Cruise Details

Name:	Temples and Treasures: Busan to Hong Kong
Reference:	EMERALDE04A080628-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Xara
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	08 Jun 28
Departs From:	Busan
Arrives On:	22 Jun 28
Arrives At:	Hong Kong
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

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 serene beaches, Busan offers the perfect introduction to the rich culture and unforgettable experiences that await on your voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Busan prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 08 Jun 28

Day 2: 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 3: 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: 10 Jun 28

Day 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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 12: 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 13: 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 15: 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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