

14 Day Japan Endless Discovery

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Return Flights Included	Bullet Train	Small Group Tour
7-Day Change of Mind		

Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo, Yamanashi, Takayama, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima

HIGHLIGHTS

- Incredible sightseeing of **Tokyo's** main sites
- Experience incredible views of **Mount Fuji** from Kawaguchiko
- Explore the well-preserved old town of **Takayama**
- Tour the ancient capital of **Kyoto**
- Delve into the history, culture and cuisine of **Osaka**
- Visit the moving Peace Park memorial in **Hiroshima** and the floating torii gate & Itsukushima Shrine of **Miyajima Island**
- Ride the iconic Japanese **bullet train**

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive 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

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

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, you'll have the chance to experience the tranquility of Ueno Park, the largest green space in the city, which houses a variety of temples, museums, and even a zoo. The park's central path is lined with over 800 cherry blossom trees.

Next, we'll head to the eclectic Harajuku district and visit Yoyogi Park. From there, you'll explore the nearby Meiji Shrine (Meiji Jingu), set within a 170-acre forest in the heart of Tokyo. Built from cypress wood and copper, the shrine honors Emperor Meiji, who led Japan's industrial revolution in the late 19th century. In the late afternoon, we will return you to the hotel for an overnight stay in Tokyo.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3* or Similar

Day 4: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji - Yamanashi

After breakfast, you'll check out of your Tokyo hotel and embark on a scenic two-hour drive to Kawaguchiko. This lake is the most accessible of the Fuji Five Lakes and offers some of the most spectacular views of Mount Fuji. If you're visiting in March or April, you'll be treated to the cherry blossom season, making it a perfect time to immerse yourself in nature's beauty. At the Mt. Fuji 5th Station, you'll have the opportunity to admire the majestic mountain up close. Next, you'll visit Oishi Park on the north side of the lake, where the stunning backdrop of Mount Fuji, along with the cherry blossoms, creates a truly memorable experience. The lake also hosts one of Japan's most renowned cherry blossom festivals during this season.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fuji Kawaguchiko Resort Hotel 4* or Similar

Day 5: Yamanashi - Takayama

Today, you'll continue your journey to the historic city of Takayama, known for its well-preserved Edo-period architecture. You'll start with a visit to Matsumoto Castle, also called "Crow Castle" because of its striking black exterior. For a glimpse into traditional Japan, we'll explore Takayama's old town, nestled in the scenic Hida mountains. This area maintains a charming, historical atmosphere with its beautifully preserved wooden buildings and the picturesque Sannomachi Street, lined with quaint homes, restaurants, and sake breweries. You'll also visit Takayama Jin'ya, the former government headquarters during the Tokugawa Shogunate from 1692 to 1871. Later, you'll continue to a traditional onsen hotel located deep within the breathtaking Japanese Alps.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hoshokaku Hotel 3* or Similar

Day 6: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kyoto

After breakfast, you'll travel to Shirakawa-go village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its collection of over 100 traditional 'Gassho-style' houses, distinguished by their steeply-pitched roofs. These historic structures, some dating back several centuries, are set in a breathtaking natural landscape, surrounded by lush mountains. As you explore this unique village, you'll have the opportunity to admire the picturesque thatched-roof houses and the serene beauty of the environment.

Following your visit to Shirakawa-go, you'll proceed to Kyoto, where the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Take this time to explore Kyoto's many attractions, including its historic temples, serene gardens, and vibrant streets, all within the context of this UNESCO World Heritage city.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Elcient Kyoto 3* or Similar

Day 7: Kyoto

Today, you'll have the opportunity to stroll along the Philosopher's Path, which follows the scenic Lake Biwa Canal. This path is ideal for a leisurely walk, especially during the cherry blossom season in March or April. You'll also visit Heian Jingu Shrine, a relatively recent Shinto shrine established in 1895. Despite its modern origins, it boasts impressive features, including a towering torii gate that reaches nearly 25 meters in height. The garden behind the

main hall, a prime example of Meiji-era garden design, is adorned with several weeping cherry trees. Next, explore Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the Golden Pavilion. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a Zen temple renowned for its two floors covered in pure gold leaf, set within a stunning classical Zen garden. The temple's architecture integrates three distinct styles: Shinden, Samurai, and Zen.

In the late afternoon, you'll return to your hotel for an overnight stay in Kyoto.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Elcient Kyoto 3* or Similar

Day 8: Kyoto - Nara - Osaka

After breakfast, you'll journey to Nara, a city steeped in history with significant temples and artwork dating back to the 8th century, when it served as Japan's capital. Your visit will include Tōdai-ji (Great Eastern Temple), renowned for its Great Buddha Hall, which remains one of the largest wooden structures in the world. This impressive hall houses a 15-meter-tall bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Next, you'll stroll through the enchanting Nara Park, where over 1,200 gentle sika deer roam freely. Following your time in Nara, you'll proceed to Osaka, a dynamic city celebrated for its vibrant food scene. After arriving, you'll check in to your hotel and enjoy an overnight stay in Osaka.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4* or Similar

Day 9: Osaka - Himeji - Hiroshima

After breakfast, you'll leave Osaka to visit Himeji, known as the 'White Heron Castle.' This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved example of a traditional Japanese castle, featuring 83 buildings. Its white roof, resembling a heron in flight, gives the castle its nickname, Shirasagi-jō. As the most visited castle in Japan, it offers stunning views of the surrounding Himeji city.

Following your visit to Himeji, you'll travel to Kurashiki, located along Japan's Seto Inland Sea, where you'll explore the Bikan Historical Quarter. This area is famous for its historic buildings and charming local shops. After your tour, you'll proceed to your hotel in Hiroshima for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima 3* or Similar

Please note: Your luggage will remain at the hotel in Osaka and will be waiting for you when you return in two days. Please make sure to pack an overnight bag for your two-night stay in Hiroshima.

Day 10: Miyajima Island

After breakfast, you'll take a ferry to Miyajima Island, renowned for its lush forests and ancient temples. One of the island's highlights is the 'floating' torii gate, which appears partially submerged during high tide and marks the entrance to the historic Itsukushima Shrine, originally built in the 12th century. Nearby, the Museum of History and Folklore, housed in a 19th-century merchant's residence, displays cultural artifacts. You'll also have the chance to stroll along Omotesando Shopping Street, where you can enjoy lunch before taking the ferry back to Hiroshima.

In the afternoon, upon your return to Hiroshima, you'll see the Atomic Bomb Dome, also known as the Genbaku Dome or Hiroshima Peace Memorial. This skeletal structure is one of the few buildings that survived the 1945 atomic bombing, serving as a poignant reminder of the city's tragic history.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima 3* or Similar

Day 11: Hiroshima - Osaka

This morning, you'll check out of your hotel and head to Hiroshima Station to catch the bullet train to Shin-Osaka Station. Upon arrival in Osaka, you'll embark on a full-day coach tour with our guide, starting with a visit to Osaka Castle. This historic fortress was pivotal in Japan's unification during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the 16th century. Next, you'll explore Kuromon Ichiba, one of Osaka's prominent food markets. This expansive, covered market is known for its vendors offering street food, fresh produce, shellfish, and a variety of trinkets and souvenirs. After a brief lunch break, the tour will continue to the Minami district, a vibrant area filled with boutiques, designer stores, restaurants, and bars. You'll also take a walking tour of the Dōtonbori area, a major tourist attraction known for its lively atmosphere along the Dōtonbori canal. The area is famous for its bustling shopping scene, street food, bars, and entertainment, with streets illuminated by colorful neon lights and iconic

mechanized signs, including the renowned Glico Man and Kani Doraku crab signs. After checking back into your hotel, you'll have the rest of the evening free to enjoy at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4* or Similar

Day 12: Osaka

Today, you have the entire day at your disposal to explore Osaka at your own pace.

Feel free to delve into the city's diverse neighborhoods, discover hidden gems, or revisit favorite spots from your earlier tour. You might want to explore more of the Minami district with its myriad boutiques, cafes, and entertainment options, or perhaps venture to other iconic areas like Umeda, known for its futuristic architecture and shopping centers. Osaka is also famous for its culinary scene, so this could be the perfect opportunity to sample local specialties such as takoyaki (octopus balls) or okonomiyaki (savory pancakes). Whether you choose to visit historical sites, relax in one of the city's beautiful parks, or enjoy the vibrant nightlife, the day is yours to tailor to your interests.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4* or Similar

Day 13: Osaka - 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 14: Home

Arrive home today.

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

INCLUSIONS

- **Return international flights**
- Airport transfers are included if you buy the package with flights inclusive
- Small group tour – no more than 24 travelers
- Incredible sightseeing of Tokyo's main sites
- Experience incredible views of Mount Fuji from Kawaguchiko
- Explore the well-preserved old town of Takayama
- Tour the ancient capital of Kyoto
- Delve into the history, culture and cuisine of Osaka
- Visit the moving Peace Park memorial in Hiroshima and the floating torii gate & Itsukushima Shrine of Miyajima Island
- 12-nights In central 3-star & 4-star hotels
- Daily breakfasts
- Ride the iconic Japanese bullet train
- 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 AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Friday 25 Oct 2024	Thursday 07 Nov 2024	AU\$6,349		Book
Friday 08 Nov 2024	Thursday 21 Nov 2024	AU\$6,199		Book
Friday 22 Nov 2024	Thursday 05 Dec 2024	AU\$5,599		Book
Friday 20 Dec 2024	Thursday 02 Jan 2025	AU\$7,099		Book
Friday 03 Jan 2025	Thursday 16 Jan 2025	AU\$6,399		Book
Friday 28 Feb 2025	Thursday 13 Mar 2025	AU\$5,599		Book
Friday 21 Mar 2025	Thursday 03 Apr 2025	AU\$6,599	Cherry Blossom	Book
Friday 28 Mar 2025	Thursday 10 Apr 2025	AU\$6,599	Cherry Blossom	Book
Friday 04 Apr 2025	Thursday 17 Apr 2025	AU\$6,599	Cherry Blossom	Book
Friday 11 Apr 2025	Thursday 24 Apr 2025	AU\$5,699	Cherry Blossom	Book
Friday 25 Apr 2025	Thursday 08 May 2025	AU\$5,599		Book
Friday 16 May 2025	Thursday 29 May 2025	AU\$5,599		Book
Friday 20 Jun 2025	Thursday 03 Jul 2025	AU\$5,849		Book
Friday 11 Jul 2025	Thursday 24 Jul 2025	AU\$6,099		Book
Friday 15 Aug 2025	Thursday 28 Aug 2025	AU\$5,599		Book
Friday 19 Sep 2025	Thursday 02 Oct 2025	AU\$6,149		Book
Friday 10 Oct 2025	Thursday 23 Oct 2025	AU\$5,699		Book

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Monday 03 Nov 2025	Sunday 16 Nov 2025	AU\$6,199		Book
Friday 14 Nov 2025	Thursday 27 Nov 2025	AU\$6,199		Book
Friday 28 Nov 2025	Thursday 11 Dec 2025	AU\$6,049		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

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 **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

\$299 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

Post Tour Accommodation

\$299 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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