

12 Day Wonderful Japan

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Australian Company Owned	Bullet Train included	Return Flights Included
7-Day Change of Mind		

Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo, Kanazawa, Takayama, Hiroshima, Kyoto

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the iconic Japanese **bullet train**
- Tour **Tokyo's** incredible sites including the Meiji Shrine, the historic Asakusa, and the grounds of the Imperial Palace
- Take in views of **Mount Fuji** and a boat cruise on Lake Ashi
- Visit **Kanazawa** with free time to visit the stunning **Kenrokuen Gardens** – one of the most beautiful in Japan
- Ample time in **Takayama** to explore this historic city at your own pace
- Experience the moving memorials in **Hiroshima** and the floating torii gate at Miyajima Island
- Option to stop and visit **Himeji's** "White Heron Castle" – the largest surviving traditional Japanese castle
- Tour **Kyoto** exploring imperial palaces, Shinto shrines and traditional wooden houses
- Explore **Nara** on a guided tour to visit Todai-ji Temple – home to one of the largest bronze buddha statues in the world

ITINERARY

Day 1: Tokyo Arrival

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: Depending on the time of your departure flight, the start date of your tour may be the day prior. If purchasing the land only option, please be advised transfers will not be included and you will need to make your own way to the hotel.

Day 2: Tokyo

After breakfast, you'll embark on a full day of exploring Tokyo with an English-speaking guide. The day begins with a visit to the Hokusai Museum, dedicated to the renowned Japanese artist who spent his entire life in Tokyo. Next, you'll explore the vibrant Asakusa district, home to Senso-ji Temple, the city's oldest temple, and the bustling Nakamise-dori street lined with traditional shops.

The tour continues with a stroll around the Imperial Palace, featuring the iconic Nijubashi bridge, and a visit to the

sophisticated Ginza district. The day concludes with a stop at the Bunkyo Civic Center, where you can enjoy panoramic views of the sprawling metropolis from its observation deck.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3* or similar

Day 3: Tokyo

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore as you wish, giving you the opportunity to discover new sights, shop, or simply relax. Alternatively, you may choose to participate in an optional tour, which is available for those interested in enhancing their experience with additional activities.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3* or similar

Optional tour: 'Tokyo in-depth'

Spend a full day exploring the vibrant and dynamic side of Tokyo. Start by visiting the renowned fish market, then head to Odaiba, an artificial island, where you'll explore the Miraikan (National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation) and take in stunning views of the Rainbow Bridge spanning Tokyo Bay. The day concludes with a transfer to the bustling Shibuya district, known for its iconic intersection, often considered the busiest pedestrian crossing in the world.

Day 4: Tokyo - Kanazawa

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then head to the train station to board your bullet (shinkansen) train to Kanazawa. With your Japan Rail Pass, you'll travel for approximately 2.5 hours at speeds exceeding 300 km/h. Upon arrival, make your way to your hotel where the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

While in Kanazawa, we recommend visiting Kenroku-en Park, renowned as one of Japan's three most beautiful landscape gardens. Explore the Omicho-Ichiba Market, famous for its exceptional seafood, and visit the Nagamachi Yuzen-kan, which features stunning kimonos crafted from Kaga Yuzen silk, a traditional local technique.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Kanazawa New Grand Hotel 3* or similar

Please note: Your luggage will be transported separately all the way to Takayama by courier. We recommend to pack an overnight bag for your overnight stay in Kanazawa

Day 5: Kanazawa - Shirakawa-Go - Takayama

After breakfast, board your coach for the journey to Takayama. On the way, we'll stop at Shirakawa-go, a picturesque village renowned for its distinctive sloping thatched-roof houses, which have earned it a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. After free time to explore, we'll continue to Takayama, where the remainder of the day is free for you to explore at your own pace. We suggest visiting the Sanmachi-suji district, the historic heart of the city, where you can stroll among traditional sake breweries and charming houses that have been transformed into craft shops.

This evening, enjoy a traditional dinner at the ryokan, offering a taste of authentic local cuisine.

Meal: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Hoshokaku Hotel 3* or similar

Day 6: Takayama - Nagoya - Hiroshima

Today, we'll utilize our rail pass to journey from Takayama to Hiroshima, with a transfer in Nagoya. Before we depart, we suggest taking some time to explore the local morning markets in Takayama, where you can experience the vibrant atmosphere and discover fresh produce and regional specialties. Additionally, a visit to Takayama Jin'ya is highly recommended. This historic site was once the residence of the lord of the Kanamori clan and later served as the administrative seat for the governor of the ancient Hida province, offering a fascinating glimpse into the area's rich history.

Upon arriving in Hiroshima, you'll check into your hotel and have the remainder of the day free to explore at your own pace, relax, or enjoy the local cuisine and attractions.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima 3* or similar

Please note: Your luggage will be transported separately to Kyoto by courier. We recommend to pack an overnight

bag for your two nights in Hiroshima.

Day 7: Hiroshima

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Today, you'll spend a full day visiting Miyajima Island, accessible by ferry. Explore the stunning Itsukushima Shrine, which features a series of stilted structures dating back to the sixth century, and is renowned for its majestic torii gate that rises from the water. Afterward, return to Hiroshima to visit the Peace Memorial Museum and Park, along with the Atomic Bomb Dome, which stands as a poignant reminder of the city's history and resilience.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima 3* or similar

Day 8: Hiroshima - Himeji - Kyoto

Depart from Hiroshima to Kyoto via shinkansen train using your Japan Rail Pass. If you wish, you can make a stop in Himeji, approximately one hour from Hiroshima by shinkansen, to visit Himeji Castle. Known as the "White Heron Castle," it underwent restoration work completed in 2015. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is celebrated not only for its stunning appearance but also as a rare example of an original castle structure that has remained largely intact.

After your visit to Himeji, continue your journey to Kyoto, which is about an hour from Himeji by shinkansen. Upon arrival in Kyoto, check into your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Elcient Kyoto 3* or similar

Day 9: Kyoto

Spend a full day exploring Kyoto with an English-speaking guide. Begin with a visit to Kiyomizu-dera Temple, originally founded in 798, with its current structures dating back to 1633. Explore the surrounding areas of Ninenzaka and Sannen-zaka, charming streets filled with traditional shops and tea houses. Next, visit Ryoan-ji Temple, renowned for its famous Zen rock garden. Continue to the Kinkaku-ji, or Golden Pavilion, a symbol of Kyoto with its stunning golden facade reflecting in the surrounding pond. Conclude your day at Sanjusangendo Temple, home to 1,001 wooden statues of Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Elcient Kyoto 3* or similar

Day 10: Kyoto - Nara - Fushimi - Kyoto

After breakfast at the hotel, depart from Kyoto to Nara via rapid train. Spend the entire day exploring Nara with an English-speaking guide. Begin with a visit to Todai-ji Temple, home to the Great Buddha, one of the largest bronze statues in the world. Continue to the impressive Kasuga Shinto Shrine, known for its thousands of lanterns that illuminate the surroundings. Both sites are located within Nara Park, where you can encounter numerous fallow deer roaming freely. On the return journey to Kyoto, make a stop at Fushimi Inari Taisha to marvel at its iconic endless rows of red torii gates. Afterward, return to your hotel in Kyoto.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Elcient Kyoto 3* or similar

Day 11: Kyoto - Osaka (Kansai Airport) - Home

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. You will have free time to explore or relax until it's time to head to the airport. We will drive you to Kansai Airport for your flight back home.

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 12: Home

Arrive home today.

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

INCLUSIONS

- **Return international flights**
- 10 nights in central 3- star hotels
- Guided tours of Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima & Nara
- Ride the iconic Japanese bullet train
- Japan Rail Pass in 2 class
- Daily breakfast and one dinner
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of your tour when choosing the flight inclusive option
- Luggage transport: Tokyo – Takayama, Takayama – Kyoto (1 piece per person).

EXCLUSIONS

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

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

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Tuesday 03 Sep 2024	Saturday 14 Sep 2024	AU\$5,699		Book
Tuesday 24 Sep 2024	Saturday 05 Oct 2024	AU\$6,199		Book
Tuesday 15 Oct 2024	Saturday 26 Oct 2024	AU\$6,199		Book
Tuesday 12 Nov 2024	Saturday 23 Nov 2024	AU\$6,199		Book
Tuesday 10 Dec 2024	Saturday 21 Dec 2024	AU\$7,199		Book
Tuesday 14 Jan 2025	Saturday 25 Jan 2025	AU\$7,199		Book
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Tuesday 04 Mar 2025	Saturday 15 Mar 2025	AU\$6,199		Book
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Tuesday 18 Nov 2025	Saturday 29 Nov 2025	AU\$5,799	 AUTUMN SEASON	Book

OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

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

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 **AU\$1,190 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Group size: 10-20 persons

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

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre Tour Accommodation

- AU\$300 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

Post Tour Accommodation

- AU\$ 300 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

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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