

TOKYO ● KYOTO ● OSAKA ● HIROSHIMA

# The Offer

Discover the vibrant culture and natural beauty of Japan on this comprehensive 17-day discovery tour. This is your chance to immerse yourself in some of the country's most famous locations and unmask local gems from breweries to museums.

Your Asian adventure begins in electrifying Tokyo where you'll tour the Tsukiji Outer Market, Meiji Shrine religious site and more. Marvel at the 11-metre Great Buddha in Kamakura, visit Enoshima Island off the coast of Yokohama and ride the Oigawa Railway through the tranquil countryside. Tour a lush green tea plantation near Nagoya, uncover the secrets of ninjas at the Iga-ryu Ninja House in Iga and photograph the Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto. Learn about the country's national spirit at the Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum before taking a high-speed bullet train to marvel at the elegant Himeji Castle in Hyogo Prefecture.

Venture to the majestic Miyajima Island in Hiroshima Bay to behold its natural wonders before paying homage to the solemn Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Travel south to cross the elegant Kintaikyo Bridge before embarking on an overnight ferry to Osaka. When there, visit the famous Osaka Castle Garden and awaken the senses at the

Dotonbori entertainment district on a sightseeing tour. For a small fee, you can delight in hand-feeding the free-roaming deer in Nara Park before stepping back in time with a visit to the Endo-period towns of Narai-juku and Tsumago-juku. You'll then ascend to the awe-inspiring heights of Mt. Fuji's 5th Station for panoramic vistas of the Fuji Five Lakes before cruising across Lake Kawaguchiko.

Take a journey like never before with return international full-service Qantas flights, 14 nights of quality hotel accommodation, 1 night in a private cabin on the ferry from Fukuoka to Osaka, 15 meals plus more!

Want more? Arrive Early or Stay Behind in Tokyo, Japan.

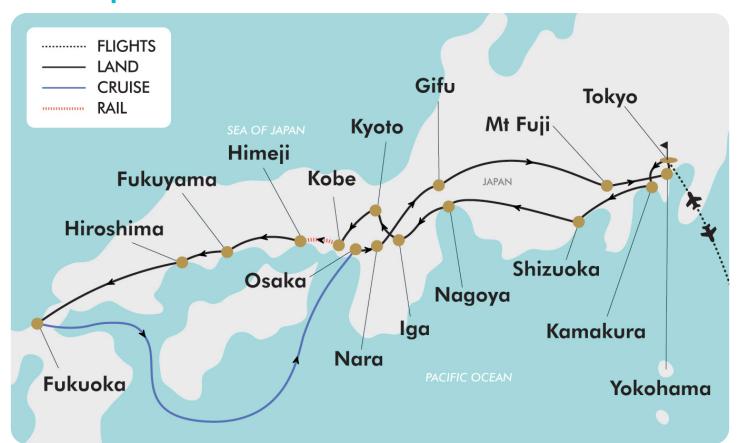
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# The Itinerary

### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) – Tokyo, Japan

Today fly from Australia (or New Zealand) with Qantas Airways to one of the most captivating cities

in the world - Tokyo, Japan. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo.

# Please note:

- Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before.
- Direct flights to Tokyo are not guaranteed and some flights may have one stop.
- Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive 4 6 weeks prior to departure.

Overnight: Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar, Tokyo or similar Meals included: In-Flight

#### **Day 2 Tokyo Sightseeing**

This morning, you will head out on a sightseeing tour of Tokyo, starting at the Tsukiji Outer Market where you'll encounter many kinds of traditional Japanese cuisine. You'll then visit the stunning Meiji Shrine which is a Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Walk among the serene gardens that surround the shrine as you hear about its importance from your guide.

Afterwards, you'll continue to the Asakusa area for a glimpse of Old Tokyo and visit the craft shops along Nakamise Street. Asakusa is the centre of Tokyo's Shitamachi (lower city), one of

Tokyo's districts where an atmosphere of the Tokyo of past decades survives. You'll then finish the day back at your hotel where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar, Tokyo or similar Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 3 Tokyo – Kamakura – Enoshima Island – Shizuoka

This morning you'll head to Kamakura to visit the Great Buddha, a bronze statue of Amida Buddha on the grounds of Kotoku-in Temple. With a height of 11.4 metres, it has long been the second-tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan.

Afterwards, you'll visit Enoshima, a pleasant tourist island off the coast that's connected to the mainland by a bridge. The island offers a variety of attractions including a shrine, park, observation tower and caves. If you're lucky, views of Mt Fuji can be enjoyed here on days with good visibility.

You'll then proceed to Shizuoka Region where you can check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 230 kilometres

Overnight: Kuretake Inn Premium Shizuoka Station or similar, Shizuoka

Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 4 Shizuoka Region – Oigawa Railway Experience – Nagova

Today you'll depart the Shizuoka region for Nagoya with a few exciting stops along the way.

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The highlight of today is a ride on the Oigawa Railway which offers a view of calm, abundant natural scenery along the Oi River. Enjoy travelling by train as you look out the window where successive scenes of beautiful gorges will unravel right before your eyes.

Afterwards, you'll enjoy a tour of a green tea plantation to learn about Japanese tea before finishing the day in Nagoya where you can check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 200 kilometres

Overnight: Hotel Trusty Nagoya Shirakawa or similar, Nagoya Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 5 Nagoya – Iga – Kyoto

After breakfast today, you'll head to the town of Iga in the Mie Prefecture which is approximately 100 kilometres away. Many stories of real ninjas hail from this remote area where they trained to carry out missions ranging from espionage to guarding important people. You'll have the chance to visit the Iga-ryu Ninja House which is a great place to learn about the skills, knowledge and activities of ninjas. In order to prevent explosive manufacturing technology stolen by enemies, this typical ninja house had protections such as set traps and fake hallways. The ninja house is a simple farm dwelling but has surprises, escape routes, hidden doors, places to hide swords and the above traps and trickery. Here, a kuno (female ninja) guides visitors through each part of the house, showing and demonstrating each trap or trick it contains.

Afterwards, you'll proceed to the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto. Here you will visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto that's famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates which straddle a network of trails and make for a great photo opportunity.

Tonight, join one of the amazing optional activities including the Maiko Dinner Show (an additional 35,000 JPY per person) or the Geisha Dress-Up Experience (an additional 30,000 JPY per person).

Please note: Both optional activities can be booked and paid for during the trip directly with the operator in the currency specified.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 180 kilometres

Overnight: Crystal Hotel Kyoto IV or similar, Kyoto Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 6 Kyoto Free Day

Today is your free at leisure to explore the ancient capital of Kyoto alternatively, you can join an optional in-depth experience.

Optional Activity: Kyoto In-Depth Tour – 12,900 JPY per person\*

Kyoto is home to some of Japan's finest matcha and green tea so you'll have the opportunity to discover what makes Japanese green tea so special during a guided tour. Learn about the tea production culture of Uji with a tasting experience before visiting Byodo-in, a magnificent UNESCO World Heritage temple with an excellent modern museum. Lastly, you'll visit Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) where the top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf, making it one of the most popular attractions in Japan.

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\*Please note: This optional activity can be booked and paid during the trip directly with the operator in the currency specified.

Overnight: Crystal Hotel Kyoto IV or similar, Kyoto Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 7 Kyoto – Himeji Castle – Fukuyama/Okayama Region (High-Speed Train)

This morning, you'll visit Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum, a historic sake brewery with displays illuminating the fermentation process and samples of this national spirit. You'll then drive to Shin-Kobe Station to experience a high-speed train ride to Himeji Station (the highest speed in the entire network).

In the afternoon you'll visit Himeji Castle, also known as White Heron Castle due to its elegant, white appearance. Himeji Castle is widely considered Japan's most spectacular castle for its imposing size, beauty and well-preserved grounds. The castle is both a national treasure and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll head to the Fukuyama-Okayama region and check into the hotel.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 220 kilometres

Overnight: Vessel Hotel Fukuyama or similar, Fukuyama Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 8 Fukuyama/Okayama Region - Hiroshima

Today you'll travel south to Hiroshima where you will start the journey to Miyajimaguchi port to board a boat to the majestic Miyajima Island. This island is also known as Itsukushima or Divine Island and is hailed as one of Japan's most beautiful landscapes. Here you will discover the natural and cultural treasures of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed Island for 45 minutes with your guide. This includes seeing the shimmering Itsukushima Shrine before enjoying a delicious lunch in a local eatery (not included).

Afterwards, you'll re-board the boat and cruise back to Hiroshima where you can reflect on the history of the region. Take a silent moment at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, a historical site near where the atomic bomb exploded, see exhibitions that articulate the destruction the bomb caused and marvel at the city's regenerative recovery. Finally, you'll board a bus to the Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome), a skeletal structure that miraculously survived the 1945 attack, before finishing the day at your hotel where you will enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 100 kilometres

Overnight: Hotel Kuretakeso Hiroshima-otemachi or similar, Hiroshima

Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 9 Hiroshima - Kintaikyo Bridge — Irori Sanzoku — Fukuoka Region

Today, you'll continue travelling south to visit Japan's most elegant wooden bridge, the Kintaikyo Bridge which boasts five bold arches on massive stone pillars over the Nishiki River.

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Afterwards, you'll make a stop at Irori Sanzoku, an area famous for entertainment-filled restaurants where you may enjoy lunch (not included) before arriving in the Fukuoka region. This is your gateway to the Kyushu region in southwestern Japan where you will check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 250 kilometres

Overnight: Hotel Crown Palais Kitakyushu or similar, Fukuoka Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 10 Fukuoka Sightseeing Tour – Osaka Overnight Ferry

After breakfast this morning, you'll visit the nearby town of Dazaifu which was established in the late 7th century and served as the administrative centre of the entire island of Kyushu for over 500 years. There are several temples and shrines here with the most famous being the Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine.

Afterwards, you'll enjoy free time in Canal City Hakata, a popular large shopping and entertainment complex that calls itself a "city within the city".

You'll then transfer to Kyushu Port for an overnight ferry to Osaka. This ferry will depart in the evening and take approximately 12 hours, arriving in Osaka early in the morning. During this ferry ride you will have your own private room with shared toilet and bathroom (shower) facilities.

Please note: If the ferry is non-operational due to weather or other reasons, an alternative land transfer will be provided. The tour group may be split across two ferries departing at a similar time, depending on cabin availability.

Overnight: Meimon Taiyo Ferry or similar (Private Cabin with shared facilities)

Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 11 Osaka Sightseeing

This morning you will disembark the ferry and proceed to Osaka. On a sightseeing tour, you will visit the famous Osaka Castle Garden as well as the well-known Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori shopping/entertainment districts. You will then finish the day at your hotel where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

#### Please note:

- Due to the Osaka Expo which will be running from April to October 2025, TripADeal is unable to guarantee centrally located accommodation in Osaka during this period so you may stay on the outskirts of Osaka or in nearby cities such as Kobe, Nara or Kyoto.
- Touring and sightseeing within the Osaka Region may also be adjusted to accommodate previously unannounced road closures or events related to the Osaka Expo during this period.

Overnight: Kansai Airport Washington Hotel or similar, Osaka Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 12 Osaka Free Day

Today is yours free at leisure to explore the modern city of Osaka or you can join an optional activity.

Optional Activity: Kyoto By The Sea Day Tour – 18,000 JPY per person\*

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Enjoy the tantalising seaside air when you enjoy this "By The Sea" day tour in Kyoto! Stroll Amanohashidate, a gorgeous sandbar in Miyazu Bay that's covered in pine trees and offers breathtaking views of the mountains nearby. Your guide will take you up the mountain where you can admire the view before you can walk down on your own to see this sandbar up close. You'll then hop on a boat at one of the Ine no Funaya dock houses (famous private houses perched over the water) where fishermen dock their fishing boats. On the sightseeing boat heading out into the water, you'll get a perfect panorama of these unique dock houses against the water. Finally, you'll head to Miyamas Kayabuki no Sato, a northern village full of thatched houses that show off a truly rural Japanese charm.

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Overnight: Kansai Airport Washington Hotel or similar, Osaka Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 13 Osaka - Nara - Gifu

This morning you'll drive to the nearby city of Nara where you will enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour. This is your chance to visit Nara Park which is home to hundreds of free-roaming deer. If you'd like, you can even feed them deer senbei (crackers), which can be purchased at stalls throughout the park for 150 JPY a pack.

You'll then proceed to Gifu where you can check in to your accommodation and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 230 kilometres

Overnight: Comfort Hotel Gifu or similar, Gifu Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 14 Gifu – Narai-juku & Tsumago-juku Post Towns – Nagano Region

Today you'll visit the post towns of Narai-juku and Tsumago-juku where the feeling of the Edo Period is faithfully captured. You'll find that cars are prohibited, cabling is largely concealed and the soft glow of traditional lamps light the street. Step back in time and explore stone streets that are lined with quaint wooden shops and restaurants before finishing the day in the Nagano region.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 230 kilometres

Overnight: Tabino Hotel Lit Matsumoto or similar, Matsumoto Meals included: Breakfast

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### Day 15 Nagano Region - Mt Fuji - Yokohama

After breakfast, you'll embark on an approximately 300-kilometre journey, starting with a drive to Mt Fuji's 5th Station. Located 2300 metres above sea level, Mt Fuji's 5th Station offers a commanding view of the Fuji Five Lakes area below, making it a popular spot even for those who do not intend on climbing the mountain. Afterwards, you'll continue to Lake Kawaguchiko to admire the scenery as you enjoy a short cruise across the lake. The waters are overlooked by surrounding mountains including both Mt Fuji and Mt Komagatake.

In the afternoon, you'll arrive in Yokohama Region to check into your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Travelling Distance: Approximately 370 kilometres

Overnight: APA Hotel Yokohama Bay or similar, Yokohama Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 16 Yokohama – Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to Narita or Haneda Airport in Tokyo for your return flight to Australia (or New Zealand), after one unforgettable trip exploring the beauty of Japan.

## Please note:

- The standard check-out time is between 10:00 and 11:00 in the morning.
- Travellers departing Tokyo from Haneda airport may arrive at the airport in the early afternoon with some downtime before their evening flight. Luggage storage facilities are available at the airport (not included) and a restaurant and mall are nearby to explore at leisure prior to your departure.

- Some travellers may be required to depart 1 day later, and complimentary overnight airport accommodation will be provided
- Direct flights home are not guaranteed and some flights may have one-stop.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 17 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

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# **Tour Inclusions**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Immerse yourself in the rich natural beauty and culture of Japan

Visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Mt Fuji and more

Sample delicious Japanese food at the Tsukiji Outer Market in Tokyo

Take in stunning views from Mt Fuji's 5th Station

Visit the stunning Fushimi Inari Shrine in the ancient capital of Kyoto

Experience Hiroshima & Miyajima Island on a full-day sightseeing tour

Take a step back in time in the traditional post towns of Narai-juku and Tsumago-juku

Spend time on the beautiful Enoshima Island off the coast of Yokohama

Visit the Ninja Museum in Iga and learn about the history and culture of Japanese ninjas

Learn about Japanese Sake at the Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum

Visit Himeji Castle, also known as White Heron Castle due to its elegant, white appearance

Marvel at Kintaikyo Bridge, Japan's most elegant wooden bridge

Spend time in Canal City Hakata, one of Fukuoka's most popular shopping and entertainment malls

Spot the local free-roaming deer in Nara Park

Take an overnight ferry in a private cabin with shared bathroom facilities from Fukuoka to Osaka

## **RAIL**

Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Oi River, onboard the Oigawa Railway

Enjoy a high-speed bullet train journey from Kobe to Himeji reaching speeds of up to 300 kilometres per hour

#### **FLIGHTS**

Return international full-service flights (economy class) with Qantas Airways, surcharges may apply

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

14 nights of quality hotel accommodation

1-night in a private cabin on the ferry from Fukuoka to Osaka (shared bathroom facilities)

### **DINING**

Enjoy 15 meals including daily breakfast while on tour

## **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

#### **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

### **TRANSFERS**

Return airport transfers

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\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

## **Booking Information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the <u>General Terms and</u> <u>Conditions</u> and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

# **Our Policies**

#### **Cancellation & Refund Policy**

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

we act as your booking agent: TripADeal
is a booking services provider, and
curates the Travel Offers available on our
website. We act as your booking agent,
and we receive payment for the Booking
Services as part of the booking price,
however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- each booking is unique: our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible: once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- Travel Offers are a package: our Travel
   Offers have been curated into package
   offerings and must be used as a package
   - individual components cannot be used
   independently of the full package
   offering.
- our Travel Offers are generally nonrefundable: in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

# **General Terms & Conditions**

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our <u>Terms & Conditions</u>, <u>Privacy Policy</u> and <u>Cancellation Policy</u>.

# **Offer Essentials**

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 3rd November 2026.

Minimum group size 20, maximum group

size 40 per vehicle.

This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$2,250 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

#### **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

#### **Departure Dates & Surcharges**

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Please note: The Cherry Blossom can be difficult to predict. Every year is different and there are variations across the country. What's more, there are multiple sakura varieties, each coming into flower at a slightly different time and lasting for a different period (most stay for around two weeks). Therefore we cannot guarantee the trees will be blooming in locations visited on this itinerary. To increase the likelihood of cherry blossom viewings, we recommend booking dates later in March.

# **Flights**

#### **Departure Cities**

Sydney, \*Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, \*Perth or \*Auckland.

### **Departure City Surcharges**

- Melbourne, Brisbane or Adelaide: \$300 per person.
- Perth or Auckland: \$500 per person.

#### International Airline(s) Used

• Cabin Class: Economy Class.



 Airlines: Qantas and partners (subject to availability).

Please note: We cannot accommodate oneway flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

#### **Qantas Flights**

Please note: Any Qantas flights used on this deal may be booked as part of a Qantas group ticket. Group tickets do not allow for any customisations including upgrades, seat selection or paid seating options. Any customisations would need to be requested at the airport upon check-in.

#### **Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options**

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

#### Arrive Early

Tokyo, Japan - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Stay Behind

Tokyo, Japan - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

### Please note:

#### • Exclusions:

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

### • Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

#### • Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

### • High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

## • + 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

#### • Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

 High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

6 December 2024 - 31 January 2025 28 March 2025 - 27 April 2025 16 June 2025 - 20 July 2025 15 September 2025 - 12 October 2025 1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026 3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026 26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026 18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026 12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027

#### Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

# Please note:

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed

#### Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

#### **Accommodation**

#### **Accommodation Used**

3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Tokyo: Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar
- Shizuoka Region: Kuretake Inn Premium Shizuoka Station or similar
- Nagoya: Hotel Trusty Nagoya Shirakawa or similar
- Kyoto: Crystal Hotel Kyoto IV or similar
- Fukuyama/Okayama Region: Vessel Hotel Fukuyama or similar
- Hiroshima: Hotel Kuretakeso Hiroshimaotemachi or similar
- Fukuoka Region: Hotel Crown Palais Kitakyushu or similar
- Osaka: Kansai Airport Washington Hotel or similar.
- Gifu Region: Comfort Hotel Gifu or similar
- Nagano Region: Tabino Hotel Lit Matsumoto or similar
- Yokohama: APA Hotel Yokohama Bay or similar

#### Overnight Ferry (Not Rated)

 Fukuoka to Osaka Ferry: Meimon Taiyo Ferry or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

#### **Extra Nights**

Not available at check-out.



Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

#### **Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people.

#### **Triple Share**

Not available.

#### **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

# **Optional Tours/activities**

- Day 5: Maiko Dinner Show 35,000 JPY per person
- Day 5: Geisha Dress-Up Experience -30,000 JPY per person
- Day 6: Kyoto In-Depth Tour 12,900 JPY per person
- Day 12: Kyoto By The Sea Day Tour -18,000 JPY per person

#### Please note:

- Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

#### **Exclusions**

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Recommended gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

### **Gratuities/tipping**

#### Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The highly recommended tip is \$10 AUD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

# **Other Important Information**

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### **Tour Guide**

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

#### **Tour Leader**

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

#### **CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES**

Japan has four distinct seasons with a climate ranging from subarctic in the north to subtropical in the south. Conditions are different between the Pacific side and the Sea of Japan side. Northern Japan has warm summers and very cold winters with heavy snow on the sea of Japan's side and in mountainous areas. Eastern Japan has hot and humid summers and cold winters with very heavy snow on the Sea of Japan side and in mountainous areas. Western Japan has very hot and humid summers (with temperatures sometimes reaching 35°C or above) and moderately cold winters. Okinawa and Amami have a subtropical oceanic climate. These areas have hot and humid summers (with temperatures rarely reaching 35°C or above) and mild winters.

#### **FLIGHTS**

## **Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points**

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

#### **Passport Validity**

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

**COACH TOUR** 

#### Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader





(when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

#### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

#### **OTHER**

#### Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

#### **Fitness Level Required**

A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include guided walks of up to one hour at a time, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

#### Please note:

- It is expected that every traveller be selfreliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.
- If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/ travel.

#### Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

### Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

#### Visas

A tourist visa is not required for Australian or New Zealand citizens visiting Japan for stays of up to 90 days.

#### Important:

- Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.
- It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.
- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application reauired.

### **Travel Insurance**

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance</a>

#### **Schedule Of Fees**

#### **Voluntary Changes**

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

 Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/ other travel providers.

# Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

#### **Supplier Fees**

In the event, the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to nonrefundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier