

## 8 Day Highlights Of Japan

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Australian owned company	Return Flights Included	Airport Transfers included
7-day Change of Mind		

### Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo, Hamamatsu, Osaka, Shizuoka

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore **Tokyo's Asakusa** neighbourhood, home to the ancient **Sensō-ji Temple**. Marvel at the grand Kaminarimon Gate and stroll along Nakamise Street, which offers a vibrant selection of traditional crafts and Japanese treats.
- Visit **Nara's** historic **Tōdai-ji Temple**, home to Japan's largest bronze Buddha statue, Daibutsu. Explore Nara Park where you'll encounter friendly sika deer roaming freely, adding a unique charm to this cultural experience.
- Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of **Osaka's Dōtonbori district**, renowned for its vibrant nightlife, delicious street food, and iconic neon signs like the Glico Man. Enjoy a walking tour that captures the essence of this bustling area.
- Delve into Japan's rich history with a visit to **Nagoya Castle**, a 17th-century landmark with stunning architecture. Then, explore the Ninja Museum of Igaryu to uncover the secrets of Japan's legendary ninjas.
- Experience breathtaking views of **Mount Fuji** from Oishi Park, situated along the serene shores of **Lake Kawaguchi**. This picturesque location features flower-lined pathways perfect for leisurely strolls and stunning photo opportunities.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Home - Tokyo

Konichiwa! Welcome to Tokyo – Japan!

On arrival, you will be met by a local representative the arrivals hall and transferred to your accommodation.

Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

**Meal:** In-flight meals

**Accommodation:** Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3\* or similar

#### Please note:

If purchasing the land only option, please be advised transfers are not included. You will need to make your own

way to the joining hotel .

Depending on the time of your departure flight, the start date of your tour may be the day prior.

### **Day 2: Tokyo - Oishi Park - Lake Kawaguchi - Mount Fuji - Hamamatsu**

After breakfast, you'll set off for Mount Fuji. Your first stop will be Oishi Park, located on the shores of Lake Kawaguchi. This park is renowned for its tranquil, flower-lined pathways and breathtaking views of Mount Fuji. Next, you'll visit Oshino Hakkai, a picturesque village in the Fuji Five Lake region, known for its eight pristine ponds fed by snowmelt from the nearby mountains. Here, you can admire traditional thatched-roof farmhouses set against the backdrop of Mount Fuji.

Following your exploration of the Mount Fuji area, you'll continue your journey to Hamamatsu. Upon arrival, you'll have the evening free to relax and explore at your own pace. Enjoy an overnight stay in Hamamatsu.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Loisir Hotel Toyohashi 4\* or similar

### **Day 3: Hamamatsu - Nara - Osaka**

Today, we'll travel to Nara, renowned for its historic temples and free-roaming deer. Our first stop is Tōdai-ji (Great Eastern Temple), one of Japan's most iconic temples. This grand structure houses one of Japan's largest bronze Buddha statues, known as Daibutsu. After visiting the temple, we'll take a leisurely stroll through Nara Park, where you can encounter hundreds of friendly sika deer roaming freely.

Following our time in Nara, we'll head to Osaka. There, you'll embark on a walking tour of the lively Dōtonbori area. This bustling district, running alongside the Dōtonbori Canal, is famous for its vibrant shopping scene, delicious street food, lively bars, and entertainment options. As evening falls, the area lights up with a dazzling array of colorful neon signs and mechanized displays, including the iconic Glico Man and Kani Doraku crab signs. After the tour, you'll have the evening free to enjoy Osaka at your leisure.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Inn & Suites Shin Osaka 3\* or similar

### **Day 4: Osaka**

Today, you have free time to explore Osaka at your leisure. You can wander through its vibrant shopping districts, savor local cuisine, or visit landmarks like Osaka Castle.

Alternatively, you may choose purchase an optional tour to Kyoto, where you can see highlights such as Fushimi Inari Shrine or Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion).

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Inn & Suites Shin Osaka 3\* or similar

### **Day 5: Osaka - Igaryu - Nagoya - Shizuoka**

After breakfast, we will leave Osaka and head to Shizuoka. En route, we'll stop at the Ninja Museum of Igaryu, where you can explore a ninja trick house, browse the museum exhibits, and, if time allows and at your own expense, enjoy a ninja show.

Next, we'll visit Nagoya Castle, a historic 17th-century landmark and one of the most iconic structures in Nagoya. Following our tour of the castle, we'll continue our journey to Shizuoka. Once there, you'll have the evening free to relax and explore at your own pace.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Associa Shizuoka 4\* or similar

### **Day 6: Shizuoka - Asakusa - Nakamise Street - Tokyo**

After breakfast, we'll head back to Tokyo for a tour of this vibrant city. Our first stop is the historic Asakusa neighborhood, a refreshing contrast to Tokyo's fast pace. Here, you'll visit the ancient Sensō-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest and most significant Buddhist temple, dating back to the 7th century. Be prepared for crowds as you admire the grand Kaminarimon (Thunder Gate) with its impressive red lantern.

We'll stroll along Nakamise, a lively shopping street that connects the temple's entrance to its main hall. This street is bustling with food stalls and souvenir shops offering a range of traditional Japanese crafts and treats, perfect for finding unique souvenirs.

Next, we'll visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Afterward, we'll check in to our hotel, and you'll have the evening free to explore or relax as you wish.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3\* or Similar

#### Day 7: Tokyo - Home

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. You will have free time to explore or relax until it's time for your included transfer to the airport.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** in-flight

**Please note:** If purchasing the land only option, please be advised airport transfers will not be included and you will need to make your own way to the airport.

#### Day 8: Home

Welcome home. We hope you have enjoyed your journey through Japan with Asia Vacation Group.



## INCLUSIONS

- **Return international flights**
- Airport transfers are included if you buy the package with flights inclusive
- Tour Tokyo including the historic Asakusa neighbourhood and the Nakamise shopping precinct
- Visit Nara, famous for its many temples and its free-roaming deer and Todaiji, one of Japan's most famous temples.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Osaka's lively Dōtonbori area
- Visit the historic 17th-century Nagoya Castle, the most iconic landmark in Nagoya
- Take in views of Mount Fuji
- 6 nights in central 3 star & 4 star hotels
- Daily breakfasts
- Comfortable, dedicated transportation throughout

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Saturday</b> 02 Nov 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 09 Nov 2024	\$3,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 16 Nov 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 23 Nov 2024	\$2,974		<a href="#">Book</a>

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Saturday</b> 15 Mar 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 22 Mar 2025	\$3,699	<b>SAKURA SEASON</b> 	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 22 Mar 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 29 Mar 2025	\$3,799	<b>SAKURA SEASON</b> 	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 29 Mar 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 05 Apr 2025	\$3,799	<b>SAKURA SEASON</b> 	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 05 Apr 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 12 Apr 2025	\$3,799	<b>SAKURA SEASON</b> 	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 19 Apr 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 26 Apr 2025	\$3,599	<b>SAKURA SEASON</b> 	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 10 May 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 17 May 2025	\$2,799		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 24 May 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 31 May 2025	\$3,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 21 Jun 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 28 Jun 2025	\$3,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 19 Jul 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 26 Jul 2025	\$3,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 16 Aug 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 23 Aug 2025	\$2,799		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 13 Sep 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 20 Sep 2025	\$2,799		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 27 Sep 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 04 Oct 2025	\$3,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 04 Oct 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 11 Oct 2025	\$3,599	 <b>AUTUMN SEASON</b>	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 18 Oct 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 25 Oct 2025	\$3,599	 <b>AUTUMN SEASON</b>	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 08 Nov 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 15 Nov 2025	\$3,599	 <b>AUTUMN SEASON</b>	<a href="#">Book</a>

## OPTIONAL TOURS



### **Guided Day Trip to Kyoto and Nara**

**\$400**

## **FINE PRINT**

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### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

This package includes international flights from Sydney/Melbourne/Adelaide/Brisbane/Perth.

#### **Interstate Surcharge**

Surcharge of **\$400** for departures from Adelaide & Brisbane & and **\$500** for departures from Perth

**Airline Selection:** We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

**Flight Conditions:** Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

**Ticketing Information:** Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an Asia Vacations Group change fee of \$250 per person.

**Passenger Details:** Please ensure all traveller names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or require the purchase of a new ticket.

**Flight Schedule Changes:** Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

**Internal Airfares:** Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

**Booking Considerations:** If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same due to availability.

**Luggage and Fees:** You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

**No-Show Policy:** Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new ticket purchase. Asia Vacations Group charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

**Price Adjustments:** Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **Land Only Packages**

Transfers ARE NOT included for land only packages.

Please note that customers purchasing the land only option need to make their own way to the joining hotel and the airport at the end of the tour. Asia Vacation Group can assist with purchasing private transfers if choosing the land only option.

### **Physical Requirements**

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometers per day or more. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of \$10 per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is **\$900 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

### **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

### **Group size:**

From 15-25 travellers.

### **Triple Share**

Upon your request except for cruises

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

Australian passport holders do not need a visa to travel to Japan, for stays less than 90 days.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Children**

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

### **Cherry Blossoms**

Please note that Cherry Blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your arrival.

### **Luggage Policy:**

1 Passenger is limited to carrying a maximum of 2 Suitcases with following Dimensions;

1 Suitcase having measurement of L 51 cm x W 31 cm x H 77 cm, with maximum weight 30 KG

1 Common Carry on Cabin Suitcase having L 38cm x W 23cm x H 60cm, with maximum weight of 10kg

Extra Charge for transfers is needed for any overweight and over quota luggage

### **HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay before/behind and/or post-tour. From \$200 per person is applied for trip extension or early arrivals (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)

### **Pre and post tour accommodation**

- Pre Tour Accommodation – \$380 per room, per night for double/twin/single
- Post Tour Accommodation – \$380 per room, per night for double/twin/single

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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