Cruise Details

Name:	Busan to Osaka: Cities, Culture & Coastal Gems
Reference:	EMERALDE01A190528-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Xara
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	19 May 28
Departs From:	Busan
Arrives On:	29 May 28
Arrives At:	Osaka
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Busan (South Korea)

Your journey begins in Busan, where you'll board your luxury Emerald yacht and set sail along the stunning coasts of Korea en route to Japan. With its bustling markets, historic temples, vibrant neighbourhoods, and beautiful beaches, Busan offers a warm first taste of Korea's coastal culture. Please book your flight to arrive into Busan prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 19 May 28

Day 2: 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 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: 24 May 28

Day 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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.

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Arrives On: 29 May 28

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