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2024 Cruising the Pacific Gems: South Korea & Japan on Norwegian Spirit

(GP13184)







Nov 12 - 26, 2024 13 Nights/ 15 Days

Starting from **\$4,128*** per persondouble occupancy (Inside Cabin)

Starting from **\$5,775*** per persondouble occupancy (Balcony Cabin)

Your Cruise Package includes:

- (A) Crew appreciation gratuity
- (B) Premium beverage package including service charges
- (C) 2 Specialty Dining package (I specialty dining package for inside cabins)
- (D) 150 min Internet access per person
- (E) \$50 shore excursion credit per port per cabin

Inside Cabins are eligible to receive A, B, C and D or E.

Balcony Cabins are eligible to receive A-E.

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Day 1: (Tue) Nov 12 - Honolulu

Depart Honolulu via Hawaiian Airlines

→ Meet Panda Travel representatives 3 hours prior to departure at the Hawaiian Airlines check-in counters.

Day 2: (Wed) Nov 13 – Incheon-Seoul (D)

IBIS Myeongdong (Free Wi-Fi)

→ 7:25pm – Arrive at Incheon International Airport. Meet your English speaking local guide at the arrival lobby. We'll then transfer to IBIS Myeongdong, our accommodation for the next 2 nights. Our hotel is located with many shopping and dining options available to you. A bento box will be provided to enjoy dinner along the drive.

Day 3: (Thu) Nov 14 – Seoul-Nami Island-Seoul (B/L) IBIS Myeongdong (Free Wi-Fi)

- → Breakfast at hotel.
- → 9am Meet your local guide at the hotel lobby as we'll transfer to Nami Island this morning.
- → Located in Chuncheon, Gangwon Province, Nami Island is a picturesque half-moon-shaped river island known for its beauty throughout the year. Take some free time to experience the charm of this destination, especially during its enchanting autumnal transformation with colorful leaves. The well-known BBQ chicken lunch will be served at a local restaurant.
- → Our next stop is everyone's favorite, **Lotte Mart**, the most iconic marketplace for shopping.
- → We'll return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Enjoy shopping and dining at your leisure.

Day 4: (Fri) Nov 15 – Seoul-Embark on Norwegian Spirit cruise ship (B/L/D)

- → Breakfast at hotel.
- → Meet your local guide at the hotel lobby after checking out.
- → 11:00am We'll now enjoy a fun-filled time learning the techniques of making Bulgogi & Japchae, and have lunch afterwards.
- → Arrive at Seoul (Incheon) Port/Welcome aboard the Norwegian Spirit cruise ship.
- → 7:00pm Embark on the cruise ship.

Day 5: (Sat) Nov 16 – Jeju, South Korea (B/L/D)

→ 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Day 6: (Sun) Nov 17 – Sasebo, Japan (B/L/D)

→ 7:30am - 5:00pm

Day 7: (Mon) Nov 18 - Kagoshima, Japan (B/L/D)

→ 8:00am - 6:00pm

Day 8: (Tue) Nov 19 – Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan (B/L/D)

→ 7:00am - 5:00pm

Day 9: (Wed) Nov 20 - Kyoto-Osaka, Japan (B/L/D)

- → 11:00am overnight
- → 11:30am Meet your English-speaking local guide at the Osaka Cruise Terminal for a day tour to Arashiyama.
- → 1:00pm Enjoy Japanese-style lunch at a local restaurant.
- → 2:00pm Welcome to Arashiyama, an area heavily influenced by Buddhism. Situated on the western outskirts of Kyoto, this picturesque destination boasts an abundance of natural beauty and a wealth of cultural heritage. A few suggestions for exploring this tranquil area:
- → Venture into the internationally recognized cultural and gorgeous landmark, **Sagano Bamboo Path**. Rooted in Japanese belief, bamboo has the power to ward off evil and deliver good fortunes, protecting the nearby Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. Wander around and marvel at the soaring stalks of bamboo that surround you.
- → Or make a half an hour uphill hike to reach Iwatayama Monkey Park. There, you'll find mischievous monkeys scurrying about in their natural habitat or munching on a bag of apples that visitors can purchase. Another benefit of making this trek is the astounding panoramic views of Kyoto atop.
- → If you want to grab a bite to eat, try **yūdofu** (simmered tofu), a local Arashiyama specialty that highlights Buddhist vegetarian cuisine.
- → If **shopping** is on your to-do-list, there are plenty of shops to collect items like traditional fans, bamboo goods, and specialty snacks. This is also a great opportunity for you to take a break from walking and hitch a ride on a **rickshaw!**
- → 5:30pm Return to the cruise ship.

Day 10: (Thu) Nov 21 – Kyoto (Osaka), Japan (B/L/D)

→ 4:00pm – departing

Day 11: (Fri) Nov 22 – Hiroshima, Japan (B/L/D)

→ 12:00pm - 10:00pm

Day 12: (Sat) Nov 23 – Kochi, Japan (B/L/D)

→ 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Day 13: (Sun) Nov 24 – Nagoya, Japan (B/L/D)

→ 8:00am - 5:00pm

Day 14: (Mon) Nov 25 -Mount Fuji (Shimizu), Japan (B/L/D)

→ 7:00am - 5:00pm

Day 15: (Tue) Nov 26 -Tokyo-Kamakura-Haneda-Honolulu (B)

- → 8:00am Disembarkation process on Norwegian Spirit.
- → 9:00am Meet your English-speaking local guide at Tokyo International Cruise Terminal for a full day tour to Kamakura.
- → 10:30am This morning, a visit to the Great Buddha at Kotokuin Temple. This mountainous bronze Amida Buddha

stands nearly 38 ft tall, making it the 2nd tallest bronze Buddha in Japan. Despite being exposed in the open air since 1495, the statue remains beautifully adorned and well-preserved. For a small donation, visitors can enter the Buddha and experience what many regard as Japan's National Treasure.

- → 12:00pm Have fun and enjoy lunch on your own on **Komachi-dori shopping street.** Be sure to stop by Kamakura's famous cookie store for a sample. They're best known for their dove- shaped butter cookies, which make for a great Kamakura souvenir and omiyage gift.
- → 2:15pm Now we're at Lazona Kawasaki, a shopping arcade with more than 300 shops offering a variety of options including Daiso, fashion boutiques, and eating venues. Enjoy some last-minute shopping!
- → 5:00pm Arrive at Haneda Airport.
- → 8:05pm Depart from Haneda via Hawaiian Airlines for our flight home.
- → 8:20am Arrive in Honolulu (same day).

Thank you for traveling with us!







•Your Cruising the Pacific Gems: South Korea & Japan on Norwegian Spirit 2024 Tour Package includes:

- 1. Round trip economy class airfare via Hawaiian Airlines from Honolulu. Note: Airline baggage fees are additional and paid directly to the carrier.
- 2. 2 nights' hotel accommodations.
- 3. Sightseeing with a local English-speaking guide on November 14, 15, 20 & 26, 2024. Admission fees included based on itinerary on the day.
- 4. Inflight meals, breakfast daily at your hotel, 3 lunches, 1 bento dinner and all meals on the cruise.
- 5. All transportation via private charter bus.
- 6. All tour related taxes included in the price.
- 7. Panda Travel® escorts throughout your tour.
- 8. Your cruise package includes:
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- *Fares and fees (priced in USD) are subject to change in light of fuel supplements, taxes, and fees. Tour members are responsible for any differences in costs. Additionally, we reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary with or without notice.
- Travel insurance: We highly recommend the purchase of trip insurance. Please ask our representatives for more information.
- Special Assistance: You must inform us of any disability/impairment that requires special attention at the time of your making the reservation. We reserve the right to cancel the reservation(s) if the disability/impairment is unsuitable for the tour. You are also responsible for any costs and/or accommodations related to your disability/impairment, such as providing your own travel companion.
- All U.S. citizens must hold a valid passport at the time of travel, which includes a passport that will not expire at least within 6 months from the return tour date. Non-U.S. passport holders must check with the Korean and Japanese Consulate to see if a visa is required.
- You are expected to abide by domestic and international government and accommodation policies related to health, safety, and welfare.
- Land Tour Operators are Rye Tour Co., Ltd. and Nippon Travel Agency.
- Land Tour costs are based on current currency conversion rates, which are subject to change. We will notify tour members of any substantial changes to the costs.
- A minimum of 16 participants is required for the tour/cruise to operate.
- Not Included in the land tour: Gratuities for local English speaking guide; additional baggage fee charges from the airlines; alcohol and soft drinks with meals; Norwegian Cruise Line shore excursions.
- Shore excursions at each port require an additional cost and are available for purchase through Norwegian Cruise Line (pre-cruise or on board).

Booking requirements/Payment policy/Cancellation policy:

- Reserve your reservation with a non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person by May 20, 2024.
- Final payment due by July 10, 2024. Package is non-refundable after this date.