



Wendy Wu Tours

JAPAN

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GROUP TOURS | TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAYS | ASIA STOPOVERS

2019-2020



WELCOME TO JAPAN

It's a pleasure to introduce you to this special anniversary edition of our Japan brochure. 2019 marks Wendy Wu Tours' 25th anniversary of providing extraordinary tour experiences to holiday-makers all over the globe, and we're proud to have helped to pioneer travel to new destinations all over Asia, to now be recognised as the leading touring specialist in the region.

Our Japan tours have become hugely popular in the last few years. With Japan set to take centre-stage hosting the Rugby World Cup in late 2019 and the 2020 Summer Olympics, now is the time to see this intoxicating country for yourself.

New for 2019, we are excited to add two additional tours to our Japan collection. I am delighted to present our first-ever tour in Japan dedicated for solo travellers, *Highlights of Japan*, plus an extended tour we've called *Japan Uncovered* which includes the very best cultural and scenic highlights Japan has to offer, all on a unique trip.

Let Wendy Wu Tours show you the real Japan. We look forward to welcoming you on tour very soon.



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Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

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DISCOVER JAPAN WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Japan is an archipelago packed with futuristic cities, fascinating imperial heritage and a truly unique culture. Add in epic natural beauty and phenomenal cuisine, and you have a dream destination just begging to be explored.

WENDY'S TOP 8 JAPAN SIGHTS

1 MT FUJI

With its perfectly proportioned cone, Mt Fuji is Japan's ultimate icon, so naturally we include it on all of our group tours. The panorama from its 5th Station is a bucket-list view.



2 HIROSHIMA

Now a vibrant 'city of peace', Hiroshima is inspiring to visit. Discover the tranquil Peace Memorial Park and pay homage to the past on our *Jewels of Japan* (page 22) and *Japan Uncovered* (page 26) tours.



3 KYOTO

Japan's ancient capital and cultural hub is a living museum, packed with enchanting sights, from intricate temples to traditional crafts and its famous geisha district. Kyoto features on all our Japan group itineraries.



4 NARA

A city famous for its bowing deer as well as its place in history as the very birthplace of Japanese culture; how could we leave that off the list? Visit Nara on many of our Japan group tours to experience its charm yourself.



5 KOYASAN

A holy mountain dotted with monasteries, the tranquil Koyasan features on our *Highlights of Japan* (page 30), *Discover Japan* (page 24) and *Trails of Japan* (page 38) tours.



6 TOKYO

A big, bright and buzzing city, Japan's capital perfectly epitomises the meeting of traditional and modern that is the Japan of today. Tokyo, of course, features on all of our Japan tours.



7 SNOW MONKEYS

Watch adorable macaques bathing in natural hot pools near the alpine town of Yudanaka on our *Japan Uncovered* (page 26), *Sapporo & Snow Monkeys* (page 36) and *Trails of Japan* (page 38) tours.



8 HIMEJI CASTLE

The best example of Japanese feudal castle architecture, Himeji Castle is seriously impressive. See it for yourself on most of our Japan tours.





THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE



RENOWNED EXPERTISE

We are proud to be recognised as Australia's leading specialist tour operator to Asia, a reputation we've been building since 1994. All of our team have travelled extensively throughout the region and are fonts of knowledge on all things Asia.



SO MANY INCLUSIONS, EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can relax. Your accommodation, touring, transport, all or most meals, expert guides and visa service when required for Australian passport holders – we include it all.



COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS

Whether you're looking for a Classic escorted tour experience, a Deluxe journey, a Private tour or something more off the beaten track, we've got a group tour or Tailor-Made Holiday for you – as inclusive or bespoke as you like.



EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

From the ultimate bucket-list sights to rarely visited places and authentic cultural experiences, we'll help you make memories you'll treasure forever.



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Our tours will give you a genuine taste of the regions you'll visit by introducing you to local specialties and delicacies at meal time.



HIGHLY EXPERIENCED GUIDES

Through their local expertise, dedication and passion, our guides will make sure you don't miss a thing – and have lots of fun doing it.



SAFE AND RELIABLE

We are ATAS-accredited members of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents and have a wide network of local agents working for us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

In 1994, a passionate travel agent named Wendy designed and led her very first tour to China. Since then, Wendy Wu Tours has gone from strength to strength, opening offices not only in Sydney but also in London, Auckland, Shanghai and Xi'an, and expanding Wendy's range of tours into Southeast Asia, India and surrounding lands, and now into Central and South America.

In 2019, we celebrate 25 years of exciting holidays and countless memories made.



FROM A SINGLE TOUR TO SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Wendy's very first tour, taking in the essential sights and experiences of China, formed the backbone for today's popular, fully inclusive Classic Tours. Yet as Wendy Wu Tours has evolved, now welcoming more than 10,000 Australians to Asia and beyond every year, so has our range of tour styles.

From the more active, experiential Immerse Yourself tours to the decadent Deluxe Collection, we can now fulfil all kinds of holiday dreams. Add to that our Tailor-Made Holidays – bespoke itineraries, Private Tours, short add-on stays and stopovers – and the possibilities are endless. In 2019, we are proud to add our Solo Tours, for guests looking for the comfort of group touring yet their own space in a single room, and with no single supplement to pay. No wonder so many of our loyal guests return again and again.

TRAILBLAZING TOURING

PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES

Not only do we take our guests to each destination's must-see sights, but our team work tirelessly to develop innovative programs to take you to new, amazing and even previously unreachable places to push the boundaries of touring even further. Simply put, we do the hard work so you don't have to.



OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Wendy Wu Tours took the first group from the Western world to Lhasa in Tibet, via the most scenic overland route through China. We were the first to take our travellers along the original Silk Road route, and now make in-roads into touring Borneo and Central Asia. Many of our itineraries include 'insider' destinations, too, so even tried-and-true travel spots can feel new.



IN GOOD HANDS

Each of our group tours is led by a dedicated guide, known as your National Escort, chosen for their knowledge, personality and a sense of fun that will immediately make you feel at ease. Relax and enjoy your holiday – your guide is all set to navigate you through the wonders and eccentricities of the local way of life.

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS:

- ✓ Have at least five years guiding experience
- ✓ Are fluent in English
- ✓ Are born and raised locally
- ✓ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✓ Are at your service 24 hours a day

CHOOSE A TOUR THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU



PHYSICAL RATING

Each of our tours features a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. All tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, while more active tours may involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities.



LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and cruises, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.



LEVEL 3

You need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.



LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours; on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.

TOUR PACE

On many of our tours you're going to be busy! We want to ensure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your overseas adventure full of extraordinary experiences can mean some early starts and late finishes; however our Tailor-Made Holidays service offers endless possibilities for those who'd like a slower pace.

JAPAN YOUR WAY

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive with all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

- ✓ For this year's fabulous range of Classic group tours taking in the best of Japan's sights, head to page 16.

SOLO

Designed exclusively for guests travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. Our expert guide will look after you all the way, so you're fully involved discovering the sights and experiencing cultural activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no single supplement to pay.

- ✓ Find out about our brand new *Highlights of Japan Solo* tour on page 30.

IMMERSE YOURSELF

Our suite of Immerse Yourself tours are designed to give you the best of both worlds: the comfort that comes from our expertise and support, with accommodation, tickets, transport and your National Escort all included, yet a little flexibility to seek out your own adventures too. When not everything is locked in, you have the opportunity to delve a little deeper and follow your own interests. All our Immerse Yourself tours in Japan fit within our **Go Beyond** portfolio. Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating

destinations away from the tourist trail. You're able to discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

- ✓ If you're looking to Immerse Yourself, see our *Sapporo & Snow Monkeys* or our *Trails of Japan* tours, from page 32.

TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAYS

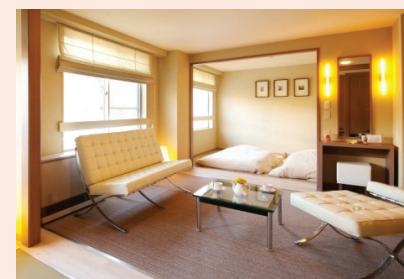
For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will design a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

• PRIVATE TOURS

Why not use our Tailor-Made Holidays service to make one of our itineraries uniquely yours? A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide – perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility with travel dates or accommodation styles. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis; simply get in touch with one of our travel consultants to get started.

• SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

Make the most of our expertise by extending your adventure in the region, from a holy mountain retreat to the bright lights and action of Hong Kong or Seoul. Extend your holiday by either stopping over on the way there or home.



ACCOMMODATION STYLES

Travelling with us, you can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand picked to best suit the tour you are travelling on and the locations you'll visit. Our Classic and Solo group tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3-star to 4-star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Immerse Yourself tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit. On a Tailor-Made Holiday, any style of accommodation is available; simply choose your perfect stay.

JAPAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Every time of year in Japan brings its own special wonder, and everything from food, to cultural activities, even the colour of a geisha's kimono, is influenced by this country's love affair with the seasons. Here is our guide to what is happening when.



CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON

The Japanese have been writing poetry to and painting pictures of cherry blossoms for centuries, and even have a dedicated word for going out to fields and parks to appreciate it – 'hanami' which literally translates as 'looking at flowers'. When you gaze on the sea of soft pink flowers it's easy to see why both they and many international visitors are so enamoured. Starting in late January in the sub-tropical south, the blossoms sweep up the country, reaching Tokyo and Kyoto sometime between March and May, depending on the weather. In the two weeks after they first bloom, locals and visitors alike stroll, sit and picnic beneath the laden boughs, but we particularly like to enjoy them lit up by lanterns at twilight. Cherry blossom season is extremely popular and our tours often sell out a long way in advance. If you want to travel during this period, make sure you book early!

BLOOMING GUIDE:



Look for the cherry blossom symbol for departures that fall during the anticipated cherry blossom seasons in 2019-20 (subject to local conditions).



AUTUMN LEAVES

Japan's deep and rich autumn colours travel the opposite way to the cherry blossom, starting in the very north in September and travelling downwards, reaching its peak in Tokyo, Kyoto and the surrounding areas from November. In the parks and temple gardens of the cities, the leaves of the multitude of maple and ginkgo trees turn vibrant shades of red, yellow and orange; if you are travelling into the Japanese Alps, you're in for an even more spectacular sight.

BLOOMING GUIDE:



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SUN AND SNOW

Japan's summer, June to August, may be hot and humid but it is the season for festivals and fireworks. Enjoy impromptu celebrations or escape to the mountains to find the cooler climes and maybe do some hiking – this is also the only time of year that you are able to climb Mt Fuji.

In the winter, outside the cities, the country becomes a snow-covered wonderland. Vibrant ski resorts spring into action, ice festivals take place (Sapporo's is the world's biggest) and the Japanese Macaques earn their Snow Monkey moniker. Oh, and there is nothing better than the glorious warm waters of an onsen on a cold winter's day!

CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

To help you become truly immersed in your chosen destination, we pack every single one of our tours with authentic and intriguing cultural experiences. Here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to in this most magical of countries.

TEA CEREMONY

A perfect display of Japanese culture, witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea'. Experience this beautiful tradition on all Japan group tours.



SOBA NOODLE-MAKING

Learn to craft, roll and slice soba noodle dough before cooking and devouring the delicious results like a local! Experience this most satisfying of gastronomical skills on *Jewels of Japan* (page 22).



SUMO WRESTLING

Witness a sport that preserves many ancient traditions; its rituals are as fascinating as the wrestling itself. See it up close on *Japan Uncovered* (page 26) and *Trails of Japan* (page 38).



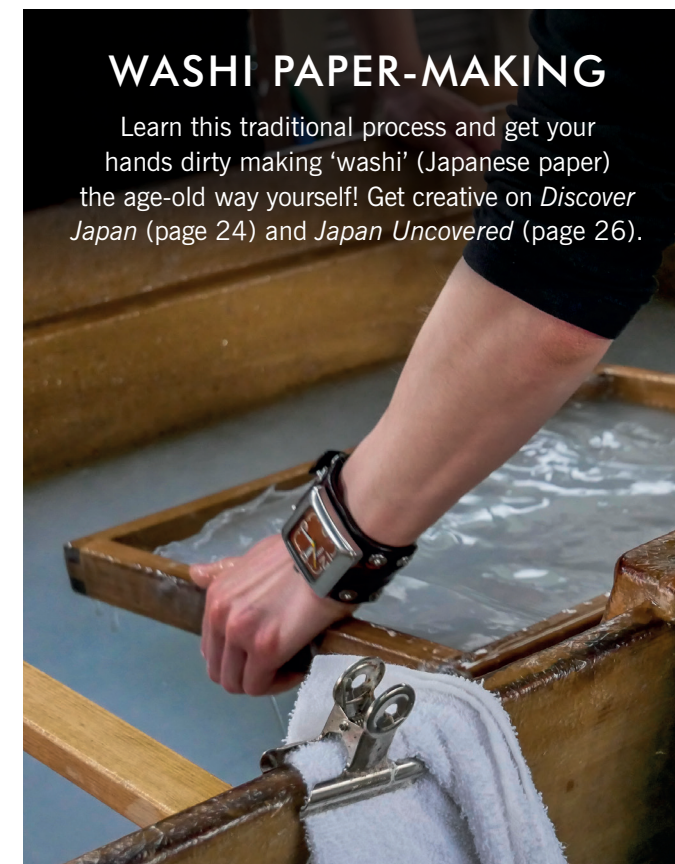
MT FUJI BASE HIKE

Get up close to this magnificent icon of Japan with a hike through the beautiful forests at its base. Bring your walking shoes and your camera on *Trails of Japan* (page 38).



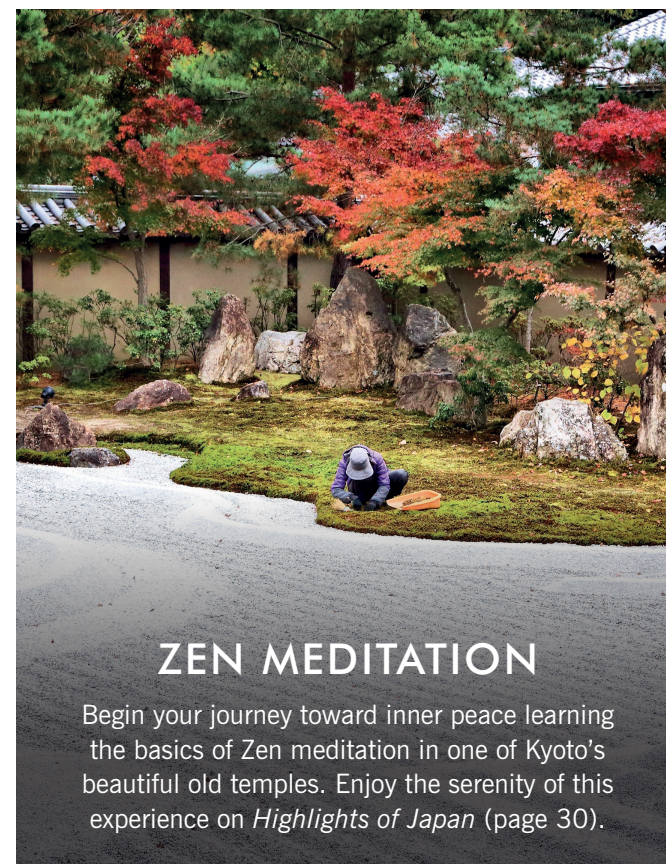
WASHI PAPER-MAKING

Learn this traditional process and get your hands dirty making 'washi' (Japanese paper) the age-old way yourself! Get creative on *Discover Japan* (page 24) and *Japan Uncovered* (page 26).



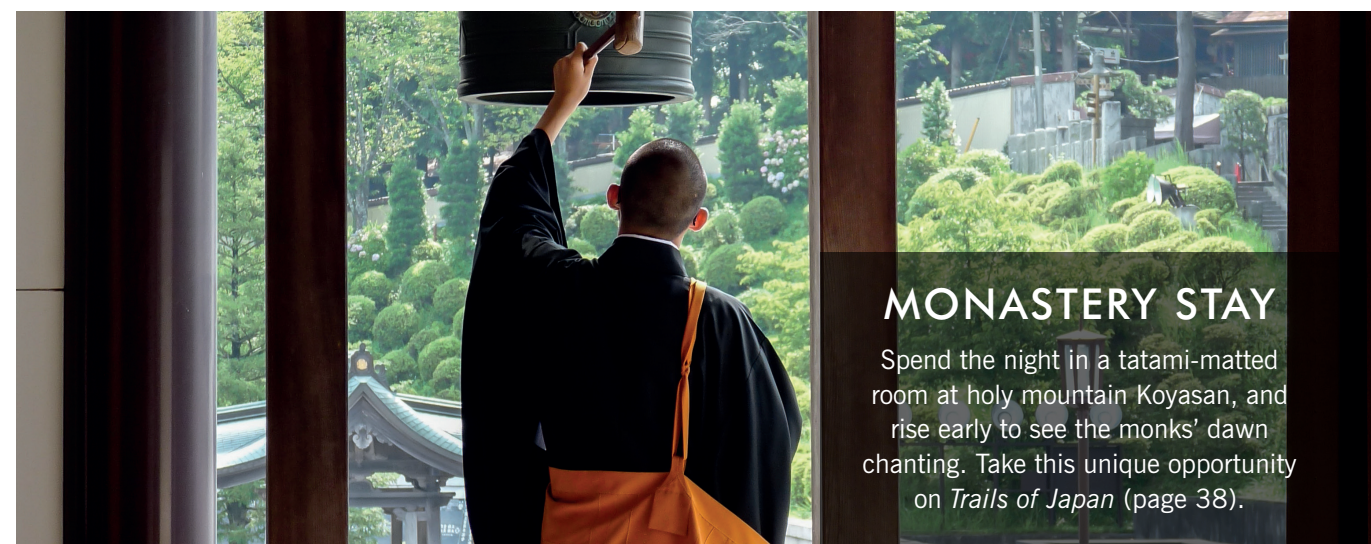
ZEN MEDITATION

Begin your journey toward inner peace learning the basics of Zen meditation in one of Kyoto's beautiful old temples. Enjoy the serenity of this experience on *Highlights of Japan* (page 30).



MONASTERY STAY

Spend the night in a tatami-matted room at holy mountain Koyasan, and rise early to see the monks' dawn chanting. Take this unique opportunity on *Trails of Japan* (page 38).





FULLY INCLUSIVE CLASSIC TOURS

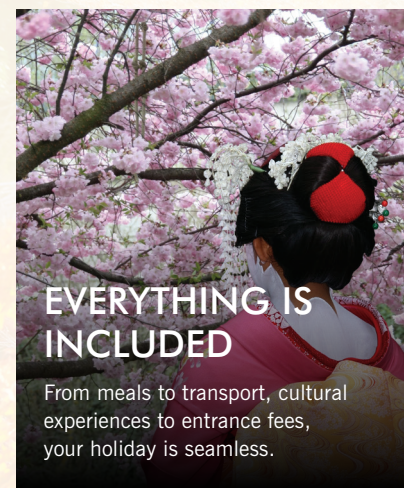
Featuring iconic sights and quintessential cultural encounters, each of our all-inclusive Classic Tours is designed to give you a true taste of this fascinating nation, so prepare for a once-in-a-lifetime holiday!

WHY CHOOSE A CLASSIC TOUR?

If you're looking forward to a holiday where you can truly relax, let us take care of every little detail for you. Our Classic itineraries ensure you see the best of everything, in comfort and style.

ALL OUR CLASSIC TOURS INCLUDE

- International flights & taxes
- Comprehensive touring
- Expert National Escorts
- All accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants
- Pre-departure documentation



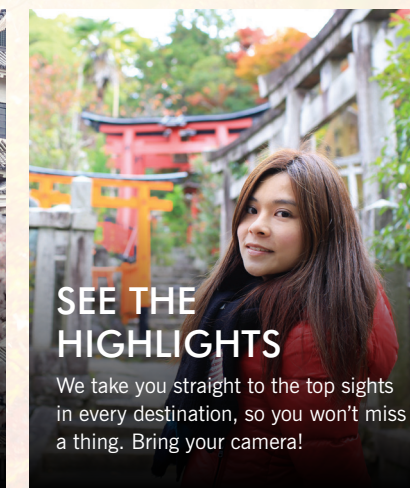
EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED

From meals to transport, cultural experiences to entrance fees, your holiday is seamless.



SEAMLESS TOURING

Full transfer arrangements between hotels, sights and transportation make these our easiest, most carefree tours.



SEE THE HIGHLIGHTS

We take you straight to the top sights in every destination, so you won't miss a thing. Bring your camera!



PERFECTED OVER 25 YEARS

Our Classic Tours are our original, much-loved group tour style; come and find out why these are still so popular, 25 fun-filled years after Wendy Wu led her first tour in 1994.



ALL MEALS INCLUDED

In a country as passionate about food as Japan, no tour is complete without trying the local cuisine. We've chosen fabulous local eateries so you're never stuck for somewhere new to try.



EXPERTLY GUIDED

Our team of helpful, efficient National Escorts can't wait to show you the country they love.

JAPAN TOURS	DAYS	PAGE	TOKYO	MT FUJI	KYOTO	HIROSHIMA	HIMEJI	NARA	SNOW MONKEYS
A Week in Japan	9 days	20	•	•	•			•	
Jewels of Japan	12 days	22	•	•	•	•	•		
Discover Japan	14 days	24	•	•	•			•	
Japan Uncovered NEW	18 days	26	•	•	•	•	•	•	•



A WEEK IN JAPAN

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,940

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

ALL MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Stroll through vibrant Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ Discover Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore historic Nara
- ✓ Experience the super-fast bullet train



Admire majestic Mt Fuji

PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation in quality hotels
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 28 passengers

PRICE GUIDE

- 9 days fully inclusive twin share from \$6,940 per person departing from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- For departures from other cities, please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single supplement from \$900; ask about our 'Willing to Share' option
- Land only (Tokyo to Osaka): 7 days from \$5,440 per person

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

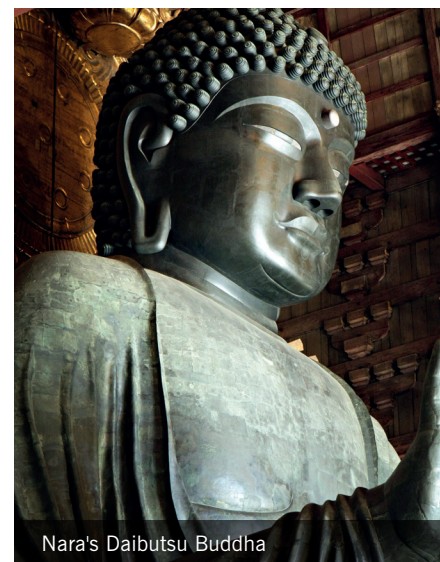


CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA 5 DAYS FROM \$2,170pp

South Korea is one of Asia's living museum nations and is steeped in tradition. Discover delicious cuisine and ancient relics.

See page 52.

Price based on twin share. Additional flight costs apply.



Nara's Daibutsu Buddha

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the vibrant, neon-bright metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the everchanging skyline to the fashions and trends of the people who call it home. As modern as it may appear, behind the neon façade is a traditional soul that is easy to find amongst the old alleyways, temples and shrines of the Edo era. Today you will experience both sides of the city,

ascending the soaring Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest tower, for panoramic views, before taking a wander through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple and browse the stalls of Nakamise shopping street. You will also drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza and take a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. This evening, cruise the waters of Tokyo Bay and enjoy dinner from the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

DAY 4: MT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to Mt Fuji, where you will ascend 2,300 metres up Japan's most iconic sight to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of both Fuji's cone and the surrounding landscapes. Transfer to the spa region of Hakone. Embark on a cruise on the spectacular Lake Ashi, keeping an eye out for the bright red of vermillion torii gates that nestle on the surrounding Alpinesque hills and in the shallows of the lake itself. Next, fly high above the lake on the Komagatake Ropeway to the summit of Mt Komagatake where the views of Mt Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course!

DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Odawara Station to jump onboard the Hikari bullet train and whiz your way to Kyoto. Capital for a millennium, Kyoto was also the heart of religion, philosophy, art and cuisine, making it a treasure trove of history and culture. It is here that all of the best known cultural arts were born – the tea ceremony, kabuki and geisha to name a few.



Explore Osaka Castle

This afternoon, visit the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine, the most important of several thousands of shrines dedicated to the god Inari. Follow the pathway through thousands of vermillion torii gates that leads through a complex of shrines spread over a peaceful, forested hillside.

DAY 6: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkaku-ji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese Zen gardens and on the edge of a reflecting pool, the temple's main hall is covered in gold leaf – a breathtaking sight no matter what season you visit in. Continue to Ryoan-ji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. Enjoy a taste of authentic Japanese culture, experiencing the elegant ritual of a tea ceremony and learn the traditional art of calligraphy.



Sample local cuisine throughout the tour

DAY 7: EXPLORE NARA & OSAKA

This morning, depart for Nara. Another former capital, Nara also has a huge cultural legacy, considered second only to that of Kyoto. This picturesque, compact city is truly charming. Spend the morning discovering Todai-ji Temple which houses the magnificent Daibutsu, a 15-metre-tall bronze statue of Buddha. Here, you will also see Nara's famous sika deer, believed to be the messengers of the Shinto gods. Stroll around Isui-en, a prime example of a Meiji-era (1868-1912) garden. Continue to Osaka, where you will have lunch at a local restaurant and explore the Dotonbori district. Later, you can learn about the turbulent history of the magnificent Osaka Castle.

DAYS 8-9: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

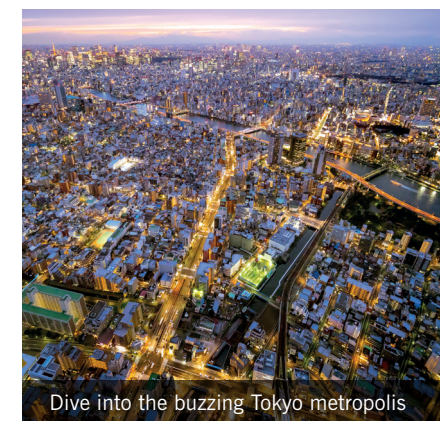
Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

A WEEK IN JAPAN

CLASSIC

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

If you're limited for time, you can discover Japan's essential highlights on this great-value tour. Explore the historical cities of Kyoto and Nara, be awestruck by the beauty of Mt Fuji and see the bright lights of Tokyo and the shopper's paradise of Osaka.



Dive into the buzzing Tokyo metropolis

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

21 Mar - 29 Mar	\$7,180	20 Apr - 28 Apr	\$6,940
24 Mar - 01 Apr	\$7,180	05 May - 13 May	\$6,940
28 Mar - 05 Apr	\$7,380	16 May - 24 May	\$7,280
31 Mar - 08 Apr	\$7,380	14 Sep - 22 Sep	\$7,280
02 Apr - 10 Apr	\$7,380	26 Sep - 04 Oct	\$7,280
05 Apr - 13 Apr	\$7,380	08 Oct - 16 Oct	\$7,280
08 Apr - 16 Apr	\$7,380	19 Oct - 27 Oct	\$7,480

2020 DATES

21 Mar - 29 Mar	\$7,480	05 Apr - 13 Apr	\$7,680
24 Mar - 01 Apr	\$7,480	20 Apr - 28 Apr	\$7,240
28 Mar - 05 Apr	\$7,680	05 May - 13 May	\$7,240
31 Mar - 08 Apr	\$7,680	16 May - 24 May	\$7,240
02 Apr - 10 Apr	\$7,680		

Important note

Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 September 2018 and subject to change. Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan; however if you feel you have received excellent service, please feel free to tip your National Escort at your discretion. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2, or may require extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers at additional cost.

BESTSELLER

JEWELS OF JAPAN

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,990

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

ALL MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ Puzzle over Ryoan-ji Temple
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore relaxed Miyajima

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation in quality hotels
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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- Single supplement from \$1,350; ask about our 'Willing to Share' option
- Land only (Tokyo to Osaka): 10 days from \$7,690 per person

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



TAIPEI CITY STAY
3 DAYS FROM \$540pp

Venture further afield to the Taiwanese capital of Taipei, a bustling city surrounded by inspiring national parks with unique landscapes.

See page 51.

Price based on twin share. Additional flight costs apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the non-stop wonder of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start exploring its many neighbourhoods.

DAY 3: DISCOVER TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city. Begin today with a visit to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest tower for panoramic views, before seeking out the tranquillity of the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest. Learn about Tokyo's historical heritage at the Edo-Tokyo Museum and explore Tokyo's Imperial Palace East Garden.



See the Hiroshima Peace Memorial

DAY 4: MEIJI SHRINE

Today, the tour begins with a relaxed morning wandering around the classical landscapes of the Hamariky Garden. Continue to the Meiji Shrine, the Shinto shrine dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken, before driving past the famous Shibuya Crossing. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the city as you wish. This evening, take a relaxed dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas.

DAY 5: FUJI FIVE LAKES

Journey through the foothills of the iconic Mt Fuji to its base where we find the Fuji Five Lakes. The region is spectacular with the calm waters of the five lakes, formed by past volcanic eruptions, reflecting Mt Fuji's picture-perfect cone. Later, try your hand at making traditional Japanese soba noodles before tucking in to your creations. Continue to Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the elaborate dyed silk creations and spend some time strolling around the beautiful garden.

DAY 6: MT FUJI

Ascend 2,300 metres up to Mt Fuji's 5th Station (weather permitting) where, with its perfectly conical peak looming overhead, you can take in the breathtaking views over the landscapes below. Returning to the beautiful Five Lakes region, explore Iyashi no Sato Historical Village, a former farming village on the shores of Lake Saiko. Destroyed by a landslide in 1966, the remaining thatched-roofed houses of this old village have been transformed into an open-air museum and craft village.



Visit the charm-filled Fuji Five Lakes area

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Mishima station for the bullet train to Kyoto. Sit back and relax as you speed across the country. An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. The geisha is both an intriguing and integral part of Japanese history – meet with either a maiko (apprentice geisha) or geisha and learn about their way of life and culture. Continue to Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and end the day with a visit to Kinkaku-ji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 8: EXPLORE KYOTO

Today you will explore one of Kyoto's delightful temples – Kiyomizu Temple, a 17th Century Buddhist temple. In the afternoon, enjoy a traditional Japanese handicraft experience and sample Japanese tea at a restored wooden townhouse.

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Today, travel by bullet train to Hiroshima. Hiroshima needs no introduction. The city today is vibrant and modern with a forward-thinking, sunny outlook. Find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Next, hop on the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima. Visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Japan's most recognisable, rising majestically out of the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. Take an optional cable car up Mt Misen to enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 10: HIMEJI CASTLE

Travel to Himeji to visit its famous castle. The feudal era fort, one of the most impressive in Japan, towers over the city and is recognisable as the backdrop to several major films. Appreciate its turbulent past before strolling around Koko-en, the Edo-style gardens just across the castle moat. Afterwards, you will be transferred to Osaka for an overnight stay.

DAYS 11-12: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

On our May departures, instead of visiting the Iyashi no Sato Historical Village on Day 6, a visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included. This is the best time of the year and one of the most scenic places in Japan to see the pink moss phlox in full bloom!

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JEWELS OF JAPAN

CLASSIC

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

You can see the classic sights of Japan, visiting modern Tokyo, iconic Mt Fuji and historical Kyoto. A visit to Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Museum and the holy island of Miyajima complete this fascinating tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

17 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,460	06 May - 17 May	\$8,990
23 Mar - 03 Apr	\$9,720	13 May - 24 May	\$8,990
26 Mar - 06 Apr	\$9,720	17 May - 28 May	\$8,990
29 Mar - 09 Apr	\$9,720	20 May - 31 May	\$8,990
30 Mar - 10 Apr	\$9,720	10 Sep - 21 Sep	\$9,820
31 Mar - 11 Apr	\$9,720	17 Sep - 28 Sep	\$9,820
01 Apr - 12 Apr	\$9,720	23 Sep - 04 Oct	\$9,820
02 Apr - 13 Apr	\$9,720	06 Oct - 17 Oct	\$9,820
03 Apr - 14 Apr	\$9,720	12 Oct - 23 Oct	\$9,820
04 Apr - 15 Apr	\$9,720	17 Oct - 28 Oct	\$9,820
07 Apr - 18 Apr	\$9,720	23 Oct - 03 Nov	\$9,820
11 Apr - 22 Apr	\$8,990	02 Nov - 13 Nov	\$9,820
13 Apr - 24 Apr	\$8,990	09 Nov - 20 Nov	\$9,820
17 Apr - 28 Apr	\$8,990		

2020 DATES

17 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,860	04 Apr - 15 Apr	\$10,120
23 Mar - 03 Apr	\$10,120	07 Apr - 18 Apr	\$9,390
26 Mar - 06 Apr	\$10,120	13 Apr - 24 Apr	\$9,390
29 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,120	17 Apr - 28 Apr	\$9,390
30 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,120	22 Apr - 03 May	\$9,390
31 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,120	06 May - 17 May	\$9,390
01 Apr - 12 Apr	\$10,120	13 May - 24 May	\$9,390
02 Apr - 13 Apr	\$10,120	17 May - 28 May	\$9,390
03 Apr - 14 Apr	\$10,120	20 May - 31 May	\$9,390

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ALL MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire great Mt Fuji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Visit Buddhist Koyasan
- ✓ See ancient Nara
- ✓ Explore the Japanese Alps

Explore magnificent Matsumoto Castle

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
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PRICE GUIDE

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HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA 3 DAYS FROM \$1,545pp

With origins back to the 6th century, Hiroshima is famous for surviving the 1945 atomic bomb. A scenic ferry ride also takes you to Miyajima's famous 'floating' torii gate.

See page 49.

Price based on twin share. Additional flight or rail costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the incredible megalopolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 3: TOKYO CITY TOUR

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest tower, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to seek out the tranquility of the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest. Discover Tokyo's historical heritage with a drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, stroll through the classical landscapes of Hamarikyū Garden. This evening, take a relaxed dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas.

DAY 4: MT FUJI

Take the super-fast bullet train to Odawara. Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi for spectacular panoramas of this beautiful area before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway. Next, continue to the 5th Station (weather permitting) and take in the breathtaking views over the Fuji Five Lakes area below, then continue to Kofu or Suwa.

DAY 5: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Transfer to Matsumoto and explore the formidable 16th Century Matsumoto Castle. Stop at a Miso House to learn about the process of making Japanese seasoning. Travel on to Takayama, nestled high in the mountainous Hida region, also known as the Japanese Alps.

DAY 6: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market, wander past some of the lovely traditional houses and visit several of the excellent local museums – including the Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya. Also enjoy some free time in Kamisanomachi Street.

DAY 7: SHIRAKAWAGO & KANAZAWA

Get a glimpse of rural Japan at the UNESCO World Heritage listed Shirakawago which is famous for its farmhouses built in the unique gassho-zukuri architectural style. Continue to Gokayama to experience washi paper making, then travel to Kanazawa and visit the Nomura Samurai House.

DAY 8: KENROKU-EN

Meander through the beautiful Kenroku-en Garden, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before strolling along the traditional Higashi Chaya (Eastern Teahouse District), visiting Ochaya Shima – a historical geisha house. Transfer to Kyoto, capital city of Japan until 1879.

DAY 9: EXPLORE KYOTO

Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. This morning, head to a restored Japanese wooden townhouse and try your hand at origami and enjoy the rituals of a tea ceremony. In the afternoon, visit Ryoanji Temple, also known as 'temple of the peaceful dragon' and the famous Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.



Experience rural UNESCO-listed Shirakawago

DAY 10: DISCOVER NARA

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 torii gates. Continue to Nara, a relaxed and charming town virtually untouched by the ravages of modernity. Home to many archetypal pieces of early art and architecture, you will stroll through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple, meeting the resident sika deer en route, before exploring Isui-en Garden.

DAY 11: KOYASAN

The holy mountain of Koyasan is home to a cluster of over a hundred monasteries nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Wander around Okunoin, a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Full of atmosphere, enjoy the tranquillity and spectacular views as you discover Kongobuji Temple and the Garan Temple Complex. Continue to Osaka.

DAY 12: EXPLORE OSAKA

Today, explore Osaka Castle and take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River. Stroll down Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample the local delicacies for lunch. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

DAYS 13-14: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



Learn about Miso seasoning



See the sacred mountain of Koyasan

DISCOVER JAPAN

CLASSIC

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

You can see the main classic sights of Japan including Tokyo, Mt Fuji and the historical capitals of Kyoto and Nara, then travel across the Japanese Alps to the cultural centres of Takayama, Shirakawago and Kanazawa.



Meet sika deer in Nara Park

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

14 Mar - 27 Mar	\$10,160	05 May - 18 May	\$9,680
19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$10,160	09 May - 22 May	\$9,680
24 Mar - 06 Apr	\$10,440	12 May - 25 May	\$9,680
27 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,440	19 May - 01 Jun	\$9,680
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,440	08 Sep - 20 Sep	\$9,680
30 Mar - 12 Apr	\$10,440	15 Sep - 28 Sep	\$10,540
31 Mar - 13 Apr	\$10,440	22 Sep - 05 Oct	\$10,540
02 Apr - 15 Apr	\$10,440	07 Oct - 20 Oct	\$10,540
04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$10,440	17 Oct - 30 Oct	\$10,540
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,440	20 Oct - 02 Nov	\$10,540
09 Apr - 23 Apr	\$10,440	27 Oct - 09 Nov	\$10,540
12 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,680	03 Nov - 16 Nov	\$10,540
15 Apr - 28 Apr	\$9,680	10 Nov - 23 Nov	\$10,540

2020 DATES

14 Mar - 27 Mar	\$10,560	04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$10,080
19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$10,560	06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,080
24 Mar - 06 Apr	\$10,840	15 Apr - 28 Apr	\$10,080
27 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,840	21 Apr - 04 May	\$10,080
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,840	05 May - 18 May	\$10,080
30 Mar - 12 Apr	\$10,840	12 May - 25 May	\$10,080
31 Mar - 13 Apr	\$10,840	16 May - 29 May	\$10,080
02 Apr - 15 Apr	\$10,840	19 May - 01 Jun	\$10,080

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima & Miyajima
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ See the snow monkeys in the Alps
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo & Osaka
- ✓ Explore Kanazawa & Takayama



Soar high on the Hakone Ropeway to the volcanic Owakudani Valley

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
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Enjoy a unique opportunity to start or end your holiday in pure serenity. Stay in a tatami-matted room at holy mountain Koyasan, and rise early to join the monks for their daily dawn chanting.

See pages 47.

Price based on twin share. Additional flight or rail costs apply.



Visit Kyoto's tranquil Kiyomizu Temple

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure, perhaps to sample this city's famous shopping and food.

DAY 3: DISCOVER NARA

Spend the morning in Nara, the small, history-filled city that was Japan's first capital. Stroll through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple and admire the traditional Isui-en Garden. Return to Osaka and visit the impressive Osaka Castle before cruising along the Yodogawa River.

DAY 4: HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Osaka for Hiroshima, stopping en route to explore the magnificent 17th Century Himeji Castle and the neighbouring Koko-en, a traditional-style garden.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA

Hiroshima is a vibrant, forward-thinking city that is a pleasure to explore. Reflect on the city's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Next, hop on the ferry across to the holy island of Miyajima to visit the Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy some free time.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Catch a bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for a thousand years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit Ryoan-ji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 7: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Enjoy one of Kyoto's most delightful spots, Kiyomizu, a 17th Century Buddhist temple, before experiencing the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to further explore this amazing city.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Depart Kyoto and travel to Kanazawa. Meander through Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before viewing the excellent art collection of the Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.

DAY 9: WASHI PAPER MAKING

Visit the Nomura Samurai House and Garden before departing Kanazawa. Stop in Gokayama for lunch and a hands-on washi paper making workshop. Continue to Shirakawago, where you will explore the 300-year-old Gassho-style Wada House, before reaching Takayama.



See snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps



Walk the Shibuya Crossing in Tokyo

DAY 10: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market, wander past some of the lovely traditional houses and visit several of the excellent local museums, including the Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya followed by a stroll down Kamisanomachi Street.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO NAGANO

Depart Takayama and travel to Matsumoto. Here you will have time to admire its formidable 16th Century castle and visit a Miso House. Transfer to Nagano.

DAY 12: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel deeper into the Japanese Alps to see the Japanese Macaques or snow monkeys at the Jigokudani Monkey Park. Continue to Zenkoji, one of Japan's most prolific Buddhist temples. Spend some time at a wasabi farm to learn about its cultivation.

DAY 13: MT FUJI

Travel to the Fuji Five Lakes area. Ascend by road to the 5th station (weather permitting), roughly halfway up Mt Fuji, for fantastic views over the surrounding landscapes. Visit the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the elaborate dyed silk creations of artist Kubota Itchiku.

DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

Begin the day with a cruise on the peaceful waters of Lake Ashi. Next, soar high on the Hakone ropeway over the hilltops to the volcanic Owakudani Valley and discover the dramatic natural hot springs of Mt Hakone. Later, continue to Tokyo.

DAY 15: DISCOVER TOKYO

A dazzling, high-tech metropolis, Japan's capital has wonderfully traditional roots. Start your explorations at the Imperial Palace East Garden, visit Meiji Shrine and walk the famous Shibuya Crossing.

DAY 16: MORE TOKYO

Stroll the vibrant Asakusa district and soak up the ambience of Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. Ascend to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon is free until the evening, when you will board a traditional yakata boat for a dinner cruise.

DAYS 17-18: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

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CLASSIC

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

Our most extensive tour of Japan includes all the classic sights and key cultural activities. Featuring modern cities, historical sights and beautiful landscapes, you get the most from this fascinating land.



Visit a wasabi farm near Zenkoji Temple

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

21 Mar - 07 Apr	✿ \$10,990	04 Sep - 21 Sep*	\$10,990
24 Mar - 10 Apr	✿ \$10,990	03 Oct - 20 Oct	\$10,990
05 May - 22 May*	\$10,990		

2020 DATES

20 Mar - 06 Apr	✿ \$11,390	06 May - 23 May*	\$11,390
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* Includes the sumo wrestling tournament

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SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to Day 15: A Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself.

Contact us for more information.

WHY CHOOSE A SOLO TOUR?

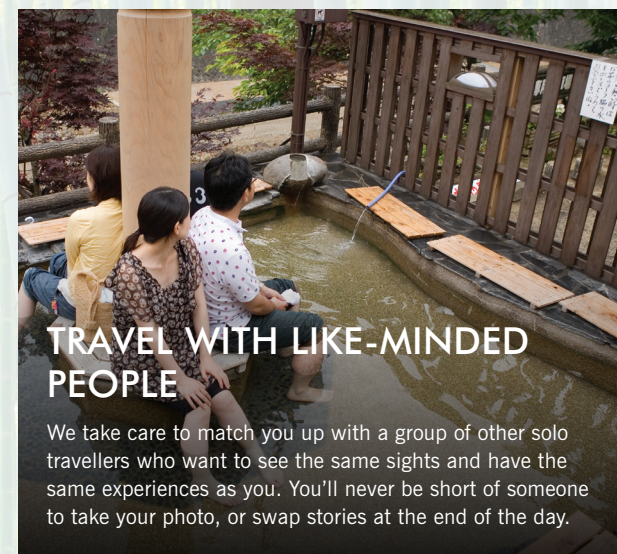
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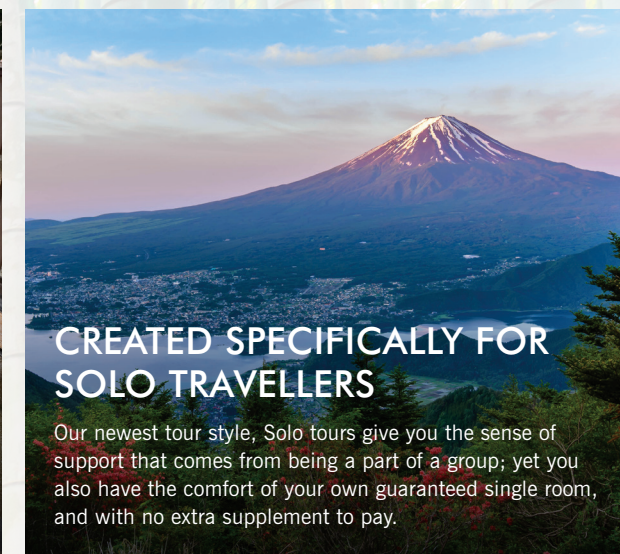
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TRAVEL WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

We take care to match you up with a group of other solo travellers who want to see the same sights and have the same experiences as you. You'll never be short of someone to take your photo, or swap stories at the end of the day.



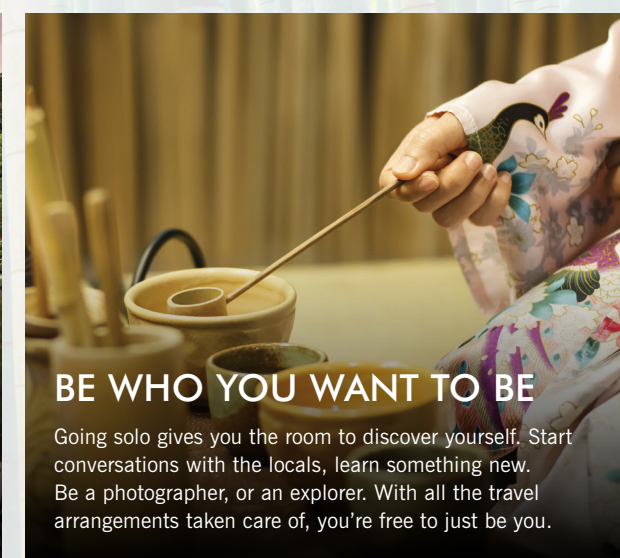
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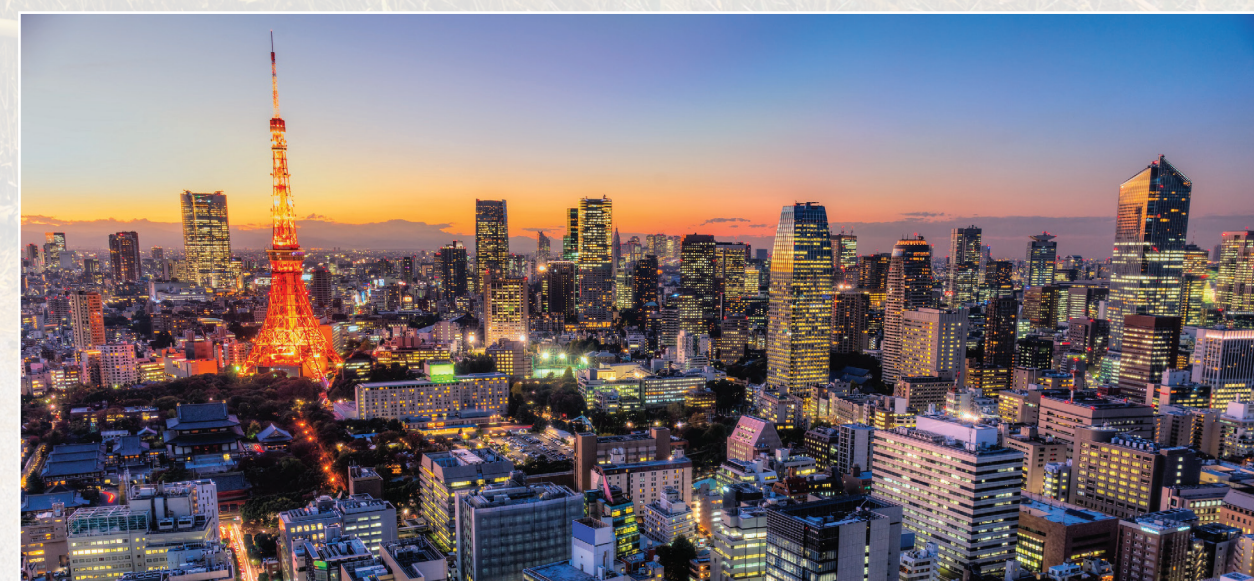
Our experienced National Escorts create the perfect inclusive atmosphere for each group to discover Japan together, complete with group dinners, cultural experiences and fun activities to make the most of your holiday.



BE WHO YOU WANT TO BE

Going solo gives you the room to discover yourself. Start conversations with the locals, learn something new. Be a photographer, or an explorer. With all the travel arrangements taken care of, you're free to just be you.

JAPAN TOURS	DAYS	PAGE	TOKYO	MT FUJI	KYOTO	HIROSHIMA	HIMEJI	NARA	SNOW MONKEYS
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MOST MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore historic Himeji & Nara
- ✓ Head to holy Koyasan
- ✓ Discover delightful Kyoto
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ Be amazed in bustling Tokyo
- ✓ Experience the super-fast bullet train



Explore Kinkaku-ji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple in Kyoto

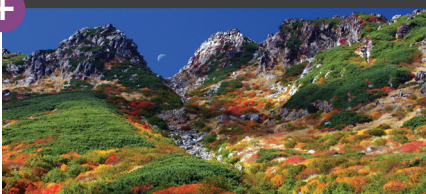
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See page 47.

Price based on twin share.
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Join a tea ceremony in Kyoto

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the food and shopping capital of Osaka. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 3: HIMEJI CASTLE

Meet your group in the hotel lobby and together begin by travelling to Himeji to visit the city's magnificent feudal-era castle, before strolling through the beauty of Koko-en, a classical Japanese garden. After lunch in a local restaurant, return to Osaka and spend some time at leisure. This evening, enjoy a group welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: EXPLORE KOYASAN

This morning, head for the holy mountain of Koyasan, home to a cluster of more than a hundred monasteries nestled in a valley, enclosed by peaks. Wander around Okunion, a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas, and enjoy the tranquillity of Kongobuji Temple. Continue to the charming city of Nara and have the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: NARA TO KYOTO

Stroll through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple, seeing the resident sika deer en-route, before exploring Isui-en Garden. Travel by road to Kyoto, the enchanting city whose thousand-year stint as Japan's capital has left behind an impressive legacy of historic sites. Sightseeing today includes a visit to Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as 'Golden Pavilion' and Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. (B,L)

DAY 6: TRADITIONAL JAPAN

Today starts with some traditional Japanese activities. At the 17th-century Kodai-ji Temple, you'll experience the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony, before a serene session of Zen meditation. Return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 7: ICONIC MT FUJI

Travel on the super-fast bullet train to the Hakone area and board a coach to explore this wilderness region. Take a boat cruise on spectacular Lake Ashi before soaring high on the Komagatake Ropeway for gorgeous Mt Fuji views. There is free time for lunch before a group dinner. (B,D)



Admire the Tokyo skyline

DAY 8: MT FUJI

Travel to Mt Fuji and ascend by road to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for spectacular views of the surrounding landscape below before continuing on to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital city. (B)

DAY 9: EXPLORE TOKYO

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Feel the tranquility of Koko-en Garden in Himeji

HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

SOLO

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

You'll uncover Japan's best-known cities as well as the hidden treasures of Himeji and Koyasan, and view magnificent Mt Fuji. There will also be time at leisure to explore on your own or with new-found friends.



Cruise Lake Ashi

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

27 Mar - 07 Apr	\$9,160	06 Sep - 17 Sep	\$9,160
09 May - 20 May	\$8,920		

2020 DATES

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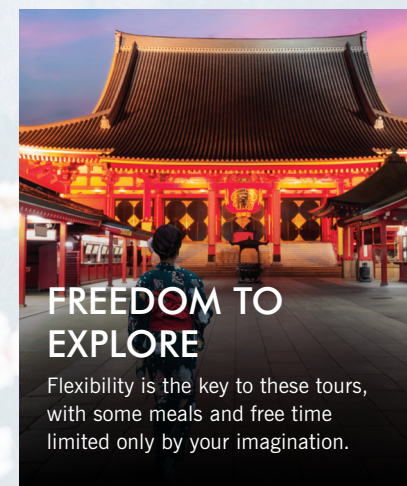


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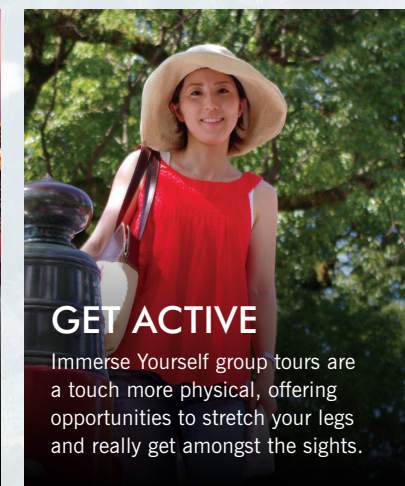
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- Pre-departure documentation



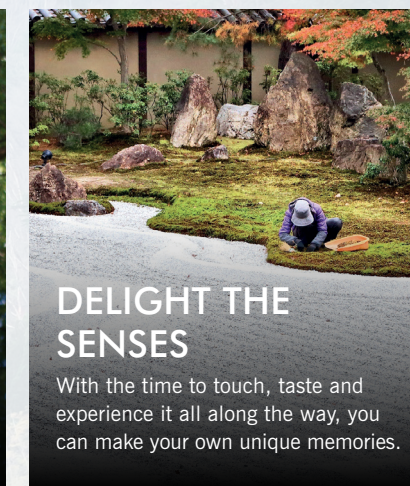
FREEDOM TO EXPLORE

Flexibility is the key to these tours, with some meals and free time limited only by your imagination.



GET ACTIVE

Immerse Yourself group tours are a touch more physical, offering opportunities to stretch your legs and really get amongst the sights.



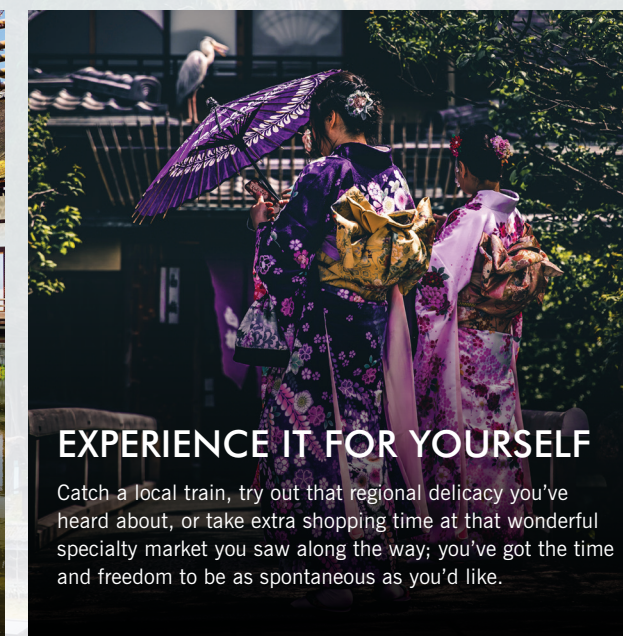
DELIGHT THE SENSES

With the time to touch, taste and experience it all along the way, you can make your own unique memories.



VENTURE BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

These itineraries seek out more than the main sights, with unique, sometimes exclusive local encounters and cultural experiences that make the difference between a great holiday and a truly amazing one.



EXPERIENCE IT FOR YOURSELF

Catch a local train, try out that regional delicacy you've heard about, or take extra shopping time at that wonderful specialty market you saw along the way; you've got the time and freedom to be as spontaneous as you'd like.

JAPAN TOURS	DAYS	PAGE	TOKYO	MT FUJI	KYOTO	HIROSHIMA	HIMEJI	NARA	SNOW MONKEYS
Sapporo & Snow Monkeys	13 days	36	•		•				•
Trails of Japan	14 days	38	•	•	•		•		•



SAPPORO & SNOW MONKEYS

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,660

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

MOST MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING 2

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover Tokyo's bright lights
- ✓ See the snow monkeys in the Alps
- ✓ Explore Sapporo Snow Festival
- ✓ Sip tea in Kyoto
- ✓ Visit the Sapporo Beer Museum
- ✓ Be dazzled by Kinkaku-ji Temple



See the snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation in quality hotels
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18 passengers

PRICE GUIDE

- 13 days inclusive twin share from \$8,660 per person departing from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- For departures from other cities, please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single supplement from \$1,700; ask about our 'Willing to Share' option
- Land only (Tokyo to Osaka): 11 days from \$7,240 per person

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



MT FUJI & HAKONE 2 DAYS FROM \$845pp

Don't miss the chance to see Japan's most famous and iconic peak, Mt Fuji, travelling by cruise, ropeway and coach to take in both Fuji-san and the gorgeous Hakone natural area.

See page 49.

Price based on twin share. Additional flight or rail costs may apply.



Visit Sapporo clock tower

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Today begins with a visit to Edo Tokyo Museum before heading to the vibrant district of Asakusa, Tokyo's old town. Here, at its heart, is Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple which you will explore before wandering down Nakamise, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional, local snacks and souvenirs for centuries. Later, cruise down the Sumida River, disembarking in Hamarikyu Garden, an Edo Period Japanese garden surrounded by the Shiodome district's futuristic skyscrapers. (B,L)

DAY 4: FLY TO SAPPORO

Transfer to the airport and fly to Sapporo. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, driving by the Clock Tower, an exquisite example of Meiji architecture. Enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: SAPPORO SNOW & ICE FESTIVAL

One of the largest events of its kind in the world, Sapporo Snow & Ice Festival attracts sculptors from all over the world to compete, which inevitably leads to bigger and better creations every year! Today, wander along Odori Avenue and through the Susukino district, where hundreds of ice sculptures will be on display. This afternoon, transfer to the Sapporo Beer Museum. There is an optional beer tasting before popping next door to the Sapporo Beer Garden where you will dine on a Genghis Khan dinner – barbecue lamb, a Sapporo special! (B,L,D)

DAY 6: OTARU PORT TOWN

This morning, ascend to the Okurayama viewing point, soaring up to the summit of the Sapporo Winter Olympics ski jump by chair lift – the views over the surrounding mountains are breathtaking. Later, visit the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village, stroll along the canal and feast on some of Japan's best sushi. (B,L)

DAY 7: FLY TO TOKYO

Transfer to the airport and join a flight back to Tokyo. On arrival, head to the famous Shibuya Crossing and enjoy free time for lunch. Later, visit Meiji Shrine, a popular Shinto shrine set amongst a stretch of tranquil woodland. (B)



Explore Kinkaku-ji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple in Kyoto

DAY 8: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Start the morning with a visit to the Tokyo Government Office Building's observatory deck for panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond, before transferring to Matsumoto to visit the magnificent 16th Century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its black exterior. Continue to Nagano, famous for hosting the 1998 Winter Olympics. (B,D)

DAY 9: SNOW MONKEYS

Head to Jigokudani Yaen Koen. Walking through a picturesque forested valley, you will reach the steaming hot pools where you will spend time watching the beautiful Japanese Macaques, or snow monkeys bathe and play in the waters. This afternoon will be spent visiting the 7th Century Zenkoji Temple, one of Japan's most popular. (B)

DAY 10: KYOTO TEA CEREMONY

Transfer to the train station and take a Limited Express train to Nagoya and then change onto one of Japan's super-fast bullet trains to be whisked through the countryside to Kyoto. On arrival, head straight to a quintessential Japanese experience – a tea ceremony. This private tea ceremony, in a Kyoto tearoom, will demonstrate the traditional rituals of tea preparation and service. (B)

DAY 11: EXPLORE KYOTO

An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of serene temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Start your day at Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion', Kyoto's most famous temple.

Continue to Nijo Castle, and after lunch visit Sanjusangendo Temple before ending the day wandering through Nishiki Market, known as 'Kyoto's kitchen'. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12-13: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to Osaka and fly to the Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**Please note: the dates of the Sapporo Snow Festival were not confirmed at the time of printing and the tour date is subject to change once the festival dates have been confirmed.*



Wander along Otaru canal, near Sapporo

SAPPORO & SNOW MONKEYS

IMMERSE YOURSELF

GO BEYOND

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

This is the chance to experience Japan in winter, visiting Sapporo during the world's largest Snow and Ice Festival. Meet the snow monkeys in the beautiful Japanese Alps, and discover Japan's old and new capitals – Kyoto and Tokyo.



Experience Sapporo's Snow & Ice Festival

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2020 DATES

03 Feb - 15 Feb* \$8,660

Important note

Above price includes airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 September 2018 and subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2, or may require extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers at additional cost.

TRAILS OF JAPAN

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,640

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

MOST MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING 3

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit the Robot Restaurant
- ✓ Take a Taiko drumming class
- ✓ Hike around Mt Fuji's base
- ✓ Meet snow monkeys in the Alps
- ✓ Stay at a traditional ryokan
- ✓ Explore sacred Koyasan
- ✓ Chant with Buddhist monks
- ✓ Taste sake at a brewery

Stroll through the gates at Kyoto's beloved Fushimi Inari Shrine

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, no lunches & 4 dinners
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EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



NAKASENDO TRAIL 3 DAYS FROM \$1,055pp

Get off the beaten track and onto one of Japan's most spectacular walking trails instead. The Nakasendo Way is as easy and enjoyable to hike as it is magnificent.

See page 47.

Price based on twin share. Additional flight or rail costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO TOKYO

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DAY 3: DISCOVER TOKYO

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the everchanging skyline to the fashions and trends of the people who call it home. As modern as it may appear, behind the neon façade is a traditional soul that is easy to find amongst the old alleyways, temples and shrines of the Edo era. Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree for views over the sprawling city below, followed by a visit to Sensoji Temple - Tokyo's oldest. Also, stroll along the lively Nakamise shopping street. Later, drive by the famous Shibuya Crossing, stop by Meiji Shrine and continue to the vibrant district of Harajuku. Finally, it's time for a uniquely Tokyo experience - the Robot Restaurant, no introduction needed! (B)

DAY 4: JAPANESE DRUMMING

Immerse yourself into the local culture and spend the morning trying your hand at traditional Japanese drumming with a Taiko class, where you will learn how to beat the 'wadaiko' with 'bachi'. Next, head to Akihabara, Tokyo's electronics district and visit a Maid Café, one of Tokyo's most popular types of themed establishments. In the afternoon, explore the Edo-Tokyo Museum. Housed in the Ryogoku district of Tokyo, the Edo-Tokyo Museum powerfully illustrates the past of Tokyo (known as Edo until 1869) to relatively recent decades. (B)

DAY 5: MT FUJI

Journey out of Tokyo to the foot of mighty Mt Fuji. Pick up a hiking trail and make your way through alpine forest, across meadows and around lakes at Fuji's base, pausing often to gaze on the peak towering above you. (B,D)

DAY 6: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel to Matsumoto and explore its magnificent 16th Century castle. Continue to Nagano, stopping in Yudanaka to watch the Japanese Macaques, or snow monkeys, at Jigokudani Monkey Park bathe and play in and around the hot spring pool. (B)

DAY 7: JAPANESE ALPS

Travel to Hotaka and ride up into the Japanese Alps on the Shin-Hotaka Ropeway for breath taking views over the surrounding mountains (weather permitting). Drive to Takayama, nestled high in the Hida Region where you will stay the night at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn with onsen facilities. Here you can bathe in the natural hot spring pools and experience this most traditional pastime. This afternoon you will have time to explore Kamisanomachi Street and sample the street food on offer. This evening, enjoy dinner in your ryokan. (B,D)

DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Take the Limited Express train to Nagoya, then travel on the super-fast bullet train and whiz your way through the countryside to Kyoto. Start discovering the city's rich heritage with visits to the enchanting Fushimi Inari Shrine and Kiyomizu Temple. Stroll around Higashiyama and Gion, the geisha district, with a stop at Gion Corner, which showcases the seven professional performing arts. (B)



See the snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps

DAY 9: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Start today by visiting Kinkaku-ji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion' and Ryonaji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. Continue to Arashiyama district and enjoy a rickshaw ride. Later, witness the rituals involved in the preparation and pouring of matcha tea in a traditional tea ceremony. (B)

DAY 10: KYOTO CULTURE & KOYASAN

Discover the complicated process of dressing in a traditional kimono at Nishijin Textile Centre, then try your hand at the art of origami. This afternoon, travel by road to Koyasan, where you will spend the night in a 13th-century temple sleeping on a traditional futon on a tatami mat floor. (B,D)

DAY 11: MORNING PRAYERS

Rise early to join the monks for their daily morning service – hearing the recitation and chanting is a magical experience. After breakfast, take a walking tour of Koyasan. One of Japan's holiest sites, this mountain top sanctuary is full of temples and pagodas. Also visit Kongobuji Temple and Okunoin Cemetery before travelling to Osaka. (B)

DAY 12: HIMEJI CASTLE & SAKE BREWERY

Take a day tour to Himeji to visit the 17th-century castle which is considered a prime example of Japanese feudal period architecture. Continue to a sake brewery, where you can learn about the brewing process and enjoy some tasters. Return to Osaka and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAYS 13-14: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to the airport and fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

During the month of May, a special visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included on Day 5. This is the best time of the year and one of the most scenic places in Japan to see the pink moss phlox in full bloom!

Contact us for more information.



SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On our May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to Day 4: the Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself.

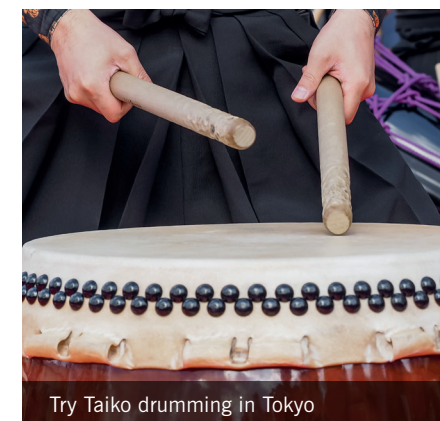
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IMMERSE YOURSELF

GO BEYOND

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

It's a chance to get off the beaten track on our most active and culturally immersive tour of Japan. See the snow monkeys, trek at the foot of Mt Fuji and stay in both a traditional ryokan and a Buddhist monastery.



Try Taiko drumming in Tokyo

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,280	07 Sep - 20 Sep*	\$9,640
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,280	14 Sep - 27 Sep*	\$9,640
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,280	05 Oct - 18 Oct	\$10,280
14 May - 27 May*	\$9,640	22 Oct - 04 Nov	\$10,280
20 May - 02 Jun*	\$9,640		

2020 DATES

22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,680	11 May - 24 May*	\$10,040
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,680	18 May - 31 May*	\$10,040
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,680		

* Includes the sumo wrestling tournament

Important note

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Taste Japanese sake brewed near Himeji

A person wearing a dark blue kimono with a floral pattern and a red obi is walking away from the camera down a paved path in a bamboo forest. The path is flanked by tall, dry, golden-brown grasses. The bamboo stalks are tall and slender, creating a dense canopy overhead. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating a dappled light effect on the path and the bamboo. The overall atmosphere is serene and peaceful.

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If you want your own personal adventure, visiting exactly the places you want to go then a Tailor-Made Holiday is for you. Whatever your interests, whoever you want to travel with, whatever you'd like to experience, we can help you create your own journey through Japan.

TAILOR-MADE TOURING YOUR HOLIDAY, YOUR WAY

Anytime that group touring doesn't exactly fit your dates, destinations or even just your dreams, our Tailor-Made Holidays are just what you need. Choose every element, from destinations to hotels, meals or experiences, and we can make it happen, accompanied by our expert local guides to smooth the way so you can relax and enjoy it, just the way you like.

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HOLIDAY SHOULD I CHOOSE?

TAILOR-MADE TOURS

Mix and match what you love from our itineraries to make your own perfect holiday; you're limited only by your dreams. Our travel consultants can't wait to work with you to create a unique itinerary from the hotels, destinations and even experiences featured in any of our tours.

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Perhaps you love one of our group tours, but it doesn't quite fit in with your plans? Most of our tours can be turned into your own private holiday, to be shared with family, friends or simply your camera, accompanied by an expert Local Guide.

SHORT STAYS

Why not extend your adventure by exploring the surrounding region? At the beginning or end of any of our group tours or Tailor-Made Holidays, you can add on a short stay in another amazing destination in Japan and surrounds.

STOPOVERS

Many of our airline partners include a stopover in exciting cities throughout Asia. Include a stopover in your holiday, either travelling to or from your tour, and add a whole new cultural experience to your trip.

WONDERS OF JAPAN

9 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ Travel by bullet train
- ✓ Explore alpine Yudanaka
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto

NOW MAKE IT YOURS:

Would you like to add or swap something? Let us work our Tailor-Made magic! Just get in touch with one of our travel consultants to make this (or any of our tours) uniquely yours.



Experience Tokyo's Shibuya Crossing, one of the world's busiest

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$3,950	\$5,520
Superior	\$4,650	\$6,510
Deluxe	\$5,740	N/A

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach arrival transfer on Day 1
- PASMO transportation card with JPY2000 value
- JR Pass 7 days, Standard Class
- Private touring with Local English-speaking guides and entrance fees on Days 2 and 7
- Seat-in-coach touring with Local English-speaking guide and entrance fees on Day 3
- Meals as listed

NOTE: Imperial Palace East Gardens in Tokyo is closed Mondays and Fridays.



Use your rail pass to visit Nara

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Upon arrival in Tokyo, you will be transferred to your hotel. Depending on time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: TOKYO CITY TOUR

Making use of the city's fantastic public transport, your guided city tour starts at the famous Shibuya Crossing. Continue to the Meiji Shrine, followed by a walk around Harajuku. In the afternoon, head to the Asakusa district for a more traditional side of Tokyo, then take a leisurely cruise on the Sumida River to Hamarikyu Gardens. (B,L)

DAY 3: MT FUJI

Travel by coach to Hakone, the gateway to Japan's most iconic landmark – Mt Fuji. Drive to the 5th Station of Mt Fuji where, weather permitting, you can take in spectacular views. Next head to Hakone National Park and take a boat trip on Lake Ashi. From the water, the panoramas of the country's highest mountain and its surroundings are spectacular. Stroll around Hakone-en Garden before taking a cable car up Mt Komagatake for even more breathtaking views of the surrounding area. Return to Tokyo and make your own way back to the hotel from either Ginza or Shinjuku. (B,L)

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO YUDANAKA

With train tickets in hand, make your way to the station and take the super-fast bullet train to Nagano, where your touring is self-guided. Afterwards, continue your journey by local train into the northern peaks of the Japanese Alps to the onsen town of Yudanaka, with shuttle bus transfer to your ryokan. Dinner will be a Japanese traditional kaiseki meal. (B,D)

DAY 5: YUDANAKA ONSEN

Touring today is self-guided. You may wish to see the Japanese snow monkeys soaking in the hot springs of the Jigokudani Yaen-Koen, visit a sake brewery or the art-loving town of Obuse. Enjoy dinner at your ryokan. (B,D)

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Take the local train back to Nagano, before continuing by bullet train to Kyoto. The enchanting city of Kyoto, nicknamed the 'City of Ten Thousand Shrines', is a well-preserved legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. (B)

DAY 7: KYOTO'S HIDDEN TREASURES

Taking public transport, a Local Guide will lead you on an in-depth tour of this delightful city, which is home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites, over 1,600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines. Visit Kinkaku-ji Temple, the 'Golden Pavilion', before wandering through the famous Zen gardens at Ryoan-ji Temple. Continue to the fascinating Nijo Castle, surrounded by exquisite gardens and renowned for its decorated sliding doors and 'chirping' nightingale floor. (B)

DAY 8: EXPLORE KYOTO AND MORE

There is so much to see in Kyoto that you have today to explore independently. For those who might want to go farther afield, your rail pass enables you to visit one of the nearby cities. Choose Nara, also a former capital full of wonderful heritage; the attractive hillside city of Kobe; Osaka, known for its gastronomy; or friendly, laid-back Hiroshima. (B)

DAY 9: DEPART KYOTO

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. You can use your JR Pass to transfer to Kansai airport. (B)

SPIRIT OF JAPAN

10 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Experience vibrant Tokyo
- ✓ Witness iconic Mt Fuji
- ✓ Puzzle over Ryoan-ji Temple
- ✓ Explore ancient Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima

NOW MAKE IT YOURS:

Want to add a restaurant you'd like to try, or to swap one of these destination stops? That's what Tailor-Made Holidays are all about. Our travel consultants can make this itinerary perfect for you.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*	
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE
Standard	\$9,260
Superior	\$10,720
Deluxe	\$11,640

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply. Sole traveller price on request.

Price includes

- 9 nights accommodation
- Tokyo Bay Symphony dinner cruise
- Train tickets, Standard Class with reserved seats
- Private touring with local English-speaking guides on Days 4 and 5
- Touring by public transport with local English-speaking guide on Days 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

NOTE: Imperial Palace East Gardens in Tokyo is closed Mondays and Fridays.



Kyoto's Kinkaku-ji shines in winter



Breathe the crystal-clear air of the Fuji Five Lakes district

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Upon arrival in Tokyo, you will be transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: TOKYO CITY TOUR

Begin with a visit to the observation deck of the Skytree, the world's tallest tower, and then the outside Imperial Palace. Head across town to Asakusa, Tokyo's old town to experience ancient Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest, then visit the Sumo Museum in Ryogoku, or, on days the museum is closed, head to the Hokusai Museum to celebrate the artist of the famous artwork *The Great Wave*. (B,L)

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Your morning is at leisure until your guide picks you up for an afternoon tour using Tokyo's excellent public transport system. After a late local lunch, head to the Hamarikyu Gardens and enjoy a matcha tea and Japanese sweets in the island tea house on the park's lake. Next, perhaps catch sight of a traditional wedding at Meiji Shrine and stroll Omotesando shopping street, the centre for both top fashion brands and people-watching. Tonight enjoy the Tokyo Bay Symphony dinner cruise, including an exquisite French multi-course dinner, then make your way back to your hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FUJI FIVE LAKES

Journey through the foothills of Mt Fuji by private car to the serene Fuji Five Lakes for a pleasure cruise before stopping at the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view its renowned silk creations and garden. After a traditional noodle lunch, take a scenic drive of the lakes and the Aokigahara Sea of Trees Forest and end the day at the 8th-century Sengen Shrine. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MT FUJI & HAKONE

Travel to Mt Fuji by private car and then up 2,300 metres above sea level to the mountain's famous 5th Station (weather permitting). Next, travel to Hakone, a breathtaking national park area located south of Mt Fuji. Enjoy a cruise across the serene waters of Lake Ashi, and see Edo-period Hakone Checkpoint. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer by car to the station for the bullet train to enchanting Kyoto. Make your own way to your hotel, ready for a guided afternoon tour by public transport of the awesome spectacle of golden Kinkaku-ji Temple, then Ryoanji Temple and its famous Zen garden. (B,L)

DAY 7: EXPLORE KYOTO

Enjoy a home visit to learn a traditional art such as the tea ceremony or origami paper-folding before a local lunch. This afternoon, explore Kyoto's delightful, hillside Kiyomizu Temple with your guide. (B,L)

DAY 8: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Take the bullet train to Hiroshima and be met by your guide. Learn about the 1945 atomic bomb at the impressive Peace Memorial Park and Museum, then hop on the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima to visit one of Japan's most recognisable shrines. (B,L)

DAY 9: HIMEJI CASTLE

Catch the bullet train to Himeji to be met by your guide. Visit Himeji Castle before climbing scenic Mt Shosha by ropeway. Transfer to the station for your train to Osaka and make your way to your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 10: DEPART OSAKA

After check-out, transfer to the airport where your arrangements end. (B)

JAPAN IMPRESSIONS

7 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Stroll Tokyo’s Meiji Shrine
- ✓ Meet a maiko or a geisha in Kyoto
- ✓ Marvel at Osaka Castle
- ✓ Travel by bullet train

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$3,810	\$6,165
Superior	\$4,235	\$7,075
Deluxe	\$5,560	\$9,935

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 6 nights accommodation
- Transport PASMO card with JPY2,000 value
- Reserved seat, Standard Class Shinkansen ticket Tokyo to Kyoto
- Local train ticket (non-reserved) Kyoto to Osaka
- One-day Osaka subway pass
- Private touring and entrance fees as specified
- Local English-speaking guides on Days 2, 3, 5, 6
- Meals as listed

NOTE: Imperial Palace East Gardens in Tokyo is closed Mondays and Fridays.



See geisha in Kyoto’s Gion district



Discover Nijo Castle



Climb to the top of Osaka Castle for amazing views

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Make your own way to your Tokyo hotel for a three-night stay. Tokyo, meaning ‘Eastern Capital’, was originally a small fishing village called Edo. Today it is one of the world’s most bustling and exciting metropolises.

DAY 2: TOKYO

Enjoy a full-day tour with a Local Guide utilising Tokyo’s public transport system. Visit Meiji Shrine, Tokyo’s most famous shrine, Harajuku, Tokyo’s youth mecca, Omotesando, referred to as Tokyo’s ‘Champs-Elysées’ and Ginza, Tokyo’s famous upmarket district. You will also visit the Imperial Palace East Gardens (the palace itself is not open to the public). Finally visit Asakusa, home to Nakamise shopping street and Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo’s oldest Buddhist temple. (B)

DAY 3: TOKYO

Early this morning you will begin a half-day tour travelling by subway to the Tsukiji Fish Market, where you will explore the vegetable and fruit areas. After buying ingredients, you will learn to make various forms of sushi. The afternoon is at your leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4: TOKYO TO KYOTO

Make your own way to Tokyo station and travel by Shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto. Upon arrival, make your own way to your hotel. Once the imperial capital of Japan, Kyoto is another city with a diverse past.

The city is home to more than 2,000 places of worship, including Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. This afternoon visit a traditional tea house in the Gion geisha district. Enjoy green tea and Japanese cake in the company of a geisha or maiko (apprentice geisha). Watch a traditional dance performance, and make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

DAY 5: KYOTO

Enjoy a full-day tour exploring Kyoto with a Local Guide utilising the public transport system. Visit Kinkaku-ji, known as the Golden Pavilion and then continue to Ryoan-ji temple with its famous Zen rock garden, and finally see majestic Nijo Castle. (B)

DAY 6: KYOTO TO OSAKA

Make your own way to Kyoto station and travel by local train to Osaka for an overnight stay. Upon arrival, make your own way to your hotel. Osaka is Japan’s third largest city and was established as a major industrial and cultural centre in 1889. This afternoon explore Osaka with a Local Guide utilising the public transport system. Visit Osaka Castle, originally built in 1593, and take a cruise along the Yodogawa River. (B)

DAY 7: DEPART OSAKA

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

NAKASENDO TRAIL

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Travel by bullet train
- ✓ Walk the scenic Nakasendo Way
- ✓ Discover historic Tsumago
- ✓ Enjoy delicious ryokan dinners

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

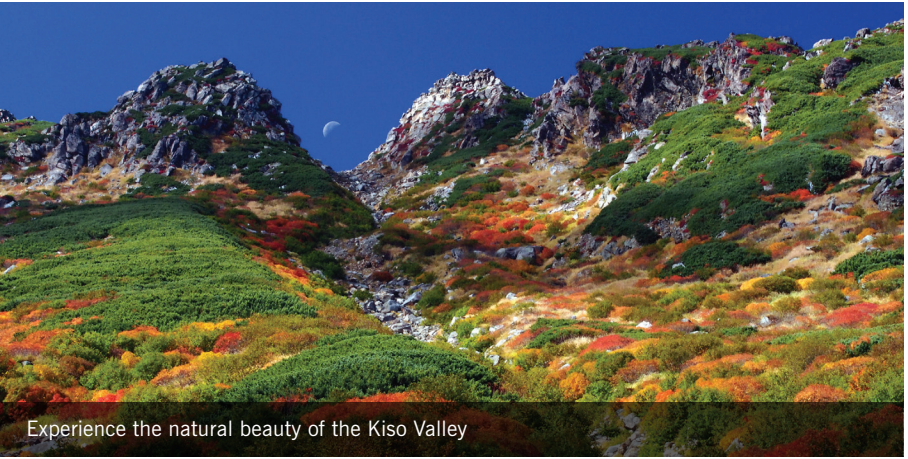
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,055	\$1,595

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation in Japanese-style room
- Meals as listed
- Rail tickets as specified in Standard Class
- Transfers on Day 2
- Entrance fees

NOTE: This is an independent self-guided itinerary.



Experience the natural beauty of the Kiso Valley

DAY 1: TOKYO TO KISO-FUKUSHIMA

Today you leave Tokyo and make your own way to Kiso-Fukushima, the mountainous gateway to the Nakasendo Way. You’ll take the Shinkansen to Nagano and change to a limited express train for Kiso-Fukushima. Upon arrival, your hotel is a 5-minute taxi ride or an easy 15-minute walk away. The rest of the day is at leisure, with dinner included at your ryokan. (D)

DAY 2: THE NAKASENDO WAY

This morning you’ll visit the historic ancestral Yamamura Residence, then KoZen-ji Temple, one of Kiso Valley’s three great temples and home to Asia’s largest dry rock garden, and finally to Fukushima Sekisho-Ato, a fascinating centuries-old immigration office. After your morning of sightseeing, you’ll head to Kiso-Fukushima station for a short train

ride to the town of Nakatsugawa to pick up the bus to Magome, a former post town. There is time to explore the town and enjoy lunch here before the main event – walking the Nakasendo Way. The easy 8-kilometre stretch of the Nakasendo Trail from Magome to Tsumago features beautiful mountain vistas and cascading waterfalls along the way to the time capsule of Tsumago, where all the houses are over 200 years old. A private car transfer will take you back to Kiso-Fukushima, followed by another delicious evening dining at your ryokan. (B,D)

DAY 3: KISO-FUKUSHIMA TO KYOTO

After breakfast, you will take a limited express train from Kiso-Fukushima to Nagoya and then the Shinkansen from Nagoya to Kyoto, where your arrangements end. (B)

KOYASAN MONASTERY RETREAT

2 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Spectacular train journey
- ✓ Buddhist temple lodgings

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE
From Kyoto	\$935
From Osaka	\$1,095

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply. Due to traditional monastic accommodations, single rooms are limited. Sole traveller price upon request.

Price includes

- 1 night in Buddhist temple lodging (Japanese-style accommodation)
- Train ticket Osaka to Shin Imamiya (local train, unreserved seating)
- Return Nankai Free Pass from Shin Imamiya to Koyasan, including cable car
- English-speaking guide on Day 1 (4 hours)
- Entrance fees, and meals as listed



Find peace at Kongobu-ji Temple, Koyasan

DAY 1: KYOTO/OSAKA TO KOYASAN

Depart from Kyoto or Osaka by the limited express train to Koyasan (no guide), the centre of Shingon Buddhism, an important Buddhist sect for over 1,200 years. The 2.5-hour journey to the mountaintop is one of the highlights of the visit. You will take several local trains, with the last train being one of the most scenic in Japan, winding its way up through the mountains. Enjoy a short cable car ride to the top of the 900m-high Koyasan where your Local Guide will meet you. Visit Kongobu-ji Temple, the head monastery of Shingon Buddhism, home to Japan’s largest rock garden, as well as the Garan temple complex. Okunoin is Japan’s largest cemetery and holds the mausoleum

of the founder of Shingon Buddhism, Kobo Daishi. The 2km walk to the mausoleum takes you past 200,000 tombstones, belonging to feudal lords, prominent monks and well known Japanese companies. Tonight you will be staying at a shukubo, Buddhist temple lodging in Japanese-style accommodation. Dinner is Shojin Ryori, traditional vegetarian Buddhist cuisine. (D)

DAY 2: KOYASAN TO OSAKA

Rise early to watch the monks chant their morning prayers, followed by a Shojin Ryori breakfast. Take the train to Shin Imamiya in Osaka at your leisure where upon arrival, your arrangements end. (B)

TOKYO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ The tranquil Meiji Shrine
- ✓ Experience quirky Harajuku
- ✓ Stroll Asakusa, Tokyo's Old Town
- ✓ See the famed Tsukiji Fish Market



Explore Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple, Senso-ji Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,310	\$2,110
Superior	\$1,445	\$2,385

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 3 nights accommodation
 - Transport PASMO card with JPY2,000 value
 - Private touring and entrance fees as specified
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Meals as listed

NOTE: Imperial Palace East Gardens in Tokyo is closed Mondays and Fridays.

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Make your own way to your Tokyo hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE TOKYO

Enjoy a full day of touring with a Local Guide utilising Tokyo's super-efficient metro system. Start your day with an early morning visit to Meiji Shrine, Tokyo's most famous shrine, followed by Harajuku, Tokyo's youth mecca, and Omotesando, commonly referred to as Tokyo's 'Champs-Élysées'. Take the metro to Ginza, Tokyo's most famous upmarket shopping and dining district. Adjoining Ginza is the Imperial Palace, the main residence of the Emperor. While the palace itself is not open to the public, you can take a stroll through its East Gardens. Your last stop for the day is Asakusa, part of Tokyo's Old Town

and home to Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple, and also the city's oldest geisha district. (B)

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Early this morning you will begin a half-day tour travelling by subway to the Tsukiji Fish Market, where you will have a few hours to explore the vegetable and fruit areas. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore Tokyo. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

KYOTO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit beautiful Kodai-ji Temple
- ✓ Kyoto's famous Geisha district
- ✓ Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine
- ✓ See Japan's largest Buddha



Explore Kodai-ji Temple in Kyoto

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,810	\$3,060
Superior	\$1,995	\$3,180

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 3 nights accommodation
 - Private touring and entrance fees as specified
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - 3 day Kansai Thru Pass
 - Meals as listed

DAY 1: ARRIVE KYOTO

Arrive in Japan's ancient capital and make your own way to the hotel.

DAY 2: KYOTO

Enjoy a full-day tour exploring Kyoto with your Local Guide utilising the public transport system. Visit Nijo Castle built in 1603 and continue to Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion. Originally built as a retirement villa for the Shogun, at his request it became a Buddhist temple after his death. Next visit the Daitoku-ji Zen Temple complex, which consists of a main temple and 22 sub-temples. Walk the mile-long Nishiki covered food markets. Walk through the back streets and lanes of Kyoto and visit a former sake brewery for sake tasting. Finish at a traditional wooden

townhouse for your Japanese cooking class, and enjoy the results for dinner. (B,D)

DAY 3: KYOTO – NARA

Make the short trip by Kintetsu train to Nara with your Local Guide. First stop is Todai-ji Temple, the world's largest wooden building and home to Japan's largest Buddha, followed by Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine, which is adorned with thousands of lanterns. Return to Kyoto and visit Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine, home to over 10,000 orange torii gates. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KYOTO

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Peace Memorial Park and Museum
- ✓ Beautiful Shukkei-en Garden
- ✓ Holy Miyajima Island
- ✓ The heights of Mt Misen



Visit tranquil Miyajima Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,545	\$2,265
Superior	\$1,745	\$2,815
Deluxe	\$2,215	\$3,195

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 2 nights accommodation
 - Private touring and entrance fees as specified
 - Return Shinkansen Osaka to Hiroshima
 - Two one-day Hiroshima tram passes
 - Miyajima ferry pass
 - Express train ticket Shin-Osaka to Kansai airport
 - Local English-speaking guides
 - Meals as listed

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO HIROSHIMA

From your hotel in Osaka, transfer to Shin Osaka station and board the super-fast bullet train to Hiroshima. Meet your English-speaking guide and explore the city using public transport, starting at the remarkable and poignant Peace Memorial Park. This leafy and peaceful expanse is full of beautiful memorials to those who died from the atomic bomb dropped here in 1945. Continue to the Peace Memorial Museum. Dine on the local favourite Okonomiyaki for lunch before visiting the historical Shukkei-en Garden. (L)

DAY 2: EXPLORE MIYAJIMA

Travel to the charm-filled and holy island of Miyajima by local train and ferry with your guide. Enjoy a walking tour of this peaceful island, wandering along the waterfront and shopping street amongst local sightseers to

reach Itsukushima Shrine. The shrine is best known for its enormous vermillion torii gate, which stands in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. This afternoon, fly up to the heady heights of Mt Misen by cable car and admire the panoramic views. Return to Hiroshima and your hotel by ferry and local train before taking the bullet train independently from Hiroshima Station back to Shin Osaka Station. (B)

DAY 3: HIROSHIMA – OSAKA TO KANSAI AIRPORT

After check-out this morning, make your own way to Hiroshima Station to board your Shinkansen to Shin-Osaka Station, where you will change to an express train to Kansai airport where your arrangements end. (B)

MT FUJI & HAKONE

2 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Mt Fuji's famed 5th Station
- ✓ Take a stunning cruise in Hakone
- ✓ Soak in natural hot springs



Witness the pure serenity of Lake Ashi

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$845	\$875
Superior	\$1,120	\$1,145
Deluxe	\$1,365	\$1,395

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 1 night accommodation at a ryokan in a Japanese-style room
 - Seat-in-coach touring & entrance fees on Day 1
 - Local English-speaking guide on Day 1
 - Transfer Hakone to Odawarra Station
 - Ordinary Class Shinkansen ticket Odawarra to Tokyo
 - Meals as listed

DAY 1: TOKYO TO HAKONE

Make your own way to the meeting point in Tokyo for your seat-in-coach tour to Mt Fuji and Hakone. Travel to Mt Fuji Visitor Centre and then up to the mountain's famous 5th Station (weather permitting) to enjoy the view from 2,300m above sea level. Next, travel to Hakone, a breathtaking national park area located south of Mt Fuji. Enjoy a cruise across the serene waters of Lake Ashi and take the Komagatake Ropeway to the top of Mt Komagatake for spectacular views. This afternoon, farewell your guide at Hakone Yumoto Station and make your own way to your ryokan where you will stay overnight and can relax in its wonderfully reviving natural hot springs. (D)

DAY 2: HAKONE TO TOKYO

This morning is at your leisure. You will be transferred from your ryokan to Odawara Station for an exciting ride on the Shinkansen (bullet train) back to Tokyo Station where your arrangements end. (B)

FASCINATING TAIWAN

SEAT-IN-COACH TOUR

5 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Taroko National Park
- ✓ Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Chihkan Tower
- ✓ Fo Guang Shan Monastery

This seat-in-coach tour is operated by our partner in Taiwan and is therefore not a Wendy Wu Tours group tour. This seat-in-coach tour departs on Mondays, on a join-in basis, with a minimum group size of two people.



Spring & Autumn Pavilion, Kaohsiung

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$920	**
Superior	\$1,250	**

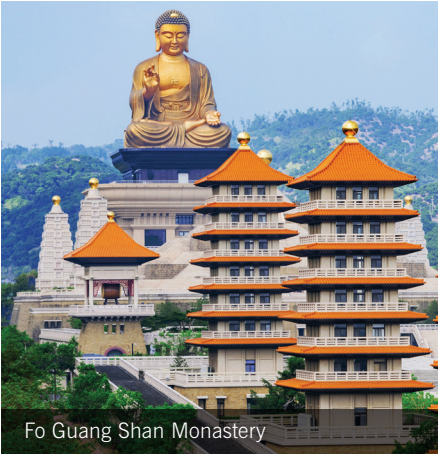
* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and Chinese New Year surcharges apply.

** Ask our consultants for the sole traveller rate, as it is dependent on tour numbers.

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach touring (join-in basis)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

NOTE: This seat-in-coach tour departs on a Monday. A minimum of two people is required for this tour to operate. Where less than six people are booked, an English-speaking driver-guide may be used.



Fo Guang Shan Monastery

DAY 1: TAIPEI TO TAROKO

This morning you will be met at your Taipei hotel to commence your round-island tour. Journey to Taroko National Park. With its marble-walled gorges, lush flora and mountainous landscapes, Taroko is one of Taiwan's most stunning locations. It is a sanctuary for half of Taiwan's plant and animal species. Visit locations such as Swallow Grotto, Eternal Spring Shrine and Taroko Gorge Gateway.

DAY 2: TAROKO TO SUN MOON LAKE

Depart Taroko and drive toward Sun Moon Lake via the picturesque central cross-island highway and Wuling, stopping en route at Mt Hehuan Visitors Centre for incredible views. Continue to Sun Moon Lake, Taiwan's largest lake; the eastern part of the lake is round like the sun and the western side is shaped like a crescent moon. Drive along the lake and visit Wen-Wu Temple, which has beautiful lake views. Spend the night close to the water. (B)

DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

Visit the Holy Monk Shrine, Tehua Village and Tse En Pagoda, before driving south to Tainan, the ancient capital of Taiwan, rich in preserved historical sites and cultural relics. Take a walking tour around Anping Fort, which was established by the Dutch East India Company in the 17th century, though what you see today is a reconstruction. Wander down some of the city's most historical streets, catching a glimpse of the Tainan of times gone by. (B)

DAY 4: TAINAN TO KAOHSIUNG

Visit Chihkan Tower, originally named Fort Provintia and built in 1653 by Dutch colonisers. Stop at the Confucius Temple to enjoy a walking tour around the surrounding area. Continue to Kaohsiung where you will visit Fo Guang Shan Monastery, the biggest Buddhist Monastery in Taiwan, where you will see the Buddhist Culture Museum and main shrine. Enjoy a light vegetarian lunch at the monastery. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Why not take a stroll to enjoy the beautiful night views or visit the Liuho Night Market. (B,L)

DAY 5: KAOHSIUNG & LUKANG TO TAIPEI

Visit the Spring and Autumn Pavilion and the Dragon and Tiger Pagoda. Spring and Autumn Pavilions are dedicated to Kuan Kung, the God of War, and were completed in 1951. Dragon and Tiger Pagodas are located a short distance from the Spring and Autumn Pavilions. The dragon's mouth is the entrance and the tiger's mouth is the exit which symbolises turning bad luck into good fortune. Drive north to Lukang and visit Lungshan Temple and market. Travel back to Taipei, making a stop at Sanyi, a woodcarving village, en route. Your arrangements will end upon arrival at your Taipei hotel. (B)

TAIPEI CITY STAY

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall
- ✓ Taipei 101 building
- ✓ National Palace Museum
- ✓ Yangmingshan National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$540	\$1,030
Superior	\$660	\$1,280
Deluxe	\$830	\$1,610

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and Chinese New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees
- Daily breakfast



Soak up the bright lights of Taipei City

DAY 1: TAIPEI

This morning you will be met at your Taipei hotel to commence your full-day tour. Start with a visit to the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Inside are various artefacts including two of his Cadillacs, documents and items from his daily life. Take the high-speed elevator to the observation deck on the 89th floor of the Taipei 101 building for a birds-eye view of Taipei. Later, explore Lungshan Temple and then Dihua Street known for its many Chinese medicine shops. Finish the day at the National Palace Museum to admire the Chinese imperial collections before returning to your hotel. The evening is at your leisure.

DAY 2: TAIPEI

Enjoy a full-day tour, visiting Yangmingshan National Park for a light hike through the distinctive volcanic landscape. Later, have a photostop at the Flower Clock, visit Zhongshan Hall and explore the lively night market. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART TAIPEI

Your arrangements end upon check-out of your hotel this morning. (B)

NATURAL WONDERS OF TAIWAN

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Beitou Hot Springs
- ✓ Yangmingshan National Park
- ✓ Taroko National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,160	\$2,200
Superior	\$1,330	\$2,540
Deluxe	\$1,500	\$2,900

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and Chinese New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Cultural dance show
- Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees

NOTE: This private tour has set departure dates on selected Mondays.



Breathe the fresh air at Sun Moon Lake

DAY 1: DEPART TAIPEI

This morning you will be met in your hotel lobby by your local English-speaking driver guide, transfer to Elephant Mountain for 2 hours soft trekking. This afternoon visit Yangmingshan National Park and have an opportunity to soak in the Beitou hot springs. This evening explore the Shilin Night Markets before returning to your hotel in Taipei. (L)

DAY 2: TAIPEI TO SUN MOON LAKE & PULI

Depart Taipei for Sun Moon Lake, Taiwan's largest lake and the Wen Wu Temple. Visit the Holy Monk Shrine, Tehua Village and Tse En Pagoda. Travel to Puli where you will enjoy a banquet dinner and cultural dance show. This evening enjoy a soak in the hot spring tub in your own room. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PULI – SCENIC MOUNTAIN ROAD TO TAROKO

Take a guided tour around the eco-farm of your resort and partake in fruit picking activities. Drive to Taroko National Park stopping enroute on Mt Hehuan to enjoy the panoramic view over the central mountain ranges. Spend the evening in Taroko National Park. (B,L)

DAY 4: TAROKO TO TAIPEI

Visit the Taroko Gorge Gateway, the Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto. After lunch, return back to Taipei with a stop enroute at Chingssui Cliff with a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean. Arrangements end at your Taipei hotel (own arrangements) or at the Taipei Airport. (B,L)

CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Taste delicious Korean street food
- ✓ Explore historic Gyeongju
- ✓ Admire UNESCO Bulguksa Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,170	\$3,890
Superior	\$2,370	\$4,250
Deluxe	\$3,120	\$5,600

* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, cherry blossom season, weekend, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation
- Transfers listed (driver only)
- Return KTX bullet train Seoul-Gyeongju
- Meals as listed

NOTE: Flights to and from South Korea are not included. Please ask one of our travel consultants for details.



Try a visit to Gyeongbok Palace in cherry blossom season

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Upon arrival at Seoul Incheon airport you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel for check-in. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. You will stumble upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Seoul is also the place for foodies – the street snacks are second to none!

DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL

Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, visit symbolic Namsan Park and Seoul Tower before heading to Gwangjang Market to taste some of Seoul's best street food. This evening you have the option of watching a traditional music and dance performance at Jeongdong Theatre (payable locally). (B)

DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Transfer to Seoul Station by private car. Travel in sleek style on the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju. Located in the south-eastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, which ruled part of the Korean peninsula from the year 57BC to 935AD. Gyeongju is a living museum, home to a staggering amount of heritage sites, from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your English-speaking driver-guide and start discovering Gyeongju.

Head to Mt Tohamsan and the UNESCO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. The temple is considered a masterpiece of Silla architecture whilst Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage, is home to some of the world's best Buddhist sculptures. There will also be time to enjoy the vistas around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight on Gyeongju. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your English-speaking driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th Century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul and make your own way to your hotel; the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Seoul Incheon airport where your arrangements end. (B)



Visit Seokguram Grotto



Lanterns lining a Gyeongju walkway



See the glamour of Seoul

SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Jogyesa Temple
- ✓ National Folk Museum of Korea
- ✓ North Seoul Tower

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$760	\$1,260
Superior	\$920	\$1,560
Deluxe	\$1,500	\$2,580

* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private transfers with driver only
- Seat-in-coach (join-in basis) touring with Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



Visit the elegant Gyeongbok Palace

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Upon arrival at Seoul Incheon airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: SEOUL

Enjoy a full-day seat-in-coach tour of Seoul. Start the day by witnessing the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony and exploring the many halls and pavilions at Gyeongbok Palace. Visit the National Folk Museum of Korea, Jogyesa Temple, Namsangol Hanok Village, North Seoul Tower and Namdaemun Market. (B,L)

DAY 3: SEOUL

Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Seoul. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Seoul Incheon airport where your arrangements end. (B)

JEJU ISLAND SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore sub-tropical Hallim Park
- ✓ See Seongsan Sunrise Peak
- ✓ Manjanggul Lava Cave

Prices are from per person, based on low season*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$770	\$1,240
Superior	\$1,060	\$1,650
Deluxe	\$1,630	\$2,730

* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private transfers with driver only
- Seat-in-coach (join-in basis) touring with Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Two bus tickets as specified for Days 2 & 3
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

NOTE: Seat-in-coach tours noted on Days 2 and 3 are not available on Sundays.



Enjoy the tranquillity of Jeju Island

DAY 1: ARRIVE JEJU ISLAND

Upon arrival at Jeju Island airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: JEJU ISLAND

Enjoy a full-day seat-in-coach tour, visiting Hallim Park's gardens and lava caves, Hyeopjae Beach, O'Sulloc Green Tea Field, and an hour's cruise to see Mt Sanbangsan and the Dragon Head Coast. After lunch visit Spirited Garden and either Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls or the Teddy Bear Museum. Your tour will finish in the downtown area; make your own way back to your hotel using the supplied bus ticket. (B,L)

DAY 3: JEJU ISLAND

Enjoy a full-day seat-in-coach tour to volcanic Seongsan Sunrise Peak. You will also explore Manjanggul Lava Cave, the Seongeup Folk Village, and experience Jeju horse riding. See the famous Haenyo divers working in the sea, and finish in the downtown area, from where you will make your own way back to your hotel using the supplied bus ticket. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART JEJU ISLAND

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Jeju Island airport where your arrangements end. (B)

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Take the tram to Victoria Peak
- ✓ Explore Aberdeen Fishing Village
- ✓ Shop in amazing Stanley Markets



Enjoy Aberdeen Fishing Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees	\$420	\$580
Eaton Hong Kong	\$520	\$780
The Mira Hong Kong	\$635	\$985

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 2 nights accommodation
 - Seat-in-coach transfers
 - Touring as specified
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance fees
 - Daily breakfast

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat in coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Continue to Aberdeen Fishing Village and take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after-hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy breakfast and time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport, where your arrangements end. (B)

FLAVOURS OF HONG KONG

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Full-day tour of the sights
- ✓ Dim sum at Jumbo Floating Restaurant
- ✓ Walking tour with plenty to taste



Dive into delicious dim sum

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Metropark Hotel	\$855	\$1,360
Eaton Hong Kong	\$900	\$1,470
The Mira Hong Kong	\$1,065	\$1,775

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 3 nights accommodation
 - Seat-in-coach transfers
 - Touring as specified
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance fees
 - Meals as listed

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Upon arrival at Hong Kong airport, you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG ISLAND

Enjoy a full-day seat-in-coach tour around Hong Kong Island visiting Stanley Market, Victoria Peak and Aberdeen Fishing Village. Take a sampan shuttle to the Jumbo Floating Restaurant and enjoy a delicious dim sum lunch. (B,L)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after-hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.

DAY 3: CENTRAL & SHEUNG WAN

Enjoy the morning at leisure. This afternoon, make your own way to the starting point for your half-day (join-in basis) walking tour, exploring the Central and Sheung Wan areas as you sample a variety of specialties and learn how the locals prepare foods and drinks. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. After your tour, make your own way back to your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Hong Kong airport where your arrangements end. (B)

SINGAPORE STOPOVER

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See the waterfront Merlion Park
- ✓ See 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng
- ✓ Visit the National Orchid Garden



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Park Regis	\$385	\$730
Peninsula Excelsior	\$420	\$750
Grand Park Orchard	\$560	\$1,070

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 2 nights accommodation
 - Seat-in-coach transfers
 - Touring as specified
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance fees
 - Daily breakfast

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

NOTE: Surcharges apply for after-hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See Singapore's many sights
- ✓ Stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome
- ✓ Marvel at the Supertrees



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Park Regis	\$565	\$1,050
Orchard Hotel	\$615	\$1,140
Grand Park Orchard	\$825	\$1,560

* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 3 nights accommodation
 - Seat-in-coach transfers
 - Touring as specified
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance fees to two conservatories
 - Daily breakfast

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DAY 2: SINGAPORE

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NOTE: Surcharges apply for after-hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.

DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander through the two cooled conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

AIRLINES

We include return international economy-class flights as part of our Classic, Solo, Immerse Yourself and Deluxe Collection tours. If you fancy a little bit of luxury and more legroom, you can upgrade to Premium Economy (on selected airlines) or Business Class for an additional cost.



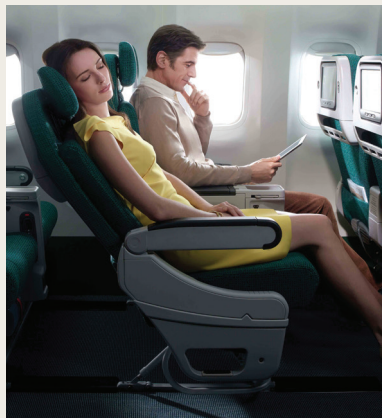
Cathay Pacific Airways is regarded as one of the world's leading airlines, widely recognised for their world-renowned service, modern fleet and exceptional safety record. The airline offers more than 70 flights a week from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Cairns, Adelaide and Perth to almost 200 destinations globally via their hub in Hong Kong, together with their regional airline Cathay Dragon.



Australia's most popular and largest domestic and international airline, Qantas offers daily flights from Sydney to Tokyo (Haneda) on the B747, daily flights from Brisbane and Melbourne to Tokyo (Narita) on the A330 and three flights per week to Osaka from Sydney on the A330. Haneda Airport is just 15 minutes from Tokyo city by monorail, providing easy access to Tokyo plus even more connection options to domestic Japan. Qantas codeshares with Jetstar Japan to 10 domestic destinations, including the popular tourist cities of Sapporo, Osaka and Okinawa.

JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense. Our travel consultants can assist with arranging any of these additional services. The accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.



AIR TRAVEL NOTES

- Please be advised that Premium Economy Class upgrades can only be secured on the initial international flights in/out of Australia. They cannot be guaranteed on any other sector due to very limited availability and the types of aircraft used. Please contact our travel consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.



Oneworld member Malaysia Airlines operates close to 60 flights a week from Australia & New Zealand to our hub in Kuala Lumpur, the heart of Malaysia. Beyond we connect you to our extensive domestic and Asia Pacific network in our modern fleet of Airbus A330, A350 and A380. All this while experiencing our world-famous Malaysian hospitality.



When everything is designed around you, flying becomes a personal experience. From Australia, Singapore Airlines offers seamless connectivity to a global network of more than 100 destinations via its Changi Airport hub, including more than 40 destinations across Asia alongside the regional SilkAir. Experience award-winning in-flight service from the world-famous Singapore Girl, an iconic symbol of quality customer care and service. Singapore Airlines – truly a great way to fly.

UPGRADE & TRAVEL IN STYLE

Let us upgrade your flight to Japan so you can breeze through the airport, fly in comfort and arrive fresh and raring to go. Whether you're after a little extra in Premium or all-out luxury in Business, just say the word and we'll let you know how much it will cost, for whichever of our partner airlines you prefer.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

Q. When should I arrange travel insurance?

A. It is strongly recommended that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit.

Q. Are there any health precautions or vaccinations that I need?

A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your Tour Dossier with you. To make the most of your trip it may also be helpful to contact a travel and vaccination clinic such as: smartraveller.gov.au **Tel:** 1300 555 135 travelvax.com.au **Tel:** 1300 360 164

Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. We want you to have the best tour experience possible, so you should be in reasonably good health and be able to participate in all activities unaided. Some of our itineraries include difficult conditions which can make physical activities challenging. Each group tour is graded to reflect the level of fitness required to assist you in making the best choice. You can also find detailed information in each Tour Dossier, available on our website.

Q. What sort of transport do you use?

A. The modes of transport included in our tours have been chosen with variety, comfort and enjoyment in mind. On tour, you may travel by coach, cruise, train, plane and even rickshaw, all of which will give you a unique Asia travel experience.

Road: All coach travel is in comfortable, air conditioned vehicles. Generally there are no toilets on board the coaches; however we take regular comfort stops when possible.

Ships: Some tours include a cruise or ferry as part of the sightseeing. Depending on location, the type and size of the vessel will vary.

Rail: Facilities on board bullet trains in Japan are clean, comfortable and modern. There is limited space for storing luggage. While our guides are there to assist, you will need to load and unload your own luggage on and off the train. Bullet trains stop very briefly at each stop, so you must be ready to leave the train when your guide instructs.

Q. Will I have a guide?

A. Group Tours: Every group tour that has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from the moment you exit the airport, to when you depart. On multi-country tours, a different National Escort is used in each country. **Tailor-Made Holidays:** Private Tours and Tailor-Made Holidays are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable Local Guides in each location.

Extensions and stopovers are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable Local Guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted.

Q. When is the best time to visit?

Japan: Japan's climate varies widely between regions and has four distinct seasons. Summer (June to August) is normally warm and humid. Autumn (September to November) brings cooler temperatures after summer. Winter (December to February) is cold and dry. Spring (March to May) is generally mild in temperature. The rainy season usually lasts from mid-May to June and the typhoon season from August to October. Autumn and spring are the best times to visit Japan.

Taiwan: Taiwan enjoys an oceanic, sub-tropical monsoon climate. Weather conditions fluctuate during spring and winter, while in summer and autumn the weather is relatively stable. The warm and humid summer lasts from May until September when typhoons sometimes approach or hit the country. The mild winter is from December until February. The best time to visit Taiwan is September to December and March to May when temperatures are cool and rainfall is at its lowest.

South Korea: Korea has four distinct seasons. Spring falls between late March to May, and autumn falls between late September to November; these two seasons are the most comfortable times to travel. The winter months from December to early March can plummet to below freezing, whereas the summer months from June to early September are very hot and humid. The rainy season in South Korea occurs from late June to early July.

Q. I am a solo traveller – do I have to pay a single supplement?

A. On our new Solo tours, no Single Supplement is payable; all travellers are guaranteed a single room. Alternatively, for those solo travellers joining our Classic or Immerse Yourself tours, who wish to share a room on tour to avoid paying an additional supplement, and who book outside of 75 days prior to departure, Wendy Wu Tours will match you up with another solo traveller of the same gender on your tour and neither of you will pay the Single Supplement. If we are unable to find another solo traveller who is willing to share, we will waive the Single Supplement. If you are a solo traveller and prefer to have a private room during your group tour, you can pay a Single Supplement and have your own room throughout the tour. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement. If the cancellation occurs 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select

'willing to share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour.

Q. What should I expect when travelling in Asia with Wendy Wu Tours?

A. We plan our tours to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Overseas travel brings new experiences and varied environments and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or Local Guide.

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours. For families travelling with children, our Tailor-Made Holidays, especially Private Tours, offer greater flexibility and are suitable for any age group.

Q. Are meals included?

A. On our Fully Inclusive Classic Group Tours, all meals (excluding beverages) are included unless specifically stated otherwise. Discovering new cuisine is a highlight of travel to Asia and your guide will give you tips on local specialties to try. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants. In remote areas, some meals may be basic or repetitive. On Private Tours, Immerse Yourself Tours and Solo Tours some meals are included, however we have also included several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Please check your day-by-day tour itinerary for details of which meals are included:
B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. Local tipping is customary in Asia. However in Japan, tipping is generally not part of the culture. However if you feel you have received excellent service, please feel free to tip your National Escort or Local Guide at your discretion.



BOOKING YOUR TRIP

Planning your holiday should be simple, straightforward and most importantly, exciting! Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you every step of the way.

1. CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed Tour Dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- **Fully Inclusive Classic Tours**
- **Solo Tours**
- **Immerse Yourself Tours**
- **Deluxe Collection Tours**
- **Tailor-Made Holidays**

2. CHECK AVAILABILITY

Our Travel Consultants or your travel agent will check tour availability, check your flights and confirm your full package price. Names must be provided exactly as per passport.

3. BOOKING & DEPOSIT

Your place on tour is confirmed upon payment of a \$300pp deposit and subsequent airline deposit. Tailor-Made Holidays are usually confirmed within 48 hours.

You or your travel agent will receive confirmation by email. Upon booking, you are confirming that you have read the Tour Dossier, are fit to participate in your tour, have adequate travel insurance and agree to the Booking Conditions.

4. FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of your payment is due 75 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately four weeks before travel.



VISA APPLICATIONS

Visas are required for many of Wendy Wu Tours' destinations, but not Japan for Australian passport holders. Additional fees may apply for non-Australian passport holders.

All passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the duration of your tour.

Please send your passport and visa application form to us or your travel agent, along with your visa application form, at least 75 days prior to departure. Some visas take longer to process (Myanmar, Central Asia and multi-country tours take 90 days). We will notify you of this at the time of booking. The cost for passport photos and dispatch of your application to our office is at your own expense.

We will submit your passport and visa application to the relevant consulate on your behalf. Your passport will be returned to you with your final documentation approximately three to four weeks prior to departure.

For Land Only bookings, visas are included in your price. Please ensure you advise your departure date from Australia to ensure these are processed in a timely manner. Please see our website for Visa Forms and Help Sheets. Any applications received within 75 days prior to departure from Australia may incur urgent visa processing fees.

WE CARE

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. We are determined that your experience is hassle free and our proactive 'We Care' programme strives to ensure just that. Hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits, carried out by staff members, ground partners and our health and safety consultants to be certain that high standards are maintained.

GLOBAL SUPPORT

Our tours would not be as successful as they are without our solid working relationship with our local partners on the ground in Asia, as well as the professionalism of our own offices in Sydney, Auckland, China and London. With years of experience operating tours throughout their respective areas, you can be assured their local knowledge in operations, touring, guides and transport means our tours operate efficiently and smoothly. In addition, they ensure that Wendy Wu Tours has a reliable presence on which you can depend. Our local partners have an experienced team dedicated to the provision of personal service to all Wendy Wu Tours customers throughout their network of local offices.



YOUR LOYALTY MATTERS

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again, and happily recommend us to their friends and family.

LOYALTY DISCOUNT

After completing your tour, we hope you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic, Immerse Yourself, Solo and Deluxe group tours and are not applicable for Tailor-Made Holidays, Essential Tours or Special Groups.

REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us

(and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please visit our website for further details.

SUBSCRIBE

Subscribe to our newsletter to receive inspiring stories, regular updates and be first to receive our offers. To subscribe visit: wendywutours.com.au/subscribe

KEEP IN TOUCH

As a loyal customer, you will enjoy other benefits including a subscription to our quarterly magazine, notification of specials and updates on new tours. Keep in touch with Wendy Wu Tours by 'liking' our Facebook page and by following us on Twitter, Instagram, or check out our blogs at wendywutours.com.au/blog

WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

It is important that you read and understand the following conditions before making your booking.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT Tour prices are subject to availability of tour, airline, special economy class fare and specific airline class availability. Prices may differ once airfare is sold out. All services are subject to availability. Please forward a deposit of \$300 per person to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you. This covers your tour deposit. An additional deposit amount and/or early deposit payment of up to \$1,000 per person (for Economy Class flights) is payable within four weeks of initial deposit, depending on airline and special airfare conditions or current special. This will be advised at the time of quotation. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only and existing bookings are not transferable. Once deposit and/or airfare portion is paid, airline tickets will be issued and bookings are not transferable to any future specials. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking, as well as a valid passport copy. If you have decided not to take advantage of our air and land inclusive packages, you will be required to email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket reissue fees. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing.

JOINING YOUR TOUR – FLIGHTS Airline schedules from different cities vary to travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services.

RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT By sending a deposit the client agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and responsibilities set forth in this brochure. The client also agrees that:

- All persons are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen group tour as per the itinerary outlined in the Tour Dossier.
- All persons travelling on a Private or Tailor-Made Tour are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen itinerary.
- All parties acknowledge the physical demands and hazards involved in the tour they will be undertaking and have chosen to participate at their own risk.
- All parties understand that any medical or dietary information provided to Wendy Wu Tours does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if a particular condition exacerbates while on tour or affects their ability to participate in any portion of the tour.

BALANCE OF PAYMENT The final balance of the travel arrangements is due at Wendy Wu Tours no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour departure date as confirmed by acceptance of the booking. Failure to pay in full by the due date may result in additional costs, which will be passed on as a late payment fee of no less than \$30 per booking or cancellation at the discretion of the company. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure (eg: airfare portion) in the event that airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to airline ticketing time limits. Deposits and payments by credit cards will incur a fee.

LATE BOOKINGS Payment must be made in full within three days after the company confirms that it is holding space. If payment is not so made, Wendy Wu Tours shall have the right to cancel the booking at its discretion. The bookings may also incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

FEES AND CHARGES All Fully Inclusive Classic Tour, Immerse Yourself Tour, Solo Tour, and Deluxe Collection prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

AIRLINE FUEL LEVY SURCHARGE Since 2004 airlines servicing flights to Asia have been charging a fuel levy surcharge, on top of the normal airline ticket price, in order to cover the increased cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount airlines charge for this levy. At the time of pricing, some airline fuel surcharges are included in the cost of the fare; however this amount is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

AMENDMENT & BOOKING FEES The following fees will apply: Amendments to confirmed and deposited itineraries outside of 30 days prior to departure where the value of the booking is decreased – \$50 per change (a change to the booking that increases the value will incur no fee).

Transferring between tours will incur fees.

Reissue of airline tickets – From \$100 per person (other fees may apply). Special airfares that require early ticketing may be non-refundable and non-changeable.

Once a booking is confirmed, name transfers will incur additional charges.

CANCELLATION BY CUSTOMER All cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received:

1. If airline and rail tickets are issued, up to 100% of the airfare and rail fare
2. More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit plus any administration fees
3. Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
4. Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
5. 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
6. Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

In the event of a cancellation any refunds will be less administration fees and any applicable amendment fees. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much as possible from suppliers to pass on to the customer. Regrettably cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. No refund will be made for any unused portions of the holiday after the departure date. Please note that employees of any overseas company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

CANCELLATION BY WENDY WU TOURS Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. In such an event, alternative guaranteed travel dates will be offered. Should these options not be acceptable Wendy Wu Tours will refund the full price paid, less visa cost. If a tour is cancelled or varied prior to departure due to unforeseeable circumstances such as, but not restricted to, severe weather conditions or force majeure, Wendy Wu Tours will refund all monies prior to departure less visa cost, fuel surcharge and any other cancellation fees levied by airlines and other third parties. Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, adverse weather, flight rescheduling, hotel overbooking and faults with transportation or road conditions may also have an effect on the tour itinerary after the commencement date. Any decision made in respect of tour services by independent operators to re-route or amend the itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances is at the discretion of the tour service provider and Wendy Wu Tours shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events.

REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials.

HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS, MAPS & PICTURES Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers and contractual agreements. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are.

TRAVEL INSURANCE It is strongly recommended that all customers travelling with Wendy Wu Tours are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of their travel arrangements. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing health conditions must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour. The 'tour pace' of each tour is outlined in our brochures, on our website and also in the Tour Dossier. All passengers will receive a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with quote and deposit documents. If you or any member of your party has any medical conditions, dietary requirements/food allergy, or disability, which may affect you while travelling, you must provide us with full details in writing prior to making your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of your arrangements. You must also promptly advise us if there are any changes to your health that may affect your holiday after your booking has been confirmed. In the best interests of yourself and of your tour group, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to prevent you from further participation on a tour if a physical or psychological condition presents itself that significantly affects the enjoyment or wellbeing of yourself or the rest of your group. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable to refund any part of the price of the tour paid by you, or on your behalf, which you have not used. You will be responsible for making alternative arrangements to accommodate any medical or dietary condition. The information provided does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if your condition exacerbates or affects your ability to participate in any portion of the tour. Your medical and dietary information is collected so that we may process your booking. Your medical and dietary information will be provided to our suppliers and partners overseas for the sole purpose of endeavouring to accommodate your condition where possible.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING A passport with a minimum of six months validity is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Immerse Yourself Tours, Solo Tours and Deluxe Collection tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees, and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), the customer will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned with final documentation approximately three to four weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

CONSULAR ADVICE We recommend that you review information provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade prior to making your booking by calling 1300 555 135, or by visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au for the latest information. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the latest Government Consular advice and information.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 75 days prior to departure, single travellers on Fully Inclusive Classic Tours and Immerse Yourself Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match 'willing to share' travellers of the same gender booked on the same departure. In the event that they are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room in all accommodation and waive the Single Supplements. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement. If the cancellation occurs 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'willing to share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our solo traveller tours are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'willing to share' option. 'Willing to share' is not available on Deluxe Collection tours and Solo Traveller tours.

DELUXE COLLECTION AIRPORT TRANSFERS Private chauffeur-driven transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 60 driven kilometres from the nearest

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international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

TIPPING Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan, however if you feel you have received excellent service, please feel free to tip your National Escort at your discretion. Tipping for independent travel to other countries is at customers' discretion, but this may be expected by guides and drivers where good service has been provided.

SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

RESPONSIBILITY Wendy Wu Tours (herewith called the Company) acts as a co-ordinator for all persons taking these tours in the making of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing and hotel accommodation. The Company does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant or any other supplier of services. All receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and all services are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided. The Company acts only as an agent for the owners, contractors and suppliers of transportation and/or other related travel services provided and assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to baggage or property or for any injury, illness or death or for any damages or claims whatsoever caused arising directly or indirectly from accidents, loss, theft or damage to person or property, delays, transport failure, strikes, wars and uprisings or acts of God etc. over which the Company has no control. We strongly urge all customers to undertake a high level of personal responsibility in order to ensure that possessions, equipment and personal documents are closely monitored and protected at all times.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in the destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim howsoever arising from injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

REFER A FRIEND To be eligible for the 'refer a friend' offer you must have a current or previously deposited Wendy Wu Tours booking. One hamper per new booking will be distributed. The referee must quote your full name, booking number and address at the time of their booking. Your hamper will be distributed upon receipt of their deposit. Your friend must be a new customer who has not previously booked with Wendy Wu Tours. Hampers will be delivered at the start of the calendar month. We regret we cannot apply this offer retrospectively.

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available at wendywutours.com.au or upon request.

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PRIVACY We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy, which can be viewed at wendywutours.com.au

BROCHURE VALIDITY Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 1 August 2018. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond their control.

AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other clauses in these Booking Conditions. It is also the agents responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit.

LAW OF CONTRACT This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

PLEASE NOTE: Changes in operator land costs, airfares, taxes, fuel surcharges and currency exchange rates may affect the price of particular group tours. For these reasons, it is essential that the agent/customer reconfirms all arrangements at the time of booking and prior to paying the final payment.

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