fuji (weather permitting), then visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum. The outdoor sculpture garden consists of more than 100 modern and contemporary works. Continue on to Tokyo.

**DAY 17 | MAY 24 | TOKYO (B,L)**

A full day of sightseeing by coach will begin at the Meiji Jingu Shrine. Experience sushi making at lunch. Visit the Tsukiji Outer Market, adjacent to the site of the former Tsukiji Wholesale Market. Continue on to the Asakusa Kannon Temple, Tokyo’s oldest, dating from the Edo period, and the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, a street of shops selling traditional garments and handicrafts, local snacks, etc.



*Asakusa Kannon Temple, Tokyo*

**DAY 18 | MAY 25 | TOKYO – KAMAKURA – TOKYO (B,D)**

Transfer to Kamakura, a former political centre of Japan. A walking tour will bring you to Kotoku-in Temple, renowned for its Great Buddha, as well as Hase Kannon Temple and Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine. Stroll along colourful Komachi Street, with its fashionable coffee shops, long-established restaurants, and shops where you can buy natto (fermented beans), ham, traditional Kamakura carvings, and other local products.

**DAY 19 | MAY 26 | TOKYO (HANEDA AIRPORT) – TORONTO (B)**

Spend the day at leisure, then transfer to the airport for your return flight.

# PRICING & TERMS

## PACKAGE PRICE:

CAD \$11,860 per person based on double occupancy

CAD \$2,470 per person for single supplement



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## INCLUSIONS:

- International roundtrip airfare in economy class from Toronto to Seoul, and return from Tokyo to Toronto
- Intra-Asia flight from Busan to Osaka
- 4-nights hotel in Seoul
- 3-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 1, 2022

Final Payment: Due on February 6, 2023

### 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.

## CANCELLATION CHARGES

From time of booking to November 30, 2022

CAD \$1,500 per person

December 1, 2022 - February 5, 2023

CAD \$3,000 per person

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50% of tour cost

March 3, 2023 – date of departure

100% of tour cost

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