

# ***BEST OF JAPAN TOUR***



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## Best of Japan Escorted Tour & Flights

Duration: 8 days

Stay: 6 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: JPBIV8M

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## About the holiday

Tick Japan off your must-do list with a rich journey through this country of contrasts, fascinating culture and dazzling beauty.

Explore eclectic Tokyo, visit a charming small village in the Fuji Five Lake region and soak in the serene beauty of Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. See the famed deer of Nara, visit a ninja museum, see sacred shrines, castles and temples - and of course, witness the natural beauty of breathtaking Mount Fuji.

Follow your English-speaking guide through cultural hubs, learn about Geishas, visit enchanting castles and discover beautifully quaint backstreets. Travel in style with dedicated transportation, to ensure you get the most out of your Japanese adventure!

## Why we love this trip...

- This 8-day adventure is perfect for travellers who want to go discover Japan's unique, local and cultural experiences.
- Enjoy incredible sightseeing, including Kyoto's Fushimi Inari and Golden Pavilion, marvel at sacred Mount Fuji, and discover the dazzling cities of Tokyo and Osaka
- In-depth sightseeing and entrance fees are included, as per the itinerary
- Stay in centre 3- and 4-star accommodation
- It's a top-value trip, with flights from Australia included

## Travel dates

2024 - Departures from March to November, See our website for current dates\*

*\*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for your preferred departure and current prices.*

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## Escorted Tour Package includes:

**Flights** - Return economy airfares to Tokyo

Fly from Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane (contact us for other cities)

**Accommodation** - 6 nights in central 3- & 4-star hotels

Standard rooms based on twin share

**Meals** - Daily breakfast

**Transportation** - Comfortable, dedicated transportation throughout

**Tour Guiding** - Fully escorted by a professional English-speaking guide

**Sightseeing** - sightseeing with entrance fees, as per the itinerary

## Package excludes:

Japanese visa fees

COVID-19 PCR test, if required for international travel

Airport transfers

Meals, other than breakfast

Optional sightseeing tours & activities

Gratuities for guides & drivers

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Travel insurance is essential, please contact us for a quote

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by the airline, tour company, hotels & local operators.***

***Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***

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## Tour Itinerary:

### **Day 1 - Home - Tokyo**

Today, board your flight to Tokyo.

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 information**

Haneda International Airport (HND). The easiest and most convenient way to travel from Haneda International Airport (HND) to Tokyo Central is by train or by Monorail. The airport is also serviced by many 'Limousine Bus' services which offer shared shuttle bus service from around 1300 Yen per person.

Narita International Airport. The best way to travel from Narita International Airport to Tokyo Central is by the Narita Airport Express. The journey to most Tokyo stations takes approximately 1hr and the ticket costs 4070 Yen. The airport is also serviced by many 'Limousine Bus' services which offer shared shuttle buses from around 1300 Yen per person.

### **Hotel Check-in**

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.

*Note: Some flights may depart the day earlier.*

### **Hotel**

3-star Smile Hotel Tokyo Nishikasai or Similar

### **Day 2 - Tokyo - Oishi Park Lake Kawaguchi - Mount Fuji - Hamamatsu**

Enjoy breakfast this morning before you meet your Tour Leader at approximately 08:30am to start your full day of sightseeing. Our day begins with a stop at Oishi Park on the shores of Lake Kawaguchi, well known for its serene, flower-lined walking path and its spectacular view of Mount Fuji. Then, we stop by the eight ponds at Oshino Hakkai, a small village in the Fuji Five Lake region fed by the snow melt from the nearby mountains. See traditional thatched roof farmhouses in the shadow of the iconic Mount Fuji. After our day in the Mount Fuji area we continue to Hamamatsu. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

### **Hotel**

4-star Hotel Crown Palais Hamamatsu or Similar

### **Meals**

Breakfast

### ***Day 3 - Hamamatsu - Nara - Dōtonbori - Osaka***

Today we head to Nara, famous for its many temples and its free-roaming deer. First, we visit Todaiji (Great Eastern Temple), one of Japan's most famous temples. This massive building houses one of Japan's largest bronze statues of Buddha (Daibutsu). We then wander through Nara Park, home to hundreds of friendly Sika deer.

We then continue to Osaka, where we'll 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.

Enjoy an evening at leisure in Osaka.

#### **Hotel**

3-star Sarasa Hotel Namba or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

### ***Day 4 - Osaka - Kyoto - Gion - Osaka***

We'll see the sights of ancient Kyoto this morning, starting with Kyoto's famed Fushimi Inari Shrine - known throughout the world as the 'Path of the Red Gates.' Take time to appreciate the quieter corners of the shrine, and if you're feeling fit, a walk to the halfway point provides stunning city views.

We'll continue on to some of Kyoto's most iconic sites, like 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.

Afterwards, stand amongst the soaring stalks of bamboo at Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. It's green, peaceful and the seemingly endless boughs make for a serene experience, even with the tourist crowds. Take in the sound of rustling bamboo as you stroll these paths - if there's a bit of wind, the groves will gently sway back and forth which only adds to the magic.

Before leaving Kyoto, we visit the authentic Gion district. This historic area is home to many geisha and is packed with bars, restaurants and cafes.

We head back to Osaka for another evening at leisure.

#### **Hotel**

3-star Sarasa Hotel Namba or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

### ***Day 5 - Osaka - Igaryu - Nagoya - Shizuoka***

After breakfast we depart Osaka for Shizuoka. On the way, we will visit the Ninja Museum of Igaryu where you can see a ninja trick house, ninja museum and experience a ninja show (if time permits, at own expense).

We then visit the historic 17th-century Nagoya Castle. The castle is the most iconic landmark in Nagoya and is an impressive sight. Afterwards, we continue to Shizuoka for an evening at leisure.

#### **Hotel**

3-star Smile Hotel Shizuoka or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

### ***Day 6 - Shizuoka - Asakusa - Nakamise Street - Tokyo***

After breakfast we travel back to Tokyo, where we embark on a tour of this energetic city.

In a city of such frenetic pace, a stop at the charming Asakusa neighbourhood is a refreshing taste of older Tokyo. It's home to the ancient seventh-century Sensō-ji Temple. Built in the Asuka era, it's the oldest and most important Buddhist temple in Tokyo - be prepared for crowds! It's known for its imposing entrance gate, Kaminarimon (also known as 'Thunder Gate'), with its magnificent red lantern. We'll walk along Nakamise, the shopping street connecting the front gate and main hall of the temple. It's a wonderful atmosphere, with food stalls and souvenir shops, selling authentic Japanese items like traditional crafts. You'll find great souvenirs here. We'll then stop at Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for late afternoon panoramic city views.

Afterwards, we check in to our hotel for an evening at leisure.

#### **Hotel**

3-star Smile Hotel Tokyo Nishikasai or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

### ***Day 7 - Tokyo - Home***

Enjoy one last delicious breakfast this morning, before your Japanese adventure comes to an end. At the appropriate time, make your own way to the airport for your onward flight.

#### **Departure & check-out:**

There are several ways to travel from your hotel to either Narita Airport (NRT) or Haneda Airport (HND), 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 and hotel concierge 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. Check-out time is generally 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.



## Meals

Breakfast

## *Day 8 - Home*

Arrive home today. We hope you've enjoyed every moment of your Japan experience.

**Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road & rail conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the benefit of clients. It is essential that clients are understanding and flexible in this regard.**

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