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# WELCOME TO JAPAN & BEYOND

**“I started taking people to China in 1994 to share my passion for the country where I grew up...”**



Wendy has been inspiring travellers ever since – nobody more so than her own team. At Wendy Wu Tours we are all avid adventurers, constantly seeking out the best ways for you to experience Asia. That's why we are the experts and one of Australia's leading tour operators to Asia.

The tours and holidays in this brochure are designed to showcase Japan's iconic sights, as well as its magnificent hidden gems, authentic and exciting experiences. These provide you with the very best holiday, whether it's your first or your tenth visit.

My team and I look forward to welcoming you to Japan and Beyond soon!

Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

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# DISCOVER JAPAN & BEYOND WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Bursting with ancient traditions, modern cityscapes, natural beauty and diverse cuisine, these countries have so much to explore. During our 21 years, we have established a broad knowledge of all this region has to offer.

## WENDY'S TOP 8 JAPAN & BEYOND SIGHTS

**1 MT FUJI**

With its perfectly proportioned cone, Mt Fuji is one of Japan's most iconic sights. We make sure you visit, or get a glimpse of it on all of our Japan tours.



**2 HIROSHIMA**

A city that needs little introduction, Hiroshima today is a modern, vibrant city. Visit the tranquil Peace Memorial Park to remember past events on our Essential Japan tour (pages 10-11).



**3 KINKAKU-JI**

Kyoto is Japan's cultural hub and has 17 UNESCO-listed monuments but Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion, tops the lot – explore it and many more on all of our Japan tours.



**4 SENSO-JI**

Tokyo's oldest and most venerated temple is a vibrant space of traditional shops and worshipping locals and appears on all of our Japan tours.



**5 SNOW MONKEYS**

The delightful Japanese Macaque are best viewed as they frolic around the natural hot pools close to the alpine town of Yudanaka in the Nagano Prefecture. Meet them on our Sapporo & Snow Monkeys tour (pages 14-15).



**6 HIMEJI CASTLE**

The best example of Japanese feudal castle architecture, Himeji Castle is seriously impressive – see it for yourself on our Essential Japan tour (pages 10-11).



**7 TAIWAN**

A small island nation, Taiwan is known for its blend of ancient folk traditions, modern culture, hot spring resorts and lush national parks. Experience it in our Independent Travel packages (pages 26-29).



**8 SOUTH KOREA**

South Korea is one of Asia's best kept secrets. Steeped in tradition, experience delicious cuisine, palaces and temples. Explore it in our Independent Travel packages (pages 30-33).




# TRAVEL YOUR WAY

Discover Japan in the way that suits you best. See the region's highlights on a Fully Inclusive Classic Tour, be immersed in a Discovery Tour, enjoy comfort and style on a Deluxe Tour, or explore your own way on an Independent itinerary.



## FULLY INCLUSIVE CLASSIC TOURS

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These fully inclusive tours showcase the iconic sites and magnificent treasures, providing excellent value.



## DISCOVERY TOURS

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Designed for those who seek immersion in the authentic charm of Asia; see Japan differently on our Discovery Tours by taking part in cultural and active experiences and touring.



## DELUXE TOURS

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Meticulously designed with the more discerning traveller in mind, our Deluxe Tours through Japan feature distinctive and exclusive experiences which bring the region to life.



## INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

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If you enjoy the comfort and independence of travelling at your own pace, ask us to design a custom journey for you, including Private Tours and Independent travel options.

### TOUR GRADING

#### Comfortable

Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and average mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

#### Moderate

Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include standard activities and longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature.

#### Active

Tours require a good level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking, and some travel to remote, high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed.

# THE WENDY WU DIFFERENCE

10 reasons why you should choose Wendy Wu Tours.

## 1 No one knows Asia like we do

Our staff have travelled throughout Asia and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries and touring styles, and will help personalise your holiday. We are known as Australia's specialist operator to Asia.

## 2 Authentic Experiences

Our extensive experience and local expertise means we can take you to places rarely visited and those you have always dreamed of exploring. We have been blazing trails into this ever-developing region for 21 years, and pride ourselves in delivering authentically Japanese experiences, with opportunities to meet the locals and see a lifestyle so different to your own.

## 3 Travel in Comfort

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyable authentic travel experience. Our group tours are predominately conducted using air conditioned coaches, internal flights, trains and various boats.

## 4 Dedicated & Professional National Escorts

Our experienced National Escorts and Local Guides provide valuable insight into the local history, customs and culture. The most common feedback we receive is praise for their caring, efficient and passionate nature. All group tours (of 10 or more) are accompanied in Japan by a National Escort.

## 10 Great Value Fully Inclusive Tours

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- All accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation and transfers
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- English-speaking National Escort
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive tour dossiers

The only things you need to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, arrival or departure transfers if not travelling on group flights, and early check-in or late check-out unless otherwise stated, (this cannot be guaranteed).

If you have booked your tour as Land Only, the price does not include arrival or departure transfers.

If, due to flight schedules, you are required to stopover, taxes, accommodation, transportation and meals in country of transit are not included (see individual touring pages).

## 5 Selected Accommodation

We are attuned with the types of hotels our customers expect. Utilising well located and good quality 'medium range' properties on our Classic and Discovery Tours that can vary from a smart business hotel in one city to a family run guest house in a smaller town, we can ensure you have a comfortable night's rest. We inspect our hotels regularly under our 'We Care' initiative to ensure they reach and maintain our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort.

## 6 Preferred Airlines

Return international economy flights are included in our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery and Deluxe Tours. The airlines offered have the finest reputations for service and reliability. We work closely with our preferred airlines to ensure you travel to and from your destination with convenience and in comfort.

## 7 We Love Solo Travellers

We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours, and receive great feedback about the friendly and sociable atmosphere. If you are a single traveller, book outside 75 days before departure and are willing to share a room, you won't have to pay a single supplement.

## 8 Local Transport

Japan's transport system is well-known for being efficient, clean and convenient. This is why we like to make sure that you get to travel with the locals, making use of city subway systems and the world-renowned bullet trains that will whizz you from city to city in no time at all.

## 9 Regional Flavour

Meals included in our tours are aimed to provide our customers with a genuine taste of the different regions visited. We endeavour to provide meal options that cover a wide selection of tastes and preferences.

# JAPAN TOURS

Discover Japan on a once in a life time adventure. Journey through Japan's iconic sights and cities on one of our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, immerse yourself on a Discovery Tour and connect with Japan's eccentric culture; or join our luxurious Deluxe Tour, designed for the more discerning traveller.

## See pages 10-13 for our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours. These include:

- International flights & taxes
- Comprehensive touring
- Expert National Escorts
- All accommodation & meals
- All transportation in country of travel
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants

## See pages 14-17 for our Discovery Tours. These include:

- International flights & taxes
- Expert National Escorts
- Unique cultural experiences
- Most meals as indicated
- All transportation in country of travel
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants
- Small group sizes

## See pages 18-19 for our Deluxe Tour. This includes:

- International flights & taxes
- Exclusive touring & dining
- Expert National Escorts
- Sightseeing with the experts
- All transportation in country of travel
- Deluxe accommodation
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants
- Small group sizes
- Mid-tour laundry service
- Most meals as indicated

# ESSENTIAL JAPAN

Immerse yourself in the unique and fascinating culture of Japan. Encompassing the essentials with natural wonders, imperial heritage and mystical surprises, this tour incorporates a number of experiences that give your holiday a truly authentic edge.

**12 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON \$9,480 TWIN SHARE**

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE\*, ADELAIDE, PERTH & CAIRNS**

**MODERATE**

### Price includes:

**All meals (8 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

### Price guide

12 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$9,480 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane\*, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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- From \$9,280 per person departing Darwin with Singapore Airlines (SQ)
- Single Hotel Room Option – From \$1,080
- Land Only (Tokyo to Kyoto) 10 days from \$8,180 per person

### ENJOY AS A PRIVATE TOUR

Choose to design your own bespoke itinerary

Would you like to travel on a different date or personalise touring to suit your needs?

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▲ TOKYO



▲ MAIKO, KYOTO



▲ HIMEJI CASTLE, HIMEJI



▲ MT FUJI



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel futuristic in Tokyo
- Admire Mt Fuji
- Be charmed by Kyoto
- Relax in Ryoan-ji Temple
- Reflect in Hiroshima
- Explore Miyajima

### ITINERARY

#### Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to Tokyo, Japan's capital, for a three-night stay. Tokyo was once known as Edo and was a small fishing town. In 1868, as part of the Meiji Restoration, the emperor and capital moved from Kyoto to Edo, which was then renamed Tokyo, meaning the Eastern Capital. Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

#### Day 3: Discover 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's city tour starts on the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, before seeking out the tranquillity of the ancient Buddhist Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest. Glimpse Tokyo's historical heritage at the Edo-Tokyo Museum and explore Tokyo's Imperial Palace. This evening take a relaxed dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas.

#### Day 4: Meiji Shrine

The city tour continues with a relaxed morning wandering around the classical landscapes of the Hamarikyu Garden. Explore the huge evergreen forest that encompasses the Shinto Meiji Shrine. The afternoon is free for you to explore as you wish.

#### 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 eruptions, reflecting Fuji's picture-perfect cone. Later, try your hand at making traditional Japanese soba noodles before tucking in to your creations. Continue to Oshino Hakkai, a scenic area of ponds full of crystal clear spring water created by Fuji's melting snow, where there is also a small museum.

#### Day 6: Mt Fuji

Ascend 2,000 metres up Mt Fuji to the 5th Station where, with its perfectly conical peak looming overhead, you can take in the breathtaking views over the Fuji Five Lakes below. Returning to the beautiful Five Lakes region,

explore Iyashi no Sato, a former farming village on the shores of Lake Saiko. Destroyed by a landslide in 1966, the remaining thatched-roofed houses of this old Japanese village have been transformed into an open-air museum and craft village, exhibiting plenty of local and traditional handicrafts.

#### Day 7: Bullet train to Kyoto

Transfer to the station at Mishima. Sit back and relax in the comfort of a bullet train as you speed across the country to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was the 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 – enjoy tea with either a maiko (apprentice geisha) or geisha at a typical tea house.

#### Day 8: Explore Kyoto

Spend the day soaking up some of Kyoto's delightful sights, starting at Ryoan-ji Temple, a zen temple with an excellent example of a 'dry landscape' garden. Continue to Kinkaku-ji Temple, known as the Golden Pavilion, where there is an archetypal Muromachi period garden. Next, visit Kiyomizu Temple, a 17th-century Buddhist temple. In a restored Japanese wooden townhouse, enjoy a traditional handcraft experience and witness the rituals of a traditional tea ceremony.

#### Day 9: Himeji

Jump on the bullet train again today for a day visit to Himeji. The feudal era fort, one of the most impressive in Japan, towers over the city 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. This afternoon return to Kyoto.

#### Day 10: Hiroshima and Miyajima

Take a day trip by bullet train to Hiroshima and Miyajima. 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. Hopping on a ferry, make the short trip to the holy island of Miyajima. Visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Japan's most recognisable, which rises majestically out of the waters of the inland sea.

#### Day 11: Depart Kyoto

Transfer to Kansai airport (Osaka) to board your overnight flight to Australia.

Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on day 11.

#### Day 12: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

### EXTEND YOUR STAY



**KOYASAN**  
1 NIGHT FROM \$640pp TWIN SHARE

Stay overnight in a Buddhist Monastery Retreat in Koyasan where you will explore the sacred sites and live as the monks do for an evening.

See page 25. Additional charges may apply.

### STOPOVER



**HONG KONG IN FOCUS**  
3 NIGHTS FROM \$815pp TWIN SHARE

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities and offers a dynamic mix of the east and west.

See page 36. Additional charges may apply.

### DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE\*, ADL, PER, CNS AIRFARES INCLUDED

2017 DATES		2018 DATES	
17 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,480	31 Mar - 11 Apr	\$9,880
22 Mar - 02 Apr	\$9,880	10 Apr - 21 Apr	\$9,880
13 Apr - 24 Apr	\$9,880	15 Apr - 26 Apr	\$9,880
27 Apr - 08 May	\$9,780	11 May - 22 May	\$9,580
05 Sep - 16 Sep	\$9,580	11 Sep - 22 Sep	\$9,780
25 Sep - 06 Oct	\$9,880	02 Oct - 13 Oct	\$9,880
23 Oct - 03 Nov	\$9,880	07 Nov - 18 Nov	\$9,880
20 Mar - 31 Mar	\$10,380	27 Mar - 07 Apr	\$10,640
24 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,640	31 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,640
		07 Apr - 18 Apr	\$10,640
		17 Apr - 28 Apr	\$10,640

Important note: Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required for this tour.

# DISCOVER JAPAN

Japan is a country of contrasts, where ancient gods rub shoulders with modern technology, skyscrapers give way to paddy fields and crowds disperse into the tranquillity of a classical garden. This tour is the perfect introduction to this fascinating archipelago.

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▲ OSAKA CASTLE, OSAKA

### Price includes:

- All meals (11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

### Price guide

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\*\*Adelaide passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Tokyo and a stopover in Hong Kong at an additional cost.

- From \$10,180 per person departing Darwin with Singapore Airlines (SQ)
- Single Hotel Room Option – From \$1,160
- Land Only (Tokyo to Osaka) 12 days from \$9,180 per person

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▲ FUSHIMI INARI-TAISHA SHRINE, KYOTO



▲ NARA



▲ SHIRAKAWA-GO, KANAZAWA



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel the rush of Tokyo
- Admire great Mt Fuji
- Be charmed by Kyoto
- Explore ancient Nara
- Experience Zen at Koyasan
- See Osaka's bright lights

### ITINERARY

#### Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

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Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

#### Day 3: Vibrant Tokyo

Head to the top of Tokyo Skytree for sweeping views of the city. Next, visit Asakusa and wander through Nakamise shopping street and Senso-ji Temple, one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular temples. Enjoy lunch and stop at the Imperial Palace to view the Nijubashi, two bridges that form an entrance to the inner palace grounds. This afternoon, stroll through the Hamarikyū Gardens and in the evening, enjoy a dinner cruise around Tokyo Bay.

#### Day 4: Tokyo – Mt Fuji

Journey out of Tokyo this morning to the Fuji Visitor Centre before heading up to Mt Fuji's 5th Station.

The perfectly shaped volcano, which last erupted in 1708, has been worshiped by the Japanese as a sacred mountain throughout the centuries. After lunch, travel to Hakone (weather permitting) and take a cruise across Lake Ashi. Take the Komagatake Ropeway, which on clear days, allows spectacular views of Mt Fuji.

#### Day 5: Travel to Takayama

Drive to Takayama, stopping en route in Matsumoto, where you will visit Matsumoto Castle. The wooden interior of the castle provides a unique insight into the structure of Japanese castles. Continue to one of Japan's largest wasabi farms where you can try your hand at making pickled wasabi vegetables before continuing through winding mountain passes to Takayama, one of Japan's most impressive traditional towns where you will feel you have stepped back in time.

#### Day 6: Takayama

Wander to the Miyagawa morning market and sample some of the region's fruit and vegetables. Later you will visit traditional houses and local museums, including the Takayama Festival Floats

Exhibition Hall, Kusakabe Folk Museum and the Takayama Jinya. Enjoy some free time to explore the local shopping streets which date back to the 17th century.

#### Day 7: Charming Shirakawa-go Village

Travel to the UNESCO World Heritage listed village, Shirakawa-go, famous for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years old. Try your hand at making traditional Japanese washi paper before continuing to Kanazawa, where you will visit the Nomura Samurai House. The garden inside the residence has a Japanese bayberry tree which is over 400 years old and a meandering stream surrounded by ancient and strangely shaped rocks.

#### Day 8: Travel to Kyoto

Wander through the beautiful Kenroku-en Garden, one of Japan's top three gardens, and visit the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art. After lunch, travel by coach to Kyoto for a three-night stay. Once the imperial capital of Japan until 1868, Kyoto is home to countless temples and shrines.

#### Day 9: Kyoto tea ceremony

This morning you will visit the Ryoan-ji Temple complex which means 'temple of the peaceful dragon'. Next you will visit the famous Kinkaku-ji, a zen temple known as the Golden Pavilion. Head to a restored wooden townhouse where you will learn about traditional Japanese handicrafts such as origami, ikebana or calligraphy and participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony.

#### Day 10: Nara

Travel to Nara, the former imperial capital of Japan. Visit the Todai-ji Temple, the world's largest wooden structure, which is home to Japan's largest Buddha and numerous deer. You will also visit Issuien Gardens, meaning 'garden founded on water', derived from the fact that its ponds are sourced from the Yoshikigawa River. Return to Kyoto stopping en route at the unforgettable Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine, which features in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

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It is famous for its thousands of orange torii gates and is dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice. Foxes are thought to be Inari's messengers, and you will see many fox statues here.

#### Day 11: Kyoto – Koyasan to Wakayama

Journey to Koyasan, the centre of Shingon Buddhism. Visit Kongobu-ji Temple and Garan temple complex. Okunoin is Japan's largest cemetery and holds the mausoleum of the founder of Shingon Buddhism, Kobo Daishi. Take a walk to the mausoleum, passing 200,000 tombstones belonging to feudal lords and prominent monks. Transfer to Wakayama to spend the night.

#### Day 12: Osaka Castle

Drive to Osaka, Japan's largest city, where you will visit Osaka Castle and take a cruise along the Yodogawa River. Tonight you will wander down Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample delicious local delicacies during your farewell dinner.

#### Day 13: Depart Osaka

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Kansai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on day 13.

#### Day 14: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

### EXTEND YOUR STAY



#### HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA 2 NIGHTS FROM \$1,380pp TWIN SHARE

A city with origins that can be traced to the end of the 6th century. Hiroshima is most famous for one event in August 1945 when the city was destroyed by an atomic bomb. Marvel at the Itsukushima Shrine also known as the Floating Torii Gate.

See page 24. Additional charges may apply.

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05 Apr - 18 Apr	\$10,880	14 Apr - 27 Apr	\$10,880	10 May - 23 May	\$10,480	20 Sep - 03 Oct	\$10,880	22 Oct - 04 Nov	\$10,480		
2018 DATES											
14 Mar - 27 Mar	\$11,240	21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$11,640	28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$11,640	04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$11,640	11 Apr - 24 Apr	\$11,640	09 May - 22 May	\$11,240
18 Mar - 31 Mar	\$11,640	25 Mar - 07 Apr	\$11,640	01 Apr - 14 Apr	\$11,640	08 Apr - 21 Apr	\$11,640	18 Apr - 01 May	\$11,640		

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# SAPPORO & SNOW MONKEYS

Come face-to-face with the mischievous Japanese Snow Monkeys in the beautiful Alps, before experiencing the world's largest Snow and Ice Festival in Sapporo. There is also time to discover Japan's many treasures – old and new – in Tokyo and Kyoto.

**12 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON \$9,330 TWIN SHARE**

**FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE\*, ADELAIDE\*, PERTH & CAIRNS\***

**MODERATE**



▲ SNOW MONKEYS

**Price includes:**

**Most meals (9 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

**Price guide**

12 Days, Twin Share from \$9,330 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane\*, Adelaide\*, Perth and Cairns\* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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▲ SENSO-JI, TOKYO



▲ SAPPORO SNOW & ICE FESTIVAL



▲ KINKAKU-JI, KYOTO



▲ ZENKO-JI TEMPLE, NAGANO



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Tokyo's bright lights
- See the Snow Light Path
- Watch the Snow Monkeys
- Feel history in Kyoto
- Explore Sapporo Snow Festival
- Enjoy a tea ceremony

## ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to Tokyo, Japan's capital, for a two-night stay. Tokyo was once known as Edo and was a small fishing town. In 1868, as part of the Meiji Restoration, the emperor and capital moved from Kyoto to Edo, which was then renamed Tokyo, meaning the Eastern Capital. (D)

*Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.*

### Day 3: Explore Tokyo

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you'll find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Today begin with a visit to Meiji Shrine, before heading across town to Asakusa, Tokyo's old town. Visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple and wander down Nakamise, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional, local snacks and tourist 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.

Finally visit the Edo-Tokyo Museum. (B,L)

### Day 4: Travel to Nagano

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Tokyo. This afternoon, transfer by bus to your hotel in the pretty mountain city of Nagano. (B,D)

### Day 5: Snow Monkeys

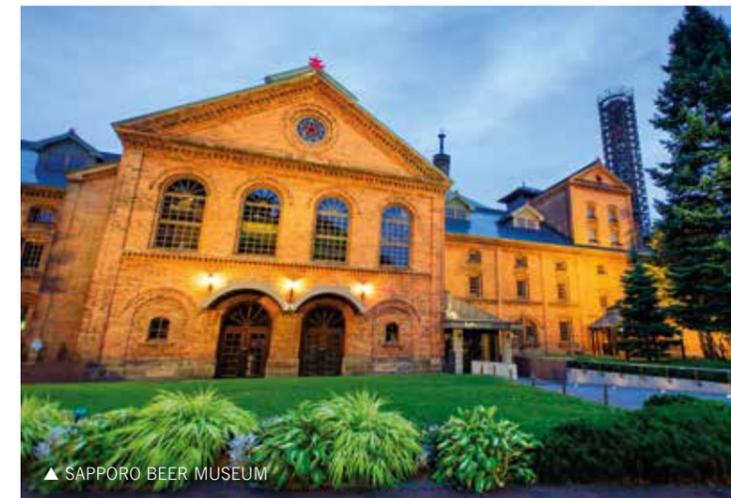
Head to Jigokudani Yaen Koen. Walking through a picturesque forested valley, reach the steaming hot pools where the beautiful Japanese Macaque, or Snow Monkeys, spend their day bathing in the waters. This afternoon will be spent visiting the 7th-century Zenko-ji Temple, one of Japan's most popular. (B)

### Day 6: Fly to Sapporo

Return to Tokyo and hop on a flight to Sapporo, where you will be spending the next three days. On arrival, transfer to the hotel for check in and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

### Day 7: Sapporo Snow and Ice Festival

Explore Sapporo and the Snow Festival with a local guide, with a visit to the Tower Clock, an exquisite example of Meiji architecture, and wander along Odori Avenue and through the Susukino district, where hundreds of ice sculptures will be on display. This afternoon,



▲ SAPPORO BEER MUSEUM

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 8: Otaru Snow and Light Festival

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. Stroll along the canal, snack on some of Japan's best sushi and soak up the atmosphere of the Snow Light Path Festival. (B,L)

### Day 9: Kyoto tea ceremony

Transfer to the airport and board a flight to Osaka. 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. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 10: Explore Kyoto

An enchanting city, Kyoto was the capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Start with Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion, Kyoto's most famous temple. Continue to Nijo Castle then wander down Nishiki Market, known

as 'Kyoto's kitchen', ending the day at Sanjusangendo Temple. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner at a restaurant. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Depart Kyoto

Transfer to Kansai airport (Osaka) to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

### Day 12: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## STOPOVER



**HONG KONG IN FOCUS 3 NIGHTS FROM \$815pp TWIN SHARE**

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities and offers a dynamic mix of the east and west.

See page 36. Additional charges may apply.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE\*, ADL\*, PER, CNS\* **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

**2018 DATE**

01 Feb - 12 Feb **\$9,330**

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# TRAILS OF JAPAN

Traditional versus modern, nature versus urban – Japan is a land of contrasts. This exhilarating tour encompasses it all, delving deeper into Japan's rich past, present and future, covering robot restaurants to tranquil temples to potent saké and all that's inbetween.

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Some meals (11 breakfasts & 3 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
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Price guide

14 Days, Twin Share from \$10,940 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane\*, Adelaide\*, Perth and Cairns\* with Cathay Pacific Airways (CX)

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▲ SHIN-HOTAKA ROPEWAY, HODAKA



▲ SHIBUYA, TOKYO



▲ SNOW MONKEY



▲ KONPON DAITO PAGODA, KOYASAN



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the Robot Restaurant
- Take a Taiko drumming class
- Hike around Mt Fuji
- Visit the Snow Monkeys
- Explore sacred Koyasan
- Taste sake at a brewery

## ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city, for a three-night stay. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. *Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.*

### Day 3: Discover Tokyo

Today you will explore the two sides of Tokyo, the modern and the traditional. The city tour begins at the Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest broadcasting tower at 634 metres. From the top, on a clear day, you may catch a glimpse of Mt Fuji. Close by is Asakusa, at the heart of which is Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and the vibrant Nakamise shopping street. This afternoon includes a stop at the famous Shibuya road crossing, the tranquil Meiji Shrine and the vibrant district of Harajuku. Finally, it's time for a unique Tokyo experience – the Robot Restaurant. Here you will experience what can only be described as a sci-fi cabaret – utterly surreal and only in Japan! Dinner is at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: Japanese drumming

This morning, try your hand at traditional Japanese drumming with a Taiko class. Learn the fundamental techniques of beating the 'wadaiko' with 'bachi'. Next, head to Akihabara, known as Tokyo's electronics district. Wander the neon-bill-boarded streets and visit a Maid Café, one of Tokyo's most popular types of themed establishments. This afternoon, explore Tokyo's past at the Edo Tokyo Museum. (B)

*#On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to this tour, a Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the ritual involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself.*

### Day 5: Mt Fuji

The perfectly symmetrical cone of mighty Mt Fuji is the iconic image of Japan. This morning journey out of Tokyo into some of Japan's picturesque rural landscapes. Pick up a hiking trail and walk 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: Lake Ashi

This morning, take to the calm waters of Lake Ashi. Surrounded by beautiful alpine scenery, keep an eye out for Mt Fuji peeking over the surrounding hills, and the striking red of torii gates around the lake edge. Later travel to Matsumoto and explore the magnificent Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its black exterior. Continue travel to Nagano for the night. (B)

### Day 7: Meet the Snow Monkeys

Travel to Yudanaka, or Snow Monkeys, at the Jigokudani Yaen Koen (Monkey Park). These creatures are unique in the fact that they make use of the area's natural hot springs, bathing and playing in and around the water. Continue to Hodaka and ride up into the Japanese Alps on the Shin-Hotaka Ropeway, reaching an observation platform at 2,156 metres, which gives breathtaking views over the surrounding mountains (weather permitting). Drive to Takayama where you will be staying at an onsen. Here you can relax and bathe in the natural hot spring pools and experience this most traditional pastime. (B,D)

### Day 8: Bullet train

Take a Limited Express train to Nagoya, where you will change onto a Shinkansen bullet train to Kyoto. This afternoon, start discovering Kyoto's rich heritage with a visit to the enchanting Fushimi Inari-taisha with its pathway of torii gates before admiring the views over the city from Kiyomizu Temple. Stroll around the old neighbourhoods of Higashiyama and Gion, the geisha district, with a stop at Gion Corner, a theatre that showcases the seven professional performing arts. (B)

### Day 9: Japanese tea ceremony

Today is a full-day tour of Kyoto, starting at Kinkaku-ji, known as the Golden Pavilion, before continuing to Ryoan-ji, Japan's most famous classical garden.

Next you will have some free time in the Arashiyama district where you can explore by bicycle – the Bamboo Forest should not be missed. Later in the afternoon, witness the rituals involved in the preparation and pouring of matcha tea in a traditional tea ceremony. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 10: Kyoto culture and Koyasan

Spend the morning exploring the craft of kimono creation at Nishijin Textile Centre, before a cultural experience that will see you learning the paper-folding art of origami and the complicated process of dressing in a traditional kimono. This afternoon, travel by road to Koyasan, where you will spend the night in a 13th-century temple in a traditional tatami room. (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 sights, this mountain top sanctuary is full of temples and pagodas to explore. Pay a visit to Kongobu-ji and Okunoin before travelling to Osaka. (B)

### Day 12: Himeji & sake brewery

Take a day tour to Himeji, visiting the 17th-century Himeji Castle which is considered a prime example of Japanese feudal period architecture. Continue on to a sake brewery, where you can learn about the brewing process of this potent rice wine and enjoy some tastings. Return to Osaka and experience the vibrant Dotonbori district. (B)

### Day 13: Depart Osaka

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Kansai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

### Day 14: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE\*, ADL\*, PER, CNS\*

AIRFARES INCLUDED ✈️

2017 DATES		2018 DATES	
15 May - 28 May#	\$10,940	18 Sep - 01 Oct#	\$11,240
20 Nov - 03 Dec	\$11,340	19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$12,980
		22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$12,980
		26 Mar - 08 Apr	\$12,980
		29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$12,980
		17 May - 30 May#	\$11,780

Important note:  
Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required for this tour.  
#Departure coincides with Sumo Tournament.

NEW

# IMPERIAL JAPAN

Japan is an island of unique culture and sky-high thinking. Explore this incredible nation in style, travelling from Tokyo to Osaka, passing under the watchful peak of Mt Fuji and experiencing all the quintessential elements of Japan as you go.

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▲ LAKE ASHI, HAKONE

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- Accommodation
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▲ MAIKO, KYOTO



▲ SUSHI MAKING, TOKYO



▲ FUSHIMI INARI-TAISHA, KYOTO



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Tokyo's bright lights
- Learn to make sushi
- Marvel at Mt Fuji
- Study the art of Kendo
- Enjoy a Maiko performance
- Discover Zen meditation

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo**

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways to Tokyo, Japan's capital, for a three-night stay. Tokyo was once known as Edo and was a small fishing town. In 1868, as part of the Meiji Restoration, the emperor and capital moved from Kyoto to Edo, which was then renamed Tokyo. (D)  
Brisbane passengers may depart on Day 2.

**Day 3: Explore Tokyo**

Tokyo is at once a hub of the ultra-modern and deeply traditional. It is a city forever pushing boundaries – you'll find yourself in the world's biggest city, choosing from restaurants with the most Michelin stars and standing in the shadow of the world's tallest broadcasting tower. It is here that your tour of the city begins, ascending the Tokyo Skytree, to see the city laid out at your feet. Continue to Asakusa where, after donning a traditional kimono, you'll visit Tokyo's oldest temple, Senso-ji, and soak up the atmosphere of Nakamise shopping street. This afternoon, explore the history of Tokyo, the imperial capital at the Edo-Tokyo Museum. (B)

*#On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to this tour, a Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the ritual involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Your seats are reserved in the late afternoon, when the bigger, stronger wrestlers compete.*

**Day 4: Sushi making**

Enjoy a morning at leisure before transferring to a Sushi restaurant for a lesson in the preparation of this delicious Japanese delicacy. After you've learned the techniques, eat your creations for lunch. This afternoon visit Meiji shrine, a Shinto shrine surrounded by beautiful woodland, before returning to the hustle and bustle of the city at the famous Shibuya crossing. This evening, take to the waters of Tokyo Bay to admire the bright lights of the city on a dinner cruise. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Lake Ashi cruise**

Transfer to the spa region of Hakone by coach. Take to the calm waters of Lake Ashi, taking in the beautiful scenery and, weather depending,

catching your first glimpse of the mighty Mt Fuji peeking over the surrounding hills. Take the Komagatake Ropeway, from where you'll have breathtaking views of Mt Fuji, if it isn't hiding behind clouds. Explore the exhibits of the Hakone Open-air Museum, which is home to a number of works of art by Picasso, Henry Moore and Taro Okamoto. The rest of the afternoon is free until dinner, perfect for making the most of Hakone's most famous asset – hot springs! (B,L,D)

**Day 6: Mt Fuji**

Travel from Hakone to Fuji and visit the 5th Station. At 2,400 metres up the mountain, the views of the summit from here are fantastic. If the road to the 5th Station is closed, you will instead visit the Fuji Visitor Centre. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel. (B,D)

**Day 7: Bullet train**

Travel by road to Odawara and board a bullet train that will whisk you off to Kyoto. On arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**Day 8: Explore Kyoto**

Today is a full-day tour of Kyoto, starting at Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion, before continuing on to Ryoan-ji, Japan's most famous classical garden. Next you will have some free time in the vibrant Arashiyama district – the Bamboo Forest should not be missed and there are some lovely little shops to explore. Later, take part in a Kendo lesson. Learn the basic forms and techniques of this martial art, which is a form of swordsmanship which uses bamboo swords and protective armour. This evening, enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner with a Maiko (apprentice Geisha) performance. (B,D)

**Day 9: Zen meditation and tea ceremony**

A centre of Zen Buddhism, Kodai-ji is a 17th-century temple set in classical Zen gardens. Start the day here with a Zen meditation session, before experiencing the rituals of a

traditional Japanese tea ceremony after which you can sip on your matcha tea. All of this can be enjoyed to the relaxing recitations of a Zen monk. Visit Kiyomizu Temple, then take a walk around the old district of Higashiyama before stopping off to learn about some of Japan's traditional arts – calligraphy and origami. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**Day 10: Explore Nara**

Wander the pathways of torii gates at the enchanting Fushimi Inari-taisha. Transfer to Nara and explore the city with visits to Todai-ji Temple, where you will see the Great Buddha, and Nara Park, where you can meet the resident Sika deer. Finish at Kasuga Shrine and transfer to Osaka. (B)

**Day 11: Umeda Sky Building**

Visit one of the city's most recognisable buildings, the Umeda Sky Building, ascending to the rooftop observatory for views over Osaka. Stroll through the bright and bustling Dotonbori district and stop for a local lunch. The rest of the afternoon is free before a delicious farewell meal of Shabu-shabu, a hotpot style dish of thinly sliced meats and vegetables which you cook in broth at your table. (B,L,D)

**Day 12: Depart Osaka**

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Kansai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

**Day 13: Arrive Australia**

Arrive home today.

**STOPOVER**

**HONG KONG IN FOCUS**  
**3 NIGHTS FROM \$1,415pp TWIN SHARE**

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**DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE\*, ADL, PER, CNS\***

**AIRFARES INCLUDED**

2017 DATES		2018 DATES	
17 May - 29 May#	\$14,380	21 Mar - 02 Apr	\$16,960
20 Sep - 02 Oct#	\$14,580	28 Mar - 09 Apr	\$16,960
15 Nov - 27 Nov	\$14,440	04 Apr - 16 Apr	\$15,560
		16 May - 28 May#	\$15,480

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#Departure coincides with Sumo Tournament.

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- All transportation in country of travel
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  - Expert local English-speaking guides
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  - Meals as listed (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Note: International flights are not included, but can be added at an additional cost.*



▲ KINKAKU-JI, KYOTO

# SELECT YOUR STYLE OF INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

## INDEPENDENT TRAVEL MADE EASY

Travelling independently gives you the flexibility to travel wherever you want and when you want. You can pick your flights, level of accommodation and all other inclusions such as meals, guides and touring to meet your personal preferences.

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### 1 PRIVATE TOURS

We can arrange most of our Classic, Discovery and Deluxe itineraries as a Private Tour, which is perfect for couples who prefer to travel independently, families and customers with special requirements and a great option for groups of friends wishing to travel on an exclusive tour.



▲ MT FUJI

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▲ TO-JI TEMPLE, NARA

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### 6 PRE AND POST-TOUR AND STOPOVER ARRANGEMENTS

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# JAPAN IMPRESSIONS

7 DAYS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tokyo's Meiji Shrine
- Meet a maiko or a geisha in Kyoto
- Osaka Castle

Japan's three best-known cities will certainly leave you with lasting impressions as you travel between skyscrapers and shrines by Shinkansen (bullet train). The bustling life in Tokyo provides a sharp, yet complementary contrast with the traditions and temples of Kyoto. See Osaka's architecture beautifully framed by cherry blossoms if you time your trip right.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,895	\$4,695
Superior	\$3,565	\$5,790
Deluxe	\$4,375	\$7,530

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

### Price includes:

- 6 nights accommodation
- Transport PASMO card with JPY2,000 value
- Ordinary Shinkansen ticket Tokyo to Kyoto
- Local train ticket (non-reserved) Kyoto to Osaka
- 1 day Osaka subway pass
- Private touring and entrance fees as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Meals as listed

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



▲ OSAKA CASTLE, OSAKA



▲ MAIKO (APPRENTICE GEISHA), KYOTO

### 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-Élysées' 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 over 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 by the geisha, before returning 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 continue to Ryoan-ji temple with its famous rock garden, and finally 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)

# TOKYO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Colourful characters of Harajuku
- Asakusa and Senso-ji Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,015	\$1,670
Deluxe	\$1,395	\$2,355

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner 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.



▲ IMPERIAL PALACE EAST GARDENS, TOKYO

### Day 1: Arrive Tokyo

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

### Day 2: 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: 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)

# MT FUJI & HAKONE

2 DAYS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Mt Fuji 5th Station
- Stunning Hakone
- Soak in natural hot springs

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$690	N/A
Superior	\$925	N/A
Deluxe	\$1,145	N/A

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

### Price includes:

- 1 night accommodation at a ryokan in a Japanese-style room
- Seat-in-coach touring and entrance fees on Day 1
- Local English-speaking guide on Day 1
- Taxi transfer Hakone ryokan to Odawara Station
- Ordinary Class Shinkansen ticket Odawara to Tokyo
- Meals as listed



▲ KOMAGATAKE ROPEWAY & MT FUJI

### 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 Visitors Centre and then up to the Mt Fuji 5th Station (weather permitting) to enjoy the view from 2,300m above sea level. Next, travel to Hakone, a beautiful national park area located south of Mt Fuji. Enjoy a cruise across Lake Ashi and take the Komagatake Ropeway to the top of Mt Komagatake for spectacular views. This afternoon, you will be dropped off at Hakone Yumoto Station to make your own way to your

ryokan where you will stay overnight and can relax in the natural hot springs. (L,D)

### Day 2: Hakone to Tokyo

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

## KYOTO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion)
- Daitoku-ji Zen Temple complex
- Japanese cooking class
- Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,160	\$1,880
Superior	\$1,385	\$2,090
Deluxe	\$1,540	\$2,635

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner 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



▲ DAITOKU-JI ZEN TEMPLE COMPLEX, KYOTO

#### Day 1: Arrive Kyoto

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

#### 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. Learn how to make rolled sushi, miso soup and cooked salad with seasonal fruit for dessert, 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 red torii gates. (B)

#### Day 4: Depart Kyoto

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

## HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

3 DAYS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Peace Park and Museum
- Hiroshima Castle
- Itsukushima Shrine

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,380	\$1,945
Superior	\$1,525	\$2,370
Deluxe	\$1,570	\$2,195

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner 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



▲ ITSUKUSHIMA SHRINE, MIYAJIMA

#### Day 1: Osaka to Hiroshima

This morning you will be met at your Osaka hotel and transferred to Shin-Osaka Station, where you will board your Shinkansen (bullet train) to Hiroshima. Upon arrival you will be met at the train station by your Local Guide to begin your half-day tour exploring Hiroshima by public transport. Visit the famous Peace Park and Museum and also the beautiful Shukkeien Gardens. Later, see the reconstructed Hiroshima Castle and for lunch sample the city's famous savoury pancake, okonomiyaki. (L)

#### Day 2: Hiroshima – Miyajima

Your Local Guide will accompany you on a short tram and ferry ride to Miyajima. Here you

will begin your full-day tour and see one of the most photographed sites in Japan, Itsukushima Shrine, also known as the Floating Torii Gate. Explore the island and visit its many shrines and temples and take the cable car to the peak to see spectacular views of the surrounding islands. Return to Hiroshima by ferry and tram later this afternoon. (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)

## TRADITIONAL JAPAN

6 DAYS

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$3,185	\$5,085
Superior	\$3,750	\$5,840
Deluxe	\$4,475	\$7,535

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

#### Price includes:

- 5 nights accommodation
- Private touring and entrance fees as specified
- Ordinary Class bullet train from Tokyo to Nagoya and limited express from Nagoya to Takayama
- Transfers as specified
- Shared coach tickets Takayama to Shirakawago to Kanazawa
- Local English-speaking guides on Days 2-4 as indicated
- Meals as listed



▲ OLD TOWN OF TAKAYAMA

#### Day 1: Tokyo to Takayama

Make your own way to Tokyo station to travel by train (unguided) to Takayama (via Nagoya). Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is at leisure.

#### Day 2: Takayama

Meet your Local Guide, and go to the Miyagawa morning market. Wander through the Takayama Jinya, which was once the local government office, now a museum. Explore Takayama's old town, with many buildings and whole streets of houses dating from the Edo Period (1600-1868). End the day at a sake brewery. (B,L)

#### Day 3: Takayama – Shirakawa-go to Kanazawa

Visit the Takayama Festival Floats Museum. Travel by shared coach to Shirakawa-go, nestled in remote mountains and famous for traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses. In the afternoon, farewell your Local Guide and continue to Kanazawa by shared coach. (B,L)

#### Day 4: Kanazawa

During the Edo Period, Kanazawa served as the seat of the powerful feudal Maeda Clan. Wander through Kenroku-en Garden with your Local Guide. Visit the Nagamachi Samurai district, Kagayuzen Sangyo Kaikan Silk Centre and the Nomura Samurai House, a traditional Japanese home with tea-ceremony room and artefacts from the Edo period. Farewell your Local Guide at Kanazawa station in the afternoon and travel by train to Kyoto. On arrival at Kyoto you will be transferred to your hotel and the rest of your day will be at leisure. (B)

#### Day 5: Kyoto

Enjoy a free day to explore Kyoto's many temples. (B)

#### Day 6: Depart Kyoto

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

## KOYASAN MONASTERY RETREAT

2 DAYS

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Japanese Style Room with shared bathroom	\$640	\$995
Japanese Style Room with ensuite	\$725	\$1,135

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

#### Price includes:

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



▲ OKUNOIN, 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. You will take 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)

# TAIWAN

Taiwan is regarded as one of the most diverse travel destinations in Asia and contains a world of contrasts from beautiful natural landscapes to temples and lively cities.

Its history is one of constant change with the arrival of new cultures bringing evolving traditions, ideas and philosophies. You will find an eclectic mix of Chinese, Western, Japanese and indigenous influences and the food is sensational. Travellers anticipating a 'Chinese' experience like those found in mainland China or Hong Kong are likely to be surprised by the distinct differences between the Taiwanese and their Chinese neighbours. One of the most endearing things about Taiwan is the friendliness of its people and their hospitality towards visitors.

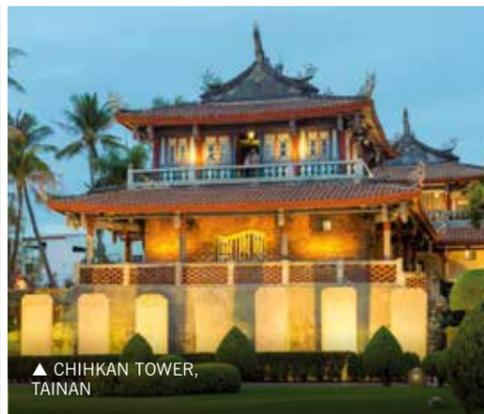
**Taiwan**  
THE HEART OF ASIA



▲ TAIPEI CITYSCAPE



▲ ETERNAL SPRING SHRINE, TAROKO NATIONAL PARK



▲ CHIHKAN TOWER, TAINAN



▲ SUN MOON LAKE



▲ CHIANG-KAI-SHEK MEMORIAL-HALL, TAIPEI

## SUN MOON LAKE



Sun Moon Lake is the largest body of water in Taiwan and is so named because the eastern part of the lake is round like the sun and the western side is shaped like a crescent moon. There are several temples in the vicinity of the lake including the impressive Wen-Wu complex.

## TAIPEI



Taipei is the capital of Taiwan and also the largest city. Sightseeing in this energetic city includes Taipei 101, one of the world's tallest buildings, some of the greatest collections of Chinese cultural relics and Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial. Strolling along the small alleyways will give you an authentic taste of Taipei.

## TAROKO NATIONAL PARK



Taroko is one of Taiwan's eight national parks and is located near the city of Hualien. The name Taroko means 'magnificent and beautiful'. The park has many impressive natural features including the Taroko Gorge, the Eternal Spring Shrine and Changchun Falls.



## TAINAN



Tainan is the ancient capital of Taiwan and the island's oldest city. It is rich in historic sites and cultural heritage. Discover the Chihkan Tower which was built in 1653. Learn about Tainan's complex history of comebacks and renewals which have inspired its popular nickname the 'Phoenix City'.

## KAOHSIUNG



The second largest city in Taiwan, Kaohsiung is also known as the 'harbour capital'. Sightseeing attractions include Fo Guang Shan Monastery, Spring and Autumn Pavilion and the Dragon and Tiger Pagoda. The city boasts one of the largest bustling night markets in Southeast Asia.

## FASCINATING TAIWAN

### SEAT-IN-COACH TOUR

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 Sundays, on a join-in basis, with a minimum group size of two people.

**5** DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$965** TWIN SHARE

LAND CONTENT ONLY



▲ FO GUANG SHAN MONASTERY

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$965	\$1,390
Superior	\$1,315	\$1,970

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

#### Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach touring (join-in basis)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Daily breakfast

**NOTE:** This seat-in-coach tour departs on a Sunday. 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.



▲ SUN MOON LAKE



▲ ANPING FORT, TAINAN

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

### ITINERARY

#### 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 along the scenic mountain road on to Puli, stopping en route at Mt Hehuan Visitors Centre for incredible views. In Puli, visit a paper workshop and have a brief photo-stop at Paper Church. 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 lake. (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 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 Liuhou Night Market. (B,L)

#### Day 5: Kaohsiung and 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 STOPOVER

**2** DAYS

Discover Taiwan's capital, an energetic city filled with history and culture.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$220	\$300
Superior	\$280	\$425
Deluxe	\$390	\$645

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

#### Price includes:

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

**NOTE:** A minimum of two people is required for the seat-in-coach tour to operate.



▲ NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM, TAIPEI

#### Day 1: Arrive Taipei

Upon arrival in Taipei airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour (join-in-basis) of Taipei city sights, visiting the National Palace Museum, Martyrs' Shrine, Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, a Chinese temple, a local

handicraft centre and pass by the Presidential Office.

#### Day 2: Depart Taipei

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

## TAIPEI CITY STAY

**3** DAYS

Taipei is a bustling city that is surrounded by national parks with unique landscapes.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall
- Taipei 101
- Yangmingshan National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$615	\$765
Superior	\$730	\$1,015
Deluxe	\$955	\$1,450

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

#### Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ LUNGSHAN TEMPLE, TAIPEI

#### 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)

# SOUTH KOREA

South Korea is a country with distinctive features; the traditional and historical, as well as the sleek and cosmopolitan. These days most towns consist of a new fashionable area with coffee shops and karaoke bars, but in these same towns you will also find the Korea of old; alleyways and street markets in an intriguing maze where vendors sell everything, just as they have done for hundreds of years. South Korea has much to offer the avid traveller with its rich history, vibrant culture and modern society.

In addition to its futuristic cityscapes, South Korea is also known for its green, mountainous countryside and coastal fishing villages.

The capital of Seoul is home to 11 million of the nation's approximately 50 million people.



▲ GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE, SEOUL



▲ HAEDONG YONGGUNSA TEMPLE, BUSAN



▲ LANTERNS, GYEONGJU



▲ HAEDONG YONGGUNSA TEMPLE, BUSAN



▲ SUNRISE PEAK, JEJU ISLAND

## JEJU ISLAND (JEJU-SI)



Jeju Island is located off the south coast. It boasts a treasure chest of tourist attractions including many spectacular geographical features such as the Hallasan Volcano, beautiful beaches, impressive waterfalls and fauna. Its culture, traditions and dialect are different to those of the mainland.

## SEOUL



Seoul is the capital of South Korea. As well as being one of the oldest cities, Seoul is also the country's financial, political, commercial and cultural centre. The old and new mix in this dynamic city offers the visitor plenty of sightseeing opportunities.

## GYEONGJU



Gyeongju was the capital of the Silla Dynasty that reigned from the first century BC right up until the tenth century AD. The town is now like an open-air museum housing a seemingly endless array of tombs, temples, shrines, castles and gardens.



▲ BULGUKSA TEMPLE, GYEONGJU

## BUSAN



Located in the southeast of the Korean Peninsula, Busan is the second largest city after Seoul. A dynamic port city offering a relaxed and laid-back atmosphere, it boasts superb beaches, scenic cliffs and mountains which provide excellent hiking opportunities.

## SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Gyeongbokgung Palace
- Jogyesa Temple
- Korean Folk Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$865	\$1,460
Superior	\$990	\$1,695
Deluxe	\$1,550	\$2,720

\* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner 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



▲ GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE, SEOUL

#### 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 Gyeongbokgung Palace. Visit the National Folk Museum of Korea,

Jogyesa Temple, the Korean Folk Village and either a Ginseng or Amethyst Factory. (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)

## BUSAN SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Haedong Yonggungsa Temple
- Jagalchi Fish Market
- Kukje Market

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$990	\$1,820
Superior	\$1,030	\$1,930
Deluxe	\$1,370	\$2,515

\* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

#### Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private transfers with driver only
- Private touring with Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ HAEDONG YONGGUNGSA TEMPLE, BUSAN

#### Day 1: Arrive Busan

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

#### Day 2: Busan

Enjoy a full-day tour of this lively port city, including a visit to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, Nurimaru APEC House, Busan Tower, BIFF Square, Jagalchi Fish Market and Kukje Market. (B,L)

#### Day 3: Busan

Enjoy the day free at your leisure to further explore Busan. (B)

#### Day 4: Depart Busan

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

## JEJU ISLAND SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hallim Park
- Sunrise Peak
- Manjanggul Lava Cave

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$865	\$1,370
Superior	\$1,065	\$1,715
Deluxe	\$1,695	\$2,915

\* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner 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 and 3
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ HALLIM PARK WATERFALL

#### 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 of Jeju Island. Visit Hallim Park to see its sub-tropical gardens and mysterious lava caves. Take a light hike up Suweolbong Peak. After lunch visit Spirited Garden, Mt Sanbongsan, and either Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls or the Teddy Bear Museum. Your tour will finish in the downtown area and you will 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 Sunrise Peak, a large volcanic rock cone. You will also explore Manjanggul Lava Cave, the Seongeup Folk Village and the Sangumburi Crater. 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)

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

## BUSAN & GYEONGJU

4 DAYS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Haedong Yonggungsa Temple
- Bulguksa Temple
- Seokguram Grotto
- Tumuli Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,585	\$2,935
Superior	\$1,715	\$3,170

\* Shoulder and high season, Japanese holidays, weekend, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

#### Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private transfers with driver only
- Private touring with Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ BULGUKSJA TEMPLE, GYEONGJU

#### Day 1: Arrive Busan

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

#### Day 2: Busan to Gyeongju

Enjoy a half-day tour of the dynamic port city of Busan, including a visit to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, Nurimaru APEC House, Busan Tower, BIFF Square, Jagalchi Fish Market and Kukje Market. Continue your journey to Gyeongju, the historical centre and capital of the former Silla Kingdom. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B,L)

#### Day 3: Gyeongju

Begin a full-day tour around Gyeongju visiting the magnificent Bulguksa Temple and the Seokguram Grotto. You will also visit the National Museum, home of the renowned Emile Bell and many priceless relics, Tumuli Park, Anapji Pond and Cheomseongdae, the world's oldest astronomical observatory. (B,L)

#### Day 4: Gyeongju – Depart Busan

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

# HONG KONG STOPOVER

Hong Kong has transformed from a small fishing village to one of the world's most exciting cities. The bustling sidewalks, skyscrapers and neon signs can seem chaotic at first, but Hong Kong is known for being safe and easy to navigate. It offers visitors a dynamic mix of the east and west, with over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese traditions, teamed with numerous attractions, unrivalled shopping and a vast array of food choices.

▲ VIEW FROM VICTORIA PEAK



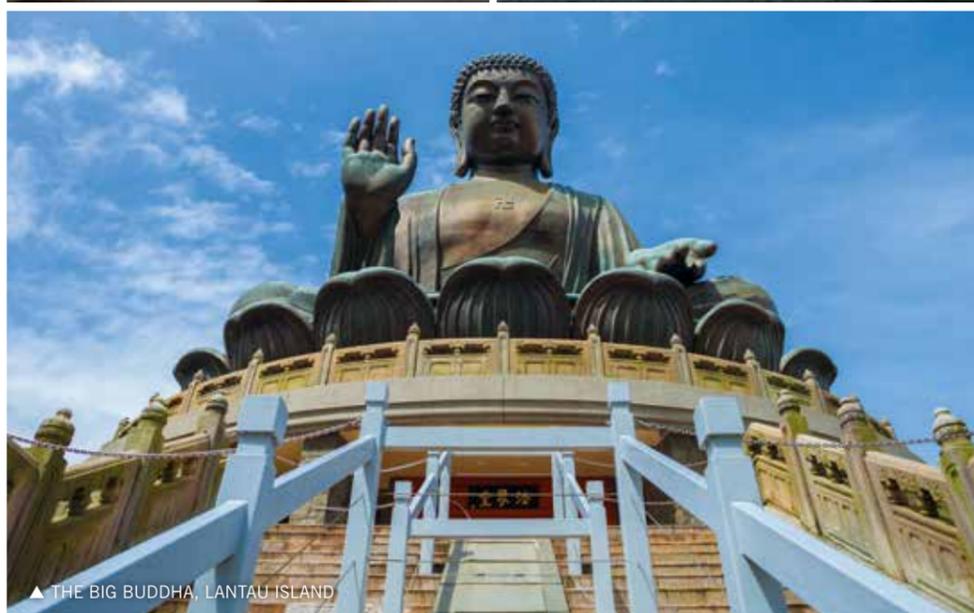
▲ PO LIN MONASTERY



▲ ABERDEEN FISHING BOATS



▲ VICTORIA HARBOUR



▲ THE BIG BUDDHA, LANTAU ISLAND



**Metropark Hotel Kowloon ★★★★★**  
Metropark Hotel Kowloon is situated at the heart of Kowloon and offers a free shuttle bus service to and from Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui. The hotel has two restaurants, a bar, rooftop swimming pool and free broadband internet access in all guest rooms.



**Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees ★★★★★**  
This award-winning hotel offers spacious, modern guest rooms with impressive views of the city and includes modern amenities. Located within walking distance of the Kowloon City Ferry Pier, hotel facilities include a fitness centre, swimming pool and two restaurants.



**Cordis, Hong Kong ★★★★★**  
The Cordis, Hong Kong hotel offers luxury accommodation in the heart of Kowloon within walking distance to night markets, restaurants and the MTR. Hotel facilities include the Chuan Spa, rooftop swimming pool and fitness studio. Guest rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows and state-of-the-art amenities.



**Eaton, Hong Kong ★★★★★**  
Eaton, Hong Kong is located in the heart of Nathan Road in downtown Kowloon, only a few minutes stroll from Jordan Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Station. The hotel offers 465 well-appointed and custom designed guest rooms and suites and features restaurants, a bar and a café.



**Kowloon Shangri-La, Hong Kong ★★★★★**  
Set on the waterfront, the award-winning Kowloon Shangri-La, Hong Kong offers luxurious guest rooms. Its breathtaking views of Victoria Harbour are rivalled only by its legendary hospitality. There are seven renowned restaurants, a bar and lounge within the property.



**Regal Hong Kong Hotel ★★★★★**  
Situated in the heart of Causeway Bay, the Regal Hong Kong Hotel offers 481 guest rooms in an elegant style, together with four exquisite dining establishments serving Cantonese, Western and Italian cuisine, a rooftop swimming pool and a fitness centre.



**The Kowloon Hotel ★★★★★**  
The Kowloon Hotel is conveniently located at the heart of Nathan Road's Golden Mile shopping district. The MTR and Star Ferry are within walking distance of the hotel. The hotel has several restaurants and bars to choose from and all guest rooms have modern amenities for business and leisure travellers.



**Harbour Grand Kowloon ★★★★★**  
Harbour Grand Kowloon is just moments from the city's busiest areas. The hotel is well-appointed with 554 spacious guest rooms and suites, six outstanding restaurants, a swimming pool, fitness centre, spa and beauty services.



**Harbour Grand Hong Kong ★★★★★**  
Located steps away from Victoria Harbour, the Harbour Grand Hong Kong is ideally located in the heart of Hong Kong Island, near Causeway Bay, Wanchai and Central. Facilities at the hotel include an outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre and day spa and several restaurants. Guest rooms have a warm modern-classic décor.

## HONG KONG GLIMPSSES

3 DAYS

With over 150 years of colonial history and ageless Chinese tradition, teamed with numerous attractions, lively festivals, unrivalled shopping and a vast array of food choices, Hong Kong is a fantastic holiday experience.

- **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 your leisure.
- **Day 2: Hong Kong**  
Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Hong Kong Island visiting Stanley Market, Victoria Peak and Aberdeen Fishing Village, where you may wish to take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense) to get a closer look at the fishing boats. (B)
- **Day 3: Depart Hong Kong**  
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Hong Kong airport where your arrangements end. (B)



▲ HONG KONG HARBOUR

Prices are from per person, based on low season#			
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER	
Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees	\$440	\$630	
Eaton, Hong Kong	\$480	\$715	
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$595	\$915	

# Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

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

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

## HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

4 DAYS

Hong Kong Disneyland is located in Penny's Bay, Lantau Island. Hong Kong Disneyland opened to visitors in 2005 and consists of seven themed lands: Adventureland, Grizzly Gulch, Mystic Point, Toy Story Land, Fantasyland, Tomorrowland and Main Street, U.S.A.

- **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 your leisure.
- **Day 2: Hong Kong Disneyland**  
Make your own way to Hong Kong Disneyland. Step into seven themed lands, enjoy the thrill and excitement of high quality rides and meet some of your favourite Disney characters. (B)
- **Day 3: Hong Kong Disneyland**  
Make your own way to Hong Kong Disneyland and spend another day enjoying its many attractions at your leisure. (B)
- **Day 4: Depart Hong Kong**  
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Hong Kong airport where your arrangements end. (B)



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Prices are from per person, based on low season#			
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER	CHILD*
Disney's Hollywood Hotel	\$1,115	\$1,780	\$340
Eaton, Hong Kong	\$740	\$1,115	\$645
Regal Hong Kong Hotel	\$870	\$1,335	\$665

# Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:			
■ 3 nights accommodation	■ 2-Day General Admission Ticket to Hong Kong Disneyland Park		
■ Seat-in-coach transfers	■ Meals as listed		

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

\* Child prices are based on one child aged 3-11 years, sharing a room with two adults and using existing bedding

## HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

Often only considered to be a sea of skyscrapers, nearly half of Hong Kong is actually made up of lofty mountains, long beaches, working vegetable and fishing regions and ancient temples. Experience Hong Kong's fusion of traditional customs and modern life, stunning natural wonders and iconic man-made attractions.



▲ PO LIN MONASTERY

Prices are from per person, based on low season#			
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER	
Eaton, Hong Kong	\$815	\$1,155	
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$975	\$1,455	
Kowloon Shangri-La, Hong Kong	\$1,415	\$2,250	

# Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

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

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

- **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 your leisure.
- **Day 2: Hong Kong**  
Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Hong Kong Island visiting Stanley Market, Victoria Peak and Aberdeen Fishing Village, where you may wish to take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). (B)
- **Day 3: Hong Kong**  
Discover Lantau Island during a full-day seat-in-coach tour. Visit Cheung Sha Beach, Tai O Fishing Village, Po Lin Monastery and the Big Buddha. Enjoy a vegetarian lunch and ride the Ngong Ping Cable Car. (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)

## FLAVOURS OF HONG KONG

4 DAYS

Renowned as the culinary capital of Asia, Hong Kong boasts more than 12,000 restaurants. Apart from enjoying the best Cantonese and regional Chinese food, visitors can sample a full choice of authentic Asian cuisines and Western fare.

- **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 your leisure.
- **Day 2: Hong Kong**  
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 dim sum lunch. (B,L)
- **Day 3: Hong Kong – Central And 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)



▲ DIM SUM

Prices are from per person, based on low season#			
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER	
Eaton, Hong Kong	\$860	\$1,215	
Regal Hong Kong Hotel	\$1,015	\$1,470	
Kowloon Shangri-La, Hong Kong	\$1,455	\$2,295	

# Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

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

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

# MACAU STOPOVER

Macau is located 60km south-west of Hong Kong and consists of the Macau Peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane. The name 'Macau' honours the Goddess of Seafarers, as it has long been a place of shipping and trade. With baroque-style churches, traditional Chinese buildings, gardens and temples, there is much more to Macau than just glitzy casinos.



▲ SKYLINE, MACAU

## MACAU HOTELS



### Holiday Inn Macau ★★★★★

Located in the heart of the Macau Peninsula, this hotel features a health club, restaurant and swimming pool. All guest rooms are equipped with floor-to-ceiling windows.



### Hotel Lisboa ★★★★★

Located in the heart of the Macau Peninsula, this hotel is within 15-minutes walk of Senado Square and Ruins of St. Paul's. Within the property are five restaurants, a casino, and an indoor swimming pool.



### Regency Hotel Macau ★★★★★

Just 10 minutes from the city centre, nestled in three acres of Taipa's greenery, this property offers total comfort. There is an outdoor swimming pool, tennis court, fitness centre and restaurant.



### Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16 ★★★★★

Sofitel Macau offers five-star waterfront accommodation in Macau's historic quarter. Aside from complimentary wi-fi, it also has a casino and outdoor swimming pools.



## GETTING TO AND AROUND MACAU

Macau is easily accessible by jetfoil from Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal in Hong Kong or from China Ferry Terminal in Kowloon. All visitors to Macau must hold a valid passport. Australian passport holders do not require a visa for Macau. Upon arrival in Macau you will find that many of the hotels have shuttle buses waiting at the Macau Ferry Terminal which run between the hotel, ferry terminal and the Cotai Strip. SkyPier at Hong Kong International Airport provides an efficient ferry service for transferring passengers to/from Macau, making it a very convenient stopover option.

## TASTE OF MACAU

3 DAYS



### Day 1: Arrive Macau

From the Macau Ferry Terminal, board your hotel shuttle bus to your Macau hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

### Day 2: Macau

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel for your half-day seat-in-coach city tour of Macau. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Ruins of

St. Paul's, Naha Temple, St. Dominic's Church, Cathedral of Macau, Avenida Da Praia Grande, the Leal Senado Building, Senado Square, General Post Office Building and A-Ma Temple. Visit Macau Tower (ground floor only - if you wish to visit the observation levels this is at your own expense). Make your own way back to your hotel. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Depart Macau

After check-out this morning take the hotel shuttle bus to the Macau Ferry Terminal where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Ferry tickets between Hong Kong city/airport and Macau are not included, but can be added at an additional cost. Please contact our reservations department for pricing and information.

## MACAU IN FOCUS

4 DAYS



### Day 1: Arrive Macau

From the Macau Ferry Terminal board your hotel shuttle bus to your Macau hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

### Day 2: Macau

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel for your half-day seat-in-coach city tour of Macau. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Ruins of St. Paul's,

Office Building and A-Ma Temple. Visit Macau Tower (ground floor only - if you wish to visit the observation levels this is at your own expense). Make your own way back to your hotel. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Macau

Enjoy the day free at your leisure to further explore Macau. Try one of the self-guided walking tours in the Old Quarter of Macau or explore Cotai's impressive resort complexes, their attractions and shows (at your own expense). (B)

### Day 4: Depart Macau

After check-out this morning take the hotel shuttle bus to the Macau Ferry Terminal where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Ferry tickets between Hong Kong city/airport and Macau are not included, but can be added at an additional cost. Please contact our reservations department for pricing and information.



▲ RUINS OF ST PAUL

Prices are from per person, based on low season#

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Regency Hotel Macau	\$300	\$515
Holiday Inn Macau	\$350	\$560
Hotel Lisboa	\$450	\$725
Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16	\$510	\$845

# Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

### Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ MACAU TOWER

Prices are from per person, based on low season#

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Regency Hotel Macau	\$415	\$725
Holiday Inn Macau	\$480	\$795
Hotel Lisboa	\$630	\$1,045
Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16	\$720	\$1,230

# Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

### Price includes:

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

# HOTELS

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse or Japanese-style accommodation in a smaller town.

## Tokyo



### ▲ Shiba Park Hotel

The three-star Shiba Park Hotel is located in the centre of Tokyo, within walking distance to restaurants and major sightseeing attractions such as the Tokyo Tower. The guest rooms are comfortable and well-appointed, and the hotel facilities include a Michelin star restaurant, gift shop and business centre.

## Takayama



### ▲ Takayama Ryu Resort & Spa

Nestled among the mountains of Takayama, this resort sits at an altitude of around 1,000 metres. Surrounded by nature, guests can enjoy views from the rooftop terrace, relax in the hot springs or swim in the outdoor pool. Rooms feature tatami (woven-straw) flooring and Japanese futon bedding. The restaurant offers a diverse menu of Japanese cuisine.

## Kanazawa



### ▲ Garden Hotel Kanazawa

The Garden Hotel Kanazawa is a business style hotel conveniently located in front of the JR Kanazawa Station. Hotel facilities include a café, business centre and massage service. All guest rooms are small but comfortable and are well-equipped with modern amenities including TV and LAN cable internet.

## Kyoto



### ▲ The Palace Side Hotel Kyoto

Situated in the heart of historical Kyoto, adjacent to the Kyoto Imperial Palace, The Palace Side Hotel provides warm hospitality and a relaxed atmosphere. Rooms are air-conditioned and complimentary wi-fi is available to all guests. In order to preserve the region's beauty for generations to come, the hotel takes an eco-friendly approach to all of its operations.

## Koyasan



### ▲ Fukuchi-in

The Fukuchi-in is a traditional shukubo located in the heart of Koyasan. During your stay here you will be able to experience the morning prayer service and enjoy eating traditional Shojin Ryori (vegetarian) cuisine. This is the only temple lodging in Koyasan with an onsen hot spring and there are both indoor and outdoor baths to enjoy. There is also a private use 'family bath' if you wish (separate fee applies). There are also lovely gardens to admire and the traditional wooden buildings are beautifully maintained. The three gardens were designed by famous landscape artist Mirei Shigemori, and the cedar forests surrounding the temple instill a sense of serenity and relaxation.



▲ SHIBUYA BY NIGHT

## Osaka



### ▲ Hotel Nikko Osaka

This hotel is located in the southern downtown area, facing the famous tree-lined Mido-suji Avenue, the city's main boulevard and leisure district. Hotel Nikko's facilities include several restaurants and bars, a sushi bar and coffee lounge. Guest rooms are spacious and well-designed with modern amenities.



▲ HIMEJI CASTLE, HIMEJI



▲ SHIRAKAWA-GO, KANAZAWA

## Fuji Five Lakes



### ▲ Fuji Royal Hotel Kawaguchiko

The Fuji Royal Hotel is located along the shores of the picturesque Lake Kawaguchiko. Featuring traditional Japanese-style rooms with tatami (woven-straw) flooring and futon bedding. There is a restaurant, onsen (hot spring), gift shop and wifi. Bike hire is also available to explore the area.

## Sapporo



### ▲ Keio Plaza Hotel

The Keio Plaza Hotel is centrally located in the mountainous region of Sapporo. Surrounded by numerous landmarks, this property features multiple dining options, bar, indoor pool, sauna, massage services, fitness centre and wifi. Laundry and dry cleaning services are also available. Guest rooms are simple however, well equipped.

## Nagano



### ▲ Hotel Metropolitan

Located in the centre of Nagano, a short drive from one of Japan's National Treasures, Zenko-ji temple, the Hotel Metropolitan features a range of dining options, a bar and dry cleaning services. Guest rooms are modern and well-appointed.



▲ SAPPORO

Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# BOOKING YOUR TOUR

Planning your holiday should be simple, straightforward and most importantly, exciting! Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you every step of the way; from initial planning to booking, right through until your return home.

## BOOKING MADE EASY

### 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 Group Tours
- Discovery Tours
- Deluxe Tours
- Flexible Private Tours
- Bespoke Tailor-Made Holidays

**Still not sure?** Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

### 2. Check availability

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

### 3. Booking & deposit

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of \$300 per person. Independent Travel arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the Booking Conditions at the back of the brochure.

### 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 two weeks before travel.

### Regional flights and upgrades

We work with a network of preferred partner airlines between Australia and Asia providing the best connecting routes for ease and comfort. All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and more legroom, you can choose to upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class.

Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip. Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to discuss upgrade options

### Joining Your Tour

Darwin passengers travelling on our Japan group tours will fly with Singapore Airlines and their regional wing, SilkAir.

Due to constantly changing airline schedules some travellers may require pre or post-tour accommodation, an overnight 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.

Although Wendy Wu Tours makes every effort to use the airlines noted on each tour page, an alternative airline may be used due to flight schedule changes or lack of availability.

Normally, frequent flyer miles are not accrued on our packaged group fares and this is at the discretion of each airline.



### Thank you for your loyalty

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.

#### ■ Loyalty discount

After completing your tour, we hope that you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family and a loyal customer, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic, Deluxe and Discovery group tours and are not applicable for tailor-made itineraries, independent travel 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 refer to 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](http://wendywutours.com.au/subscribe)

#### ■ Keep in touch

As a loyal customer, you will enjoy other benefits including a subscription to our quarterly magazine, Chinese Whispers, 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 and Instagram.

*Conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.*



## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

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

**RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT** Prices are subject to airline availability at the time of booking. 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. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket re-issue 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.

**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 an Independent 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. Payments by credit cards will incur a fee.

**LATE BOOKINGS** Bookings made less than 75 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of no less than \$30 per booking which is payable along with the final payment. 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. Bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of \$50 per booking and must be paid along with the final payment at the time of booking. These bookings may also incur additional 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, Discovery Tour and Deluxe Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs plus a Breakaway Fee of \$100 per person. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost and are not covered by the Breakaway Fee.

**AIRLINE FUEL LEVY SURCHARGE** Since 2004 all 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 the airlines charge for this levy. At time of pricing Cathay Pacific Airways and Singapore Airlines fuel surcharge is included in the cost of the fare, however this is subject to change. This amount is detailed against every tour featured in this brochure where applicable and will also be advised to you at the time of your booking and 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 – \$25 per change (a change to the booking that increases the value will incur no fee).

Amendments within 30 days of departure – \$50 per change. Transferring between tours (outside 75 days) – \$100 per person plus any additional amendment costs that may be applicable. Transfer fees must be paid at the time of change. Transfer fees must be paid at the time of change.

Transferring between tours (within 75 days) – See 'Cancellation by Customer' for applicable fees and details. Reissue of airline tickets – From \$100 per person (other fees may apply).

Bookings of only 3 nights accommodation or less – \$30 per booking.

Rail tickets and passes only – \$50 per booking.

Once a booking is confirmed name transfers are not permitted as this will be regarded as a cancellation.

**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 tickets are issued, 100% of the airfare.
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 including visa, transfer fees, fuel surcharge and any other airline cancellation fees and any applicable amendment fees. 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 in this brochure 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. All customers are given a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with their quote or deposit documents. All customers will also receive a link to the Pre-Registration Form once a deposit has been received on file. Customers must specify any medical/dietary conditions that fit the criteria set out on the Pre-Registration Form and submit this to our office. All customers should visit their doctor for these aforementioned purposes and/or to confirm that they are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Should any ailments either exist at the time of booking, or arise before their departure from Australia, the customer must inform Wendy Wu Tours in writing.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS** A passport with a minimum of six months validity is required for customers' travelling to all countries in our programmes. Visas for Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Macau are not required for Australian passport holders. For Non-Australian passport holders, it is the customers' responsibility to research and obtain any necessary visas for your travel and to ensure documentation accuracy and passport validity. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability.

**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](http://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 Discovery Tours may avoid paying the Single Hotel Room Option by opting to travel on a 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match a single traveller with another single traveller of the same gender. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at all hotel accommodation and waive the Single Hotel Room Option. The 'willing to share' option is not available on Deluxe Tours.

**TIPPING** Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required during our fully inclusive group tours. Tipping for independent travel is not compulsory and is therefore at the customers discretion however, this may be expected by guides and drivers where good service has been provided.

**SHOPPING** 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.

**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 whatsoever 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.

**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](mailto: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 on our website [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) or upon request.

**AIRLINES** Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. For details, contact our office.

**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 which 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](http://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 14 July 2016. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tipping, 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.

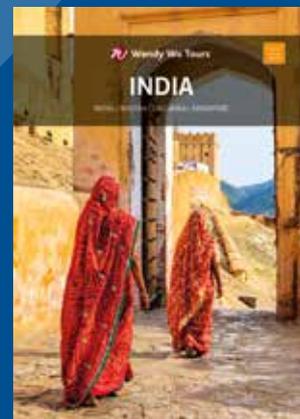
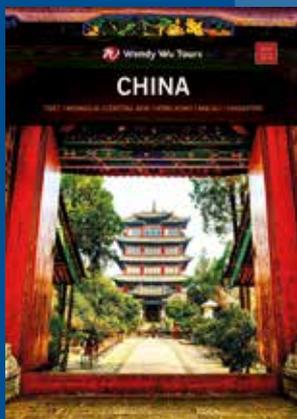
**AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES** It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other clauses in these Booking Conditions.

**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.

# WHY BOOK WITH WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 21 years' operating tours to Asia
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours, Deluxe Tours, private and tailor-made holidays
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Exciting epic journeys and unique, rarely visited destinations
- Expert National Escorts and Local Guides
- Quality hotels and comfortable transportation



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Your travel agent

