Asia offers endless opportunities to uncover ancient wonders, mysteries and legends; see the very best of them with this 24-day fly, tour and cruise package, which takes you through China, Japan and South Korea. From the incredible cuisine on offer to the endlessly varied landscapes, the spice of Asia is well and truly alive on this unforgettable trip.

Start in Beijing, with visits to Tiananmen Square and the ancient Forbidden City; see the iconic giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo; walk the UNESCO-listed Great Wall of China; take in the sights of Hangzhou’s West Lake on a scenic boat ride; step back in time at the vibrant Shanghai Museum and more. Then embark on a 14-night cruise aboard the 5-star Holland America ‘Westerdam’ ship, stopping off in Qingdao, a fascinating Chinese city with popular beaches; and Dalian, full of grand historic buildings and lush green spaces. From China, make your way along the Japanese archipelago to the ports of vibrant Fukuoka and inspiring Nagasaki in Japan, along with Busan, South Korea’s second-largest city, and Jeju, known as the ‘Maui’ of Korea.

Package includes return international flights, eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation, a 14-night Asia cruise with Holland America Line, English-speaking tour guides, 50 meals and more!
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Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, ‘The Golden Mask Dynasty’ (not included).

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Afterwards, continue with a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China’s most renowned monument—the Great Wall. You will visit the less-touristy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections which are the most accessible and consequently most crowded. The Great Wall meanders through China’s northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert - a distance of more than 3500 miles.

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Overnight: Beijing Hotel
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After breakfast at the hotel, visit Beijing Zoo to see the giant pandas - one of the icons of China. After the zoo, make a stop
at “Tongrentang” to learn more about traditional Chinese medicine. Afterwards, transfer to Beijing Airport for a domestic flight to Shanghai (approximately a 2 hour flight). Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then escort you to Suzhou (approximately a 1.5 hour coach ride) to check into the hotel.

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Meals included: Breakfast

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Today visit the heavenly famous Lingering Garden, recognised with other classical Suzhou gardens as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. China is renowned for its exquisite silk, so naturally a visit to the Silk Spinning Factory is in order. There is an option to take a cruise along the Grand Canal (not included) to view life along China’s ancient waterway. Afterwards, drive to Wuxi (approx. 1 hour) to check into the hotel.

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This morning visit Li Lake Park, the habitat of egrets and many rare species of birds. View the picturesque Taihu Lake, the second biggest freshwater lake in China. Then enjoy a visit to a Pearl Outlet to learn more about traditional Chinese pearl. Afterwards, be driven to Hangzhou (approximately a 2 hour coach ride), where the 2016 G20 Summit was held in September 2016.

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Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 8 Shanghai
This morning, step back in time at the Shanghai Museum - home to more than 120,000 objects and artworks. Enjoy free time at leisure this afternoon or join an optional half-day tour to the Yu Garden, believed to have been built in the Ming Dynasty, more than 400 years ago. The exquisite layout, beautiful scenery, and the artistic style of the garden architecture make this garden a must-see on your visit to Shanghai. Alternatively you can visit Xintiandi, Old Town and...
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Nanjing Road for some shopping (not included). In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional “Night Cruise on the Huangpu River” (not included).

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Overnight: Shanghai Hotel
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Shanghai - Begin 14 night Holland America Cruise - Overnight
After breakfast, transfer to Baoshan cruise terminal where you will board your home for the next 14 nights, Holland America’s 5-star ‘Westerdam’. Spend the night docked in the harbour.

Overnight: Holland America ‘Westerdam’
Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 10 Shanghai, China - Depart 6:00pm
Today the ship is docked at the Baoshan cruise terminal in Shanghai. Relax and take advantage of the amazing onboard facilities, or alternatively get out and explore with one of the many shore excursions available on board (not included). The cruise departs at 6:00pm this evening.

Overnight: Holland America ‘Westerdam’
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Day 11 Qingdao, China 8:00am - 11:00pm
The city of Qingdao (Green Island) in China’s Shandong Province is renowned for its wonderfully temperate climate, array of popular beaches and scenic nearby mountain ranges. A mix of modern and traditional architecture and public art, such as the large red May Wind sculpture in May Fourth Square, makes the streets a joy to stroll.

There’s culture aplenty, too, from the Museum of Marine Products, an aquarium that houses hundreds of fascinating specimens and living sea creatures in an exhibition hall and aquarium, and the Naval Museum, which charts the development of the Chinese navy. The shops sell everything from shell carvings and pearl necklaces to antiques and electronics, while the restaurant scene is impressively global but excels at seafood, particularly fresh oysters, clams and lobster. For relaxation, look no further than the nearby wide beaches, famous for their soft sand and sparkling waters.

Overnight: Holland America ‘Westerdam’
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 12 At Sea
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Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 13 Beijing (Tianjin), China - Arrive 7:00am - Overnight
When it comes to culture and history, few cities compete with China’s capital, Beijing, roughly two hours north of the port of Tianjin. Though Tianjin often plays second fiddle to Beijing, this city has a number of important cultural sights of its own. At the Confucius Temple, learn about the great philosopher’s teachings and do as the locals do by writing prayers or wishes on small plaques. You can learn about the city’s history at the excellent Tianjin Museum and at the Shi Family Mansion, the stately former home of one of Tianjin’s leading families.

Overnight: Holland America ‘Westerdam’
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner
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Day 15 Beijing (Tianjin) - Departs 6:00pm
Overnight: Holland America 'Westerdam'
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Day 16 Dalian - 9:00am - 5:00pm
The Dalian you see today, an important Asian trading port on China’s northeast coast, not far from North Korea, grew from a small fishing village and was shaped enormously by three powers that ruled the city over the course of the 20th century: Russia from 1898 to 1905, Japan from 1905 until the end of World War II and, after the city was liberated by Soviet troops, China.

At first glance, Dalian looks like many other Chinese cities — sprawling and industrialized. But look a bit closer and you’ll notice its pleasant seaside promenades, lush green spaces like Labor Park (particularly lovely during cherry-blossom season) and grand historic buildings, including those on Russian Street and the Art Nouveau Yamato Hotel.

Beyond its historic and cultural sites, Dalian’s seaside location makes it one of the best places in China to enjoy fresh seafood. When you are ready for a break from exploring the city, head to one of Dalian’s many restaurants and you’ll see families, couples hand in hand and groups of friends tucking into seafood feasts and sipping Tsingtao beer, a legacy of German rule in Qingdao, some 400 kilometers (250 miles) to the south.

Overnight: Holland America 'Westerdam'
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 17 At Sea
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Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 18 Fukuoka (Hakata), Japan - 8:00am - 5:00pm
Fukuoka, Kyushu’s largest city, was once two separate entities: Fukuoka in the west and the merchant area of Hakata to the east. Joined together in 1889, the contemporary city - population 1.5 million - has a lively, modern atmosphere, an array of impressive architecture by international starchitects, including Rem Koolhaas, César Pelli, Emilio Ambasz and Aldo Rossi, and a number of cultural attractions and museums such as the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum.

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Overnight: Holland America 'Westerdam'
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Day 19 Busan (Pusan), South Korea
South Korea’s second-largest city (after the capital, Seoul), Busan is located in the southeastern corner of the country along the Sea of Japan. It combines a vibrant, big-city atmosphere with a famously laid-back attitude and subtropical landscapes. Often described as the “San Francisco of Korea,” thanks mainly to its hilly terrain and close-knit neighborhoods, it offers visitors a little of everything: fashionable boutiques, dynamic culture and buzzy nightlife, as well as sandy beaches,
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Cultural highlights include the Gamcheon Cultural Village; the spectacular Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, built into the side of a cliff; and Art Street in Sinchang-dong, which hosts art competitions, exhibitions and cultural events such as the annual Busan International Film Festival. Those who enjoy hiking can explore the famed cliffs of Taegjonada Park, while the white sand beaches at Gwangalli and Haeundae are ideal places to relax by the seashore. Foodies will love Busan, too, not just for its excellent restaurants but also for the many atmospheric markets: the low-key Millak Hoe Town Market, tourist spots like Jagalchi Fish Market and the market at Haeundae with its ramshackle stalls selling gukpab (a traditional rice soup).

Overnight: Holland America 'Westerdam'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 20 Jeju (Cheju) City - 8:00am - 5:00pm
Jeju, formerly Cheju, may not be familiar to most Australians, but for Korean travelers the country’s largest island is a popular destination. The island is roughly the size of Maui and has much in common with the Hawaiian Islands. Like them, it is a volcanic island—it first emerged from the sea some two million years ago and the volcano Hallasan, which reaches a height of 1,950 meters, is the tallest peak in South Korea. It also shares the mild subtropical climate of Hawaii—even in winter, temperatures rarely drop below freezing—and offers a similar broad range of activities whether in the warm ocean water or exploring the island’s interior on well-marked and maintained trails.

Jeju has long been known as the “Island of Gods” after a legendary lost race from whom the island’s inhabitants are said to have descended. Perhaps this history helps explain the super-human feats of the haenyeo, women divers who harvest abalone from the sea floor without the use of scuba gear. Remarkable giants can still be spotted here with humpback and orca whales common in this part of the East China Sea.

Overnight: Holland America ‘Westerdam’
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 21 Nagasaki, Japan 8:00am - 6:00pm
Situated in the northwest of Kyushu, the third-largest island in Japan, Nagasaki is one of the country’s most cosmopolitan port cities, with a decent tourism infrastructure, a fascinating past that stretches back to the early 7th century and a picturesque harbor that’s been an active port since the 16th century. Home to around 500,000 residents, the city is a buzzy yet relaxed place with abundant services, shops and restaurants as well as several cultural and historic attractions that are easily explored on foot and via public transportation.

Check out the Nagasaki Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Museum, which outline the horrific bombing of the city during World War II while making a poignant pledge for world peace. Foodies will enjoy the wide variety of tastes to be found in Chinatown and the Shianbashi Gourmet Street. If you are visiting with children, the Huis Ten Bosch theme park—modeled on a medieval Dutch town—makes for a fun diversion.

Overnight: Holland America ‘Westerdam’
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner
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Day 22 At Sea
Overnight: Holland America ‘Westerdam’
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 23 Shanghai, China - Arrive 7:00am
After breakfast, disembark and make your own way to the Shanghai airport for your return flight back to Australia.
Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 24 Arrive in Australia
Please note: Some flights may arrive in Australia +1 days later.

ITINERARY 2: 26 DAY PACKAGE

Day 1 Australia – Xi’an, China
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Overnight: Xi’an Hotel
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Terracotta Warriors and Horses
The highlight today is a visit to the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum. Unearthed near Xi’an, the thousands of life size sculptures of soldiers, chariots and horses are considered a world wonder. With different facial expressions and weaponry adorning each soldier, the Terracotta Warriors were believed to have been created to accompany the Qin Emperor into the afterlife. This site is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. You will definitely be amazed by the scale of the Terracotta Warriors Army. Afterwards, visit the Terracotta Warriors Reproduction Factory.

Overnight: Xi’an Hotel
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 24 Xi’an – Beijing (high speed train experience)
This morning visit the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, a major tourist site located on the central axis of the Jianfu Temple in south Xi’an. Though built entirely of stone, the Small Wild Goose Pagoda is very delicate in appearance. The top three floors have been damaged, yet it really adds to the appeal of the pagoda. As a national AAAA scenic spot and a world heritage site, the Buddhist pagoda survives from the Tang Dynasty.

Afterwards, be transferred to Xi’an Railway Station for a high speed train experience to Beijing (approx. 5.5 hour train ride). Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at Beijing Railway Station and then escort you to check into the hotel.

Overnight: Beijing Hotel
Meals included: Breakfast
Day 4 Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City
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Check out the Nagasaki Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Museum, which outline the horrific bombing of the city during World War II while making a poignant pledge for world peace. Foodies will enjoy the wide variety of tastes to be found in Chinatown and the Shianbashi Gourmet Street. If you are visiting with children, the Huis Ten Bosch theme park—modeled on a medieval Dutch town—makes for a fun diversion.

Overnight: Holland America 'Westerdam'  
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 24 At Sea

Overnight: Holland America 'Westerdam'  
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 25 Shanghai, China - Arrive 7:00am

After breakfast, disembark and make your own way to the Shanghai airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 26 Arrive in Australia

Please note: Some flights may arrive in Australia +1 days later.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS
Discover the cultural wonders of China and Japan
Visit Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Suzhou
Visit impressive Tiananmen Square in Beijing
Explore the UNESCO listed Forbidden City
Visit a local Jade Museum and see artisans at work
Walk along the remarkable Great Wall of China
See adorable Giant Pandas at Beijing Zoo
Learn about traditional Chinese medicine at ‘Tongrentang’ in Beijing
Visit Suzhou’s Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory
Learn about Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village with tasting
Visit Li Lake Park, the habitat of egrets and many rare species of birds
Enjoy a boat ride on Hangzhou’s scenic West Lake
Learn about pearls at a Freshwater Pearl Centre
Explore The Bund promenade in Shanghai
Visit the inspiring Shanghai Museum
Cruise to the Chinese ports of Qingdao, Tianjin (Beijing) and Dalian
Sail along the glittering Japanese archipelago
Dock in Fukuoka and Nagasaki
Explore Busan, South Korea’s own ‘San Francisco’
Discover the Island lifestyle of Jeju in South Korea

FLIGHTS
Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE

ACCOMMODATION
8 nights 4-star hotel accommodation

CRUISE
14 night Asia cruise with Holland America

Sail aboard the 5-star ‘Westerdam’ ship

DINING
Enjoy 50 meals including all meals while cruising

TOUR ESSENTIALS
English-speaking tour guides (Day 1 - 9)
Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT
Transportation by private A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS
Day 1: Beijing Airport to Hotel
Day 4: Beijing Hotel to Airport
Day 4: Shanghai Airport to Suzhou Hotel
Day 9: Shanghai Hotel to Cruise Port

26 DAY WITH XI’AN TERRACOTTA WARRIORS PRE-TOUR EXTENSION
All of the above, plus the following:
Discover historic Xi’an, capital of Shaanxi Province
Marvel at the ancient Terracotta Warriors and Horses
Visit the Small Wild Goose Pagoda in Xi’an, a world heritage site
1-way high speed train: Xi’an to Beijing (economy class)

Transfers:
Day 3: Xi’an Hotel to Xi’an Train station
Day 3: Beijing Train station to Beijing Hotel

Offer available for a limited time or until sold out. TRIP A DEAL PTY LTD: 50149240433
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information. https://www.tripadeal.com.au/terms

*Mandatory service fee:

A mandatory service fee is not included in the tour price, and is required for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The mandatory service fee for the tour leader and driver is 12 AUD per person/per day where tour or transfer services are provided (Day 1 - 9), which will be collected whilst on tour (this will include day of arrival and departure, and covers both the tour leader and driver).

Please note: All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 7th of February 2020. This travel offer is priced for one person/people based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of applies:

24 Day Standard Package:
- Inside Cabin: $2075
- Ocean View Cabin: $2350
- Balcony Cabin: $2550
- Suite: $3375

26 Day Xian Pre-tour Extension:
- Inside Cabin: $2175
- Ocean View Cabin: $2450
- Balcony Cabin: $2650
- Suite: $3475

Departure Dates
- 24 Day Standard Package
  7th February 2020
- 26 Day Xian Pre-tour Extension:
  5th February 2020

Departure Cities
Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane

FLIGHTS

Full-Service Airline(s) Used
China Eastern Airlines, Air China or China Southern Airlines (subject to availability)

Please note: One-way flights cannot be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Beijing, China
Not Available.

Stay behind in Shanghai, China
Not Available.

Stopover Packages
Not Available.

Flight Class Upgrades
Not Available.

CRUISES

Cabins
All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

4 Star (self-rated)
- Beijing: Friendship Hotel / Plaza Hotel / Feitian Hotel / Jianguo Hotel Qianmen / North Star Continental Grand Hotel / Ramada Parkside / Gehua New Century / Chang An Grand Hotel / Novotel Sanyuan / Ritan International Hotel / Rosedale Hotel & Suites / Schonbrunn Hotel or similar
- Hangzhou: Pujing Garden Hotel / Yuanfong Hotel / Hai Wai Hai Bai Na Hotel or similar
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel / Jincheng Hotel / Vienna International Hotel / Nanya Hotel or similar
- Wuxi: Swiss-Belhotel Liyuan / Mingdu Hotel / Landison Plaza Hotel / Gloria Grand Hotel or similar
- Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao / Regal Plaza Hotel & Residence or similar
- Xi’an: Grand Noble Hotel / Yulong International Hotel / Holiday Inn or similar (Pre-tour extension only)

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights
Not Available

Maximum Room Capacity
2 People

Child Policy
- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share
Not Available

Bedding Configuration
Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms
Subject to availability and at the hotel’s discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION
Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 42 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities
- Beijing: Day 2 (Day 4 extension package): The Golden Mask Dynasty 330 RMB (approx. $66 AUD)
- Beijing: Day 3 (Day 5 extension package): Tour 700 year old Hutong with Dinner 300 RMB (approx. $60 AUD)
- Suzhou: Day 5 (Day 7 extension package): Grand Canal Cruise 190 RMB (approx. $38 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 7 (Day 9 extension package): ERA and The Intersection of Time 380 RMB (approx. $76 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 8 (Day 10 extension package): Half day city tour 180 RMB (approx. $35 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 8 (Day 10 extension package): Huangpu River Night Cruise 240 RMB (approx. $48 AUD)

Please note:
- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.
- Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line prior to travel (subject to availability).
- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).

EXCLUSIONS
- Visa fees and requirements (Please see visa section below for visa information)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Mandatory service fee: $12 AUD per person/per day where tour or transfer services are provided (this includes day of arrival and departure).
- Cruise Gratuities: approx. $13.50 USD (approx. $19 AUD) per person, per day will be charged to your onboard account.

A 20% gratuity will also be added to items purchased on board.
- Optional activities/tours (including any ‘onshore’ excursions as part of cruise)
- Transfer: Post cruise to airport (day 23)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER
Tour Guide:
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

China
While Beijing’s coldest month is over, February is still fairly cold, so packing a thick sweater and winter coat is advisable. The month of February is very dry, and daytime temperatures average around 7°C.

Japan
February is a good time for visiting Japan as the weather is predominantly sunny and dry, while tourist attractions are not crowded. However temperatures will be on the low side, averaging around 12°C during the day, and 4°C overnight.

South Korea:
Similar to both China and Japan, February weather is dry and cool. Temperatures will range from 9°C throughout the day and 0°C overnight.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:
At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:
Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

CRUISE

Disembarkation:
- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.
Cruise Loyalty Discounts:
Please note: Travellers booked via TripADeal will not be entitled to receive any cruise line customer loyalty discounts. Similar to airline frequent flyer programs, this is outside of the TripADeal booking process. However, customers may contact the cruise line direct upon receiving their TripADeal travel documents to request any membership benefits they are entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals:
Daily breakfast and one lunch is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:
You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:
Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: A general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:
Cruise
Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for the services of the cruise staff throughout the cruise component of this tour. Holland America is an internationally registered company & operates to US & European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a gratuities culture. Gratuities are expected on your cruise and will be charged to your onboard account at $13.50 USD per person per day. If you have any questions in regards to the gratuities on your cruise please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

Sightseeing:
Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:
Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.


VISAS

China
- A double entry Tourist Visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.
- TripADeal offers a fast, secure and easy service to obtain a Visa for this country - This Visa can take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

- Please start arranging your visa as soon as you receive your documentation to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

Japan
A Tourist Visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an Australian passport.

South Korea
A Tourist Visa for South Korea is not required if travelling on an Australian passport for stays of up to 90 days.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE
We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES
Please note: Due to limited availability, passenger name and date changes are strictly prohibited for this offer. This overrides the Schedule of Fees in our standard Terms & Conditions. No refunds will be issued once offer has been purchased.