



Asia





GREAT CHINA

THE FORBIDDEN CITY
BEIJING, CHINA

FROM 3.377\$-DAYS 15

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Friday
Every two weeks from
November to March

EXPECTED HOTELS

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- **Boat:** Boat Ride in Tongli, Boat trip in Longmen.
- **City tour in:** Beijing, Qufu, Shanghai, Xian.
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- **Ticket admission:** The Forbidden City, Jingshan Park, Summer Palace, Great Wall of China Mutianyu, Temple of Heaven, foot massage, Tai Chi class in Beijing, Dai Temple in Taian, Mansion and the Confucius Temple in Qufu, Underground Mausoleum of the Han Emperor in Xuzhou, The Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum and Linggu Temple in Nanjing, Garden of the humble administrator in Suzhou, Yuyuan Garden and demonstration of the Tea ceremony in Shanghai, White Horse Temple in Luoyang, Buddhist caves of Longmen in Longmen, Baoulon Temple, Guo Museum in Sanmexia, Terracotta Army Museum, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Chinese calligraphy course, mosque, show of traditional instrument playing in Drum Tower (not always guaranteed) in Xian, Mansion of the Wang Clan, Temples, mansions and city walls in Pingyao, Nanshan Temple in Wutai, Great Wall in Yanmenguan, Hanging Temple, The Yungang Grottoes in Datong, Small traditional Chinese settlement in Jiming Post.
- **Ferry:** Huangpu River in Shanghai.
- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing, Gates of Heaven in Taian.
- **High Speed Train:** Beijing - Taian, Shanghai - Luoyang, Xian - Lingfen.
- **12 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Taian, Xuzhou, Suzhou, Shanghai, Luoyang, Sanmexia, Mansion Clan Wang, Wutai, Yinkxian.



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Free afternoon. If you wish, you can enjoy a boat trip to see Shanghai at night, it will be an unforgettable experience.

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12 TUE. Xian- Lingfen- Clan Wang Mansion- Pingyao.-

We leave from Xian in a very modern **high speed train** and in less than three hours we will arrive in **Lingfen**. From here, we go in our coach to the **MANSION OF THE WANG CLAN**, which was built by a wealthy family between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries. **Lunch is included.** We continue on to **PINGYAO**, China's best preserved historical city, which has 4,000 ancient buildings and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will enjoy this charming traditional city. Our tour will include **entry tickets that allow visitors access to all the temples, mansions and city walls**.

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We travel to one of the most exciting spiritual places in China: **WUTAI MOUNTAIN**. This place, situated between green mountains and forests, is one of the centres of the Lamaism form of Buddhism. There are more than 40 ancient monasteries (and a similar number of monasteries have been built in more recent years), which are home to a large community of monks. We will visit **Nanshan Temple** with our guide, and later we will leave time free for you to look for less visited temples, where you can respectfully observe the monks. **Dinner included.**

14 THU. Wutai- Yanmenguan- Yinkxian- Hanging Temple- Datong.-

After breakfast, we travel along a road of great scenic beauty between the mountains to **YANGMENGUAN**, which is not far from the border of Mongolia. In one of the mountain passes, we will visit a part of the **GREAT WALL OF CHINA** here. We will be able to take a tranquil walk, as it is an area with a very small number of tourists. We continue to **YINGXIAN**, quiet picturesque village with its great wooden pagoda. **Lunch included.** We continue to the **HANGING TEMPLE** of Xuancong Temple. Its construction on the wall of a cliff is amazing. Continuing with the coach, at the end of the day, you can stroll in **DATONG**, a city that has impressive walls and a rebuilt historic centre.

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CLASSICAL CHINA END XIAN

CLASSICAL CHINA

OPTION 1

OPTION 2



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(Opt. 2) Classical China

Days 1 - 5 as in Opt. 1

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- **High Speed Train:** Shanghai - Luoyang.
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(Additional services Opt. 2)

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- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing.
- **High Speed Train:** Xian - Lingfen.
- **5 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Mansion Clan Wang, Wutai, Yinkxian, Beijing, Beijing.



LINGSHAN PARK

BEIJING, CHINA



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SUZHOU

CHINA



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SPIRITUAL AND MODERN CHINA

OPTION 1

TRADITIONAL CHINA

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

TRADITIONAL CHINA AND CHENGDU

(OPT. 1) SPIRITUAL AND MODERN CHINA

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(Opt. 3) Traditional China and Chengdu Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 2

12 TUE. Xian- Chengdu.-

We leave Xian in a very modern high-speed train, and in just over three hours we cover the 700 km that separate us from **CHENGDU**. On arrival we will go to the **Panda Bear research and breeding centre**, a reserve where 120 giant pandas and 76 red pandas live. **Lunch included.** In the afternoon we will take a stroll through the **People's Park**, with its small lake, the local people doing Taichi, and its tea houses. -

13 WED. Chengdu- Dujiangyan- Qingcheng Shan- Jie- zi- Chengdu.-

Today we include full-day tour of Sichuan Province, with its pleasant landscapes and traditional villages. In **DUJIANGYAN** we see the traditional irrigation system, which has been working for more than 2000 years and is a world heritage site. **QUINGCHENG SHAN**, "mountain of the green city" is a Taoist holy mountain. Its paths through the forests show us caves, pavilions and centuries-old wooden temples, **lunch included.** Finally, we will visit the ancient city of **JIEZI** with its alleys with over a thousand years of history. Return to **CHENGDU**.

14 THU. Chengdu.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Excursion:** Tricycle ride through the traditional neighbourhood in Beijing, Great Wall of China Mutianyu section in Beijing.
- **Boat:** Boat Ride in Tongli.
- **City tour in:** Beijing, Qufu, Shanghai.
- **Evening Transfer:** Wangfujing street in Beijing.
- **Ticket admission:** The Forbidden City, Jingshan Park, Summer Palace, Great Wall of China Mutianyu, Temple of Heaven, foot massage, Tai Chi class in Beijing, Dai Temple in Taian, Mansion and the Confucius Temple in Qufu, Underground Mausoleum of the Han Emperor in Xuzhou, The Sun Yatsen Mausoleum and Linggu Temple in Nanjing, Garden of the humble administrator in Suzhou, Yuyuan Garden and demonstration of the Tea ceremony in Shanghai.
- **Ferry:** Huangpu River in Shanghai.
- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing, Gates of Heaven in Taian.
- **High Speed Train:** Beijing - Taian.
- **7 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Taian, Xuzhou, Suzhou, Shanghai.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Boat:** Boat trip in Longmen.
- **City tour in:** Xian.
- **Evening Transfer:** Old City in Luoyang.
- **Ticket admission:** White Horse Temple in Luoyang, Buddhist caves of Longmen in Longmen, Baolun Temple, Guo Museum in Sanmexia, Terracotta Army Museum, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Chinese calligraphy course, mosque, show of traditional instrument playing in Drum Tower (not always guaranteed) in Xian.
- **High Speed Train:** Shanghai - Luoyang.
- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Luoyang, Sanmexia.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Excursion:** Dujiangyan, Qingcheng Shan Mountain and ancient city of Jiezi in Chengdu.
- **Boat:** Boat trip in Qingcheng Shan Mountain in Chengdu.
- **Ticket admission:** Traditional irrigation system in Dujiangyan, Sacred Mountain of Qingcheng Shan in Chengdu.
- **Funicular:** Qingcheng Shan Mountain in Chengdu.
- **High Speed Train:** Xian-Chengdu.
- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Chengdu, Chengdu.



MYTHOLOGICAL ROOF FIGURES AT THE CONFUCIUS TEMPLE

QUFU, CHINA



FROM **3.972\$**-DAYS **18/21**

DEPARTURE DATES

Every two weeks
on Fridays

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- The route will be **bilingual with Spanish and English-speaking guides** . On certain dates, depending on sales, the circuit will be divided into two with a bus in each language.
- **MEALS**: The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".

TEMPLE OF LONGMEN GROTTO
LUOYANG, CHINA

YUNLONG LAKE
XUZHOU, CHINA

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CHINA END GUANGZHOU OPTION 1

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CHINA END HONG KONG OPTION 2

(OPT. 1) NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CHINA END GUANGZHOU
01 FRI. Beijing.-
Welcome to China. Transfer to the hotel.

Early in the evening, to familiarise ourselves with the city, we provide a transfer to **Wangfujing street**, a pedestrian and commercial street full of life with many shops and restaurants. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

02 SAT. Beijing.-
An exciting day awaits us. We will discover the main points of interest in the Chinese capital. We will have a **full day visit** in which we will visit some of the main avenues in the city. **The Great Chinese Imperial Palace**, better known as "The Forbidden City", the most majestic architectural complex in China from where 24 emperors ruled for almost 500 years. We will also have the opportunity to visit Jingshan Park where the **Coal Hill** is located, one of the best preserved imperial gardens in Beijing. We ascend to the top of the hill to have the best views (if the day is clear) on the Forbidden City. We will walk through the immense **Tiananmen Square** one of the largest squares in the world, and from them, we will appreciate the **Great National Theater**, Beijing Opera House. **Lunch is included**. Today, we will also visit the **SUMMER PALACE**, the Imperial House of the Qing Dynasty with its beautiful gardens and lakes. In the afternoon we include a **tricycle ride** through the traditional neighbourhood of Beijing, known as **Hutong**. In this area we can see the typical lifestyle in these popular neighbourhood, visit typical shops and even a traditional house, a Siheyuan, with all its lounges around a courtyard. Return to the hotel and overnight.

03 SUN. Beijing.-
Today's programme includes an excursion to visit the **GREAT WALL OF CHINA (section Mutianyu)**, spectacular architectural work. Its history covers more than 2000 years. The day will include a **cable car ride** up and down to one of the most scenic areas. Returning to Beijing, we will stop in the **798 th district**, with its contemporary art located in an old military factory. We will also visit the **TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**, one of the country's largest sacred complexes and a World Heritage Site. Before returning to the hotel, and as a way to rest from this intense day, we will enjoy a **foot massage** and we will take a **Tai Chi class**. We will bid farewell to Beijing with a **lacquered duck dinner included**.

04 MON. Beijing- Taian- Qufu.-
After breakfast, we go to the train station. We take one of China's state-of-the-art **high-speed trains**. At 300 km/hour, in two hours we arrive at **TAIAN**, situated at the foot of Mount Taishan, which is considered the most sacred mountain in China. We will visit the **DAI Temple**, a magnificent complex of Taoist temples from the 11th century. From here, the pilgrimage route begins. **Lunch included**. After this, our visit will include the **cable car** that ascends to the "gates of heaven" of the sacred mountain. The last phase has to be done walking on foot up its steep staircase among hundreds of pilgrims. At the end of the afternoon, we will travel in our bus to **QUFU**, the city of Confucius.

05 TUE. Qufu - Xuzhou.-
We visit the city of Confucius, the Chinese thinker of the V century BC, who was the initiator of Confucianism. Our trip will include a **visit and entrance to the Mansion and the Confucius Temple**. We then continue our route towards **XUZHOU**. **Lunch included**. We will discover the impressive underground Mausoleum of the Han Emperor, and we will be surprised by the sight of the terracotta army in the museum (similar, but smaller in size, to the extremely famous ones in Xian). After that, in the bus, we will pass by the beautiful **Lake Yunlong**, which is located in the centre of the city. Accommodation.

06 WED. Xuzhou- Nanjing.-
We leave Xuzhou in the early morning. At around 12.30, we arrive in **NANJING**, a city of eight million people and considered by many to be the most pleasant in China. We will be amazed by the activity and commercial life of this modern metropolis. We will visit the **Purple Mountain**, where we will look round the **SUN YATSEN mausoleum** and the picturesque **Lingu Temple**. Free time later on. Overnight.

07 THU. Nanjing- Suzhou- Tongli- Shanghai.-
We leave for **SUZHOU**, which has wonderful gardens that are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This city was the main silk producer in the world and was always associated with beauty and elegance. We include **entrance tickets to the garden of the humble administrator**. We will have free time to stroll along the very picturesque **Pingjian road**. **Lunch is included**. After that we go to **TONGLI**, a charming lake town with its small houses next to the canals and their gondolas. We included a nice **boat ride**. Continue on to **SHANGHAI**. Accommodation.

08 FRI. Shanghai.-
In the morning, our trip includes a **visit round** this impressive city. We will know the area of Pudong, located across the Huangpu River, is now the financial district, with its skyscrapers as the Pearl Tower. We include a **ferry crossing** of the Shanghai River which will give us great views of the two parts of the city. We will stroll the Old City and the Yuyuan Garden, a private garden that was built during the Ming Dynasty. We will enjoy a **demonstration of the Tea ceremony**, traditional drink that plays an important cultural role in China. We will pass by one of the most fashionable neighbourhoods of the capital, Xintiandi. **Lunch included**. Then, visit Tianzifang, a former residential area known for its narrow, labyrinthine traditional streets with its small craft shops and art galleries. We finish the visit along the Bund with its old buildings that remind us of the influence of European trade. Free afternoon. If you wish, you can enjoy a boat trip to see Shanghai at night, it will be an unforgettable experience.

09 SAT. Shanghai- Luoyang.-
Transfer to the station. We take the **high-speed train** (a train is expected to leave at 07.17 h), and in a little over five hours, through many sections of pretty countryside, we cover the 1,000 km to **LUOYANG**. **Lunch included**. We see the impressive **Buddhist caves of LONGMEN** over more than a kilometre of the rocky walls of the river, where they sculpted more than 100,000 images of Buddha. We will include a **boat trip**. After this, **transfer to the ancient city**, where we cross its impressive wall and can enjoy the great traditional activity and its lit up streets.

10 SUN. Luoyang- White Horse Monastery -Sanmexia- Xian.-
In the early hours, on the outskirts of Luoyang, we visit the **WHITE HORSE BUDDHIST MONASTERY**, a huge monastery and place of study where Buddhists from all countries of the world. We continue our route to **SANMEXIA**. In this historic city we will see the Yellow River and the Baoulon temple with its tall pagoda and we will visit one of the best museums in China: the Guo Museum with the funeral carriages of the former state of Guo. **Lunch included**. We continue eastwards, passing the foot of Mount Hua, a holy mountain. **XIAN**, arrival at the end of the afternoon.

11 MON. Xian.-
We have arrived in the fascinating city where the silk route originated. First thing in the morning, we will go to see the **TERRACOTTA ARMY**, with its thousands of life size clay soldiers that were found underground. We return to **XIAN**, where we will visit the **Small Wild Goose Pagoda** where we will enjoy a **brief Chinese calligraphy course**. Later, we go across through the walled centre. We will cross the Muslim quarter there and we will enter the mosque, where we will be able to see the multiple cultures and religions that have left



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their mark on this country. Our tour will also include **entry tickets to the Drum Tower** where we will enjoy a **short show of traditional instrument playing**. Free time. -

12 TUE. Xian- Chengdu.-

We leave Xian in a very modern high-speed train, and in just over three hours we cover the 700 km that separate us from **CHENGDU**. On arrival we will go to the **Panda Bear research and breeding centre**, a reserve where 120 giant pandas and 76 red pandas live. **Lunch included**. In the afternoon we will take a stroll through the **People's Park**, with its small lake, the local people doing Taichi, and its tea houses. -

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14 THU. Chengdu- Miao Village- Zhaoxing.-

We will travel **by train**, we get up early (our train leaves at 7.38 hrs), and we have to do almost a thousand kilometres in just over five and a half hours amidst magnificent mountain scenery (**picnic lunch on the train**). On arrival in **Congjiang**, we are in a magnificent and unknown area of China inhabited by ethnic minorities. We see the **BASHA MIAO Village** in the forest, with its wooden houses. This is the only ethnic group authorised to carry firearms, as they were traditional bear hunters. We continue to **ZHAOXING**, the most important town of the Dong minority, a beautiful place with its more than 800 traditional homes; many say that it is the most beautiful town in China. Accommodation.

15 FRI. Zhaoxing- Guangxiao- Chengyang- Longsheng- Guilin.-

Today you will do one of the most beautiful and exciting stages of your trip. **GUANGXIAO**, among amazing villages of the Dong ethnic group with its beautiful wooden architecture, this charming town frozen in time is little visited by international tourism; we will see its suspension bridge, the drum tower and the opera house. We also stop at **CHENGYANG**, with its magnificent "wind and rain bridge". **Lunch included**. In **LONGSHENG** we will go to the **LONJI** rice fields, a World Heritage Site. A small bus will take us to the viewpoints and you can walk down a sector along paths between rice paddies and wonderful scenery. After that we continue to **GUILIN** -Arrival at the end of the afternoon-

16 SAT. Guilin.-

A full day in **GUILIN**, one of the most popular cities in China with a very pleasant atmosphere on the banks of its lake, next to the river Li, and with its busy shopping streets in the centre. We include a **visit to the Cane Flutes Grotto**, a magnificent cave in which there are numerous fantastically shaped stalactites and stalagmites lit up in beautiful colours, creating a spectacular world in the bowels of the earth. Afternoon free, we recommend you visit the Jingjiang Palace, the "miniature forbidden city". Accommodation.

17 SUN. Guilin- Cruise on the Li River- Yangshuo- Huangyao- Guangzhou.-

We will leave Guilin by boat and take a **cruise on the Li river**. The countryside is spectacular with its green mountains, the villages on the banks, the amazing rocks and its mountain peaks in amazing shapes. **Lunch included**. We

come to **YANGSHUO**, a very lively tourist city. A stroll before continuing through central China to the rural **HUANGYAO**; this ancient city is magnificently preserved with its small streets, old buildings, temples. The life and activity of its inhabitants will also take us to another time. Time for a stroll. We continue on our way to **GUANGZHOU** -Arrival at the end of the day-

18 MON. Guangzhou.-

Guangzhou, we include a two-hour tour of this thriving metropolis of southern China; we will walk along Shangxiaju Street with its traditional market, see the **House of the Chen Clan** from the end of the 19th century and we will explore the riverside area. Free time and **lunch included**. End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

(Opt. 2) Northern and southern China end Hong Kong Days 1 - 17 as in Opt. 1

18 MON. Guangzhou- Zhuhai- Macau.-

Guangzhou, we include a two-hour tour of this thriving metropolis of southern China; we will walk along Shangxiaju Street with its traditional market, see the **House of the Chen Clan** from the end of the 19th century and we will explore the riverside area. Free time and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we travel to **ZHUHAI** on the China Sea; we stop next to the impressive Opera House built on land reclaimed from the sea, opened in 2016 and whose impressive shape symbolises the sun and the moon. **BORDER CROSSING** and entry in **MACAU**, where we see the area of the casinos, many of which are in the same style as those in Las Vegas. Their activity is impressive.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you return to mainland China on your trip after your stay in Macau and Hong Kong, you need a double entry visa.

19 TUE. Macau- Hong Kong.-

MACAU. We include a **tour of the city** whose historic centre has been declared a World Heritage Site. Administered by the Portuguese from the 16th century until 1999, its history can be seen in its ancient churches, the tiles of the civil buildings, its fortress and the oldest lighthouse in China. Free time and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we take the impressive bridge that connects Hong Kong with Macao. This was opened at the end of 2018 and is an engineering feat with more than 30 kilometres of bridges over the China Sea, 6 kilometres of tunnel under the sea and artificial islands; we will stop at its tourist platform to admire this work. **HONG KONG** - Arrival. After our accommodation, we will take the **Star ferry**, crossing Hong Kong Bay by boat to enjoy a short walk to see the illuminated buildings from the other shore. Return to the area of our hotel. **Dinner included**. Accommodation.

Note: If there are fewer than 12 people in the group, the trip from Macau to Hong Kong may be done by Shuttle bus.

20 WED. Hong Kong.-

After breakfast, we will **visit the city** to see the financial centre with its tall skyscrapers, and we will visit the **History Museum** that enlightens us on the history of the city (colonial period, World War, etc.) the **avenue of the Stars** by the dock, which shows us the celebrities of the cinema industry. We will take the **Star ferry across Hong Kong Bay** and climb by bus up to **Victoria Peak** (552 m) with a view of the whole city. Return on Peak Tram. After our visit, free afternoon.

21 THU. Hong Kong.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

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- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Excursion:** Tricycle ride through the traditional neighbourhood in Beijing, Great Wall of China Mutianyu section in Beijing, Dujiangyan, Qingcheng Shan Mountain and ancient city of Jiezi in Chengdu, Reed Flute Cave.
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- **City tour in:** Beijing, Qufu, Shanghai, Xian, Guangzhou.
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- **Ferry:** Huangpu River in Shanghai.
- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing, Gates of Heaven in Taian, Qingcheng Shan Mountain in Chengdu.
- **High Speed Train:** Beijing - Taian, Shanghai - Luoyang, Xian- Chengdu, Chengdu - Congjiang.
- **15 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Taian, Xuzhou, Suzhou, Shanghai, Luoyang, Sanmexia, Chengdu, Chengdu, Chengdu (picnic lunch on the train Chengdu-Conjiannng), Chengyang, Li River Cruise, Guangzhou.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Guangzhou, Macau, Hong Kong.
- **Evening Transfer:** Hong Kong Bay in Hong Kong.
- **Ticket admission:** House of the Chen Clan in Guangzhou, History Museum in Hong Kong.
- **Ferry:** Star ferry in Hong Kong Bay.
- **Funicular:** Peak Tram (one way) in Hong Kong.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Guangzhou, Macau, Hong Kong.



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GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN CHINA AND CHENGDU

OPTION 1

GOLDEN TRIANGLE AND SOUTH OF CHINA

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OPTION 2

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OPTION 3

PANDA BEAR RESEARCH AND BREEDING CENTRE
CHENGDU, CHINA



FROM **2.645\$** - DAYS **12/16/19**

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Sunday
Every two weeks from
November to March

EXPECTED HOTELS

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(OPT. 1) GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN CHINA AND CHENGDU

01 SUN. Beijing.-

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04 WED. Beijing- Nanjing.-

After breakfast, we go to the train station, where we take one of the extremely **modern high speed trains** in China. At 300 km/hour, in less than 4 hours we cover almost 1.000 km and will arrive in **NANJING**, a city of eight million people and considered by many to be the most pleasant in China. We will be amazed by the activity and commercial life of this modern metropolis. We will visit the **Purple Mountain**, where we will look round the **SUN YATSEN** mausoleum and the picturesque **Lingu Temple**. Free time later on. Overnight.

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In the morning, our trip includes a **visit round** this impressive city. We will know the area of Pudong, located across the Huangpu River, is now the financial district, with its skyscrapers as the Pearl Tower. We include a **ferry crossing** of the Shanghai River which will give us great views of the two parts of the city. We will stroll the Old City and the Yuyuan Garden, a private garden that was built during the Ming Dynasty. We will enjoy a **demonstration of the Tea ceremony**, traditional drink that plays an important cultural role in China. We will pass by one of the most fashionable neighbourhoods of the capital, Xintiandi. **Lunch included**. Then, visit Tianzifang, a former residential area known for its narrow, labyrinthine traditional streets with its small craft shops and art galleries. We finish the visit along the Bund with its old buildings that remind us of the influence of European trade. Free afternoon. If you wish, you can enjoy a boat trip to see Shanghai at night, it will be an unforgettable experience.

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08 SUN. Luoyang- White Horse Monastery -Sanmexia- Xian.-

In the early hours, on the outskirts of Luoyang, we visit the **WHITE HORSE BUDDHIST MONASTERY**, a huge monastery and place of study where Buddhists from all countries of the world. We continue our route to **SANMEXIA**. In this historic city we will see the Yellow River and the Baoulon temple with its tall pagoda and we will visit one of the best museums in China: the Guo Museum with the funeral carriages of the former state of Guo. **Lunch included**. We continue eastwards, passing the foot of Mount Hua, a holy mountain. **XIAN**, arrival at the end of the afternoon.

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10 TUE. Xian- Chengdu.-

We leave Xian in a very modern high-speed train, and in just over three hours we cover the 700 km that separate us from **CHENGDU**. On arrival we will go to the **Panda Bear research and breeding centre**, a reserve where 120 giant pandas and 76 red pandas live. **Lunch included**. In the afternoon we will take a stroll through the **People's Park**, with its small lake, the local people doing Taichi, and its tea houses. -



11 WED. Chengdu - Dujiangyan - Qingcheng Shan - Jiezi - Chengdu.-

Today we include full-day tour of Sichuan Province, with its pleasant landscapes and traditional villages. In **DUJIANGYAN** we see the traditional irrigation system, which has been working for more than 2000 years and is a world heritage site. **QINGCHENG SHAN**, "mountain of the green city" is a Taoist holy mountain. Its paths through the forests show us caves, pavilions and centuries-old wooden temples, **lunch included**. Finally, we will visit the ancient city of **JIEZI** with its alleys with over a thousand years of history. Return to **CHENGDU**.

12 THU. Chengdu.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Golden Triangle and South of China end Guangzhou

Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 1

12 THU. Chengdu - Miao Village - Zhaoxing.-

We will travel **by train**, we get up early (our train leaves at 7.38 hrs), and we have to do almost a thousand kilometres in just over five and a half hours amidst magnificent mountain scenery (**picnic lunch on the train**). On arrival in **Congjiang**, we are in a magnificent and unknown area of China inhabited by ethnic minorities. We see the **BASHA MIAO Village** in the forest, with its wooden houses. This is the only ethnic group authorised to carry firearms, as they were traditional bear hunters. We continue to **ZHAOXING**, the most important town of the Dong minority, a beautiful place with its more than 800 traditional homes; many say that it is the most beautiful town in China. Accommodation.

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Today you will do one of the most beautiful and exciting stages of your trip. **GUANGXIAO**, among amazing villages of the Dong ethnic group with its beautiful wooden architecture, this charming town frozen in time is little visited by international tourism; we will see its suspension bridge, the drum tower and the opera house. We also stop at **CHENG-YANG**, with its magnificent "wind and rain bridge". **Lunch included**. In **LONGSHENG** we will go to the **LONJI** rice fields, a World Heritage Site. A small bus will take us to the viewpoints and you can walk down a sector along paths between rice paddies and wonderful scenery. After that we continue to **GUILIN** -Arrival at the end of the afternoon-

14 SAT. Guilin.-

A full day in **GUILIN**, one of the most popular cities in China with a very pleasant atmosphere on the banks of its lake, next to the river Li, and with its busy shopping streets in the centre. We include a **visit to the Cane Flutes Grotto**, a magnificent cave in which there are numerous fantastically shaped stalactites and stalagmites lit up in beautiful colours, creating a spectacular world in the bowels of the earth. Afternoon free, we recommend you visit the Jingjiang Palace, the "miniature forbidden city". Accommodation.

15 SUN. Guilin - Cruise on the Li River - Yangshuo - Huangyao - Guangzhou.-

We will leave Guilin by boat and take a **cruise on the Li river**. The countryside is spectacular with its green mountains, the villages on the banks, the amazing rocks and its mountain peaks in amazing shapes. **Lunch included**. We come to **YANGSHUO**, a very lively tourist city. A stroll before continuing through central China to the rural **HUANG-YAO**; this ancient city is magnificently preserved with its small streets, old buildings, temples. The life and activity of

its inhabitants will also take us to another time. Time for a stroll. We continue on our way to **GUANGZHOU** -Arrival at the end of the day-

16 MON. Guangzhou.-

Guangzhou, we include a two-hour tour of this thriving metropolis of southern China; we will walk along Shangxiajia Street with its traditional market, see the **House of the Chen Clan** from the end of the 19th century and we will explore the riverside area. Free time and **lunch included**. End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

(Opt. 3) Golden Triangle and South of China end Hong Kong

Days 1 - 15 as in Opt. 2

16 MON. Guangzhou - Zhuhai - Macau.-

Guangzhou, we include a two-hour tour of this thriving metropolis of southern China; we will walk along Shangxiajia Street with its traditional market, see the **House of the Chen Clan** from the end of the 19th century and we will explore the riverside area. Free time and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we travel to **ZHUHAI** on the China Sea; we stop next to the impressive Opera House built on land reclaimed from the sea, opened in 2016 and whose impressive shape symbolises the sun and the moon. **BORDER CROSSING** and entry in **MACAU**, where we see the area of the casinos, many of which are in the same style as those in Las Vegas. Their activity is impressive.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you return to mainland China on your trip after your stay in Macau and Hong Kong, you need a double entry visa.

17 TUE. Macau - Hong Kong.-

MACAU. We include a **tour of the city** whose historic centre has been declared a World Heritage Site. Administered by the Portuguese from the 16th century until 1999, its history can be seen in its ancient churches, the tiles of the civil buildings, its fortress and the oldest lighthouse in China. Free time and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we take the impressive bridge that connects Hong Kong with Macao. This was opened at the end of 2018 and is an engineering feat with more than 30 kilometres of bridges over the China Sea, 6 kilometres of tunnel under the sea and artificial islands; we will stop at its tourist platform to admire this work. **HONG KONG** - Arrival. After our accommodation, we will take the **Star ferry**, crossing Hong Kong Bay by boat to enjoy a short walk to see the illuminated buildings from the other shore. Return to the area of our hotel. **Dinner included**. Accommodation.

Note: If there are fewer than 12 people in the group, the trip from Macau to Hong Kong may be done by Shuttle bus.

18 WED. Hong Kong.-

After breakfast, we will **visit the city** to see the financial centre with its tall skyscrapers, and we will visit the **History Museum** that enlightens us on the history of the city (colonial period, World War, etc.) the **avenue of the Stars** by the dock, which shows us the celebrities of the cinema industry. We will take the **Star ferry across Hong Kong Bay** and climb by bus up to **Victoria Peak** (552 m) with a view of the whole city. Return on Peak Tram. After our visit, free afternoon.

19 THU. Hong Kong.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Excursion:** Great Wall of China Mutianyu section in Beijing, Tricycle ride through the traditional neighbourhood in Beijing, Dujiangyan, Qingcheng Shan Mountain and ancient city of Jiezi in Chengdu.
- **Boat:** Boat Ride in Tongli, Boat trip in Longmen, Boat trip in Qingcheng Shan Mountain in Chengdu.
- **City tour in:** Beijing, Shanghai, Xian.
- **Evening Transfer:** Wangfujing street, Old City in Luoyang.
- **Ticket admission:** Great Wall of China Mutianyu, Temple of Heaven, foot massage, Tai Chi class in Beijing, The Forbidden City, Jingshan Park, Summer Palace in Beijing, The Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum and Linggu Temple in Nanjing, Garden of the humble administrator in Suzhou, Yuyuan Garden and demonstration of the Tea ceremony in Shanghai, White Horse Temple in Luoyang, Buddhist caves of Longmen in Longmen, Baolun Temple, Guo Museum in Sanmexia, Terracotta Army Museum, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Chinese calligraphy course, mosque, show of traditional instrument playing in Drum Tower (not always guaranteed) in Xian, Traditional irrigation system in Dujiangyan, Sacred Mountain of Qingcheng Shan in Chengdu.
- **Ferry:** Huangpu River in Shanghai.
- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing, Qingcheng Shan Mountain in Chengdu.
- **High Speed Train:** Beijing - Nanjing, Shanghai - Luoyang, Xian-Chengdu
- **9 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Suzhou, Shanghai, Luoyang, Sanmexia, Chengdu, Chengdu.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Excursion:** Reed Flute Cave.
- **Boat:** Cruise on the river Li.
- **City tour in:** Guangzhou.
- **Ticket admission:** Basha Miao village, Village Zhaoxing Dong Ethnic, Village Guangxiao Dong ethnic, Wind Bridge in Chengyang, Rice paddies in Longsheng, Reed Flute Cave, Ancient City Huangyao in Huangyao, House of the Chen Clan in Guangzhou.
- **High Speed Train:** Chengdu - Congjiang.
- **4 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Chengdu (picnic lunch on the train Chengdu-Congjiang), Chengyang, Li River Cruise, Guangzhou.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **City tour in:** Guangzhou, Macau, Hong Kong.
- **Evening Transfer:** Hong Kong Bay in Hong Kong.
- **Ticket admission:** House of the Chen Clan in Guangzhou, History Museum in Hong Kong.
- **Ferry:** Star ferry in Hong Kong Bay.
- **Funicular:** Peak Tram (one way) in Hong Kong.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Guangzhou, Macau, Hong Kong.





LONGSHENG RICE TERRACES
LONGSHENG, CHINA



FROM **1.535\$** - DAYS **8/12/15**

DEPARTURE DATES

Every two weeks on
Thursdays

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The route will be **bilingual with Spanish and English-speaking guides**. On certain dates, depending on sales, the circuit will be divided into two with a bus in each language.
MEALS: The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".

HUANGYAO
CHINA



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CLASSICAL CHINA AND CHENGDU **OPTION 1**
DISCOVER CHINA END GUANGZHOU **OPTION 2**
DISCOVER CHINA END HONG KONG **OPTION 3**

(OPT. 1) CLASSICAL CHINA AND CHENGDU
01 THU. Shanghai.-

Arrival. Welcome to **China!** Transfer to the hotel and free time. You will receive information about the start of the circuit during the afternoon.

02 FRI. Shanghai.-

In the morning, our trip includes a visit round this impressive city. We will know the area of Pudong, located across the Huangpu River, is now the financial district, with its skyscrapers as the Pearl Tower. We include a **ferry crossing** of the Shanghai River which will give us great views of the two parts of the city. We will stroll the Old City and the Yuyuan Garden, a private garden that was built during the Ming Dynasty. We will enjoy a **demonstration of the Tea ceremony**, traditional drink that plays an important cultural role in China. We will pass by one of the most fashionable neighbourhoods of the capital, Xintiandi. **Lunch included.** Then, visit Tianzifang, a former residential area known for its narrow, labyrinthine traditional streets with its small craft shops and art galleries. We finish the visit along the Bund with its old buildings that remind us of the influence of European trade.
Free afternoon. If you wish, you can enjoy a boat trip to see Shanghai at night, it will be an unforgettable experience.

03 SAT. Shanghai- Luoyang.-

Transfer to the station. We take the **high-speed train** (a train is expected to leave at 07.17 h), and in a little over five hours, through many sections of pretty countryside, we cover the 1,000 km to **LUOYANG**. **Lunch included.** We see the impressive **Buddhist caves of LONGMEN** over more than a kilometre of the rocky walls of the river, where they sculpted more than 100,000 images of Buddha. We will include a **boat trip**. After this, **transfer to the ancient city**, where we cross its impressive wall and can enjoy the great traditional activity and its lit-up streets.

04 SUN. Luoyang- White Horse Monastery -Sanmexia- Xian.-

In the early hours, on the outskirts of Luoyang, we visit the **WHITE HORSE BUDDHIST MONASTERY**, a huge monastery and place of study where Buddhists from all countries of the world. We continue our route to **SANMEXIA**. In this historic city we will see the Yellow River and the Baoulon temple with its tall pagoda and we will visit one of the best museums in China: the Guo Museum with the funeral carriages of the former state of Guo. **Lunch included.** We

continue eastwards, passing the foot of Mount Hua, a holy mountain. **XIAN**, arrival at the end of the afternoon.

05 MON. Xian.-

We have arrived in the fascinating city where the silk route originated. First thing in the morning, we will go to see the **TERRACOTTA ARMY**, with its thousands of life size clay soldiers that were found underground. We return to **XIAN**, where we will visit the **Small Wild Goose Pagoda** where we will enjoy a **brief Chinese calligraphy course**. Later, we go across through the walled centre. We will cross the Muslim quarter there and we will enter the mosque, where we will be able to see the multiple cultures and religions that have left their mark on this country. Our tour will also include **entry tickets to the Drum Tower** where we will enjoy a **short show of traditional instrument playing**. Free time. -

06 TUE. Xian- Chengdu.-

We leave Xian in a very modern high-speed train, and in just over three hours we cover the 700 km that separate us from **CHENGDU**. On arrival we will go to the **Panda Bear research and breeding centre**, a reserve where 120 giant pandas and 76 red pandas live. **Lunch included.** In the afternoon we will take a stroll through the **People's Park**, with its small lake, the local people doing Taichi, and its tea houses. -

07 WED. Chengdu- Dujiangyan- Qingcheng Shan- Jiezi- Chengdu.-

Today we include full-day tour of Sichuan Province, with its pleasant landscapes and traditional villages. In **DUJIANGYAN** we see the traditional irrigation system, which has been working for more than 2000 years and is a world heritage site. **QINGCHENG SHAN**, "mountain of the green city" is a Taoist holy mountain. Its paths through the forests show us caves, pavilions and centuries-old wooden temples, **lunch included.** Finally, we will visit the ancient city of **JIEZI** with its alleys with over a thousand years of history. Return to **CHENGDU**.

08 THU. Chengdu.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Discover China end Guangzhou
Days 1 - 7 as in Opt. 1

08 THU. Chengdu- Miao Village- Zhaoxing.-

We will travel **by train**, we get up early (our train leaves at



7.38 hrs), and we have to do almost a thousand kilometres in just over five and a half hours amidst magnificent mountain scenery (**picnic lunch on the train**). On arrival in **Congjiang**, we are in a magnificent and unknown area of China inhabited by ethnic minorities. We see the **BASHA MIAO Village** in the forest, with its wooden houses. This is the only ethnic group authorised to carry firearms, as they were traditional bear hunters. We continue to **ZHAOXING**, the most important town of the Dong minority, a beautiful place with its more than 800 traditional homes; many say that it is the most beautiful town in China. Accommodation.

09 FRI. Zhaoxing- Guangxiao- Chengyang- Longsheng- Guilin.-

Today you will do one of the most beautiful and exciting stages of your trip. **GUANGXIAO**, among amazing villages of the Dong ethnic group with its beautiful wooden architecture, this charming town frozen in time is little visited by international tourism; we will see its suspension bridge, the drum tower and the opera house. We also stop at **CHENGYANG**, with its magnificent "wind and rain bridge". **Lunch included**. In **LONGSHENG** we will go to the **LONJI** rice fields, a World Heritage Site. A small bus will take us to the viewpoints and you can walk down a sector along paths between rice paddies and wonderful scenery. After that we continue to **GUILIN** -Arrival at the end of the afternoon-

10 SAT. Guilin.-

A full day in **GUILIN**, one of the most popular cities in China with a very pleasant atmosphere on the banks of its lake, next to the river Li, and with its busy shopping streets in the centre. We include a **visit to the Cane Flutes Grotto**, a magnificent cave in which there are numerous fantastically shaped stalactites and stalagmites lit up in beautiful colours, creating a spectacular world in the bowels of the earth. Afternoon free, we recommend you visit the Jingjiang Palace, the "miniature forbidden city". Accommodation.

11 SUN. Guilin- Cruise on the Li River- Yangshuo- Huangyao - Guangzhou.-

We will leave Guilin by boat and take a **cruise on the Li river**. The countryside is spectacular with its green mountains, the villages on the banks, the amazing rocks and its mountain peaks in amazing shapes. **Lunch included**. We come to **YANGSHUO**, a very lively tourist city. A stroll before continuing through central China to the rural **HUANGYAO**; this ancient city is magnificently preserved with its small streets, old buildings, temples. The life and activity of its inhabitants will also take us to another time. Time for a stroll. We continue on our way to **GUANGZHOU** -Arrival at the end of the day-

12 MON. Guangzhou.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Discover China end Hong Kong Days 1 - 11 as in Opt. 2

12 MON. Guangzhou- Zhuhai- Macau.-

Guangzhou, we include a two-hour tour of this thriving metropolis of southern China; we will walk along Shangxia Street with its traditional market, see the **House of the Chen Clan** from the end of the 19th century and we will explore the riverside area. Free time and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we travel to **ZHUHAI** on the China Sea; we stop next to the impressive Opera House built on land reclaimed from the sea, opened in 2016 and whose impressive shape symbolises the sun and the

moon. **BORDER CROSSING** and entry in **MACAU**, where we see the area of the casinos, many of which are in the same style as those in Las Vegas. Their activity is impressive.

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13 TUE. Macau- Hong Kong.-

MACAU. We include a **tour of the city** whose historic centre has been declared a World Heritage Site. Administered by the Portuguese from the 16th century until 1999, its history can be seen in its ancient churches, the tiles of the civil buildings, its fortress and the oldest lighthouse in China. Free time and **lunch included**. In the afternoon we take the impressive bridge that connects Hong Kong with Macao. This was opened at the end of 2018 and is an engineering feat with more than 30 kilometres of bridges over the China Sea, 6 kilometres of tunnel under the sea and artificial islands; we will stop at its tourist platform to admire this work. **HONG KONG** - Arrival. After our accommodation, we will take the **Star ferry**, crossing Hong Kong Bay by boat to enjoy a short walk to see the illuminated buildings from the other shore. Return to the area of our hotel. **Dinner included**. Accommodation.

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14 WED. Hong Kong.-

After breakfast, we will **visit the city** to see the financial centre with its tall skyscrapers, and we will visit the **History Museum** that enlightens us on the history of the city (colonial period, World War, etc.) the **avenue of the Stars** by the dock, which shows us the celebrities of the cinema industry. We will take the **Star ferry across Hong Kong Bay** and climb by bus up to **Victoria Peak** (552 m) with a view of the whole city. Return on Peak Tram. After our visit, free afternoon.

15 THU. Hong Kong.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



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- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
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- **City tour in:** Shanghai, Xian.
- **Evening Transfer:** Old City in Luoyang.
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- **Funicular:** Qingcheng Shan Mountain in Chengdu.
- **High Speed Train:** Shanghai - Luoyang, Xian-Chengdu
- **5 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Shanghai, Luoyang, Sanmexia, Chengdu, Chengdu.

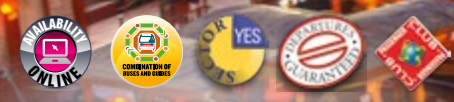
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- **High Speed Train:** Chengdu - Congjiang.
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(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **City tour in:** Guangzhou, Macau, Hong Kong.
- **Evening Transfer:** Hong Kong Bay in Hong Kong.
- **Ticket admission:** House of the Chen Clan in Guangzhou, History Museum in Hong Kong.
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- **Funicular:** Peak Tram (one way) in Hong Kong.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Guangzhou, Macau, Hong Kong.





FROM 2.888\$-DAYS 9/13/15

DEPARTURE DATES

**Every Sunday
Every two weeks from
November to March**

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The route will be **bilingual with Spanish and English-speaking guides**. On certain dates, depending on sales, the circuit will be divided into two with a bus in each language.
MEALS: The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".



ASIATIC TRIANGLE OPTION 1
BEIJING, SHANGHAI AND ESSENTIAL JAPAN OPTION 2
LEGENDS OF CHINA AND JAPAN OPTION 3

(OPT. 1) ASIATIC TRIANGLE
01 SUN. Beijing.-
Welcome to China. **Transfer to the hotel.** Early in the evening, to familiarise ourselves with the city, we provide a transfer to **Wangfujing street**, a pedestrian and commercial street full of life with many shops and restaurants. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

02 MON. Beijing.-
Today's programme includes an excursion to visit the **GREAT WALL OF CHINA (section Mutianyu)**, spectacular architectural work. Its history covers more than 2000 years. The day will **include a cable car ride** up and down to one of the most scenic areas. Returning to Beijing, we will stop in the **798 th district**, with its contemporary art located in an old military factory. We will also visit the **TEMPLE OF HEAVEN**, one of the country's largest sacred complexes and a World Heritage Site. Before returning to the hotel, and as a way to rest from this intense day, we will enjoy a **foot massage** and we will take a **Tai Chi class**. We will bid farewell to Beijing with a **lacquered duck dinner included**.

03 TUE. Beijing.-
An exciting day awaits us. We will discover the main points of interest in the Chinese capital. We will have a **full day visit** in which we will visit some of the main avenues in the city. **The Great Chinese Imperial Palace**, better known as "The Forbidden City", the most majestic architectural complex in China from where 24 emperors ruled for almost 500 years. We will also have the opportunity to visit Jingshan Park where the **Coal Hill** is located, one of the best-preserved imperial gardens in Beijing. We ascend to the top of the hill to have the best views (if the day is clear) on the Forbidden City. We will walk through the immense **Tiananmen Square** one of the largest squares in the world, and from them, we will appreciate **the Great National Theater**, Beijing Opera House. **Lunch is included**. Today, we will also visit the **SUMMER PALACE**, the Imperial House of the Qing Dynasty with its beautiful gardens and lakes. In the afternoon we **include a tricycle ride** through the traditional neighbourhood of Beijing, known as **Hutong**. In this area we can see the typical lifestyle in these popular neighbourhood, visit typical shops and even a traditional house, a Siheyuan, with all its lounges around a courtyard. Return to the hotel and overnight.

04 WED. Beijing- Nanjing.-
After breakfast, we go to the train station, where we take one of the extremely **modern high speed trains** in China. At 300 km/hour, in less than 4 hours we cover almost 1.000 km and will arrive in **NANJING**, a city of eight million people and considered by many to be the most pleasant in China. We will be amazed by the activity and commercial life of this modern metropolis. We will visit the **Purple Mountain**, where we will look round the **SUN YATSEN** mausoleum and the picturesque **Lingu Temple**. Free time later on. Overnight.

05 THU. Nanjing- Suzhou- Tongli- Shanghai.-
We leave for **SUZHOU**, which has wonderful gardens that are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This city was the main silk producer in the world and was always associated with beauty and elegance. We include **entrance tickets to the garden of the humble administrator**. We will have

free time to stroll along the very picturesque **Pingjian road**. **Lunch is included**. After that we go to **TONGLI**, a charming lake town with its small houses next to the canals and their gondolas. We included a nice **boat ride**. Continue on to **SHANGHAI**. Accommodation.

06 FRI. Shanghai.-
In the morning, our trip **includes a visit round** this impressive city. We will know the area of Pudong, located across the Huangpu River, is now the financial district, with its skyscrapers as the Pearl Tower. We include a **ferry crossing** of the Shanghai River which will give us great views of the two parts of the city. We will stroll the Old City and the Yuyuan Garden, a private garden that was built during the Ming Dynasty. We will enjoy a **demonstration of the Tea ceremony**, traditional drink that plays an important cultural role in China. We will pass by one of the most fashionable neighbourhoods of the capital, Xintiandi. **Lunch included**. Then, visit Tianzifang, a former residential area known for its narrow, labyrinthine traditional streets with its small craft shops and art galleries. We finish the visit along the Bund with its old buildings that remind us of the influence of European trade.

Free afternoon. If you wish, you can enjoy a boat trip to see Shanghai at night, it will be an unforgettable experience.

07 SAT. Shanghai- Tokyo.-
After breakfast a transfer takes you to the airport to take your flight to Tokyo. Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (shuttle bus) to hotel.

18H30.- Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the metro (tickets included) to the Shinjuku district and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. Dinner included and return to hotel by metro with our guide.

NOTE: This visit may take place on the day of arrival or after the panoramic city tour next day, depending on the passenger flight arrival times.

08 SUN. Tokyo.-
In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist **temple of Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time



to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

09 MON. Tokyo.-
After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Beijing, Shanghai and Essential Japan
Days 1 - 8 as in Opt. 1

09 MON. Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Kawaguchiko.-
We travel to the beautiful area of Monte Fuji, through pretty countryside on our way. First of all we see the **ARAKURAYAMA SENGEN PARK**, with its beautiful pagodas, and from here enjoy the best and most well-known views of Mount Fuji. After this we go on to **KAWAGUCHIKO** with its tiny houses, flowers and mountains, and its beautiful lake. On our arrival, we will visit the **FUJI SENGEN SHRINE** set in a magical site surrounded by tall trees, and the starting point of the traditional pilgrimage to the mountain. At the shrine, we will express our thanks for being able to visit this wonderful place. The visit also includes a **delightful boat trip** on Kawaguchiko Lake. After lunch, we start to ascend Mount Fuji on the road that takes us to the "fifth station", surrounded by spectacular forests and views, to a height of 2,305 metres.

Note: In winter, the route up to Mount Fuji is closed due to snow or other adverse weather conditions; during this season, we will ascend as far as the authorised point.

Return to Kawaguchiko, with time to stroll near the lake. We will stay at a **Ryokan** (a traditional Japanese hotel) and have the chance to enjoy its **ONSEN** (public baths). **Dinner included.**

(Note: In the planned Ryokan, some rooms are in Japanese style, with accommodation on tatamis, and others are in western style. Accommodation may sometimes be in a western type of hotel).

10 TUE. Kawaguchiko - Iyashi no Sato Nenba - Toyota - Kyoto.-

We are only 130km (81 miles) from **KYOTO**. In the morning, we continue along the pretty road bordered by lakes to **IYASHI NO SATO NENBA**, a tiny village destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as a traditional open-air mountain village and museum. Its traditional houses have been transformed into arts and crafts shops, restaurants and traditional museums. We then have the opportunity to admire the **SHIRAITO FALLS**, considered done of the most attractive sites in Japan, with a waterfall height of 150 metres. We will then continue to **NAGOYA**, the third most important city of Japan, on the shores of the Pacific. Here we will visit the **TOYOTA MUSEUM** (admission included), a must-see for motor lovers. We continue to **KYOTO**, accommodation.

11 WED. Kyoto.-

We spend all day in the city that was the capital of Japan from the year 794 to 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. We head for the outskirts of Kyoto to **Arashiyama**, where we cross the **Togetsukyo Bridge** ("bridge over the moon"), which has fantastic views. We

will visit the **Tenryuji temple**, one of the "five major Zen temples of Kyoto" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a walk through its mystic **bamboo forest**. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

12 THU. Kyoto - Nara - Osaka.-

We leave for **NARA** and visit **Todaiji**, a magnificent Buddhist temple built in 752, which has a giant Buddha and where passengers can take photos and touch and feed the deer that wander through the park. **Lunch included.** After the visit, we will see **HORYUJI** Buddhist temple, a World Heritage Site that includes a seminary, monasteries and temples. Its main pagoda temple is one of the oldest wooden buildings in the world and is the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan and an important place of worship.

We continue to **OSAKA**, where we arrive in the evening. Accommodation in this modern city (Japan's second city). We will visit Dotonbori, a colourful district filled with nightlife.

13 FRI. Osaka.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Legends of China and Japan
Days 1 - 12 as in Opt. 2

13 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji- Okayama.-

We leave for **Mount SHOSA**, and its **ENGYO-JI** complex of temples dating back more than 1,000 years, which was the place where the film "The last Samurai" was made. **Cable car ride.** After this we will see **HIMEJI**, where we will include entry to its immense complex that shows us the architecture of Japanese castles. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We go on to **OKAYAMA**, where we will visit **Korakuen**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes, waterfalls and traditional teahouses.

14 SAT. Okayama - Kurashiki - Hiroshima- Itsukushima - Hiroshima.-

We leave for **KURASHIKI**, a city with a very well preserved historical centre. Time for a stroll in this charming place with its atmosphere from the past. We continue on our way to **HIROSHIMA**, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll around the **Peace Memorial**, the **Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the impressive **Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included.**

Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

15 SUN. Hiroshima.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

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- **City tour in:** Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo.
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- **Ferry:** Huangpu River in Shanghai.
- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing.
- **High Speed Train:** Beijing - Nanjing.
- **Flights included:** Shanghai - Tokyo.
- **7 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Suzhou, Shanghai, Tokyo, Tokyo.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **City tour in:** Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto, Dotonbori in Osaka.
- **Ticket admission:** Arakurayama Sengen Park in Mount Fuji, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko, Village Museum in Iyashi No Sato Nenba, Toyota Museum, Tenryu-ji Temple, Arashiyama bamboo forest in Kyoto, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Todai-ji Temple and Horyu-ji Temple in Nara.
- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Kawaguchiko, Nara.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Ticket admission:** Engyo-ji Temple in Engyo-ji, Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Museum in Hiroshima.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyajima.
- **Funicular:** Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji.
- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Himeji, Hiroshima.





BEIJING AND CLASSICS OF KOREA AND JAPAN END TOKYO

FROM 5.007\$ - DAYS 16

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Friday from April to October

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- **Ferry:** Busan - Shimonoseki (night ferry), Hiroshima - Miyajima, Hiroshima - Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing, Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **High Speed Train:** Kyoto-Tokyo.
- **Flights included:** Beijing - Seoul.
- **14 Lunch or Dinner included in:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Seoul, Seoul, Suwon, Daegu, Busan, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Mount Koya, Tokyo, Tokyo.



01 FRI. Beijing.-

Welcome to China. **Transfer to the hotel.** Early in the evening, to familiarise ourselves with the city, we provide a transfer to **Wangfujing street**, a pedestrian and commercial street full of life with many shops and restaurants. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

02 SAT. Beijing.-

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04 MON. Beijing- Seoul.-

After breakfast a transfer takes you to the airport to take your flight. **Welcome to Korea! Transfer to hotel** in group transport. Meeting with your guide.

At the end of the afternoon, we are going to enter this fascinating country and with our guide we will go on the modern and efficient underground (we will be taught to use this public transport) to **City Hall** to see this building shaped like a tsunami. In front of the City Hall, we will also see the **Doekunggung Palace**, which is lit up at night and which allows us to appreciate the tradition and modernity of this country together. On foot, we will then go from here to the district of **Myeongdong**, the largest and busiest shopping area in Korea. Its name means "brilliant tunnel". **Dinner included** in a local restaurant.

05 TUE. Seoul.-

Today we include a **tour of the city of Seoul** lasting five hours. We will see **Changdeokgung Palace**. This is a World Heritage Site formed by a group of palaces inside a large park. After the visit, we will go to **Bukchon Hanok Village**, a traditional historical neighbourhood with tiny houses. Afterwards we will visit the **War Memorial**, an impressive war museum that tells of the different conflicts suffered by Korea during its history, particular the Korean War with the United Nations in which soldiers from many different countries took part. We continue to the **Gangnam District**, one of the busiest areas of the city, where there are numerous shopping and leisure centres. To finish, we stop at **LOTTE WORLD TOWER**, an impressive 550 m building where there will be time to climb the tower (entrance not included) or stroll in the park or around the luxury shopping centres. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to the centre and free time.

06 WED. Seoul- Suwon- Jeonju.-

Today we include in Seoul the **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, an impressive palace that is 600 years old, where we will see the **Changing of the Guard ceremony** (if scheduled). Our next stop is the city of **SUWON**, former capital of Korea, a World Heritage Site famous for its walls Heritage of Mankind. We will stop at the **Samsung Innovation Museum** to learn about the history of this famous technological company. **Note: The visit to the Samsung Innovation Museum is not always guaranteed. In case it is not possible, Samsung D Light will be visited instead.** We will see the impressive wall with its fortifications and will visit **Hwaseong Haenggung**, the summer palace. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We continue to **JEONJU**, where we will see its fascinating old town (**Hanok Village**), with its tiny houses, traditional shops and art galleries.

07 THU. Jeonju- Haeinsa- Daegu- Busan.-

Amidst impressive mountain forest scenery, we come to **HAEGINSA**, a Buddhist temple built in the year 802 where we discover the **Tripitaka**, the most complete collection of Buddhist texts engraved on 80,000 blocks of wood. We will visit the temple and the museum on the Tripitaka. We go on to **DAEGU** where we see the market of traditional medicines with its different herbs, and especially ginseng, and the Museum of Oriental medicine. **Lunch included.** We come to **BUSAN**. We are in the second largest city in Korea, full of life. Time in the fantastic **Doosan Haendae** complex with its more than 300 m skyscraper and its sports marina. Accommodation.

08 FRI. Busan- Ferry Busan- Shimonoseki.-

Day in **BUSAN**. We are going out to the city of Busan to visit **HAEDONG YONGGUNG**, 14th century Buddhist temple located by the sea. Return to Busan. We see the **memorial to the United Nations** with its cemetery where people from numerous countries are buried. We approach the largest **fish market** in the country, which is alongside Nampo port. Lunch included. Then we walk from there to **Yongdusan park** with its immense 120 m pagoda. Afternoon free. **Night on a ferry**, expected departure at 21.00hrs, crossing the sea of Japan in double cabins with bathroom.

Note: Due to the ferry's limited capacity in double cabins, we will sometimes take a fast ferry leaving Busan at 15:00 hrs. and arriving in FUKUOKA at 18:30 hrs. [border crossing, free time in Fukuoka and hotel accommodation].

09 SAT. Ferry Busan-Shimonoseki- Shimonoseki- Iwakuni- Itsukushima- Hiroshima.-

We dock at the port of **Shimonoseki** at 08.00hrs (breakfast not included) and cross the border. We then depart for **IWAKUNI**, a small city where we will stop to admire the beautiful historic Kintai-Kyo Bridge. We then continue to Miyajimaguchi where we take a **Ferry to Miyajima**, the island "where men and Gods live together in peace", with its Itsukushima shrine dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partly over the sea. Here we have time to visit the temple, stroll through its attractive centre and have lunch. Then we continue to **HIROSHIMA**, sadly famous as the site where the atomic bomb fell in 1945, which destroyed the whole city. We will visit the **Peace Memorial Park**, the Atomic bomb dome and the impressive Peace Memorial Museum. **Dinner included.**

10 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a **ferry to Shikoku Island**, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included.** In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

11 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included.** Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

12 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-

In Kobe we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. **Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.** We go on to **Osaka**. We will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit Okuno Mausoleum, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit Kongobuji temple, built in 1593. We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. **The monks will offer us a Zen meditation session (Ajikan). Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.

Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

13 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-

Japanese breakfast at the temple. Then we leave early for **KYOTO**, to spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997.

The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its Geisha. Free time.

14 THU. Kyoto - Tokyo.-

After breakfast transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN** to Tokyo. Arrival to Tokyo after almost 500 km in just over two hours. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating city by taking a **trip on the metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku** district and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important **nightlife** districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

15 FRI. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

16 SAT. Tokyo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

BEIJING AND SHANGHAI OPTION 1

GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN CHINA OPTION 2

MILLENNARY CHINA OPTION 3



(OPT. 1) BEIJING AND SHANGHAI

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04 WED. Beijing- Nanjing.-

After breakfast, we go to the train station, where we take one of the extremely **modern high speed trains** in China. At 300 km/hour, in less than 4 hours we cover almost 1.000 km and will arrive in **NANJING**, a city of eight million people and considered by many to be the most pleasant in China. We will be amazed by the activity and commercial life of this modern metropolis. We will visit the **Purple Mountain**, where we will look round the **SUN YATSEN** mausoleum and the picturesque **Lingu Temple**. Free time later on. Overnight.

05 THU. Nanjing- Suzhou- Tongli- Shanghai.-

We leave for **SUZHOU**, which has wonderful gardens that are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This city was the main silk producer in the world and was always associated with beauty and elegance. We include **entrance tickets to the garden of the humble administrator**. We will have free time to stroll along the very picturesque **Pingjian road**. **Lunch is included**. After that we go to **TONGLI**, a charming lake town with its small houses next to the canals and their gondolas. We included a nice **boat ride**. Continue on to **SHANGHAI**. Accommodation.

06 FRI. Shanghai.-

In the morning, our trip includes a **visit round** this impressive city. We will know the area of Pudong, located across the Huangpu River, is now the financial district, with its skyscrapers as the Pearl Tower. We include a **ferry crossing** of the Shanghai River which will give us great views of the two parts of the city. We will stroll the Old City and the Yuyuan Garden, a private garden that was built during the Ming Dynasty. We will enjoy a **demonstration of the Tea ceremony**, traditional drink that plays an important cultural role in China. We will pass by one of the most fashionable neighbourhoods of the capital, Xintiandi. **Lunch included**. Then, visit Tianzifang, a former residential area known for its narrow, labyrinthine traditional streets with its small craft shops and art galleries. We finish the visit along the Bund with its old buildings that remind us of the influence of European trade.

Free afternoon. If you wish, you can enjoy a boat trip to see Shanghai at night, it will be an unforgettable experience.

07 SAT. Shanghai.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Golden Triangle in China

Days 1 - 6 as in Opt. 1

07 SAT. Shanghai- Luoyang.-

Transfer to the station. We take the **high-speed train** (a train is expected to leave at 07.17 h), and in a little over five hours, through many sections of pretty countryside, we

cover the 1,000 km to **LUOYANG**. **Lunch included**. We see the impressive **Buddhist caves of LONGMEN** over more than a kilometre of the rocky walls of the river, where they sculpted more than 100,000 images of Buddha. We will include a **boat trip**. After this, **transfer to the ancient city**, where we cross its impressive wall and can enjoy the great traditional activity and its lit up streets.

08 SUN. Luoyang- White Horse Monastery -Sanmexia- Xian.-

In the early hours, on the outskirts of Luoyang, we visit the **WHITE HORSE BUDDHIST MONASTERY**, a huge monastery and place of study where Buddhists from all countries of the world. We continue our route to **SANMEXIA**. In this historic city we will see the Yellow River and the Baoulon temple with its tall pagoda and we will visit one of the best museums in China: the Guo Museum with the funeral carriages of the former state of Guo. **Lunch included**. We continue eastwards, passing the foot of Mount Hua, a holy mountain. **XIAN**, arrival at the end of the afternoon.

09 MON. Xian.-

We have arrived in the fascinating city where the silk route originated. First thing in the morning, we will go to see the **TERRACOTTA ARMY**, with its thousands of life size clay soldiers that were found underground. We return to **XIAN**, where we will visit the **Small Wild Goose Pagoda** where we will enjoy a **brief Chinese calligraphy course**. Later, we go across through the walled centre. We will cross the Muslim quarter there and we will enter the mosque, where we will be able to see the multiple cultures and religions that have left their mark on this country. Our tour will also include **entry tickets to the Drum Tower** where we will enjoy a **short show of traditional instrument playing**. Free time. -

10 TUE. Xian.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Millenary China

Days 1 - 9 as in Opt. 2

10 TUE. Xian-Lingfen- Clan Wang Mansion- Pingyao.-

We leave from Xian in a very modern **high speed train** and in less than three hours we will arrive in **Lingfen**. From here, we go in our coach to the **MANSION OF THE WANG CLAN**, which was built by a wealthy family between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries. **Lunch is included**. We continue on to **PINGYAO**, China's best preserved historical city, which has 4,000 ancient buildings and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will enjoy this charming traditional city. Our tour will include **entry tickets that allow visitors access to all the temples, mansions and city walls**.

11 WED. Pingyao- Wutai.-

We travel to one of the most exciting spiritual places in China: **WUTAI MOUNTAIN**. This place, situated between green mountains and forests, is one of the centres of the Lamaism form of Buddhism. There are more than 40 ancient monasteries (and a similar number of monasteries have been built in more recent years), which are home to a large community of monks. We will visit **Nanshan Temple** with our guide, and later we will leave time free for you to look for less visited temples, where you can respectfully observe the monks. **Dinner included**.

12 THU. Wutai- Yanmenguan- Yinkxian- Hanging Temple- Datong.-

After breakfast, we travel along a road of great scenic beauty between the mountains to **YANGMENGUAN**, which is not far from the border of Mongolia. In one of the mountain passes, we will visit a part of the **GREAT WALL OF CHINA** here. We will be able to take a tranquil walk, as it is an area with a very small number of tourists. We continue to **YINGXIAN**, quiet picturesque village with its great wooden pagoda. **Lunch included**. We continue to the **HANGING TEMPLE** of Xuancong Temple. Its construction on the wall of a cliff is amazing. Continuing with the coach, at the end of the day, you can stroll in **DATONG**, a city that has impressive walls and a rebuilt historic centre.

13 FRI. Datong- Yungang- Jiming Post- Beijing.-

We leave in the morning to **YUNGANG CAVES**, China's most impressive art cave site, which has more than 51,000 statues in its 252 caves that were excavated in the 5th century. We continue to **JIMING POST**, a small traditional Chinese settlement that preserves its peaceful and provincial life. It was created as a resting place for the mails that were sent from the emperor. Continue to **BEIJING**, arriving mid-afternoon. End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

FROM **1.415\$-DAYS 7/10/13**

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Sunday
Every two weeks from
November to March

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- **Ferry:** Huangpu River in Shanghai.
- **Funicular:** Great Wall of China in Beijing.
- **High Speed Train:** Beijing - Nanjing.
- **5 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Suzhou, Shanghai.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Boat:** Boat trip in Longmen.
- **City tour in:** Xian.
- **Evening Transfer:** Old City in Luoyang.
- **Ticket admission:** White Horse Temple in Luoyang, Buddhist caves of Longmen in Longmen, Baoulon Temple, Guo Museum in Sanmexia, Terracotta Army Museum, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Chinese calligraphy course, mosque, show of traditional instrument playing in Drum Tower (not always guaranteed) in Xian.
- **High Speed Train:** Shanghai - Luoyang.
- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Luoyang, Sanmexia.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Ticket admission:** Mansion of the Wang Clan, Temples, mansions and city walls in Pingyao, Nanshan Temple in Wutai, Great Wall in Yanmenguan, Hanging Temple, The Yungang Grottoes in Datong, Small traditional Chinese settlement in Jiming Post.
- **High Speed Train:** Xian - Lingfen.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Mansion Clan Wang, Wutai, Yinkxian.





FROM **1.629\$** - DAYS **5/7/7**

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday

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THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
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- **High Speed Train:** Tokyo - Kyoto.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Nara.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Ticket admission:** Engyo-ji Temple in Engyo-ji, Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Museum in Hiroshima.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyajima.
- **Funicular:** Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji.
- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Himeji, Hiroshima.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **High Speed Train:** Hiroshima - Tokyo.



TOKYO, KYOTO AND OSAKA OPTION 1

TOKYO, KYOTO AND HIROSHIMA OPTION 2

TOKYO, KYOTO AND HIROSHIMA OPTION 3 END TOKYO

(OPT. 1) TOKYO, KYOTO AND OSAKA

01 MON. Tokyo.-

Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel. **18H30.-** Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide.

02 TUE. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel.

Free time in the afternoon.

03 WED. Tokyo- Kyoto.-

After breakfast transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN to KYOTO**. Arrival to Kyoto after almost 500 km in just over two hours, more or less. We spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

04 THU. Kyoto - Nara - Osaka.-

We leave for **NARA** and visit **Todaiji**, a magnificent Buddhist temple built in 752, which has a giant Buddha and where passengers can take photos and touch and feed the deer that wander through the park. **Lunch included**. After the visit, we will see **HORYUJI** Buddhist temple, a World Heritage Site

that includes a seminary, monasteries and temples. Its main pagoda temple is one of the oldest wooden buildings in the world and is the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan and an important place of worship.

We continue to **OSAKA**, where we arrive in the evening. Accommodation in this modern city (Japan's second city). We will visit Dotonbori, a colourful district filled with nightlife.

05 FRI. Osaka.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima Days 1 - 4 as in Opt. 1

05 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji - Okayama.-

We leave for **Mount SHOSA**, and its **ENGYO-JI** complex of temples dating back more than 1,000 years, which was the place where the film "The last Samurai" was made. **Cable car** ride. After this we will see **HIMEJI**, where we will include entry to its immense complex that shows us the architecture of Japanese castles. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We go on to **OKAYAMA**, where we will visit **Korakuen**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes, waterfalls and traditional teahouses.

06 SAT. Okayama - Kurashiki - Hiroshima- Itsukushima - Hiroshima.-

We leave for **KURASHIKI**, a city with a very well preserved historical centre. Time for a stroll in this charming place with its atmosphere from the past. We continue on our way to **HIROSHIMA**, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll around the **Peace Memorial**, the **Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the **impressive Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included**.

Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

07 SUN. Hiroshima.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima end Tokyo Days 1 - 6 as in Opt. 2

07 SUN. Hiroshima- Tokyo.-

After breakfast, transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN to TOKYO**. It takes four hours to travel the 800 kilometres between both cities. Arrival in Tokyo at around 2:00 pm. **END OF THE TRIP**. Check your flight time in case you need an additional night. Transfer to the airport for departure not included. Our guide will advise you on the best public transport to get there.

Note: If you have booked additional nights in TOKYO at the end of the trip, the transfer from the station to the hotel is NOT included.

FUJI MOUNTAIN

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CENTRAL JAPAN END KYOTO OPTION 1

CENTRAL JAPAN OPTION 2

(OPT. 1) CENTRAL JAPAN END KYOTO

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Free time in the afternoon.

03 MON. Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Kawaguchiko.-

We travel to the beautiful area of Monte Fuji, through pretty countryside on our way. First of all we see the **ARAKURAYAMA SENGON PARK**, with its beautiful pagodas, and from here enjoy the best and most well-known views of Mount Fuji. After this we go on to **KAWAGUCHIKO** with its tiny houses, flowers and mountains, and its beautiful lake. On our arrival, we will visit the **FUJI SENGON SHRINE** set in a magical site surrounded by tall trees, and the starting point of the traditional pilgrimage to the mountain. At the shrine, we will express our thanks for being able to visit this wonderful place. The visit also includes a **delightful boat trip** on Kawaguchiko Lake. After lunch, we start to ascend Mount Fuji on the road that takes us to the "fifth station", surrounded by spectacular forests and views, to a height of 2,305 metres.

Note: In winter, the route up to Mount Fuji is closed due to snow or other adverse weather conditions; during this season, we will ascend as far as the authorised point.

Return to Kawaguchiko, with time to stroll near the lake. We will stay at a **Ryokan** (a traditional Japanese hotel), and have the chance to enjoy its **ONSEN** (public baths). **Dinner included**.

Note: In the planned Ryokan, some rooms are in Japanese style, with accommodation on tatamis, and others are in western-style. Accommodation may sometimes be in a western type hotel.

04 TUE. Kawaguchiko - Iyashi no Sato Nenba - Toyota - Kyoto.-

We are only 130km (81 miles) from **KYOTO**. In the morning, we continue along the pretty road bordered by lakes to **IYASHI NO SATO NENBA**, a tiny village destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as a traditional open-air mountain village and museum. Its traditional houses have been transformed into arts and crafts shops, restaurants and traditional museums. We then have the opportunity to admire the **SHIRAITO FALLS**, considered one of the most attractive sites in Japan, with a waterfall height of 150

metres. We will then continue to **NAGOYA**, the third most important city of Japan, on the shores of the Pacific. Here we will visit the **TOYOTA MUSEUM** (admission included), a must-see for motor lovers. We continue to **KYOTO**, accommodation.

05 WED. Kyoto.-

We spend all day in the city that was the capital of Japan from the year 794 to 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. We head for the outskirts of Kyoto to **Arashiyama**, where we cross the **Togetsukyo Bridge** ("bridge over the moon"), which has fantastic views. We will visit the **Tenryuji temple**, one of the "five major Zen temples of Kyoto" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a walk through its mystic **bamboo forest**. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens.

Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

06 THU. Kyoto.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Central Japan

Days 1 - 5 as in Opt. 1

06 THU. Kyoto - Tsumago - Matsumoto - Nagano.-

We set out for **TSUMAGO**, passing attractive country scenery on our way. This small village with its wooden houses is one of the prettiest places in Japan. Free time to explore and **lunch included**. Then we continue to **MATSUMOTO**, a tourist city, where we will visit the impressive 16th century castle, known as the "Crow Castle". Free time to explore this bustling tourist city. We continue to **NAGANO**, accommodation.

07 FRI. Nagano - Monkey Park - Kusatsu - Ikaho Onsen.-

In **NAGANO** we will see the **Zenko-ji**, a place of pilgrimage with the first Buddhist image in Japan. Our travellers will be included the **Gomakuyo ceremony** to bring luck. After this, we will travel to the beautiful Japanese Alps and in the mountains we will go to the **JIGOKUDANI Monkey Park**, where we will **include lunch** and stroll amidst its forests with its rivers and spa waters where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe. After this, very beautiful high mountain scenery (we go up to 2,172 metres), passing semi-active volcanoes. **KUSATSU**, an attractive spa town, its main square full of life. We will include attendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the city park which has the open air **Onsen**. Then on to **IKAHO**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included**.

Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

08 SAT. Ikaho - Nikko - Tokyo.-

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi, Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more. - Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening. - End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.



OP 2



FROM **1.753\$** - DAYS 6/8

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Saturday

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MEALS: The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
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- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
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- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Kawaguchiko.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Ticket admission:** Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tsumago, Nagano, Ikaho.



(OPT. 2 +
OPT. 3)



FROM **2.086\$** - DAYS **7/9/9**

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Saturday

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SAMURAI BOY

ITYASHI NO SATO NENBA



TOKYO WITH MT. FUJI

TOKYO, JAPAN

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ESSENTIAL JAPAN **OPTION 1**

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CONTRASTS OF JAPAN **OPTION 2**

ID:26982

CONTRASTS OF JAPAN END TOKYO **OPTION 3**

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07 FRI. Osaka.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

**(Opt. 2) Contrasts of Japan
Days 1 - 6 as in Opt. 1**

07 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji- Okayama.-

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09 SUN. Hiroshima.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

**(Opt. 3) Contrasts of Japan end Tokyo
Days 1 - 8 as in Opt. 2**

09 SUN. Hiroshima- Tokyo.-

After breakfast, transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN to TOKYO**. It takes four hours to travel the 800 kilometres between both cities. Arrival in Tokyo at around 2:00 pm. **END OF THE TRIP**. Check your flight time in case you need an additional night. Transfer to the airport for departure not included. Our guide will advise you on the best public transport to get there.

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- **Funicular:** Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji.
- **2 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Himeji, Hiroshima.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **High Speed Train:** Hiroshima - Tokyo.



OSAKA
JAPAN

FROM **3.495\$-DAYS 11/15**

DEPARTURE DATES
Every Saturday

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A NIGHT SCENE
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IKAO. JAPAN

WONDERS OF JAPAN END OSAKA **OPTION 1**

WONDERS OF JAPAN END TOKYO **OPTION 2**

(OPT. 1) WONDERS OF JAPAN END OSAKA
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We travel to the beautiful area of Monte Fuji, through pretty countryside on our way. First of all we see the **ARAKURAYAMA SENGEN PARK**, with its beautiful pagodas, and from here enjoy the best and most well-known views of Mount Fuji. After this we go on to **KAWAGUCHIKO** with its tiny houses, flowers and mountains, and its beautiful lake. On our arrival, we will visit the **FUJI SENGEN SHRINE** set in a magical site surrounded by tall trees, and the starting point of the traditional pilgrimage to the mountain. At the shrine, we will express our thanks for being able to visit this wonderful place. The visit also includes a **delightful boat trip** on Kawaguchiko Lake. After lunch, we start to ascend Mount Fuji on the road that takes us to the "fifth station", surrounded by spectacular forests and views, to a height of 2,305 metres.

Note: In winter, the route up to Mount Fuji is closed due to snow or other adverse weather conditions; during this season, we will ascend as far as the au

Return to Kawaguchiko, with time to stroll near the lake. We will stay at a **Ryokan** (a traditional Japanese hotel) and have the chance to enjoy its **ONSEN** (public baths). **Dinner included.**

Note: In the planned Ryokan, some rooms are in Japanese style, with accommodation on tatamis, and others are in western-style. Accommodation may sometimes be in a western type hotel.

04 TUE. Kawaguchiko - Iyasi no Sato Nenba - Toyota - Kyoto.-

We are only 130km (81 miles) from **KYOTO**. In the morning, we continue along the pretty road bordered by lakes to **IYASHI NO SATO NENBA**, a tiny village destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as a traditional open-air mountain village and museum. Its traditional houses have been transformed into arts and crafts shops, restaurants and traditional museums. We then have the opportunity to admire the **SHIRAITO FALLS**, considered done of the most attractive sites in Japan, with a waterfall height of 150 metres. We will then continue to **NAGOYA**, the third most important city of Japan, on the shores of the Pacific. Here we will visit the **TOYOTA MUSEUM** (admission included), a must-see for motor lovers. We continue to **KYOTO**, accommodation.

05 WED. Kyoto.-

We spend all day in the city that was the capital of Japan from the year 794 to 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. We head for the outskirts of Kyoto to **Arashiyama**, where we cross the **Togetsukyo Bridge** ("bridge over the moon"), which has fantastic views. We will visit the **Tenryuji temple**, one of the "five major Zen temples of Kyoto" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a walk through its mystic **bamboo forest**. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens.

Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

06 THU. Kyoto - Nara - Osaka.-

We leave for **NARA** and visit **Todaiji**, a magnificent Buddhist temple built in 752, which has a giant Buddha and where passengers can take photos and touch and feed the deer that wander through the park. **Lunch included.** After the visit, we will see **HORYUJI** Buddhist temple, a World Heritage Site that includes a seminary, monasteries and temples. Its main pagoda temple is one of the oldest wooden buildings in the world and is the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan and an important place of worship.

We continue to **OSAKA**, where we arrive in the evening. Accommodation in this modern city (Japan's second city). We will visit Dotonbori, a colourful district filled with nightlife.

07 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji - Okayama.-

We leave for **Mount SHOSA**, and its **ENGYO-JI** complex of temples dating back more than 1,000 years, which was the place where the film "The last Samurai" was made. **Cable car** ride. After this we will see **HIMEJI**, where we will include entry to its immense complex that shows us the architecture of Japanese castles. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We go on to **OKAYAMA**, where we will visit **Korakuen**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes, waterfalls and traditional tea-houses.

08 SAT. Okayama - Kurashiki - Hiroshima - Itsukushima - Hiroshima.-

We leave for **KURASHIKI**, a city with a very well preserved historical centre. Time for a stroll in this charming place with its atmosphere from the past. We continue on our way to **HIROSHIMA**, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll

HIROSHIMA
JAPAN



MONKEY PARK
NAGANO, JAPAN

around the **Peace Memorial, the Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the **impressive Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included.**

Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

09 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a **ferry** to **Shikoku** Island, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included.** In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

10 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included.** Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

11 TUE. Kobe - Osaka.-

In **Kobe** we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. We go on to **OSAKA**, arrival at noon. *Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.* End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

(Opt. 2) Wonders of Japan end Tokyo Days 1 - 10 as in Opt. 1

11 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-

In **Kobe** we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. *Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.* We go on to **Osaka**. We will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit **Okuno Mausoleum**, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit **Kongobuji** temple, built in 1593. We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. **The monks will offer us a Zen meditation session** (Ajikan). **Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.

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Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

12 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-

Japanese breakfast at the shrine. We will depart for **KYOTO** at first light where we will enjoy a full free day. Our guide will inform you so you can make the best of your alone time and visit the most interesting places in this gorgeous city.

13 THU. Kyoto - Tsumago - Matsumoto.-Nagano.-

We set out for **TSUMAGO**, passing attractive country scenery on our way. This small village with its wooden houses is one of the prettiest places in Japan. Free time to explore and **lunch included.** Then we continue to **MATSUMOTO**, a tourist city, where we will visit the impressive 16th century castle, known as the "Crow Castle". Free time to explore this bustling tourist city. We continue to **NAGANO**, accommodation.

14 FRI. Nagano - Monkey Park - Kusatsu - Ikaho Onsen.-

In **NAGANO** we will see the **Zenko-ji**, a place of pilgrimage with the first Buddhist image in Japan. Our travellers will be included the **Gomakuyo ceremony** to bring luck. After this, we will travel to the beautiful Japanese Alps and in the mountains we will go to the **JIGOKUDANI Monkey Park**, where we will **include lunch** and stroll amidst its forests with its rivers and spa waters where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe. After this, very beautiful high mountain scenery (we go up to 2,172 metres), passing semi-active volcanoes. **KUSATSU**, an attractive spa town, its main square full of life. We will include attendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the city park which has the open air Onsen. Then on to **IKAHO**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

15 SAT. Ikaho - Nikko - Tokyo.-

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi, Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more.- Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening.-End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo, Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto, Dotonbori in Osaka.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Arakurayama Sengen Park in Mount Fuji, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko, Village Museum in Iyashi No Sato Nenba, Toyota Museum, Tenryu-ji Temple, Arashiyama bamboo forest in Kyoto, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Todai-ji Temple and Horyu-ji Temple. in Nara, Engyo-ji Temple in Engyo-ji, Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyajima, Hiroshima-Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji, Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **8 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Kawaguchiko, Nara, Himeji, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto.
- **Ticket admission:** Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko.
- **4 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Mount Koya, Tsumago, Nagano, Ikaho.



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JAPAN'S LANDSCAPES OPTION 2

JAPAN'S LANDSCAPES AND MOUNT FUJI OPTION 3

OKAYAMA CASTLE

OKAYAMA, JAPAN



FROM **3.598\$** - DAYS **11/13/15**

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday
From April to October
(Option 3)

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The route will be **bilingual with Spanish and English-speaking guides**. On certain dates, depending on sales, the circuit will be divided into two with a bus in each language.

MEALS: The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".

KOTOHIRA

(OPT. 1) JAPAN'S LANDSCAPES END KYOTO

01 MON. Tokyo.-

Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel.

18H30.- Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide

02 TUE. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

03 WED. Tokyo- Kyoto.-

After breakfast transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN to KYOTO**. Arrival to Kyoto after almost 500 km in just over two hours, more or less. We spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace and Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

04 THU. Kyoto - Nara - Osaka.-

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05 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji- Okayama.-

We leave for **Mount SHOSA**, and its **ENGYO-JI** complex of temples dating back more than 1,000 years, which was the place where the film "The last Samurai" was made. **Cable car** ride. After this we will see **HIMEJI**, where we will include entry to its immense complex that shows us the architecture of Japanese castles. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We go on to **OKAYAMA**, where we will visit **Korakuen**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes, waterfalls and traditional teahouses.

06 SAT. Okayama - Kurashiki - Hiroshima- Itsukushima - Hiroshima.-

We leave for **KURASHIKI**, a city with a very well preserved historical centre. Time for a stroll in this charming place with its atmosphere from the past. We continue on our way to **HIROSHIMA**, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll around the **Peace Memorial**, the **Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the impressive **Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included**.

Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

07 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a **ferry to Shikoku** Island, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included**. In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

08 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included**. Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

09 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-

In Kobe we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. *Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.* We go on to **Osaka**. We will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit **Okuno Mausoleum**, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit **Kongobuji temple**, built in 1593.

We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. **The monks will offer us a Zen meditation session** (Ajikan). **Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.



Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

10 WED. Mount Koya – Kyoto.–

Japanese breakfast at the shrine. We will depart for **KYOTO** at first light where we will enjoy a full free day. Our guide will inform you so you can make the best of your alone time and visit the most interesting places in this gorgeous city.

11 THU. Kyoto.–

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Japan's Landscapes Days 1 – 10 as in Opt. 1

11 THU. Kyoto – Tsumago – Matsumoto.–Nagano.–

We set out for **TSUMAGO**, passing attractive country scenery on our way. This small village with its wooden houses is one of the prettiest places in Japan. Free time to explore and **lunch included**. Then we continue to **MATSUMOTO**, a tourist city, where we will visit the impressive 16th century castle, known as the "Crow Castle". Free time to explore this bustling tourist city. We continue to **NAGANO**, accommodation.

12 FRI. Nagano – Monkey Park – Kusatsu – Ikahe Onsen.–

In **NAGANO** we will see the **Zenko-ji**, a place of pilgrimage with the first Buddhist image in Japan. Our travellers will be included the **Gomakuyo ceremony** to bring luck. After this, we will travel to the beautiful Japanese Alps and in the mountains we will go to the **JIGOKUDANI Monkey Park**, where we will **include lunch** and stroll amidst its forests with its rivers and spa waters where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe. After this, very beautiful high mountain scenery (we go up to 2,172 metres), passing semi-active volcanoes. **KUSATSU**, an attractive spa town, its main square full of life. We will include attendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the city park which has the open air Onsen. Then on to **IKAHO**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included**.

Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

13 SAT. Ikahe – Nikko – Tokyo.–

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi,

Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more.– Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening.–End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

(Opt. 3) Japan's Landscapes and Mount Fuji Days 1 – 12 as in Opt. 2

13 SAT. Ikahe – Nikko – Tokyo.–

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi, Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more.– Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening.–

14 SUN. Tokyo– Kamakura– Enoshima– Odawara–Gora.–

We will leave Tokyo for **KAMAKURA**. This "oasis of peace" for two centuries was the capital of Japan, and treasures numerous sanctuaries, temples and gardens. In the Zen temple of **Hokoku-ji** we will stroll through its bamboo forest (admission included) and we can have a green tea. We also see Sugimoto-dera, the oldest temple in the city, founded in 734. Time in the pleasant city centre before seeing the **Great Buddha** (Daibutsu – admission included). Our route is subsequently one of scenic beauty following the Pacific Ocean. Free time for lunch and a stroll in **ENOSHIMA**, a small island in the ocean connected by a bridge. We continue to **ODAWARA**; here we include admission to the castle, an imposing medieval fortress (restored in the twentieth century) from the Edo era, one of Japan's main castles. Continuation to the beautiful area of Hakone, a region of lakes and mountains near Mount Fuji. Accommodation in the pleasant town of **GORA** (or a nearby place).

15 MON. Gora– Owakudani– Oshino Hakkai– Kawaguchiko– Mount Fuji– Tokyo.–

Today's stage is spectacular. We start the day going up **OWAKUDANI**, the "hell valley", steam boiler, bubbling mud and sulphurous gases. *Note: Access is sometimes closed due to high volcanic activity or toxic gases, in which case we would include the Arakurayama Engen Park.* After that we go on to **OSHINO HAKKAI**, a small, picturesque village with 8 ponds and views of **Mount Fuji**. We continue to **KAWAGUCHIKO**, an idyllic city of small houses, flowers and mountains next to its beautiful lake, where we include a beautiful **boat trip**. Later we start to climb Mount Fuji where, on the road that takes us to the "fifth station" amidst spectacular forests and views, we reach a height of 2305 metres. Return to Tokyo at the end of the day.

Note: In winter, the climb to Mount Fuji is often closed by snow or other weather conditions; if this is so, we will go as far as we are authorised.

End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo, Traditional Quarter Gion in Kyoto, Dotonbori in Osaka.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Todai-ji Temple and Horyu-ji Temple in Nara, Engyo-ji Temple in Engyo-ji, Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe, Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima – Miyajima, Hiroshima-Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji, Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **High Speed Train:** Tokyo – Kyoto.
- **8 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Nara, Himeji, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Mount Koya.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Ticket admission:** Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tsumago, Nagano, Ikahe.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **Ticket admission:** Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko, Temple of Hokoku-ji and bamboo forest, Sugimoto-dera Temple, Great Buddha (Daibutsu) in Kamakura, Castle in Odawara, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko.





FROM **2.819\$** - DAYS 8/10/12
DEPARTURE DATES

Every Thursday
From April to October
(Option 3)

EXPECTED HOTELS

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THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku, Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Peace Museum in Hiroshima in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishitaji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe, Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyahima, Hiroshima - Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **High Speed Train:** Tokyo - Hiroshima.
- **6 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Mount Koya.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Ticket admission:** Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tsumago, Nagano, Ikahe.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **Ticket admission:** Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko, Temple of Hokoku-ji and bamboo forest, Sugimoto-dera Temple, Great Buddha (Daibutsu) in Kamakura, Castle in Odawara, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko.



CAPITALS OF JAPAN

END KYOTO OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3 WITH MOUNT FUJI

(Opt. 1) CAPITALS OF JAPAN END KYOTO

01 THU. Tokyo.-
Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel. **18H30.-** Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide

02 FRI. Tokyo.-
In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist **temple of Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

03 SAT. Tokyo - Hiroshima.-
After breakfast, transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN** to **HIROSHIMA**. It takes four hours, more or less, to travel the 800 kilometres between both cities. Arrival at Hiroshima. This city is sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll around the **Peace Memorial**, the **Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the **Imperial Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included**.
Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

04 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-
Today we will take a **ferry** to **Shikoku Island**, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included**. In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

05 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-
We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **ITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included**. Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

06 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-
In Kobe we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. *Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.* We go on to **Osaka**. We will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit **Okuno Mausoleum**, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit **Kongobuji temple**, built in 1593. We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. **The monks will offer us a Zen meditation session (Ajikan). Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.
Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

07 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-
Japanese breakfast at the temple. Then we leave early for **KYOTO**, to spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its Geisha. Free time.
Note: If you already visited Kyoto on your circuit, our guide will offer you information and advice on visiting the other parts of the city unaccompanied.

08 THU. Kyoto.-
After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Capitals of Japan Days 1 - 7 as in Opt. 1
08 THU. Kyoto - Tsumago - Matsumoto - Nagano.-
We set out for **TSUMAGO**, passing attractive country scenery on our way. This small village with its wooden houses is one of the prettiest places in Japan. Free time to explore and **lunch included**. Then we continue to **MATSUMOTO**, a tourist city, where we will visit the impressive 16th century castle, known as the "Crow Castle". Free time to explore this bustling tourist city. We continue to **NAGANO**, accommodation.

09 FRI. Nagano - Monkey Park - Kusatsu - Ikahe Onsen.-
In **NAGANO** we will see the **Zenko-ji**, a place of pilgrimage with the first Buddhist image in Japan. Our travellers will be included the **Gomakuyo ceremony** to bring luck. After this, we will travel to the beautiful Japanese Alps and in the mountains we will go to the **JIGOKUDANI Monkey Park**, where we will include **lunch** and stroll amidst its forests with its rivers and spa waters where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe. After this, very beautiful high mountain scenery (we go up to 2,172 metres), passing semi-active volcanoes. **KUSATSU**, an attractive spa town, its main square full of life. We will include attendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the city park which has the open air Onsen. Then on to **IKAHO**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included**.
Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

10 SAT. Ikahe - Nikko - Tokyo.-
We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi. Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more. - Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening. - End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

(Opt. 3) Capitals of Japan with Mount Fuji Days 1 - 9 as in Opt. 2
10 SAT. Ikahe - Nikko - Tokyo.-
We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi. Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more. - Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening. -

11 SUN. Tokyo- Kamakura- Enoshima- Odawara- Gora.-
We will leave Tokyo for **KAMAKURA**. This "oasis of peace" for two centuries was the capital of Japan, and treasures numerous sanctuaries, temples and gardens. In the Zen temple of **Hokoku-ji** we will stroll through its bamboo forest (admission included) and we can have a green tea. We also see **Sugimoto-dera**, the oldest temple in the city, founded in 734. Time in the pleasant city centre before seeing the **Great Buddha** (Daibutsu - admission included). Our route is subsequently one of scenic beauty following the Pacific Ocean. Free time for lunch and a stroll in **ENOSHIMA**, a small island in the ocean connected by a bridge. We continue to **ODAWARA**; here we include admission to the castle, an imposing medieval fortress (restored in the twentieth century) from the Edo era, one of Japan's main castles. Continuation to the beautiful area of **Hakone**, a region of lakes and mountains near Mount Fuji. Accommodation in the pleasant town of **GORA** (or a nearby place).

12 MON. Gora- Owakudani- Oshino Hakkai- Kawaguchiko- Mount Fuji- Tokyo.-
Today's stage is spectacular. We start the day going up **OWAKUDANI**, the "hell valley", steam boiler, bubbling mud and sulphurous gases. *Note: Access is sometimes closed due to high volcanic activity or toxic gases, in which case we would include the Arakurayama Sengen Park.* After that we go on to **OSHINO HAKKAI**, a small, picturesque village with 8 ponds and views of **Mount Fuji**. We continue to **KAWAGUCHIKO**, an idyllic city of small houses, flowers and mountains next to its beautiful lake, where we include a beautiful **boat trip**. Later we start to climb Mount Fuji where, on the road that takes us to the "fifth station" amidst spectacular forests and views, we reach a height of 2305 metres. Return to Tokyo at the end of the day.

Note: In winter, the climb to Mount Fuji is often closed by snow or other weather conditions; if this is so, we will go as far as we are authorised.

End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

IMPORTANT NOTE

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JAPANESE ALPS

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TOKYO, KYOTO AND ALPS OPTION 1

TOKYO, KYOTO, ALPS AND FUJI OPTION 2

(OPT. 1) TOKYO, KYOTO AND ALPS**01 MON. Tokyo.-**

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02 TUE. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel.

Free time in the afternoon.

03 WED. Tokyo- Kyoto.-

After breakfast transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN to KYOTO**. Arrival to Kyoto after almost 500 km in just over two hours, more or less. We spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

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the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

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(Opt. 2) Tokyo, Kyoto, Alps and Fuji Days 1 - 5 as in Opt. 1**06 SAT. Ikaho - Nikko - Tokyo.-**

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi, Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more.- Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening.-

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FROM 2.155\$-DAYS 6/8

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday
From April to October
(Option 2)

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's **"My Trip"** page.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo, Traditional Quarter Gion in Kyoto.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko.
- **High Speed Train:** Tokyo - Kyoto.
- **5 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Tsumago, Nagano, Ikaho.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **Ticket admission:** Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko, Temple of Hokoku-ji and bamboo forest, Sugimoto-dera Temple, Great Buddha (Daibutsu) in Kamakura, Castle in Odawara, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko.





CLASSICAL KOREA AND JAPAN END TOKYO

OPTION 1

CLASSICAL KOREA AND JAPAN

OPTION 2



MATSUYAMA CASTLE

JAPAN



FROM 3.997\$ - DAYS 13/18

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday from April to October
Every two weeks
(Option 2)

EXPECTED HOTELS

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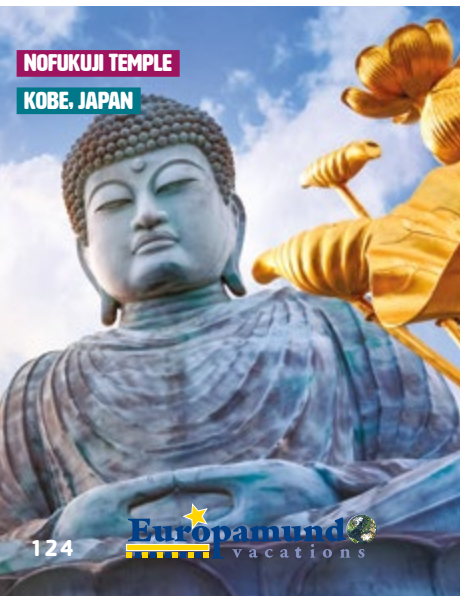
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NOFUKUJI TEMPLE

KOBE, JAPAN



(OPT. 1) CLASSICAL KOREA AND JAPAN END TOKYO 01 MON. Seoul.-

Welcome to Korea! Transfer to hotel in group transport. Meeting with your guide.

At the end of the afternoon, we are going to enter this fascinating country and with our guide we will go on the modern and efficient underground (we will be taught to use this public transport) to City Hall to see this building shaped like a tsunami. In front of the City Hall, we will also see the Deoksugung Palace, which is lit up at night and which allows us to appreciate the tradition and modernity of this country together. On foot, we will then go from here to the district of Myeongdong, the largest and busiest shopping area in Korea. Its name means "brilliant tunnel". Dinner included in a local restaurant. Accommodation.

02 TUE. Seoul.-

Today we include a tour of the city of Seoul lasting five hours. We will see Changdeokgung Palace. This is a World Heritage Site formed by a group of palaces inside a large park. After the visit, we will go to Bukchon Hanok Village, a traditional historical neighbourhood with tiny houses. Afterwards we will visit the War Memorial, an impressive war museum that tells of the different conflicts suffered by Korea during its history, particular the Korean War with the United Nations in which soldiers from many different countries took part. We continue to the Gangnam District, one of the busiest areas of the city, where there are numerous shopping and leisure centres. To finish, we stop at LOTTE WORLD TOWER, an impressive 550 m building where there will be time to climb the tower (entrance not included) or stroll in the park or around the luxury shopping centres. Lunch included in a local restaurant. Return to the centre and free time.

03 WED. Seoul- Suwon- Jeonju.-

Today we include in Seoul the Gyeongbokgung Palace, an impressive palace that is 600 years old, where we will see the Changing of the Guard ceremony (if scheduled). Our next stop is the city of SUWON, former capital of Korea, a World Heritage Site famous for its walls Heritage of Man-kind. We will stop at the Samsung Innovation Museum to learn about the history of this famous technological company. Note: The visit to the Samsung Innovation Museum is not always guaranteed. In case it is not possible, Samsung D'Light will be visited instead. We will see the impressive wall with its fortifications and will visit Hwaseong Haenggung, the summer palace. Lunch included in a local restaurant. We continue to JEONJU, where we will see its fascinating old town (Hanok Village), with its tiny houses, traditional shops and art galleries.

04 THU. Jeonju- Haeinsa- Daegu- Busan.-

Amidst impressive mountain forest scenery, we come to HAEINSA, a Buddhist temple built in the year 802 where we discover the Tripitaka, the most complete collection of Buddhist texts engraved on 80,000 blocks of wood. We will visit the temple and the museum on the Tripitaka. We go on to DAEGU where we see the market of traditional medicines with its different herbs, and especially ginseng, and the Museum of Oriental medicine. Lunch included. We come to BUSAN. We are in the second largest city in Korea, full of life. Time in the fantastic Doosan Haeundae complex with its more than 300 m skyscraper and its sports marina. Accommodation.

05 FRI. Busan- Ferry Busan- Shimonoseki.-

Day in BUSAN. We are going out to the city of Busan to visit HAEDONG YONGGUNG, 14th century Buddhist temple located by the sea. Return to Busan. We see the memorial to the United Nations with its cemetery where people from numerous countries are buried. We approach the largest fish market in the country, which is alongside Nampo

port. Lunch included. Then we walk from there to Yongdusan park with its immense 120 m pagoda. Afternoon free. Night on a ferry, expected departure at 21.00hrs, crossing the sea of Japan in double cabins with bathroom.

Note: Due to the ferry's limited capacity in double cabins, we will sometimes take a fast ferry leaving Busan at 15:00 hrs. and arriving in FUKUOKA at 18:30 hrs. (border crossing, free time in Fukuoka and hotel accommodation).

06 SAT. Ferry Busan-Shimonoseki- Shimonoseki-Iwakuni- Itsukushima- Hiroshima.-

We dock at the port of Shimonoseki at 08.00hrs (breakfast not included) and cross the border. We then depart for IWAKUNI, a small city where we will stop to admire the beautiful historic Kintai-Kyo Bridge. We then continue to Miyajimaguchi where we take a ferry to Miyajima, the island "where men and Gods live together in peace", with its Itsukushima shrine dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partly over the sea. Here we have time to visit the temple, stroll through its attractive centre and have lunch. Then we continue to HIROSHIMA, sadly famous as the site where the atomic bomb fell in 1945, which destroyed the whole city. We will visit the Peace Memorial Park, the Atomic bomb dome and the impressive Peace Memorial Museum. Dinner included.

07 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a ferry to Shikoku Island, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In MATSUJAMA we will take the cable car up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit ISHITEL, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. Lunch included. In the late afternoon, we will visit DOGO ONSEN (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

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10 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-

Japanese breakfast at the temple. Then we leave early for **KYOTO**, to spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997.

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Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its Geisha. Free time.

11 THU. Kyoto - Tokyo.-

After breakfast transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN** to Tokyo. Arrival to Tokyo after almost 500 km in just over two hours.

Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating city by taking a **trip on the metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku** district and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important **nightlife** districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

12 FRI. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

13 SAT. Tokyo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Classical Korea and Japan
Days 1 - 12 as in Opt. 1

13 SAT. Tokyo - Nikko - Sendai.-

We leave for **NIKKO** and arrive at this fantastic city at 10.30am. There we visit the impressive **Nikko Toshogu Shrine** with the room of the crying dragon. We will also visit the **Taiyubinbyo Mausoleum**, set in an impressive, peaceful site, followed by a walk near the river, in Kannanga Fuchi, under the watchful eye of hundreds of Jizo statues! Free time in the city centre before leaving for **SENDAI**, a modern, bustling city with over 1 million inhabitants. Passengers can explore the city and have dinner in its busy, thriving centre.

14 SUN. Sendai - Matshushima - Hiraizumi - Morioka.-

We depart for the marvellous city of **MATSHUSHIMA**, on the "Thousand Islands" Bay in the Pacific Ocean and considered one of the most attractive cities in Japan. After arriving, we will visit a magnificent **"tea house"** overlooking the sea and enjoy a cup of traditional tea while our guide tells us about the city. Then we will go on a **50-minute cruise (included)**.

Lunch included. We continue to **HIRAIZUMI** to visit its temples and the UNESCO World Heritage. In a first step we visit the magnificent Buddhist temples of Chusonji. We take time to relax in the gardens of Motsuiji temple, where passengers can take part in a **Zen ceremony** (admission included). Finally, we will know Site of Takkoku no Iwaya, carved in the rock in 801. We then carry on to **MORIOKA**, the pleasant capital of Iwate province, where we settle in at our hotel and have some free time to explore.

15 MON. Morioka - Hirosaki - Aomori - Hakodate.-

In a region of beautiful scenery, we travel to **HIROSAKI**, where we will visit its castle in a beautiful park where more than 2,500 cherry trees blossom in the spring. After this we go on to **AOMORI**, the provincial capital of the Bay of Mutsu. We will see the **Nebuta Museum** where we will learn about the Japanese traditional parties that remind us of carnival, with their painted and lit up floats. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Then we **board the ferry to HOKKAIDO** Island. The crossing takes just over three and a half hours. **HAKODATE** -Arrival-. Before going to our hotel, we will ascend **Mount Hakodate**, which has wonderful views. We make the descent by **cable car**. Time in the beautiful city pedestrian centre in which to admire the influence of other cultures in the city (Russian Orthodox and Christian churches).

16 TUE. Hakodate - Onuma - Noboribetsu - Sapporo.-

In the morning we visit the impressive and busy fish market. Then we climb the **GORYOKAKU** Tower with its impressive views, from where we can make out the star-shaped fortress of Hakodate. Then we will take a stroll through the castle area before continuing to **ONUMA**. Free time in this wonderful tourist site, with its countless small islands in which to explore the islands, go on a boat trip and have **lunch included**. In the afternoon our journey takes us towards the ocean and **NOBORIBETSU**, an impressive volcano site, where we can walk amidst geysers in Jigoku Dani (Hell's Valley), admire the hot spring lake of Oyunuma and follow the path next to the hot spring to the site of the footbath.- Then we carry on to **SAPPORO**.- At the end of the day, we arrive at this beautiful city, the capital of North Japan.-

17 WED. Sapporo -Hill of Buddha- Otaru - Sapporo.-

City tour (included) stopping at the clock tower and Odori Koen avenue-park, dominated by the telecommunications tower. We will see the beautiful Shinto shrine of Hokkaido Jingu. The visit **includes a ceremonial Kito (prayer session)** in which we give thanks for the journey. We will leave Sapporo, we know the **HILL OF BUDDHA**, new center of avant-garde architecture opened in 2015, the hill covered with lavenders keeps the giant statue of Buddha, in the complex we will also see the replica of the statues Moai (Easter Island). We then continue to **OTARU**, a small city with a European air and streets filled with shops, an old canal and tiny museums. **Lunch included.** We return to Sapporo at about 4.30 hrs. Free time in the afternoon.

18 THU. Sapporo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Seoul, Kyoto, Tokyo.
- **Evening Transfer:** Myeongdong quarter in Seoul, Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto, Shinjuku in Tokyo.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Changdeok-gung Palace, War Memorial in Seoul, Qyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul, Hwa-seong Haenggung, Samsung Innovation Museum not always guaranteed in Suwon, Hanok Village in Jeonju, Buddhist Temple in Haeinsa, Haedong Yonggung, U.N. Memorial and Yongdusan Park in Busan, Kintaikyo in Iwakuni, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe, Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo.
- **Ferry:** Busan Shimonoseki (night ferry), Hiroshima- Miyajima, Hiroshima- Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **High Speed Train:** Kyoto-Tokyo.
- **11 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Seoul, Suwon, Daegu, Busan, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Mount Koya, Tokyo, Tokyo.
- **(Additional services Opt. 2)**
- **Excursion:** Otaru and Hill of Buddha in Sapporo.
- **Boat:** Cruise in Matshushima.
- **City tour in:** Sapporo.
- **Ticket admission:** Toshogu Temple in Nikko, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum, Traditional tea in Matshushima, Chusonji, Zen practice in Montsuiji, Takkoku no Iwaya Temple, Castle in Hirosaki, Nebuta Museum in Aomori, Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate, Sanctuary of Hokkaido Jingu and Kito prayer session in Sapporo.
- **Ferry:** Aomori - Hakodate (Hokkaido Island).
- **Funicular:** Hakodate Mountain.
- **4 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Matsushima, Aomori, Onuma, Sapporo.





FROM 1.328\$-DAYS 6

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday

EXPECTED HOTELS

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IMPORTANT NOTE

The route will be **bilingual with Spanish and English-speaking guides**. On certain dates, depending on sales, the circuit will be divided into two with a bus in each language.

MEALS: The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in :** Seoul.
- **Evening Transfer:** Myeongdong quarter in Seoul.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Changdeokgung Palace, War Memorial in Seoul, Qyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul, Hwaseong Haenggung, Samsung Innovation Museum not always guaranteed in Suwon, Hanok Village in Jeonju, Buddhist Temple in Haeinsa, Haedong Yonggung, U.N. Memorial and Yongdusan Park in Busan.
- **High Speed Train:** Busan - Seoul.
- **5 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Seoul, Seoul, Suwon, Daegu, Busan.



CHANGDEOKGUNG PALACE

SEOUL, KOREA

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KOREA EXPRESS

01 MON. Seoul.-

Welcome to Korea! Transfer to hotel in group transport. Meeting with your guide.

At the end of the afternoon, we are going to enter this fascinating country and with our guide we will go on the modern and efficient underground (we will be taught to use this public transport) to **City Hall** to see this building shaped like a tsunami. In front of the City Hall, we will also see the **Deoksugung Palace**, which is lit up at night and which allows us to appreciate the tradition and modernity of this country together. On foot, we will then go from here to the district of **Myeongdong**, the largest and busiest shopping area in Korea. Its name means "brilliant tunnel". **Dinner included** in a local restaurant. Accommodation.

02 TUE. Seoul.-

Today we include a **tour of the city of Seoul** lasting five hours. We will see **Changdeokgung Palace**. This is a World Heritage Site formed by a group of palaces inside a large park. After the visit, we will go to **Bukchon Hanok Village**, a traditional historical neighbourhood with tiny houses. Afterwards we will visit the **War Memorial**, an impressive war museum that tells of the different conflicts suffered by Korea during its history, particular the Korean War with the United Nations in which soldiers from many different countries took part. We continue to the **Gangnam District**, one of the busiest areas of the city, where there are numerous shopping and leisure centres. To finish, we stop at **LOTTE WORLD TOWER**, an impressive 550 m building where there will be time to climb the tower (entrance not included) or stroll in the park or around the luxury shopping centres. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to the centre and free time.

03 WED. Seoul- Suwon- Jeonju.-

Today we include in Seoul the **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, an impressive palace that is 600 years old, where we will see the **Changing of the Guard ceremony** (if scheduled). Our next stop is the city of **SUWON**, former capital of Korea, a World Heritage Site famous for its walls Heritage of Mankind. We will stop at the **Samsung Innovation Museum** to learn about the history of this famous technological company. **Note: The visit to the Samsung Innovation Museum is not always guaranteed. In case it is not possible, Samsung D'Light will be visited instead.** We will see the impressive wall with its fortifications and will visit **Hwaseong Haenggung**, the summer palace. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We continue to **JEONJU**, where we will see its fascinating old town (**Hanok Village**), with its tiny houses, traditional shops and art galleries.

04 THU. Jeonju- Haeinsa- Daegu- Busan.-

Amidst impressive mountain forest scenery, we come to **HAEINSA**, a Buddhist temple built in the year 802 where we discover the **Tripitaka**, the most complete collection of Buddhist texts engraved on 80,000 blocks of wood. We will visit the temple and the museum on the Tripitaka. We go on to **DAEGU** where we see the market of traditional medicines with its different herbs, and especially ginseng,

and the Museum of Oriental medicine. **Lunch included.** We come to **BUSAN**. We are in the second largest city in Korea, full of life. Time in the fantastic **Doosan Haeundae** complex with its more than 300 m skyscraper and its sports marina. Accommodation.

05 FRI. Busan- Seoul.-

Day in **BUSAN**. We are going out to the city of Busan to visit **HAEDONG YONGGUNG**, 14th century Buddhist temple located by the sea. Return to Busan. We see the **memorial to the United Nations** with its cemetery where people from numerous countries are buried. We approach the largest **fish market** in the country, which is alongside Nampo port. **Lunch included.** Then we walk from there to **Yongdusan park** with its immense 120 m pagoda.

At around five thirty we take a modern **high-speed train** and in three hours we are back in SEOUL. Transfer to the hotel and accommodation.

06 SAT. Seoul.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



TRADITIONAL JAPAN AND NORTH OF JAPAN

END SAPPORO OPTION 1 ID:27024

TRADITIONAL JAPAN AND NORTH OF JAPAN

ID:27023 **OPTION 2**

(OPT. 1) TRADITIONAL JAPAN AND NORTH OF JAPAN- END SAPPORO

01 MON. Osaka.-

Arrival. Welcome to Japan! **Transfer to the hotel** and free time. You will receive information about the start of the circuit during the afternoon.

02 TUE. Osaka - Mount Koya.-

At 12.30 we will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit **Okuno Mausoleum**, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit **Kongobuji temple**, built in 1593.

We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. The **monks will offer us a Zen meditation session** (Ajikan). **Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.

Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

03 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-

Japanese breakfast at the temple. Then we leave early for **KYOTO**, to spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997.

The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens.

Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its Geisha. Free time.

04 THU. Kyoto - Tokyo.-

After breakfast transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN** to Tokyo. Arrival to Tokyo after almost 500 km in just over two hours.

Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating city by taking a **trip on the metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku** district and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important **nightlife** districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

05 FRI. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel.

Free time in the afternoon.

06 SAT. Tokyo - Nikko - Sendai.-

We leave for **NIKKO** and arrive at this fantastic city at 10.30am. There we visit the impressive **Nikko Toshogu Shrine** with the room of the crying dragon. We will also visit the **Taiyubinbyo Mausoleum**, set in an impressive, peaceful site, followed by a walk near the river, in Kannanga Fuchi, under the watchful eye of hundreds of Jizo statues! Free time in the city centre before leaving for **SENDAI**, a modern, bustling city with over 1 million inhabitants. Passengers can explore the city and have dinner in its busy, thriving centre.

07 SUN. Sendai - Matshushima - Hiraizumi - Morioka.-

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We then carry on to **MORIOKA**, the pleasant capital of Iwate province, where we settle in at our hotel and have some free time to explore.

08 MON. Morioka - Hirosaki - Aomori - Hakodate.-

In a region of beautiful scenery, we travel to **HIROSAKI**, where we will visit its castle in a beautiful park where more

than 2,500 cherry trees blossom in the spring. After this we go on to **AOMORI**, the provincial capital of the Bay of Mutsu. We will see the **Nebuta Museum** where we will learn about the Japanese traditional parties that remind us of carnival, with their painted and lit up floats. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Then we board the **ferry to HOKKAIDO** Island. The crossing takes just over three and a half hours. **HAKODATE** -Arrival-. Before going to our hotel, we will ascend **Mount Hakodate**, which has wonderful views. We make the descent by **cable car**. Time in the beautiful city pedestrian centre in which to admire the influence of other cultures in the city (Russian Orthodox and Christian churches).

09 TUE. Hakodate - Onuma - Noboribetsu - Sapporo.-

In the morning we visit the impressive and busy fish market. Then we climb the **GORYOKAKU** Tower with its impressive views, from where we can make out the star-shaped fortress of Hakodate. Then we will take a stroll through the castle area before continuing to **ONUMA**. Free time in this wonderful tourist site, with its countless small islands in which to explore the islands, go on a boat trip and have **lunch included**. In the afternoon our journey takes us towards the ocean and **NOBORIBETSU**, an impressive volcano site, where we can walk amidst geysers in Jigoku Dani (Hell's Valley), admire the hot spring lake of Oyunuma and follow the path next to the hot spring to the site of the footbath. Then we carry on to **SAPPORO**. At the end of the day, we arrive at this beautiful city, the capital of North Japan.-

10 WED. Sapporo -Hill of Buddha- Otaru - Sapporo.-

City tour (included) stopping at the clock tower and Odori Koen avenue-park, dominated by the telecommunications tower. We will see the beautiful Shinto shrine of Hokkaido Jingu. The visit includes a **ceremonial Kito (prayer session)** in which we give thanks for the journey. We will leave Sapporo, we know the **HILL OF BUDDHA**, new center of avant-garde architecture opened in 2015, the hill covered with lavenders keeps the giant statue of Buddha, in the complex we will also see the replica of the statues Moai (Easter Island). We then continue to **OTARU**, a small city with a European air and streets filled with shops, an old canal and tiny museums. **Lunch included**. We return to Sapporo at about 4.30 hrs. Free time in the afternoon.

11 THU. Sapporo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Traditional Japan and north of Japan

Days 1 - 10 as in Opt. 1

11 THU. Sapporo - Toyako Onsen -Usu- Ferry Tomakomai-Sendai.-

We visit the **Ainu village museum** (Pirko Kotan). Here we will see the culture of the Eskimo people who inhabited this island before the arrival of the Japanese. Amidst beautiful scenery in the interior of Hokkaido Island, we pass lakes and mountains and eventually come to the spa city of **TOYAKO**, at the foot of an impressive volcano, on the banks of a pretty lake that occupies a former crater. Free time to wander along the bank. We will visit the volcanology museum to learn about the eruptions suffered by this region. Then we will take the **cable car** to the summit of the **USU Volcano** with time to walk around the volcano and its awesome landscape. **Lunch included**. We continue to **TOMAKOMAI** where we take a modern ferry for a night crossing. Accommodation in double cabins with private bathrooms. **Dinner included**. We spend the night on board crossing the Pacific Ocean.

12 FRI. Sendai - Yamadera- Yonezawa - Aizuwakamatsu.-

We arrive in Sendai port at around 10 in the morning and go on to **YAMADERA**, a very beautiful complex of temples founded more than 1,000 years ago in the mountain's, amidst forests of immense trees. Time to see this magical place. **Lunch included**. We then go on to **YONEZAWA**. We are in one of the main producer regions of Shake, we will visit the **Sake Museum** with its small distillery before carrying on through pretty scenery to **AIZUWAKAMATSU**. Accommodation.

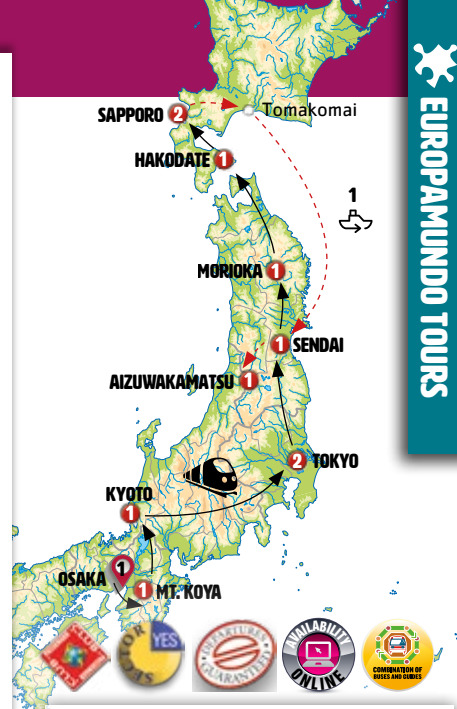
13 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu - Ouchijuku - Tokyo.-

In **AIZUWAKAMATSU** we visit the **SAMURAI MANSION**, a historical mansion where we will learn about the Samurai Warriors. After this we stroll in the Castle Garden and maybe we will see children doing martial arts on the Dojo. We will go up to Iimoriyama, where we will see the sculptures donated by Mussolini and they will tell us about the child martyrs of this city. We continue our route to **OUCHI-JUKU**, a very picturesque village of traditional houses with thatched roofs, where there will be time for lunch. After lunch we travel to the impressive former stone quarries of the **OYA-MUSEUM**. Return to **TOKYO** - Arrival at the end of the day.-End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

IMPORTANT NOTE

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FROM 3.778\$-DAYS 11/13

DEPARTURE DATES

**Every two weeks on
Mondays from April to
October**

EXPECTED HOTELS

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THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Excursion:** Otaru and Hill of Buddha in Sapporo.
- **Boat:** Cruise in Matshushima.
- **City tour in:** Kyoto, Tokyo, Sapporo.
- **Evening Transfer:** Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto, Shinjuku in Tokyo.
- **Ticket admission:** Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto, Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Toshogu Temple in Nikko, Taiyubinbyo Mausoleum, Traditional tea in Matshushima, Chusonji, Zen practice in Montsuiji, Takkoku no Iwaya Temple, Castle in Hirosaki, Nebuta Museum in Aomori, Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate, Sanctuary of Hokkaido Jingu and Kito prayer session in Sapporo.
- **Ferry:** Aomori - Hakodate (Hokkaido Island).
- **Funicular:** Hakodate Mountain.
- **High Speed Train:** Kyoto-Tokyo.
- **7 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Mount Koya, Tokyo, Tokyo, Matsushima, Aomori, Onuma, Sapporo.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Ticket admission:** Ainu Village Museum (Pirko Kotan), Volcanology museum in Toyako Onsen, Complex of temples in Yamadera, Shake Museum in Yonezawa, Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Former stone quarries of the Oya Museum.
- **Ferry:** Tomakomai - Sendai.
- **Funicular:** Summit of the Usu Volcano in Mount Usu.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Usu, Ferry Tomakomai-Sendai, Yamadera.



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LIGHTS OF JAPAN AND KOREA OPTION 1

LIGHTS KOREA AND JAPAN WITH MOUNT FUJI OPTION 2

FROM **4.512\$**-DAYS 15/15

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday
From April to October
(Option 2)

EXPECTED HOTELS

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IMPORTANT NOTE

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(OPT. 1) LIGHTS OF JAPAN AND KOREA

01 MON. Seoul.-

Welcome to Korea! Transfer to hotel in group transport. Meeting with your guide.

At the end of the afternoon, we are going to enter this fascinating country and with our guide we will go on the modern and efficient underground (we will be taught to use this public transport) to **City Hall** to see this building shaped like a tsunami. In front of the City Hall, we will also see the **Deoksugung Palace**, which is lit up at night and which allows us to appreciate the tradition and modernity of this country together. On foot, we will then go from here to the district of **Myeongdong**, the largest and busiest shopping area in Korea. Its name means "brilliant tunnel". **Dinner included** in a local restaurant. Accommodation.

02 TUE. Seoul.-

Today we include a **tour of the city of Seoul** lasting five hours. We will see **Changdeokgung Palace**. This is a World Heritage Site formed by a group of palaces inside a large park. After the visit, we will go to **Bukchon Hanok Village**, a traditional historical neighbourhood with tiny houses. Afterwards we will visit the **War Memorial**, an impressive war museum that tells of the different conflicts suffered by Korea during its history, particular the Korean War with the United Nations in which soldiers from many different countries took part. We continue to the **Gangnam District**, one of the busiest areas of the city, where there are numerous shopping and leisure centres. To finish, we stop at **LOTTE WORLD TOWER**, an impressive 550 m building where there will be time to climb the tower (entrance not included) or stroll in the park or around the luxury shopping centres. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to the centre and free time.

03 WED. Seoul- Suwon- Jeonju.-

Today we include in Seoul the **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, an impressive palace that is 600 years old, where we will see the **Changing of the Guard ceremony** (if scheduled). Our next stop is the city of **SUWON**, former capital of Korea, a World Heritage Site famous for its walls Heritage of Mankind. We will stop at the **Samsung Innovation Museum** to learn about the history of this famous technological company. **Note: The visit to the Samsung Innovation Museum is not always guaranteed. In case it is not possible, Samsung D'Light will be visited instead.** We will see the impressive wall with its fortifications and will visit **Hwaseong Haenggung**, the summer palace. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We continue to **JEONJU**, where we will see its fascinating old town (**Hanok Village**), with its tiny houses, traditional shops and art galleries.

04 THU. Jeonju- Haeinsa- Daegu- Busan.-

Amidst impressive mountain forest scenery, we come to **HAEGINSA**, a Buddhist temple built in the year 802 where

we discover the **Tripitaka**, the most complete collection of Buddhist texts engraved on 80,000 blocks of wood. We will visit the temple and the museum on the Tripitaka. We go on to **DAEGU** where we see the market of traditional medicines with its different herbs, and especially ginseng, and the Museum of Oriental medicine. **Lunch included.** We come to **BUSAN**. We are in the second largest city in Korea, full of life. Time in the fantastic **Doosan Haeundae** complex with its more than 300 m skyscraper and its sports marina. Accommodation.

05 FRI. Busan- Ferry Busan- Shimonoseki.-

Day in **BUSAN**. We are going out to the city of Busan to visit **HAEDONG YONGGUNG**, 14th century Buddhist temple located by the sea. Return to Busan. We see the **memorial to the United Nations** with its cemetery where people from numerous countries are buried. We approach the largest **fish market** in the country, which is alongside Nampo port. **Lunch included.** Then we walk from there to **Yongdusan park** with its immense 120 m pagoda. Afternoon free. **Night on a ferry**, expected departure at 21.00hrs, crossing the sea of Japan in double cabins with bathroom.

Note: Due to the ferry's limited capacity in double cabins, we will sometimes take a fast ferry leaving Busan at 15:00 hrs. and arriving in FUKUOKA at 18:30 hrs. (border crossing, free time in Fukuoka and hotel accommodation).

06 SAT. Ferry Busan-Shimonoseki- Shimonoseki-Iwakuni- Itsukushima- Hiroshima.-

We dock at the port of **Shimonoseki** at **08.00hrs** (breakfast not included) and cross the border. We then depart for **IWAKUNI**, a small city where we will stop to admire the beautiful historic Kintai-Kyo Bridge. We then continue to Miyajimaguchi where we take a **ferry to Miyajima**, the island "where men and Gods live together in peace", with its Itsukushima shrine dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partly over the sea. Here we have time to visit the temple, stroll through its attractive centre and have lunch. Then we continue to **HIROSHIMA**, sadly famous as the site where the atomic bomb fell in 1945, which destroyed the whole city. We will visit the **Peace Memorial Park**, the Atomic bomb dome and the impressive Peace Memorial Museum. **Dinner included.**

07 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a **ferry to Shikoku** Island, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included.** In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

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08 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included.** Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

09 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-

In Kobe we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. **Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.** We go on to **Osaka**. We will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit Okuno Mausoleum, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit Kongobuji temple, built in 1593.

We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. **The monks will offer us a Zen meditation session (Ajikan).** **Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.

Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

10 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-

Japanese breakfast at the temple. Then we leave early for **KYOTO**, to spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997.

The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its Geisha. Free time.

Note: If you already visited Kyoto on your circuit, our guide will offer you information and advice on visiting the other parts of the city unaccompanied.

11 THU. Kyoto - Tsumago - Matsumoto.-Nagano.-

We set out for **TSUMAGO**, passing attractive country scenery on our way. This small village with its wooden houses is one of the prettiest places in Japan. Free time to explore and **lunch included.** Then we continue to **MATSUMOTO**, a tourist city, where we will visit the impressive 16th century castle, known as the "Crow Castle". Free time to explore this bustling tourist city. We continue to **NAGANO**, accommodation.

12 FRI. Nagano - Monkey Park - Kusatsu - Ikaho Onsen.-

In **NAGANO** we will see the **Zenko-ji**, a place of pilgrimage with the first Buddhist image in Japan. Our travellers will be included the **Gomakuyo ceremony** to bring luck. After this, we will travel to the beautiful Japanese Alps and in the mountains we will go to the **JIGOKUDANI Monkey Park**, where we will include **lunch** and stroll amidst its forests with its rivers and spa waters where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe. After this, very beautiful high mountain scenery (we go up to 2,172 metres), passing semi-active volcanoes. **KUSATSU**, an attractive spa town, its main square full of life. We will include attendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the

city park which has the open air Onsen. Then on to **IKAHO**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

13 SAT. Ikaho - Nikko - Tokyo.-

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi, Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more.- Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening.-

14 SUN. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour** trip with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the junction of **Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. **The Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see Kokugikan, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the **Buddhist temple of Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of Asakusa. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. **18H30.-** Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku** district and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide.

15 MON. Tokyo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Lights Korea and Japan with Mount Fuji

Days 1 - 14 as in Opt. 1

15 MON. Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Kawaguchiko- Tokyo.-

We travel to the beautiful area of Monte Fuji, through pretty countryside on our way. First of all we see the **ARAKURAYAMA SENGEN PARK**, with its beautiful pagodas, and from here enjoy the best and most well-known views of Mount Fuji. After this we go on to **KAWAGUCHIKO** with its tiny houses, flowers and mountains, and its beautiful lake. On our arrival, we will visit the **FUJI SENGEN SHRINE** set in a magical site surrounded by tall trees, and the starting point of the traditional pilgrimage to the mountain. At the shrine, we will express our thanks for being able to visit this wonderful place. The visit also includes a **delightful boat trip** on Kawaguchiko Lake. After lunch, we start to ascend **Mount Fuji** on the road that takes us to the "fifth station", surrounded by spectacular forests and views, to a height of 2,305 metres. Return to Tokyo at the end of the day.

Note: In winter, the route up to Mount Fuji is closed due to snow or other adverse weather conditions; during this season, we will ascend as far as the authorised point.

End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.



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- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Seoul, Kyoto, Tokyo.
- **Evening Transfer:** Myeongdong quarter in Seoul, Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto, Shinjuku in Tokyo.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Changdeokgung Palace, War Memorial in Seoul, Qyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul, Hwaseong Haengung, Samsung Innovation Museum not always guaranteed in Suwon, Hanok Village in Jeonju, Buddhist Temple in Haeinsa, Haedong Yonggung, U.N. Memorial and Yongdusan Park in Busan, Kintaikyo in Iwakuni, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Brigde, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe, Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo.
- **Ferry:** Busan- Shimonoseki (night ferry), Hiroshima- Miyajima, Hiroshima- Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **14 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Seoul, Seoul, Suwon, Daegu, Busan, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Mount Koya, Tsumago, Nagano, Ikaho, Tokyo, Tokyo.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **Ticket admission:** Arakurayama Sengen Park in Mount Fuji, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko.





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DISCOVER JAPAN END SAPPORO

DISCOVER JAPAN

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OPTION 2

FROM 4.260\$-DAYS 13/15

DEPARTURE DATES

Every two weeks on
Saturdays from April to
October

EXPECTED HOTELS

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IMPORTANT NOTE

The route will be **bilingual with Spanish and English-speaking guides**. On certain dates, depending on sales, the circuit will be divided into two with a bus in each language.

MEALS: The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".

MONKEY PARK

JAPAN



(OPT. 1) DISCOVER JAPAN END SAPPORO

01 SAT. Tokyo.-

Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel.

18H30.- Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide

02 SUN. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist **temple of Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

03 MON. Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Kawaguchiko.-

We travel to the beautiful area of Monte Fuji, through pretty countryside on our way. First of all we see the **ARAKURAYAMA SENGEN PARK**, with its beautiful pagodas, and from here enjoy the best and most well-known views of Mount Fuji. After this we go on to **KAWAGUCHIKO** with its tiny houses, flowers and mountains, and its beautiful lake. On our arrival, we will visit the **FUJI SENGEN SHRINE** set in a magical site surrounded by tall trees, and the starting point of the traditional pilgrimage to the mountain. At the shrine, we will express our thanks for being able to visit this wonderful place. The visit also includes a **delightful boat trip** on Kawaguchiko Lake. After lunch, we start to ascend Mount Fuji on the road that takes us to the "fifth station", surrounded by spectacular forests and views, to a height of 2,305 metres.

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Return to Kawaguchiko, with time to stroll near the lake. We will stay at a **Ryokan** (a traditional Japanese hotel), and have the chance to enjoy its **ONSEN** (public baths). **Dinner included.**

Note: In the planned Ryokan, some rooms are in Japanese

style, with accommodation on tatamis, and others are in western-style. Accommodation may sometimes be in a western type hotel.

04 TUE. Kawaguchiko - Iyashi no Sato Nenba - Toyota - Kyoto.-

We are only 130km (81 miles) from **KYOTO**. In the morning, we continue along the pretty road bordered by lakes to **IYASHI NO SATO NENBA**, a tiny village destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as a traditional open-air mountain village and museum. Its traditional houses have been transformed into arts and crafts shops, restaurants and traditional museums. We then have the opportunity to admire the **SHIRAITO FALLS**, considered one of the most attractive sites in Japan, with a waterfall height of 150 metres. We will then continue to **NAGOYA**, the third most important city of Japan, on the shores of the Pacific. Here we will visit the **TOYOTA MUSEUM** (admission included), a must-see for motor lovers. We continue to **KYOTO**, accommodation.

05 WED. Kyoto.-

We spend all day in the city that was the capital of Japan from the year 794 to 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. We head for the outskirts of Kyoto to **Arashiyama**, where we cross the **Togetsukyo Bridge** ("bridge over the moon"), which has fantastic views. We will visit the **Tenryuji temple**, one of the "five major Zen temples of Kyoto" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a walk through its mystic **bamboo forest**. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

06 THU. Kyoto - Tsumago - Matsumoto.-Nagano.-

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07 FRI. Nagano - Monkey Park - Kusatsu - Ikahe Onsen.-

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tendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the city park which has the open air Onsen. Then on to **IKAHO**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

08 SAT. Ikahe - Nikko - Sendai.-

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**. In this fantastic town, we will visit the impressive **Toshogu shrine** with its outstanding room where the clapper of a priest suggests the sound of a crying dragon. We will also visit **Taiyuin-byo Mausoleum**, a site surrounded by peaceful scenery. We will go for a stroll along the river in Kanmangafuchi, under the attentive watch of hundreds of Jizo statues!

We will enjoy some free time in the city's centre before departing for **SENDAI**, a modern, bustling city with more than 1 million inhabitants. You will have a chance to stroll around and have supper in its lively centre.

09 SUN. Sendai - Matshushima - Hiraizumi - Morioka.-

We depart for the marvellous city of **MATSHUSHIMA**, on the "Thousand Islands" Bay in the Pacific Ocean and considered one of the most attractive cities in Japan. After arriving, we will visit a magnificent **"tea house"** overlooking the sea and enjoy a cup of traditional tea while our guide tells us about the city. Then we will go on a **50-minute cruise (included).**

Lunch included. We continue to **HIRAIZUMI** to visit its temples and the UNESCO World Heritage. In a first step we visit the magnificent Buddhist temples of Chusonji. We take time to relax in the gardens of Motsuiji temple, where passengers can take part in a **Zen ceremony** (admission included). Finally, we will know Site of Takkoku no Iwaya, carved in the rock in 801.

We then carry on to **MORIOKA**, the pleasant capital of Iwate province, where we settle in at our hotel and have some free time to explore.

10 MON. Morioka - Hirosaki - Aomori - Hakodate.-

In a region of beautiful scenery, we travel to **HIROSAKI**, where we will visit its castle in a beautiful park where more than 2,500 cherry trees blossom in the spring. After this we go on to **AOMORI**, the provincial capital of the Bay of Mutsu. We will see the **Nebuta Museum** where we will learn about the Japanese traditional parties that remind us of carnival, with their painted and lit up floats. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Then we **board the ferry to HOKKAIDO** Island. The crossing takes just over three and a half hours. **HAKODATE** -Arrival-. Before going to our hotel, we will ascend **Mount Hakodate**, which has wonderful views. We make the descent by **cable car**. Time in the beautiful city pedestrian centre in which to admire the influence of other cultures in the city (Russian Orthodox and Christian churches).

11 TUE. Hakodate - Onuma - Noboribetsu - Sapporo.-

In the morning we visit the impressive and busy fish market. Then we climb the **GORYOKAKU** Tower with its impressive views, from where we can make out the star-shaped fortress of Hakodate. Then we will take a stroll through the castle area before continuing to **ONUMA**. Free time in this wonderful tourist site, with its countless small islands in which to explore the islands, go on a boat trip and have **lunch included**. In the afternoon our journey takes

us towards the ocean and **NOBORIBETSU**, an impressive volcano site, where we can walk amidst geysers in Jigoku Dani (Hell's Valley), admire the hot spring lake of Oyunuma and follow the path next to the hot spring to the site of the footbath.- Then we carry on to **SAPPORO**.- At the end of the day, we arrive at this beautiful city, the capital of North Japan.-

12 WED. Sapporo -Hill of Buddha- Otaru - Sapporo.-

City tour (included) stopping at the clock tower and Odori Koen avenue-park, dominated by the telecommunications tower. We will see the beautiful Shinto shrine of Hokkaido Jingu. The visit **includes a ceremonial Kito (prayer session)** in which we give thanks for the journey. We will leave Sapporo, we know the **HILL OF BUDDHA**, new center of avant-garde architecture opened in 2015, the hill covered with lavenders keeps the giant statue of Buddha, in the complex we will also see the replica of the statues Moai (Easter Island). We then continue to **OTARU**, a small city with a European air and streets filled with shops, an old canal and tiny museums. **Lunch included.** We return to Sapporo at about 4.30 hrs. Free time in the afternoon.

13 THU. Sapporo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Discover Japan
Days 1 - 12 as in Opt. 1
13 THU. Sapporo - Toyako Onsen -Usu- Ferry Tomakomai Sendai.-

We visit the **Ainu village museum** (Pirko Kotan). Here we will see the culture of the Eskimo people who inhabited this island before the arrival of the Japanese. Amidst beautiful scenery in the interior of Hokkaido Island, we pass lakes and mountains and eventually come to the spa city of **TOYAKO**, at the foot of an impressive volcano, on the banks of a pretty lake that occupies a former crater. Free time to wander along the bank. We will visit the volcanology museum to learn about the eruptions suffered by this region. Then we will take the **cable car** to the summit of the **USU Volcano** with time to walk around the volcano and its awesome landscape. **Lunch included.** We continue to **TOMAKOMAI** where we take a modern ferry for a night crossing. Accommodation in double cabins with private bathrooms. **Dinner included.** We spend the night on board crossing the Pacific Ocean.

14 FRI. Sendai - Yamadera- Yonezawa - Aizuwakamatsu.-

We arrive in Sendai port at around 10 in the morning and go on to **YAMADERA**, a very beautiful **complex of temples** founded more than 1,000 years ago in the mountain's, amidst forests of immense trees. Time to see this magical place. **Lunch included.** We then go on to **YONEZAWA**. We are in one of the main producer regions of Shake, we will visit the **Sake Museum** with its small distillery before carrying on through pretty scenery to **AIZUWAKAMATSU**. Accommodation.

15 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu - Ouchijuku - Tokyo.-

In **AIZUWAKAMATSU** we visit the **SAMURAI MANSION**, a historical mansion where we will learn about the Samurai Warriors. After this we stroll in the Castle Garden and maybe we will see children doing martial arts on the Dojo. We will go up to Iimoriyama, where we will see the sculptures donated by Mussolini and they will tell us about the child martyrs of this city. We continue our route to **OUCHIJUKU**, a very picturesque village of traditional houses with thatched roofs, where there will be time for lunch. After lunch we travel to the impressive former stone quarries of the **OYA-MUSEUM**. Return to **TOKYO** - Arrival at the end of the day.-End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

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- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Excursion:** Otaru and Hill of Buddha in Sapporo.
- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake, Cruise in Matshushima.
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto, Sapporo.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo, Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Arakurayama Sengen Park in Mount Fuji, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko, Village Museum in Iyashi No Sato Nenba, Toyota Museum, Tenryu-ji Temple, Arashiyama bamboo forest in Kyoto, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko, Traditional tea in Matshushima, Chusonji, Zen practice in Montsuiji, Takkoku no Iwaya Temple, Castle in Hirosaki, Nebuta Museum in Aomori, Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate, Sanctuary of Hokkaido Jingu and Kito prayer session in Sapporo.
- **Ferry:** Aomori - Hakodate (Hokkaido Island).
- **Funicular:** Hakodate Mountain.
- **10 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Kawaguchiko, Tsumago, Nagano, Ikahe, Matsushima, Aomori, Onuma, Sapporo.
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- **(Additional services Opt. 2)**
- **Ticket admission:** Ainu Village Museum (Pirko Kotan), Volcanology museum in Toyako Onsen, Complex of temples in Yamadera, Shake Museum in Yonezawa, Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Former stone quarries of the Oya Museum.
- **Ferry:** Tomakomai - Sendai.
- **Funicular:** Summit of the Usu Volcano in Mount Usu.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Usu, Ferry Tomakomai Sendai, Yamadera.





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JAPANESE SCENES

END SAPPORO OPTION 1

JAPANESE SCENES

OPTION 2

JAPANESE SCENES

AND MOUNT FUJI OPTION 3

(OPT. 1) JAPANESE SCENES END SAPPORO

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Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel.

18H30.- Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide

02 FRI. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

03 SAT. Tokyo - Hiroshima.-

After breakfast, transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN** to **HIROSHIMA**. It takes four hours, more or less, to travel the 800 kilometres between both cities. Arrival at Hiroshima. This city is sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll around the **Peace Memorial**, the **Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the impressive **Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included**.

Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

04 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a **ferry** to **Shikoku Island**, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included**. In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

05 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naru-to - Kobe.-

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included**. Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

06 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-

In Kobe we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. *Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.* We go on to **Osaka**. We will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit **Okuno Mausoleum**, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit **Kongobuji temple**, built in 1593. We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. **The monks will offer us a Zen meditation session** (Ajikan). **Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.

Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

07 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-

Japanese breakfast at the temple. Then we leave early for **KYOTO**, to spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997.

The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GIION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its Geisha. Free time.

08 THU. Kyoto - Tsumago - Matsumoto.-Nagano.-

We set out for **TSUMAGO**, passing attractive country scenery on our way. This small village with its wooden houses is one of the prettiest places in Japan. Free time to explore and **lunch included**. Then we continue to **MATSUMOTO**, a tourist city, where we will visit the impressive 16th century castle, known as the "Crow Castle". Free time to explore this bustling tourist city. We continue to **NAGANO**, accommodation.

09 FRI. Nagano - Monkey Park - Kusatsu - Ikahe Onsen.-

In **NAGANO** we will see the **Zenko-ji**, a place of pilgrimage with the first Buddhist image in Japan. Our travellers will

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be included the **Gomakuyo ceremony** to bring luck. After this, we will travel to the beautiful Japanese Alps and in the mountains we will go to the **JIGOKUDANI Monkey Park**, where we will include lunch and stroll amidst its forests with its rivers and spa waters where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe. After this, very beautiful high mountain scenery (we go up to 2,172 metres), passing semi-active volcanoes. **KUSATSU**, an attractive spa town, its main square full of life. We will include attendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the city park which has the open air Onsen. Then on to **IKAHU**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.

10 SAT. Ikaho - Nikko - Sendai.-

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**. In this fantastic town, we will visit the impressive **Toshogu shrine** with its outstanding room where the clapper of a priest suggests the sound of a crying dragon. We will also visit **Taiyuin-byo Mausoleum**, a site surrounded by peaceful scenery. We will go for a stroll along the river in Kamangafuchi, under the attentive watch of hundreds of Jizo statues! We will enjoy some free time in the city's centre before departing for **SENDAI**, a modern, bustling city with more than 1 million inhabitants. You will have a chance to stroll around and have supper in its lively centre.

11 SUN. Sendai - Matshushima - Hiraizumi - Morioka.-

We depart for the marvellous city of **MATSHUSHIMA**, on the "Thousand Islands" Bay in the Pacific Ocean and considered one of the most attractive cities in Japan. After arriving, we will visit a magnificent **"tea house"** overlooking the sea and enjoy a cup of traditional tea while our guide tells us about the city. Then we will go on a **50-minute cruise (included).**

Lunch included. We continue to **HIRAIZUMI** to visit its temples and the UNESCO World Heritage. In a first step we visit the magnificent Buddhist temples of Chusonji. We take time to relax in the gardens of Mutsuiji temple, where passengers can take part in a **Zen ceremony** (admission included). Finally, we will know Site of Takkoku no Iwaya, carved in the rock in 801.

We then carry on to **MORIOKA**, the pleasant capital of Iwate province, where we settle in at our hotel and have some free time to explore.

12 MON. Morioka - Hirosaki - Aomori - Hakodate.-

In a region of beautiful scenery, we travel to **HIROSAKI**, where we will visit its castle in a beautiful park where more than 2,500 cherry trees blossom in the spring. After this we go on to **AOMORI**, the provincial capital of the Bay of Mutsu. We will see the **Nebuta Museum** where we will learn about the Japanese traditional parties that remind us of carnival, with their painted and lit up floats. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Then we **board the ferry to HOKKAIDO** Island. The crossing takes just over three and a half hours. **HAKODATE -Arrival-** Before going to our hotel, we will ascend **Mount Hakodate**, which has wonderful views. We make the descent by **cable car**. Time in the beautiful city pedestrian centre in which to admire the influence of other cultures in the city (Russian Orthodox and Christian churches).

13 TUE. Hakodate - Onuma - Noboribetsu - Sapporo.-

In the morning we visit the impressive and busy fish market. Then we climb the **GORYOKAKU** Tower with its impressive views, from where we can make out the star-shaped fortress of Hakodate. Then we will take a stroll through the castle area before continuing to **ONUMA**. Free time in this wonderful tourist site, with its countless small islands in which to explore the islands, go on a boat trip and have **lunch included**. In the afternoon our journey takes us towards the ocean and **NOBORIBETSU**, an impressive volcano site, where we can walk amidst geysers in Jigoku Dani (Hell's Valley), admire the hot spring lake of Oyunuma and follow the path next to the hot spring to the site of the footbath.- Then we carry on to **SAPPORO**.- At the end of the day, we arrive at this beautiful city, the capital of North Japan.-

14 WED. Sapporo - Hill of Buddha - Otaru - Sapporo.-

City tour (included) stopping at the clock tower and Odori Koen avenue-park, dominated by the telecommunications tower. We will see the beautiful Shinto shrine of Hokkaido Jingu. The visit includes a **ceremonial Kito (prayer session)** in which we give thanks for the journey. We will leave Sapporo, we know the **HILL OF BUDDHA**, new center of avant-garde architecture opened in 2015, the hill covered with lavenders keeps the giant statue of Buddha, in the complex we will also see the replica of the statues Moai (Easter Island). We then continue to **OTARU**, a small city with a European air and streets filled with shops, an old canal and tiny museums. **Lunch included.** We return to Sapporo at about 4.30 hrs. Free time in the afternoon.

15 THU. Sapporo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Japanese Scenes

Days 1 - 14 as in Opt. 1

15 THU. Sapporo - Toyako Onsen -Usu- Ferry Tomakomai Sendai.-

We visit the **Ainu village museum** (Pirko Kotan). Here we will see the culture of the Eskimo people who inhabited this island before the arrival of the Japanese. Amidst beautiful scenery in the interior of Hokkaido Island, we pass lakes and mountains and eventually come to the spa city of **TOYAKO**, at the foot of an impressive volcano, on the banks of a pretty lake that occupies a former crater. Free time to wander along the bank. We will visit the volcanology museum to learn about the eruptions suffered by this region. Then we will take the **cable car** to the summit of the **USU Volcano** with time to walk around the volcano and its awesome landscape. Lunch included. We continue to **TOMAKOMAI** where we take a modern ferry for a night crossing. Accommodation in double cabins with private bathrooms. **Dinner included.** We spend the night on board crossing the Pacific Ocean.

16 FRI. Sendai - Yamadera- Yonezawa - Aizuwakamatsu.-

We arrive in Sendai port at around 10 in the morning and go on to **YAMADERA**, a very beautiful **complex of temples** founded more than 1,000 years ago in the mountain's, amidst forests of immense trees. Time to see this magical place. **Lunch included.** We then go on to **YONEZAWA**. We are in one of the main producer regions of Shake, we will visit the **Sake Museum** with its small distillery before carrying on through pretty scenery to **AIZUWAKAMATSU**. Accommodation.

17 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu - Ouchijuku - Tokyo.-

In **AIZUWAKAMATSU** we visit the **SAMURAI MANSION**, a historical mansion where we will learn about the Samurai Warriors. After this we stroll in the Castle Garden and maybe we will see children doing martial arts on the Dojo. We will go up to Iimoriyama, where we will see the sculptures donated by Mussolini and they will tell us about the child martyrs of this city. We continue our route to **OUCHIJUKU**, a very picturesque village of traditional houses with thatched roofs, where there will be time for lunch. After lunch we travel to the impressive former stone quarries of the **OYA-MUSEUM**. Return to **TOKYO** - Arrival at the end of the day.-End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

(Opt. 3) Japanese Scenes and Mount Fuji

Days 1 - 16 as in Opt. 2

17 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu - Ouchijuku - Tokyo.-

In **AIZUWAKAMATSU** we visit the **SAMURAI MANSION**, a historical mansion where we will learn about the Samurai Warriors. After this we stroll in the Castle Garden and maybe we will see children doing martial arts on the Dojo. We will go up to Iimoriyama, where we will see the sculptures donated by Mussolini and they will tell us about the child martyrs of this city. We continue our route to **OUCHIJUKU**, a very picturesque village of traditional houses with thatched roofs, where there will be time for lunch. After lunch we travel to the impressive former stone quarries of the **OYA-MUSEUM**. Return to **TOKYO** - Arrival at the end of the day.-

18 SUN. Tokyo- Kamakura- Enoshima- Odawara-Gora.-

We will leave Tokyo for **KAMAKURA**. This "oasis of peace" for two centuries was the capital of Japan, and treasures numerous sanctuaries, temples and gardens. In the Zen temple of **Hokoku-ji** we will stroll through its bamboo forest (admission included) and we can have a green tea. We also see Sugimoto-dera, the oldest temple in the city, founded in 734. Time in the pleasant city centre before seeing the **Great Buddha** (Daibutsu - admission included). Our route is subsequently one of scenic beauty following the Pacific Ocean. Free time for lunch and a stroll in **ENOSHIMA**, a small island in the ocean connected by a bridge. We continue to **ODAWARA**; here we include admission to the castle, an imposing medieval fortress (restored in the twentieth century) from the Edo era, one of Japan's main castles. Continuation to the beautiful area of Hakone, a region of lakes and mountains near Mount Fuji. Accommodation in the pleasant town of **GORA** (or a nearby place).

19 MON. Gora- Owakudani- Oshino Hakkai- Kawaguchiko- Mount Fuji- Tokyo.-

Today's stage is spectacular. We start the day going up **OWAKUDANI**, the "hell valley", steam boiler, bubbling mud and sulphurous gases. *Note: Access is sometimes closed due to high volcanic activity or toxic gases, in which case we would include the Arakurayama Sengen Park.* After that we go on to **OSHINO HAKKAI**, a small, picturesque village with 8 ponds and views of **Mount Fuji**. We continue to **KAWAGUCHIKO**, an idyllic city of small houses, flowers and mountains next to its beautiful lake, where we include a beautiful **boat trip**. Later we start to climb Mount Fuji where, on the road that takes us to the "fifth station" amidst spectacular forests and views, we reach a height of 2305 metres. Return to Tokyo at the end of the day.

Note: In winter, the climb to Mount Fuji is often closed by snow or other weather conditions; if this is so, we will go as far as we are authorised.

End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.



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THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Excursion:** Otaru and Hill of Buddha in Sapporo.
- **Boat:** Cruise in Matshushima.
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto, Sapporo.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku , Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden , Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe, Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko, Traditional tea in Matshushima, Chusonji, Zen practice in Montsuji, Takkoku no Iwaya Temple, Castle in Hirosaki, Nebuta Museum in Aomori, Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate, Sanctuary of Hokkaido Jingu and Kito prayer session in Sapporo.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyahima, Hiroshima-Matsuyama, Aomori Hakodate (Hokkaido Island).
- **Funicular:** Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama, Hakodate Mountain.
- **High Speed Train:** Tokyo - Hiroshima.
- **13 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Mount Koya, Tsumago, Nagano, Ikaho, Matshushima, Aomori, Onuma, Sapporo.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Ticket admission:** Ainu Village Museum (Pirko Kotan), Volcanology museum in Toyako Onsen, Complex of temples in Yamadera, Shake Museum in Yonezawa, Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Former stone quarries of the Oya Museum.
- **Ferry:** Tomakomai - Sendai.
- **Funicular:** Summit of the Usu Volcano in Mount Usu.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Usu, Ferry Tomakomai Sendai, Yamadera.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **Ticket admission:** Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Former stone quarries of the Oya Museum, Temple of Hokoku-ji and bamboo forest, Sugimoto-dera Temple, Great Buddha (Daibutsu) in Kamakura, Castle in Odawara, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko.



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- **Ferry:** Aomori - Hakodate (Hokkaido Island).
- **Funicular:** Hakodate Mountain.
- **6 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Matshushima, Aomori, Onuma, Sapporo.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **Ticket admission:** Ainu Village Museum (Pirko Kotan), Volcanology museum in Toyako Onsen, Complex of temples in Yamadera, Shake Museum in Yonezawa, Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Former stone quarries of the Oya Museum.
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NORTH JAPAN END SAPPORO OPTION 1

NORTH JAPAN OPTION 2

NORTH JAPAN AND HAKONE OPTION 3

(OPT. 1) NORTH JAPAN END SAPPORO

01 THU. Tokyo.-
Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel. **18H30.-** Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide

02 FRI. Tokyo.-
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Free time in the afternoon.

03 SAT. Tokyo - Nikko - Sendai.-
We leave for **NIKKO** and arrive at this fantastic city at 10.30am. There we visit the impressive **Nikko Toshogu Shrine** with the room of the crying dragon. We will also visit the **Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum**, set in an impressive, peaceful site, followed by a walk near the river, in Kannanga Fuchi, under the watchful eye of hundreds of Jizo statues! Free time in the city centre before leaving for **SENDAI**, a modern, bustling city with over 1 million inhabitants. Passengers can explore the city and have dinner in its busy, thriving centre.

04 SUN. Sendai - Matshushima - Hiraizumi - Morioka.-
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In the morning we visit the impressive and busy fish market. Then we climb the **GORYOKAKU** Tower with its impressive views, from where we can make out the star-shaped fortress of Hakodate. Then we will take a stroll through the castle area before continuing to **ONUMA**. Free time in this wonderful tourist site, with its countless small islands in which to explore the islands, go on a boat trip and have **lunch included**. In the afternoon our journey takes us towards the ocean and **NOBORIBETSU**, an impressive volcano site, where we can walk amid geysers in Jigoku Dani (Hell's Valley), admire the hot spring lake of Oyunuma and follow the path next to the hot spring to the site of the footbath. Then we carry on to **SAPPORO**. At the end of the day, we arrive at this beautiful city, the capital of North Japan.

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08 THU. Sapporo.-
After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) North Japan
Days 1 - 7 as in Opt. 1
08 THU. Sapporo - Toyako Onsen -Usu- Ferry Tomakomai Sendai.-

We visit the **Ainu village museum** (Pirko Kotan). Here we will see the culture of the Eskimo people who inhabited this island before the arrival of the Japanese. Amidst beautiful scenery in the interior of Hokkaido Island, we pass lakes and mountains and eventually come to the spa city of **TOYAKO**, at the foot of an impressive volcano, on the banks of a pretty lake that occupies a former crater. Free time to wander along the bank. We will visit the volcanology museum to learn about the eruptions suffered by this region. Then we will take the **cable car** to the summit of the **USU Volcano** with time to walk around the volcano and its awesome landscape. **Lunch included.** We continue to **TOMAKOMAI** where we take a modern ferry for a night crossing. Accommodation in double cabins with private bathrooms. **Dinner included.** We spend the night on board crossing the Pacific Ocean.

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10 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu - Ouchijuku - Tokyo.-
In **AIZUWAKAMATSU** we visit the **SAMURAI MANSION**, a historical mansion where we will learn about the Samurai Warriors. After this we stroll in the Castle Garden and maybe we will see children doing martial arts on the Dojo. We will go up to Iimoriyama, where we will see the sculptures donated by Mussolini and they will tell us about the child martyrs of this city. We continue our route to **OUCHI-JUKU**, a very picturesque village of traditional houses with thatched roofs, where there will be time for lunch. After lunch we travel to the impressive former stone quarries of the **OYA-MUSEUM**. Return to **TOKYO** - Arrival at the end of the day-End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

(Opt. 3) North Japan and Hakone
Days 1 - 9 as in Opt. 2
10 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu - Ouchijuku - Tokyo.-

In **AIZUWAKAMATSU** we visit the **SAMURAI MANSION**, a historical mansion where we will learn about the Samurai Warriors. After this we stroll in the Castle Garden and maybe we will see children doing martial arts on the Dojo. We will go up to Iimoriyama, where we will see the sculptures donated by Mussolini and they will tell us about the child martyrs of this city. We continue our route to **OUCHI-JUKU**, a very picturesque village of traditional houses with thatched roofs, where there will be time for lunch. After lunch we travel to the impressive former stone quarries of the **OYA-MUSEUM**. Return to **TOKYO** - Arrival at the end of the day-.

11 SUN. Tokyo- Kamakura- Enoshima- Odawara- Gora.-

We will leave Tokyo for **KAMAKURA**. This "oasis of peace" for two centuries was the capital of Japan, and treasures numerous sanctuaries, temples and gardens. In the Zen temple of **Hokoku-ji** we will stroll through its bamboo forest (admission included) and we can have a green tea. We also see Sugimoto-dera, the oldest temple in the city, founded in 734. Time in the pleasant city centre before seeing the **Great Buddha** (Daibutsu - admission included). Our route is subsequently one of scenic beauty following the Pacific Ocean. Free time for lunch and a stroll in **ENOSHIMA**, a small island in the ocean connected by a bridge. We continue to **ODAWARA**; here we include admission to the castle, an imposing medieval fortress (restored in the twentieth century) from the Edo era, one of Japan's main castles. Continuation to the beautiful area of Hakone, a region of lakes and mountains near Mount Fuji. Accommodation in the pleasant town of **GORA** (or a nearby place).

12 MON. Gora- Owakudani- Oshino Hakkai- Kawaguchiko- Mount Fuji- Tokyo.-

Today's stage is spectacular. We start the day going up **OWAKUDANI**, the "hell valley", steam boiler, bubbling mud and sulphurous gases. **Note: Access is sometimes closed due to high volcanic activity or toxic gases, in which case we would include the Arakurayama Sengen Park.** After that we go on to **OSHINO HAKKAI**, a small, picturesque village with 8 ponds and views of **Mount Fuji**. We continue to **KAWAGUCHIKO**, an idyllic city of small houses, flowers and mountains next to its beautiful lake, where we include a beautiful **boat trip**. Later we start to climb Mount Fuji where, on the road that takes us to the "fifth station" amidst spectacular forests and views, we reach a height of 2305 metres. Return to Tokyo at the end of the day.

Note: In winter, the climb to Mount Fuji is often closed by snow or other weather conditions; if this is so, we will go as far as we are authorised.

End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

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OPTION 2

END HIROSHIMA

OPTION 3

(OPT. 1) ESSENTIAL JAPAN AND HAKONE

01 FRI. Tokyo.-

Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel. **18H30.-** Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide

NOTE: This visit may take place on the day of arrival or after the panoramic city tour next day, depending on the passenger flight arrival times.

02 SAT. Tokyo.-

In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to make a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist temple of **Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel. Free time in the afternoon.

03 SUN. Tokyo- Kamakura- Enoshima- Odawara- Gora.-

We will leave Tokyo for **KAMAKURA**. This "oasis of peace" for two centuries was the capital of Japan, and treasures numerous sanctuaries, temples and gardens. In the Zen temple of **Hokoku-ji** we will stroll through its bamboo forest (admission included) and we can have a green tea. We also see Sugimoto-dera, the oldest temple in the city, founded in 734. Time in the pleasant city centre before seeing the **Great Buddha** (Daibutsu - admission included). Our route is subsequently one of scenic beauty following the Pacific Ocean. Free time for lunch and a stroll in **ENOSHIMA**, a small island in the ocean connected by a bridge. We continue to **ODAWARA**; here we include admission to the castle, an imposing medieval fortress (restored in the twentieth century) from the Edo era, one of Japan's main castles. Continuation to the beautiful area of Hakone, a region of lakes and mountains near Mount Fuji. Accommodation in the pleasant town of **GORA** (or a nearby place).

04 MON. Gora- Owakudani- Oshino Hakkai- Kawaguchiko- Mount Fuji- Kawaguchiko.-

Today's stage is spectacular. We start the day going up **OWAKUDANI**, the "hell valley", steam boiler, bubbling mud and sulphurous gases- **Note: Access is sometimes closed due to high volcanic activity or toxic gases, in which case we would include the Arakurayama Sengen Park**. After that we go on to **OSHINO HAKKAI**, a small, picturesque village with 8 ponds and views of Mount Fuji. We continue to **KAWAGUCHIKO**, an idyllic city of small houses, flowers and mountains next to its beautiful lake, where we include a beautiful **boat trip**. Later we start to climb **Mount Fuji** where, on the road that takes us to the "fifth station" amidst spectacular forests and views, we reach a height of 2305 metres. Return to Kawaguchiko, where there will still be time for a stroll by the lake. We will stay in a Ryokan (traditional Japanese hotels), where we can enjoy its **ONSEN** (public bath). **Dinner included**.

Note: In the planned Ryokan some rooms are Japanese style, accommodation on tatamis and others in western style. Accommodation may sometimes be in a western type hotel.

Note: In winter, the climb to Mount Fuji is often closed by snow or other weather conditions; if this is so, we will go as far as we are authorised.

05 TUE. Kawaguchiko - Iyashi no Sato Nenba - Toyota - Kyoto.-

We are only 130km (81 miles) from **KYOTO**. In the morning, we continue along the pretty road bordered by lakes to **IYASHI NO SATO NENBA**, a tiny village destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as a traditional open-air mountain village and museum. Its traditional houses have been transformed into arts and crafts shops, restaurants and traditional museums. We then have the opportunity to admire the **SHIRAITO FALLS**, considered one of the most attractive sites in Japan, with a waterfall height of 150 metres. We will then continue to **NAGOYA**, the third most important city of Japan, on the shores of the Pacific. Here we will visit

the **TOYOTA MUSEUM** (admission included), a must-see for motor lovers. We continue to **KYOTO**, accommodation.

06 WED. Kyoto.-

We spend all day in the city that was the capital of Japan from the year 794 to 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. We head for the outskirts of Kyoto to **Arashiyama**, where we cross the **Togetsukyo Bridge** ("bridge over the moon"), which has fantastic views. We will visit the **Tenryuji temple**, one of the "five major Zen temples of Kyoto" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a walk through its mystic **bamboo forest**. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens. Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

07 THU. Kyoto - Nara - Osaka.-

We leave for **NARA** and visit **Todaiji**, a magnificent Buddhist temple built in 752, which has a giant Buddha and where passengers can take photos and touch and feed the deer that wander through the park. **Lunch included**. After the visit, we will see **HORYUJI** Buddhist temple, a World Heritage Site that includes a seminary, monasteries and temples. Its main pagoda temple is one of the oldest wooden buildings in the world and is the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan and an important place of worship.

We continue to **OSAKA**, where we arrive in the evening. Accommodation in this modern city (Japan's second city). We will visit Dotonbori, a colourful district filled with nightlife.

08 FRI. Osaka.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) Essential Japan and Hakone end Hiroshima

Days 1 - 7 as in Opt. 1

08 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji- Okayama.-

We leave for **Mount SHOSA**, and its **ENGYO-JI** complex of temples dating back more than 1,000 years, which was the place where the film "The last Samurai" was made. **Cable car** ride. After this we will see **HIMEJI**, where we will include entry to its immense complex that shows us the architecture of Japanese castles. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We go on to **OKAYAMA**, where we will visit **Korakuen**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes, waterfalls and traditional teahouses.

09 SAT. Okayama - Kurashiki - Hiroshima- Itsukushima - Hiroshima.-

We leave for **KURASHIKI**, a city with a very well preserved historical centre. Time for a stroll in this charming place with its atmosphere from the past. We continue on our way to **HIROSHIMA**, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll around the **Peace Memorial**, the **Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the **impressive Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included**.

Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

10 SUN. Hiroshima.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 3) Essential Japan and Hakone end Tokyo

Days 1 - 9 as in Opt. 2

10 SUN. Hiroshima- Tokyo.-

After breakfast, transfer to the station to take the **BULLET TRAIN to TOKYO**. It takes four hours to travel the 800 kilometres between both cities. Arrival in Tokyo at around 2:00 pm. **END OF THE TRIP**. Check your flight time in case you need an additional night. Transfer to the airport for departure not included. Our guide will advise you on the best public transport to get there.

Note: If you have booked additional nights in TOKYO at the end of the trip, the transfer from the station to the hotel is NOT included.

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FROM 2.526\$-DAYS 8/10/10

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Friday from April to November

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- Europamundo General Services: Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- Includes arrival transfer
- Boat: Kawaguchiko Lake.
- City tour in: Tokyo, Kyoto.
- Evening Transfer: Shinjuku in Tokyo, Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto, Dotonbori in Osaka.
- Ticket admission: Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Temple of Hokoku-ji and bamboo forest, Sugimoto-dera Temple, Great Buddha (Daibutsu) in Kamakura, Castle in Odawara, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko, Village Museum in Iyashi No Sato Nenba, Toyota Museum, Tenryu-ji Temple, Arashiyama bamboo forest in Kyoto, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Todai-ji Temple and Horyu-ji Temple in Nara.
- 4 Lunch or Dinner Included in: Tokyo, Tokyo, Kawaguchiko, Nara.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- Ticket admission: Engyo-ji Temple in Engyo-ji, Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Museum in Hiroshima.
- Ferry: Hiroshima - Miyajima.
- Funicular: Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji.
- 2 Lunch or Dinner Included in: Himeji, Hiroshima.

(Additional services Opt. 3)

- High Speed Train: Hiroshima - Tokyo.





FROM 1.723\$-DAYS 7/11

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday
Every two weeks from
November to March

EXPECTED HOTELS

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THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Seoul.
- **Evening Transfer:** Myeongdong quarter in Seoul.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Changdeokgung Palace, War Memorial in Seoul, Qyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul, Hwaseong Haenggung, Samsung Innovation Museum not always guaranteed in Suwon, Hanok Village in Jeonju, Buddhist Temple in Haeinsa, Haedong Yonggung, U.N. Memorial and Yongdusan Park in Busan, Kintaiyo in Iwakuni, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima.
- **Ferry:** Busan- Shimonoseki (night ferry), Hiroshima- Miyajima.
- **6 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Seoul, Seoul, Suwon, Daegu, Busan, Hiroshima.

(Additional services Opt. 2)

- **City tour in:** Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto.
- **Ticket admission:** Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe, Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima- Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **3 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Matsuyama, Takamatsu, Mount Koya.



FROM SEOUL TO HIROSHIMA OPTION 1 FROM SEOUL TO KYOTO OPTION 2

(OPT. 1) FROM SEOUL TO HIROSHIMA

01 MON. Seoul.-

Welcome to Korea! Transfer to hotel in group transport. Meeting with your guide.

At the end of the afternoon, we are going to enter this fascinating country and with our guide we will go on the modern and efficient underground (we will be taught to use this public transport) to **City Hall** to see this building shaped like a tsunami. In front of the City Hall, we will also see the **Deoksugung Palace**, which is lit up at night and which allows us to appreciate the tradition and modernity of this country together. On foot, we will then go from here to the district of **Myeongdong**, the largest and busiest shopping area in Korea. Its name means "brilliant tunnel". **Dinner included** in a local restaurant. Accommodation.

02 TUE. Seoul.-

Today we include a **tour of the city of Seoul** lasting five hours. We will see **Changdeokgung Palace**. This is a World Heritage Site formed by a group of palaces inside a large park. After the visit, we will go to **Bukchon Hanok Village**, a traditional historical neighbourhood with tiny houses. Afterwards we will visit the **War Memorial**, an impressive war museum that tells of the different conflicts suffered by Korea during its history, particular the Korean War with the United Nations in which soldiers from many different countries took part. We continue to the **Gangnam District**, one of the busiest areas of the city, where there are numerous shopping and leisure centres. To finish, we stop at **LOTTE WORLD TOWER**, an impressive 550 m building where there will be time to climb the tower (entrance not included) or stroll in the park or around the luxury shopping centres. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to the centre and free time.

03 WED. Seoul- Suwon- Jeonju.-

Today we include in Seoul the **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, an impressive palace that is 600 years old, where we will see the **Changing of the Guard ceremony** (if scheduled). Our next stop is the city of **SUWON**, former capital of Korea, a World Heritage Site famous for its walls Heritage of Mankind. We will stop at the **Samsung Innovation Museum** to learn about the history of this famous technological company. **Note: The visit to the Samsung Innovation Museum is not always guaranteed. In case it is not possible, Samsung D'Light will be visited instead.** We will see the impressive wall with its fortifications and will visit **Hwaseong Haenggung**, the summer palace. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We continue to **JEONJU**, where we will see its fascinating old town (**Hanok Village**), with its tiny houses, traditional shops and art galleries.

04 THU. Jeonju- Haeinsa- Daegu- Busan.-

Amidst impressive mountain forest scenery, we come to **HAEGINSA**, a Buddhist temple built in the year 802 where we discover the **Tripitaka**, the most complete collection of Buddhist texts engraved on 80,000 blocks of wood. We will visit the temple and the museum on the Tripitaka. We go on to **DAEGU** where we see the market of traditional medicines with its different herbs, and especially ginseng, and the Museum of Oriental medicine. **Lunch included.** We come to **BUSAN**. We are in the second largest city in Korea, full of life. Time in the fantastic **Doosan Haeundae** complex with its more than 300 m skyscraper and its sports marina. Accommodation.

05 FRI. Busan- Ferry Busan- Shimonoseki.-

Day in **BUSAN**. We are going out to the city of Busan to visit **HAEDONG YONGGUNG**, 14th century Buddhist temple located by the sea. Return to Busan. We see the **memorial to the United Nations** with its cemetery where people from numerous countries are buried. We approach the largest **fish market** in the country, which is alongside Nampo port. **Lunch included.** Then we walk from there to **Yongdusan park** with its immense 120 m pagoda. Afternoon free. **Night on a ferry**, expected departure at 21.00hrs, crossing the sea of Japan in double cabins with bathroom.

Note: Due to the ferry's limited capacity in double cabins, we will sometimes take a fast ferry leaving Busan at 15:00 hrs. and arriving in FUKUOKA at 18:30 hrs. (border crossing, free time in Fukuoka and hotel accommodation).

06 SAT. Ferry Busan-Shimonoseki- Shimonoseki-Iwakuni- Itsukushima- Hiroshima.-

We dock at the port of **Shimonoseki** at 08.00hrs (breakfast not included) and cross the border. We then depart for **IWAKUNI**, a small city where we will stop to admire the beautiful historic Kintai-Kyo Bridge. We then continue to Mi-

yajimaguchi where we take a **ferry to Miyajima**, the island "where men and Gods live together in peace", with its Itsukushima shrine dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partly over the sea. Here we have time to visit the temple, stroll through its attractive centre and have lunch. Then we continue to **HIROSHIMA**, sadly famous as the site where the atomic bomb fell in 1945, which destroyed the whole city. We will visit the **Peace Memorial Park**, the Atomic bomb dome and the impressive Peace Memorial Museum. **Dinner included.**

07 SUN. Hiroshima.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

(Opt. 2) From Seoul to Kyoto

Days 1 - 6 as in Opt. 1

07 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a **ferry to Shikoku Island**, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included.** In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

08 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included.** Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

09 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-

In Kobe we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. **Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.** We go on to **Osaka**. We will depart from this city to visit, **MOUNT KOYA**, one of Japan's sacred mountains and Japan's main centre of Shingon Buddhism. There are 120 shrines and monasteries on this mountain which is a magical place of pilgrimage. We will visit Okuno Mausoleum, a spiritual place and an immense cemetery in the wilderness that has more than 200,000 graves. We will visit Kongobuji temple, built in 1593.

We will spend this night at a Buddhist monastery. **The monks will offer us a Zen meditation session** (Ajikan). **Dinner included** (vegetarian food). There is religious ceremony at the temple early in the morning if you wish to attend it.

Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.

10 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-

Japanese breakfast at the temple. Then we leave early for **KYOTO**, to spend the whole day in the city, which was the capital of Japan between 794 and 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997.

The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens.

Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its Geisha. Free time.

11 THU. Kyoto.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

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HIMEJI CASTLE
OSAKA, JAPAN

01 THU. Osaka.-

Arrival. Welcome to Japan! **Transfer to the hotel** and free time. You will receive information about the start of the circuit during the afternoon.

02 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji- Okayama.-

We leave for **Mount SHOSA**, and its **ENGYO-JI** complex of temples dating back more than 1,000 years, which was the place where the film "The last Samurai" was made. **Cable car** ride. After this we will see **HIMEJI**, where we will include entry to its immense complex that shows us the architecture of Japanese castles. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We go on to **OKAYAMA**, where we will visit **Korakuen**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes, waterfalls and traditional teahouses.

03 SAT. Okayama - Kurashiki - Hiroshima- Itsukushima - Hiroshima.-

We leave for **KURASHIKI**, a city with a very well preserved historical centre. Time for a stroll in this charming place with its atmosphere from the past. We continue on our way to **HIROSHIMA**, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll around the **Peace Memorial**, the **Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the impressive **Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included**.

Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.

MATSUYAMA CITYSCAPE AND GOGOSHIMA ISLAND

SHIKOKU, JAPAN

04 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-

Today we will take a **ferry** to **Shikoku** Island, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included**. In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

05 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included**. Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

06 TUE. Kobe - Osaka.-

In **Kobe** we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. *Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.* We go on to **OSAKA**, arrival at noon. End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

FROM 1.734\$-DAYS 6

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Thursday

EXPECTED HOTELS

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- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
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- **Ticket admission:** Engyo-ji Temple in Engyo-ji, Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyajima, Hiroshima-Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji, Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **4 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Himeji, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu.

