

# 17 DAY UNFORGETTABLE JAPAN

## DESTINATIONS

—  
TOKYO  
KAWAGUCHIKO  
TAKAYAMA  
KANAZAWA  
KYOTO  
OSAKA  
HIROSHIMA



## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Home ➔ Tokyo
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Shinagawa Prince Hotel , or similar

Today, board your flight for Japan.

Upon arrival into Tokyo, please make your own way to the starting point hotel.

Take the evening to relax after your flight and prepare for your first full day of touring tomorrow.

#### *Arrival & check in:*

*Haneda International Airport (HND). The easiest and most convenient way to travel from Haneda International Airport (HND) to Shinagawa Prince Hotel is by train. Simply take the Keikyu Line to Shinagawa Station. The trip takes approximately 11 minutes and costs 300 Yen. From Shinagawa Station it is an easy 270m walk to the Shinagawa Prince Hotel.*

*Narita International Airport. The best way to travel from Narita International Airport to Shinagawa Prince Hotel is by the Narita Airport Express. The journey to Shinagawa Station takes approximately 1hr and the ticket costs 4070 Yen. From Shinagawa Station it is an easy 270m walk to the Shinagawa Prince Hotel.*

*Travellers will be arriving at various times throughout the day. 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 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.*

*Please note: Some flights may depart Australia the night before*

### DAY 2

Destination	Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Shinagawa Prince Hotel , or similar

After breakfast this morning your English-speaking guide will meet you to begin your full-day coach tour of Japan's ultramodern capital – Tokyo. Our tour will begin with a visit to Meiji Shrine, located within a 170 acre forest in the centre of the city. Constructed of cypress wood and copper, the shrine commemorates Emperor Meiji, Japan's 122nd emperor, who presided over Japan's industrial revolution and emergence onto the world stage.

We will then visit the Tokyo Skytree (*for 2021 departures, Skytree will be replaced with a visit to Tokyo Tower*). Open since May 2012, the Skytree is a television and radio broadcast site, and contains a restaurant and two viewing platforms. At 634m, it's among the tallest structures in the world.

Next we visit Asakusa district, and the Sensō-ji Temple. This is Tokyo's oldest temple, and it's dedicated to Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy. On the approach to Sensō-ji is Nakamise Shopping Street, a centuries-old promenade of shops selling traditional snacks and souvenirs like kimonos and bottles of saké.

We'll take a short break for lunch before beginning our Sumida River Cruise, where we'll have the opportunity to view the beautiful scenery of Tokyo from a unique perspective.

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We round off the day with a trip to Odaiba, a large artificial island in Tokyo Bay. Built as an island fortress in the 19th century, Odaiba will be a venue location for the 2020 Olympic Games, and is already a popular leisure and sightseeing area.

### DAY 3

Destination	Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Shinagawa Prince Hotel , or similar

Today is a full free day in Tokyo. There is no end to the spectacular sightseeing and activities available to you, as Tokyo truly has something for everyone. Take as much time as you like to relax at your leisure, explore the city, shop for souvenirs and eat the delectable cuisine. Be sure to ask your guide for recommendations on more must-see spots around the city.

#### OPTIONAL TOUR -SUSHI MAKING IN TOKYO - 16 DAY UNFORGETTABLE JAPAN

Take a closer look at the fascinating world of sushi, extending from the ocean to your plate. Learn the art of sushi-making from a sushi master, then enjoying your creations afterwards.

#### OPTIONAL TOUR - CALLIGRAPHY CLASS IN TOKYO - 16 DAY UNFORGETTABLE JAPAN

Today, learn the Shodo - the way of writing. Experience the traditional Japanese calligraphy - from the preparation to of the ink - to the writing with a brush.

#### OPTIONAL TOUR -IZAKAYA NIGHT TOUR - TOKYO - 16 DAY UNFORGETTABLE JAPAN

Tonight, enjoy your experience of an Izakaya - a typical Japanese casual Pub where Japanese people go for 'after work drinks'. You will be picked up from your hotel and will head to a local Izakaya to experience the lifestyle of a local while enjoying different types of alcohol and traditional Japanese 'pub' food.

### DAY 4

Destination	Tokyo 🚗 Yokohama 🚗 Hakone 🚗 Kawaguchiko
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Regina Kawaguchiko (traditional Ryokan), or similar

Leaving Tokyo this morning we head to the national park region of Hakone. On the way we explore the Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse – a building complex that was erected a century ago as a customs house for Yokohama Port. Requisitioned by the US military after World War II, the buildings were repurposed as a cultural centre and shopping complex in 2002.

Next, we visit the incredible Kamakura Daibutsu, or Great Buddha, at Kōtoku-in Temple. Constructed in 1252, and once covered in gold, the bronze Great Buddha is an impressive sight.

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Afterwards, we'll take a boat cruise on Lake Ashi. The lake sits within the caldera of Mount Hakone, and is famed for its views of Mount Fuji. Boats inspired by western warships cruise the scenic lake, and the picturesque, forested region has been popular with hikers and sightseers for centuries.

We then transfer to Lake Kawaguchiko, an absolutely stunning area that's home to the second largest of the Fuji Five Lakes and promises more fabulous views of Mount Fuji.

Later we'll arrive at the hotel and prepare for a lovely dinner with our fellow travellers.

### DAY 5

Destination	Kawaguchiko 🚗 Mt. Fuji 🚗 Takayama
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hida Hotel Plaza, or similar

Today, after departing Kawaguchiko, we travel by coach to visit Mount Fuji's 5th Station, which is halfway up the active volcano. Mount Fuji is the country's tallest peak and it is considered one of Japan's three holy mountains. Here, above the clouds, we'll view the mountain's enormous summit if weather permits.

Next we transfer to Matsumoto, where we'll visit Matsumoto Castle, also known as the 'Crow Castle' due to its dramatic black exterior. It is listed as a National Treasure of Japan and was built in the 1500s.

Following this we'll continue on to our final destination today, the city of Takayama.

*Please note for 2021 travel, Matsumoto entry fee is not included.*

### DAY 6

Destination	Takayama
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hida Hotel Plaza, or similar

Today is yours to explore Takayama at leisure. The old town of Takayama is famous for its beautifully preserved buildings, including whole streets of houses that date back to the Edo Period (1600-1868). Be sure to ask your guide for their recommendations on must-see spots around the city.

#### KIMONO FITTING - TAKAYAMA

Kimonos are a traditional Japanese garment that were first introduced in Japan in the Heian period. You will be able to rent a Kimono and walk around the traditional streets of Kanazawa to take iconic photos. Your guide will be able to provide you with directions to the venue.

### DAY 7

Destination	Takayama 🚗 Shirakawago 🚗 Kanazawa
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ KKR Hotel Kanazawa, or similar

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Today your luggage will be sent ahead to meet you in Kyoto tomorrow evening, so please ensure you have an overnight bag packed and ready for this evening.

Before leaving Takayama this morning we'll tour the Miyagawa Open-Air Market and stop at Kamisannomachi Street in Takayama's Old Town, a wonderfully well-preserved slice of old Japan, with houses and shops dating back to the Edo period (1600-1868). As well as the charming architecture, there are several quaint cafés and a number of old saké breweries to explore.

We'll then travel to Shirakawa-gō Village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has more than 100 'Gassho-style' houses, which feature steeply-pitched roofs. Built many hundreds of years ago, these historic houses stand together in a beautiful natural setting. From the site's observation deck you can enjoy a panoramic view of this unique village, its thatched-roof houses sitting among gorgeous mountain scenery. Following this we will transfer to Kanazawa to rest for the evening.

### DAY 8

Destination	Kanazawa 🚆 Kyoto
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo, or similar

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

We also visit Nomura Samurai House, the historic residence of the Nomura Samurai clan. The intriguing house and grounds provide an insight into the lifestyle of the samurai, or military nobility, during the 16-19th centuries. The residence features beautiful architecture, gardens and décor, such as intricately painted screen doors.

Finally we will take a brief tour around Higashi Chaya District, a beautifully preserved and picturesque historical area of Kanazawa, before heading to Kanazawa station. After a break for lunch here, we'll transfer by limited express Thunderbird train from Kanazawa to Kyoto. Upon arrival in Kyoto, the rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

### DAY 9

Destination	Kyoto
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo, or similar

Today is a full free day to spend in Kyoto. This golden city was once the capital of Japan and sits on the island of Honshū. It's famous for its numerous classical Buddhist temples, as well as gardens, imperial palaces, Shinto shrines and traditional wooden houses. In the city's famous Gion district, Geisha can often be seen strolling through the streets.

#### IZAKAYA NIGHT TOUR - KYOTO

Tonight, enjoy your experience of an Izakaya - a typical Japanese casual Pub where Japanese go for a drink after work. You will be picked up from your guide at your hotel and will head to a local Izakaya to try the life style of a local while enjoying different type of alcohols and tradtional Japanese pub food.

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### FLOWER ARRANGING IN KYOTO

Today, experience Ikebana - the Japanese art of flower arrangement that dates back to the 7th century. The tradition believes that by arranging the flowers you give a new life to the flowers - Ike (Live) Hana (flower). Head to a master's classroom where you will be able to try hands-on the art of flower arrangement in Japan.

### DAY 10

Destination	Kyoto 🚌 Nara 🚌 Kyoto
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo, or similar

This morning, we travel the short distance to Nara by bus, and visit Kinkaku-ji Temple, otherwise known as the Golden Pavilion. This is a Zen temple and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold. The site is set within a beautiful classical Zen garden. The detailed architecture of Kinkaku-ji incorporates three distinct architectural styles – Shinden, Samurai, and Zen.

Next, we visit Heian-jingū (Heian Shinto Shrine), a replica of an ancient imperial palace, and a symbol of the rebirth of Kyoto after World War II. The enormous vermilion Shinto *torii* (a traditional Japanese gate) is unforgettable.

Later today we'll visit Tōdai-ji (Great Eastern Temple), famed for its Great Buddha Hall, which remains one of the largest wooden buildings in the world. This impressive building houses a 15m-tall bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Following this we'll wander through gorgeous Nara Park, where more than 1200 tame sika deer roam freely, before returning to Kyoto for the evening.

### DAY 11

Destination	Kyoto 🚌 Osaka
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel Elserene Osaka, or similar

This morning we begin a full-day coach tour of Kyoto. Our first stop will be the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine. Famous for its thousands of vermilion *torii* (shrine gates), which straddle a network of trails behind its main temples, the Fushimi Inari Shrine is incredibly photogenic. The trails lead into the forest of the sacred Mount Inari, which stands at 233m and belongs to the shrine grounds. Fushimi Inari is the most important of several thousands of shrines dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice.

Next we'll visit Arashiyama, a stunning area known for its thick bamboo forest, which is also designated by the Japanese government as a Place of Scenic Beauty. Following our tour we'll depart Kyoto and head to Osaka, where we'll check into our hotel and spend the evening relaxing.

### OPTIONAL TOUR - GREEN TEA CEREMONY - 16 DAY UNFORGETTABLE JAPAN

Also called Chado, "the way of tea" is the traditional and ceremonial preparation and presentation of Matcha. You will be shown how to prepare the tea and be able to experience preparing it as well. Your guide will be able to provide you with directions to the venue.

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### DAY 12

Destination	Osaka 🚆 Himeji 🚆 Kurashiki 🚆 Hiroshima
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel New Hiroden, or similar

Today your main luggage will remain at the hotel in Osaka to meet you upon your return in two days time. Please ensure you have an overnight bag packed for your two evenings in Hiroshima.

After breakfast we'll depart Osaka to visit the so-called 'White Heron Castle', Himeji – it's the largest surviving example of a traditional Japanese castle. Comprising 83 buildings, the white roof of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed complex is said to evoke the wings of a heron taking flight, hence the popular name Shirasagi-jō (White Heron Castle). This is the most visited castle in Japan and the site offers some wonderful views of surrounding Himeji city.

From here we'll continue on to Kurashiki, a city on Japan's Seto Inland Sea, where we'll tour the Bikan Historical Quarter, known for its centuries-old buildings and lovely local shops. After our visit here we'll transfer to our hotel in Hiroshima.

*Please note for 2021 travel, Himeji Castle entry fee is not included.*

### DAY 13

Destination	Hiroshima 🚆 Miyajima 🚆 Hiroshima
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel New Hiroden, or similar

After breakfast this morning our guide will meet us in the hotel lobby. Together we'll board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima, an island known for its forests and ancient temples. Just offshore, there's a 'floating' 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 has cultural artifacts in a 19th-century merchant's home. We'll take a walk along Omotesando Shopping Street where you can grab some lunch before returning to Hiroshima by ferry.

Once we're back in Hiroshima we'll visit the Atomic Bomb Dome, otherwise known as the Genbaku Dome, or the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. A shell of a building that was one of very few left standing after the United States bombed Hiroshima in 1945. In Hiroshima today, locals have mixed feelings about the UNESCO World Heritage-listed 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.

Later, we'll visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, which contains many poignant, yet important, exhibits. The flame in the cenotaph is intended to burn until the last nuclear weapon has been destroyed.

### DAY 14

Destination	Hiroshima 🚆 Osaka
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel Elserine Osaka, or similar

This morning we'll depart Hiroshima via the bullet train to Shin-Osaka Station. Upon arrival in Osaka we'll begin a full-day coach tour with our guide, beginning at Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the 16th century.

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Later, we'll tour Kuromon Ichiba, one of the city's main food markets. This spacious covered market features vendors peddling street food, fresh produce, shellfish and trinkets and souvenirs.

After a short break for lunch our tour continues to the Minami area in the city's south – a district that's bursting with boutiques, designers outlets, restaurants and bars.

We'll also enjoy a walking tour of the Dōtonbori area. One of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations, this street runs parallel to the Dōtonbori canal and is a hugely popular destination for shopping, street food, bars and entertainment. 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.

This evening we'll enjoy dinner as a group at a local restaurant.

*Please note for 2021 travel, Osaka Castle entry fee is not included.*

### DAY 15

Destination	Osaka
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Hotel Elserine Osaka, or similar

Today is a full free day in Osaka to spend at your leisure. Be sure to ask your guide for recommendations on great places to see and great spots to eat.

### DAY 16

Destination	Osaka → Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today marks the end of your incredible tour through Japan.

*Departure and check out: There are several ways to travel from your hotel to either Osaka International Airport (ITM) or Kansai International Airport (KIX), from shuttle buses to trains and taxis. Transport to the airports can cost between 250 Yen to 21,000 Yen depending on the form of transport you choose. Your Tour Leader will be able to assist you arrange the most convenient way to the airport on the last day of the trip.*

*Travellers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out is 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. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost.*

### DAY 17

Destination	Home
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Arrive home today. We hope you've been *inspired*.

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international airfares with a full service airline
- 15 nights in 3 to 4 star centrally located accommodation in Japan
- Including 1 unforgettable night in a traditional Japanese Ryokan (in Kawaguchiko)
- Breakfast daily including a traditional Japanese Kaiseki dinner
- The services of a professional fully escorted English speaking guide in Japan
- In depth sightseeing including all entry fees as per the itinerary
- Dedicated private transportation throughout Japan
- Bullet train from Hiroshima to Osaka

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Tokyo - Visit the famous Asakusa district
- Tokyo - See one of Japan's most revered shrines, the Meiji shrine
- Tokyo - Ascend the 634m Sky Tree observation tower
- Yokohama - Visit Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse
- Hakone - Visit the incredible Daibutsu (Great Buddha) at Kotoku-in Temple
- Hakone - Cruise on Lake Ashi with views of Mt Fuji
- Kawaguchiko - Experience a traditional hot-spring onsen guesthouse
- Mt Fuji - Gaze at Mount Fuji's from the 5th Station
- Shirakawago - View World Heritage site with 114 Gassho-style houses
- Takayama - Explore Takayama's Old Town with Edo period houses
- Kanazawa - Visit Kenrokuen Garden – one of Japan's top three landscape gardens
- Kyoto - Enjoy a full free day to explore at your own pace
- Kyoto - Visit Kinkakuji - the Golden Pavilion
- Nara - Wander through Nara park with over 1,200 Sika deer
- Nara - Discover the Todaji Temple and its great Buddha
- Osaka - View the Umeda Sky Building Floating Observatory
- Osaka - Wander the Namba-Shinsaibashi shopping district
- Himeji - Visit Himeji Castle
- Kurashiki - Explore the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- Hiroshima - Visit the moving Atomic Bomb Dome
- Hiroshima - Pay homage to the victims at the Peace Memorial and Museum
- Hiroshima - Travel to the spiritual island of Miyajima

### Fine Print

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### 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.

### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

### **Flexible Date Change Option**

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.

Airfare Inclusive packages - If you are purchasing an airfare inclusive package, the Flexible Date Change option applies to the tour portion of your package. Airfare flexibility will be subject to the airline's fare rules and a change fee plus any fare difference may be applicable.

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**

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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](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1500 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!

### FLIGHTS, UPGRADES AND EXTENSIONS

#### Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used which will include meals, luggage and entertainment
- Flights may not be direct and may include a maximum of two connections.
- If you would like to travel with a preferred airline, please ensure you mention this in the special request field. Please note that appropriate fare and tax difference will be applicable in order to

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confirm your request.

- Adelaide customers will likely require two stops in either direction and will attract an airfare surcharge; Adelaide Surcharge - \$250
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

### **Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades**

- Premium Economy - Not available.
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$6,500 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

### **Land Only discount**

To purchase this tour as a Land Only itinerary, please [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Extending Your Stay**

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Once you have logged in to your account, click on 'Book Now' and complete the required fields until you reach the 'Special Requests' free text field.
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and/or preferred airline. Be sure to mention if you would like us to also quote additional nights' accommodation, with the number of

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nights needed.

By choosing to extend your stay, please note that a supplement of \$150 per person, plus applicable fare and tax differences will apply. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

### 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 "3":

3 - Moderate; This tour is conducted at a medium-fast pace. Some long travel days may be required to complete this itinerary and you will typically spend two nights at each destination, with some one night stays required. This trip includes a mix of sightseeing and free time to explore at your own pace. You will be required to move about unassisted, including getting on and off vehicles, walking up and down stairs and some activities will be conducted on uneven or steep terrain. You will be required to handle your own luggage.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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### Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$2,000 in addition to the twin share price.

Please note when choosing Single Supplement for this deal that you will receive a single room, which is smaller in size than a twin/double room. Unfortunately this is typical for Japan, as the cost to solely occupy a double/twin size room is incredibly high. We appreciate your understanding.

### 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 travellers responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your intended date of return to Australia.

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

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://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.

### Group Size

20-40 people

### Trip Style - Group Tour

Our Group Tours offer unparalleled value for money and are the perfect style of travel for those on a budget, though still eager to pack as much in to their itinerary as possible. These tours tick all the boxes with an abundance of inclusions such as sightseeing highlights, expert tour guides, quality accommodation, transfers, coach transportation, some

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meals and more. Please note that the maximum group size will vary between deals and will be mentioned within the Fine Print of each deal page.

### **Children**

Children must be 5 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: cherry blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your arrival.

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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering the following optional tours that you can participate in on your free days:

- Calligraphy Class in Tokyo (Day 3) - \$129pp
- Sushi Making in Tokyo (Day 3) - \$199pp
- Izakaya Night Tour - Tokyo (Day 3) - \$200pp
- Kimono Fitting in Takayama (Day 6) - \$99pp
- Tea Ceremony in Kyoto (Day 9) - \$130pp
- Flower Arranging in Kyoto (Day 9) - \$115pp
- Izakaya Night tour in Kyoto (Day 9) - \$200pp

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:**

Make the most of your experience in Japan and purchase an optional tour bundle. These optional tours have been hand-picked by our staff and based on our customers personal favourites.

1. Sushi Making in Tokyo (Day 3)
2. Kimono Fitting in Takayama (Day 6)
3. Tea Ceremony in Kyoto (Day 9)

\$400 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.*



## TOUR ITINERARY

### EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, to give you more time in Japan.

#### Pre and post-tour accommodation

- Pre-tour accommodation (Tokyo): \$471 per room per night
- Post-tour accommodation (Osaka): \$389 per room per night

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

#### Arrival and departure transfers

Should you wish to book a private arrival transfer on arrival or departure, please add this to your booking at the time of purchase

- Tokyo - Airport Transfer to accommodation, max 3 passengers - \$311 per vehicle
- Osaka - accommodation to airport transfer, max 3 passengers - \$311 per vehicle

### EXCLUSIONS

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

### WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

For more information on the weather in Japan, click [HERE](#).