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A Multi-City Honeymoon Guide to Seoul, Tokyo, and Osaka

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Honeymoon hop through three Asian cities.

ave one honeymoon when you can have three? Honeymoon hopping through multiple cities allows you e it all—and with your new spouse at your side! Besides, after dozens—nay, hundreds—of wedding ning decisions, we'd understand if the thought of narrowing down your destination to just one spot might push you over the edge...

For wanderlust newlyweds who want more than just umbrella drinks and chaise loungers (but those too, please!), consider a multi-city honeymoon through Seoul, Tokyo, and Osaka, Japan. With an otherworldly liveliness, towering cityscapes, cultural charm, and luxury offerings, it's impossible to be bored in these three Asian cities. In fact, we suspect you won't ever want to leave.



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See ya, Paris. Bye, Bora Bora. You'll probably be the first of your friends to honeymoon in far-flung Seoul, and while it might not be the first place that comes to your mind when you think of honeymoons, its historic sites, romantic hikes, and mouthwatering cuisine make the city without-a-doubt worthy of a post-wedding vacation.



Courtesy of Conrad Seoul

It's your honeymoon, so live it up in luxury at Conrad Seoul. The lavish property boasts 434 spacious guest rooms, including 50 suites, overlooking the Han River and Seoul skyline. Obsessed with your new monogram? If you score one of the executive suites, expect to see it embroidered on the guest towels at turndown. And each room is outfitted with a bedside control panel, making it possible for you to control the lights, blinds, and more without ever getting out of bed—a major honeymoon perk!

Where to Eat

When you manage to drag yourself out from the seclusion of your room, try some (or all!) of the breakfast offerings at Conrad Seoul's Zest restaurant, an open concept kitchen that features buffet cuisines from Korea, China, the Mediterranean, and the West. Treat yourself to a high-end traditional Korean meal at Siwhadam,

where the seasonal menu is always changing, there's occasional live music, and each dish is almost too pretty to eat. Also stop by the Gwangjang Market where you two can share street food bites, like tteokbokki (a spicy stir-fried rice cake) and the so-fresh-it's-still-wriggling San-nakji octopus (for brave newlyweds only!).



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Seoul is surrounded by mountains, meaning you can hop on the subway and head out into nature for a romantic hike, and be back in the city center in time for dinner. Hike hand-in-hand up the 262 meters of Mt. Namsan. At the top, you'll find breathtaking views of the Seoul skyline, the gorgeous greenery of Namsan Park, and the N Seoul Tower observatory. You and your spouse can even celebrate your marriage by adding your own lovers lock to a surrounding fence. (See? Who needs Paris!) Oh, and don't forget to stock up on those famous K-Beauty products for yourself and your bridesmaids in Myeong-dong, a district known for its countless skincare shops.



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After your stay in Seoul, hop on an easy two-hour flight to Tokyo. With robot restaurants, cat cafés, ceremonious tea houses, and centuries-old temples, there's no place quite like Tokyo. Here, you can embark on a heart-pounding adventure with your love—and get in some serious relaxation, too.



Courtes of Conrad Tokyo

Sleek and sophisticated, Conrad Tokyo sits in the bustling Shiodome district and the luxury accommodations couldn't get more personal here. Download the Conrad Concierge through the Hilton Honors mobile app) to start customizing the details of your stay before you even step foot inside the hotel. (Bride and groom-decorated cupcakes delivered to your room? Done.) The softest pajamas are provided at turndown—just think of the cute Instagrams in your matching pj's—and be sure to share a soak in the luxurious in-room tubs. Guests can also book bespoke in-room tea and wine tastings, as well as traditional treatments at the on-property



Courtesy of Conrad Tokyo

Where to Eat

Reserve a table at Conrad Tokyo's Kazahana restaurant, where exceptional Japanese cuisine is served with a side of gorgeous views of the Royal Hamarikyu Gardens. And you can't go to Japan without snacking on some sushi! But why just eat it? Schedule a sushi making class at the Tokyo Sushi Academy, so you can show off your new skills later at your first newlywed dinner party. Have a couple of artisanal cocktails at Bar Trench, a small, dark, and moody spot. And a bowl of ramen is also a must. Head to Ramen Kamuro, where you order via machine before slurping down your warm bowl at the counter.



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Meiji Shrine is a serene, cultural spot located in a 200-acre forest right in the middle of Tokyo. Enter beneath the 40-foot-high torii gate and wander among the greenery before entering the shrine itself, where you can leave your wishes tied to the prayer wall. For a more fast-paced adventure, brave Shibuya Crossing (the busiest

intersection in the world) hand-in-hand, explore the colorful fashion and rainbow-hued food of Harajuku's Takeshita Street, and experience the bustle of the Tsukiji Fish Market. You won't want to leave Japan without also partaking in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Book an experience at HiSui Tokyo.



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Only a speedy bullet train away from Tokyo is the city of Osaka. If Tokyo is Japan's Manhattan, than Osaka is its Brooklyn. Think: cheaper prices, approachable and friendly residents, and cool new bars, boutiques, and more. With its easygoing and down-to-earth vibe, it's quickly becoming one of the top tourist destinations in country.



Courtesy of Conrad Osaka

With the lobby on the 40th floor, the elevator at Conrad Osaka opens to jaw-dropping panoramic views of the Osaka cityscape. The sweeping bird's-eye views continue in all 164 luxurious room and suites, at the expansive indoor pool, and in the Conrad spa. The concierge make it a priority to familiarize themselves with their guests before they even step on the property for the ultimate in personalization, so you can expect to be greeted with romantic music playing, rose petals on the bed, a bottle of bubbly, and a candlelit bath in your honeymoon suite. Now, *this* is what honeymoon dreams are made of... And after the stress of wedding planning, be sure to make time to unwind at the property's spa with a "Blissful Moment in the Sky"—a customized set of spa tr fer P king place in a treatment room that also overlooks the city. Can we just live here?

Courtesy of Conrad Osaka

Where to Eat

Conrad Osaka's KURA Teppanyaki & Sushi restaurant is like a dinner and a show all in one. Book a teppanyaki dinner for two and watch your private chef prepare your seven-plus-course meal—which includes mouthwatering Wagyu beef—right at your table as you take in the views from the floor-to-ceiling windows. Be sure to also munch on a casual dinner of Japan's infamous (and did we mention delicious?) street food in nearby Dotonbori. With towering digital billboards and pulsing lights, this area of the city calls to mind the lights of Times Square and is teeming with hundreds of food stalls where you and your love can get your grub on. Be sure to give the takoyaki (doughy balls of minced octopus, tempura scraps, pickled ginger, and green onion, topped with a savory sauce and dried bonito flakes) a nibble.



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A short walk away from your hotel lies the Ohatsu Tenjin Shrine. Also known as the lovers' temple, it's dedicated to Japan's own Romeo and Juliet, Ohatsu and Tokubei, and visitors can write their wishes for their success in love and marriage on wooden plaques—called *ema*—that bear the images of the star-crossed lovers. One of Japan's most famous landmarks, Osaka Castle, is also located nearby, offering fantastic photo ops, a museum, and a viewing platform. If you have time to spare, you and your spouse can hop on a bullet train and spend the day in neighboring Kyoto and Nara. There, you'll find the stunning golden temple of Kinkaku-ji, the Arashiyama bamboo forest, and Nara Park, which bears over 1,200 friendly (and sacred!) deer you can pet and feed like an IRL Snow White!