

15 Day | South Korea & Japan Cherry Blossom Cruise with Flights

Seoul - Jeju - Nagasaki - Beppu - Kyoto - Hiroshima - Kochi - Nagoya - Mount Fuji - Shimizu - Tokyo

From **\$9,469** ✈️ pp twin share



Enjoy a 10 day NCL cruise from Seoul to Tokyo

2 Nights of premium accommodation either side, in Seoul & Tokyo

Experience the famous Japanese Cherry Blossom season

Enjoy a range of meals, drinks and bonus inclusions on your cruise!

Description



Travel during the stunning cherry blossom season!

Explore Japan and South Korea on this unforgettable 10-day cruise with NCL, aboard the Norwegian Jewel. Immerse yourself in history in Nagasaki where you can visit World War II memorials, or venture farther out of the city to see centuries old shrines.

Delicious food awaits you in Kyoto, where you can grab a bite in between touring historical sites and local gardens on a two-day visit. Take in the landscape in Shimizu, a city that sits in the shadow of Mt. Fuji.

The highlight of this incredible itinerary is experiencing the amazing cherry blossom season - experience this spectacle in all its glory, with a designated viewing itinerary. View it all whilst enjoying the comfort of your stunning ship, with included meals, beverages, wi-fi and a range of specialty inclusions.

Time to tick this one off the bucket list! Limited cabins available - get in touch with us today.



Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ Seoul, South Korea

Today you will board your flight from Australia en route to Seoul, South Korea.

Seoul, the capital of South Korea, is a huge metropolis where modern skyscrapers, high-tech subways and pop culture meet Buddhist temples, palaces and street markets. Notable attractions include futuristic Dongdaemun Design Plaza, a convention hall with curving architecture and a rooftop park; Gyeongbokgung Palace, which once had more than 7,000 rooms; and Jogyesa Temple, site of ancient locust and pine trees. Spend a day in the serene atmosphere of a Zen Buddhist temple and a historic Korean village. Tour the DMZ and rediscover the drama of recent history. Or simply wander the fish market and promenade at Incheon

Meals: Inflight Menu

Accommodation: Four Points by Sheraton Josun, Seoul Myeongdong

Day 2

Seoul

Today is a day at leisure. Take the time to explore South Korea's capital and its surrounds. For day tour options, please ask our Customer Service team for recommendations.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Four Points by Sheraton Josun, Seoul Myeongdong

Day 3

Seoul

Continue to enjoy the city of Seoul before making your way to the cruise port where you will board Norwegian Cruise Line's 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL' departing at 7PM.

Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing on Day 1 of cruise.

Meals: Breakfast and onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 4

Jeju

The dormant volcano Hallasan formed many of the natural attractions found on Jeju. As South Korea's tallest mountain, Hallasan offers an abundance of hiking opportunities and is an UNESCO Biosphere Reserve showcasing a crater lake and an abundance of plants and wildlife. The Manjang Cave, formed by cooling lava, is the world's longest lava tube and is partially open for tours. Head from the mountain to the magnificent beaches and watch famed haenyo (powerful sea-women) dive for octopus, abalone, clams and more without the aid of a breathing apparatus. Don't miss the opportunity to sample fresh seafood dishes at a local restaurant.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 5

Nagasaki

Nagasaki is often equated with the dropping of the atomic bomb, and there are many moving museums, memorials and monuments dedicated to its World War II history that shouldn't be missed. Yet modern Nagasaki offers a vibrant and charming atmosphere that's waiting to be explored. Among its cobblestone and rolling hills, the city boasts a rich culinary scene that will excite your inner foodie. To capture Nagasaki's scenic beauty, consider a cable car ride or harbour tour. Centuries-old shrines, temples and churches dot the landscape and are a must see.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 6

Beppu

As you approach the coastal town of Beppu, it might appear as if the town were smoldering. In reality, it's steam escaping from its many hot springs, Beppu's claim to fame-along with hot spring experiences, from mud baths to sand baths. Their most famous, Hell circuit (Jigoku), are only for admiring, not bathing. Beppu Park, in the city's centre, offers green space and a vibrant Japanese garden. In spring, cherry blossoms attract thousands of visitors; in fall, autumn leaves do the same. Tomonaga Panya, a local bakery since 1916, has an English menu and a signature delicacy, wanchan (doggie) bun. Guests love its custard filling and raisin face.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 7

Kyoto (Osaka)

Cradled by rolling hills on three sides, Kyoto is considered the historical and cultural epicenter of the country. The city was Japan's capital for more than 1,000 years (794 - 1868) and approximately 1,600 Buddhist temples and more than 400 Shintō shrines are peppered throughout the city. From numerous historic sites and tranquil gardens to delicious local cuisine and boutique shopping, Kyoto offers you a window into the heart of Japan's traditions and culture.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

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Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 9

Hiroshima

History is never far from mind in Hiroshima, thus the city has created one of the most important and breathtaking memorials in the world, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum. Statues, halls, and monuments at this World Heritage Site honor those who fell in World War II. As one of Japan's largest islands, Hiroshima also offers rich natural beauty and a myriad of outdoor activities like biking, hiking and beaching. The local cuisine is plentiful, especially the signature "Okonomiyaki," a crepe filled with meat, seafood, cabbage, and vegetables. Oysters (usually grilled) serve as an additional fresh and delicious culinary draw.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 10

Kochi

Engage with locals and indulge in local flavours in this welcoming city, known for its famed dish Katsuo no tataki (a type of tuna Tataki). The city centre was initially settled in 1601 as a town surrounding Kochi Castle, which is now one of the region's principal attractions. Delve into times gone by as you stroll along the famed, red Harimaya-bashi - the basis for an old local folklore song. Discover the lovely Katsurahama beach area, where the Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial overlooks the sea and honors this legendary Japanese peace negotiator.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 11

Nagoya

Japan's fourth largest city by population, Nagoya, is a centre of modern commerce, with Toyota, Noritake china and a Legoland theme park calling this capital home. Tour the Toyota Exhibit Hall, experience Noritake Gardens and sit amongst the stars in the planetarium at the Science Museum. Nagoya Castle, deemed a National Treasure, is a must-see, as is exploring their entertainment district, Sakae. This busy hub is where you'll find Nagoya TV Tower, the city's symbol, and Oasis 21, a multi-level public park with a futuristic water theme.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 12

Mount Fuji (Shimizu)

In the shadow of Mount Fuji, Shimizu is one of the most beautiful ports in Japan. Walk through the pine groves of Miho, home to a 650-year-old Japanese black pine, or enjoy spectacular views of Mount Fuji from the lush, forested hill of Nihondaira. Take in the seascapes on a bay cruise, or learn of undersea delights at Japan's first sushi museum, and get a glimpse at feudal life in Japan in 200 BC at the archaeological site of Toro. Shop for traditional Japanese wooden handcrafts and fabrics unique to the region, and sample some yokan, a sweet jellied confection.

Meals: Onboard meals

Accommodation: 'NORWEGIAN JEWEL'

Day 13

Tokyo (Yokohama)

Arrive at 6:30AM. Once a sleepy fishing village, Yokohama is now one of Japan's largest ports and your gateway to Tokyo. Ancient traditions and historic sites blend into modern culture, crafting a city unlike anywhere else. In Tokyo, you can walk among both neon-glowing skyscrapers and regal temples. Browse stores showcasing the latest advances in technology or retreat to one of the tranquil gardens surrounding the Imperial Palace. Savour traditional cuisine at a Michelin-starred restaurant and witness the centuries-old sport of sumo wrestling. This cosmopolitan hub offers a vast selection of attractions and activities and a wealth of culturally and historic sites. Whether this is your first or fifth visit to the city, Tokyo will captivate your imagination.

Disembarkation usually begins 2 hours after docking on final day of cruise.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba

Day 14

Tokyo

Today is a day at leisure for you to immerse yourself and explore the bustling city of Tokyo. For activities or day tour options, please contact our Customer Service team who will be happy to assist with recommendations and bookings.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba

Day 15

Tokyo, Japan ✈ Australia

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and depending on your departure flight time, you are welcome to store your luggage with the hotel and continue to explore Tokyo before checking in for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast and Inflight Menu

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- International Airfares from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane
 - 2 Nights Accommodation in Seoul, South Korea
 - 10 Day Cruise on Norwegian Cruise Line's 'Norwegian Jewel' in an Inside Stateroom
 - NCL Beverage Package
 - Complimentary WiFi
 - Speciality Dining Package
 - USD\$50 Shore Excursion Credit per tour
 - USD\$200 Free Onboard Credit to use toward spa days, shopping sprees, casino thrills and more at sea
 - 2 Nights Accommodation in Tokyo, Japan
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Exclusions

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Visas (if required)
- Entry fees or activities not listed
- Tipping
- Transfers to and from airport, hotel and cruise port

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Extra Activities/Transfers: Ask our Customer Service team for recommendations, quotes or to book extra services.

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