



SOUTH JAPAN EXPRESS

FROM 1.723\$-DAYS 6

01 THU. Osaka.-

Reception. **Transfer to hotel** and free time. You will receive information about the start of the circuit during the afternoon, or you can check the informative panels in the hotel reception area.

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

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PRICE PER PERSON

ID: 15246	DBL	INDIV
High S.	\$ 1.723	2.115
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- **Ticket admission:** Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Shrine, Memorial Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Castle, Engyo-ji temple in Himeji, Ishite Ji Buddhist temple, Dogo Onsen in Matsuyama, Ritsurin Garden in Takamatsu, Naruto Bridge, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyajima, Shikoku Island (Hiroshima- Matsuyama).
- **04 Meals:** Lunch in Himeji, Dinner in Hiroshima, Lunch in Matsuyama, Lunch in Takamatsu.
- **Funicular:** Mount Shosha



ARASHIYAMA

A WALK THROUGH ITS MYSTIC BAMBOO FOREST.



OSAKA
SKYLINE OF OSAKA

FROM 2.000\$ -DAYS 7/9

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PRICE PER PERSON

OPTION			
ID: 15249	DBL	INDIV	
High S.	\$ 2.000	2.615	
Mid S.	\$ 2.000	2.615	
Low S.	\$ 2.000	2.615	
Option 2			
ID: 15238	DBL	INDIV	
High S.	\$ 2.645	3.452	
Mid S.	\$ 2.645	3.452	
Low S.	\$ 2.645	3.452	
Option 3			
ID:	DBL	INDIV	
High S.	\$ 3.025	3.832	
Mid S.	\$ 3.025	3.832	
Low S.	\$ 3.025	3.832	

ESSENTIAL JAPAN OPTION 1

CONTRASTS OF JAPAN OPTION 2

CONTRASTS OF JAPAN -END TOKYO OPTION 3

01 SAT. Tokyo (arrival).

Welcome to Japan! **Transfer** by coach to hotel. 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**. The visit includes an ascent to the **METROPOLITAN TOWER**, which has a wonderful view of the city from the 46th floor. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

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03 MON. Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Kawaguchiko.

We set out for the beautiful region of Mount Fuji, passing through pretty countryside on our way. We reach the idyllic city of **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 trip includes the **ascent by cable car** to Mount Tenjo. The views of the neighbouring lakes and Mount Fuji are spectacular. 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 Mount Fuji is frequently 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). **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

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

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. **Dinner included.**



KYOTO

PHOTOGRAPHY: FARI

05 WED. Nagoya – Kyoto.

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

06 THU. Kyoto – Nara – Osaka.

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

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Then 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) and free time. In the evening we will visit Dotonbori, a colourful district filled with nightlife.

07 FRI. Osaka.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

OPTION 2: CONTRASTS OF JAPAN

Days 1 to 6 as in the previous itinerary.

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

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09 SUN. Hiroshima.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

OPTION 3: CONTRASTS OF JAPAN –END TOKYO DAYS 1 TO 8 AS IN THE PREVIOUS ITINERARY.

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 at Tokyo at around 2:00 pm. **END OF THE TRIP**.

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



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THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **General services provided by Europamundo:** 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, Dotonbori in Osaka.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Metropolitan Tower in Tokyo, Saiko Iyashi no Sato Nenba village and museum, Fuji Sengen Sanctuary in Kawaguchiko, Toyota Museum in Nagoya, Fushimi Inari Sanctuary and Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Todai-ji Temple in Nara and Horyu-ji Temple.
- **Funicular:** Tenjo Mount in Kawaguchiko.
- **05 Meals:** Lunch and Dinner in Tokyo, Dinner in Kawaguchiko, Dinner in Nagoya, Lunch in Nara.
- **Additional Services Option 2:**
 - **Ticket admission:** Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Shrine, Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Engyo-ji temple.
 - **Ferry:** Hiroshima Miyahima.
 - **02 Meals:** Lunch in Himeji, Dinner in Hiroshima.
 - **Funicular:** Mount SHOSHA

- **Additional Services Option 3:**
- **High Speed Train:** Hiroshima-Tokyo



KYOTO

PHOTOGRAPHY: EUGENIA IGLESIAS



KOBE
BIG BUDDHA OF HYOGO IN KOBE, JAPAN

FROM 3.380\$ - DAYS 11

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YASHI NO SATO NENBA

A TINY VILLAGE DESTROYED BY A TYPHOON IN 1966 AND LATER RESTORED AS A TRADITIONAL OPEN-AIR MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AND MUSEUM.

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End of our services.

JAPAN

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OPTION 2

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TAKAMATSU

CENTRAL JAPAN END KYOTO

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CENTRAL JAPAN

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03 MON. Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Kawaguchiko.

We set out for the beautiful region of Mount Fuji, passing through pretty countryside on our way. We reach the idyllic city of **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 trip includes the **ascent by cable car** to Mount Tenjo. The views of the neighbouring lakes and Mount Fuji are spectacular. 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 Mount Fuji is frequently 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). **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

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

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. Dinner included.



LAKE KAWAGUCHIKO



05 WED. Nagoya – Kyoto.

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06 THU. Kyoto.–

After breakfast, end of our services.

Option 2: Central Japan

Days 1 to 5 as the previous itinerary.

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 its impressive sixteenth century castle known as the “Castle of crows”. We will continue to **NAGANO**, and our accommodation.

Note: On some excursions, we will not sleep in Nagano but rather in the town of **Matsumoto**.

07 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**. (NB: In the planned Ryokan, some rooms are in Japanese style, with accommodation on tatamis, and others are in western-style).

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 – 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 7 in the evening.– End of our services.

EXPECTED HOTELES

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THE PRICE INCLUDES

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- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto.
- **Evening transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Metropolitan Tower in Tokyo, Saiko Iyashi no Sato Nenba village and museum, Fuji Sengen Sanctuary in Kawaguchiko, Toyota Museum in Nagoya, Fushimi Inari Sanctuary and Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto.
- **Funicular:** Tenjo Mount in Kawaguchiko.
- **04 Meals:** Dinner and Lunch in Tokyo, Dinner in Kawaguchiko, Dinner in Nagoya .

ADDITIONAL SERVICES OPTION 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.
- **03 Meals:** Lunch in Tsumago, Lunch in Nagano, Dinner in Ikahe Onsen.



SHIRAITO FALLS

CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE SITES IN JAPAN, WITH A WATERFALL HEIGHT OF 150 METRES.



JAPAN-İYASHI NO SATO NEMBA

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FROM 4.157\$ -DAYS 13/15

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr.18 :	14, 28
May.18 :	12
Jun.18 :	02, 16, 30
Jul.18 :	14, 28
Aug.18 :	11
Sep.18 :	01, 15, 29
Oct.18 :	13

PRICE PER PERSON

OPTION 1

ID: 15240	DBL	INDIV
High S.	\$ 4.157	5.320
Mid S.	\$ 4.157	5.320

OPTION 2

ID: 15239	DBL	INDIV
High S.	\$ 5.145	6.513
Mid S.	\$ 5.145	6.513

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DISCOVER JAPAN END SAPPORO OPTION 1

DISCOVER JAPAN OPTION 2

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Welcome to Japan! **Transfer** by coach to hotel. 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**. The visit includes an ascent to the **METROPOLITAN TOWER**, which has a wonderful view of the city from the 46th floor. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

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IKAHO

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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 Taiyū-byō 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 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)**. Free time to visit the historical museum, temples or take a walk to the islands which are connected by pretty pedestrian bridges.

Lunch included. We continue to **HIRAIZUMI** to visit its temples and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Takkoku no Iwaya, carved in the rock in 1801, followed by a visit to 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).

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 – 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. Afterwards we enter **Shiroi Koibito** (admission included), an attractive theme park and chocolate factory. 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 4pm. Free time in the afternoon.

13 THU. Sapporo.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

Option 2: Discover Japan

Days 1 to 12 as in the previous itinerary.

13 THU. Sapporo – Toyako Onsen – Tomakomai

We visit the **Ainu Cultural Museum**, with information about the Ainu culture, people of Eskimo origin that lived in the North of Japan. 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 then carry on 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 Sake,



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- **General services provided by Europamundo:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake, Cruise in Matshushima.
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto, Sapporo
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Metropolitan Tower in Tokyo, Saiko Iyashi no Sato Nenba village and museum, Fuji Sengen Sanctuary in Kawaguchiko, Toyota Museum in Nagoya, Fushimi Inari Sanctuary and Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyūbyō Mausoleum in Nikko, Traditional tea in Matshushima, Chusonji and Zen practice in Montsuiji Temple in Hiraizumi, Hirosaki Castle, Nebuta Museum in Aomori, Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate, Sanctuary of Hokkaido Jingu and Kito (prayer session), chocolate factory and Shiroi Koibito Park in Sapporo.
- **Ferry:** Aomori –Hakodate (Hokkaido Island).
- **Funicular:** Tenjo Mount in Kawaguchiko, Hakodate Mountain.
- **11 Meals:** Dinner in Tokyo, Lunch in Tokyo, Dinner in Kawaguchiko, Dinner in Nagoya, Lunch in Tsumago, Lunch in Nagano, Dinner in Ikahe Onsen, Lunch in Matshushima, Lunch in Aomori, Lunch in Onuma, Lunch in Otaru.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES OPTION 2

- **Ticket admission:** Volcanology museum in Toyako, Ainu Cultural Museum in Sapporo, Yamadera Temples, Sake Museum in Yonezawa, Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Kairakuen Gardens in Mito.
- **Ferry:** Tomakomai – Sendai (night ferry).
- **Funicular:** Summit of Usu.
- **03 Meals:** Dinner in ferry Tomakomai – Sendai, Lunch in Usu and Lunch in Yamadera.

we will visit the **Sake Museum** with its small distillery before carrying on through pretty scenery to **AIZUWAKAMATSU**. Accommodation.

15 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu – Mito – 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. After lunch, we travel to **MITO** where we find the **gardens of KAIRAKUEN**, considered some of the most beautiful in Japan, with more than 3,000 cherry trees. Return to **TOKYO** – Arrival at the end of the day.-End of our services.



FROM **2.458\$** - DAYS **8/10**

HIRAIZUMI

TO VISIT ITS TEMPLES AND THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF TAKKOKU NO IWAYA.
CARVED IN THE ROCK IN 1801

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr.18 :	19
May.18 :	03, 17
Jun.18 :	07, 21
Jul.18 :	05, 19
Aug.18 :	02, 16
Sep.18 :	06, 20
Oct.18 :	04, 18

PRICE PER PERSON

OPTION 1

ID: 15248	DBL	INDIV
High S.	\$ 2.458	3.205
Mid S.	\$ 2.458	3.205

OPTION 2

ID: 15247	DBL	INDIV
High S.	\$ 3.452	4.404
Mid S.	\$ 3.452	4.404

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NORTH JAPAN END SAPPORO OPTION 1

NORTH JAPAN OPTION 2

01 THU. Tokyo (arrival).

Welcome to Japan! **Transfer** by coach to hotel. 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**. The visit includes an ascent to the **METROPOLITAN TOWER**, which has a wonderful view of the city from the 46th floor. **Dinner included** and return to hotel.

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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 walk to the lively **Harajuku area** where you can find shops and boutiques of the most eccentric styles. 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 - 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.

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AIZUWAKAMATSU

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).

06 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.–

07 WED. Sapporo – 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. Afterwards we enter **Shiroy Koibito** (admission included), an attractive theme park and chocolate factory. 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 4pm. Free time in the afternoon.

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



HOKKAIDO

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Option 2: North Japan Days 1 to 7 as in the previous itinerary.

08 THU. Sapporo – Toyako Onsen – Tomakomai

We visit the **Ainu Cultural Museum**, with information about the Ainu culture, people of Eskimo origin that lived in the North of Japan. 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 then carry on 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.

09 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 Sake, we will visit the **Sake Museum** with its small distillery before carrying on through pretty scenery to **AIZUWAKAMATSU**. Accommodation.

10 SAT. Aizuwakamatsu – Mito – 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. After lunch, we travel to **MITO** where we find the **gardens of KAIRAKUEN**, considered some of the most beautiful in Japan, with more than 3,000 cherry trees. Return to **TOKYO** – Arrival at the end of the day–End of our services. End of our services.

EXPECTED HOTELS

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

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **General services provided by Europamundo:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Cruise in Matshushima.
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Sapporo.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Metropolitan Tower in Tokyo, Tshogu Temple in Hiraizumi, Hirosaki Castle, Nebuta Museum in Aomori, Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate, Sanctuary of Hokkaido Jingu and Kito (prayer session), chocolate factory and Shiroy Koibito Park in Sapporo.
- **Ferry:** Aomori Hakodate (Hokkaido Island).
- **Funicular:** Hakodate Mountain.
- **06 Meals:** Dinner in Tokyo, Lunch in Tokyo, Lunch in Matshushima, Lunch in Aomori, Lunch in Onuma, Lunch in Otaru.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES OPTION 2:

- **Ticket admission:** Volcanology museum in Toyako, Ainu Cultural Museum in Sapporo, Yamadera Temples, Sake Museum in Yonezawa, Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Kairakuen Gardens in Mito.
- **Ferry:** Tomakomai – Sendai (night ferry).
- **Funicular:** Summit of Usu.
- **03 Meals:** Dinner in Ferry Tomakomai – Sendai, Lunch in Usu, Lunch in Yamadera.



FROM 1.898\$-DAYS 9/12

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr. 18 :	23
May. 18 :	21
Jun. 18 :	18
Jul. 18 :	09
Aug. 18 :	13
Sep. 18 :	10
Oct. 18 :	08
Nov. 18 :	12
Dec. 18 :	10, 24
Jan. 19 :	21
Feb. 19 :	18
Mar. 19 :	18

PRICE PER PERSON

OPTION 1			
ID:15309	DBL	INDIV	
High S.	\$ 1.898	2.392	
Mid S.	\$ 1.898	2.392	
Low S.	\$ 1.898	2.392	
OPTION 2			
ID:15310	DBL	INDIV	
High S.	\$ 2.651	3.338	
Mid S.	\$ 2.651	3.338	
Low S.	\$ 2.651	3.338	

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 (section Mutianyu) in Beijing.
- Boat: Boat trip in Caves of Longmen.
- City tour: Beijing, Shanghai.
- Evening Transfer: Wangfujing street in Beijing, Old City in Denfeng.
- Ticket admission: The Forbidden City, Jingshan Park, Summer Palace, Great Wall of China (Mutianyu), Temple of Heaven in Beijing; Garden of the humble administrator in Suzhou; Yuyuan Garden in Shanghai; Shao Lin Temple and Kung Fu schools, White Horse Temple in Denfeng; Buddhist caves of Longmen; Terracota Army Museum, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, mosque in Xian.
- Cable Car ride: Great Wall of China in Beijing, Hua Shan in Mont Hua.
- Experiences: Tricycle ride, foot massage, Tai Chi class in Beijing; demonstration of the Tea ceremony in Shanghai; Kung Fu practice in Denfeng; Chinese calligraphy course, show of traditional instrument playing in Drum Tower in Xian.
- High Speed Train: Beijing – Suzhou; Shanghai – Zengzhou.
- 07 Lunches or Dinners included: Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Suzhou, Shanghai, Denfeng, Hua Shan.
- Additional Services Option 2:
- Ticket admission: Mansion of the Wang Clan in Lingfen; Temples, mansions and city walls in Pingyao; Nanshan Temple in Wutai; Great Wall in Yangmenguang; Yungang Caves, Hanging Temple in Datong, Small traditional Chinese settlement in Jiming Post.
- High Speed Train: Xian – Lingfen.
- 03 Lunches or Dinners included: Lingfen, Wutai, Yingxian.



GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN CHINA

MILLENARY CHINA

OPTION 1
NEW

01 MON. Beijing.-

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

02 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 there, 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 life style in these popular neighborhood, visit typical shops and even a traditional house, a Siheyuan, with all its lounges around a courtyard. Return to the hotel and overnight.

03 WED. Beijing.-

Today's programme includes an excursion to the GREAT WALL OF CHINA (section Mutianyu) spectacular architectural work, its history covers more than 2,000 years. We include a cable car ride up to one of the most scenic areas. Returning to Beijing, we will stop in the 798th district, with its contemporary art located in an old military factory. Then we will 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 the city with a typical lacquered duck dinner included. Return to the hotel and overnight

04 THU. Beijing - Suzhou- Shanghai.-

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 5 hours we cover almost 1,200 km and will arrive in SUZHOU, which has wonderful gardens that are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is included. 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. Continue on to SHANGHAI. Accommodation.

05 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 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 neighborhoods 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.

06 SAT. Shanghai- Denfeng- Luoyang.-

After breakfast, transfer to the station. We take high-speed train, and in about 4 hours we will arrive at Zengzhou station. On our bus, we will continue to Denfeng, where we will visit the SHAO LIN Temple, known for its Kung Fu schools. Our trip includes the entry tickets and we will attend a Kung-Fu practice. Lunch is included. We continue to LUOYANG where we visit the White Horse Temple, which is an extensive and active Buddhist monastery. At night, we transfer to the old city. We enter through its impressive wall and we will be able to enjoy the great traditional activity and its illuminated streets. Accommodation.

07 SUN. Luoyang- Longmen- Mount Hua- Xian.-

We will visit the impressive Buddhist caves of LONGMEN, which extend over a kilometre. In the rocky wall of the river, there are more than 100,000 carved Buddha images. Our trip will include a boat trip. We continue our route to HUA SHAN, the highest of the five sacred Taoist mountains. Lunch is included and we will ascend on the cable car (on some specific dates, there may be long waits that may render impossible the visit). The scenery is spectacular and the atmosphere of the place is deeply spiritual. Continue on to XIAN, arriving at the end of the afternoon. Overnight.

08 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 TERRACOTA 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.

09 TUE. Xian.-

After breakfast, end of our services.

OPTION 2- MILLENARY CHINA DAYS 1 TO 8 AS IN THE PREVIOUS ITINERARY

09 TUE. Xian.- Lingfen- Wang Clan 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.

10 WED. Pingyao- Wutai.-

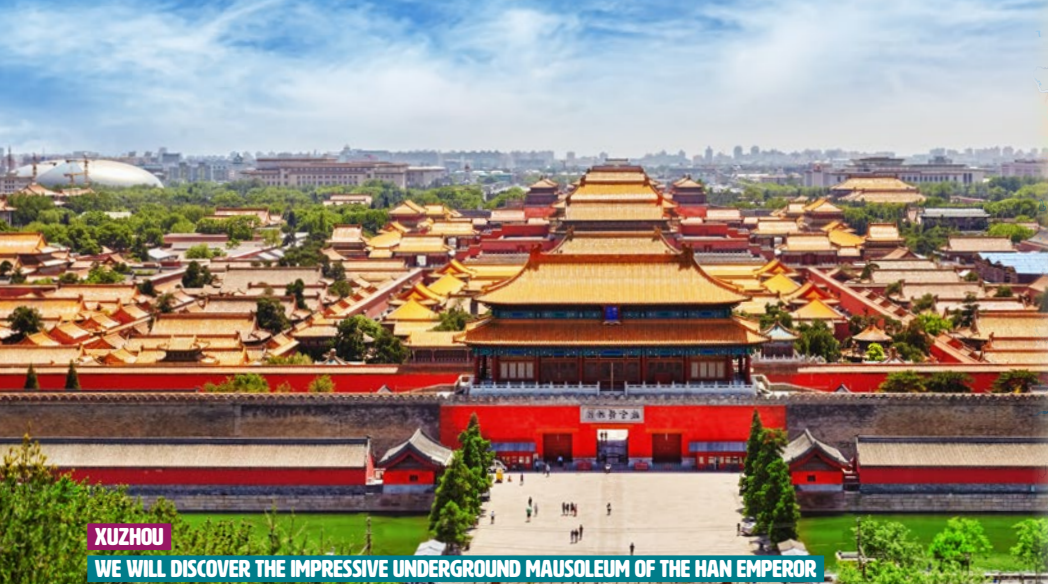
We travel to one of the most exciting spiritual places in China: WUTAI MOUNTAIN. In this place, situated between green mountains and forests, is one of the centres of the Lamaism form of Buddhism. There are more than 40 ancient monasteries (and a similar number of monasteries have been built in more 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.

11 THU. Wutai- Yanmenguan- Yinkxian- 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 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. 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.

12 FRI. Datong- Hanging Temple- Jiming Post- Beijing.-

We leave in the morning to the HANGING TEMPLE of Xuancong Temple. Its construction on the wall of a cliff is amazing. We will visit 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.



XUZHOU

WE WILL DISCOVER THE IMPRESSIVE UNDERGROUND MAUSOLEUM OF THE HAN EMPEROR

GREAT CHINA NEW

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03 SUN. Beijing.-

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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. Accommodation.

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- Tongli- Suzhou- Shanghai.-

We leave for **TONGLI**, a charming lake town with its small houses next to the canals and their gondolas. We included a nice **boat ride**. After that we go to **SUZHOU**, which has wonderful gardens that are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Lunch is included.** 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 Pingjiang road. Continue on to **SHANGHAI**. Accommodation.

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FROM 3.217\$-DAYS 15

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr.18 :	20
May.18 :	18
Jun.18 :	15
Jul.18 :	06
Aug.18 :	10
Sep.18 :	07
Oct.18 :	05
Nov.18 :	09
Dec.18 :	07, 21
Jan.19 :	18
Feb.19 :	15
Mar.19 :	15

PRICE PER PERSON

ID: 15306	DBL	INDIV
High S.	\$ 3.217	4.037
Mid S.	\$ 3.217	4.037
Low S.	\$ 3.217	4.037

THE PRICE INCLUDES

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- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Excursion:** Tricycle ride through the traditional neighbourhood in Beijing, Great Wall of China (section Mutianyu) in Beijing.
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- **12 Lunches or Dinners included:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Taian, Xuzhou, Suzhou, Shanghai, Denfeng, Hua Shan, Lingfen, Wutai, Yingxian.

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NEW

SPIRITUAL AND MODERN CHINA OPTION 1

TRADITIONAL CHINA OPTION 2



LUOYANG

WHERE WE VISIT THE WHITE HORSE TEMPLE

FROM 1.687\$ - DAYS 9/12

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr.18 :	20
May.18 :	18
Jun.18 :	15
Jul.18 :	06
Aug.18 :	10
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Nov.18 :	09
Dec.18 :	07, 21
Jan.19 :	18
Feb.19 :	15
Mar.19 :	15

PRICE PER PERSON

OPTION 1		OPTION 2	
ID: 15307		ID: 15308	
DBL	INDIV	DBL	INDIV

High S. \$ 1.687 2.193 2.500 3.127

Mid S. \$ 1.687 2.193 2.500 3.127

Low S. \$ 1.687 2.193 2.500 3.127



01 FRI. Beijing.-

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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 there, 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 life style in these popular neighborhood, 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 the **GREAT WALL OF CHINA** (section Mutianyu) spectacular architectural work, its history covers more than 2,000 years. We **include a cable car ride** up 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. Then we will 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 the city with a typical **lacquered duck dinner included**. Return to the hotel and overnight.

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**. Accommodation.

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 **XU-ZHOU**. **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- Tongli- Suzhou- Shanghai.-

We leave for **TONGLI**, a charming lake town with its small houses next to the canals and their gondolas. We included a nice **boat ride**. After that we go to **SUZHOU**, which has wonderful gardens that are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Lunch is included.** 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. 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 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 neighborhoods 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.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



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OPTION 2- TRADITIONAL CHINA DAYS 1 TO 8 AS IN THE PREVIOUS ITINERARY 09 SAT. Shanghai- Denfeng- Luoyang.-

After breakfast, transfer to the station. We take **high-speed train**, and in about 4 hours we will arrive at Zengzhou station. On our bus, we will continue to **Denfeng**, where we will visit the **SHAO LIN** Temple, known for its **Kung Fu schools**. Our trip includes the entry tickets and we will attend a **Kung-Fu practice**. **Lunch is included**. We continue to **LUOYANG** where we visit the White Horse Temple, which is an extensive and active Buddhist monastery. At night, we **transfer to the old city**. We enter through its impressive wall and we will be able to enjoy the great traditional activity and its illuminated streets. Accommodation.

10 SUN. Luoyang- Longmen- Mount Hua- Xian.-

We will visit the impressive Buddhist caves of **LONGMEN**, which extend over a kilometre. In the rocky wall of the river, there are more than 100,000 carved Buddha images. Our trip will **include a boat trip**. We continue our route to **HUA SHAN**, the highest of the five sacred Taoist mountains. **Lunch is included**

and we will **ascend on the cable car** (on some specific dates, there may be long waits that may render impossible the visit) . The scenery is spectacular and the atmosphere of the place is deeply spiritual. Continue on to **XIAN**, arriving at the end of the afternoon. Overnight.

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 **TERRACOTA 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.

12 TUE. Xian.-

After breakfast, end of our services.



EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on its 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**
- **Excursion:** Tricycle ride through the traditional neighbourhood in Beijing, Great Wall of China (section Mutianyu) in Beijing .
- **Boat:** Boat Ride in Tongli.
- **City tour:** 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 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 Ling Temple in Nanjing; Garden of the humble administrator in Suzhou; Yuyuan Garden in Shanghai.
- **Cable Car ride:** Great Wall of China in Beijing, Gates of Heaven in Taian.
- **Experiences:** Tricycle ride, foot massage, Tai Chi class in Beijing; demonstration of the Tea ceremony in Shanghai.
- **High Speed Train:** Beijing – Taian.
- **7 Lunches or Dinners included:** Beijing, Beijing, Beijing, Taian, Xuzhou, Suzhou, Shanghai.
- **Additional Services Option 2:**
- **Boat:** Boat trip in Caves of Longmen.
- **City tour:** Beijing, Qufu, Shanghai.
- **Evening Transfer: Old City in Denfeng.**
- **Ticket admission:** Shao Lin Temple and Kung Fu schools, White Horse Temple in Denfeng; Buddhist caves of Longmen; Terracota Army Museum, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, mosque in Xian;
- **Cable Car ride:** Hua Shan in Mont Hua.
- **Experiences:** Kung Fu practice in Denfeng; Chinese calligraphy course, show of traditional instrument playing in Drum Tower in Xian.
- **High Speed Train:** Shanghai – Zengzhou.
- **2 Lunches or Dinners included:** Denfeng, Hua Shan.

