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JAPAN WITH OPTIONAL TOUR TO SOUTH KOREA (September 21-30, 2018)



Tokyo's skyline

Sept 21 New York, Tokyo, Japan

Fly this afternoon from New York to Tokyo, Japan on our selected scheduled airline.

Sept 22 Tokyo

Arrive in Toyo-Japan's bustling capital city. Meeting and assistance upon arrival. Later transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to adjust to the time zone.

Sept 23 Tokyo

A full day tour of Tokyo will take you to Meiji Shrine was founded in 1921 to enshrine the Emperor and Empress Meiji. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government Office located in Shinjuku-ku has observatories on the 45th Floor for a panoramic view of skyline of Tokyo. The Imperial Palace is the main residence of the Emperor of Japan (not open to public to visit inside). Asakusa Kannon temple - Senso-ji is an ancient Buddhist temple located in Asakusa. Ginza, a neon-lit

district in Chuo-ku, is one of the most famous downtown areas in Japan.

Sept 24 Tokyo- Mount Fuji – Hakone- Tokyo

A full tour of Mt. Fuji and Hakone National Park will take you by a cable car from Hakone National park for panoramic view of Mount Fuji.



Mt. Fuji

Enjoy the Owakudani Boiling valley – a volcanic valley with its volcanic smokes in Hakone. Cruise on Lake Ashi, a beautiful caldera formed by outer crate ridge and inner volcanoes.

Sep 25 Tokyo- Takayama

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Takayama known for its population of wealthy merchants and skilled carpenters during the 16th century with its wooden houses, temples and shrines. Visit traditional houses of Kami Sannomachi and visit the

Yatai Kaikan hall to see its collection of vividly colored festival floats and also visit Kusakabe Folk Museum.

Sep 26 Takayama-Shirakawago-Kanazawa.

After breakfast drive to Kanazawa via Shirakawago to explore Shirakawago's UNESCO World Heritage-listed folk village and well preserved wooden houses to see more modestly sized, but still intriguing, homes. Arrive in Kanazawa and overnight.

Sep 27 Kanazawa – Kyoto

After breakfast, check out and proceed on tour of Kanazawa. Visit Tentokuin Temple, a 17th-century temple dedicated to Tamahime, a daughter of the second Tokugawa Shogun. Continue drive to Kyoto. Arrive and proceed on a tour of Kyoto visiting Nishiki market, Yasaka Shrine and Kodaiji temple.



Japanese traditional dress, Kyoto



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Sept 28 Kyoto- Nara- Osaka

After breakfast, check out and visit Kinkakuji temple, Nijo castle, Ryoanji temple, Old Gion district, famous for its Geisha houses. After the tour continue to Nara. Visit Todaiji temple and Kasuga Grand shrine in Nara. Todai-ji is a Buddhist temple complex located in the city of Nara. Regarded as messengers of the gods in the Shinto religion, roam the grounds freely. After Nara tour depart for Osaka. Arrive and check in at the hotel.



Osaka Castle, Osaka

Later visit Osaka Castle and Dotonbori shopping district. The Osaka Castle was built in the end of the 16th century by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, a well-known warlord who brought the whole country under his rule in the late 16th century. Dotonbori is a large scale downtown area along the south bank of the Dotonborigawa Canal. The Umeda Sky Building is the seventh-tallest building in Osaka City, Japan, and one of the city's most recognizable landmarks.

Sep 29 Osaka - Hiroshima - Osaka

Transfer to train station for bullet train to Hiroshima to view the memorial of first atomic bomb that fell here during world war II. In the evening return to your hotel in Osaka.

Sep 30 Osaka - USA

Transfer to airport for flight to New York or take an **optional extension tour to South Korea.**

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO KOREA

Sep 30: Osaka - Seoul, Korea

Upon arrival in Seoul you will be met by our representative at Incheon International Airport and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Oct 01 Seoul

Today is spent visiting Seoul's most famous landmarks on a guided tour of the city. Sights include Cheong Wa Dae (aka The Blue House), which is South Korea's answer to The White House, where the executive office is housed as well as being the President of South Korea's residence. Then visit the Gyeongbokgung Palace, the largest of the "Five Grand Palaces" built by the last Korean Dynasty, the Joseon Dynasty. Within the Palace grounds visit Jogyesa Temple dedicated to Buddhism and still influential today. You'll also gain an insight into Korean culture, tradition and history at the National Folk Museum which situated in the grounds of the palace.

After exploring the palace head to Insadong, with its wonderful markets and shops. The area has a traditional

atmosphere and represents Korean culture both past and present with a mixture of modern and historical buildings and alleys. This afternoon take the chance to explore the many antique, craft and pottery shops as well as traditional restaurants and teahouses. If time permits you will also have the opportunity to visit an amethyst or ginseng specialist for some home remedies or finery.

Oct 02 Seoul - Gyeongju

Travelling South East from Seoul to Gyeongju located in the North Gyeongsang province. Once the capital of the ancient kingdom of Silla, which ruled most of the Korean Peninsula during the 7th till 9th Centuries, many remnants remain of this period leading to the city being known as "the museum without walls". An afternoon tour of Gyeongju takes you to Tumuli Park where to visit some of the more than 20 large and small tombs from the Silla period including that of King Michu, the 13th King of the dynasty famed for fending off invaders. Legends even tell of soldiers with bamboo leaves stuffed in their ears arising from his tomb to fend off invaders after his death, explaining why his tomb is known as the "Bamboo Soldier Tomb".

Also once part of the ancient Silla complex is Anapji Pond, a picturesque pond where the Silla royal family spent their leisure time. During renovations to the area in the 1970's and 80's many relics were unearthed and are today housed in the Gyeongju National Museum alongside the Emille Bell. Top off today's sightseeing with a visit to Cheomseongdae Observatory - oldest surviving observatory in East Asia and one of the world's oldest scientific installations still in existence.



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Oct 03 Gyeongju – Busan.

This morning visit the UNESCO listed temple of Bulguska and Seokguram Grotto, one of Asia's finest Buddhist shrines, dramatically located on the slopes of Toham Mountain, 750 metres above sea level and looking out over the Sea of Japan.

This afternoon travel onwards to Busan, South Korea's principal port city and second largest city, situated on the south eastern tip of the Korean Peninsula. In the afternoon travel to Busan Tower located in Yongdusan Park and offering spectacular views of the old port city. Then to get a taste of how the locals live pay a visit to the Jagalchi Fish Market where fishermen sell their fresh catch and the locals haggle for a good deal. Then it's time to practise some haggling at Kukje Market, the best place in Busan to find silk, clothing, linen, handbags and much more. With its small and overloaded stores, the goods fill the narrow alleyways spilling into the surrounding streets, making Kukje Market quite a spectacle.

Oct 04 Busan – Jeju Island.

Morning transfer to Gimhae Airport and onward flight to Jeju Island. About an hour from Busan by air, Jeju Island is a volcanic island brimming with natural beauty, unique cultural traditions and a perfect temperate climate. This afternoon take a tour of Jeju Island to Hallim Park with its exotic botanical gardens, lava caves, folk village and O'Sulloc Tea Museum where guests can learn more about the traditional Korean tea culture. Evening at leisure.

Oct 05 Mount Hallasan National Park

Today explore the scenic landscape of Jeju Island on a hiking tour of Mt.Hallasan National Park visiting the spectacular volcanic rock formations of Jusangjeolli Cliff, and the beautiful three tiered Cheonjeyeon Falls. Evening at leisure.

Oct 06 Jeju Island – Seoul.

For your final day on Jeju Island visit Manjanggul Cave, the UNESCO listed cave is the world's longest lava cave stretching for approximately 8 kilometres; also see Seongsan Sunrise Peak, a magnificent volcano crater rising from the sea with cliffs to the southeast and north sides and the northwest side a verdant grassy hill. Then visit Seongeup Village, a mountain village still living a mountain existence with villagers residing in traditional thatched roof houses with stone and clay walls. Afternoon transfer to Jeju Airport and flight to Seoul, arriving in Gimpo Airport. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.



Jeju Island

Oct 07 Seoul – New York

Transfer to airport for flight to New York.

MAIN TOUR (Air & Land Package Tour cost)

AIR & LAND TOUR PACKAGE RATES PER PERSONM SHARING TWIN/DOUBLE ROOM

AIR & LAND PRICE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
MAIN JAPAN ONLY US \$ 4350	US \$ 1295*
OPTIONAL SOUTH KOREA TOUR US \$ 2390	US 890*

* Supplement additional cost if you are not sharing the room.

The Air and Land package tour cost includes the following items:

- International airfare in coach class from New York to Tokyo and return in coach class in our selected scheduled airline.

-Deluxe class Four Star accommodation as per the program based on sharing a twin/double standard room.

-All transfers, sightseeing and excursion tours by private air-conditioned motor coach

-All Intra-Asia flight tickets as per program on coach class.



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-Buffet breakfast daily at the Hotel/local restaurant

-Packed/Picnic Lunches during the tour.

-All dinners at local restaurants/hotel buffet/fixed menu basis in Japan only.

-Services of experience English speaking guide.

-Entrance fee to the places of visit.

NOT INCLUDED: Visa fee, meals not mentioned above, Travel Insurance, portage, alcohol, items of personal nature such as laundry, telephone, room service, any increase of airfare or government-imposed taxes, any airport taxes/surcharges levied by the airline any other items not mentioned in the tour inclusion list.

FORM OF PAYMENT: Please make the check payable to IASONJ for \$ 1000 per person before June 25, 2018. The final payment is due 90 days before departure.

NOT INCLUDED: Visa fee, any airport taxes/surcharges levied by the airline, meals not mentioned above, Travel Insurance, portage, airport taxes, mineral water, alcohol, items of personal nature such as laundry, telephone, room service, any increase of airfare or government-imposed taxes, any airport taxes/surcharges levied by the airline at the time of ticketing, any other items not mentioned in the tour inclusion list.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Pollina Tours & IASONJ do not sell any travel insurance. We strongly recommend that you obtain a comprehensive Travel Insurance

coverage, including but not limited to trip cancellation, delay, loss of deposit, medical expenses, personal accidents and death, loss of baggage, personal belongings. "Cancel for Any Reason" travel insurance policy is one option that you must discuss with your Travel Insurance Company, as it offers a wider range of coverage if you cancel for any reason. Most Travel Insurance companies want you to buy insurance at the time of making your initial tour deposit to obtain the best coverage. Please contact and discuss all options available to you from the Travel Insurance companies of your choice before signing up on the tour.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND: Once booked, the Tour involves a cancellation penalty if it is cancelled by you for any reason or for any circumstances beyond the control of Pollina Tours & Travel, Inc, IASONJ or its agents, and its service providers. We highly recommend purchasing Travel Insurance policy from the travel insurance company of your choice, covering all eventualities including, but not limited to, trip delay, trip cancellation, medical evacuation, illness, disease, death, accident etc. that can protect yourself from cancellation penalties, in case the tour is cancelled by you or due to circumstances beyond the control of Pollina Tours, IASONJ or its agents/ service providers.

An administrative fee of US \$ 500.00 per person will be charged for any cancellation once the tour is booked. A 25% cancellation fee on total tour cost will be charged if the bookings are cancelled between 89-60 days prior to departure. A 50% cancellation fee on total tour cost will be charged if the bookings are cancelled between 59-30 days prior to departure. A 75% cancellation fee on total tour cost will be charged if the bookings are

cancelled between 29-03 days prior to departure. For a later cancellation, or for any unutilized services, no refund will be permissible. It is mandatory for passenger to make all cancellations in writing, stating the reason for cancellation and same must be received in our office on a prompt basis. Most refunds generally take 6-8 weeks to process.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the sole responsibility of each passenger/tourist to obtain and verify that all of their travel documents, such as passport, visa, and airline tickets, vaccination requirements, etc. are in order and meets the guidelines to embark on the trip.

HEALTH: You must consult with your physician every important aspect of your health-related issues, including vaccinations such as Yellow Fever, Hepatitis, malaria prophylaxis etc. to ensure that you are in good health to engage in overseas travel. Please note: all our overseas tours require considerable walking and driving, sometimes on uneven, dusty and bumpy road conditions. You may also need to take stairs and inclines during the tour. No individual assistance to passengers requiring wheelchair can be provided, as many places may not be wheelchair accessible and may be challenging for the physically handicapped. For Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's hotline for international travelers at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) or via the CDC's Internet site, at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel> For information about outbreaks of infectious diseases abroad, please consult the World Health Organization's (WHO) web site. All



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passengers are personally responsible to ensure that they are medically fit to travel.

AIRLINE GROUP BOOKING AND SEAT ASSIGNMENTS: POLLINA TOURS & IASONJ make the booking with the Group Department of the airline, which means all the group members must travel together to and from a common gateway, as one Group. The Group tickets are lower fare tickets and carry restrictions. The tickets are nonrefundable, non-transferrable, non-re-routable, and non-endorsable. Policies governing seat assignments for groups vary greatly by airline. Most airlines currently offer preferred seating, a system which allows them to charge additional fees for more desirable seats, which may include window and aisle seats. As a result, many seats displayed on airline seat maps are set aside for clients willing to pay additional fees for them. Some seats may only be accessible at airport check-in, although sometimes passengers with frequent flyer status may have earlier access. Seat assignments preferences are not guaranteed by Pollina Tours & IASONJ. Loss of assignments may occur, at any time, due to airline schedule changes, or even as a result of individual passengers making changes directly with airlines on their group seat assignments. In many cases, airlines will not assign seats for groups until approximately 30 days prior. At this time, Pollina Tours & IASONJ will do all possible to seat passengers together and in the best available seats. However, it may not be possible for Pollina Tours & IASONJ to assign seats of each passenger's individual choice. Once assigned, typically seats may only be changed at airport check-in. Domestic US flights, as well as flights within Europe, do not permit group seat assignments. An exact

passport name is required to complete seat assignments. Subsequent name corrections may result in the loss of seat assignments, in addition to other fees. Some airlines reserve the right to refuse subsequent seat changes, once preliminary seat assignments have been completed. Airline reservation agents are often prohibited from assisting with seat requests for group reservations.

RESPONSIBILITY: Pollina Tours & Travel, Inc, IASONJ and/or their agents give notice that all tickets, vouchers and the coupons issued by them and all arrangements for transportation or for conveyance/hotel accommodation, sightseeing, excursions, etc., made by them, as AGENTS of the passenger upon the express condition that they shall not be held liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, death, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason or defect of any vehicle, or through the act or default of any person or company engaged in conveying or housing the passengers or in connection therewith, or of any hotel proprietor or employee. Pollina Tour, IASONJ and/ or their agents can accept no responsibility for cancellation penalties or losses or incidental expenses due to delay or change in schedules of airline, rail, motor coach, cruise or any transportation companies etc., hotel overbooking or default, sickness, injury, death, weather, strike, political or social unrest, disease, epidemic, pandemic, terrorism, natural calamities, quarantine or any other causes beyond the control of Pollina Tours & Travel, IASONJ, its agents and suppliers of services. All such losses or incidental expenses will have to be borne by the passengers. Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour. Obtaining a suitable travel insurance policy to cover the medical and non-medical eventualities from any Travel Insurance company of your choice is solely

the responsibility of each passenger/tourist booked on our tour. Pollina Tours & Travel & IASONJ reserves the right to accept or reject any person as tour participants, to expel any tour participants from the tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the company deems it is necessary for the comfort, safety and convenience of the participants or their agents/service providers. Although, all safety measures are taken by our suppliers to ensure you have an enjoyable and safe tour. However, our Service provider will require you to sign their responsibility form to not hold them responsible for any injury, accident, death, etc., caused to you during any adventure tourism activities, jungle safari, etc. which is beyond their control. All prices are quoted in US Dollars. The transportation, airlines, rail, cruise, ferry companies, etc., concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or events during the time passengers are not on board their carriers and conveyance. The passenger's contract in use by the airline carrier, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the purchaser of the Tour(s) and/or passengers. Typically, check-in time at the hotels is 3:00 PM and check out time is 12 noon. Sequence of the itinerary is subject to change, due to circumstances beyond our control.