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**Day 1: Wed, Dec 03** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:30 am.

**Day 2: Thur, Dec 04** — HANEDA — GIMPO — SEOUL. Arrive at Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #95 at 7:45 pm and arrive at Gimpo International Airport at 10:20 pm. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to your hotel in Seoul. **COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT SEOUL NAMDAEMUN** (5 Nights)

**Day 3: Fri, Dec 05** — SEOUL. Begin the day exploring **Gyeongbokgung Palace**, the first of the royal palaces built during the Joseon Dynasty (1392–1897). Built in 1395, Gyeongbokgung Palace was located at the heart of the newly appointed capital of Seoul (then known as Hanyang) and represented the sovereignty of the Joseon Dynasty. The largest of the Five Grand Palaces (the others being Gyeonghuigung Palace, Deoksugung Palace, Changgyeonggung Palace, and Changdeokgung Palace), Gyeongbokgung served as the main palace of the Joseon Dynasty. It flourished under the reign of Sejong the Great (1418–1450), who invented the native Korean script Hangul, at the palace. During the Japan colonization of Korea, structures in the palace were demolished and rebuilt in the modern style. Efforts have been made to restore the palace to its pre-colonial state. The **National Folk Museum**, located within the grounds of the Gyeongbokgung Palace, uses replicas of historical objects to illustrate the history of traditional life of the Korean people. **Insadong Antique Street** is where you can experience the traditional culture of Korea while remaining in the heart of the city. With art galleries, traditional craft stores, antique art dealers, traditional tea houses and restaurants, it is simply the place in Seoul for tourists wanting to experience traditional Korea. Drive by the **Blue House**, the executive office and official residence of the South Korean head of state, the President of the Republic of Korea. Tal masks are used in religious Korean ceremonies, dances, or dramas. **Create your own tal mask** at the **Bukchon Art Craft Center**. Enjoy a welcome **Korean BBQ Dinner**. (B, D)

**Day 4: Sat, Dec 06** — SEOUL. Opened in 1964, **Namdaemun Market** is the largest traditional market in Korea with shops selling various goods from clothes, glasses, kitchenware, toys, mountain gear, fishing equipment, stationery, fine arts, accessories, hats, carpets, flowers, ginseng, and imported goods. All products are sold at affordable prices and the stores in this area also function as wholesale markets. Most of the goods are made directly by the store owners. Namdaemun Market is even open overnight, from 11:00 pm to 4:00 am, and is crowded with retailers from all over the country. **LOTTE Mart** is the #1 grocery store in Korea and is visited by more than one million tourists each year! From fresh produce and K-food to



health and beauty products, toys, and souvenirs, you can conveniently find everything you need at the best prices at **LOTTE Mart**. Then **learn how to make kimbap and tteokbokki**. Kimbap is a popular Korean dish that's essentially a rice roll wrapped in seaweed. It's often compared to sushi, but kimbap is made with sesame oil-seasoned rice and a variety of cooked fillings, unlike sushi which uses vinegar-seasoned rice and often features raw fish. Tteokbokki is a popular Korean street food and comfort dish made with chewy rice cakes (tteok) simmered in a spicy, savory, and sweet sauce. It's known for its vibrant red color and delicious, umami flavor. The dish is typically made with rice cakes, a gochujang (red chili paste) based sauce, and can be topped with various ingredients like fish cakes, eggs, or vegetables. Once the lesson is done, you'll have the chance to enjoy your delicious creation for lunch. After lunch, explore the **DDP (Dongdaemun Design Plaza)**, a large urban development project in Dongdaemun that includes a park, exhibition spaces, and restored parts of the Seoul Fortress. Ever since its opening in 1905, **Dongdaemun Market** has been one of the major markets in Korea. Specializing in wholesale clothing, the market has grown large, having more than 20 shopping malls. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. Your Local Guide will have recommendations for places nearby for dinner. (B, L)

**Day 5: Sun, Dec 07** — SEOUL. Today is a free day to spend at your leisure. Still have shopping on the mind? You can return to the various shopping areas the group has explored already on the tour, or you can ask the Local Guide for suggestions. Have fun exploring Seoul on your own. (B)

**Day 6: Mon, Dec 08** — SEOUL. Enjoy a morning of leisure. Perhaps some last minute shopping? Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. This afternoon, Take a stroll along **Gangnam Street** — noted for being the location of more than half of Korean entertainment companies and the "birthplace" of many Korean K-Pop stars. Have your cameras ready — if you're lucky, you may see a star on their way into or out of a building! Also be on the look-out for the 18 "Gangnam Doll" (compound word of "Gangnam," "idol," and "doll") that are symbolic images of famous K-Pop groups (such as BTS, B1A4, KARA, INFINITE, Miss A, SHINee, and many more!) printed on human-scale bear dolls located around the area. Then explore **COEX Mall**, the largest underground shopping mall in Asia — and is considered one of the best places to go shopping in Seoul. There are over 320 local and international clothing, beauty, and lifestyle stores available to explore. Located in the middle of the mall, and one of its major attractions, is the **Starfield Library**, a massive two-story, 2,800 square meter space filled with more than 50,000 books. On your last night in Korea, enjoy a Farewell buffet dinner. (B, D)





**Day 7: Tue, Dec 09** — SEOUL — GIMPO — HANEDA — ITAMI — KYOTO. After breakfast, depart the hotel for the Gimpo International Airport. Depart Gimpo International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #92 at 12:05 pm and arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 2:10 pm. After entry formalities, enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #131 at 5:30 pm and arrive at the Osaka Itami Airport at 6:40 pm. Transfer to the hotel in Kyoto. MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO HACHIJO (3 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 8: Wed, Dec 10** — KYOTO. After a sumptuous buffet breakfast, embark on a full day of discovery! First visit **Tenryuji Temple**, the most important temple in Kyoto's Arashiyama district. It was ranked first among the city's five great Zen temples, and is now registered as a world heritage site. Next, explore the famous **Arashiyama Bamboo Forest**. Then spend some time shopping at **Arashiyama Shopping Street** for some of the world-famous bamboo products while enjoying lunch on your own. Today's hands-on experience is **surikomi yuzen (brush dyed yuzen)**. Since the patterns are dyed by placing a paper stencil over a table mat, you can make an authentic piece, even if this is your first time. A great reminder of this trip! Next, explore a **depachika**, markets located on the basement level of department stores. These popular shopping destinations offer a wide variety of ready-to-eat foods like side dishes, bento, and sweets, along with fresh ingredients such as meat and fish. Spend some time shopping and dining (on your own) before walking back to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)

**Day 9: Thur, Dec 11** — KYOTO. Full day at leisure. Your hotel is surrounded by department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. A perfect day to fulfill your shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

**Day 10: Fri, Dec 12** — KYOTO — OSAKA. This morning, before departing Kyoto for Osaka, visit **Fukuju-en Yamashiro-kan** and learn about the history of the tea industry, particular in Yamashiro, Kyoto. This museum of tea is operated by the tea company Fukuju-en, with exhibits on tea cultivation and production. Featuring a wholesaler's house, tools, and materials related to tea, it provides an immersive experience to any visitor. Located in the heart of Osaka, **LaLaport Kadoma** is the largest shopping mall in the Kansai region. With over 200 shops, ranging from high-end fashion to everyday essential, and a variety of dining options, from casual eateries to more upscale restaurants, you're sure to find something here that peaks your interest. Enjoy leisure time for shopping and dining (on your own) here. Next, spend time exploring **Costco Kadoma**. Hope you didn't forget your Costco card! Lastly, visit **Osaka Castle** to view the



**illuminations.** As night falls, Osaka Castle gardens come alive with a symphony of vibrant LED neon artwork, painting the city's essence with vivid hues. These luminous creations exude the essence of Osaka, enhancing the charm of the city's rich culture and heritage. Transfer to the hotel for an evening of leisure. The Local Guide will have suggestions for dining and shopping nearby. HOTEL INTERGATE OSAKA UMEDA (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 11: Sat, Dec 13** — OSAKA. Full day at leisure. Your hotel is surrounded by department stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. A perfect day to fulfill your shopping list. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. (B)

**Day 12: Sun, Dec 14** — OSAKA — HONOLULU. After breakfast, enjoy a full day of SHOPPING! Start the day with a visit to **Kuromon Ichiba Market**, a lively covered market which stretches for 580 meters in Osaka's Chuo Ward. The market is famous for its fresh seafood, fruits and vegetables, meats, dried fish, pickles, and confectionery. Many stalls will prepare, cook and serve their food to you right on the spot! An excellent place to stroll, sample, and snack on a delicious variety of fresh market foods. Next, visit **Dotonbori**, one of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations, this street runs parallel to the Dotonbori canal. It is a popular shopping and entertainment district and is also known as a food destination. Then enjoy time at **Shinsaibashi Shopping Arcade** — which is considered Osaka's premier shopping center. Approximately 600 meters long, this area is unique as it combines chain retail stores and trendy boutiques with expensive department stores and top designer fashion labels. A final shopping stop will be made at an **AEON MALL** before transferring to the Kansai International Airport for our return flight home. Depart Kansai via Japan Airlines flt #792 at 10:35 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 10:40 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

**UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Tenryuji Temple (1994).

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## KOREA TOUR & SHOPPING HIGHLIGHTS:

Gyeongbokgung Palace • National Folk Museum • Insadong Antique Street  
Blue House • Bukchon Art Craft Center • Tal Mask Making  
Namdaemun Market • LOTTE Mart • Kimbap and Tteokbokki Cooking Class  
Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) • Dongdaemun Market  
Gangnam Street • COEX Mall • Starfield Library

## JAPAN TOUR & SHOPPING HIGHLIGHTS:

Tenryuji Temple • Arashiyama Bamboo Forest • Arashiyama Shopping Street  
Surikomi Yuzen Dyeing • Depachika Shopping • Fukuju-en Yamashiro-kan  
LaLaport Kadoma • Costco Kadoma • Kuromon Ichiba Market  
Dotonbori Shopping • Shinsaibashi Shopping • AEON MALL

## ILLUMINATION HIGHLIGHT:

Osaka Castle Illumination

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



### SEOUL — COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT SEOUL NAMDAEMUN (5 NIGHTS):

Explore South Korea's dynamic capital city from Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun. This modern, 4-Star downtown Seoul hotel sits within walking distance of the lively Myeongdong district, home to world-class shopping. Located near the Seoul KTX station, this hotel provides easy access to other points of interest throughout the city.



### KYOTO — MIYAKO HOTEL KYOTO

**HACHIJO (3 NIGHTS):** This is one of the largest hotels in Kansai, with an excellent location in front of the Shinkansen, JR and Kintetsu Kyoto Stations. In the courtyard between the main building and the "South Wing," is the "Aqua Crystal" glass chapel, a healing space that spreads away from the hustle and bustle of the city.



### OSAKA — HOTEL INTERGATE OSAKA

**UMEDA (2 NIGHTS):** Located just a six-minute walk from the JR Osaka Train Station, making getting around Osaka very easy. The area nearby is full of restaurants, shopping centers, and convenience stores, so you have everything you need within reach. The communal bath is another highlight. It's a clean, modern public bath with a view of Osaka during the day – a great way to relax after a long day of exploring the city.



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