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13 Day Magnificent Japan

Kyoto
Tokyo
Osaka
Mt Fuji
Hakone
Nara
Matsumoto
Takayama
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Japan is known for its expert ability to mix the ultramodern with the traditional. One moment you'll be transported back in time and the next you'll be gazing into the future. The Land of the Rising Sun is full of innovation, adventure and mystique.

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TOUR ITINERARY



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DAY 1

Destination	Osaka
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka, or similar

Welcome to Japan! Today is at your leisure.

Check in: 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 hotel's discretion.

DAY 2

Destination	Osaka
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka, or similar

Prepare for a full day of touring today. You'll meet with your English-speaking guide in the morning before heading out to explore the city. We'll begin at the stunning Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the 16th century.

After exploring the castle and its extensive grounds, we'll move on to something much more modern – the Umeda Sky Building's Floating Garden Observatory, which provides an unparalleled view over Osaka. The viewing platform is suspended between two 40-storey towers, 173m above the city's streets.

Next we'll enjoy a walking tour of the Dōtonbori area, one of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations running parallel to the Dōtonbori canal, and a place that's packed with shops, bars, street food 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.

We'll finish our tour at one of Osaka's most famous districts – the nostalgic Shinsekai, which translates to 'New World'. The district was created in the early 1900s and modelled on the cities of Paris and New York. After our guided tour we'll return to the hotel where you can spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

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DAY 3

Destination	Osaka
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Monterey Grasmere Osaka, or similar

Today is a free day to explore the wonders of Osaka. Osaka is known for its modern architecture, lively nightlife and hearty street food and has no end of extraordinary sights and activities. Be sure to ask your guide for some recommendations.

To enhance your journey, we're offering 2 free **Inspiring Sights** experiences throughout the duration of your tour, from a total of 5 options.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - WAGYU BEEF DINNER

Tonight, enjoy the world-famous delicacy of Kobe beef. Kobe beef comes from the Tajima strain of the Japanese Black cattle, raised according to strict guidelines only in Hyōgo Prefecture. The meat is prized across the globe for its flavour, tenderness and marbling.

DAY 4

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

This morning we say farewell to Osaka as we continue on our journey towards the City of Ten Thousand Shrines, Kyoto. Considered by many to be the Jewel in the country's crown, and one of the only cities in the country to escape destruction during the war, many of this former imperial capital's relics have remained intact.

Upon arrival we'll begin a guided tour of the city at the breathtaking Nijō Castle. Its palace buildings are arguably the best surviving examples of castle palace architecture of Japan's feudal era; as such the castle was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994.

From here we'll travel to Kinkaku-ji Temple, 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, set within a beautiful classical Zen garden. The detailed architecture incorporates three distinct architectural styles – Shinden, Samurai, and Zen.

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Next we will explore the Ryōan-ji, the site of Japan's most famous rock garden finishing our tour at Arashiyama. Here we will see the famous bamboo forest, a nationally designated historic site and a place of serene beauty. Following this, the rest of the afternoon will be yours to spend at leisure.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - TOFU DINNER

Kyoto is famed for its vegetarian cuisine, developed over many centuries thanks to the influence of the local monk culture. Tofu is one of the local specialities and can be prepared in a variety of ways – from simple recipes that involve just soy sauce and ginger, to the famous local agedashi style, where it's deep fried. Tofu is one of the most commonly used ingredients in Japanese cuisine.

DAY 5

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

Today we begin at the magical 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 set out with our guide towards Nara, a city with significant temples and artwork dating to the eighth century, when it was Japan's capital. Here we'll wander through Nara Park, where more than 1200 tame sika deer roam freely. According to the Shinto religion these animals are messengers of the gods.

Later 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.

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We'll finish our tour today at the Grand Shrine of Kasuga. This eighth-century Shinto shrine is renowned for its many lanterns: the pathway to the shrines are lined with 2000-plus stone lanterns, or *ishidoro*, while the shrines and gates themselves are adorned with more than a thousand lanterns made from bronze.

Upon completion of our guided tour of Nara, we will return to our hotel in Kyoto.

DAY 6

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

Prepare an overnight bag this morning, as your larger luggage will be transported ahead of you, to arrive in Takayama in two days' time.

We'll meet our guide after check-out, who will walk with us to the Kyoto station. Here we'll board the *Thunderbird* train to Kanazawa station. Upon arrival this afternoon we'll enjoy a guided tour of Kanazawa, one of the few cities in Japan to escape destruction by air raids. As such, parts of the old castle town – including the Nagamachi samurai district and chaya entertainment districts – have survived.

Next we'll 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.

Later we'll tour Kanazawa Castle Park, an absolutely stunning open space in the middle of the city and a favourite stop for many, the sprawling leafy grounds backed by a partially restored white and black castle.

We'll end our guided tour at the beautiful 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.

DAY 7

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

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Today is yours to explore Kanazawa on your own. Perhaps pick up some regional handicrafts at one of the city's shops, roam the streets of Kanazawa's well-preserved Edo-era districts, visit its many art galleries and museums, or simply relax. Be sure to ask your guide for some recommendations.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - GREEN TEA CEREMONY

Also called chadō, 'the way of tea' is the traditional and ceremonial preparation and presentation of matcha, the finely ground powder of specially grown and processed green tea leaves. You'll 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.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - KIMONO FITTING

Kimono's are a traditional Japanese garment, first introduced in Japan in the Heian period (between 794 and 1185). You'll be able to rent a kimono and walk around the traditional streets of Kanazawa to take photos. Your guide will provide you with directions to the venue.

DAY 8

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

This morning we leave Kanazawa and travel towards our next destination, Takayama. Along the way we'll stop in 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.

After our visit here we'll continue on to the Edo-period city of Takayama. Upon arrival we'll visit the Takayama Jinya, the former government house of Takayama. Once upon a time there were more than 60 similar buildings around Japan, but this is the only one left standing today.

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Next we'll visit Kamisannomachi Street in the city'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.

DAY 9

Destination	Takayama 🚆 Matsumoto 🚆 Mt. Fuji 🚆 Hakone
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Tokinoyu Setsugetsuka, or similar

Today we begin our journey towards Hakone, making stops at some of Japan's most iconic destinations along the way. *Before you depart the hotel, be sure to pack an overnight bag again, as your larger luggage will be sent ahead of you and be waiting upon arrival at your hotel in Tokyo. As the bullet train cannot accommodate larger luggage, this is the most convenient option for the group.*

First we arrive in Matsumoto, where we will enjoy a guided tour of this mountain city, which includes a visit to Matsumoto Castle. Also known as the 'Crow Castle' due to its dramatic black exterior, this building, completed in the 1500s, is listed as a National Treasure of Japan.

After enjoying a break for lunch, we continue on to the Mount Fuji 5th station, which is halfway up the active volcano. At 3,776m high 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.

Later this afternoon we'll arrive in Hakone and enjoy a *kaiseki* dinner at the hotel – this is a traditional, multi-course meal that is meticulously prepared and typically demonstrates numerous cooking techniques. You can also enjoy a private *onsen* (hot spring) experience on your balcony as part of your **Inspiring Stay**.

DAY 10

Destination	Hakone 🚆 Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Keihan Tsukiji Ginza Grande, or similar

Today begins with a comprehensive guided tour of Hakone – a mountainous town that lies within Japan's Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and is known for its hot springs and mesmerising views of Mount Fuji. Our tour will begin at Hakone Shrine, famous for its torii that sits in the waters of Lake Ashi and frames gorgeous views of the surrounding landscape.

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Next we'll visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum, which is home to more than a thousand sculptures and works of art from both Japanese and international artists such as Picasso and Henry Moore.

After our tour of the Hakone Open-Air Museum, we'll take some time to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before heading to Odawara station, from where we'll transfer to Tokyo, experiencing the mind-blowing speed of the bullet train, which travels at up to 320 km/h. The *shinkansen*, as they are known locally, are famous for their punctuality, comfort and safety.

Upon arrival in Tokyo, we'll enjoy an afternoon with our guide exploring some of the sights of the city. Tokyo is the capital city of Japan and the world's most populated megalopolis – the Tokyo metropolitan area spreads over three prefectures and has a whopping 38 million inhabitants.

We'll begin our tour in the Ginza district, Tokyo's most famous upmarket shopping, dining and entertainment district. From here we'll head to the Shibuya Crossing, rumoured to be the busiest intersection in the world. Following this you're free to spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.

DAY 11

Destination	Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Keihan Tsukiji Ginza Grande, or similar

A full day tour of this magnificent city awaits. Our first stop will be the 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.

Next we'll visit the Imperial Palace, the primary residence of the Emperor of Japan. Built on the site of the old Edo castle, it is surrounded by large park areas, moats and massive stone walls, and come cherry blossom season it is blanketed in a sea of pink blooms.

A tour of Tokyo would not be complete without a visit to Tsukiji, the world's biggest wholesale fish market and the largest wholesale food market in the world. Stroll through Tokyo's kitchen and delight in the tastes, smells and sights. Take some time to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before we begin our Sumida River Cruise, which offers a striking new perspective of the city.

Following our cruise we'll head to the Asakusa district where we'll visit the beautiful Sensō-ji Temple. This ancient Buddhist temple is Tokyo's oldest, and one of its most significant, dedicated to Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy.

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We will then visit the Tokyo Skytree. 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.

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OPTIONAL TOUR - OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - SUSHI DINNER

One of Japan's most famous exports, the word sushi is recognised almost anywhere in the world today. International versions of the dish continue to evolve in a unique way to reflect local characteristics and often use unconventional ingredients such as avocado, cheese, or fried prawns.

DAY 12

Destination	Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Keihan Tsukiji Ginza Grande, or similar

Today is a free day to explore Tokyo on your own. Japan's busy capital expertly mixes the ultramodern with the traditional and has plenty to offer everyone. Feel free to ask your guide for personalised suggestions.

DAY 13

Destination	Tokyo
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Unfortunately, today marks the end of your fantastic tour through some of the best Japan has to offer. We hope you have been *inspired*, and we wish you a safe journey home.

Check out: 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. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- In depth discovery of the Golden Route in Japan
- 11 nights in 3 to 4 star accommodation
- 1 night in a Ryokan with private hot spring tub for the true Japanese experience
- Daily breakfast plus a meticulously prepared multi-course Kaiseki dinner
- The services of a professional English-speaking guide throughout
- In-depth sightseeing & all entry fees as per the itinerary
- Dedicated private transportation throughout
- All tipping
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Osaka - Visit the Osaka castle
- Osaka - Stroll through Dotombori - Shinsaibashi area
- Osaka - Admire the view from the floating observatory of the Umeda Sky Building
- Kyoto - See the most famous shrines - Kinkakuji, Ryoanji Temple, Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine
- Kyoto - Walk through the famous bamboo forest at Arashiyama
- Nara - Deer park
- Nara - Visit the Great Buddha of Todaiji Temple
- Kanazawa - View the famous Kenrokuen Garden
- Kanazawa - Slip into the past at the Nomura Samurai House
- Shirakawago - Admire the 114 Gasho-style houses
- Takayama - Visit the Takayama old town
- Matsumoto - Matsumoto Castle
- Mt Fuji - Enjoy the view from the 5th Station
- Hakone - See the latest exhibition at the open air museum
- Tokyo - Explore the new and traditional in Asakusa
- Tokyo - Climb the Tokyo Sky Tree
- Tokyo - Imperial Palace
- Tokyo - Taste the freshest fish at the fish market

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INSPIRING FEATURES

Inspiring Stay

- Enjoy a private *onsen* (hot spring) experience on your balcony in Hakone

Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests two (2) bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of five (5) options. The remaining 3 options can also be purchased, costs listed under 'Optional Tours'.

- Osaka - Wagyu Beef dinner
- Kyoto - Tofu Dinner
- Kanazawa - Tea Ceremony
- Kanazawa - Kimono fitting
- Tokyo - Sushi dinner

Inspiring Taste

See dinner options in Inspiring Sights

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

- International Airfares
- Airport Transfers
- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1320 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 package by choosing some of the following extra services available for this package:

Pre and post-tour accommodation

We can arrange additional nights accommodation for you where required, though please note that you are required to make your own transfer arrangements both from and to the airport.

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$380 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation: \$380 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

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. Alternatively, you may purchase 1 pre or post-night accommodation, at time of booking.

Arrival and departure 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 5 Inspiring Sights to enhance your journey. You may purchase additional ones prior to departure:

- Osaka - Wagyu Beef Dinner (Day 3) - \$90 per person
- Kyoto - Tofu Dinner (Day 4) - \$90 per person
- Kanazawa - Green Tea Ceremony (Day 7) - \$85 per person
- Kanazawa - Kimono Fitting (Day 7) - \$85 per person
- Tokyo - Sushi Dinner (Day 11) - \$90 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 5 optional tours for free, if you're wanting to make the most of your time in Japan, why not purchase our value-for-money optional tour bundle? These optional tours have been hand-picked by our staff and based on our customers personal favourites:

1. Green Tea Ceremony (Day 7)
2. Sushi Dinner (Day 11)

\$155 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

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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 Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. 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.

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.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$1,350 per person 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.

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Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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 New Zealand.

New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa for travel to Japan, for less than 90 days.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements. Visas should not be applied for until you receive your final documentation.

Tour Documentation

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

Group Size

15-40 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 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 inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in

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your destination(s).

Cherry Blossom Dates

The cherry blossoms (sakura) usually bloom in the last week of March and the first two weeks of April. Cherry blossom are extremely seasonal and we can't guarantee they will bloom during your visit.

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.

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

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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.

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