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Taj Mahal, India



# Why Choose TRAVELMARVEL

## Trusted Experience

Backed by the award-winning APT Travel Group, we're proud to be owned and run by the McGear family, who have been travel industry trailblazers for almost a century.

## Greater Value

Travelmarvel delivers premium journeys at exceptional value all over the world. Experience incredible destinations, iconic sights, hand-picked accommodation, and authentic local cuisine – all without paying for the extras you don't want or need.

## Expanded Choice

We know that one size doesn't fit all, so our itineraries are designed to provide the perfect balance between exploring all the iconic sights while still having plenty of leisure time to do your own thing.

## Amiable Journeys

Travelling with like-minded people means you'll experience a more casual and relaxed atmosphere where fellow travellers quickly become new-found friends.

## Flexible Bookings

Our flexible booking policies allow you to cancel and move your holiday to another time.<sup>^</sup> Plus, you can secure your place for up to seven days without paying a deposit.

## Safe Journeys

Your health – and that of your family, as well as our staff and crew – is Travelmarvel's highest priority. You can rely on our industry-leading health protocols to help ensure everyone's health and wellbeing.

## All Taken Care Of

Travelmarvel makes holidaying easy. Our travel experts can look after all aspects of your journey. There's 24/7 emergency support and we'll keep you updated on any travel requirements.

Consider protecting your travel plans with a travel insurance policy that's right for you. Ask our travel experts to quote on a nib Travel Insurance policy.

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Negombo

Yala National Park

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Chongqing

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“The accommodation was excellent, and the food provided was very good. The planning that had gone into making everything happen smoothly was evident, and much appreciated.”

Glenice & Mike, VIC

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# We Take Care OF EVERYTHING

LOOKING AFTER YOU ISN'T JUST OUR JOB – IT'S OUR PASSION

At Travelmarvel, we know that great service is about going above and beyond, which is why our staff have a 98% satisfaction rating on average from our guests.

## TRAVEL WITH OUR EXPERTS

On your travels through Japan, South Korea and Sri Lanka, you will have a dedicated Tour Director, while you'll be guided by a Cruise Director during your Coastal cruise in Japan. During your rail journey in Japan, China and India, an expert Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort will make sure your holiday is memorable. Our Tour Directors, Cruise Directors and Tour Escorts are highly trained experts, selected for their engaging

personalities and insider's perspective, and will ensure you have an informative and unforgettable experience.

## THE ASIA EXPERTS

Our team has travelled Asia extensively to create unique holidays that showcase the best the region has to offer. You'll travel along beautiful yet convenient routes that allow you to maximise your time in each destination you visit.





Stunning view of Mount Fuji, Japan

### KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL GUIDES

A friendly face can make all the difference, and when paired with an insider's perspective, you can be sure you'll have an informed insight into your destination. Our Tour Directors, Tour Escorts and English-speaking local guides have a unique passion for their local area, and they're selected for their warmth and charm. They are there to make sure you not only visit the landmarks, but also the sites not mentioned in the guide books.

### COMPREHENSIVE INCLUSIONS

We make sure that the majority of your holiday costs are covered before you leave home, and we clearly specify everything that is included in the itineraries to make planning easy.

### WORLDWIDE OFFICES

Dedicated Travelmarvel and Great Rail Journeys staff are based in our offices throughout the world. If the unexpected occurs while you're travelling, our staff will ensure you are taken care of.

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

Travelmarvel's Insider Experiences are a collection of holiday highlights that provide a unique window into the history and culture of the region you're exploring – whether through an iconic rail journey, an outstanding hotel, a memorable meal, or a special sightseeing experience.





# More Ways TO TRAVEL

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF ASIA  
BY RIVER, SEA, LAND AND RAIL

Travelmarvel's extensive range of travel styles allows you to explore Asia in a way that best suits you. Cruise past remote riverside villages and stunning coastlines, journey along steel tracks on an epic rail adventure and wind through the countryside by coach.

## THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Whether you're looking to tick off all the iconic sights as well as lesser-known wonders on a much-loved river cruise, meander along rural roads by coach, sail the seas on a coastal cruise or take a rail journey through mountain scenery, look no further. We've left no stone unturned in bringing you a range of travel styles to choose from, so you can explore Asia in a way that is just right for you.



## River Cruising

Undoubtedly one of the more relaxing ways to travel, river cruising along the Yangtze River allows you to see more of China at a comfortable pace. Watch the world glide by as you experience this iconic river. Wake each day to an exciting new destination, docking at remote ports, closer to the sights you've come to see. Step ashore and bask in the freedom to explore.



“To see the road less travelled and visit such interesting and diverse places was a fantastic opportunity.”

Julie & Tony, QLD

Yangtze River, China



Heritage Adventurer



Kyoto, Japan



Lake Chuzenji, Japan

## Coastal Cruising

A small ship coastal cruise through Japanese waters aboard the Heritage Adventurer offers an authentic holiday experience. With just 164 guests on board, this vessel offers greater access to smaller ports. Experience Japan's remote coastlines, islands and iconic cities while enjoying comfortable accommodation, delicious dining and incredible on shore experiences.

## Land & Rail Journeys

Embark on an exciting land journey to visit famous landmarks and hidden gems. Delve into fascinating cultures and explore striking landscapes, all in total comfort, while staying in centrally located hotels. A contrast to the fast pace of everyday life, rail travel is relaxing, comfortable and social. Be left in awe by the ever-changing scenery as you travel through diverse landscapes that cannot be accessed by any other form of transport.

## Tailor Made Journeys

The team at Travelmarvel understands that no two travellers are the same. As a celebration of individuality, Tailor Made Journeys are your chance to design your own itinerary around exactly what interests you. Further explore Asia's delights perhaps on an adventure through Japan's Tohoku Region, known for its volcanoes, mountainous terrain and skiing. Or uncover India's ancient temples and wildlife parks in Madhya Pradesh.





# Great Rail JOURNEYS

ENJOY AN UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCE ACROSS ASIA

Return to a time when travelling was an art in itself. The railways of Asia are among some of the planet's most efficient and have opened up the world to travellers who seek the pleasures of life in a comfortable, convenient and relaxing way.

## THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

Travelmarvel is delighted to continue its partnership with Great Rail Journeys, who have more than 50 years' experience in rail-based holidays. This award-winning company offers the perfect partnership with APT to deliver you the best journeys in Asia.

## A RELAXING WAY TO TRAVEL

The leisurely pace of rail travel is a joy to experience. You're free to move about the train and eat or drink as you desire. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the ever-changing views of Asia's impressive landscapes.

## YOUR EXPERT TOUR ESCORT

Your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort is with you throughout your rail journey to ensure that every aspect of your holiday is an enjoyable experience, and they'll ensure that your trip is seamless and stress-free.

## KNOW WHAT'S INCLUDED

We make sure the majority of your holiday costs are covered before you leave home. This includes rail travel, airport transfers, accommodation, gratuities, many meals, sightseeing and most portorage.





Shimla Toy Train, India



Bullet Train, Japan



Scenic train, Sri Lanka

## A VARIETY OF RAIL EXPERIENCES

Every rail journey through Asia has something unique to offer. You'll be amazed by the incredible innovation and seamless efficiency of the rail networks as you travel through stunning landscapes.

### High Speed Trains

A fast-paced journey awaits on these incredible high speed rail networks. Japan's Shinkansen bullet trains ensure a thrilling journey across the country, and the extensive network through China will whisk you to your destination in style and comfort. The trains offer comfortable reclining seats, large windows, and refreshments throughout your journey.

### Nilgiri Mountain Railway, South India

One of the world's steepest rack-and-pinion railways was established by the British over a century ago. Its narrow-gauge, cog wheel-driven railway is now World Heritage-listed. Enjoy views of forests, local tea plantations and beautiful lush valleys dominated by towering eucalyptus trees.

### Toy Train, North India

Embark on a memorable journey by heritage Toy Train to Shimla, nestled at the foothills of the Himalayas. This train ride is sure to excite, famous for its 96-kilometre-long narrow gauge track that passes through 103 tunnels and over 800 bridges and viaducts.



**GREAT RAIL  
JOURNEYS**

**SILVER TRAVEL  
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# Cruising JAPAN

DISCOVER JAPAN FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Set sail on a breathtaking discovery of Japan's incredible coastlines while enjoying comfortable accommodation, delicious dining experiences and spectacular shore discoveries.

## THE PERFECT EXPEDITION

One of the best ways to explore Japan is by sea, and you'll experience the region in its full glory on a perfect escape aboard the Heritage Adventurer expedition ship.

The premium small ship will guide you to the region's most spectacular coastal highlights, with onboard Zodiacs allowing you to reach and explore Japan's remarkable destinations.

On board is a wealth of facilities to enjoy, from the heated saltwater pool and jacuzzi to the bar and Observation Deck, where you can soak in 360-degree views of the marvellous surrounds. Two onboard

restaurants provide mouth-watering cuisine throughout your journey. You can gain a greater insight into the regions you visit at enlightening guest lectures led by the ship's knowledgeable Expedition Team. And each night you can relax in style in your premium accommodation.

## RISE AND SHINE

Each morning brings a spectacular new location to wake up to. Soak in the serenity and views of breathtaking landscapes while enjoying a buffet breakfast to gear up for an incredible day of adventure and exploration.





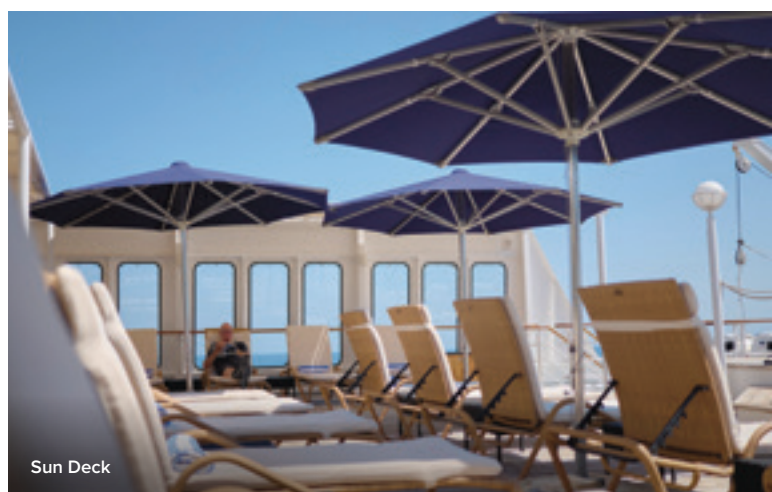
Heritage Adventurer



Observation Lounge



Onboard dining



Sun Deck

## A MORNING TO EXPLORE

It's time to explore the jewels of Japan. A morning excursion could involve a fascinating tour of Yakushima Island's stunning primeval forest.

Cultural excursions could take you to: one of the 12 original castles in Matsue; the Samurai Quarter in Hagi Old Town; a bonsai farm to see how this age-old horticultural art is preserved; Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park; and the well-known Gamcheon Culture Village of Busan in South Korea.

## AN AFTERNOON OF DISCOVERY

After a delectable lunch with drinks included, you'll be ready for another exploration of Japan's coastal delights. Inspiring excursions could take you to the beautiful Ritsurin Garden and the Yashima Temple in Takamatsu, to admiring the charming Old Town of Kurashiki in Okayama, or to learning about the history surrounding the Toko-ji Temple in Hagi.

An afternoon excursion might also include a fascinating exploration of Miyajima Island aboard one of the Heritage Adventurer's Zodiacs.

## AFTER THE SUN SETS

Indulge in a delicious three-course meal with multiple options to choose from, complemented by refreshing drinks, at one of two exquisite restaurants on board. Talented chefs ensure every culinary experience is delightful. Whether you prefer a savoury appetiser, a mouth-watering main course, or a decadent dessert, there is something to satisfy every palate.

The perfect end to a perfect day, these onboard dining experiences promise to be highlights of your journey.



# PREMIUM *Accommodation*

STAY IN PERFECTLY POSITIONED ACCOMMODATION AFTER EACH DAY OF DISCOVERY



Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu, Tokyo, Japan



Radisson Blu Resort, Galle, Sri Lanka

Relax and unwind in some truly charismatic properties that provide the perfect base to explore Asia. Whether you're admiring the views or soaking up the wonderful location, you're sure to be impressed by the quality, service and comfort of these premium properties.

#### **Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu, Tokyo, Japan**

Just moments away from some of Tokyo's most famous attractions, this hotel provides terrific access to the vibrant capital city's best sites.

#### **Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun, South Korea**

Located in Seoul's city centre, this hotel is walking distance from the Myeongdong district and many shopping opportunities. You'll be staying in the best location for exploring the city's sights.

#### **Taj Palace, Delhi, India**

Spread out over two-and-a-half hectares of lush gardens, the Taj Palace is an oasis of calm in the heart of India's capital city.

#### **Tibet Hotel Chengdu, China**

Featuring a Tibetan theme with a hint of modern art decor, the Tibet Hotel Chengdu stands on the shore of the Jinjang River and boasts several dining options and a spa.

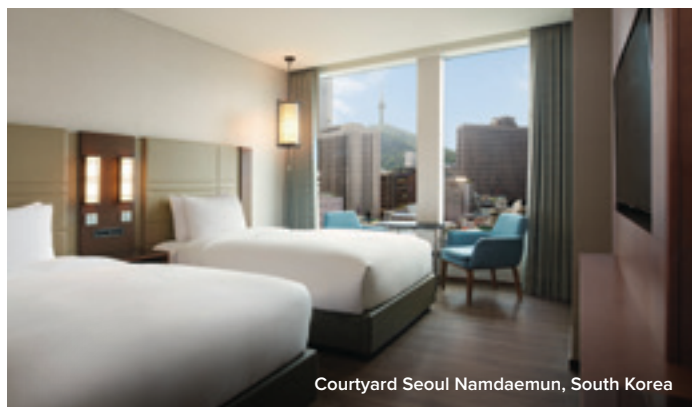
#### **Radisson Blu Resort, Galle, Sri Lanka**

With direct views of the Indian Ocean, this hotel is located in the historic fort city of Galle on the southern coast of Sri Lanka.





Jetwing Yala, Sri Lanka



Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun, South Korea



Spice Village, Thekkady, India

## INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

In select locations you will stay at properties selected for their spectacular locations and unique settings, showcasing the very best of the region.

### Oberoi Cecil Hotel, Shimla, India ☆

Situated in the hills of Shimla, this hotel features classically furnished rooms and a comfortable lounge area with marble fireplaces. During the times of the British Raj, it was one of Shimla's most exclusive hotels.

### Jetwing Yala, Sri Lanka ☆

Set amid leafy vegetation, Jetwing Yala presents a winning combination of style

and privacy in a lush, natural setting. Spread across 15 hectares and with unparalleled access to the beach, the hotel features an outdoor swimming pool and spacious modern rooms.

### Grand Mercure Renmin Square, Xi'an, China ☆

Located a short stroll from the Bell and Drum Tower, the Grand Mercure Renmin Square offers a choice of restaurants featuring international cuisine and bars to relax and socialise in at the end of your day. Enjoy a massage service and outdoor swimming pool.

### Spice Village, Thekkady, India ☆

Settle into your accommodation surrounded by mountains and spice plantations. Modelled on dwellings of tribal communities of the region, the rooms and en suites are traditionally decorated with elephant grass roofs.





# INCLUDED *Sightseeing*

GAIN AN EXTRAORDINARY INSIGHT INTO THE ESSENCE OF ASIA

Experience the must-see sights and lesser-known wonders of these astounding countries.

#### **Mount Fuji, Japan**

Mount Fuji is arguably Japan's most iconic landmark. The volcano is home to many Shinto shrines dedicated to the goddess of cherry blossoms and volcanoes.

#### **Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo, Japan**

Experience the busiest pedestrian intersection on the planet, often featured in film and television.

#### **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), South Korea**

Visit the Demilitarised Zone and gain an understanding of the relationship between North Korea and South Korea.

#### **The Taj Mahal, India**

As you witness the play of sunlight beaming from the domed marble surfaces of the Taj Mahal, you'll see why this landmark is known as the world's greatest monument to love.

#### **Yala National Park, Sri Lanka**

Yala National Park is home to over 32 species of mammals including elephants, sloth bears and leopards.

#### **Terracotta Warriors, China**

See the Terracotta Warriors, a collection of life-sized clay sculptures depicting the army of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China, dating back to 210BCE.





Traditional costumes in South Korea



The ever entertaining Giant Pandas, China



Stunning detail at Amber Fort, India

## INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

Here are just some of our exciting Insider Experiences – just look for the stars on the itinerary pages.

### Gyeongbok Palace, South Korea ☆

See the changing of the Royal Guard. The Wanggung Sumunjang had the role of protecting the king during the Joseon Dynasty. Though the king no longer resides here, the traditional ceremony is re-enacted daily.

### Amber Fort, India ☆

Tour Jaipur's Amber Fort. Constructed in 1592, the impressive fort is built entirely out of pink and yellow sandstone and white marble.

### Ranthambore National Park, India ☆

Look out for the elusive Bengal tiger and other wildlife on morning and afternoon game drives in Ranthambore National Park.

### Meet a renowned author, Shimla, India ☆

Enjoy a talk from an author, historian and journalist about what life was like in the the time of the British Raj in their summer capital.

### Hindu ritual Madurai, India ☆

Step inside one of South India's most incredible temples, Meenakshi Temple. Admire this 12th-century temple before witnessing the final puja rituals of the day.

### Rail Journey to Ella, Sri Lanka ☆

Embark on an enchanting journey through the highlands overlooking sweeping valleys before arriving in the town of Ella.

### Meet pandas in Chengdu ☆

Spend time at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Get up close to the adorable pandas and hear all about how they are being protected.

## ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY

During your free time, you can tailor your holiday to suit your own interests with the range of select experiences we offer to further immerse yourself in Asia.





# Authentic FLAVOURS

INDULGE YOUR TASTEBUDS ON THEIR OWN CULINARY JOURNEY

Authentic meals are often the thing we remember most about a holiday, and great cuisine is an integral part of your journey through Asia.

## DELIGHTFUL LOCAL CUISINE

Travelmarvel provides a host of unique culinary experiences for you to relish throughout your journey. From fresh sushi in Japan and dumplings and Peking duck in China to chicken tikka in India and hot pots and Bibimbap in South Korea, you'll experience authentic flavours and fresh produce and discover each region's speciality.

## WELCOME & FAREWELL DINNERS

At the beginning of your holiday, enjoy a Welcome Reception or Dinner as you get to know your fellow travellers.

Your Farewell Dinner is your chance to get together as a group over a delicious feast one last time before parting ways.

## ALL-INCLUSIVE COASTAL CRUISING

Savour a range of enticing regional meals created by your ship's skilful chefs using the freshest local ingredients. Enjoy buffet breakfasts and delicious three-course,





Freshly made authentic Japanese sushi



South Korea's iconic bibimbap, a national dish



Authentic sake tasting in Japan



Chinese dumplings are a global favourite

multi-choice dinners with drinks included at one of two onboard restaurants led by fabulous chefs

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

Throughout your chosen tour, you will enjoy a range of delicious cuisine, selected by TravelMarvel just for you.

#### Sake Tasting, Japan ☆

Japan is the birthplace of sake. It all began in the eighth century, within the Imperial Palace in Nara. Enjoy a tasting and learn about how sake is produced.

#### Bibimbap Cooking Class, South Korea ☆

Immerse yourself in South Korea's gourmet culture, and learn to make the national dish, bibimbap, at a cooking class.

#### Korean BBQ, South Korea ☆

Dine at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house. Smoky meats and sizzling savoury pancakes are often on the menu.

#### Traditional Farmers Lunch, Sri Lanka ☆

Feast on simple, rustic Sri Lankan cuisine prepared in clay pots, for a delicious insight into authentic local fare.

#### Tea Plantation Visit, Sri Lanka ☆

Tour a tea plantation and learn all about the tea process. Visit a tea factory, sample some of the world's finest Ceylon tea and then sit down to a High Tea style lunch at the famous Grand Hotel.

#### Backwater Lunch Cruise, India ☆

Enjoy a relaxing scenic cruise through Kerala's backwaters on board a traditional houseboat. Relish a delicious lunch as you glide through the maze of canals.





# Traveller Club

A CLUB THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

Welcome to Traveller Club – our member-only loyalty program. Traveller Club is free for anyone to join and members have access to exclusive benefits, whether or not you have toured with us previously. Every time you travel with us, you rise through the membership tiers, so not only do you enjoy unforgettable travel experiences throughout the world, you unlock exciting new benefits after every trip.

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Temple of Heaven, China

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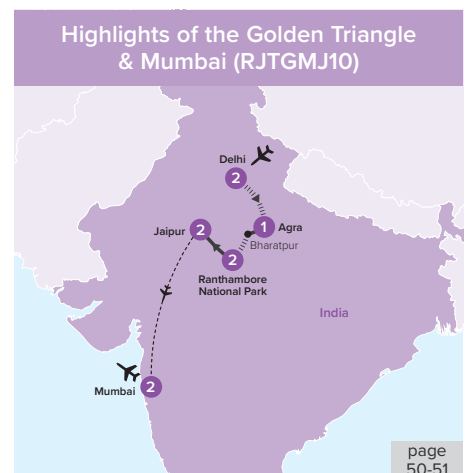
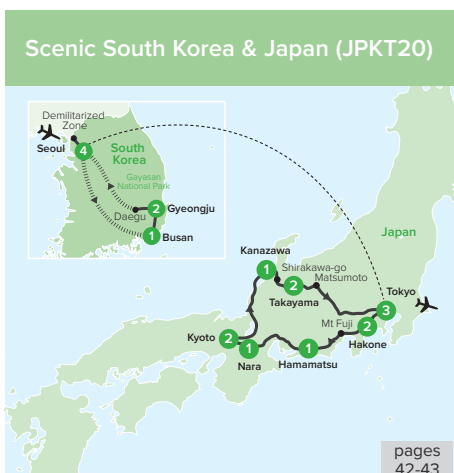
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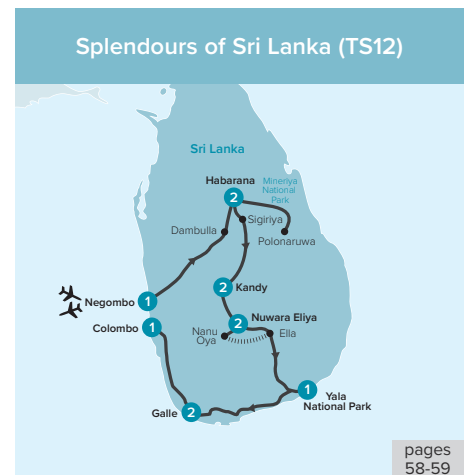








Stunning cherry blossoms in Fukuoka, Japan



Serene golden Buddhas, Colombo, Sri Lanka



# Earlybird OFFERS

SEE OVERLEAF FOR APPLICABLE TOURS

## EARLYBIRD SAVINGS

**SAVE** <sup>UP TO</sup> **\$2,000\*** <sup>PER</sup>  
**COUPLE**  
on selected holidays

THE OFFER ABOVE CAN BE COMBINED WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFERS:

## EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT

When you book any Asia holiday and pay in full 10 months prior to departure.

**SAVE** <sup>UP TO</sup> **\$600** <sup>PER</sup>  
**COUPLE**

## TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS & SAVE

When six or more people book together on an Asia holiday.

**SAVE** <sup>UP TO</sup> **\$600** <sup>PER</sup>  
**COUPLE**

\*Conditions apply. Information and offers are correct as of May 2024, but may fluctuate due to changes in availability, surcharges, fees, taxes or exchange rates. All pricing and amounts are in Australian dollars. A limited number of offers are available until sold out. Offers are subject to availability, available on new bookings and can be withdrawn any time. Offers cannot be combined with any other offer, unless otherwise stated. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is due within seven days of booking. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure. Earlybird Specials are strictly limited seats on set departures and are subject to availability at time of booking. **EARLYBIRD SAVINGS** are valid on new bookings only and are not valid in conjunction with any other offer. Offers may be withdrawn at any time.





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JAPAN HOLIDAYS					
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SOUTH KOREA HOLIDAYS					
40	Taste of South Korea	SKT08	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
42	Scenic South Korea & Japan	JPKT20	\$2,000	\$600	\$600
CHINA HOLIDAY					
46	Discover China	RJTCYG14	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
INDIA HOLIDAYS					
50	Highlights of the Golden Triangle & Mumbai	RJTGMJ10	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
52	India's Golden Triangle, Tigers & Shimla	RJTLTC13	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
54	Discover Southern India & Kerala	RJTGCJ15	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
SRI LANKA HOLIDAYS					
58	Splendours of Sri Lanka	TS12	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
60	In Search of Tigers & Leopards	TSGMJ21	\$2,000	\$600	\$600

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# Japan

Where breathtaking natural wonders and a futuristic cityscape join forces

Amid a land of contrasts, where the ancient and modern world blend seamlessly, Japan offers a wealth of curiosities.

## **BUZZING TOKYO**

More than just a city, this shimmering, neon metropolis perfectly illustrates Japan's dual nature. Just around the corner from futuristic skyscrapers, you'll find ancient temples and lantern-lit wooden buildings hailing from a far different time.

## **THE TRADITIONS OF KYOTO**

Picture old Japan and what do you see? A kimono-clad geisha wandering a quiet street? Incense burning outside a temple? A tea ceremony? Experience it all in Kyoto, a former capital and the country's spiritual heart. Here, there are over 1,000 Buddhist temples peppered throughout the city waiting to be explored, all marked with the tell-tale scarlet torii gates.

## **OSAKA GASTRONOMIC CAPITAL**

Osaka, in a word, is vibrant. From its buildings plastered with fluorescent billboards to its lively locals, there's never a dull moment. The best way to experience this is by wandering its energetic street-food markets. Here, find locals slurping steaming bowls of ramen and ordering the famous okonomiyaki, a Japanese pancake, among other dishes.

## **THE LEGENDS OF MOUNT FUJI**

This iconic emblem of Japan is surrounded by legend. Some say that the name 'Fuji' is derived from the word 'Fuchi' meaning the goddess of fire. In the past, women were not permitted to climb the mountain as it was believed to anger the jealous fire goddess. Now, you can get up close to the monumental peak.

## **THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED**

We take you at times off the main tourist track to uncover fascinating towns and cities. Discover award-winning whisky and famous beer in Sapporo, the stunning waterfront of Otaru, the friendly deer in Nara, and the musical culture of Hamamatsu.







A bridge showcasing traditional Japanese design, Kyoto





# Magical Japan

## Tokyo Return 13 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Join a hands-on sushi workshop after visiting Tokyo's largest wholesale fish market
- ☆ Experience a Japanese tea ceremony and appreciate the art of brewing, serving and drinking this special beverage
- ☆ Relish an authentic sake tasting in Takayama
- ☆ Indulge in a Surubobo making experience in Takayama
- ☆ Step inside a miso factory and discover how this essential ingredient in Japanese cuisine is produced
- ☆ Gather for a Japanese Farewell Dinner with fellow travellers

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 12 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director and local guides
- ✓ 20 meals – 12 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) and 5 dinners (D)
- ✓ Explore 10 towns, villages and cities
- ✓ Explore the coastal city of Hamamatsu and visit the fascinating Museum of Musical Instruments
- ✓ Spend time in Kyoto, the cultural capital of Japan and discover the intriguing world of the Geisha

**Day 1. Arrive Tokyo** Your adventure begins with a welcome briefing, then explore the city. Head to Harajuku. Later, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local izakaya style restaurant.  
Two Nights: Shibuya Excel Hotel, Tokyo or similar. D

**Day 2. Tokyo** This morning, drive around the outer grounds of the Imperial Palace, passing Tokyo Station on the way to Sensoji Temple. Later, visit Skytree and take in the stunning views of the city. Perhaps join a Taiko drum experience or take part in a calligraphy workshop (own expense). B

**Day 3. Tokyo, Hakone** ☆ Begin with a visit to Tsukiji Market. Explore the bustling stalls selling a variety of Japanese ingredients. After, enjoy a hands-on sushi workshop. Later, head to beautiful Hakone. At your hotel, you can partake in a traditional onsen experience or enjoy the hotel facilities. Enjoy a banquet dinner at your hotel.  
Two Nights: Hakone, Yumoto Onsen Tenseien or similar. BLD

**Day 4. Hakone** Begin your day with a walk on the Old Tokaido road. Later, take a boat ride on Lake Ashi. Transfer to a ropeway and cable car up to the top of Owakudani Geothermal Valley. While heading back to the hotel, take the opportunity to visit some of the museums and galleries dotted around Hakone. B

**Day 5. Hakone, Hamamatsu** Travel to Hamamatsu. Visit the Hamamatsu Flower Park. Continue to the Hamamatsu Museum of Musical Instruments. Later, head to the hotel to check in and relax for the evening.  
Stay: Hamamatsu, Okura ACT City Hotel or similar. BL

**Day 6. Hamamatsu, Nara** Travel to Nara. On the way, visit Toyota Commemorative Museum. Continue to Nara and visit Yakushiji Temple. With a 1,300-year history, the temple is the only wooden structure to have survived fires and other disasters.  
Stay: Nara, Daiwa Roynet Hotel. B

**Day 7. Nara, Kyoto** ☆ Visit Todaiji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of





Kinkakuji Temple, Kyoto



**SAVE UP TO**  
**\$1,400**  
 per couple\*  
 See pages 24-25

Japan's most famous temples. Stroll through Nara Park. Move on to Kyoto. Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine. See the impressive path framed by Torii gates. **Later, enjoy a special Japanese tea ceremony.** Tonight, savour dinner at a local restaurant. **Two Nights:** Kyoto, Noku Hotel. BD

**Day 8. Kyoto** Explore UNESCO-listed Kinkakuji, a stunning Zen temple with a golden exterior. Visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. Explore Tenryuji temple and its beautiful gardens. B

**Day 9. Kyoto, Kanazawa** Journey by coach to Kanazawa, a historic city, famous for its Edo-period districts, traditional tea houses, samurai residences and Kenrokuen Garden. Visit Higashi Chaya. Later, head to the hotel to check in. **Stay:** Kanazawa, Amanek Hotel. B

**Day 10. Kanazawa, Takayama** ☆ Enjoy a free morning with the option of a Kanazawa Castle Park and Kenokuen Garden tour or a Gold Leaf Craft Experience (own expense). Then, journey to Shirakawa-go. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Shirakawa-go offers a glimpse into rural Japan's history and culture. **Later, move on to Takayama, explore the old town and try local sake.** In the evening, try Hida Beef at a local restaurant. **Two Nights:** Tokyu Stay Hida, Takayama. BD

**Day 11. Takayama** ☆ Visit the Takayama Morning Market, a bustling and vibrant market featuring local produce, crafts and souvenirs. Then discover the colourful local festive floats and the Float Museum, **before indulging in a Surubobo making experience.** Enjoy a free afternoon. B

**Day 12. Takayama, Matsumoto, Tokyo** ☆ Depart early for Matsumoto. Famous for buckwheat soba noodles and Matsumoto Castle, a historic Japanese castle built in the 16th century. **Embark on an exploration of a miso factory before the journey back to Tokyo.** This evening, gather for a **Farewell Dinner celebrating your last night in Japan.** **Stay:** Shibuya, Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar. BLD

**Day 13. Depart Tokyo** After breakfast, transfer to Haneda Airport for your onward journey. B

## From \$7,295 per person, twin share

### 13 Days – Tokyo Return (JPT13)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 3, 17; Apr. 7	\$7,695	\$8,195
Mar. 31	\$7,795	\$8,495
May 12; Sep. 1	\$7,295	\$7,995
Sep. 22	\$7,495	\$8,195
Oct. 13	\$7,695	\$8,395

\*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$3,550, please enquire for details.

### Trip Notes

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For a detailed day-by-day itinerary, up-to-date prices, savings and departure dates, Search **JPT13** on [travelmarvel.com.au](https://travelmarvel.com.au)



Tokyo skyline





# Discovering Japan

## Tokyo to Osaka 12 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Journey by Limited Express train to Hakone travelling on the picturesque narrow-gauge line
- ☆ Visit the Mount Fuji Visitor Centre and travel to Mount Fuji's Fifth Station where you can see the icon's snow-capped peak
- ☆ Step inside a miso factory and discover how this essential ingredient in Japanese cuisine is produced
- ☆ Travel by 'Shinkansen' bullet train from Takayama to Hiroshima
- ☆ Admire Itsukushima Shrine and the torii gate on Miyajima Island
- ☆ Travel by bullet train to Kyoto
- ☆ Watch for geiko and maiko in the famous Gion district
- ☆ Indulge in a traditional Japanese dinner
- ☆ Take part in a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 11 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 15 meals – 11 breakfasts (B) and 4 dinners (D)
- ✓ Learn about the destruction unleashed at Hiroshima
- ✓ Take guided tours of Tokyo and Kyoto and discover fascinating culture and charming temples
- ✓ Explore Matsumoto Castle and Osaka's lively Dotonburi District

**Day 1. Arrive Tokyo** Welcome to Tokyo. Transfer to your hotel where a Welcome Dinner gives you the chance to meet your fellow travellers and Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort.  
Two Nights: Tokyo, Keio Plaza Hotel. D

**Day 2. Tokyo** A full-day tour of Tokyo begins with a trip to Hamarikyu Garden. Next it's on to the Asakusa Kannon Temple Sensoji. Afterwards, pay a visit to the Meiji Shrine and the famous Shibuya Crossing before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. B

**Day 3. Tokyo, Hakone** ☆ Today, make the journey to Odawara by train, travelling on a Limited Express train on the picturesque narrow-gauge line. Continue on to Owakudani volcanic valley and enjoy a tour of its active sulphur vents and hot springs before taking a ride on the Hakone Ropeway to the Togendai station, nestled on the shores of the tranquil Lake Ashi. Enjoy a relaxing cruise around the lake before continuing to your hotel for the evening.  
Stay: Hakone Hotel. BD

**Day 4. Hakone, Matsumoto** ☆ This morning, travel to Mount Fuji, Japan's most distinctive landmark. Driving along the foot of the famous mountain, disembark at the Mount Fuji Visitor Centre to learn more about the country's tallest volcano. Continue to Mount Fuji's Fifth Station where, if the sun is shining, you will be able to see the snow-capped peak. Later, travel to Matsumoto to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.  
Stay: Matsumoto, Buena Vista Hotel. B

**Day 5. Matsumoto, Takayama** ☆ Visit a miso factory to find out how this Japanese staple is made. After, you will venture to Matsumoto Castle, a five-storey fortress. En route to Takayama, visit Hida Folk Village, a beautiful open-air museum of historic farmhouses. Arrive in the picturesque town of Takayama.  
Stay: Hotel Associa Takayama Resort. B

**Day 6. Takayama, Nagoya, Hiroshima** ☆ This morning, join a guided walking tour to see sights including Miyagawa Morning Market, with its



**SAVE UP TO \$1,400 per couple\***  
See pages 24-25



Matsumoto Castle

array of stalls selling local farm products and handicrafts, Takayama Jinya and Sannomachi Street. Later, set off on a journey on the Hida Train to Nagoya, continuing onwards by bullet train to Hiroshima.

Two Nights: Hotel Granvia Hiroshima.

B

#### Day 7. Hiroshima, Miyajima Island ☆

Today, travel by train and ferry to Miyajima Island. Translated as 'Shrine Island', the wooded island is home to the famous Itsukushima Shrine. During your time here you'll enjoy a walking tour and see cheeky wild deer. Enjoy free time to discover more before returning to Hiroshima.

B

#### Day 8. Hiroshima, Kyoto ☆

This morning, visit Hiroshima's World Peace Memorial Park and the A-Bomb Dome Museum. Afterwards, travel by bullet train to Kyoto. There, indulge in a traditional Japanese dinner at a local restaurant, renowned for using delicious and fresh produce. Later, wander the streets of the famous Gion district and keep watch for one of the many beautiful geiko and maiko. Three Nights: Righa Royal Hotel Kyoto.

BD

#### Day 9. Kyoto ☆

Venture to some of Kyoto's beautiful formal gardens to enjoy a traditional tea ceremony this morning. Afterwards, take a tour

of Kyoto's most famous landmarks including Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion), Kyoto Railway Museum, and Kiyomizu Temple. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure in Kyoto.

B

#### Day 10. Kyoto, Nara ☆

Today you'll enjoy a day trip to Nara. See Todai-ji Temple and its Great Buddha, and Nigatsu-do Shrine. Later, stroll through Nara's famous Deer Park, home to over 1,200 wild deer which freely roam the park, grazing on the spacious lawns. En route to Kyoto, take part in a fascinating tea tasting where you will try 3 different types of Japanese tea.

B

**Day 11. Kyoto, Osaka** After a visit to Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, continue on to Osaka and visit the Umeda Observatory in the iconic Umeda Sky building. Continue on to the lively Dotonbori District. Celebrate your final evening with a Farewell Dinner.

Stay: Sheraton Miyako Hotel Osaka.

BD

**Day 12. Depart Osaka** Transfer to Kansai International airport after breakfast for your onward flight.

B

## From \$9,995 per person, twin share

### 12 Days – Tokyo to Osaka (RJTJAG12)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 16; Apr. 13; May 4	\$10,295	\$10,995
Mar. 23, 25, 30; Apr. 6; Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26	\$10,395	\$11,095
May. 25; Sep. 7, 21	\$9,995	\$10,695

\*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$4,000, please enquire for details.

### Trip Notes

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For a detailed day-by-day itinerary, up-to-date prices, savings and departure dates, Search **RJTJAG12** on [travelmarvel.com.au](https://travelmarvel.com.au)



Hiroshima dome and skyline





# Grand Tour of Japan

## Sapporo to Fukuoka 14 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Explore Ayoma Villa and learn about the herring fishing trade
- ☆ Journey to Hakodate on the Super Hokuto limited express train
- ☆ Experience dinner in a local beer hall in Hakodate
- ☆ Travel by Shinkansen bullet train and scenic railways across Japan
- ☆ Visit the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre
- ☆ Step inside a miso factory and discover how this essential ingredient in Japanese cuisine is produced
- ☆ Take part in a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto
- ☆ Spend time in Miyajima Island and admire the enchanting red torii gate
- ☆ Admire the displays at the Kyushu National Museum

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 13 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 17 meals – 13 breakfasts (B) and 4 dinners (D)
- ✓ Spend time at the World Heritage-listed Miyajima Island

**Day 1. Arrive Sapporo** Arrive in Sapporo and transfer to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travellers and Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort. **Two Nights:** Keio Plaza Sapporo. D

**Day 2. Sapporo** ☆ Discover the delights of Otaru, a charming port city in Hokkaido. Visit the fascinating Music Box Museum before heading to explore Ayoma Villa. Learn about the herring fishing trade, the great wealth one family gained and admire the stunning villa. Later, head back to Sapporo and enjoy an evening at leisure. B

**Day 3. Sapporo, Hakodate** ☆ Travel to Hakodate on the Super Hokuto limited express train. This afternoon, take a sightseeing tour by coach including Goryokaku fortress. Later, ascend Mount Hakodate via ropeway for fabulous views. **Tonight,** experience dinner in a local beer

hall dining on local specialties. **Stay:** La Vista Hakodate Bay. BD

**Day 4. Hakodate, Tokyo** ☆ Explore the vivid array of stalls at Hakodate's fish market, where fresh produce is bought and sold in a lively atmosphere. **After your visit, travel to Tokyo** by bullet train. **Two Nights:** Tokyo, Keio Plaza Hotel. B

**Day 5. Tokyo** A full-day sightseeing tour of Tokyo. Visit the Imperial Palace Plaza. Explore Asakusa with its Sensoji Temple and take in the energy of the famous Shibuya Crossing, the busiest intersection on the planet. B

**Day 6. Tokyo, Hakone** ☆ Travel by Limited Express train to Hakone. Enjoy a scenic ride on the Hakone Ropeway over the Owakudani Valley and Lake Ashi, as well as a boat cruise across the serene lake. Continue on to your hotel in Hakone.





Miyajima Island



Stay: The Prince Hakone  
Lake Ashinoko. BD

**Day 7. Hakone, Matsumoto** ☆  
Visit the Mount Fuji World Heritage  
Centre where you will learn more  
about the world-famous symbol.

Later, stop at the Chihiro Art  
Museum Azumino en route  
to Matsumoto.

Stay: Matsumoto Hotel Kagetsu. B

**Day 8. Matsumoto, Takayama** ☆  
This morning, visit the miso  
factory and Matsumoto Castle,  
visit Hida Folk Village, an open-air  
museum of rustic farm dwellings.  
Then, continue to Takayama, where  
you'll enjoy an overnight stay.

Stay: Hotel Associa  
Takayama Resort. B

**Day 9. Takayama,  
Nagoya, Kyoto** ☆  
Explore Takayama and admire the  
ancient architecture on a guided  
tour before travelling to Kyoto  
by bullet train.

Two Nights: Kyoto, Righa Royal. B

**Day 10. Kyoto** See the highlights  
of Kyoto today. Embark on a tour  
beginning at the Kyoto Railway  
Museum before visiting the iconic  
Kinkakuji Temple. Stroll through  
the tranquil Sagano Bamboo Forest.  
After taking part in a traditional tea  
ceremony, finish the day with  
a stroll around the Gion area. B

**Day 11. Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima** ☆

Travel by Limited Express train to  
Hakone Today you'll explore Nara.  
Take in the Todai-ji Temple and  
continue to beautiful Nara Park  
before transferring to Osaka,  
where you'll catch a bullet train  
to Hiroshima.

Two Nights: Hiroshima, Sheraton  
Grand Hiroshima Island. B

**Day 12. Hiroshima,  
Miyajima Island** ☆

A guided tour today takes you  
around Hiroshima, your tour  
explores the city's tragic  
devastation during World War II.  
Discover Miyajima island with its  
famed red Shinto shrine, a World  
Heritage site. B

**Day 13. Hiroshima, Fukuoka**

After breakfast, journey to  
Hakata by bullet train. Take  
in the Dazaifu Tenman-gu  
Shrine and visit the Kyushu  
National Museum. This evening,  
enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a  
local restaurant.

Stay: Fukuoka, New Otani  
Hotel Hakata. BD

**Day 14. Depart Fukuoka**

Transfer to Fukuoka airport  
this morning after breakfast. B

## From \$11,995 per person, twin share

### 14 Days – Sapporo to Fukuoka (RJJTJG14)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 25; Apr. 8	\$11,995	\$12,695
Sep. 16; Oct. 7	\$11,995	\$12,695

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for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$4,100, please enquire for details.

#### Trip Notes

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For a detailed day-by-day itinerary,  
up-to-date prices, savings and departure dates,  
Search **RJTJTG14** on [travelmarvel.com.au](http://travelmarvel.com.au)



Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kyoto





# Essence of Japan & Coastal Discovery

## Osaka to Tokyo 16 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCE

- ☆ Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local Japanese restaurant

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 11 nights aboard the Heritage Adventurer
- ✓ Four nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Cruise Director, Expedition Team and local guides
- ✓ 40 meals – 15 breakfasts (B), 12 lunches (L) and 13 dinners (D)
- ✓ Explore 14 towns, villages and cities
- ✓ Explore the historic temples of Kyoto, and uncover this enchanting city
- ✓ Spend time in Miyajima Island and admire the enchanting red torii gate
- ✓ Explore the historic temples of Kyoto

### Day 1. Arrive Osaka ☆

Arrive in Osaka and transfer to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travellers.

Two Nights: Osaka, ANA Crowne Plaza.

D

### Day 2. Osaka, Kyoto, Osaka

Journey to Arashiyama to explore Tenryuji temple. Discover Arashiyama's famous bamboo groves. Arrive at Nonomiya Shrine. Continue to UNESCO-listed Kinkakuji. Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine. Be transported back to your hotel in Osaka.

BL

### Day 3. Osaka, Embark Ship

Visit Osaka Expo '70 Park. Next stop is the Floating Garden Observatory. Then visit Osaka Castle. Be transferred to your premium expedition ship, Heritage Adventurer. JPTXO12 passengers join the tour.

11 Nights: Heritage Adventurer. BD

**Day 4. Takamatsu** Embark on a scenic drive to the Kinashi Bonsai Farm. Continue on to Ritsurin Garden. Perhaps take part in an optional Pilgrim Tour (own expense). Start your tour with a drive to Zentsu-ji Temple. Then on

to Konzo-ji Temple for an Osuna-Fumi experience. BLD

**Day 5. Okayama** Journey to the Kurashiki Historical Quarter. Engage in a traditional tea experience at Shinkei-En, nestled within the Ohara Museum. Conclude the day with a stroll through the charming old town (Bikan Area) of Kurashiki. Take a scenic drive back to the port. BLD

**Day 6. Hiroshima, Miyajima Island** Visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Head to the Peace Memorial Museum. This afternoon, arrive on Miyajima Island by Zodiac. Take a scenic walk to Itsukushima Shrine. Enjoy a stroll back to Miyajima Island port. BLD

**Day 7. Uwajima** Select an optional tour this morning (own expense) or relax on your ship. This afternoon, visit the Museum of Ehime History and Culture. BLD

**Day 8. Yakushima Island** Witness the beauty of this primeval forest, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue on to Yakushima Museum. Later, you may partake in a Yakushima Chopsticks Making Tour (own expense). BLD



**SAVE UP TO**  
**\$2,600**  
 per couple\*  
 See pages 24-25



Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Kyoto

**Day 9. Nagasaki** Begin your day with a drive to the Atomic Bomb Museum. Drive to the remarkable Urakami Cathedral. You may wish to take a tour to see a traditional Geisha performance (own expense). BLD

**Day 10. Hagi** Your exploration starts with a drive to Hagi Old Town. Visit the Samurai Quarter, wandering through the Samurai House and soaking in the historical charm. Visit Toko-ji Temple. Later, you may wish to partake in an optional kimono experience (own expense). BLD

**Day 11. Ulsan, Busan** From the port of Ulsan, you may opt to visit Busan (own expense). Visit the famous Gamcheon Culture Village. Head over to Yongdusan Park. Learn about Busan's history by visiting shrines and monuments on the mountain. BLD

**Day 12. Matsue** Visit one of the 12 original castles. Take a short walk to the Matsue History Museum. In the afternoon, perhaps choose to visit the renowned Adachi Museum of Art, celebrated for its exceptional Japanese gardens and extensive collection of modern Japanese art (own expense). BLD

**Day 13. Kanazawa** Start with a visit to Omicho Market. Following this, take a scenic drive to Kenroku-en Garden. Indulge in a delightful lunch on board your ship, before venturing into the Nagamachi Samurai District. You may choose to round off your day with a

Golden Leaf craft experience (own expense). BLD

**Day 14. Kanazawa, Disembark Ship, Tokyo** Bid farewell to the ship. JPTXO12 passengers will be transferred to the airport, where their tour ends. Otherwise, we commence the next leg of the trip. Transfer to Kanazawa Station and take the iconic bullet train to Tokyo.

Two Nights: Tokyo, Shibuya Excel. BL

**Day 15. Tokyo** Begin your exploration with a visit to Meiji Shrine. Visit the Imperial Palace. Visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple. Delight in a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. BD

**Day 16. Depart Tokyo** After breakfast, transfer to Haneda Airport for your onward journey. B

## From \$17,195 per person, twin share

### 16 Days – Osaka to Tokyo (JPTXO16)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Apr. 4	\$17,195	\$18,195

\*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$10,100, enquire for details and upgrade pricing.

### 12 Days CRUISE ONLY – Osaka to Tokyo (JPTXO12)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Apr. 6	\$13,495	\$14,495

Solo travellers add on from \$8,300, enquire for details and upgrade pricing.

Flights not included in the above tour price.

### Cruise Upgrades

Prices are based on a Main Deck Stateroom. See page 68 for deck plans. To upgrade your stateroom, add per person, twin share:

Stateroom Type	Twin Share
Superior Stateroom Deck 4	\$745
Superior Stateroom Deck 5	\$1,195
Worsley Suite Deck 6	\$1,995
Heritage Suite Deck 6	\$3,995

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For a detailed day-by-day itinerary,  
 up-to-date prices, savings and departure dates,  
 Search JPTXO16 on [travelmarvel.com.au](https://travelmarvel.com.au)





# Japan's Golden Route & Coastal Discovery

## Tokyo Return 18 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local Japanese restaurant
- ☆ Partake in a Japanese Tea Ceremony, a traditional ritual of preparing and serving matcha tea
- ☆ Take a street food tour in Osaka for lunch, sampling a selection of local delicacies for which the city is famous

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 11 nights aboard the Heritage Adventurer
- ✓ Six nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Cruise Director, Expedition Team and local guides
- ✓ 42 meals – 16 breakfasts (B), 14 lunches (L) and 12 dinners (D)
- ✓ Explore 16 towns, villages and cities
- ✓ Spend time in Hakone and soak up the views of Mount Fuji
- ✓ Journey by high speed 'Shinkansen' bullet train
- ✓ Explore the historic temples of Kyoto and uncover this enchanting city

#### Day 1. Arrive Tokyo ☆

Welcome to Tokyo. Be met on arrival and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy your delicious Welcome Dinner tonight.

Three Nights: Tokyo, Grand Prince Shin Takanawa. D

**Day 2. Tokyo** Visit the Imperial Palace and explore the Sensoji Temple. Visit to the Meiji Shrine and Shibuya Crossing. You may wish to join an optional sushi making workshop or take a Taiko drumming lesson (own expense). B

**Day 3. Tokyo, Hakone, Tokyo** Journey to Hakone to visit the Hakone Shrine. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant then head to Hakonemachi where you'll board a boat to Togendai. Continue your journey via Ropeway heading towards Owakudani. BL

**Day 4. Tokyo, Kyoto** Transfer to Tokyo station for a high-speed bullet train to Kyoto. Visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest.

Discover the Tenryuji Temple. Later, see Nonomiya Shrine.

Three Nights: Kyoto, Hotel Nikko Princess. B

#### Day 5. Kyoto ☆

Take a tour of Kyoto's most famous landmarks including Kinkakuji Temple. Afterwards, partake in a Japanese Tea Ceremony. Choose to do an origami or calligraphy session this afternoon (own expense). BL

#### Day 6. Kyoto, Nara, Kyoto

Transfer to Fushimi. Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine. Then head to Nara. Visit Todaji Temple. Later, visit Kasuga Taisha. BL

#### Day 7. Kyoto, Osaka, Embark Ship ☆

Travel to Osaka and take a walking tour of the Dotonbori before embarking on a food tour in Osaka for lunch, sampling a selection of delicious local delicacies. Later, transfer to your expedition ship.

11 Nights: Heritage Adventurer. BLD









# South Korea

Juxtaposing tranquil landscapes with the buzz of the big cities

South Korea is almost enigmatic, as it flies under the radar for many travellers. We leave no stone unturned in our travels through this captivating nation.

## **SOUTH KOREA'S HEART AND SEOUL**

Fashion-forward and racing towards the next technological advancement, South Korea's cutting-edge capital is a far cry from the surrounding countryside. But as fast-paced and dynamic as Seoul is, you'll find many pockets of ancient history in its proudly preserved World Heritage sites.

## **INSIGHT AT THE DEMILITARISED ZONE**

Make the journey to the Demilitarised Zone, the world's most heavily guarded border, where four kilometres of no-man's land divides North and South Korea. While here, learn about the countries' conflict and head to the Dora Observatory to look at the mysterious landscapes of North Korea.

## **BUSAN'S BREATHTAKING WONDERS**

There's so much more to this bustling port town than meets the eye. While seafood plays a huge role in the everyday lives of the locals – take the incredible scale of the famous Jagalchi Fish Market for example – you'll also find seaside temples, pastel-coloured villages and mountains cutting through the dynamic urban landscape.

## **FLAVOURS OF SOUTH KOREA**

Korean food continues to gather popularity across the world – for good reason. While you can visit a gogi-jip (meat house) on almost any street corner, there's a whole other world of South Korean delicacies awaiting. Think kimchi, hoeddeok (sweet syrupy pancakes) and the nation's favourite dish – bibimbap.

## **TRADITIONS OF BUKCHON HANOK VILLAGE**

As one of South Korea's oldest villages, Bukchon Hanok offers an invaluable insight into Korean culture. The traditional hanok style of housing dates back to the Joseon Dynasty. Wander through enchanting alleyways and admire these distinct and fascinating structures.







Bongeunsa Temple, Seoul





# Taste of South Korea

## Seoul Return 8 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Indulge in a Welcome Dinner at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house
- ☆ Enjoy tea time with a monk at Jogyesa Temple
- ☆ See the changing of the guard ceremony at Gyeongbok Palace
- ☆ Travel on board South Korea's high-speed bullet train, the KTX Express
- ☆ Join a hands-on cooking workshop to make bibimbap

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director
- ✓ 14 meals – 7 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) and 3 dinners (D)
- ✓ Experience a traditional Korean village at Bukchon Hanok
- ✓ Take a moonlight stroll around Donggung Palace & Wolji Pond

### Day 1. Arrive Seoul ☆

Arrive in Seoul and be transferred to your accommodation. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening, joining your Tour Director and fellow travellers at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house. Three Nights: Courtyard by Marriott Seoul Namdaemun or similar. D

### Day 2. Seoul, Demilitarised Zone

You'll visit the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) to gain an understanding of the bordering countries. Spend time at the DMZ Theatre and Exhibition Hall, and the station, along with Dora Observatory. Return to Seoul for an afternoon visit to Insadong. This neighbourhood is steeped in tradition and boasts a plethora of art galleries, antique shops, craft stores and traditional teahouses. Later, stop at Hanyangdoseong, also known as Seoul City Wall. Take a walk along the wall, soaking in the surrounding views and incredible history. B

### Day 3. Seoul ☆

Visit Jogyesa Temple for the chance to share tea with a monk and experience the unique culture of Korean Buddhism. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant to taste Samgyetang (ginseng chicken soup). Afterwards, embark on a tour of Gyeongbokgung Palace, the largest palace in South Korea. Then, visit the National Museum of Contemporary Korean History. BL

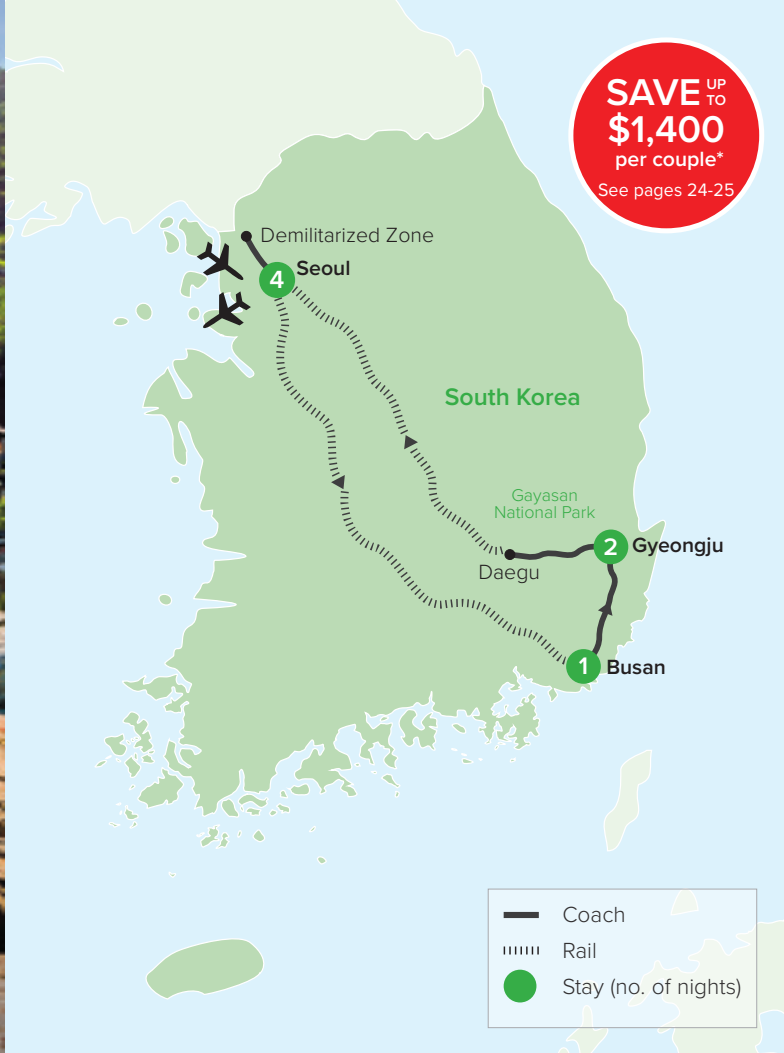
### Day 4. Seoul, Busan ☆

Travel to Busan aboard one of South Korea's famous KTX Express trains. Upon arrival in South Korea's second-largest city, you'll be taken on a city sightseeing tour. Begin at Busan Tower, which offers a great vantage point to the city's bustling port. Visit Jagalchi Fishery Market. Finish your explorations in Gamcheon Village and the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, a significant and poignant site commemorating the Korean War. Stay: Busan, Shilla Stay Haeundae. BD





Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, Busan

**Day 5. Busan, Gyeongju ☆**

Visit Dongbaekseom Island. Soak in the beautiful coastline on a scenic coastal trail around the island's nature forest. Head to Mipo station to board the Busan Sky Capsule, a unique observation deck offering panoramic views. Afterwards, learn how to make bibimbap in a hands-on cooking workshop. Continue to Haedong Yonggungsa Seaside Temple. Then journey to Gyeongju, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Afterwards, take a stroll across Tumuli Park where over 200 royal tombs can be found. See Family Choi's House, the oldest house in the area, built in 1693, and visit the Cheomseongdae observatory.

**Two Nights:** Lahan  
Select Gyeongju.

BL

**Day 6. Gyeongju** Set your sights on the World Heritage-listed Bulguksa Temple. Nearby, explore Seokguram Grotto and see the giant Sakyamuni Buddha. Travel to Yangdong Folk Village, a traditional yangban (Korean Aristocracy) village from the Joseon dynasty. See the charming neighbourhood consisting of traditional hanok houses against a backdrop of beautiful natural scenery. A leisurely evening walk takes you to the Woljeong Bridge, and the historical "gateway" connecting

the royal palaces of Silla to the south, on the Namcheon stream. See the Wolji pond located in Gyeongju National Park.

BL

**Day 7. Gyeongju, Daegu, Seoul ☆**

Make the journey to Haeinsa Temple, a World Heritage site, located within Gayasan National Park. As one of the three principal Buddhist temples in South Korea, discover Buddhist scriptures, which have been carved into more than 80,000 wooden blocks. Afterwards, head to Daegu train station and travel by KTX Express Train to Seoul. Tonight, celebrate your holiday with your fellow travellers and Tour Director with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Stay:** Courtyard by Marriott  
Seoul Namdaemun or similar.

BLD

**Day 8. Depart Seoul** After breakfast, a transfer takes you to Incheon International Airport.

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**From \$6,195 per person, twin share****8 Days – Seoul Return (SKT08)****2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)**

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Feb. 24	\$6,395	\$6,895
Mar. 10	\$6,495	\$6,995
Mar. 31; Oct. 6	\$6,795	\$7,495
May 5	\$6,195	\$6,895
Sep. 15	\$6,295	\$6,995

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Solo travellers add on from \$2,550, please enquire for details.

**Trip Notes**

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up-to-date prices, savings and departure dates,  
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Try your hand at making bibimbap





# Scenic South Korea & Japan

## Seoul to Tokyo 20 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Indulge in a Welcome Dinner at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house
- ☆ See the changing of the guard ceremony at Gyeongbok Palace
- ☆ Enjoy tea time with a monk at Jogyesa Temple
- ☆ Travel on board South Korea's high-speed bullet train, the KTX Express
- ☆ Learn how to make bibimbap during a cooking class and demonstration
- ☆ Join a hands-on sushi workshop after visiting Tokyo's largest wholesale fish market
- ☆ Experience a Japanese tea ceremony and appreciate the art of brewing, serving and drinking this special beverage
- ☆ Indulge in a sake tasting experience in Takayama
- ☆ Learn how to make Surubobo in Takayama
- ☆ Step inside a miso factory and discover how this essential ingredient in Japanese cuisine is produced
- ☆ Gather for a Japanese Farewell Dinner with fellow travellers

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 19 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of Travelmarvel Tour Directors
- ✓ 34 meals – 19 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) and 8 dinners (D)
- ✓ Visit the snow-capped Mount Fuji and explore Matsumoto Castle
- ✓ Experience dinner at an izakaya-style restaurant
- ✓ Wander through the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove

#### Day 1. Arrive Seoul ☆

Arrive in Seoul. Join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house.  
**Three Nights:** Courtyard Marriott Seoul Namdaemun. D

#### Day 2. Seoul, Paju, Demilitarized

**Zone** You'll visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Paju. Spend time at the DMZ Theatre and Exhibition Hall. Return to Seoul for a visit to the War Memorial Museum. BL

#### Day 3. Seoul ☆

Begin with a tour of Gyeongbok Palace then Jogyesa Temple for the chance to share tea with a monk. Your last stop is Bukchon Hanok Village. BL

#### Day 4. Seoul, Busan ☆

Travel to Busan aboard a KTX express train. Begin at Busan Tower then visit Jagalchi Fishery Market. Finish your explorations in Gamcheon Village.

**Stay:** Busan, Shilla Stay Haeundae. BD

#### Day 5. Busan, Gyeongju ☆

Visit Dongbaekseom Island, then head to Mipo station to board the Busan Sky Capsule. Afterwards, Learn how to make Korea's favourite dish, bibimbap. Visit

Haedong Yonggung Temple. Discover family Choi's House, the oldest house in the area, built in the 1600s.

**Two Nights:** Lahan Select Gyeongju. B

**Day 6. Gyeongju** See Bulguska Temple. Nearby, explore Seokguram Grotto then travel to Yangdong Folk Village. Head back to Gyeongju and enjoy a leisurely walk to the Woljeong Bridge. BL

#### Day 7. Gyeongju, Daegu, Seoul ☆

Journey by coach to Haeinsa Temple. Afterwards, board a KTX Express Train to Seoul. Tonight, celebrate Korea with a special dinner at a local restaurant.

**Stay:** Seoul, Courtyard Marriott Namdaemun. BLD

**Day 8. Tokyo** Fly to Tokyo and transfer to your hotel. Meet your Japan Tour Director before dinner.

**Two Nights:** Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar. BD

**Day 9. Tokyo** Begin with a trip to Sensoji Temple. Later, visit Skytree and enjoy stunning views of the city. This afternoon you may choose a Taiko drum or calligraphy workshop (additional expense). B





Seoul city skyline, South Korea

**Day 10. Tokyo, Hakone** ☆

Start your day with a visit to Tsukiji Market, and enjoy learning how to make your own authentic sushi. Later, head to Hakone and perhaps partake in a traditional onsen experience at your hotel.

Two nights: Hakone Yumoto Onsen Tensein or similar. BLD

**Day 11. Hakone** Start with a walk on part of the Old Tokaido road. Then, embark on a boat ride on Lake Ashi. Take a cable car up to the top of Owakudani Geothermal Valley. Afterwards, enjoy an afternoon at your leisure. B

**Day 12. Hakone, Hamamatsu**

Journey to Hamamatsu. First, visit the Hamamatsu Flower Park, then continue to the Hamamatsu Museum of Musical Instruments.

Stay: Hamamatsu, Okura ACT City Hotel or similar. BL

**Day 13. Hamamatsu, Nara** Head to Nara today. On the way, visit Toyota Commemorative Museum. Continue to Nara and visit Yakushiji Temple. Head to the hotel to check in and relax.

Stay: Nara, Daiwa Roynet Hotel. B

**Day 14. Nara, Kyoto** ☆

Visit Todaiji Temple and Nara Park, with its friendly wild deer. Head to Kyoto and visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, walk along the path framed by Torii gates. Later, enjoy an authentic Japanese Tea Ceremony. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Two Nights: Kyoto, Noku Hotel. BD

**Day 15. Kyoto** Today, explore UNESCO-listed Kinkakuji, otherwise known as the Golden Pavillion. Visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove and explore Tenryuji temple. B

**Day 16. Kyoto, Kanazawa** Visit Higashi Chaya, a place for geiko, and explore cafés, restaurants, sweet shops, and craft shops. Then head to the hotel to check in. Stay: Kanazawa, Amanek Hotel. B

**Day 17. Kanazawa, Takayama** ☆  
Enjoy a free morning with optional activities, then head to Shirakawa-go, which is known for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses. After, indulge in a sake tasting.

Two Nights: Tokyu Stay Hida Takayama. BD

**Day 18. Takayama** ☆

Visit the Takayama Morning Market, see local festive floats at the Float Museum, before a Surubobo making experience. After, enjoy a free afternoon.

Stay: Osaka Excel Hotel Tokyo. B

**Day 19. Takayama, Matsumoto, Tokyo** ☆

Depart for Matsumoto and visit 16th century Matsumoto Castle. Explore a miso factory then journey back to Tokyo for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate your last night in Japan. BLD

**Day 20. Depart Tokyo** Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. B

**From \$13,695 per person, twin share****20 Days – Seoul to Tokyo (JPKT20)****2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)**

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Feb. 24	\$14,195	\$15,195
Mar. 10	\$14,495	\$15,495
Mar. 31	\$14,695	\$15,995
May 5	\$13,695	\$14,995
Sep. 15	\$13,995	\$15,295
Oct. 6	\$14,695	\$15,995

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Solo travellers add on from \$6,100, please enquire for details.

**Trip Notes**

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Takayama, Japan





# China

Where remarkable landscapes, ancient dynasties and heart-racing modernisation collide

It's a vast land of natural scenes, diverse dialects and mouth watering regional cuisine.

## BEIJING'S TIMELESS TREASURES

More than a silver city constantly moving towards the future, Beijing is home to a wealth of historic treasures. Wander the Forbidden City, where Chinese emperors ruled for over 500 years, and visit the Great Wall of China, one of the best examples of mankind's power.

## CRUISING THE THREE GORGES REGION

Travelling through the spectacular Three Gorges region, your cruise down the Yangtze River is guaranteed to leave you spellbound. The region is made up of towering cliffs, charming riverside villages and mountains blanketed in green forest.

## XI'AN - HOME OF THE TERRACOTTA ARMY


With a continuous history stretching back over thousands of years, Xi'an has plenty to offer the keen history buff. See the awe-inspiring rows of Terracotta Warriors, which have stood guard over China's first emperor for two millennia, yet were only rediscovered in 1974.

## ANCIENT STREETS, DYNAMIC METROPOLIS & CUDDLY PANDAS

Step back in time in Chengdu to experience ancient China as you wander down Jinli Street. Follow the winding, narrow lanes aglow with red lanterns, and find snack stalls, traditional wooden buildings and tranquil ponds hidden away. Meanwhile, be thrust into China's future as you explore the fast-paced lifestyle of Shanghai. Don't forget the most adorable attraction in Chengdu - the delightful Giant Panda.

## FLAVOURS OF THE REGION

Discover why Chinese cuisine has become a worldwide favourite, sampling local flavour-packed specialties such as juicy dumplings and baozi, crispy Peking Duck and the sizzling dishes of Sichuan.











# Discover China

## Beijing to Shanghai 14 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Discover China's greatest icon, the Great Wall of China
- ☆ Sample Beijing's most iconic dish, Peking Duck
- ☆ Board a high-speed train headed for Xi'an
- ☆ Feast on a traditional Chinese dumpling banquet
- ☆ Embark on a high-speed train journey to Chengdu
- ☆ See the Giant Pandas at the Chengdu Research Base
- ☆ Visit a teahouse in People's Park in Chengdu
- ☆ Enjoy a Farewell Dinner while cruising the Huangpu River

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 10 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Three-night Yangtze River cruise on the Victoria Jenna
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 31 meals – 13 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L) and 8 dinners (D)
- ✓ Be in awe of the Terracotta Army in Xi'an
- ✓ Discover the wonders of Beijing including the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven

**Day 1. Arrive Beijing** Be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. This evening, savour a Welcome Dinner and meet your Great Rail Journey Tour Escort and fellow travellers.  
Three Nights: Beijing, Novotel Peace Hotel. D

**Day 2. Beijing** Set off for a full day of exploring. Visit Tiananmen Square. Continue to the Forbidden City. Discover ornate grand halls, breathtaking architecture and beautiful gardens. Later, marvel at the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Temple of Heaven. BL

**Day 3. Beijing, Great Wall of China** ☆  
Discover China's greatest icon, the Great Wall of China. Take in breathtaking views during a cable car ride to the Mutianyu section. Later, visit a cloisonne factory. This evening, sample Beijing's most iconic dish with a delicious banquet of Peking Duck at a local restaurant. BLD

**Day 4. Beijing, Xi'an** ☆  
This morning, board a high-speed train headed for Xi'an. Enjoy the comforts of First-Class modern

carriages as you take in the views of Eastern China while travelling at speeds of up to 186km per hour. Arrive in Xi'an, the eastern point of the ancient Silk Road. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.  
Two Nights: Xi'an, Grand Mecure Renmin Square. B

**Day 5. Xi'an** ☆  
Known for its remarkable collection of Terracotta Warriors, a discovery of Xi'an awaits. Spend the afternoon on a guided tour of Xi'an, taking in some of its most famous sights. Tonight, look forward to a traditional Chinese dumpling banquet. BLD

**Day 6. Xi'an, Chengdu** ☆  
Travel through the countryside on a high-speed train to Chengdu. On arrival, be transferred to your hotel. Gather this evening to embrace the flavours of Sichuan.  
Two Nights: Chengdu, Tibet Hotel. BLD

**Day 7. Chengdu** ☆  
See the Giant Pandas this morning at the Research Base of Panda Breeding, then enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the Buddhist Wenshu Monastery and learn





Terracotta Warriors



about the ancient structure. Later, visit charming Jinli Street, where bright lanterns light up the path. Traditional crafts, food vendors and market stalls provide a sensory treat of cultural delights. **BL**

#### Day 8. Chengdu, Chongqing, Embark Ship ☆

Visit a teahouse in People's Park before travelling by train to Chongqing, where you will savour dinner at a local restaurant. Later, board your river ship for a three night cruise along the Yangtze River. **Three Nights:** Yangtze River, Victoria Jenna. **BLD**

**Day 9. Scenic Cruising, Fengdu Ghost City** Enjoy a shore excursion to Shuanggui Hill National Forest Park before returning to our ship for lunch. Afterwards, you may choose an optional excursion to Fengdu Ghost City (own expense). Back on board the vessel, enjoy taking part in a variety of cultural activities before dinner. **BLD**

**Day 10. Scenic Cruising, Shennong Stream** Immerse yourself in the region's stunning gorges. This morning's optional excursion (own expense) is to the White Emperor City. Sail through the Qutang and Wu Gorges, two of the famous Three Gorges, both renowned for their picture-perfect scenery. In the afternoon, join a sailing excursion along the Shennong Stream. Meander through emerald waters. This

picturesque tributary cuts through the ancestral lands of the Tujia people. Following the captain's farewell dinner, enjoy an onboard cabaret show. **BLD**

**Day 11. Disembark Ship, Yichang, Shanghai** Bid farewell to your river ship and disembark at Maoping Pier. Spend the morning at the Three Gorges Dam and take in the colossal scale of the world's largest hydropower project. After lunch, transfer to Yichang airport for your flight to Shanghai. **Three Nights:** Shanghai, Grand Central Hotel. **BL**

**Day 12. Shanghai** Journey to Suzhou this morning. Visit the Master of the Nets Garden. After lunch, visit the city's 100-year-old Silk Mill. Transfer to Pingjiang Road for a scenic canal cruise before returning to Shanghai. **BL**

**Day 13. Shanghai ☆** This morning, explore the beautiful Yu Garden. Experience Shanghai's bustling bazaar before visiting the historic Jade Buddha Temple. This evening, savour a special Farewell Dinner while cruising the scenic Huangpu River. **BD**

**Day 14. Depart Shanghai** After breakfast, be transferred to Shanghai airport for your onward flight. **B**

## From \$6,995 per person, twin share

### 14 Days – Beijing to Shanghai (RJTCYG14)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 31; Apr. 7, 14	\$6,995	\$7,695
May 5, 19, 26	\$7,095	\$7,795
Jun. 9; Aug. 25; Sep. 8, 15	\$7,095	\$7,795
Oct. 6	\$7,095	\$7,795
Oct. 13, 20, 27	\$6,995	\$7,695
Nov. 3	\$6,995	\$7,695

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Solo travellers add on from \$2,600, please enquire for details.

### Trip Notes

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Three gorges, Yangtze River



# India

Discover the highlights and spirit of India, from its bustling cities to its serene countryside

India is a vibrant whirlwind for the senses, a fascinating and exciting country just waiting to be explored.

## CITIES OF INDIA

Whether you're looking for a spiritual awakening, a soul-shaking cultural immersion, or some of the world's most iconic sights, you'll find what you need in India. Explore the energetic major cities of Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai, wonderfully chaotic hubs bursting with colours, sounds and smells.

## THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

No trip to India is complete without a visit to the Golden Triangle. Visit Humayun's Tomb, see the monumental Amber Fort, wander the pink-hued streets of Jaipur and experience the beauty of the Taj Mahal. The Golden Triangle perfectly packages some of India's most memorable highlights.

## THE WILD SIDE OF INDIA

India is not all heaving cities and holy temples. Delve deeper into the country's jungles and national parks and discover a plethora of rare and exotic creatures. At Ranthambore National Park, find leopards, panthers, striped hyenas, marsh crocodiles and sloth bears among other unique wildlife. The most exciting local of all is the elusive Bengal tiger, which has been a significant part of Indian tradition and lore for millennia, symbolising power and fearlessness. In South India, uncover Periyar National Park with its herds of elephants, sambar deer, significant bird life and even the occasional big cat.

## TRANQUIL SOUTH

The southern region of India is a vibrant tapestry of culture, cuisine and landscapes. From the lush backwaters of Kerala to the ancient temples of Tamil Nadu, it is a discovery of the senses. Explore the captivating city of Kochi, influenced by traders from Europe and beyond, and ride the Toy Train through aromatic tea and spice plantations while witnessing breathtaking scenery.







Meenakshi Temple, Madurai





# Highlights of the Golden Triangle & Mumbai

## Delhi to Mumbai 10 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively Chandni Chowk bazaar
- ☆ Be in awe of the beauty of the iconic Taj Mahal
- ☆ Dine on traditional Rajasthani cuisine in Bharatpur
- ☆ Go in search of the Bengal tiger at Ranthambore National Park
- ☆ Explore the Pink City of Jaipur
- ☆ Discover Mumbai by foot on a dawn walking tour

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 9 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 21 meals – 9 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) and 9 dinners (D)
- ✓ Experience World Heritage sites including Amber Fort, Humayun's Tomb, Jantar Mantar, Fatehpur and Agra Fort

**Day 1. Arrive Delhi** On arrival in Delhi, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and fellow travellers during a Welcome Dinner.

**Two Nights:** Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla.

D

#### Day 2. Delhi ☆

Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar. Visit 17th-century mosque, Jama Masjid, then move to New Delhi to visit Humayun's Tomb, which is thought to have inspired the magnificent Taj Mahal. Explore the wide leafy avenues and later discover Gandhi Smriti and learn about Mahatma Gandhi.

BD

#### Day 3. Delhi, Agra ☆

Transfer to the station where you'll board the Gatimaan Express to Agra. Once in Agra, travel to the iconic Taj Mahal. The structure took over 22 years to build and is a wonder to behold. Its glittering white marble domes inspire awe,

and almost seem to change colours throughout the day depending on the position of the sun. Later, embark on a sightseeing tour of the World Heritage-listed Red Fort. One of the city's most historic sites, the fort has served as both a military point and a royal residence in the past.

**Stay:** Agra, Hotel Clarks Shiraz. BD

#### Day 4. Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore National Park ☆

Transfer from Agra to Ranthambore National Park, stopping en route at the abandoned ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri for a guided tour. Built in the 16th century, Fatehpur is home to a number of impressive monuments and temples. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur before boarding an express train for the last leg of your trip to Ranthambore National Park. Dinner is at your hotel.

**Two Nights:** Ranthambore, The Sher Garh.

BLD





Experience the true wonder of the Taj Mahal, Agra



#### Day 5. Ranthambore National Park ☆

Today, search for Bengal tigers on guided morning and afternoon game drives through Ranthambore National Park. Keep your camera close as Ranthambore is one of the best parks to view the big cat, while it is also home to many more unique animals including leopards, sloth bears and striped hyenas. Enjoy an evening talk by a naturalist about the park and its diverse wildlife. BLD

#### Day 6. Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur

Spend the morning at your leisure. After lunch, depart by coach to the picturesque and historic city of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan.

Two Nights: Jaipur, Clarks Amer. BLD

#### Day 7. Jaipur ☆

This morning is dedicated to an in-depth exploration of Jaipur. Begin with a guided tour of Amber Fort. The striking architecture is a unique blend of Hindu and Islamic styles. Its exterior contrasts with the interior with, many of the rooms elaborately painted with decadent mirrors and precious stones. Enjoy time at your leisure for lunch before jumping right back into your sightseeing. Explore the Pink City of Jaipur and discover why its buildings are coloured in this distinctive hue. Visit sites including the City Palace and the

18th-century Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory, and drive by Jaipur's most distinctive landmark, Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. BD

**Day 8. Jaipur, Mumbai** Transfer to the airport for your included flight to Mumbai. Travel to your hotel before observing a cooking demonstration, introducing you to the rich and vibrant food culture of the city. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. Two Nights: Mumbai, Trident Nariman Point. BD

#### Day 9. Mumbai ☆

Rise early for a Mumbai by dawn walking tour under the beautiful morning light. Return to your hotel for breakfast and spend the rest of the morning at your leisure before taking an afternoon sightseeing tour of Mumbai icons including the Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal, a 19th-century World Heritage listed railway station and admire the colours of Mahalaxmi Dhobhi Ghat, the world's largest open-air laundry. Enjoy a delicious Farewell Dinner at your hotel. BD

#### Day 10. Depart Mumbai

After breakfast, transfer to the airport where your journey ends. B

## From \$3,195 per person, twin share

### 10 Days – Delhi to Mumbai (RJTGMJ10)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Feb. 7	\$3,795	\$4,295
Mar. 7	\$3,695	\$4,195
Sep. 12	\$3,195	\$3,895
Oct. 3, 31	\$3,495	\$4,195
Nov. 25	\$3,595	\$4,295

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### Trip Notes

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Hawa Mahal, Jaipur





# India's Golden Triangle, Tigers & Shimla

Delhi Return 13 Days

## INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Ride the legendary Toy Train to Shimla, nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas
- ☆ Listen to an informative talk from author, historian and journalist Raaja Bhasin in Shimla
- ☆ Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi
- ☆ Be in awe of the beauty of the iconic Taj Mahal
- ☆ Indulge in a traditional lunch of Rajasthani cuisine in Bharatpur
- ☆ Listen to a local naturalist talk about Ranthambore National Park
- ☆ Witness an evening Aarti, a Hindu fire ritual
- ☆ Explore the Pink City of Jaipur in a pink tuk tuk
- ☆ Discover Amber Fort and its fascinating history

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 12 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 30 meals – 12 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L) and 12 dinners (D)
- ✓ Search for the elusive tiger in Ranthambore National Park

**Day 1. Arrive Delhi** On arrival in Delhi, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and fellow travellers during a Welcome Dinner.

Stay: Delhi, Taj Palace.

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### Day 2. Delhi, Shimla ☆

Take the Shatabdi Express to Kalka. From here, you'll board the World Heritage-listed Toy Train and travel to Shimla, embarking on one of the country's most idyllic train journeys and arriving by early evening.

Three Nights: Shimla, The Oberoi Cecil Hotel.

BLD

### Day 3. Shimla ☆

Enjoy a talk from author, historian and journalist Raaja Bhasin before embarking on a guided sightseeing tour of Shimla. See a number of sights including the Viceregal Lodge, once the summer residence of the Indian viceroys. Continue on to the Sankat Mochan Temple. BLD

**Day 4. Shimla** Nestled at the foothills of the Himalayas and surrounded by picturesque natural scenery, Shimla is a delight to visit and was a favourite with the Sahibs from the time of the Raj. Make the most of your free day in this charming town as you discover it further on your own. Perhaps explore the Himalayas outside Shimla and visit Wildflower Hall. BD

**Day 5. Shimla, Delhi** After breakfast this morning, travel from Shimla to Chandigarh by road before boarding the express train back to Delhi. Upon arrival, transfer back to your hotel.

Two Nights: Delhi, Taj Palace. BLD

### Day 6. Delhi ☆

Today you will explore Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, a 17th-century mosque, and India's largest. Sit back and enjoy a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Old Delhi's lively Chandni Chowk bazaar. Embark on a sightseeing tour of New Delhi and see India Gate.





Ranthambore National Park, Rajasthan



After a visit to the opulent 16th-century tomb of Mughal emperor Humayun, conclude your tour at the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Learn about the inspiring life of Mahatma Gandhi. BD

#### Day 7. Delhi, Agra ☆

Transfer to the station where you'll board the Gatimaan Express to Agra. Once in Agra, embark on a sightseeing tour of the World Heritage-listed Agra Fort. Continue to the iconic Taj Mahal. The structure took over 22 years to build and is a wonder to behold. Its glittering white marble domes inspire awe, and almost seem to change colours throughout the day depending on the position of the sun.

Stay: Agra, Hotel Clarks Shiraz. BD

#### Day 8. Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore National Park ☆

Transfer from Agra to Ranthambore National Park, stopping en route at the abandoned ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri for a guided tour. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur before jumping back onto your coach for the last leg of your trip to Ranthambore National Park. Dinner is at your hotel.

Two Nights: Ranthambore Regency. BLD

#### Day 9. Ranthambore National Park ☆

This morning, enjoy a lecture from a local naturalist about Ranthambore National Park. After

lunch, head out for a guided game drive through the national park and search for Bengal tigers. Ranthambore is one of the best parks to view this elusive cat, so make sure to have your camera at the ready. Return to your hotel for dinner. BLD

#### Day 10. Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur ☆

After a morning game drive, return to your hotel to spend the rest of the morning at leisure. Visit Birla Temple to witness an Aarti ceremony en route to the Pink City of Jaipur.

Two Nights: Jaipur, Taj Amer. BLD

#### Day 11. Jaipur ☆

Begin the day with a visit to the City Palace and the Jantar Mantar, an early 18th-century astronomical observatory. View one of Jaipur's most renowned sights, the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds. After our tour, enjoy an exploration of the Pink City of Jaipur in a pink tuk tuk. The rest of the day is free to spend at leisure. BD

#### Day 12. Jaipur, Delhi ☆

Travel by jeep to explore Amber Fort. Transfer by coach back to Delhi. Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner.

Stay: Delhi, Taj Palace. BD

**Day 13. Depart Delhi** After breakfast, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight. B

From **\$4,295** per person, twin share

#### 13 Days – Delhi Return (RJTLTC13)

##### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Jan. 24	\$4,995	\$5,495
Feb. 14, 28	\$5,095	\$5,595
Mar. 14	\$4,795	\$5,495
Apr. 4; Sep. 12	\$4,295	\$4,995
Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 28	\$4,795	\$5,495
Nov. 14	\$4,895	\$5,595

\*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$2,300, please enquire for details.

#### Trip Notes

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The colourful buildings of Shimla





# Discover Southern India & Kerala

## Bengaluru to Chennai 15 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Ride the World Heritage Nilgiri Mountain Railway, passing through the Nilgiri Mountains
- ☆ Watch a Kathakali dance performance
- ☆ Cruise through the serene palm-lined backwaters of Kerala
- ☆ Discover an aromatic spice plantation
- ☆ Discover a local village inhabited by artisans
- ☆ Explore the Meenakshi Temple
- ☆ Look for wildlife during a cruise on Lake Periyar

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 14 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 31 meals – 14 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) and 13 dinners (D)
- ✓ Dine on regional and authentic South Indian cuisine
- ✓ Enjoy a traditional tea tasting

**Day 1. Arrive Bengaluru** Touch down in Kempegowda International Airport. Transfer to your hotel. Spend time relaxing or indulge in a spa that features a menu of anti-jetlag treatments.  
**Stay:** Bengaluru, Taj Bangalore.

**Day 2. Bengaluru, Mysuru** Meet your Great Rail Journey Tour Escort and fellow travellers and transfer by coach to Mysuru. On arrival, step out and explore the city, relax, or simply settle in and unwind. Mysuru is often referred to as the cultural capital of Karnataka. Tonight, mix with fellow travellers at a Welcome Dinner.  
**Two Nights:** Mysuru, Radisson Blu Plaza Mysore. BD

**Day 3. Mysuru** Step out on a full-day's guided tour, exploring the cultural icons of Mysuru such as St Philomena's Church, and Mysuru Palace. Continue to Srirangapatna. Head to Chamundi Hills and discover the unique Nandi (Bull) statue. BD

**Day 4. Mysuru, Ooty** Journey to Ooty, short for Udhagamandalam, a hill station located in the Nilgiri Mountains. You may like to walk through the gardens or visit the local honey and bee museum.  
**Two Nights:** Fortune Sullivan Court Ooty. BD

**Day 5. Ooty** Begin your day with a visit to Ooty's popular Botanical Gardens. Continue to Doddabetta Peak, then after lunch at a local restaurant visit St Stephen's Church, known for its colourful depiction of 'The Last Supper'. Stop at the local market on the way back to the hotel. BLD

**Day 6. Ooty, Coimbatore** ☆ Travel to Coonoor by local toy train. Visit a local factory to learn the process of making tea. **Step on board the World Heritage Nilgiri Mountain Railway** and enjoy the scenery. Arrive into Mettupalayam, and travel by coach to the city of Coimbatore for an overnight stay.  
**Stay:** Vivanta Coimbatore. BLD





The stunning backwaters of Kerala



#### Day 7. Coimbatore, Kochi

Following a morning at leisure in Coimbatore – on the banks of the Noyyal River – catch the train to the captivating city of Kochi in Kerala.

**Two Nights:** Crowne Plaza Kochi. BLD

#### Day 8. Kochi ☆

Spend time discovering Fort Kochi. Head to Mattancherry Palace and admire the beautiful murals and gain insight into the daily life of local people at the Dhobi Khana. In the evening, watch a traditional Kathakali dance performance. BD

#### Day 9. Kochi, Kumarakom ☆

Visit Kochi's Jewish synagogue and marvel at its incredible treasures before transferring to Alleppey. Board a houseboat, or kettuvallam, for a scenic cruise. Enjoy a delicious lunch on board. Disembark at Kumarakom for an overnight stay. **Stay:** Kumarakom, Coconut Lagoon. BLD

#### Day 10. Kumarakom, Thekkady

Spend time at leisure before travelling through the Western Ghats to Thekkady, home to Periyar National Park. **Two Nights:** Thekkady, Spice Village. BD

#### Day 11. Thekkady ☆

Discover an aromatic spice plantation, on a guided walking tour. In the afternoon head to Lake Periyar for a peaceful cruise as you search for elephants and tigers. BD

#### Day 12. Thekkady, Madurai ☆

Journey to Madurai, one of the oldest cities in India, for two nights. En route, visit a village inhabited by artisans who specialise in sculpting aesthetic idols and puppets.

**Two nights:** Heritage Madurai. BD

#### Day 13. Madurai ☆

Take a guided tour of Madurai which includes the impressive 17th-century Thirumalai Nayak Palace, the Gandhi Memorial Museum and the 12th-century Meenakshi Temple. BD

#### Day 14. Madurai, Chennai

Set off for the airport for your flight to Chennai and your overnight stay. Explore The Madras War Cemetery and Marina Beach, one of the world's longest. **Stay:** Chennai, Taj Coromandel. BD

**Day 15. Depart Chennai** Spend time at leisure or join an optional excursion to Mamallapuram, known for its World Heritage-listed temples and monuments (own expense) before you transfer to the airport for your onward flight. B

From **\$5,295** per person, twin share

#### 15 Days – Bengaluru – Chennai (RJTGCJ15)

##### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Feb. 15	\$5,695	\$6,195
Oct. 4	\$5,495	\$6,195
Nov. 1	\$5,295	\$5,995

\*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$3,500, please enquire for details.

#### Trip Notes

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Spices at a local market





# Sri Lanka

Where wildlife, World Heritage wonders and gastronomic delights meet

Sri Lanka is small yet mighty - a true hidden gem of Asia - and you'll discover its best highlights.

## AN ABUNDANCE OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES

From sacred temples to ancient ruins, fortified palaces and colonial fortresses, this tiny nation boasts eight impressive World Heritage-listed sites tracing back more than 2,000 years of history. Be sure to visit the iconic Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, as well as Sigiriya Rock fortress and the incredible Dambulla Cave Temple. Get lost in the wonders of Sri Lanka.

## PARADISE BEACHES

Sri Lanka is a delightfully unexpected island paradise, where the jewel-bright Indian Ocean laps at white sand beaches, fringed by swaying palm trees. Enjoy time relaxing on the beach front on Sri Lanka's southern coast.

## TEA COUNTRY BY TRAIN

All aboard an enchanting rail journey from Nanu Oya to Ella through the lush heart of Sri Lanka. Pass rolling green hills, waving to the occasional local tea picker dressed in a colourful sari. Enjoy stunning, unobstructed views from your window as you travel past the leafy tea plantations.

## ABUNDANT WILDLIFE

Explore the wilderness in Yala National Park, home to an abundance of remarkable wildlife. From majestic, trunk-swinging elephants and stalking Sri Lankan leopards, to spectacular wild peacocks and fascinating sloth bears, there are plenty of reasons to keep your camera nearby.

## A TASTE OF WHAT'S TO COME

Craving a rich, simmering curry? Maybe you'd like to take a bite of some string hoppers? Or are you dreaming of scooping up some freshly grated sambol with a warm slice of roti bread? Be sure to wash it down with a cup of the world's freshest and finest Ceylon tea. Sri Lanka does cuisine right, with meals bursting at the seams with flavour.









# Splendours of Sri Lanka

## Negombo Return 12 Days

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Listen to a talk on Geoffrey Bawa and Sri Lankan architecture
- ☆ Savour a Sri Lankan Welcome Dinner in Negombo
- ☆ Enjoy a dance performance at Habarana Cultural Centre
- ☆ Meet local villagers for a herbal drink experience in Habarana
- ☆ Watch the sunrise from the top of Sigiriya
- ☆ Witness the evening puja at the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- ☆ Visit a tea plantation and sample the finest Ceylon tea
- ☆ Indulge in a High Tea at the Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya
- ☆ Take a train through the picturesque hill country in Nuwara Eliya
- ☆ Learn about tracking wildlife from a Resort Naturalist
- ☆ Visit the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home
- ☆ Savour a Sri Lankan Farewell Dinner feast in Colombo

### ☆ HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 11 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director
- ✓ 20 meals – 11 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) and 5 dinners (D)

#### Day 1. Arrive Negombo ☆

Touchdown at Bandaranaike International Airport, located near the charming fishing village of Negombo. Afterwards, Listen to a talk on Geoffrey Bawa and appreciate his influence on architecture across Sri Lanka. Later, savour a special Sri Lankan Welcome Dinner hosted by the head chef, who will explain the use of spices in local cuisine. Stay: Negombo, Jetwing Lagoon. D

#### Day 2. Negombo, Habarana ☆

Today, venture to Dambulla where you will have some time at leisure. Later, see the World Heritage-listed Dambulla Cave Temple. Tonight, enjoy a dance performance at the Habarana Cultural Centre. Two Nights: Habarana Village by Cinnamon. BD

#### Day 3. Habarana, Polonnaruwa ☆

Head to the World Heritage site of Polonnaruwa for a tour of its ancient city. Meet a local villager for a herbal drink experience, then dine on a traditional farmer's lunch. This afternoon, you may wish to embark on a safari to see the impressive herds of elephants in

Minneriya National Park (additional expense). BL

#### Day 4. Habarana, Kandy ☆

This morning, watch the sunrise from the top of Sigiriya, a World Heritage-listed ancient rock fortress, which was once home to an ancient civilisation. Enjoy breakfast back at the hotel before departing for Kandy. Enjoy an included international buffet dinner at the hotel's main restaurant.

Two Nights: Kandy, Thilanka Hotel. BD

#### Day 5. Kandy ☆

Today you may like to visit the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya or you may like to join a cooking demonstration with a local family (both at an additional expense). This afternoon, take part in a walking tour of the city of Kandy. Tonight, witness the evening puja at the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, conducted by resident monks accompanied by the sound of drums and the scent of burning incense. BL

#### Day 6. Kandy, Nuwara Eliya ☆

Journey onwards to the lush, green hills of Nuwara Eliya. En route,





Aromatic tea plantation



visit one of the many famous tea plantations and factories and enjoy a tasting. For lunch, indulge in a High Tea style lunch at the Grand Hotel. This afternoon, take a tour of Nuwara Eliya.  
**Two Nights:** Nuwara Eliya, Araliya Green Hills. **BL**

**Day 7. Nuwara Eliya** ☆  
Head to Nanu Oya to board a train for the scenic journey to Demodara, considered one of the most scenic railway journeys in Sri Lanka. Afterwards, journey to Ella for lunch. Return to Nuwara Eliya, stopping en route to visit to Nazareth Chapel of the good shepherd convent in Bandarawela. **BL**

**Day 8. Nuwara Eliya, Yala National Park** ☆  
Journey from Nuwara Eliya to Yala National Park. Enjoy lunch on arrival then board a jeep and venture out on a safari. The park is home to over 32 species of mammals including elephants and sloth bears. Its star attraction is the spectacular Sri Lankan leopard. Tonight, spend time with the Resort Naturalist, who will share his knowledge and experience in tracking the abundant wildlife found across the National Park.  
**Stay:** Jetwing Yala. **BLD**

**Day 9. Yala National Park, Galle** ☆  
This morning, you may choose an optional early morning Yala game drive safari. Afterwards, journey to

Udawalawa then visit the Elephant Transit Home, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated. Then, journey to Galle. This afternoon, transfer to Galle and check into your hotel.  
**Two Nights:** Radisson Blu Galle. **B**

**Day 10. Galle** This morning, explore the Dutch Fort of Galle on foot, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the maritime museum and see the lighthouse. Perhaps partake in a mask carving and painting experience or a cooking demonstration in Galle (additional expense). **B**

**Day 11. Galle, Colombo** ☆  
After breakfast, depart for the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo. Take a guided tour of the city and see many of its sights. You will also get to explore the city further on a tuk tuk ride. Later, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at the highly acclaimed Dining Room inside the hotel with a menu specially designed for you.  
**Stay:** Colombo, Cinnamon Lakeside. **BD**

**Day 12. Colombo, Depart Negombo**  
Your holiday comes to an end this morning with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

## From \$3,795 per person, twin share

### 12 Days – Negombo Return (TS12)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Jan. 19; Feb. 16	\$4,495	\$4,995
Mar. 16; Apr. 6	\$4,295	\$4,995
May 4; Aug. 31; Sep. 21	\$3,795	\$4,495
Oct. 12	\$3,795	\$4,495
Nov. 9, 30	\$4,295	\$4,995

\*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$1,500, please enquire for details.

### Trip Notes

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Polonnaruwa at sunrise





# In Search of Tigers & Leopards

Delhi to Negombo 21 Days

## INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Ride a rickshaw through the narrow streets of Old Delhi
- ☆ Discover the iconic Taj Mahal
- ☆ Savour lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur
- ☆ Search for the elusive Bengal tiger on a guided tour
- ☆ Visit the Pink City of Jaipur
- ☆ Discover Mumbai by foot on a dawn walking tour under the beautiful morning light
- ☆ Savour a Welcome Dinner hosted by a head chef and learn about local spices used in Sri Lankan cuisine
- ☆ Be entertained by a dance performance at the Habarana Cultural Centre
- ☆ Take an enchanting train ride through Nuwara Eliya
- ☆ Learn about tracking wildlife from a Resort Naturalist
- ☆ Visit the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated
- ☆ Enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at Lagoon Seafood Restaurant

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 20 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and Travelmarvel Tour Director
- ✓ 42 meals – 20 breakfasts (B), 9 lunches (L) and 13 dinners (D)

**Day 1. Arrive Delhi** On arrival you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and fellow travellers during a Welcome Dinner.  
Two Nights: Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla. D

**Day 2. Delhi** ☆ Visit Jama Masjid mosque, then move on to New Delhi to visit Humayun's Tomb. Discover Gandhi Smriti and learn about Mahatma Gandhi. Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar. BD

**Day 3. Delhi, Agra** ☆ Transfer to the station and board the Gatimaan Express to Agra. Embark on a sightseeing tour of the Red Fort and continue to the iconic Taj Mahal. Stay: Agra, Hotel Clarks Shiraz. BD

**Day 4. Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Bharatpur, Ranthambore National Park** ☆ Transfer from Agra and stop for a tour of Fatehpur Sikri. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur before boarding a train to Ranthambore National Park. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. Two Nights: Ranthambore, The Sher Garh. BLD

**Day 5. Ranthambore National Park** ☆ Today, search for the elusive Bengal tiger on guided morning and afternoon game drives through Ranthambore National Park. Enjoy an inspirational evening talk by a naturalist. BLD

**Day 6. Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur** Spend the morning at your leisure. After lunch, depart to picturesque Jaipur. Two Nights: Jaipur, Clarks Amer. BLD

**Day 7. Jaipur** ☆ Spend the morning touring through the Amber Fort. Visit other famous sites in the Pink City of Jaipur, including the City Palace, the Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory, and the Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. BD

**Day 8. Jaipur, Mumbai** Transfer to the airport for your included flight to Mumbai. Continue to your hotel before observing an afternoon cooking demonstration. Two Nights: Mumbai, Trident Nariman Point. BD

**Day 9. Mumbai** ☆ Rise early for a Mumbai at dawn walking tour. Discover by foot as the city comes to life. Take an afternoon tour of Mumbai's icons.





Search for leopards in Yala National Park, Sri Lanka



Enjoy a delicious Farewell Dinner at your hotel. BD

#### Day 10. Mumbai, India, Colombo, Sri Lanka ☆

Say goodbye to your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Be transferred to your hotel. Tonight, savour a Sri Lankan Welcome Dinner hosted by the head chef, who will explain the use of herbs and spices in the local cuisine. Stay: Negombo, Jetwing Lagoon. BD

#### Day 11. Negombo, Habarana ☆

After breakfast, travel to Dambulla where you will have some time at leisure. Afterwards, venture to the Dambulla Cave Temple. Tonight, be entertained by a dance performance at the Habarana Cultural Centre.

Two Nights: Habarana Village by Cinnamon. BD

**Days 12-15.** See detailed itinerary for days 12-15 on page 58. Refer to days 3-6.

#### Day 16. Nuwara Eliya ☆

This morning, take an enchanting train ride through the picturesque hill country. Afterwards, journey to Ella for a delicious lunch then return to Nuwara Eliya, stopping en route to visit to Nazareth Chapel in Bandarawela. BD

#### Day 17. Nuwara Eliya, Yala National Park ☆

Venture out on safari in Yala National Park. Experience the amazing diversity of wildlife this park has to offer. Spend the afternoon at

your leisure. Tonight, spend time with the Resort Naturalist, who will share his knowledge and experience in tracking the wildlife. Stay: Jetwing Yala. BLD

#### Day 18. Yala National Park, Galle ☆

Enjoy a morning visit to the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated. Then, journey to Galle and check into your hotel. Two Nights: Raddisson Blu Resort Galle. B

**Day 19. Galle** Explore the Dutch Fort of Galle. Visit the Maritime Museum. This afternoon, you may choose to partake in a mask carving and painting experience or a cooking demonstration (both at additional expense). B

#### Day 20. Kosgoda, Colombo ☆

After breakfast, depart for Colombo. Take a tuk tuk tour of the city and see many of its sights. Savour a special Farewell Dinner at Lagoon Seafood restaurant. Stay: Cinnamon Grand Colombo. BD

#### Day 21. Colombo, Depart Negombo

Your holiday comes to an end this morning with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. B

## From \$7,195 per person, twin share

### 21 Days – Delhi to Negombo (TSGMJ21)

#### 2025 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Feb. 7	\$8,395	\$9,395
Mar. 7	\$8,295	\$9,295
Sep. 12	\$7,195	\$8,495
Oct. 3	\$7,495	\$8,795
Oct. 31	\$7,995	\$9,295
Nov. 21	\$8,095	\$9,395

\*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 24-25.

Solo travellers add on from \$3,000 please enquire for details.

### Trip Notes

Itinerary Days 1-9 are operated by Great Rail Journeys. Flight from India to Sri Lanka on Day 10 is unescorted. Prices listed are indicative and may not be available on all departure dates listed. Prices are seasonal and subject to change. An overnight bag will be needed for certain journeys. See General Information and Conditions towards the back of the brochure.

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Elephant Transit Home, Sri Lanka





# Enhance YOUR JOURNEY

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## Land Journeys

### JAPAN, TOKYO

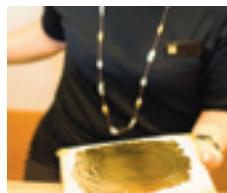


#### TAIKO DRUMMING LESSON

Learn some impressive rhythm drum patterns and create a performance including the poses and yells that accompany drumming.

Price per person: \$285

### JAPAN, KANAZAWA



#### GOLD LEAF EXPERIENCE

Learn about the process of producing this precious metal and discover the tools used in Gold Leaf crafts. Try your hand at making your own unique souvenir.

Price per person: \$70

### JAPAN, TOKYO



#### CALLIGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

Learn about Kanji, Hiragana and Katakana that Japanese people use. Try writing some characters in calligraphy.

Price per person: \$185

### JAPAN, KYOTO



#### CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Learn about Kanji, Hiragana and Katakana that Japanese people use. Try writing some characters in calligraphy.

Price per person: \$360

### JAPAN, KANAZAWA



#### KANAZAWA CASTLE & KENROKUEN GARDEN VISIT

Witness one of Kanazawa's key historic landmarks, Kanazawa Castle. Be enchanted by Kenrokuen Garden's splendour.

Price per person: \$30

### SRI LANKA, NEGOMBO



#### NEGOMBO FISH MARKET

Immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere as fishermen return with their catch and merchants negotiate prices.

Price per person: \$30





Yala National Park, Sri Lanka

#### SRI LANKA, HABARANA



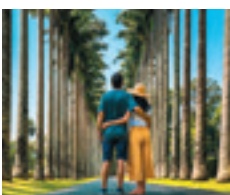
**MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK SAFARI**  
Discover the park's breathtaking scenery. Experience the majestic Asian elephants for which the park is famous for.  
Price per person: \$145

#### SRI LANKA, YALA



**YALA NATIONAL PARK SAFARI**  
Set off on an exciting safari, accompanied by your naturalist, in search of wildlife including the largest concentration of leopards on the planet.  
Price per person: \$145

#### SRI LANKA, KANDY



**PERADENIYA BOTANIC GARDENS**  
Stroll through the gardens and admire a lush oasis showcasing a diverse collection of tropical plants, orchids and exotic trees.  
Price per person: \$35

#### SRI LANKA, GALLE



**MASK CARVING & PAINTING EXPERIENCE**  
Delve into the rich tradition of mask painting. Create your own mask, guided by a local artisan on techniques passed down through generations.  
Price per person: \$70

#### SRI LANKA, KANDY



**COOKING DEMONSTRATION**  
Join a cooking demonstration in Kandy, where the secrets of crafting a traditional Sri Lankan family meal will be unveiled.  
Price per person: \$70

#### SRI LANKA, GALLE



**SRI LANKAN CUISINE EXPERIENCE**  
Embark on a culinary journey into the essence of Sri Lankan cuisine and indulge in the flavours of this vibrant cuisine.  
Price per person: \$80

**Please note:** these Select Experiences must be pre-booked prior to final payment. All other options will be booked by your friendly Tour Director or Driver Guide, who are always on hand to offer recommendations, allowing you greater flexibility of choice. All experiences are subject to availability and prices are indicative only and may be weather dependent. Prices are in A\$. Minimum and/or maximum numbers apply.



# Enhance YOUR JOURNEY

DISCOVER MORE WITH OUR SELECT EXPERIENCES

## Cruise Journeys

### JAPAN, KYOTO



#### ORIGAMI LESSON

Get swept away in the beauty of origami. Be guided on how to fold cranes, boxes and samurai warrior's helmets.

Price per person: \$360

### JAPAN, UWAJIMA



#### YUSUMIZUGAURA & PEARL FARM TOUR

Learn about the art of pearl farming at the Doi Pearl Farm. Discover Yuseumizu-ga-Ura Terrace Field and its breathtaking views of the coast.

Price per person: \$130

### JAPAN, TOKYO

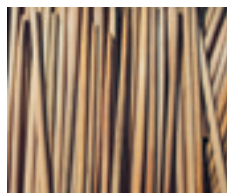


#### SUSHI MAKING CLASS

Visit a local restaurant for a sushi making experience. A Japanese sushi chef will guide you to make delicious fresh sushi.

Price per person: \$360

### JAPAN, YAKUSHIMA



#### CHOPSTICKS MAKING TOUR

Participate in a hands-on chopstick-making experience, guided by skilled artisans. Hear about techniques that have been passed down through generations.

Price per person: \$145

### JAPAN, TAKAMATSU

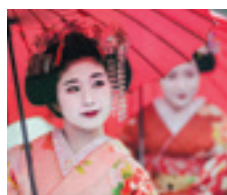


#### PILGRIM TOUR

Guided by a Pilgrim (Ohenro) expert, explore the sacred grounds of Zentsu-ji Temple and Konzo-ji Temple.

Price per person: \$125

### JAPAN, NAGASAKI



#### GEISHA PERFORMANCE

Immerse yourself in history and culture. Delve into the captivating performance of Nagasaki Kenban — a traditional Geisha performance.

Price per person: \$150





Admire beautiful Japanese landscapes

## JAPAN, HAGI



### KIMONO EXPERIENCE

Engage in a hands-on kimono-wearing experience, and stroll through Hagi's old town adorned in these vibrant garments.

Price per person: \$155

## JAPAN, MATSUE



### ADACHI MUSEUM OF ART TOUR

The Adachi Museum of Art is a renowned institution celebrated for its exceptional Japanese gardens and collection of modern Japanese art.

Price per person: \$145

## SOUTH KOREA, BUSAN



### HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSAN

Visit the famous Gamcheon Culture Village. Head over to Yongdusan Park. Learn about Busan's history by visiting shrines and monuments on the mountain.

Price per person: \$190



**Please note:** These Select Experiences can be pre-booked or added on board your cruise with your friendly Cruise Director, who is always on hand to offer recommendations, allowing you greater flexibility of choice. All experiences are subject to availability and prices are indicative only and may be weather dependent. Prices are in A\$. Minimum and/or maximum numbers apply.





# PRE & POST Accommodation

SPEND MORE TIME EXPLORING ASIA'S ICONIC DESTINATIONS

Taj Palace Hotel, Delhi, India

Extend your stay in the exciting cities of Asia at one of the following hotels, chosen for their style and location.

Price per person, including breakfast, from*	Twin Share	Solo Trav.	Price per person, including breakfast, from*	Twin Share	Solo Trav.
<b>TOKYO, JAPAN</b>			<b>BENGALURU, INDIA</b>		
Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu <sup>+</sup>	\$295	\$570	Taj Bangalore	\$355	\$610
Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo	\$335	\$650	<b>CHENNAI, INDIA</b>		
Grand Prince Shin Takanawa	\$300	\$490	Taj Coromandel	\$290	\$520
<b>OSAKA, JAPAN</b>			<b>DELHI, INDIA</b>		
ANA Crowne Plaza Osaka	\$225	\$470	Taj Palace	\$335	\$610
Sheraton Miyako Hotel	\$380	\$635	Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla	\$175	\$290
<b>SAPPORO, JAPAN</b>			<b>MUMBAI, INDIA</b>		
Keio Plaza Hotel Sapporo	\$265	\$450	Trident Nariman Point	\$305	\$475
<b>FUKUOKA, JAPAN</b>			<b>BEIJING, CHINA</b>		
New Otani Fukuoka	\$400	\$605	Novotel Peace Hotel	\$220	\$335
<b>SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA</b>			<b>SHANGHAI, CHINA</b>		
Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun	\$215	\$430	Grand Central Hotel	\$195	\$335
Four Points by Sheraton	\$215	\$430			
<b>NEGOMBO, SRI LANKA</b>					
Jetwing Lagoon	\$165	\$290			
<b>COLOMBO, SRI LANKA</b>					
Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo	\$165	\$305			

Prices are in A\$. \*All pre/post accommodation availability and rates are indicative only and may vary depending on seasonal events. +Prices are based on double share; twin share surcharges apply.





## Singapore Stopover

**Day 1. Arrive Singapore** Be met on arrival in Singapore, 'the Lion City', and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Explore the local neighbourhood or unwind in your hotel and enjoy the premium amenities.

**Two Nights:** Singapore, Amoy Hotel.

**Day 2. Singapore** Be guided through alleyways of Chinatown and uncover the importance of the area throughout Singapore's history. Discover local markets and enjoy lunch at Hawker Chan, the world's first hawker awarded one Michelin star.

**Day 3. Depart Singapore** Be transferred to Changi Airport for your onward flight.

## Bangkok Stopover

**Day 1. Arrive Bangkok** Be met on arrival and receive VIP Fast Track assistance, avoiding the queues at immigration and customs before a private transfer to your hotel. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Two Nights:** dusitD2 Samyan Bangkok.

**Day 2. Bangkok** Step out with your guide and learn about Buddhism with a visit to Wat Pho, Bangkok's oldest temple. Wander through the alleys of Kudi Jeen neighbourhood and savour a Siam-Portuguese lunch at a local restaurant.

**Day 3. Depart Bangkok** Today after breakfast you are transferred to Bangkok Airport for your onward flight.

## Kuala Lumpur Stopover

**Day 1. Arrive Kuala Lumpur** Receive a warm welcome on arrival, transfer to your hotel and check in. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Two Nights:** Kuala Lumpur, The Chow Kit.

**Day 2. Bangkok** Perhaps wander through Merdeka Square to discover ancient architecture or embark on an included adventure to uncover authentic street food.

**Day 3. Depart Kuala Lumpur** Transfer to Kuala Lumpur International Airport for your onward flight.

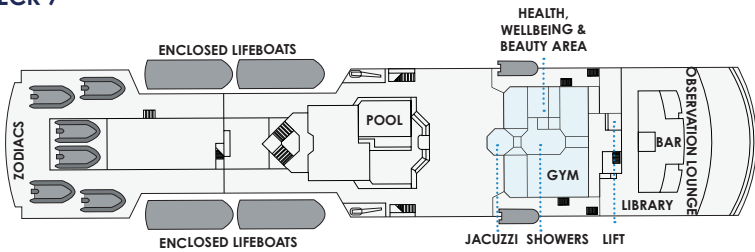
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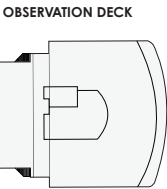
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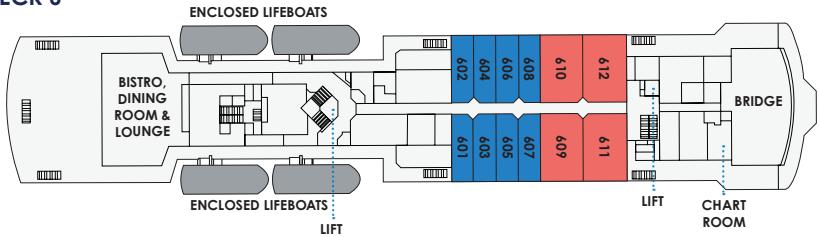
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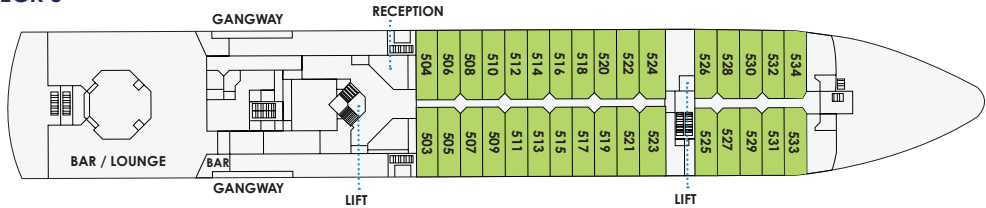
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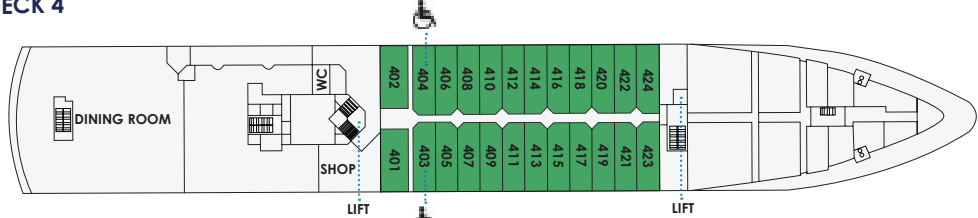
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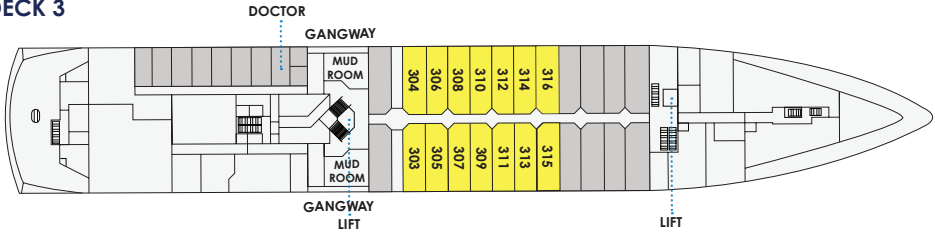
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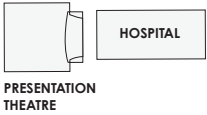
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TECHNICAL DATA

Heritage Adventurer

Built: 1991  
Length: 124 metres  
Staterooms: 70  
Suites: 12  
Max. Guests: 164  
Crew Members: 70





The beautiful hues of Kyoto's Old Town, Japan





# Tailor Made JOURNEYS

DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY

We understand no two travellers are the same, and Tailor Made Journeys are a chance to design your own itinerary around what interests you. Here is just one example of how you can further explore.

For further information go to:  
[www.travelmarvel.com.au/  
travel-modes/tailor-made-journeys](http://www.travelmarvel.com.au/travel-modes/tailor-made-journeys)

## Japan's Northeast Tohoku Region 10 Days

There are many reasons to visit Japan's Northeast, also known as Tohoku. Slightly off the beaten track, experience a more authentic side to Japan which is renowned for its delicious local cuisine, rich cultural heritage, and some of Japan's most beautiful natural landscapes including mountains, lakes and forests. Experience its famous onsens (hot springs) that draw in locals and travellers alike, delight in traditional local delicacies, and marvel at ancient World Heritage temples and shrines.

**DAYS 1-2. TOKYO** Embark on a tour of Tokyo. Immerse yourself in the sensory experience of TeamLab Planets, where people go barefoot and immerse their entire bodies in the vast artworks. Explore Tokyo at night with its spectacular energy and neon lights, discovering hidden sides of the bustling city from a whole different perspective.

**DAYS 3-4. NIKKO** Journey to Nikko by train. Spend the evening relaxing in the hot springs, followed by a traditional Kaiseki dinner. Visit the World Heritage temples and shrines. You will also visit Lake Chuzenji, also called Sea of Happiness,





Lake Chuzenji, at sunrise, Japan

which is Japan's highest natural lake. Take the elevator down to the base of the spectacular Kegon Falls. Enjoy a lunch of Yuba, one of Nikko's most traditional (and nutritious) delicacies.

**DAYS 5-6. SENDAI** Continue your journey north by train via Utsunomiya to Sendai. This afternoon, visit the Kirin Beer Sendai Brewery to learn how this beer is produced. At the brewery, you can discover its secret manufacturing process and enjoy the delicious taste that has made it so popular. After the production process, the opportunity to compare the first and second squeezed wort is a rare experience and is very popular with visitors. This evening, you will

dine on the local specialty, beef tongue. Explore Matsushima, which is famous for its bay dotted by many pine-clad islets and has been ranked one of Japan's three most scenic views. The small town is also known for Zuiganji, one of the Tohoku region's most important Zen temples. Take a scenic boat ride through the 260 pine-covered islands. Visit Kanrantei Tea House for matcha green tea and sweets while overlooking the bay. Have some free time to wander around the stores before returning to Sendai.

**DAYS 7-9. AKITA** Board the bullet train to Akita, and after checking into your hotel explore the Akita Museum of Art, and

Senshu Park. Travel to the ancient samurai village of Kakunodate and discover where samurai families lived while exploring unique traditional 17th- and 18th-century architecture. Join a workshop with a local artisan and marvel at the deepest and clearest lake in Japan. Visit a traditional crafts centre to learn about the art of lacquerware making and enjoy a fascinating afternoon at Ryozei Sake Brewery, learning about the production process and enjoying some samples.

**DAYS 10-11. TOKYO** Fly from Akita to Haneda airport and enjoy a day and night at leisure in Tokyo before transferring to the airport the next day for your flight home.





The OneTomorrow Charitable Fund is an initiative established by the APT Travel Group. OneTomorrow's mission is to make a positive and enduring impact on nature and the communities we touch. Supporting various grassroots initiatives around the world, we aim to create immediate and long-term change in important environmental and humanitarian causes.

### Some of the organisations we support around the world



**Peace Village International**  
Germany



**Antarctic Science Foundation**  
Antarctica



**Conservation International Greater Mekong**  
Cambodia



**Wunan Foundation**  
Australia

#### A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

At OneTomorrow we believe in travel as a platform for change. Across the APT Travel Group, we've partnered with a range of organisations and implemented initiatives to help protect the environment and ensure the wellbeing of local people wherever we go.

#### MAKING TRAVEL MEAN MORE

Working together, we can support not-for-profit organisations to continue helping their communities. The best part? Donations through OneTomorrow are tax deductible\*, and all donations will be matched dollar for dollar. So together we can double our impact.

**With your help, we can continue  
to shape the world together**

Visit our website to learn about the causes we support and how you can be involved

**[onetomorrow.com.au](https://onetomorrow.com.au)**

\*For terms and conditions visit our website.





Lou Tandy (nee McGeary) and Robert McGeary

## PROUDLY AUSTRALIAN OWNED

It has been a privilege to welcome so many guests aboard APT Travel Group's award-winning journeys, and a joy to see those guests fall in love with each new experience the world presents. For many years, the unique spirit of our family-owned and operated company has set us apart – 2025 will be no exception. So it is with great pleasure we invite you to explore more with Travelmarvel.

**Lou Tandy (nee McGeary) and Robert McGeary**  
APT Company Owners



# General Information & Conditions

The following terms and conditions ('booking conditions') form the basis of your contract with Australian Pacific Touring Pty Ltd ('Travelmarvel', 'we' or 'our'). Please read them carefully as they set out your and our respective rights and obligations.

These Terms & Conditions were correct at time of publication. For the most up to date Terms & Conditions visit our website [www.travelmarvel.com.au/legal/general-information-conditions](http://www.travelmarvel.com.au/legal/general-information-conditions).

By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read, and have read these booking conditions; that you agree to them and that you agree to them applying to your holiday arrangements booked with us and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. References in these booking conditions to your 'holiday package' are references to the tour or cruise package you have booked with Travelmarvel. References to "excursions" are references to short trips or tours included or available as part of your holiday package.

### GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

### BEFORE YOU BOOK

#### PRICE VALIDITY

Published prices are valid at the time of publication but are subject to change. They may be varied by advertising or special offers, or changed after the publication date for any reason, including without limitation; to cover changes in government taxes and charges, exchange rate or other material increases by suppliers. The most up to date pricing may be found on our website – [www.travelmarvel.com.au](http://www.travelmarvel.com.au). Prices will be confirmed at the time of booking and honoured for up to seven days.

Please see important information listed under Special Conditions for relevant deposit and final payment terms.

#### TRANSFERS

Airport transfers are included on the first & last day of the tour package or with pre & post accommodation booked by Travelmarvel. No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from the ship/hotel at their own expense. Some holiday packages include group transfers from or in between airports/hotel/ships and vice versa. A group transfer is generally a shared transfer and the type of vehicle used will normally be dependent upon the size of the group. Combined cruise and land tours, or cruise include transfer and flights between tours as specified.

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & FESTIVAL

Virtually all countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. The festivities may temporarily disrupt your holiday and some religious holidays may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment.

#### EARLYBIRD OFFERS, SUPERDEALS, FLY DEALS & SPECIAL OFFERS

Conditions Apply. For full terms and conditions relating to any Earlybird Special, Fly Deal or Special Offer on your booking, please go to [travelmarvel.com.au/specialdeals](http://travelmarvel.com.au/specialdeals).

#### OTHER SPECIAL OFFERS

Special Deals and Special Offers other than those advertised herein may be promoted by Travelmarvel from time to time. These new special deals/offers do not apply to existing bookings unless otherwise stated.

#### TRAVELLER CLUB

Details, including the full range of benefits and conditions, are available on our website at [travelmarvel.com.au/club](http://travelmarvel.com.au/club)

### BOOKING AND PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

#### AIRFARES

Air travel is arranged with independent airlines. Travelmarvel will arrange air travel as advertised in connection with your holiday package or as otherwise arranged with Travelmarvel. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability as specified in the conditions. Airfares will be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your deposit to avoid price or tax increases. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and routing of airlines. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and, in some cases, are non-refundable. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. Travelmarvel is not liable for delays or disruptions of air travel. Once tickets are issued, Travelmarvel will have no other liability and will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights. Flying outside of the tour date range or re-routing your flight itinerary may incur additional surcharges. While we endeavour to accommodate your airline seating requests, these are never guaranteed and are subject to change at the airline's discretion.

#### AIRLINE LOYALTY POINT ELIGIBILITY

Travelmarvel uses the services of a range of airlines in its packages. Travelmarvel does not warrant that its airfares attract loyalty points as airlines control the application of loyalty points in all cases. Requests to use airline points to upgrade travel need to be directed to the airline concerned by the member.

#### TRAVELMARVEL DEPOSIT CANCELLATION PEACE OF MIND

Conditions apply: applicable when an upfront fee of \$95 per person is paid with your deposit. The holiday package can be cancelled prior to the final payment date and your deposit will be retained as a Travelmarvel holding credit to be used for future bookings. If Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind is claimed, monies held must be used on a future cruise or tour and cannot be redeemed against the original cruise or tour departure date. Deposit held in credit will exclude fees imposed by third parties, including but not limited to air travel, rail travel and hotels. When booking airfares through Travelmarvel (including when taking advantage of a special offer that includes air travel), standard airline cancellation fees will apply. In some cases, airfares will be non-refundable. In the event of cancellation, these fees will be deducted from the deposit paid, and therefore the credit being held. Travelmarvel Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind applies to new bookings only and is only valid up until 100 days prior to travel. After three years, unused credit funds will incur the original cancellation conditions. This does not replace travel insurance, which you are recommended to purchase at the time of booking.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. For your protection we strongly recommend you purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes (without limitation) coverage for the cost of your holiday package, medical expenses, loss of luggage, cruise and land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes.

#### TRAVEL INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS

After booking you will receive an invoice with all important information relevant to your holiday package. We strongly recommend you check the details carefully and read the included information. Please ensure that you check your flight timings carefully on your tickets, particularly early morning departures. Approximately 21 days before departure you will receive your e-ticket, together with your final itinerary. However, in the case of late bookings, charges or late payment, tickets may be emailed to you.

#### SPECIAL REQUESTS

Where a special request (e.g. diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/or particular meals), is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when your booking is made. Travelmarvel will pass your request on to the hotel, airline or other supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. Travelmarvel will also pass on any dietary requests to the airline but we strongly recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

#### CREDIT & DEBIT CARD SURCHARGES

If you pay Travelmarvel by credit or debit card, a surcharge of between 0.5% and 3% will be added your tour price.

#### ACCURACY

Travelmarvel has endeavoured to ensure that the information provided about accommodation, itineraries etc., is correct to the best of its knowledge at the time of publication. However, advertised descriptions and facilities and prices may change after publication. We recommend that you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Additionally, flight times, carriers and routes are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your tickets. Holiday package or excursion itineraries may change or be different from those described in our collateral as a result of local conditions, weather conditions and annual events. Travelmarvel will endeavour to notify you of any significant changes prior to your departure.

#### DISRUPTION TO CRUISING AND ITINERARY ARRANGEMENTS

Itineraries are intended as a guide only and are subject to alteration without notice. Alterations may be necessary for various reasons including, without limitation, road, rail, river or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond Travelmarvel's control. If conditions render any routes unsafe for navigation, Travelmarvel

reserves the right to provide alternative services including, but not limited to, accommodation on the docked ship or substitute land arrangements. Under normal river conditions, itineraries will operate as far as possible as published. However, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. For example, without limitation, if there is a water level problem on a river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by coach and alternative sightseeing may be included. Travelmarvel will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of any event or other factor beyond our control which necessitates a change in your itinerary. Additionally, you are not entitled to any refund for any alterations to your itinerary that are caused or contributed to by any flood or water level events or such other events which are beyond our control. Travelmarvel cannot guarantee exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by Travelmarvel and Travelmarvel will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

#### FLIGHT CHANGES

The flight timings detailed on your confirmation invoice, or on our website are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are set by airlines and affected by events outside our control. Scheduled and charter flight timings, and days of operation are also subject to change. Travelmarvel will advise you of any significant changes as soon as it is informed by the airline. Minor timing changes will be shown on your flight tickets. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying any applicable cancellation fees except where specified in these booking conditions.

#### OUT OF DATE RANGE FLIGHTS

If airlines have not published their schedule at the time of booking, Travelmarvel will estimate the cost of airfares connected with your holiday package. When the airline releases flight inventory and airfares, Travelmarvel will confirm booking and pricing with you by sending you an updated invoice. Once flights have been confirmed by you and payment has been received, Travelmarvel will issue your ticket/s.

#### FORCE MAJEURE

Force Majeure event means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Travelmarvel's reasonable control, which includes, but is not limited to: (a) war, armed conflict, criminal damage, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity or the threat of any such acts; (b) natural disaster (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; (c) nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; or (d) change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time, including changes or amendments in regulations or access to services, sites or countries caused by declared epidemic or pandemic events.

#### TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Travelmarvel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Travelmarvel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Travelmarvel may immediately by written notice: (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or in part); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice you for any additional costs.

#### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY IN THE EVENT OF FORCE MAJEURE

In the event that Travelmarvel cancels or changes your travel arrangements in any way due to a force majeure event, Travelmarvel will not be liable to you in contract, tort, statute or restitution for any loss (including, but not limited to, loss of deposit or purchase price and loss of enjoyment), damage, costs, charges, expenses or injury resulting from or in connection with (whether directly or indirectly): (a) the cancellation or change to your travel arrangements; or (b) the force majeure event. Travelmarvel is not liable to refund any part of the deposit or purchase price paid by you if Travelmarvel subsequently changes or cancels your travel arrangements in connection with a force majeure event. Force majeure events are unpredictable and beyond Travelmarvel's control. As you are required to purchase travel insurance to adequately protect yourself against these risks, your policy needs to respond to these risks. You acknowledge and accept that these terms are reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of Travelmarvel based on expected non-

recoverable costs and expenses to be incurred by Travelmarvel, including but not limited to overhead expenses and works or services performed personally by Travelmarvel, leading up to the commencement of the holiday package, alternatively prior to the force majeure event.

#### DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Any personal information (including sensitive information and health information) that Travelmarvel obtains and retains from you or about you is necessary for our business purposes. Our Privacy Policy details why we collect this information, who we may disclose it to (including overseas recipients), and the main consequences if we do not collect it. Our Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may seek access to, or correction of, the personal information held about you, and our complaint resolution procedures. Our Privacy Policy is available at [www.travelmarvel.com.au/privacy](http://www.travelmarvel.com.au/privacy) or by request to us. By providing personal or sensitive information to us, you are agreeing to the terms of our Privacy Policy.

#### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1. Our holiday packages include the services of independent providers, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of Travelmarvel. Although we take care in selecting the independent service providers and the optional excursions conducted by some independent service providers, Travelmarvel is not responsible for the conduct of the independent service providers, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Optional excursions may, depending on your holiday package, include activities such as climbing, exploring, bike riding, swimming and snorkelling. You accept and assume the risk involved with these activities.

2. If, in the opinion of any representative of Travelmarvel, your mental or physical condition, or general behaviour is such as to affect your own health and safety, render you incapable to care for yourself, cause you to become a hazard to yourself or other passengers or result in you becoming objectionable to other passengers or staff, you will not be permitted to embark or continue on the whole or any part of the holiday package. Abuse or harassment of any kind toward crew, contracted suppliers or other guests may result in immediate removal from the tour or cruise. Travelmarvel is not liable to you for any costs associated with such decision and you will not be refunded for any part of the holiday package.

3. Travelmarvel accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, loss (including loss of enjoyment), damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) beyond its control.

4. Any term, condition or warranty express or implied by statute or otherwise in respect to the holiday packages contained in any of our collateral are excluded to the full extent permitted by law. Nothing in these booking conditions excludes, restricts or modifies the application of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) as amended, consolidated, supplemented or replaced.

5. To the full extent permitted by law, Travelmarvel's liability arising under or in connection with these booking conditions: (a) is limited to the re-supply of the products or services or the payment of the cost of re-supply of the products or services to you; and (b) excludes liability for any indirect or consequential losses suffered by you or any third party, howsoever caused, including but not limited to pure economic loss or any special, extraordinary or punitive damage to you or any other party.

6. Your travel agent will forward deposits and other payments to us on your behalf, but your travel agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the travel agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us and the travel agent has no authority expressed or implied to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on the part of Travelmarvel in respect to any monies paid to your travel agent unless and until Travelmarvel notifies you (by way of a booking confirmation advice or payment receipt advice) that monies have been received by Travelmarvel. Travelmarvel reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by Travelmarvel within the specified time.

7. Specific meal requests are requests only and cannot be guaranteed.

#### PERSONAL BELONGINGS & LOST ITEMS

For security reasons valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines, camera, electrical or battery-operated appliances, as well as basic essentials such as a change of clothing and toiletries. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event of any loss.



LOCAL PURCHASES

Travelmarvel is not responsible for any items you may purchase locally i.e.: jewellery/furniture etc. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for any import duty or freight costs.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Travelmarvel does not employ medical staff on our tours or ships. If you require medical attention, local medical services can be contacted immediately. You are responsible for all charges that result from a visiting a medical facility, or for a medical practitioner visiting you. Travelmarvel is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive.

SMOKING

Government regulations forbid smoking in tourist coaches however frequent stops are made for those wishing to smoke. Smoking is not permitted in hotel rooms or ship cabins. Requests for smoking/non-smoking rooms will be passed on to hotels but cannot be guaranteed.

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL

Our staff are trained in the responsible service of alcohol and are obliged by law to refuse service to any guest who, in their reasonable opinion appears to be intoxicated or behaves in an aggressive or offensive manner.

SERVICE ENQUIRIES

If a problem occurs during your holiday you should, in your own interests, inform your tour director so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to Travelmarvel within 30 days.

LUGGAGE LIMITS

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160 cm (63 inches), or weigh more than 20 kg (44 pounds). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height, and depth of the piece of baggage. An extra charge will be imposed to cover portage handling of any additional luggage. Your Tour/Cruise Director will advise you of the exact additional charge.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO ASIA TOUR PACKAGES

DEPOSITS & PAYMENT

A \$1,000 non-refundable security deposit per person, per holiday package is required within seven days of booking confirmation. Final payment of the balance of your holiday package price is due 100 days prior to departure unless stated in the terms of a special offer. Deposit conditions may vary when booking a special offer. Travelmarvel reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by Travelmarvel within the specified time. All fares and charges are in Australian currency. Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 100 days before departure from Australia. If Travelmarvel is unable to confirm your reservation, all monies will be refunded. Hotels may apply surcharges for late booking requests.

TRAVELLING WITH MINORS

Children of less than 12 years of age are not permitted on tours and cruises. Minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult.

INCLUDED IN HOLIDAY PACKAGE PRICE

All coach/cruise/rail and hotel accommodation, airfares (if indicated in individual itinerary), gratuities for Travelmarvel staff, airport transfers on the first and last day, sightseeing, specified excursions, meals, admissions, port charges, luggage service (one bag) and the services of a Cruise/Tour Director and driver as stated in your itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED IN HOLIDAY PACKAGE PRICE

Airfares between Australia and Asia, airport taxes, laundry, passport and visa fees, meals or drinks other than those indicated in your itinerary, excess baggage, fuel surcharges and optional excursions and gratuities not specified in your itinerary.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities have been included for all services as indicated in the itinerary on all Travelmarvel holiday packages including all land portions of your tour and on board your cruise. These amounts cannot be redeemed for cash refunds.

FLIGHTS WITHIN ASIA

Economy flights within Asia and airport taxes are included in the price as specified in the itinerary. All internal flights must be booked by Travelmarvel where included in the tour package. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and airline. Airline schedules and fares are subject to change without notice. Flights will be based on best fare available at the time of booking, however surcharges may apply. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and in some cases are non-refundable. Deposits are considered as a guarantee of the invoiced flight arrangements and once deposit received, flights will be ticketed. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. Seating requests are not available on domestic flights within Asia. The maximum luggage allowance on all flights within Asia is usually 20 kilograms per passenger. Full names including middle names as indicated in passports are required for all flight tickets within Asia.

CHOOSING YOUR HOLIDAY

To maximise enjoyment of your Travelmarvel holiday and to ensure that it lives up to your expectations it is important that you choose the right holiday package for you. Our marketing collateral contains limited information however, there is more information online at [www.travelmarvel.com.au](http://www.travelmarvel.com.au) and our staff are also available to discuss your options.

HOTELS

Hotel rooms in Asia may differ in size from those in Australia or New Zealand. In more remote places, hotel standards may not be quite as high as in major centres. Travelmarvel endeavours to utilise the most suitable accommodation available in each destination to ensure that passengers enjoy high levels of cleanliness, comfort and service. The hotels mentioned in the itinerary will be used on almost all holiday packages, however, if a change is necessary for any reason, Travelmarvel will endeavour to ensure that alternative accommodation is of an equivalent standard to those shown. Hotel rooms are generally not available for check-in before 3pm and require check-out by 10am. Should you wish to check in earlier or stay later, you may be required to book and pay for additional nights.

TWIN OR DOUBLE ROOMS

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms (sometimes named superior/deluxe) based on twins or doubles unless otherwise stated. Bedding configuration on board cruises vary depending on the category booked.

SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of single rooms, suites or cabins may be available by request at the time of booking your holiday. Single accommodation may not be available on certain cruises. Single accommodation is often smaller than standard twin or double rooms and may only have one single bed.

CRUISING – CABIN/SUITE/ STATEROOM SELECTION

Travelmarvel will make every effort to assign specific cabin numbers. Travelmarvel reserves the right to make changes to cabin assignment, within the category booked.

PASSENGERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE  
Travelmarvel welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs. However, please note the following:

1. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be reported to Travelmarvel at the time of booking including all important information relating to your health, mobility and fitness which may affect your partial or total participation in the cruise or tour. This information is also crucial to allow Travelmarvel to ensure the tour you have chosen is suitable and meets your needs. Any changes to health, mobility and fitness must also be reported to Travelmarvel as soon as possible prior to departure. Where possible Travelmarvel will make reasonable adjustments to the tour to accommodate your special needs however, it cannot do so if the adjustment required would be unreasonable in all of the circumstances, including if such adjustments would affect your safety and/or the safety and/or enjoyment of other passengers.
2. If you require special assistance or care (such as pushing a wheelchair, assistance with dressing, assistance with walking), you must travel with a companion capable of providing the required assistance or care. Please be aware that Travelmarvel does not provide personal assistance. Travelmarvel is unable to assist any passenger with walking, dining, boarding or disembarking any transportation vehicles (including river and ocean cruise ships and trains). To safely participate in embarkation and disembarkation you must be able to do so without the need for special assistance. You must also be able to do so without unreasonably impacting other passengers' safety and/or enjoyment.
3. While Travelmarvel will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of disabled passengers, it is not responsible for any denial of services by any third party entities it has travel arrangements with, such as carriers, hotels, trains, restaurants or other independent suppliers, or for any additional associated expenses charges by those parties.
4. Please note coaches and minibuses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. On river cruises, guests will need to be able to step into and out of tenders. The RV Rajmahal does not have elevators. Many ships require the use of stairs to go between decks. Further, side by side docking may require passengers to climb and descent stairs to cross over vessels to disembark and embark at times. Travelmarvel ships often sail through remote areas that do not have convenient docking facilities. In such circumstances it will be necessary for passengers to negotiate tender boats, temporary gangplanks and uneven surfaces. If the crew decide that it is not safe for a passenger to negotiate such operations they may require passengers to stay on board. Cabin doors and restrooms may not be wide enough to allow access by standard wheelchairs. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be carried on coaches, due to space limitations. For safety reasons, passengers in wheelchairs

cannot be carried on ramps in ports where the river or ocean cruise ship is at anchor. Travelmarvel is unable to provide individual assistance or alternative transportation.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A good level of fitness and health is required to participate on Travelmarvel's holiday packages. In some destinations there are extensive sightseeing excursions by foot which includes the climbing of stairs. Mobility is needed boarding or alighting coaches, river cruise ships and trains. We recommend a visit to the doctor before travelling to overseas destinations and consult with them regarding any vaccinations which may be required. It is your responsibility to advise Travelmarvel of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers. For river cruising, clients must be able to climb ramps to embark or disembark river cruise ships. Depending on river levels, these may have a number of steep steps. Many ships use tenders to reach the shore. A Health, Fitness & Mobility Questionnaire will be provided and requested to be completed at the time of booking if you advise of any health, fitness or mobility issues. Travelmarvel is not liable for any injury, illness, or loss of enjoyment which could have been reasonably prevented had we been made aware of a pre-existing condition and been provided an opportunity to review it. We will not be responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties or the return of passengers from a tour, and a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS

All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after the holiday package return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure that they have any applicable visas for countries included in the holiday package prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and paying all associated costs. Travelmarvel is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the holiday package resulting from incorrect travel documents or visas. Visas are at passengers own expense.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

The timing of the shore excursions on all river cruise ship and land holiday packages may differ slightly for each package. The published times are a guide only and are subject to change without notice. It is impossible for large coaches to be used for some city sightseeing excursions and many towns and cities will be visited by way of walking tours and/or local transportation.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Minimum and maximum group numbers apply on some optional excursions.

IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO YOUR HOLIDAY

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking, or his or her travel agent. If you request changes after Travelmarvel has issued your documents, Travelmarvel may charge you an administration and processing fee of \$70 per person in addition to any applicable cancellation fees.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following Travelmarvel cancellation fees apply (in addition to charges of any independent suppliers e.g. airlines and hotels):

Days of Notice Prior to Departure	Fee Per Person
100 days or more	Loss of deposit
99–61 days	50% of holiday package price
60 days or less	100% of holiday package price

All cancellations must be received in writing by Travelmarvel and are not effective until this notification has been received. If your holiday has commenced, 100% of the full holiday package price is charged. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the holiday package are missed. Additional cancellation fees may also be charged in respect to accommodation reserved outside the holiday package dates. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by Travelmarvel and your travel agent (if any). You acknowledge that the amounts estimated under the Cancellation Policy are reasonable and represent a genuine pre-estimate of Travelmarvel's loss and are otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of Travelmarvel.

CANCELLATION OF TICKETED AIRFARES

A Travelmarvel cancellation fee of \$50 per person applies for ticketed airfares, in addition to any airline cancellation fees that are applicable.

CHANGES TO TICKETED AIRFARES

If you wish to amend the date or routing on your ticketed air booking, a Travelmarvel amendment fee of \$30 per person for the first change and \$85 for any subsequent changes will be charged in addition to airline change fees and additional taxes that are applicable. If, for any reason, a name change to a ticketed airfare is required,

a \$125 per person name change fee will apply for every change in addition to any applicable airline fees.

IF WE NEED TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

Travelmarvel endeavours to provide you with all the services confirmed to you at the time of your booking. However, we plan arrangements a long time in advance of your departure date using independent suppliers such as airlines, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasions changes do have to be made, and Travelmarvel reserves the right to cancel or amend holiday packages/excursions accordingly. All tours require a minimum number of bookings in order to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. In the event adequate numbers cannot be achieved, it may be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and offer the nearest possible alternative date (or a refund of the monies paid for arrangements made by Travelmarvel).

ON HOLIDAY

NOISE AND VIBRATION

You acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels, trains, coaches and other modes of transport and that Travelmarvel is not liable to you for any such noise or vibration.

TRANSFERS IN TOKYO

For tours that start or finish in Tokyo, transfers are included on first and last day, or when pre-post tour is booked through APT is included for guests flying into or out of Haneda Airport. A surcharge will be applicable on transfers to/from Narita Airport.

DOCKING POSITION

During port stops cruise ships may dock side by side, obstructing views and requiring you to pass through other ships to embark or disembark. Docking positions are governed entirely by the port authorities.

SEAT ALLOCATION ON COACH TOURS

To ensure all passengers enjoy forward and window facing seats, we have incorporated a daily seat rotation system on Travelmarvel run tours. The system is not able to be adjusted to suit individual needs under any circumstances.

LUGGAGE LIMITS

You will be required to pack-down to one small carry-on bag while in India (RJTLTC13 & RJTGMG10) and Japan (RJTJAG12 & RJTJTG14).

GREAT RAIL JOURNEYS

Rail journeys are operated by our partner Great Rail Journeys, based in York (UK), and are escorted by a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort. For tours operated by our partner, your contract is with Great Rail Journeys as the principal operator of the tour. Full portage is not included on all of the rail journey programs. (See individual itineraries). We strongly recommend you limit your luggage to one suitcase weighing less than the standard airline allowable luggage limit, to ensure you are able to manage your luggage both on and off trains and at other points throughout your journey.

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