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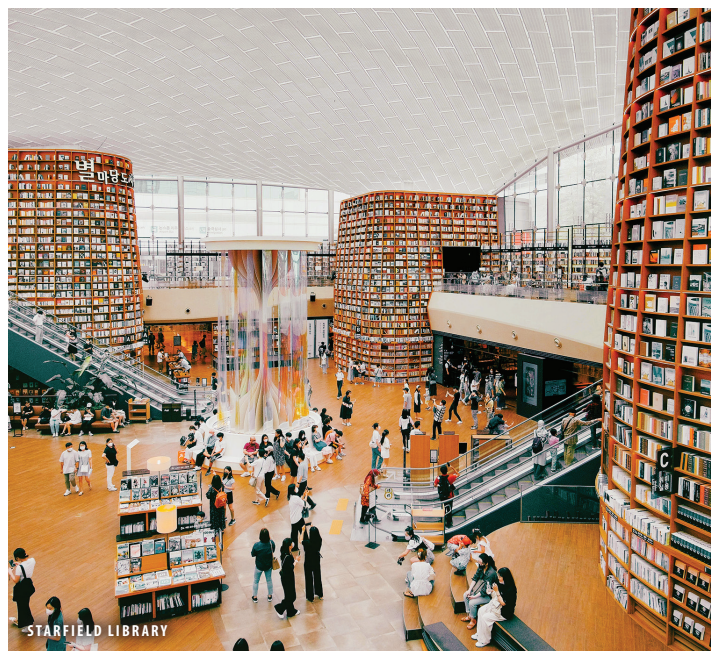


**Day 1: Fri, Dec 05** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 11:30 am.

**Day 2: Sat, Dec 06** — 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: Sun, Dec 07** — 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 Hangeul, 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: Mon, Dec 08** — 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: Tue, Dec 09** — 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: Wed, Dec 10** — 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: Thur, Dec 11** — SEOUL — GIMPO — HANEDA — TOKYO. 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, transfer to the hotel in Tokyo. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. **KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO** (5 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 8: Fri, Dec 12** — TOKYO. After breakfast, depart for a full day of tour in Tokyo. **Happoen Garden** skillfully incorporates the basic principles of traditional garden landscaping to reproduce





a natural setting. It includes several features of historic importance, such as a display of bonsai trees over 500 years old, and the “Muan” and “Kakuhoan” teahouses, transported and rebuilt on site, all harmoniously blending to create an oasis of beauty that brings pleasure throughout the year. Next, take in the view of the surrounding city from the observation deck of the **Tokyo Skytree**. At just over 2,000 feet tall, it is the tallest tower in Tokyo. Rising 350 meters above the ground, the Tokyo Skytree Tembo Deck offers a 360 degree panoramic view of Tokyo. Enjoy lunch (on your own) at **Solamachi**, a large shopping, dining, and entertainment complex at the base of the Tokyo Skytree. After lunch, explore the all-new **TeamLab Art Museum – Azabudai Hills**. “TeamLab Borderless is a world of artworks without boundaries, a museum without a map created by art collective TeamLab. Artworks move out of rooms, relate to other works, influence each other, and at times intermingle, without boundaries. Through this group of works, one continuous world without boundaries is created. Immerse your body in borderless art. Wander, explore with intention, discover, and create a world with others.” You’ll have leisure time after exploring the TeamLab Museum to explore and shop in the **Azabudai Hills area**. Azabudai Hills was designed as a modern urban village, and is home to the tallest building in Japan – the Mori JP Tower – art galleries, cafés and fine-dining options, luxury shops, markets, and more. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. Your Local Guide will have suggestions for nearby dining and shopping options. (B)

**Day 9: Sat, Dec 13 – TOKYO.** **Shinjuku Gyoen** is one of Tokyo’s largest and most popular parks. Originating as a feudal lord’s Tokyo residence during the Edo Period (1603–1868), it was later converted into a botanical garden before being transferred to the Imperial Family in 1903. The park was completely destroyed during WWII, but was eventually rebuilt and reopened in 1949 as a public park. Shinjuku Gyoen is comprised of three different types of gardens: a traditional Japanese landscape garden featuring large ponds dotted with islands and bridges, a formal French garden that is symmetrically arranged, and an English landscape garden featuring wide, open lawns. Then spend some time in **Akihabara**, where you can explore the area, shop, and dine (on your own). Akihabara is a shopping hub known for its many electronic shops and has gain recognition as the center of Japan’s otaku (diehard fan) culture. Many shops and establishments devoted to anime and manga are dispersed among the electronic stores in the area. In addition to shops, various other animation-related establishments have become popular in the area, particularly maid cafés where waitresses dress up and act like maids or anime characters, and manga cafés (manga kissa), a type of internet café where customers can read comics and watch videos in addition to having access to the internet. **Kappabashi Street**, also known as “Kitchen Street,” is a shopping street between Ueno and Asakusa, which is lined with several dozen stores selling everything needed by a restaurant – except for fresh food. You will find specialized stores for dishes, pots, pans, cooking utensils, stoves, tables, chairs, signs, lanterns, and more. There are also a few stores which sell plastic and wax food samples, used by many restaurants in their show windows. Kappabashi is famed for selling high-quality Japanese knives favored by professional chefs worldwide. They are made of exceptionally hard steel, allowing them to achieve a sharper edge and retain it longer than other knives. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)



**Day 10: Sun, Dec 14 – TOKYO.** Day at leisure. Enjoy shopping and dining in the bustling Shinjuku area. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Perfect day to relax and/or visit with family and friends in Tokyo. (B)

**Day 11: Mon, Dec 15 – TOKYO – YOKOHAMA – TOKYO.** Begin the day at **Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum**, the world’s first ramen-themed amusement park. Founded in 1994, it was created to be the one-stop place to enjoy the flavors of this national dish from renowned shops across Japan without having to step on a plane. Learn about the history and culture of ramen. Then take part in a ramen making experience, where you will make noodles using the traditional Chinese method of “green bamboo beating” and enjoy learning how flour is transformed into ramen. You’ll get to enjoy your creation for lunch. Next, spend time exploring **Costco Kawasaki**. Hope you didn’t forget your Costco card! Lastly, visit **Oi Racecourse** for the **Tokyo Mega Illumination**. It’s the biggest illumination event in Tokyo and themed around “the past, present, and future.” Get your photo taken with an adorable miniature pony, travel back in time and enjoy light displays modeled on the Edo, Meiji, Taisho, and Showa periods in Japanese history, enjoy a delicious matcha green tea flavored tiramisu, and watch an amazing projection mapping display. Return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, L)

**Day 12: Tue, Dec 16 – TOKYO – HANEDA – HONOLULU.** After breakfast, depart the hotel for a day of shopping! Begin at **Ario Kitasuna**, a shopping center with over 100 specialty shops. This includes CAN★DO, a 100 yen store, and Halos Garden – an amusement center for the whole family featuring the latest gaming machines, hands-on sweet making, a large ball pit, and more! You’ll have ample time to shop and enjoy lunch (on your own) here. Next head to **Asakusa**, the center of Tokyo’s shitamachi (literally “low city”) districts, where an atmosphere of the Tokyo of past decades survives. Asakusa’s main attraction is **Sensoji**, a very popular Buddhist temple built in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The temple is approached via the **Nakamise**, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries. Finally, visit **Ameyoko**, a busy market street along the Yamanote Line tracks between Okachimachi and Ueno Stations. The name “Ameyoko” is a short form for “ameya yokocho” (“candy store alley”), as candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, “Ame” also stands for “America,” because a lot of American products used to be available there when the street was the site of a black market in the years following WWII. Today, various products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, fresh fish, dried food, and spices are sold along Ameyoko. Transfer to the Haneda International Airport for the return flight home. Depart from Haneda via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:00 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 8:45 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

*Have more fun with family and friends!*



## 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:

Happoen Garden • Tokyo SkyTree • Solamachi  
 TeamLab Borderless – Azabudai Hills • Azabudai Hills Area  
 Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden • Akihabara Shopping  
 Kappabashi Street • Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum  
 Costco Kawasaki • Ario Kitasuna • Asakusa Sensoji Temple  
 Nakamise Shopping • Ameyoko Shopping

## ILLUMINATION HIGHLIGHT:

Tokyo Mega Illumination at Oi Racecourse

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:



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