

19 DAY TREASURES OF JAPAN

DESTINATIONS

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KYOTO
TOKYO
HIROSHIMA
OSAKA
KANAZAWA
SAPPORO
HAKODATE
SENDAI
SENDAI
KOYASAN



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Sapporo
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Route Inn Sapporo Ekimae Kitaguchi , or similar

Once you check in and collect your welcome pack, the rest of the day is free for you to explore the capital of Hokkaido.

Perhaps you could start with Odori Park, a popular picnic and relaxation spot in the centre of the city. A popular spot year-round, it's about 1.5km east to west (12 blocks) and the site for major events like the Snow Festival in winter.

Sapporo is also home to the Historic Village of Hokkaido, an open-air museum featuring historical buildings to show Hokkaido as it was in the Meiji and Taisho eras. The village is divided into four sections: a city area, farm village, fishing village and mountain village. There is a horse-drawn trolley in summer and horse-drawn sled in winter.

This evening you'll join your guide and the rest of the group for a welcome meeting and dinner, to give you a chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.

DAY 2

Destination	Sapporo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Route Inn Sapporo Ekimae Kitaguchi , or similar

Your Japan Rail Pass will be activated today.

We'll enjoy a walking tour of Sapporo. Visit the famous Sapporo Clock Tower, built from timber in the late 1800s, the Sapporo Beer Museum and the lively Susukino district. It's a haven for food, shopping and entertainment. It's positively buzzing, with neon signs, noise, shopping and nightlife.

The evening is yours to enjoy.

DAY 3

Destination	Sapporo 🚆 Otaru 🚆 Sapporo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Route Inn Sapporo Ekimae Kitaguchi , or similar

We'll start with a half-day trip to Otaru this morning, a small harbour city known for glassworks, music boxes and sake distilleries.

On our walking tour we'll visit the quaint Otaru Canal, once an important commercial port. It's well preserved and charming, lined with old merchant houses. We'll visit landmarks like the Otaru Music Box Museum and the traditional shopping street Sakaimachi, all while learning about Otaru's rich industrial heritage. Many of the buildings on

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Sakaimachi street have been converted into restaurants, cafes and shops – you'll likely find some of the region's fine glassware, a lovely souvenir.

Later we'll catch the train back to Sapporo where you can enjoy some free time in the evening.

DAY 4

Destination	Sapporo 🚆 Hakodate
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Route Inn Grantia Hakodate, or similar

The best way to get around Japan is on the country's famous railway system, shinkansen, the bullet train. It's efficient and ultra-modern. You'll zip from place to place with your included Japan Rail Pass.

We'll board the train for the port city of Hakodate, on the southern tip of Hokkaido Island. On arrival we'll enjoy a walk through the city and catch a glimpse of Motomachi – this Western-influenced neighbourhood was the heart of the city's foreign settlement, one of only three allowed in Japan some 150 years ago. We'll also visit Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse, a quaint shopping mall housed in a complex that dates back to the 1860s.

We'll then ride up the 334m Mt Hakodate on the Hakodate ropeway, an aerial lift that takes about three minutes. On a nice day the views are spectacular across the city.

Please note: Today your luggage will be transferred to Sendai in preparation for our arrival. You will need to pack a bag for two nights and your luggage will arrive on Day 6 in the morning.

DAY 5

Destination	Hakodate 🚆 Sendai
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Unizo Inn Sendai, or similar

This morning, we'll visit the Goryokaku Tower and Hakodate Morning Market – be sure to check out the live crabs and shellfish in their massive tanks.

It's about a four-hour train ride to Sensai, we'll arrive in the evening. In the north of Honshu island, Sendai is famous for several traditionally significant monuments. It's home to the remains of 17th-century Sendai Castle, built for samurai lord Date Masamune on Aoba Hill, which overlooks the city.

You'll have free time to explore this city. Perhaps head to the top of the AER building to get a birds-eye view of the 'city of trees' from the observation terrace on the 31st floor.

DAY 6

Destination	Sendai 🚆 Matsushima 🚆 Sendai
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Unizo Inn Sendai, or similar

We'll take a day trip to Matsushima. It's known for the hundreds of forested islands that dot Matsushima Bay, and is regarded as one of Japan's three most scenic views; here, we'll enjoy a cruise around the islets.

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Next, we'll visit the Zuiganji Temple – one of the most famous in the Tohoku region. The Zen temple is designated as a National Treasure of Japan and was first founded in 828 CE. You will find yourself mesmerised by the exquisite artwork on the sliding screen doors in the Main Hall.

We'll then return to Sendai.

DAY 7

Destination	Sendai 🚆 Kanazawa
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel Route Inn Kanazawa Ekimae, or similar

Today's bullet train ride takes us right across Japan to the city of Kanazawa on the western coast.

During World War II, Kanazawa was Japan's second largest city (after Kyoto) to escape destruction by air raids. This means that parts of the old castle town, such as the Nagamachi samurai district and chaya entertainment districts, have survived.

On arrival, we'll enjoy a short visit to a samurai residence and Higashi Chaya district. The rest of the day is free for you. You'll have a one day bus pass to explore this city.

Please note: Today your luggage will be transferred to Osaka in preparation for our arrival in two days time. You will need to pack a bag for the two nights in Kanazawa and your luggage will be waiting for you on arrival in Osaka.

DAY 8

Destination	Kanazawa
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel Route Inn Kanazawa Ekimae, or similar

This morning we'll visit Kenrokuen Garden, one of the most beautiful in Japan. Developed over the course of more than 200 years, starting in 1620, the garden contains almost 9000 trees and 200 plant species.

We'll also enjoy a walking tour of Omicho Market – Kanazawa's largest fresh food market since the Edo Period. Today, it is a busy and colourful network of covered streets lined with some 200 shops and stalls.

We'll finish our sightseeing with a visit to the Higashi Chaya District, famous for its well-preserved wooden teahouses where geisha perform.

The rest of the day is free for you to relax or explore.

DAY 9

Destination	Kanazawa 🚆 Osaka
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Tokyo Rei Hotel , or similar

We'll board a new type of train today, the Thunderbird, and pass through the picturesque Japanese Alps on our way south to Osaka. It's about a three-hour trip. Your luggage will arrive today.

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The rest of evening is free. Perhaps you could visit the Dōtonbori area – one of the city's most popular tourist destinations, Dōtonbori Street runs parallel to the eponymous canal. It's a popular shopping and entertainment district and an area famed for its street food and plentiful restaurants. At night the streets here are illuminated by hundreds of colourful neon lights and mechanised signs, including the famous running Glico Man sign and the Kani Doraku crab sign.

You'll have the choice between 2 of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

DAY 10

Destination	Osaka 🚶 Koyasan
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Temple stay , or similar

We'll leave for Koyasan today, one of the most spiritual locations in all of Japan, and the centre of Shingon Buddhism – an important Buddhist sect that was introduced to Japan in 805 CE by Kōbō-Daishi, also known as Kūkai. A small, secluded temple town has developed around the sect's headquarters that Kōbō-Daishi built on Mount Kōya's wooded mountain top.

Here you'll experience an Inspiring Stay at a Monastery (Shukubo) in Koyasan, where you'll get a taste of a monk's lifestyle. Enjoy vegetarian monk's cuisine (shōjin ryōri), sleep on futons laid on the Tatami floor and attend the morning prayers.

Upon arrival, we'll take the scenic and monumental walk to Okunoin Temple, one of the holiest locations in Japan; it's said to be Japan's largest cemetery with memorials and monuments to more than 200,000 souls.

Please note: Today your luggage will be transferred to Hiroshima in preparation for your arrival. You will need to pack an overnight bag for Koyasan.

DAY 11

Destination	Koyasan 🚶 Hiroshima
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima, or similar

We'll experience a morning prayer chant and fire ceremony before leaving sacred Koyasan behind. We'll make our way along the coast of Honshu to Hiroshima. Your luggage will arrive today.

A modern city on Japan's Honshu Island, Hiroshima was largely destroyed by an atomic bomb during World War II.

We'll see the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, home to the ruins of Genbaku Dome, one of the few buildings that was left standing near ground zero. In Hiroshima today, locals have mixed feelings about the UNESCO World Heritage Site structure: some see it as a reminder of war, while others consider it a tribute to the lost that ensures we'll never forget the tragic events that took place here.

We'll then have a town orientation walk.

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DAY 12

Destination	Hiroshima 🚶 Miyajima 🚶 Hiroshima
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima, or similar

This morning we'll pay a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, located in the Peace Memorial Park. It's a sobering but important experience. The flame in the cenotaph is intended to burn until the last nuclear weapon has been destroyed.

In the afternoon, you'll board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima.

Known for its lush forests, ancient temples, and freely roaming sika deer, this island is just as popular with Japanese tourists as it is with international visitors. Just offshore we'll spy a 'floating' vermilion torii, which becomes partially submerged at high tide. It marks the entrance to the Itsukushima Shrine, which was first built in the 12th century. Nearby, the Museum of History and Folklore houses cultural artifacts in a 19th-century merchant's home.

DAY 13

Destination	Hiroshima 🚶 Himeji 🚶 Kyoto
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ The Palace Side Hotel, or similar

On the way to Kyoto, we'll stop at Himeji Castle, the largest surviving example of a traditional Japanese castle. Comprising 83 buildings, the white roof of this UNESCO-registered complex is said to evoke the wings of a heron taking flight, hence the popular name 'Shirasagi-jō', meaning White Heron Castle. Himeji Castle is said to be the most visited in Japan, and the site offers some wonderful views of surrounding Himeji city.

We'll then continue to Kyoto, considered by many to be the jewel in Japan's crown and one of the only cities in Japan to escape destruction during World War II, leaving its countless relics intact. You'll have a bus/subway pass to get around and see this city.

Please note: Today your luggage will be transferred to Kyoto (arriving on Day 15). You will need to pack an overnight bag.

DAY 14

Destination	Kyoto
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ The Palace Side Hotel, or similar

Your luggage will arrive today.

Today we'll visit some of Kyoto's most iconic sites, like the Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion). This is a Zen temple and UNESCO World Heritage Site, with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold, set within a beautiful classical Zen garden.

We'll also take in breathtaking Nijō Castle. Constructed in the 17th century under the orders of Tokugawa Ieyasu, Nijō Castle's buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan's feudal era, and as such it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994.

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We'll visit Ryoanji Temple, the site of Japan's most famous rock garden and finish at Nishiki Market, a five-block long shopping street where everything from seafood to handmade Japanese knives are sold.

DAY 15

Destination	Kyoto 🚆 Nara 🚆 Kyoto
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ The Palace Side Hotel, or similar

After breakfast we'll leave for a day tour to historic Nara, ancient capital of Japan.

We'll visit Todaiji Temple, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Japan and home to the country's largest Buddha statue. We'll then see Kasuga Shrine, featuring over 3000 stone and bronze lanterns.

Our last stop is at Nara Park, one of the oldest parks in Japan, to see over one thousand tame deer roaming freely in this vast, tranquil space.

We'll take the local train back to Kyoto and the evening is free time for you. Perhaps stroll the streets of Gion, Kyoto's most famous geisha district. With any luck you might spot a geisha, otherwise known as a geiko or maiko.

DAY 16

Destination	Kyoto
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ The Palace Side Hotel, or similar

It's a free day in this historic city until your walking tour in the evening. You'll have a one day bus/subway pass to get around Kyoto.

In the evening, we'll set out on foot and explore the Higashiyama District along the lower slopes of Kyoto's eastern mountains, one of the city's best preserved historic districts. It is a great place to experience traditional old Kyoto, especially between Kiyomizu and Yasaka Shrine, where the narrow lanes, wooden buildings and traditional merchant shops invoke a feeling of the old capital.

You'll have the choice between 2 of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

DAY 17

Destination	Kyoto 🚆 Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Sunroute Asakusa, or similar

Your Japan Rail Pass will finish today, with your last bullet train trip to Tokyo. On the way you might even be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Mt Fuji. Make sure to get a seat on the left-hand side for your best chance of spotting this sacred sight.

Upon arrival, the rest of the day is free time until dinner.

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Tokyo is arguably one of the most extraordinary capital cities on the planet. It's the world's most populous metropolis but very modern and efficient – it's a breeze to get around on its excellent subway network. To get a view of this buzzing city, head to the Tokyo Skytree for incredible panoramic views from its observation decks, at 350 and 450 metres high. Tokyo Tower – a bright orange Eiffel Tower-inspired structure – also has two observation decks. The Shibuya Crossing is a must-see, with its neon displays and hordes of people crossing the intersection. It's hectic, crazy and so Tokyo.

The Imperial Palace, previously home to samurai warriors, is a sprawling complex with its beautiful 17th-century parks in the heart of the city. Sensō-ji Temple is the oldest and most important Buddhist temple in Tokyo – which means it's very busy. If you can head there at night, it's much less crowded and very pretty with its lights. The Meiji Shrine, surrounded by a 175-acre evergreen forest, is an important religious site where visitors can write and hang their deepest wishes on the wishing tree.

If it's shopping you're interested in, Tokyo is home to some of the world's biggest and most unusual shopping experiences. The Akihabara district is known for tech shops and otaku and anime culture. The Ginza district, the city's busiest shopping area, is also a great spot to just stop and watch the world go by. Or rush by, rather. If you need some respite from the frenetic pace of this city, head for the serenity of Ueno Park, the city's largest green space and home to numerous temples and museums. There's even a zoo here.

Please note: Today your luggage will be transferred to Tokyo in preparation for your arrival. You will need to pack an overnight bag.

DAY 18

Destination	Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Sunroute Asakusa, or similar

It's a free day for you to explore this energetic, fascinating city. Your luggage will arrive today.

This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with the group and tour guide to celebrate your time in Japan.

You'll have the choice between 2 of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package. This morning you'll have the choice of two different options.

DAY 19

Destination	Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

We hope you have enjoyed your journey through this magical country.

Please note: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or alternatively please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. This service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.

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TOUR ITINERARY

Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Internal airfare from Tokyo to Sapporo
- Accommodations in both Western style hotels and traditional Ryokans
- Twin room based (Please be advised Double rooms are NOT guaranteed)
- All Transportation costs (including 14 days JR Pass)
- Activities indicated in the itinerary (including 2 optionals from 4)
- Luggage transfer x 5
- Meals: All breakfasts (at accommodation), 3 dinners
- 2-20 people: 1 English speaking tour leader – Will accompany the group throughout
- Guide assistance for departure transfers by rail
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except options)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional

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SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Sapporo - Visit the iconic Sapporo Beer Museum
- Saporro - Visit the famous Clock Tower and the lively Susukino district
- Matsushima - Cruise around the inlets on this famous bay
- Hakodate - Ride up the 334m Mt Hakodate gondola
- Hakodate - Enjoy a morning visit to the morning fish market
- Sendai - Enjoy a day trip to Matsushima
- Sendai - Visit the Zuiganji Temple, a National Treasure
- Kanazawa - Visit beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, Omicho Market and the Higashi Chaya district, where geishas perform
- Osaka - Visit Dotonbori area and Kuromon market
- Koyasan - Walk the cobbled path to sacred Okunoin Temple
- Himeji - Visit the famous castle known as the 'White Heron'
- Hiroshima - Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Genbaku Dome to understand the tragedies of Japan's not so distant past
- Himeji - See the enormous, UNESCO-listed Himeji Castle
- Miyajima - See the 12th-century Itsukushima Shrine and famous floating torii gate
- Kyoto - Visit the Zen temple Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion and breathtaking Nijō Castle
- Nara - See the country's largest Buddha statue and the famous Nara deer park
- Tokyo - Enjoy the buzz and energy of one of the world's great cities
- Otaru - See the quaint canal, the famous Music Box Museum and walk the well-preserved Sakaimachi Street

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INSPIRING FEATURES

Inspiring Stays

- Stay 1 night in a traditional monk temple lodge on the sacred Mt Koysan in a traditional Japanese Tatami room with futon.

Inspiring Sights

The choice between 2 of 4 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

- Osaka - Osaka Food Tour
- Kyoto - Cycling Tour
- Tokyo - Tsukiji Fish Market
- Tokyo - Made in Japan Shopping Ningyocho

The remaining 2 inspiring sights may be purchased prior to departure if you would like to participate in all optional Inspiring sights (see full details under 'Optional Tours').

Inspiring Tastes

- Let your guide take you on a local welcome and farewell dinner sampling a range of local dishes
- Enjoy a traditional vegetarian dinner prepared by Buddhist monks in Koyasan

Fine Print

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a AUD \$250 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$2160 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

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EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Airport lounges

Escape busy airport terminals and relax at a cosy and catered lounge instead. Departure lounge access in Sydney \$70 per person (up to 6 hours); Melbourne & Brisbane \$55 per person (up to 3 hours).

Airport lounge passes can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

Pre and post tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$374 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation: \$329 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

Airport Transfers

For this package, we cannot offer a private airport transfer service for you, therefore you will be required to make your own way from & to the airport at your own expense. You may choose to book a shared transfer service independently, get a taxi on arrival or travel by train. For advice, you may speak to your Dedicated Support Agent.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

You have the choice of 2 of 4 Inspiring Experiences to enhance your journey. If you wish to purchase the remaining 2 you may purchase the additional optional tours as follows:

- Osaka (Day 9) - Osaka Food Tour - \$135 per person
- Kyoto (Day 16) - Cycling Tour - \$135 per person
- Tokyo (Day 18) - Tsukiji Fish Market - \$135 per person
- Tokyo (Day 18) - Made in Japan Shopping Ningyocho - \$135 per person

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Optional Tour Bundle

As well as choosing 2 of 4 optional tours for free, if you're wanting to make the most of your time in Japan, why not purchase our optional tour bundle? These optional tours have been hand-picked by our staff and based on our customers personal favourites.

1. Osaka Food Tour
2. Cycling Tour

\$240 per person.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency, therefore we suggest you book before you go to avoid disappointment. We appreciate your understanding.

Please note that transportation to and from each optional tour is not included in the price. You will be required to make your own way to the starting point of the optional tour, as well as back to your hotel. Your tour guide can provide you with the direction and guidance needed to make your own way.

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EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Airport transfers
- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a “4”:

4 – Active Tour: A very good level of fitness and mobility is required for you to enjoy all aspects of the itinerary, as this is considered a fast-paced tour. While there is some free time scheduled either in the morning or afternoon, there are many full days of sightseeing with minimal rest and some early starts. You will be required to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and participate in all scheduled sightseeing that may be conducted on uneven ground and terrain. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. While tipping is not customary, it's of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations. You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Suggested amount for your guide, 500Y per person per day. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

Accommodation

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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.

Twin Share Bedding Configuration

At any time, bedding configuration is subject to confirmation by the hotel and based on availability. While you have the option to select either twin or double bedding at time of booking, our recommendation when travelling to Japan is to choose twin bedding, as the rooms are often bigger than those that have a double bed. If insisting on double bedding, please note that the rooms will be smaller and more narrow. As a general expectation, we cannot always guarantee bedding at all hotel stays.

Single Supplement

Single Supplement is AUD\$3,500 per person for a double/twin room to be occupied by a solo traveller.

Please note that the single supplement is high since you will be occupying a room on your own, therefore you are essentially paying the cost to have a room to yourself.

Triple Share

Not available

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

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 to Australia.

Australian passport holders do not need a visa for travel to Japan.

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

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Tour Documentation

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

Group Size

6-20 people

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 inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

Luggage

You will be required to manoeuvre your own luggage throughout this trip. We have included luggage transfers from city to city for the longer journeys so you can travel unencumbered. However you'll need an overnight bag for 1-2 night stays which you are comfortable carrying/wheeling and lifting. We recommend for your convenience you limit your luggage to 15kgs per person.

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

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Flexible Date Change Option

The information provided in this document is subject to change and may be affected by unforeseen events outside the control of Inspiring Vacations. Where changes to your itinerary or bookings occur, appropriate advice or instructions will be sent to your email address.

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Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.