Cruise Details

Name:	Discover Iconic Cities and Hidden Gems: Tokyo to Osaka
Reference:	EMERALD2A02090528-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Xara
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	09 May 28
Departs From:	Tokyo
Arrives On:	29 May 28
Arrives At:	Osaka
Cruise Nights:	20
Total Vacation Days:	21

Itinerary

Day 1: Tokyo (Japan)

Your journey begins in Tokyo, where you'll board your luxury Emerald yacht and set sail across Japan's captivating waters. With its dazzling skyline, vibrant neighbourhoods, and seamless blend of ancient traditions and futuristic innovation, Tokyo offers a lively introduction to the extraordinary experiences that await on your unforgettable voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Tokyo prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 09 May 28

Day 2: Shimizu (Japan)

Set against the majesty of Mount Fuji, Shimizu is considered one of Japan's most beautiful ports. With a history dating back to the Nara Period and framed by stunning natural scenery, Shimizu offers a wealth of inspiring sights. Discover rich Japanese culture and nearby shrines, stroll through the town to immerse yourself in local life, and enjoy the renowned views toward

Mount Fuji on clear days, when the iconic peak rises dramatically above the horizon.

Arrives On: 10 May 28

Day 3: Kumanoe (Japan)

Arrive in Kumano, a region steeped in spiritual history and natural beauty. Sacred sites such as the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage trails, ancient shrines and tranquil forests have inspired travellers for centuries. With its serene rivers, coastal vistas, and rich cultural heritage, Kumano offers a peaceful and unforgettable stop on your journey.

Arrives On: 11 May 28

Day 4: Kobe (Japan)

Welcome to Kobe on Japan’s main island of Honshu, a major international port city framed by ocean views and mountain peaks. With a long history as one of Japan’s key gateways for global trade and cultural exchange, Kobe blends rich maritime heritage with a vibrant, modern identity.

Arrives On: 12 May 28

Day 5: Kobe (Japan)

Rebuilt and revitalised following the 1995 earthquake, the city today showcases a distinctive mix of history, culture, and international flair, offering an ideal setting for exploration and indulgence.

Arrives On: 13 May 28

Day 6: Uno (Japan)

This morning, you will arrive at the port of Uno, the gateway to the garden city of Okayama, the second-largest city in the Chugoku region. Okayama is home to the stunning Korakuen Garden, which was commissioned by a feudal lord in 1687 as a place to receive guests. Choose to spend your day strolling immaculately manicured gardens, admiring historic architecture or contemplating thought-provoking art.

Arrives On: 14 May 28

Day 7: Hiroshima (Japan)

Hiroshima is a profoundly significant city, shaped by its history and defined by its enduring message of peace and resilience. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum, including the iconic Atomic Bomb Dome, stand as powerful reminders of the past and invite reflection on the importance of peace. Alongside this, Hiroshima Castle and the serene Shukkeien Garden reveal

layers of heritage and refined landscape design. Tree-lined avenues, riverside paths, and lively neighbourhoods complete a city that balances remembrance with a vibrant, forward-looking atmosphere.

Arrives On: 15 May 28

Day 8: Kitakyushu (Japan)

Arrive in Kitakyushu, Kyushu's northern gateway where urban energy meets historic charm. Admire Kokura Castle and its serene gardens, the retro streets of Mojiko Port, and the dazzling night views from Mt. Sarakura, capturing the city's rich history and serene beauty. Nestled between mountains and sea, this vibrant city blends tradition and modernity for an unforgettable day.

Arrives On: 16 May 28

Day 9: Fukuoka (Japan)

Discover Fukuoka, Kyushu's dynamic capital and well-known culinary hub where ancient shrines meet modern vibrancy. Explore the serene Ohori Park with its tranquil lake, bustling Tenjin canal city, and the famous Yatai street food stalls showcasing Fukuoka's unique blend of tradition, culture, and flavour.

Arrives On: 17 May 28

Day 10: Hagi (Japan)

Experience Hagi, a riverside city on the picturesque Abu-gawa delta, framed by mountains and natural beauty. The city's historic Shizuki Park features remnants of a 17th-century castle, while the old town invites leisurely walks along streets lined with traditional samurai residences and preserved merchant homes. Cltural sites include engaging museums and workshops showcasing Hagi-yaki pottery, offering a hands-on glimpse into the city's artistic heritage.

Arrives On: 18 May 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: 19 May 28

Day 12: 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: 20 May 28

Day 13: 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: 21 May 28

Day 14: 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: 22 May 28

Day 15: 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: 23 May 28

Day 16: 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: 24 May 28

Day 17: 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: 25 May 28

Day 18: 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: 26 May 28

Day 19: 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: 27 May 28

Day 20: 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: 28 May 28

Day 21: Osaka (Japan)

Your luxurious Emerald yacht cruise comes to an end in Osaka, a bustling metropolis where modern skyscrapers, historic landmarks, and lively neighbourhoods create a city full of energy and culture. From here, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home or onward travels, taking with you unforgettable memories of your extraordinary voyage through South Korea & Japan. Please book your flight to depart out of Osaka 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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