

# 9 Days Enchantments of Japan

Highlights of Nippon, Seoul with bullet train

# Trip code: TP09JP

🕑 7 Nights
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 $\bigcirc$ 8 Meals

- 🚨 Small Group ✓ Airfare included
- 4 Star Hotel

Guided tour

- 🚍 Coach, Flight
- Daily Sightseeing

# WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

This tour takes you to the hidden treasures places with a deep insight of the culture and rich history of Japan. Currently Japan is a symbol of the exotic, the unknown and the immeasurable and exudes a sense of complete difference that draws travelers to its fascinating and volcanic shores. A wealth of World Heritage shrines, temples and gardens as well as modern Japan with its ultra-efficient transport system and tall skyscrapers await discovery on this introductory tour.

- Visit spectacular Osaka Castle, which houses an incredible collection of art, armor, and collectibles.
- In Nara, visit the most famous Todaiji and feed the gentle sika deer at Nara Park.
- Travel to Kyoto on the famed shinkansen, or "bullet train"
- World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion and a pondcentered garden.
- Cruise on Lake Ashi, famed for its views of Mount Fuji.
- Enjoy natural hot spring and dress in Yukata robes during our Fuji dinner banquet.
- Tour Tokyo, a metropolis of ancient traditions and cutting-edge technology.



Day 1: North America - Osaka

Day 2: Osaka

- Day 3: Osaka Nara Osaka
- Day 4: Osaka
- Day 5: Osaka Kyoto Nagoya
- Day 6: Hamamastu- Mt. Fuji

Day 7: Mount Fuji - Tokyo

Day 8: Tokyo

Day 9: Tokyo - North America



### Day 1: North America to Osaka

Enjoy an overnight flight to Osaka.

#### Day 2: Osaka

Upon arrival at Osaka Airport, you will meet our representative with the name board at the airport exit. We will assist you to board an airport shuttle and then transfer to your hotel on your own. After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

#### Day 3: Osaka - Nara- Osaka

This morning, you will move to Nara, now known as Nara remains full of iconic sites. Then see Todai-ji Temple, one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples, constructed in the 8th century. In its huge area houses various national treasures of Japan. Step foot in the Daibutsuden (Great Buddha Hall), housing the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through Nara Park, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka. Visit the Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century, before being dropped off at Donburi, which exemplifies Osaka's vibrant food culture.

Meal: Breakfast

#### Day 4: Osaka

Spend today free at your own leisure. You may join the optional Kansai Culture Tour with lunch

(US\$179). Which consist of visiting Higashi Hongan-ji, which is a religious complex of the Pure Land (Jodo Shinshu) Buddhism. Its monumental architecture renowned for being sheltered by the largest wooden roof in the world.Here we can also take a great picture of Kyoto tower. Then visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, a mesmerizing grove of thousands of tall bamboo plants. A paved walkway runs through the middle of both sections, forming the famous "Bamboo Alley," one of Kyoto's most photographed sights. Japanese traditional lunch will be included at a local Japanese restaurant. After that, we will visit one of the most sacred and impressive destinations -Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine and walk through the famous vermilion Torii Gates, the most picturesque location on tour. You may also choose the optional Kimono Rental (US\$55) and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street in Japan's beautiful national dress. In the afternoon, you will get a chance to experience a unique Tea ceremony and Wakashi making, which will make your travel memorable.

You will make Japanese sweets called nerikiri perfect for the tea ceremony and ideal for taking back home as a souvenir. Then return to your comfortable vehicle for the relaxing journey back to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure on your own. In the evening, you may join the traditional art show(USD\$79) which includes a variety of Japanese arts Kyo-mai dance, Kado flower arrangement, Koto, Gagaku court music, etc. **Meal:** Breakfast

#### Day 5: Osaka - Kyoto - Nagoya

This morning experiences a true modern marvel by riding the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto Station. Kyoto was Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868. Countless temples, shrines, and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today. Visit Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion), World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion and a pond-centered garden. Visit the shining Kinkaku with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Then we will visit Nishiki market and experience local life. Rich with history and tradition, the market is renowned as the place to obtain many of Kyoto's famous foods and goods. Travel to Nagoya to visit Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology. Here you will learn about the history of Toyota which started out as a textile machinery manufacturer and how it became a successful mass exporter and manufacturer of automotive technology, including robots. Continue our trip to Hamamatsu and stay overnight.

Meal: Breakfast

#### Day 6: Hamamastu- Mt. Fuji

Today, visit Oshino Hakkai. Known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Afterwards, visit Gotemba Peace Park to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, and Hakone Shrine. Enjoy the picturesque view of Mount Fuji from a distance onboard the cruise on Lake Ashi, a crater lake famous for its views of the famous peak. Finish the day with a true cultural experience in our hot spring hotel. Dress in Yukata bath robes and enjoy a traditional dinner.

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 7: Mount Fuji - Tokyo

Visit Meiji Shrine in the morning, dedicated to the deifed spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Your next stop today is Tokyo Metro to enjoy a panoramic view of enormous Tokyo city. Later, stroll through the Sensoji Temple(Asakusa Kannon Temple), one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples. Then walk along the famous 820-ft long Nakamise shopping street where you can explore the lines of stalls selling different Japanese-styled goods and souvenirs.

Meal: Breakfast

#### Day 8: Tokyo

Spend today free at your leisure. Enjoy a free day to explore and enjoy bustling Tokyo at your leisure. Perhaps discover Japanese history and art at a museum or indulge in some retail therapy at Tokyo's cutting-edge stores - the choice is yours. Alternatively, you may join our optional day trip to Kamakura and Yokohama.(min 10 pax US\$169). Explore two of Japan's most captivating cities on a full-day Kamakura and Yokohama trip from Tokyo. After pickup from your Tokyo hotel, travel southwest by coach to Kamakura, a picturesque seaside city nestled in forested hills on Sagami Bay renowned for its Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines and rich history. Next, continue to Yokohama, Japan's second-largest city. Visit Sankeien garden and the Red Brick Warehouse, where early-20th century custom buildings now house stylish shops, and stroll in waterside Yamashita Park and China town. Meal: Breakfast

2023				
Depart	Return	Land Only	Package	
27-Mar	04-Apr	CAD\$2499	CAD\$4099	
30-Mar	07-Apr	CAD\$2499	CAD\$4099	
17-Apr	25-Apr	CAD\$2499	CAD\$3799	
09-May	17-May	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3599	
15-May	23-May	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3599	
06-Jun	14-Jun	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3699	
11-Sep	19-Sep	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3599	
25-Sep	03-Oct	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3599	
16-Oct	24-Oct	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3599	
23-Oct	31-Oct	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3599	
30-Oct	07-Nov	CAD\$2499	CAD\$3699	
13-Nov	21-Nov	CAD\$2499	CAD\$3799	
20-Nov	28-Nov	CAD\$2499	CAD\$3699	
04-Dec	12-Dec	CAD\$2299	CAD\$3399	

### **Day 9: Tokyo-North America**

After breakfast, take the shuttle bus to the airport to board your flight to Canada.

Meal: Breakfast







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### **Optional Tours**

- Kaiseki Dinner(min 8 pax) USD\$90
- Kansai Culture Day Tour (Pre-book, min 10 pax) USD\$179
- Kimono Dress Rental USD\$55
- Kamakura and Yokohama Tour(Pre-Boo, Min 10 pax) USD\$169

#### **Package Includes**

- Return international airfares from Vancouver (Add-on \$400 for departing from Toronto);
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 7 nights 4 star First Class accommodations
- · Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Shinkansen ticket from Osaka to Kyoto (bullet Train)
- Lake Ashi Cruise
- Japan airport shuttle bus arrangements and all transfers
- Meals and featuring regional delicacies mentioned in the itinerary
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour quides
- Entrance fees per itinerary

#### **Price Notes**

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation.
- Single room supplement fee: \$999
- Add on airfare from other cities: . Toronto from \$400, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$500, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$500, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg from \$600, St. John, Halifax, from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information.

#### **Package Does Not Includes**

- Visa Fee
- Prepaid Tipping: USD\$112/person for the entire trip
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenditures