

10 Day Highlights of Japan with Hiroshima

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Specialists in touring since 2015, AVG Travels, previously known as Asia Vacation Group, are proud to craft your itinerary and create memories that last a lifetime. Travel with confidence knowing your trip has been thoughtfully crafted by our experts with you personally in mind.

Return Flights Included	Travel by Shinkansen	7 Day Change Of Mind
Fully Escorted by local English speaking guide		

Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Hamamatsu, Osaka, Kyoto, Himeji, Hiroshima

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Odaiba Island in Tokyo Harbour:** Explore Odaiba, a vibrant island in Tokyo Harbor, where you can admire the stunning Rainbow Bridge and the Statue of Liberty replica. This popular destination offers a mix of modern attractions and scenic views, making it a must-visit spot for travelers in Tokyo.
- **Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre:** Visit the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre to learn about Japan's most iconic mountain. The center's unique architecture, designed by Shigeru Ban, seamlessly blends with the natural surroundings, offering visitors insights into the cultural and geological significance of Mount Fuji.
- **Osaka Castle:** Discover the historical Osaka Castle, a stunning example of Japanese architecture from the 16th century. This iconic landmark played a pivotal role in Japan's feudal history and offers visitors a glimpse into the country's rich heritage.
- **Fushimi Inari Taisha in Kyoto:** Stroll through the thousands of red torii gates at Fushimi Inari Taisha, one of Japan's most photographed sites. This shrine, dedicated to the Shinto god Inari, provides an unforgettable experience as you walk through its winding paths in the serene forested hills.
- **Himeji Castle:** Marvel at Himeji Castle, also known as the White Heron Castle, renowned for its elegant design and historical significance. As one of Japan's few remaining original castles, Himeji Castle offers a glimpse into the grandeur of Japan's medieval architecture.

ITINERARY

Day 1: - Arrive Tokyo, Japan

Welcome to Tokyo, Japan!

Upon arrival into Tokyo, clear customs and immigration. you will be met by your transfer driver who will drive you the short distance to the joining hotel.

Meals: on plane

Accommodation: Hotel Mystays Premier Narita 4* or similar

Please note:

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.

AVG Travels can assist with purchasing private transfers if choosing the land only option.

From Narita Airport, take the free shuttle to the hotel from Terminal 1 #16 or Terminal 2 #26. The hotel is a 15 minute drive.

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

Day 2: Tokyo

Today we explore some of the highlights of Tokyo. Our first stop is Odaiba, an island in Tokyo Harbour where we will see the Rainbow Bridge and the Statue of Liberty replica.

From here, we head to the iconic Tsukiji Fish Outer Market, which is a bustling street market selling a variety of seafood, produce, and other goods. Visitors can enjoy fresh sushi, sashimi, and other seafood delicacies in the many restaurants and food stalls around the area.

Our exploration of Tokyo continues at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building, where we will ascend to the 200m high observation deck for sweeping views of the endless metropolis.

Later, stroll through Sensoji, otherwise known as Asakusa Kannon Temple. Sensoji is a popular destination for visitors who come to see its colourful entrance gate, called the Kaminarimon, which is adorned with a large lantern and two statues of the Shinto gods Fujin and Raijin. After passing through the gate, visitors walk along a crowded shopping street called Nakamise-dori, which is lined with vendors selling traditional Japanese souvenirs and snacks.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: *Loisir Hotel Shinagawa Seaside 3** or similar

Day 3: Tokyo - Mt.Fuji - Hamamatsu

This morning we make our way towards the Mount Fuji area. Gotemba Peace Park is known for its majestic views of Mt

Fuji. Then, We will visit the Mt. Fuji World Heritage Centre. The centre was designed by the world-renowned architect

Shigeru Ban and featured unique architecture that blends into the natural environment of Mt. Fuji. The building is shaped

like a giant cone, and its wooden lattice facade is designed to reflect the surrounding forest. Inside the centre, visitors can

learn about the history and geology of Mt. Fuji, as well as the cultural significance of the mountain in Japanese art and literature.

We then continue to Hamamatsu, where we spend the evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: *Hotel Associa Toyohashi 3** or similar

Day 4: Hamamatsu - Osaka

Today, we visit Iga-ryu Ninja Museum. The Iga-ryu Ninja Museum is a popular tourist destination located in Iga City, Mie

Prefecture, Japan. The museum is dedicated to the history and culture of the ninja, a group of highly-skilled and secretive

spies and warriors who were active in feudal Japan.. Afterwards, we continue to one of Japan's most famous landmarks,

Osaka Castle.

Osaka Castle is a wonderfully preserved example of Japanese architecture built in 1583 as a centre of a new, unified

Japan. It was built by Toyotomi Hideyoshi in the late 16th century and played a significant role in the unification of Japan during the feudal era.

We then continue to the Dotonbori district. Dotonbori is a lively entertainment and shopping district located in the heart of Osaka, Japan. It is known for its vibrant atmosphere, colourful neon lights, and the large billboards of the Glico running man and the Kani Doraku crab, which have become iconic symbols of the area.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi 4* or similar

Day 5: Osaka - Kyoto - Osaka

This morning, we board the technological marvel, the shinkansen bullet train, from Osaka to Kyoto. Travelling at speeds up to 280km/h, the shinkansen offers passengers a supercut of the beautiful Japanese countryside. The first stop in Kyoto is Fushimi Inari Taisha, one of the most iconic sights in Japan with thousands of red Shinto shrine gates. The shrine is dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice, and is famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates that form a winding path through the forested hills of Mount Inari. We strolled through the gates and visited the various shrines and temples.

Afterwards, we continue to the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove for an enchanting walk through the towering bamboo forest.

Aside from the bamboo grove, visitors can also explore other attractions in the Arashiyama district, including the Togetsukyo Bridge, which offers a picturesque view of the Katsura River and the surrounding mountains.

Our last stop in Kyoto is the World Heritage-list Golden Pavilion, also known as Kinkaku-ji. It is renowned for its stunning

golden facade, covered in gold leaf and reflects beautifully in the pond in front of it the temple. The three-story pagoda-style structure was originally built in the 14th century as a retirement villa for a shogun and was later converted into a

temple by his son.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi 4* or similar

Day 6: Osaka

Today is free at leisure today, explore Osaka at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi 4* or similar

Day 7: Osaka - Himeji - Hiroshima

After breakfast, we make our way to Hiroshima. Enroute, we stop at Himeji Castle, often called the White Heron Castle due to its elegant design.

Himeji Castle is one of Japan's last remaining original medieval castles. This, as well as its imposing size and artistic design, make it one of the most spectacular sights in Japan.

Enjoy your time here before we continue on to Hiroshima.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: HOTEL MYSTAYS Hiroshima Peace Park 3* or similar

Day 8: Hiroshima - Osaka

Today, we begin our day with a trip to Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island. The shrine and its torii gate are unique

for being built over water, appearing to float on the sea during high tide.
We then head back to Hiroshima city to visit the sprawling grounds of the Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome, both of which commemorate the victims of the atomic bomb used in World War II.
Afterwards we make our way back to Osaka.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi 4* or similar

Day 9: Osaka -

At an appropriate time, your driver will transfer you to the airport for your homeward flight.

Take one last look at the vibrant city of Osaka as you bid farewell to Japan

Meals: Breakfast

A reminder that if you have booked a land only package, your tour ends at the hotel in Osaka today.

Day 10: - Home

Arrive home today. We hope you enjoyed your holiday with AVG Travels.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return International Flights**
- Return airport transfers
- Includes amazing touring – Explore Odaiba, a vibrant island in Tokyo Harbour, Visit the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre, Discover the historical Osaka Castle, Stroll through the thousands of red torii gates at Fushimi Inari Taisha, Marvel at Himeji Castle, also known as the White Heron Castle
- 8 nights comfortable, 3-star twin share hotels
- Travel by Shinkansen from Osaka to Kyoto
- Daily breakfast
- Private coach transportation throughout the tour
- Dedicated professional English speaking tour guide
- In-depth sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All monument entrance fees as per the itinerary
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EXCLUSIONS

- Tipping (Non-compulsory)
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the program
- Trip delays or interruptions due to airline schedule changes
- Extra cost of missed tour due by flight delay or cancellation
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program
- Travel insurance – Travel insurance is compulsory
- Optional touring and tour extensions
- Personal expenses

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT

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Thursday 27 Feb 2025	Saturday 08 Mar 2025	\$4,199		Book
Thursday 06 Mar 2025	Saturday 15 Mar 2025	\$4,199		Book
Thursday 13 Mar 2025	Saturday 22 Mar 2025	\$4,199		Book
Thursday 27 Mar 2025	Saturday 05 Apr 2025	\$4,899		Book
Thursday 03 Apr 2025	Saturday 12 Apr 2025	\$4,899		Book
Thursday 10 Apr 2025	Saturday 19 Apr 2025	\$4,899		Book
Thursday 08 May 2025	Saturday 17 May 2025	\$4,699		Book
Thursday 12 Jun 2025	Saturday 21 Jun 2025	\$4,599		Book
Thursday 10 Jul 2025	Saturday 19 Jul 2025	\$4,599		Book
Thursday 21 Aug 2025	Saturday 30 Aug 2025	\$4,599		Book
Thursday 04 Sep 2025	Saturday 13 Sep 2025	\$4,599		Book
Thursday 18 Sep 2025	Saturday 27 Sep 2025	\$4,599		Book
Thursday 16 Oct 2025	Saturday 25 Oct 2025	\$4,599		Book
Thursday 30 Oct 2025	Saturday 08 Nov 2025	\$4,199		Book
Thursday 13 Nov 2025	Saturday 22 Nov 2025	\$4,199		Book
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Thursday 02 Apr 2026	Saturday 11 Apr 2026	\$4,999	 SAKURA SEASON	Book
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OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes return flights from Sydney/Melbourne.

Flights from Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth attract a **\$400 surcharge**.

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 AVG Travel 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. AVG Travels 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

Transfers

Return transfers included for flight inclusive packages. If you purchase land only package, please make your own way to the joining hotel or pre purchase transfers.

Local Operator

AVG Travels have sourced a local, trusted partner to operate this tour. Our team has carefully vetted the itinerary and on-ground operations to ensure AVG Travel clients are in good hands.

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 km 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. Please note that tipping is not the norm in Japan.

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 – \$1450 in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size:

min 2

max 45 travellers

Triple Share

Upon request

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while travelling.

We have partnered with Nib Travel Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller'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. Visa conditions are subject to change at short notice, so it is the responsibility of the traveller to consult with the relevant consulates to ensure they have the appropriate visa for entry to the countries being visited.

Australians are eligible for Japan's visa exemption scheme for short-stay tourism and business travel. You don't need a visa if you're visiting for less than 90 days.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/> for up-to-date information in terms of entry requirements.

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 priced at the same price as adults.

Japanese coach companies do not provide baby seats, we require customers to bring their own. We cannot guarantee the compatibility of these seats with the coach's seating arrangements.

We generally recommend that children be over 2 years old, as some itineraries may involve 2-3 hours or even longer of coach travel at a time, which can be challenging for younger children.

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.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. Please note that by arriving early or finishing later than the group, there may be surcharges for your airfare.

Pre and Post tour accommodation – Tokyo / Osaka

- From \$600 per room, per night including a one-way airport transfer based on two people sharing – double/twin share rooming.

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.

Please note that at peak tourist times in Japan, additional accommodation may not be available at the joining or finishing hotel. Please speak to one of our sales team for further information.

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