



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover Coastlines of Japan, Korea & China
Reference:	EMERALD2A03160328-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Xara
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	16 Mar 28
Departs From:	Hong Kong
Arrives On:	09 Apr 28
Arrives At:	Busan
Cruise Nights:	24
Total Vacation Days:	25

Itinerary

Day 1: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Your cruise begins in Hong Kong, where you'll be transferred to your luxury Emerald yacht to begin your seafaring journey through the captivating waters of Asia. With its dazzling skyline and lively harbour, Hong Kong offers a dynamic introduction to the wonders that await on your unforgettable voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Hong Kong prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 16 Mar 28

Day 3: Penghu (Taiwan)

Arrive this morning at the beautiful Penghu Islands, a picturesque archipelago known for its rugged coastlines, traditional fishing villages and striking basalt formations. Enjoy time ashore exploring the island's relaxed charm, discovering its rich local culture, and taking in sweeping ocean views before setting sail early this afternoon to continue your journey.

Arrives On: 18 Mar 28

Day 4: Taipei (Taiwan)

<p><p>Continue your journey in Taipei, Taiwan's dynamic capital, a captivating blend of contemporary innovation and centuries-old tradition. Take time to immerse yourself in the city's vibrant atmosphere, appreciating its distinctive character by day and lively energy after dark during your overnight stay in port.</p></p>

Arrives On: 19 Mar 28

Day 5: Taipei (Taiwan)

<p><p>Enjoy a second day exploring Taipei.</p></p>

Arrives On: 20 Mar 28

Day 6: Miyako Islands (Japan)

<p><p>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. </p></p>

Arrives On: 21 Mar 28

Day 7: Naha, Okinawa (Japan)

<p><p>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 serene island pace. Celebrated as a Blue Zone, Okinawa is known for its long-lived residents, community connections and mindful way of life. </p></p>

Arrives On: 22 Mar 28

Day 8: Amami Ōshima (Japan)

<p><p>This morning, enjoy breakfast as you sail toward the beautiful Amami Islands. Known for their lush landscapes, pristine beaches, and sparkling coastal waters, the islands offer a peaceful escape. You can take a leisurely walk along the shore, explore the natural scenery, or simply relax and enjoy the serene surroundings. </p></p>

Arrives On: 23 Mar 28

Day 9: Yakushima (Japan)

<p><p>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. </p></p>

Arrives On: 24 Mar 28

Day 10: Kagoshima (Japan)

<p><p>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.</p></p>

Arrives On: 25 Mar 28

Day 11: Miyazaki (Japan)

<p><p>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 provides a glimpse into Kyushu's quieter, lesser-visited side, where nature, culture, and spirituality come together. </p></p>

Arrives On: 26 Mar 28

Day 12: Kochi (Japan)

<p><p>Kochi, a relaxed regional capital with a rich samurai heritage, offers an authentic glimpse into traditional Japan. Discover its charm as you wander downtown streets full of local life, explore the historic Kochi Castle, find serenity at Chikurinji Temple on Mount Godaisan, or enjoy a peaceful stroll along the Katsurahama Beach promenade.</p></p>

Arrives On: 27 Mar 28

Day 13: Osaka (Japan)

<p><p>Discover the vibrant city of Osaka, Japan's third-largest metropolis, known as Japan's 'Kitchen' for its world-famous street food culture and lively markets. Explore famous landmarks such as Osaka Castle and Shitennoji Temple, neon-lit districts like Dotonbori, and the modern skyline from the Umeda Sky Building. From culinary delights to cultural treasures and bustling city life, Osaka promises an unforgettable urban adventure.</p></p>

Arrives On: 28 Mar 28

Day 15: Tokyo (Japan)

Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's dynamic capital, where futuristic skyscrapers rise alongside centuries-old temples and tranquil gardens. This vibrant metropolis offers an inspiring blend of tradition, innovation, and cultural depth, set against the backdrop of one of the world's most iconic cities. In the afternoon, you'll be welcomed on board your luxury Emerald yacht, ready to embark on your next voyage.

Arrives On: 30 Mar 28

Day 16: 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: 31 Mar 28

Day 17: Kumano (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: 01 Apr 28

Day 18: 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: 02 Apr 28

Day 19: 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: 03 Apr 28

Day 20: 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: 04 Apr 28

Day 21: 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: 05 Apr 28

Day 22: 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: 06 Apr 28

Day 23: 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: 07 Apr 28

Day 24: Hagi (Japan)

<p><p>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. </p></p>

Arrives On: 08 Apr 28

Day 25: Busan (South Korea)

<p><p>Your luxurious yacht journey comes to an end in Busan, South Korea's vibrant port city where bustling markets, serene beaches, and historic temples create a dynamic and unforgettable atmosphere. From here, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home or onward travels, taking with you cherished memories of your extraordinary voyage along Japan and South Korea's coast.</p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Busan after 12:00 PM.</p><p><p>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.</p></p>

Arrives On: 09 Apr 28

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