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Cruise Details

Name:	Discover East Asia: Osaka to Hong Kong
Reference:	EMERALD2A01290528-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Xara
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	29 May 28
Departs From:	Osaka
Arrives On:	22 Jun 28
Arrives At:	Hong Kong
Cruise Nights:	24
Total Vacation Days:	25

Itinerary

Day 1: Osaka (Japan)

Your journey begins in Osaka, where you'll board your luxury Emerald yacht and set sail along Japan's captivating coast. With its bustling neighbourhoods, historic landmarks, and vibrant culinary scene, Osaka offers a lively first taste of Korea's coastal culture. Please book your flight to arrive into Osaka prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 29 May 28

Day 2: Himeji (Japan)

Himeji is home to one of Japan's most iconic landmarks, Himeji Castle, a stunning example of feudal architecture and a World Heritage-listed site. Well-known landmarks include the castle itself, its beautiful surrounding gardens and the charming streets of the historic old town. Choose to admire the castle's grandeur, stroll through subtropical gardens or explore the city at your own pace.

Arrives On: 30 May 28

Day 3: Takamatsu (Japan)

Nestled on the shores of the Seto Inland Sea, Takamatsu, the capital of Kagawa Prefecture, serves as a serene gateway to the region’s many picturesque islands. From this charming port, take in beautiful coastal views and discover nearby landmarks such as the impressive Seto Ohashi Bridge, a remarkable feat of engineering spanning the inland sea. Explore the ruins of waterfront Takamatsu Castle, wander through the tranquil Ritsurin Koen Garden, built by feudal lords during the Edo Period, and sample the local specialty of ‘sanuki udon’ noodles, famed for their delightful texture.

Arrives On: 31 May 28

Day 4: Matsuyama (Japan)

Sail into Matsuyama on Shikoku, a charming regional city where feudal history meets everyday local life. From hilltop Matsuyama Castle, you’ll enjoy wide views over the city and Seto Inland Sea, while storied Dogo Onsen hints at centuries of bathing traditions and literary inspiration.

Arrives On: 01 Jun 28

Day 5: Beppu, Kyushu Island, Oita (Japan)

Arrive in Beppu, where plumes of steam rise from the earth and traditional onsen houses line the hillsides, creating one of Japan’s most atmospheric hot spring towns. Here, you can experience everything from mineral-rich baths and bubbling mud pools to sand baths by the shore, with quiet neighbourhood streets and mountain views framing your day of unhurried soaking and gentle exploration.

Arrives On: 02 Jun 28

Day 6: Uwajima (Japan)

Located on Shikoku’s south-west coast, Uwajima is known for its pearl cultivation and fishing traditions, with the city offering many ways to discover both. Beyond the waterfront, rural valleys and forested mountains offer a contrasting landscape of quiet villages, farmsteads and river gorges, where wildlife and clear streams shape a slower, more pastoral side of Japan.

Arrives On: 03 Jun 28

Day 7: Aburatsu (Japan)

Aburatsu is a relaxed port town with coastal scenery and local markets. Famous sites include the historic streets of the old town, picturesque waterfront views, and local markets showcasing regional cuisine and crafts. Whether you stroll along the harbour, explore cultural landmarks, or simply enjoy the peaceful coastal setting, Aburatsu offers a relaxed and authentic glimpse into coastal Japanese life.

Arrives On: 04 Jun 28

Day 8: Kagoshima (Japan)

Kagoshima unfolds around a sweeping bay, watched over by the impressive silhouette of Sakurajima, one of Japan's most active volcanoes. The city is celebrated for its samurai heritage, landscaped gardens and relaxed southern feel, where mild weather, sea views and nearby hot springs shape daily life.

Arrives On: 05 Jun 28

Day 9: Nagasaki (Japan)

Sail into Nagasaki, a harbour city ringed by hills and known for its long history of international exchange. Today, it's a place of reflection and renewal, with museums and memorials dedicated to the events of 1945 alongside historic districts, waterfront promenades and temples that tell a wider story of trade, faith and resilience.

Arrives On: 06 Jun 28

Day 10: Tsushima (Japan)

Tsushima Island, set between Kyushu and the Korean Peninsula, feels pleasantly removed from city life, with forested mountains, quiet coves and a deeply rooted island culture. As you trace its rugged shoreline, you'll notice small fishing ports, historic shrines and walking paths that hint at the island's role as a gateway between Japan and the wider region.

Arrives On: 07 Jun 28

Day 11: Busan (South Korea)

Welcome to the vibrant coastal city of Busan, South Korea's second-largest metropolis and a dynamic gateway to the country's rich culture and striking coastline. Blending modern cityscapes with historic temples, bustling markets, and beautiful beaches, Busan offers a captivating introduction to your journey. In the afternoon, you'll be welcomed on board your luxury Emerald yacht, ready to embark on your next voyage.

Arrives On: 08 Jun 28

Day 12: Shimonoseki (Japan)

Located at the westernmost tip of Honshu, Shimonoseki sits on the narrow Kanmon Strait, where sea views and busy waterways define the city’s character. Steeped in maritime history, it is well known for its fresh seafood and calm coastal atmosphere, offering a refined yet authentic glimpse of everyday life by the water.

Arrives On: 09 Jun 28

Day 13: Beppu, Kyushu Island, Oita (Japan)

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Arrives On: 10 Jun 28

Day 14: Uwajima (Japan)

Located on Shikoku’s south-west coast, Uwajima is known for its pearl cultivation and fishing traditions, with the city offering many ways to discover both. Beyond the waterfront, rural valleys and forested mountains offer a contrasting landscape of quiet villages, farmsteads and river gorges, where wildlife and clear streams shape a slower, more pastoral side of Japan.

Arrives On: 11 Jun 28

Day 15: Miyazaki (Japan)

On Japan’s sunny southern coast, Miyazaki offers a picturesque coastal stop on Kyushu’s eastern shore, known for its tranquil shrines, striking seaside cliffs, and the enduring legacy of samurai history. Surrounded by lush landscapes and sweeping ocean views, this relaxed destination offers a glimpse into Kyushu’s quieter, lesser-visited side, where nature, culture, and spirituality come together.

Arrives On: 12 Jun 28

Day 16: Kagoshima (Japan)

Relish a morning coffee on your luxury yacht as you admire the dramatic landscape of Kagoshima. At the southern tip of Kyushu, Mount Sakurajima volcano rises dramatically in Kagoshima Bay, creating a striking natural backdrop to this vibrant coastal city. Unearth its feudal history and explore the palm-lined streets of Kagoshima, or opt to spend the day on board,

appreciating uninterrupted views of Sakurajima from the elegant Observation Sun Deck.

Arrives On: 13 Jun 28

Day 17: Yakushima (Japan)

Discover the enchanting island of Yakushima, a World Heritage-listed site famous for its ancient cedar forests, untouched nature, and stunning coastline. Home to the legendary Jomon Sugi, one of the oldest living trees on Earth, Yakushima is a paradise for nature lovers and adventurers alike.

Arrives On: 14 Jun 28

Day 18: Naze, Amani Oshima (Japan)

A secluded jewel of the Amami Islands, Naze on Amami Oshima offers a tranquil blend of lush subtropical landscapes, clear waters, and rich island culture. Framed by verdant hills and a relaxed coastal atmosphere, it is a serene retreat where nature and tradition exist in perfect harmony.

Arrives On: 15 Jun 28

Day 19: Naha, Okinawa (Japan)

Welcome to the capital of Okinawa, where the spirit of the Ryukyu Kingdom meets the turquoise waters of the Pacific. In Naha, historic castle sites and traditional crafts sit alongside lively markets, cafés, and a relaxed island pace. Celebrated as a Blue Zone, Okinawa is known for its long-lived residents, community connections and mindful way of life.

Arrives On: 16 Jun 28

Day 20: Miyako Islands (Japan)

This morning brings you to the beautiful island of Miyakojima, known for its crystal-clear waters and pristine white-sand beaches. Part of Japan’s subtropical Okinawa region, this idyllic destination is defined by its relaxed charm and breathtaking coastal scenery.

Arrives On: 17 Jun 28

Day 21: Keelung (Chilung) (Taiwan)

Arriving at noon in Keelung, you’ll be welcomed by a vibrant harbour framed by lush green hills. This lively port city offers an authentic introduction to northern Taiwan, from its bustling waterfront to its renowned night markets. With the afternoon and evening at leisure, you may choose to explore the atmospheric streets, sample local delicacies, or venture to nearby Taipei for a taste of the capital’s cultural and culinary highlights.

Arrives On: 18 Jun 28

Day 22: Keelung (Chilung) (Taiwan)

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Keelung, perhaps discovering its striking coastline, historic temples, or vibrant local markets. With the day at your own pace, there’s ample opportunity to soak in the charm of this coastal gateway before returning to your yacht.

Arrives On: 19 Jun 28

Day 23: Penghu (Taiwan)

Arriving at noon in Magong, the gateway to the Penghu Islands, you’ll be welcomed by a tranquil island setting of turquoise waters, dramatic basalt coastlines, and a rich maritime heritage. Historic temples, traditional streets, and a relaxed coastal atmosphere define the destination, offering a refined glimpse into local life.

Arrives On: 20 Jun 28

Day 25: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

A vibrant global city, Hong Kong blends iconic skyscrapers with rich cultural heritage, offering a dynamic mix of tradition, cuisine, and modern energy. Your luxurious yacht journey comes to an end in Hong Kong, with a transfer to the airport for your onward travel, leaving you with unforgettable memories of your East Asian voyage. Please book your flight to depart out of Hong Kong after 12:00 PM. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such, Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will be operated unaltered from the itinerary stated above.

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