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The winner of Best Specialty Wholesaler - National Travel Industry Awards, 2017



WELCOME TO JAPAN!

Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this magical region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring program including authentic cultural experiences.

GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a readymade group of like-minded solo travellers. We provide a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while our expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Please check opposite for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility on when they travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

TAILOR-MADE

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

SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with 10 other passengers or more, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. See page 49 for more details.

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THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

With 26 years' experience operating tours throughout Asia and Beyond, our success and longevity speak for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over 26 years, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs, authentic experiences, packed with local flavour. These encounters will make your holiday truly special. Look out for the 'experiences you'll love' on each of our tour pages.

Although 2020 was not quite what we imagined, it has made us even more determined to deliver unforgettable adventures so you can embrace every moment of 2021-2022.

We have curated each of our tours with your enjoyment, peace of mind and safety at the forefront. We have shaped your experiences to ensure that despite the changing nature of our world, travelling safely can be just as exhilarating and rewarding as before, with some careful modifications. Travelling with confidence is our guiding principle and you can read more about this on page 9.

I'm excited to introduce you to our brand-new Japan brochure, which is packed with inspiring tours and authentic experiences which truly capture the essence of this diverse, enigmatic country. Be inspired by its ever-changing vista's, its warm and welcoming people, and its cultural significance.

With over 26 years of expertise, we've mastered the art of creating memorable experiences that wholly capture the essence of the country. We compliment this with our fantastic National Escorts who create extraordinary adventures as they show you their homeland. We will take care of every aspect of your trip so all you have to do is relax and enjoy the journey, plus it's all at exceptional value too!

I am also thrilled to announce the addition of two brand new Japan tours – 'Experience Japan' – a 12 day tour packed with excellent experiences to immerse yourself in the local culture and 'Japan By Rail' an epic 22 day tour covering the three main islands of Japan.

We have also included two additional gems within the region – 'Scenic South Korea' and the 'Treasures of Taiwan' to further delight you.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



吴怡 Wendy
Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

VISAS

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each region (where required), creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

TIPPING MADE EASY

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!





YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover) or by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3-4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond Tours you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit.

TOUR PACE

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

SOLO DEPARTURES

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures of our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free chauffeur transfers to and from the airport[^], free airport lounges (where available) and complimentary cocktails on arrival! See tours: A Week in Japan, Jewels of Japan, Discover Japan and Japan Uncovered in this brochure or check our website at wendywutours.com.au for more information. [^]Refer to our terms and conditions for details on chauffeur transfers.

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further or arrange a stopover on your flight all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 50) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.

PHYSICAL RATING



LEVEL 1

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the 'Detailed Tour Dossier' available to download on the tour page of our website.

LEVEL 2

Involves a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.

LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



LEVEL 5

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

Taking care of your safety

Our customers' safety has always been our highest priority at Wendy Wu Tours. Working closely with our partners overseas and our highly experienced National Escorts, we are proud of our reputation for taking the utmost care of every customer's safety and wellbeing.

For 2021 and beyond we have strengthened our safety management processes to include measures to protect our customers and local staff from COVID-19. These new measures include protection whilst travelling, sightseeing, at mealtimes and at hotels. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our protocols include personal protection, extensive disinfecting, and social distancing measures.

Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

For details of our safety guidelines please visit wendywutours.com.au



Guided by the very best

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



"The first thing to say is that our Japan tour ranks among the best we have ever been on, particular praise must however go to our tour guide, the best guide we have ever had the pleasure of leading a tour group. She was an absolute mine of information about all things Japanese, worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly and had a great sense of humour that made every day an enjoyable experience. She should be declared a Japanese National Treasure!!"

Mr and Mrs Gilchrist

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

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

Our Expertise

We are very proud of the awards and the accomplishments we have received over our 26 years of operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners are rewarding, but our truest rewards are when we continually hear the extraordinary tales of adventure from our customers.

Our passion and determination in delivering exceptional experiences to our customers is unwavering, and something we will continue to nurture and deliver. We want you to experience each region with the truest approach, delighting in the amazing spirit of each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout our destinations, with their knowledge and experiences shaping every detail of your holiday.



Recommended by you

Awards are important, but what matters most are the experiences and feedback we receive from our customers. We're proud of our customer satisfaction ratings and the fact that so many of our customers would happily recommend us, this vote of confidence is all the accolade we need.



98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!



Book with Confidence

Our Book with Confidence guarantee has been introduced to provide you with piece of mind when booking with us so that you can enjoy every moment of your holiday.

1. LOW DEPOSIT

Once you've selected your desired tour, all you need to do is forward your deposit to secure your place. We are pleased to introduce our low deposit policy across our range of group tours.

2. PRICE MATCH PROMISE

Our tours are renowned for their comprehensive inclusions and exceptional value for money. We are so confident you won't find the same tours at better prices, that if you do, we'll not only match the lower price, but reward you for letting us know! Conditions apply. See website for further details.

3. EXTENDED PAYMENT TERMS

Extended payment terms are available on most group tours. This means you won't need to pay your final balance until 75 days prior to departure. Plus, if your tour is cancelled due to government travel restrictions, your deposit and any progress payments will be carried forward as full credit towards future travel with us. Contact our Reservations team for further details.

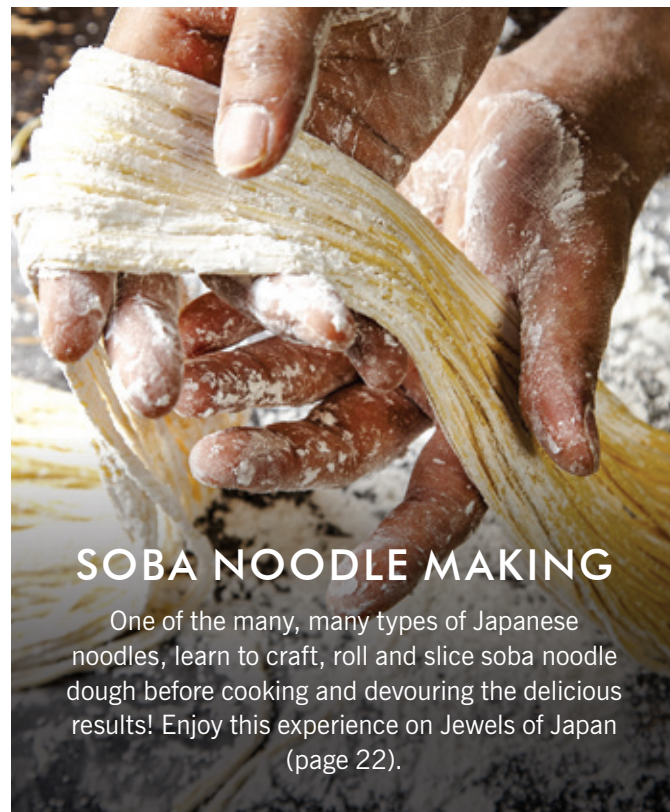
Cultural encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Experiences You'll Love' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...



TEA CEREMONY

A perfect display of Japanese culture, witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea'. Enjoy this experience on all of our Japan tours.



SOBA NOODLE MAKING

One of the many, many types of Japanese noodles, learn to craft, roll and slice soba noodle dough before cooking and devouring the delicious results! Enjoy this experience on Jewels of Japan (page 22).



SUMO WRESTLING

Witness a sport that preserves many of Japan's most ancient traditions – the rituals involved are as fascinating as the wrestling itself. Enjoy this experience on Japan Uncovered (page 30) and Off-Beat Japan (page 44).



MOUNT FUJI BASE HIKE

The iconic image of Japan, get up close to the magnificent Mount Fuji with a hike through the beautiful nature at its base. Enjoy this experience on Off-Beat Japan (page 44).



MONASTERY STAY

Spend the night in a tatami mat room in a monastery at holy mountain Koyasan, and rise early to join the monks for their daily dawn chanting. Enjoy this on Off-Beat Japan (page 44).



WASHI PAPER MAKING

Learn about this traditional process before getting your hands dirty making 'washi' (Japanese paper) the age-old way for yourself! Enjoy this experience on Discover Japan (page 24) and Japan Uncovered (page 30).



ZEN MEDITATION

Begin your journey towards inner peace learning the basics of Zen meditation in one of Kyoto's beautiful old temples. Enjoy this experience on Japan by Rail (page 32).



Discover Japan with Wendy Wu Tours

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

WENDY'S TOP 8 JAPAN SIGHTS

1

MOUNT FUJI

With its perfectly proportioned cone, Mount Fuji is Japan's most iconic sight so we include it on all of our Japan tours.

2

HIROSHIMA

The city of Hiroshima is a modern, vibrant place, despite the horrors of its past. Visit the moving Peace Memorial Park to reflect on past events on several of our Japan tours.

3

KYOTO

Kyoto is Japan's ancient capital and cultural hub, packed with enchanting sights, 17 of which are UNESCO World Heritage-listed. Kyoto features on all of our Japan itineraries.

4

NARA

A city famous for its bowing deer and being the birthplace of Japanese culture, how could we leave that off the list? Visit Nara on several of our Japan tours.

5

KOYASAN

A holy mountain dotted with monasteries, the wonderfully atmospheric and tranquil Koyasan features on several of our Japan tours.

6

TOKYO

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

7

SNOW MONKEYS

The Japanese macaques are a delight to watch as they bathe in natural hot pools close to the alpine town of Yudanaka. Many of our tours now include a visit to see the snow monkeys.

8

HIMEJI CASTLE

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

Japan for all seasons

Japan is a country that can be enjoyed year round; here is our guide to what is happening when, to help you decide what time of year you'd like to experience it.



CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON

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

BLOOMING GUIDE:



Look for the cherry blossom symbol for departures that fall during the anticipated cherry blossom seasons in 2021-22 (subject to local conditions).

**Please note that the cherry blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your visit.*



AUTUMN LEAVES

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

BLOOMING GUIDE:



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SUN AND SNOW

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

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



CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, all-inclusive group journey

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy
airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star
accommodation



All
meals



Flights, guides,
transportation
& sightseeing

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading National Escorts.

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases if required, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring in a group of maximum 28 travellers (or maximum 18 passengers for Solo departures).

ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste

the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole delicious range of your destination's best dishes.

NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.

A WEEK IN JAPAN

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,440

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

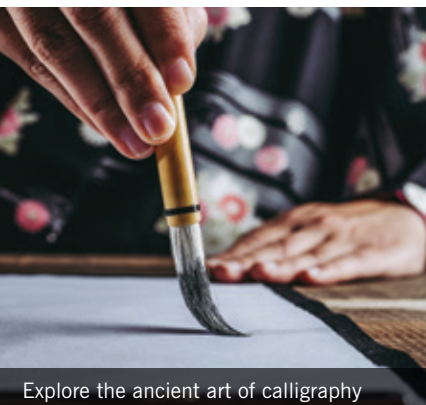
ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore the ancient art of calligraphy

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- With traditional brushes, ink and paper, try your hand at the beautiful art of calligraphy, an important aspect of Japanese culture since its introduction from China in the 6th-century.
- Experience the perfect display of Japanese culture as you witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea', a traditional tea ceremony.
- Embark on a relaxed dinner cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay, enabling you to look back and admire the bright, twinkling lights of the city by night.



Admire majestic Mount Fuji

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the ever-changing skyline to the fashions and trends of the people who call it home. As modern as it may appear, behind the neon façade is a traditional soul that is easy to find amongst the old alleyways, temples and shrines of the Edo era. Today you will experience both sides of the city, ascending the soaring Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest tower, for panoramic views, before taking a wander through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple and browse the stalls



Experience the buzzing Tokyo metropolis

of Nakamise shopping street. You will also drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza and take a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. This evening, cruise the waters of Tokyo Bay and enjoy dinner from the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to the iconic Mount Fuji, where you will ascend 2,400 metres up its slopes to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of both Fuji's cone and the surrounding landscapes. Transfer to the spa region of Hakone. Embark on a cruise on the spectacular Lake Ashi, keeping an eye out for the bright red torii gates that nestle on the surrounding hills and in the shallows of the lake itself. Next, fly high above the lake on the Komagatake Ropeway to the summit of Mount Komagatake where the views of Mount Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course!

DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Odawara Station to jump onboard the Hikari bullet train and whizz your way to Kyoto. Capital for a millennium, Kyoto was also the heart of religion, philosophy, art and cuisine, making it a treasure trove of history and culture. It is here that all of the best-known cultural arts were born: The tea ceremony, Kabuki and geisha to name a few. This afternoon, visit the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine, the most important of several thousands of shrines dedicated to the god Inari. Follow the pathway through thousands of vermilion torii gates that leads through a complex of shrines spread over a peaceful, forested hillside.



Sample local cuisine



Discover the majestic Osaka Castle

DAY 6: EXPLORE KYOTO

Begin the day with a visit to one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkakuji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese zen gardens and on the edge of a reflecting pool, the temple's main hall is covered in gold leaf – a breathtaking sight no matter what season you visit in. Continue to Ryoanji Temple, where you can contemplate Japan's most famous zen garden. Enjoy a taste of authentic Japanese culture, experiencing the elegant ritual of a tea ceremony with a tea master and learn the traditional art of calligraphy.

DAY 7: EXPLORE NARA & OSAKA

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

DAYS 8-9: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR
Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.



See Nara's Daibutsu Buddha

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA
3 days from \$1,595pp twin share

NAOSHIMA EXTENSION
4 days from \$2,845pp twin share

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY
3 days from \$445pp twin share

Visit page 50 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

A WEEK IN JAPAN

CLASSIC
JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Limited for time? Discover Japan's essential highlights on this great-value tour. Explore the historic cities of Kyoto and Nara, be awestruck by the beauty of Mount Fuji and see the bright lights of Tokyo and Osaka.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

23 Mar - 31 Mar	\$7,680	15 May - 23 May	\$7,440
27 Mar - 04 Apr	\$7,880	25 Sep - 03 Oct	\$7,780
01 Apr - 09 Apr	\$7,880	10 Oct - 18 Oct	\$7,980
05 Apr - 13 Apr	\$7,880	21 Oct - 29 Oct	\$7,980
11 Apr - 19 Apr	\$7,880	04 Nov - 12 Nov	\$8,680
19 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,440		

2022 DATES

23 Mar - 31 Mar	\$8,880	15 May - 23 May	\$7,640
27 Mar - 04 Apr	\$8,080	11 Sep - 19 Sep	\$7,980
01 Apr - 09 Apr	\$8,080	25 Sep - 03 Oct	\$8,180
05 Apr - 13 Apr	\$8,080	10 Oct - 18 Oct	\$8,180
11 Apr - 19 Apr	\$8,080	21 Oct - 29 Oct	\$8,180
19 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,640	04 Nov - 12 Nov	\$8,880
05 May - 13 May	\$7,640		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Tokyo – Osaka) 7 days from \$6,440 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$1,200

Dedicated solos departure

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan; however, you may wish to tip your National Escort at your discretion. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Please note: cherry blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your arrival.



Visit the beautiful Kinkakuji Temple

NEW

EXPERIENCE JAPAN

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,190

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover delightful Nara
- ✓ Visit Matsumoto & Osaka castles
- ✓ Explore Arashiyama bamboo forest
- ✓ Watch snow monkeys play
- ✓ See Kamakura's Grand Buddha
- ✓ View the impressive Mt Fuji



Discover Arashiyama bamboo forest

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try your hand at Japanese fan painting

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Visit an historic Kyoto-fan house to try your hand at the art of Japanese fan painting, practised for over a thousand years and still alive today.
- Stroll through the scores of vast torii gates to the 800 year old Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, a beautiful structure dedicated to the god of samurai in the heart of Kamakura.
- Explore the fascinating cultural heritage of Tokyo, learn what shaped this most impressive city and get a glimpse of what life was like through the ages at the Tokyo-Edo Museum.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka! Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: DISCOVER NARA

Visit the impressive Osaka Castle before cruising along the Yodogawa River. After lunch, continue to Nara and enjoy a leisurely walk through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple and admire the traditional Isuien Garden before returning to Osaka.

DAY 4: ARASHIYAMA BAMBOO FOREST

Journey by road to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Start with a visit to Togetsukyo Bridge located in the heart of the vibrant district of Arashiyama and stroll through the bamboo forest with its towering and impressive thickets. Also visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden and the famous 'Golden Pavilion' Kinkakuji Temple. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to further explore the city.

DAY 5: EXPERIENCE KYOTO

Begin the day with a visit to one of Kyoto's most famous sites – Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 vermillion torii gates and follow a forested hillside pathway passing numerous shrines along the way. Later, enjoy the age-old rituals of a tea ceremony with a tea master, and try your hand at origami. After lunch, your immersive experience continues with a fan painting class where you will learn the technique of this highly refined and sought-after visual art.

DAY 6: SEE THE SNOW MONKEYS

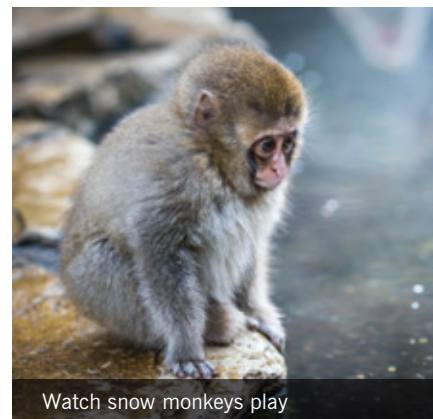
Spend the morning travelling by bullet train to Nagoya and then journey on the limited express train to Nagano. Upon arrival, head to Jigokudani Monkey Park and walk through a picturesque forested valley to the hot pools where you will see the famous Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play. Also visit the 7th-century Zenkoji Temple, one of Japan's most prolific Buddhist temples, before continuing by road to Matsumoto.

DAY 7: MISO & SAKE TASTING

Begin the day with a visit to the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle', due to its intense black exterior. Next, head to a miso house and learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. After lunch, visit a sake brewery and enjoy a tipple or two! There will be some free time this afternoon to further explore Matsumoto.



Enjoy sake tasting



Watch snow monkeys play



Visit historic Matsumoto Castle

DAY 8: MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road to the Fuji Five Lakes area. Ascend by road to the 5th Station to view Mt Fuji (weather permitting). Also, enjoy a peaceful cruise on Lake Ashi before taking to the skies on the Komagatake Ropeway to enjoy the breathtaking scenery below. Continue to Mishima and stay overnight.

DAY 9: KAMAKURA GRAND BUDDHA

Journey to Kamakura, a popular coastal city located south of Tokyo. Visit Kotokuin Temple, which houses Japan's second tallest bronze buddha statue, followed by a stroll through Komachi Street which is lined with pretty little shops before visiting Tsurugaoka Hachimangu, Kamakura's most important shrine. After lunch, continue to Tokyo and enjoy a leisurely walk through Hamarikyu Gardens.

DAY 10: DISCOVER TOKYO

Begin the day by ascending to the observation deck at the Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest tower for panoramic views over the city below. Next, head to the old district of Asakusa and soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest and most famous temple, before browsing the stalls on Nakamise shopping street. After lunch, explore the Edo-Tokyo Museum to learn about Tokyo's historical heritage. End the day with a cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay and enjoy dinner from the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

DAYS 11-12: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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See the Grand Buddha in Kamakura

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This tour not only visits the famous sights of Japan including Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Mt Fuji and Tokyo, but is brimful of experiences allowing you to immerse yourself in the local culture from traditional tea ceremonies to origami.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

01 Nov - 12 Nov ✖ \$8,190 08 Nov - 19 Nov ✖ \$8,190

2022 DATES

21 Mar - 01 Apr \$8,390 24 Oct - 04 Nov ✖ \$8,390

28 Mar - 08 Apr ✖ \$8,390 31 Oct - 11 Nov ✖ \$8,390

04 Apr - 15 Apr ✖ \$8,390 07 Nov - 18 Nov ✖ \$8,390

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Osaka - Tokyo) 10 days from \$7,245 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$1,700

Important note

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Puzzle over Ryoanji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore relaxed Miyajima

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try your hand at origami

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Take part in a handicraft experience – the traditions and techniques of the intricate art of origami. You'll learn to fold some of the simpler, but still impressive, shapes and designs.
- More than just a hot drink, the Japanese tea ceremony dates back to the 9th-century and represents purity, tranquillity, respect and harmony. A lot of preparation and presentation goes into this sacred ritual.
- The buckwheat soba noodle is one of Japan's most famous culinary exports – try your hand at making them from scratch, before feasting on the delicious results for lunch.



Sail to the holy island of Miyajima

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER TOKYO

Begin today with a stroll through the Imperial Palace East Garden and then take time to explore the Edo-Tokyo Museum to learn about Tokyo's historical heritage. After lunch, seek out the tranquillity at Sensoji Temple in Asakusa district, followed by a visit to the observation deck of the 634 metre Skytree for panoramic views over the sprawling city below.

DAY 4: MEIJI JINGU SHRINE

Start the day with a relaxing wander around the classical landscapes of the Hamarikyu Gardens. Continue to the Meiji Jingu Shrine, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken, before driving past the famous Shibuya Crossing. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore as you wish. End the day with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay and witness the city lit up at night.

DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI & FUJI FIVE LAKES

Journey through the foothills of the iconic Mount Fuji to its base where we find the Fuji Five Lakes. The region is spectacularly dotted by the calm waters of five lakes, formed by past volcanic eruptions, reflecting Mount Fuji's picture-perfect cone. Upon arrival, ascend 2,000 metres up to Mount Fuji's 5th Station (weather permitting) where, with its perfectly conical peak looming overhead, you

can take in the breathtaking views over the landscapes below. After lunch, continue to Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the artist's elaborate dyed silk creations and spend some time strolling around the beautiful garden. Also explore Iyashi no Sato Historical Village, a former farming village on the shores of Lake Saiko. Destroyed by a landslide in 1966, the remaining thatched-roofed houses of this old village have been transformed into an open-air museum and craft village.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Start the day with a visit to Oshino Hakkai before learning how to make your very own traditional Japanese soba noodles which you will then tuck into for lunch! Later, transfer to Mishima station and journey on the bullet train to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for 1,000 years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens.

DAY 7: EXPLORE KYOTO

Enjoy a full day tour of Kyoto starting with a visit to one of Kyoto's delightful temples – the 17th-century Buddhist Kiyomizu. Immerse yourself in the culture by experiencing the rituals of a sacred tea ceremony with a tea master and try your hand at origami. Dating back to the 6th-century, the art of 'folding paper' is a cultural symbol of simplicity, beauty and peace. Later, explore the impressive Fushimi Inari Shrine with its remarkable 10,000 red torii gates.



Visit the village of Oshino Hakkai in Fuji Five Lakes

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO HIROSHIMA

Begin the day with a visit to Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden and the famous Kinkakuji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Continue to Osaka, arriving in time for lunch in the vibrant Dotonbori district. Later, travel by bullet train to Hiroshima, a city that needs no introduction.

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Japan's most recognisable, rising majestically out of the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. Enjoy some free time and take an optional ride on the cable car up Mount Misen to enjoy the panoramic views. Return to Hiroshima and take a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb and also visit the Orizuru Tower.

DAY 10: HIMEJI CASTLE

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

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan, visiting modern Tokyo, iconic Mount Fuji and historic Kyoto. A visit to Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Museum and the holy island of Miyajima complete this fascinating tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

17 Mar - 28 Mar	\$10,160	14 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,690
22 Mar - 02 Apr	\$10,160	21 Apr - 02 May	\$9,690
25 Mar - 05 Apr	\$10,420	05 May - 16 May	\$9,690
27 Mar - 07 Apr	\$10,420	12 May - 23 May	\$9,690
28 Mar - 08 Apr	\$10,420	19 May - 30 May	\$9,690
29 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,420	13 Sep - 24 Sep	\$9,690
30 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,420	27 Sep - 08 Oct	\$10,520
31 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,420	11 Oct - 22 Oct	\$10,320
01 Apr - 12 Apr	\$10,420	18 Oct - 29 Oct	\$10,320
02 Apr - 13 Apr	\$10,420	01 Nov - 12 Nov	\$10,320
08 Apr - 19 Apr	\$9,690	08 Nov - 19 Nov	\$10,490

2022 DATES

19 Mar - 30 Mar	\$10,360	13 Apr - 24 Apr	\$9,890
21 Mar - 01 Apr	\$10,360	20 Apr - 01 May	\$9,890
23 Mar - 03 Apr	\$10,620	05 May - 16 May	\$9,890
25 Mar - 05 Apr	\$10,620	12 May - 23 May	\$9,890
27 Mar - 07 Apr	\$10,620	19 May - 30 May	\$9,890
29 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,620	13 Sep - 24 Sep	\$10,720
01 Apr - 12 Apr	\$10,620	27 Sep - 08 Oct	\$10,720
03 Apr - 14 Apr	\$10,620	11 Oct - 22 Oct	\$10,520
05 Apr - 16 Apr	\$9,890	18 Oct - 29 Oct	\$10,520
07 Apr - 18 Apr	\$10,690	01 Nov - 12 Nov	\$10,520
09 Apr - 20 Apr	\$9,890	08 Nov - 19 Nov	\$10,690

Flight and supplement information

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- Single Supplement from \$1,340

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

Explore the rural UNESCO-listed Shirakawago

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn about miso seasoning

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Learn all about the traditional production of an essential element of Japanese cooking, the fermented soybean paste 'miso', at an old wooden miso house.
- Join a dedicated craftsman in a small workshop to learn all about the lovely and intricate art of gold leaf making, discover what the gold leaf is then used for and have a go at doing it yourself!
- Discover the traditional process of paper making before getting your hands dirty making 'washi' (Japanese paper) the age-old way.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

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

DAY 3: TOKYO CITY TOUR

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

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Take the super-fast bullet train to Odawara. Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi for spectacular panoramas of this beautiful area before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway. Next, ascend over 2,000 metres up Mount Fuji to the 5th Station, (weather permitting) and take in the breathtaking views over the Fuji Five Lakes area below.

DAY 5: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

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

DAY 7: SHIRAKAWAGO & KANAZAWA

Get a glimpse of rural Japan at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Shirakawago which is famous for its farmhouses built in the unique gassho-zukuri architectural style. Continue to Gokayama to have a go at washi paper making, then travel to Kanazawa and meander through the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan.

DAY 8: GOLD LEAF MAKING

Begin the day learning the process of making gold leaf. Next, stroll through traditional Higashi Chaya (Eastern Teahouse District), visiting Ochaya Shima – a historical geisha house. Later, journey to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, until 1879, today Kyoto is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens.

DAY 9: EXPLORE KYOTO

Start the day with a visit to Ryoanji, the 'temple of the peaceful dragon' and the famous Kinkakuji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. In the afternoon, head to a restored Japanese wooden townhouse and try your hand at origami and enjoy the age-old rituals of a tea ceremony with a tea master.



Explore the beautiful Matsumoto Castle

DAY 10: DISCOVER NARA

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

DAY 11: KOYASAN

The holy mountain of Koyasan is home to a cluster of over 100 monasteries nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Wander around Okunoin – a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Full of atmosphere, enjoy the tranquillity and spectacular views as you discover Kongobuji Temple and the Garan Temple Complex. Later, continue to Osaka.

DAY 12: EXPLORE OSAKA

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

DAYS 13-14: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan including Tokyo, Mount Fuji and the historic capitals of Kyoto and Nara. Also travel across the Japanese Alps to the cultural centres of Takayama, Shirakawago and Kanazawa.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2021 DATES

18 Mar - 31 Mar	\$10,860	20 Apr - 03 May	\$10,380
21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$11,140	04 May - 17 May	\$10,380
23 Mar - 05 Apr	\$11,140	11 May - 24 May	\$10,380
26 Mar - 08 Apr	\$11,140	18 May - 31 May	\$10,380
27 Mar - 09 Apr	\$11,140	14 Sep - 27 Sep	\$11,240
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$11,140	21 Sep - 04 Oct	\$11,240
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$11,140	08 Oct - 21 Oct	\$11,240
30 Mar - 12 Apr	\$11,140	16 Oct - 29 Oct	\$11,240
01 Apr - 14 Apr	\$11,140	19 Oct - 01 Nov	\$12,140
03 Apr - 16 Apr	\$10,380	02 Nov - 15 Nov	\$11,240
05 Apr - 18 Apr	\$10,380	09 Nov - 22 Nov	\$11,240
14 Apr - 27 Apr	\$10,380		

2022 DATES

18 Mar - 31 Mar	\$11,060	20 Apr - 03 May	\$10,580
20 Mar - 02 Apr	\$11,340	04 May - 17 May	\$10,580
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$11,340	11 May - 24 May	\$10,580
24 Mar - 06 Apr	\$11,340	18 May - 31 May	\$10,580
26 Mar - 08 Apr	\$11,340	14 Sep - 27 Sep	\$11,440
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$11,340	21 Sep - 04 Oct	\$11,440
30 Mar - 12 Apr	\$11,340	08 Oct - 21 Oct	\$11,440
31 Mar - 13 Apr	\$12,340	16 Oct - 29 Oct	\$11,440
02 Apr - 15 Apr	\$11,340	19 Oct - 01 Nov	\$12,340
04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$10,580	02 Nov - 15 Nov	\$11,440
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,580	09 Nov - 22 Nov	\$11,440
13 Apr - 26 Apr	\$10,580		

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- ✓ Discover Kumamoto
- ✓ See the impressive Mount Aso
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's past
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Fuji

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Relax at a Beppu hot spring resort

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- Visit one of Japan's most famous hot spring resorts, Beppu, and soak away any aches, pains and tiredness in the mineral rich waters of your hotel's onsen pools.
- Cruise the picturesque Yanagawa River on a 'donkobune', a poled riverboat. It's a perfect and peaceful way to enjoy sights such as Yanagawa Castle and the traditional architecture of Yanagawa's canals.
- Gaze over Mount Aso, Japan's largest volcano and the smaller volcanoes within its huge crater (one of which is active), and admire the incredible scenery that surrounds it.



Enjoy impressive views of Mount Aso

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO FUKUOKA
Fly overnight to the charming city of Fukuoka, the gateway to the island of Kyushu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE FUKUOKA

The lovely Fukuoka is at the heart of an area considered a cradle of culture – the city's position facing Korea and China across the sea means it has long been a channel of outside influence. This morning take a stroll through the traditional Rakusuien Garden and visit the famous Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, dedicated to the god of academic achievement. Later, enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Yanagawa River, passing through a National Site of Scenic Beauty on a small 'donkobune'.

DAY 4: DISCOVER KUMAMOTO

Transfer to Kumamoto, a city famous for its majestic castle, one of Japan's largest and most complete. Stop by the castle which is currently under renovation and take a photo, before heading to Suizenji Garden. A traditional-style garden built in the 17th-century, the garden recreates in miniature the important road that linked Edo (Tokyo) and Kyoto, including a mini Mount Fuji.

DAY 5: VISIT MOUNT ASO & BEPPU

Travel from Kumamoto to Mount Aso, an active volcano at the centre of Kyushu island. Aso's crater is one of the world's largest; with a circumference of over 100km it encompasses a number of other active peaks, which you'll be able to see (weather dependent). Continue to Beppu, one of

Japan's most famous hot spring resorts – your hotel for the night has onsen facilities for you to make the most of the steamy waters.

DAY 6: EXPLORE BEPPU

Venture out into Beppu, starting the day with a jigoku meguri, a hell tour! Here you'll find all sorts of volcanic features, including thermal mud and hot springs that have bubbled from the ground here for a millennium. Pop over to Yufuin, another hot spring resort that is home to a wealth of art museums, cafes and boutiques and is a delight to explore. This afternoon transfer back to Fukuoka.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO HIROSHIMA

Depart Fukuoka for Hiroshima. Stop en route to explore the city of Yamaguchi, spending some time at Rurikoji, a Buddhist temple that boasts a spectacular national treasure – a five-storey pagoda built in 1442. Continue to Iwakuni for a lunch stop and then to the Kintaikyo Bridge, an elegant wooden bridge that crosses the Nishiki River. Arrive in Hiroshima.



Discover Kumamoto Castle



Stroll through the gardens of the Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine

DAY 8: DISCOVER HIROSHIMA

Hiroshima is a vibrant, forward-thinking city that is a pleasure to explore. Take a ferry across the Seto Inland Sea to the holy island of Miyajima and visit the Itsukushima Shrine before enjoying some time at leisure. Back in the city, reflect on Hiroshima's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb.

DAY 9: ADMIRE HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Hiroshima for Kyoto, stopping in Himeji en route to visit the magnificent Himeji Castle, one of Japan's most impressive feudal era forts, and stroll through Kokoen, an Edo-style garden just across the castle moat. Drop in at a sake brewery to learn about the process of this traditional Japanese spirit before arriving in Kyoto.

DAY 10: EXPLORE KYOTO

Capital for 1,000 years, Kyoto is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Start the day with a visit to the Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 vermilion torii gate-lined pathways and impressive Nijo Castle. This afternoon gaze on the famous Kinkakuji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion' before a stroll around the Gion district, Kyoto's famous geisha district and centre of the city's traditional arts.

DAY 11: VISIT HAKONE

Transfer to Kyoto station and board a bullet train to Atami to transfer to the onsen resort of Hakone by road. Discover the mountainous beauty and rich culture of the Hakone area,

before travelling to Lake Ashi for a cruise that will allow you to take in the spectacular panoramas of the area, including the iconic, snow-capped silhouette of Mount Fuji (weather permitting). Next, fly high over the thick forest on the Hakone Ropeway, passing the volcanic Owakudani Valley with its hot springs and steam vents. Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan's capital city.

DAY 12: TOUR TOKYO

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the ever-changing skyline to the fashions and trends of the people who call it home. As modern as it may appear, behind the neon façade is a traditional soul that is easy to find amongst the old alleyways, temples and shrines of the Edo era. Today you will experience both sides of the city, ascending the soaring Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest tower, for panoramic views, and wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop at Sensoji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple. You will also drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine and see the world's most famous road crossing at Shibuya.

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Uncover the beauty of the lesser-known island of Kyushu, renowned for its active volcanoes, hot springs and stunning beaches, before exploring the must-see sights of Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo on the largest island of Honshu.



Cruise Lake Ashi with views of Mount Fuji

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2021 DATES

26 Mar - 08 Apr ✨ **\$10,290** 01 Oct - 14 Oct ✨ **\$10,290**

2022 DATES

01 Apr - 14 Apr ✨ **\$10,490** 07 Oct - 20 Oct ✨ **\$10,490**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Fukuoka - Tokyo) 12 days from \$9,240 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$1,640

Important note

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JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN

- 15 DAYS FROM
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- ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover Hokkaido's nature
- ✓ Explore vibrant Sapporo
- ✓ Spend time in Hakodate
- ✓ See Tokyo's bright lights
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Fuji
- ✓ Uncover Kyoto's past



View the magnificent Kegan Waterfall

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation plus ryokan
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try your hand at handkerchief dyeing

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at the traditional art of handkerchief dyeing in a workshop of a handicraft village – you'll get to create beautiful colours and patterns working with the dyes.
- ▶ Spend the night in a ryokan, a centuries-old style of guesthouse that offers the ultimate Japanese experience! Sleep on futons and tatami mats, dine on traditional food and bathe in the relaxing warm waters of an onsen.
- ▶ Embark on a tour of a sake brewery, where you'll see first hand the traditional process used to brew the rice wine that is Japan's national beverage and have a few cheeky tasters.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAPPORO

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Sapporo, capital of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: ASCEND OKURAYAMA

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. Continue to the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village and stroll along the picturesque canal. This evening, visit the Sapporo Beer Museum and sample some of the beer on offer before heading to a local restaurant to dine on a Genghis Khan dinner – barbeque lamb, a Sapporo special!

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO HAKODATE

Depart Sapporo and travel to a lovely lakeside spot to visit a museum of Ainu culture, an indigenous people of the area. Continue to Noboribetsu Jigokudani (Hell Valley) and walk through a volcanic caldera where you can see steam jets, vents and hot springs. After lunch, hop on a train to the harbour city of Hakodate, set on Hokkaido's southern tip, where you'll embark on a night tour with time to ascend the ropeway up Mount Hakodate, for magnificent views over the illuminated city.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HAKODATE ASAICHI

Start the day wandering Hakodate's bustling asaiichi (morning market), where hundreds of stores and stalls sell fresh local produce,

seafood and the odd souvenir. Ascend Goryokaku Tower for views over Goryokaku Fort and Mount Hakodate before boarding the bullet train to the lovely city of Aomori in the north of Honshu, Japan's largest island. Visit the Nebuta Warasse, a museum dedicated to Aomori's famous, 300-year-old Nebuta Matsuri, a lively summer festival.

DAY 6: TSUNAGI ONSEN

Depart Hirosaki for Kakunodate, an old samurai stronghold still known for its samurai traditions. Visit the Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum for a fascinating look at samurai culture and stroll around Ishiguro House, a traditional samurai residence. Continue to the hot spring resort of Tsunagi, where you can make use of the onsen facilities at the traditional Japanese ryokan where you'll stay overnight.

DAY 7: CRUISE MATSUSHIMA BAY

Travel to Hiraizumi, where you'll explore the peaceful Chusonji Temple with its beautiful old gold leaf-covered hall. Continue to Matsushima to enjoy a relaxed cruise on Matsushima Bay, passing amongst the small pine tree-covered islands of this picturesque seascape.

DAY 8: SENDAI TO NIKKO

Walk to Sendai station and take the bullet train to the culture-filled town of Nikko. Start your explorations in the beautiful surroundings of Nikko National Park, where you'll visit Toshogu shrine. Built in the 1600s, this is Japan's most lavish shrine, built as the final resting place of shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. Continue to the magnificent Kegan Waterfall, taking a 100-metre tall elevator up to the perfect viewing spot. Transfer to Tokyo.



Admire illuminated views of Hakodate



Stroll along the canal in Otaru

DAY 9: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo, Japan's capital, 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. Start the day in the vibrant district of Asakusa, where you will visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and wander down Nakamise shopping street before a visit to Edo Tokyo Museum. After lunch, stroll through the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine complex, before ascending to the observatory deck of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building for exceptional views over the city.

DAY 10: ADMIRE MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to Mount Fuji, where you'll ascend 2,400 metres up Japan's most iconic sight to the 5th Station (weather permitting). Transfer to the Hakone area and enjoy a cruise on the spectacular Lake Ashi before flying high above the lake on the Komagatake Ropeway before returning to Tokyo.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Take a bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, the city today is full of the legacy of ancient Japan and home to tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. This afternoon, visit Togetsukyo Bridge in the heart of the vibrant Arashiyama district and walk through the bamboo forest, with its towering bamboo thickets.

DAY 12: EXPLORE KYOTO

This morning, visit one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkakuji, the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese Zen gardens and on the edge of a reflecting pool,

the temple's main hall is covered in gold leaf. Also, stroll through Nishiki Market, dubbed 'Kyoto's kitchen', where there are many interesting food and sake stores to explore before a free afternoon to spend as you wish.

DAY 13: SAKE TASTING

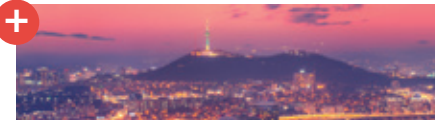
Begin the day by immersing in the local culture by trying your hand at handkerchief dyeing followed by enjoying the rituals of a tea ceremony. After lunch, walk the vermillion, torii gate-lined pathways of the Fushimi Inari Shrine and tour a traditional sake brewery, where you can have a few cheeky tasters. Continue to the booming city of Osaka.

DAYS 14-15: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Along with the must-see sites on the island of Honshu and a day trip to Nikko, this is a tour of varying landscapes as it journeys south from Hokkaido uncovering the charming cities of Sapporo, Otaru and Hakodate.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES			
15 May - 29 May	\$11,290	04 Sep - 18 Sep	\$11,290
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14 May - 28 May	\$11,490	03 Sep - 17 Sep	\$11,490

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Walk in Hell Valley

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18 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover historic Kyoto & Nara
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima & Miyajima
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo & Osaka
- ✓ Explore Kanazawa & Takayama

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit a wasabi farm

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of Japan's most famous condiments, wasabi, is an essential element in Japanese cuisine. Learn about its cultivation on a traditional farm and admire the landscapes.
- ▶ Admire the elaborately dyed silk creations of artist Kubota Itchiku at his eponymous art museum. Itchiku singlehandedly revived the traditional and beautiful technique of 'tsujigahana'.
- ▶ Arguably the world's most famous pedestrian crossing, seen in many a film and television show, witness the organised chaos and bright lights of Tokyo's Shibuya Crossing for yourself.



Stroll through the gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka! Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: DISCOVER NARA

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

DAY 4: HIMEJI CASTLE

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA

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

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Start the day with a journey by bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 7: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Enjoy one of Kyoto's most delightful spots, Kiyomizu, a 17th-century Buddhist temple,

before experiencing the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony with a tea master. After lunch, visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 vermilion torii gates.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Travel by road to Kanazawa. Meander through Kenrokuen, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before viewing the excellent art collection of the Kanazawa 21st-century Museum of Contemporary Art.

DAY 9: WASHI PAPER MAKING

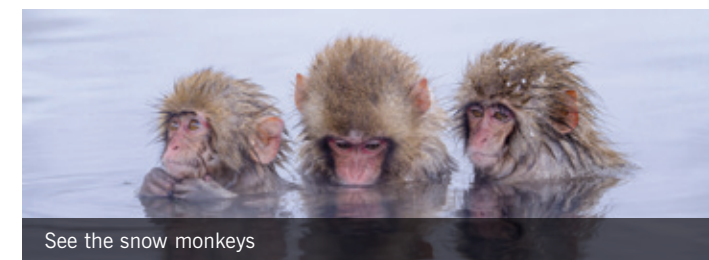
Visit the Nomura Samurai House and Garden before departing Kanazawa. Stop in Gokayama for lunch and a hands-on washi paper making workshop. Continue to Shirakawago, where you will explore the 300-year-old Gassho-style Wada House, before reaching Takayama.

DAY 10: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

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

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO NAGANO

Travel to Matsumoto and explore the formidable 16th-century Matsumoto Castle. Visit a miso house and learn about this famous Japanese seasoning. Also spend some time at a wasabi farm to learn about its cultivation before continuing to Nagano.



See the snow monkeys

DAY 12: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel deeper into the Japanese Alps to see the Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play in their hot spring pool at the Jigokudani Monkey Park. Continue to Zenkoji, one of Japan's most prolific Buddhist temples.

DAY 13: MOUNT FUJI

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

DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

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

DAY 15: DISCOVER TOKYO

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

DAY 16: MORE TOKYO

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

DAYS 17-18: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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

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SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On most May and September departures*, there is an extra special addition to day 15: a sumo tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Contact us for more information.



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

On the May departures, instead of visiting the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum on day 13, a visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included. This is the best time of the year and one of the most scenic places in Japan to see the pink moss phlox in full bloom! Contact us for more information.

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

17 Mar - 03 Apr	\$11,690	31 Mar - 17 Apr	\$11,690	06 Sep - 23 Sep*	\$11,690
18 Mar - 04 Apr	\$11,690	01 Apr - 18 Apr	\$11,690	07 Sep - 24 Sep*	\$11,690
19 Mar - 05 Apr	\$11,690	02 Apr - 19 Apr	\$11,690	21 Sep - 08 Oct	\$11,690
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21 Mar - 07 Apr	\$11,690	04 Apr - 21 Apr	\$11,690	11 Oct - 28 Oct	\$12,980
22 Mar - 08 Apr	\$11,690	14 Apr - 01 May	\$11,690	15 Oct - 01 Nov	\$11,820
23 Mar - 09 Apr	\$11,690	03 May - 20 May*	\$11,690	18 Oct - 04 Nov	\$11,820
24 Mar - 10 Apr	\$11,690	04 May - 21 May*	\$11,690	22 Oct - 08 Nov	\$11,820
25 Mar - 11 Apr	\$11,690	05 May - 22 May*	\$11,690	25 Oct - 11 Nov	\$11,820
26 Mar - 12 Apr	\$11,690	06 May - 23 May*	\$11,690	29 Oct - 15 Nov	\$11,820
27 Mar - 13 Apr	\$11,690	07 May - 24 May*	\$11,690	01 Nov - 18 Nov	\$11,820
28 Mar - 14 Apr	\$11,690	03 Sep - 20 Sep*	\$11,690	05 Nov - 22 Nov	\$11,820
29 Mar - 15 Apr	\$11,690	04 Sep - 21 Sep*	\$11,690		
30 Mar - 16 Apr	\$11,690	05 Sep - 22 Sep*	\$11,690		

2022 DATES

18 Mar - 04 Apr	\$11,890	01 Apr - 18 Apr	\$11,890	07 Sep - 24 Sep*	\$11,890
19 Mar - 05 Apr	\$11,890	02 Apr - 19 Apr	\$11,890	14 Sep - 01 Oct*	\$11,890
20 Mar - 06 Apr	\$11,890	03 Apr - 20 Apr	\$11,890	21 Sep - 08 Oct	\$11,890
21 Mar - 07 Apr	\$11,890	04 Apr - 21 Apr	\$13,180	08 Oct - 25 Oct	\$11,890
22 Mar - 08 Apr	\$11,890	14 Apr - 01 May	\$11,890	11 Oct - 28 Oct	\$13,180
23 Mar - 09 Apr	\$11,890	03 May - 20 May*	\$11,890	15 Oct - 01 Nov	\$12,020
24 Mar - 10 Apr	\$11,890	04 May - 21 May*	\$11,890	18 Oct - 04 Nov	\$12,020
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JAPAN BY RAIL

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Reflect in Nagasaki & Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo
- ✓ Discover Sendai & Hakodate
- ✓ Spend time in Sapporo

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- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy a momiji manju cooking experience

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Under the guidance of a skilled instructor, try your hand at making momiji manju (maple leaf bean buns), Miyajima's most famous confectionery for over a hundred years.
- Learn about the role of the masu sake cup in Japan's culture before stepping into the studio to make your very own cup with an original design, which you can then take home as a souvenir!
- Discover the history and etiquette of making and appreciating sushi with a hands on lesson before sitting down with your instructing chef to enjoy Japan's most famous cuisine. It's the taking part that counts!



Journey through Japan by rail

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO FUKUOKA

Fly overnight to the charming city of Fukuoka, the gateway to the island of Kyushu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE NAGASAKI

Begin the day by travelling on the limited express train to Nagasaki. Upon arrival, enjoy a stroll through the Glover Garden, an open-air museum that exhibits mansions attributed to the Scottish merchant who contributed to the modernisation of Japan. Also, visit the Oura Catholic Church and Atomic Bomb Museum before returning to Fukuoka.

DAY 4: MIYAJIMA ISLAND

Board the bullet train to Hiroshima located on Japan's largest island, Honshu. Upon arrival in Hiroshima, take the ferry across the Seto Inland Sea to the holy island of Miyajima. Here, visit the Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy a momiji manju making cooking experience. Later, return to Hiroshima.

DAY 5: HIROSHIMA HIGHLIGHTS

Spend the day in Hiroshima starting with a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and Museum where you will have the opportunity to pay homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Enjoy okonomiyaki for lunch before ascending Orizuru Tower to view the city from above, followed by a stroll through the historical Shukkeien Garden.

DAY 6: ADMIRE HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Hiroshima by bullet train, stopping at Himeji to visit the magnificent Himeji Castle, followed by a walk through Kokoen. Continue by limited express to Osaka.

DAY 7: OSAKA & NARA DAY TRIP

Begin the day with a visit to the Umeda Sky Building followed by a lunch at the famous Dontonburi district. Later, head to Nara and explore Todaiji Temple which houses the impressive Daibutsu, a 15-metre tall bronze statue of Buddha. Enjoy an ink making and calligraphy class before returning to Osaka.

DAY 8: KYOTO'S TEMPLES

Journey by road to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Upon arrival, stroll through the Arashiyama bamboo forest and admire the towering thickets. Also visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most well-known zen garden and the famous 'Golden Pavilion' Kinkakuji Temple.

DAY 9: TEA CEREMONY & FAN PAINTING

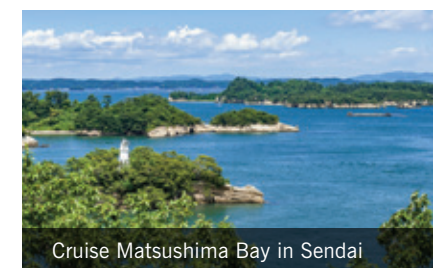
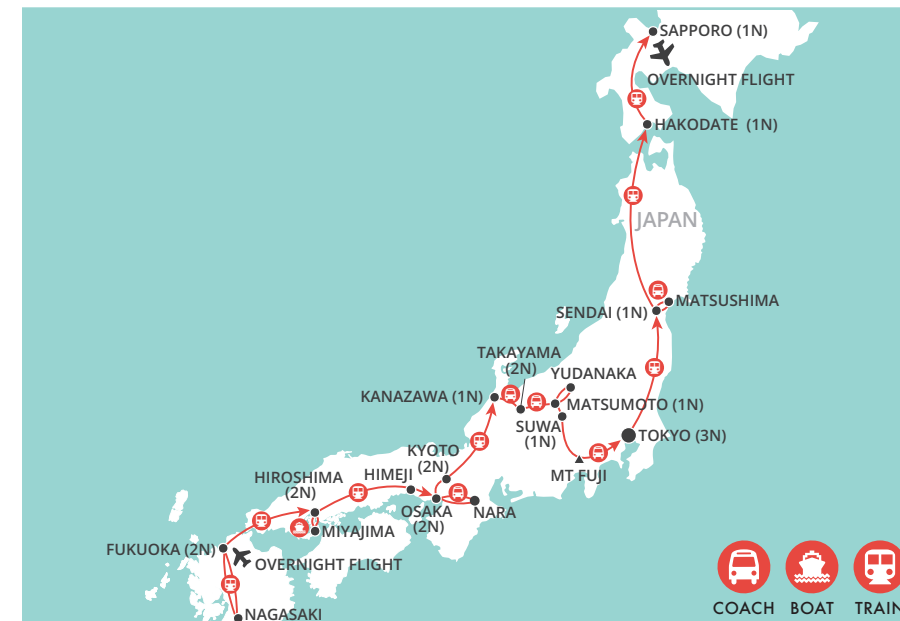
The day begins with a visit to Kiyomizu Temple in Kyoto. Next, immerse yourself in the culture and enjoy the age-old rituals of a tea ceremony, and try your hand at fan painting. Also, explore Gion – Kyoto's famous geisha district and centre of the city's traditional arts.

DAY 10: EXPLORE KANAZAWA

Take the limited express train to Kanazawa and upon arrival, meander your way through Kenrokuen, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Also visit the Nomura Samurai House and Kunani Pottery Factory.

DAY 11: SHIRAKAWAGO VILLAGE

Travel by road to Takayama stopping en route at Inami for a sake wooden cup making experience and sake tasting. Next, continue to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Shirakawago Village to get a glimpse of rural Japan. Continue to Takayama.



Cruise Matsushima Bay in Sendai



Visit Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate

DAY 12: DISCOVER TAKAYAMA

Spend the morning browsing the local handicrafts and fresh produce at Miyagawa market, the Takayama Floats Museum and Takayama Jinya. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 13: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel to Matsumoto and spend time at the Daio Wasabi Farm to see the plantations and learn about its cultivation. Next, travel to Yudanaka and head to Jigokudani Monkey Park. Walk through a picturesque forested valley to the hot pools where you will see the famous Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play before returning to Matsumoto.

DAY 14: MISO TASTING & ZEN MEDITATION

Begin the day with a visit to the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle', due to its intense black exterior. Next, head to a miso house and learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. Experience zen meditation at Narai-juku before continuing to Suwa.

DAY 15: MOUNT FUJI

Travel to Hakone and ascend 2,400 metres to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of Mt Fuji. Also, enjoy a peaceful cruise on Lake Ashi before taking to the skies on the Komagatake Ropeway. Later, continue to Tokyo by road.

DAY 16: TOUR TOKYO

Begin the day with a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. Next, take part in a sushi making class and enjoy your own creations for lunch! Later, soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji Temple, browse the stalls on Nakamise

shopping street and take a drive-by of the Imperial Palace Plaza before returning to your hotel.

DAY 17: EVEN MORE TOKYO

Begin the day by ascending to the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory deck and soaking up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine. After lunch, see the world's most famous road crossing at Shibuya. You will have the afternoon free at your leisure to explore this exciting city.

DAY 18: SIP WHISKY IN SENDAI

As the tour journeys to northern Honshu, board the bullet train to Sendai, the largest city in Tohoku. Upon arrival, transfer by road to Matsushima and enjoy a cruise on Matsushima Bay. Also, visit Zuiganji Temple and the famous Nikka Whisky factory in Sendai.

DAY 19: EXPLORE HAKODATE

Say goodbye to Honshu Island as you board the bullet train to Hakodate located on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. Visit the Goryokaku Tower, a star shaped fortress followed by some time at leisure. This evening, journey on the Mt Hakodate Ropeway and enjoy the fabulous views of the city below.

DAY 20: SAPPORO SIGHTSEEING

Board the bullet train for the very last time to Sapporo. Head to the Clock Tower and Odori Park and in the evening, stop by the Sapporo Beer Museum and enjoy a tasting or two, followed by a farewell dinner.

DAYS 21-22: FLY SAPPORO TO AUSTRALIA

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

For those where time is no limit, this is the ultimate top-to-toe tour of Japan covering three islands in one trip – Kyushu, Honshu and Hokkaido whilst travelling on the bullet train! Experience ancient traditions to new-world charm.



Reflect in Hiroshima

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2022 DATES

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover historic Beijing
- ✓ See the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo



Walk along the Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See the historic hutongs of Beijing

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the narrow, atmospheric alleyways of Beijing's old hutongs. Visit a family in their home, a traditional courtyard residence, to get a better idea of the culture and history of these neighbourhoods.
- ▶ Wander through the delightful Bikan Historical Quarter, stretched along Kurashiki's Edo Period canals, taking in the picturesque scenes of weeping willows, old stone bridges and lovely, traditional architecture.
- ▶ Ascend to the observation deck of the new Orizuru Tower. Rising high above Hiroshima it offers beautiful views over the Peace Memorial Park, the A-Bomb Dome and the city as a whole.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to China's historical capital, Beijing. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: WALK ON THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day enjoying a traditional Peking Duck dinner.

DAY 3: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Next, take a leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood and visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. Later, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since.

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 6: FLY TO GUILIN

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and then fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 7: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks tower over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Here, enjoy some time strolling along West Street and visit the local markets.

DAY 8: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin. En route, see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory.

DAY 9: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Begin today with a stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai.

DAY 10: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Start with a visit to the peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit the Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.



Discover the majestic landscapes of Guilin



Visit the manicured gardens of Korakuen

DAY 11: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN

It's time to say goodbye to China and hello to Japan! Fly to the vibrant city of Osaka.

DAY 12: OSAKA CASTLE

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

DAY 13: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

Transfer by bullet train to Okayama and visit Korakuen Garden, one of the 'Three Great Gardens of Japan. Continue to Kurashiki to explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, where the streets along the banks of the Kurashiki River are lined with white-walled kominka (traditional houses). Continue to Hiroshima, a vibrant and forward-thinking city.

DAY 14: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. Return to Hiroshima and find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Transfer by bullet train to Kyoto, imperial capital for 1,000 years. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 16: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 torii gates and then head to Nishiki Market, also known as 'Kyoto's Kitchen' with its lively open-air market specialising in all things food! Also visit a restored wooden Japanese townhouse to experience the rituals of a tea ceremony with a tea master and try your hand at the traditional art of origami.

DAY 17: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway where the views of the surrounding landscape and Mount Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course! Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan's capital city.

DAY 18: CONTRASTS OF 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. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to explore the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine. End your tour with a dinner cruise on the Tokyo Bay.

DAYS 19-20: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

23 Mar - 11 Apr	\$12,180	14 Sep - 03 Oct	\$11,520
18 May - 06 Jun	\$11,520	12 Oct - 31 Oct	\$12,180

2022 DATES

22 Mar - 10 Apr	\$12,380	13 Sep - 02 Oct	\$11,720
10 May - 29 May	\$11,720	11 Oct - 30 Oct	\$12,380

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Beijing - Tokyo) 19 days from \$10,575 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,225

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan; however, you may wish to tip your National Escort at your discretion. For guidelines on tipping in China see below.

Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB410 per person (AU\$85) is paid locally in China.

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore bustling Seoul
- ✓ Enjoy tea tasting in Boseong
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Ride a cable car to Dolsan Island
- ✓ Visit Mt Seorak National Park
- ✓ Spend time in Gyeongju, 'the museum without walls'



Enjoy the majesty of Anapji Pond, Gyeongju National Park

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See the Bridge of Freedom at the DMZ

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Embark on an informative and unusual adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreas. Your visit will include the Bridge of Freedom, DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel.
- As part of discovering traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village, you can try your hand at one of Korea's oldest cultural arts – handkerchief dyeing.
- First performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1999, the Nanta is a showcase of Korean culture and performance art, presented as a non-verbal show, instead using music and motion and integrating a traditional Korean Samulnori rhythm.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SEOUL

Fly overnight to Seoul, the dazzling capital city of South Korea. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening meet your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

A dynamic, 24-hour city, amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces. Start your explorations at the immense Gyeongbok Palace, which will include the changing of the guard ceremony, before exploring the National Folk Museum. Learn to cook delicious Korean classic 'bibimbap' in a cookery class – you'll get to eat it for lunch – before strolling Insadong Antique Alley and visiting UNESCO-listed Jongmyo Royal Shrine. End the day with panoramic views over this sprawling city at the N Seoul Tower.

DAY 4: VISIT SOSWAEWON GARDEN

Travel out of Seoul to the city of Damyang where you'll discover the beauty of Soswaewon. This private garden built in the 16th-century in the traditional style features essential elements to bring harmony, such as flowing water, trees and grasses. Wander the bamboo forest of Juknokwon before continuing to Gwangju, where you'll spend some time discovering this artistic hub full of fascinating history.

DAY 5: EXPLORE SEONAMSA TEMPLE

Head to Boseong, considered the best place in Korea to grow tea, and visit a green tea plantation, learning all about its production

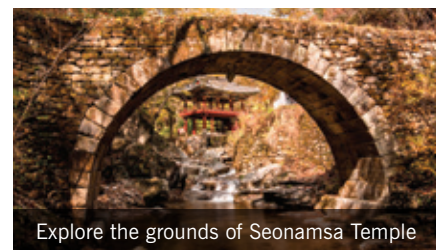
and enjoying a tasting. Continue to Suncheon for a stop at the 6th-century Seonamsa Temple. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temple grounds are also home to a beautiful arched stone bridge. Also visit Naganeupseong Fortress Village for a glimpse at a more traditional Korean lifestyle and a chance to take part in a handkerchief dyeing experience.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BUSAN

Head to Yeosu and ride the cable car over beautiful scenery and open water to Dolsan Island. Continue to Odongdo Island for more spectacular landscapes and take some time to appreciate the array of wild flowers that flourish here before travelling to the port city of Busan.

DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN

The laidback to Seoul's bustle, Busan is a city full of character and traditional features as well as mountains, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. Start the day with a city overview from the top of Busan Tower, before browsing the wares at Gukje Market and Jagalchi Fish Market. Walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge set on a seaside cliff, soak up the peaceful nature of Dongbaekseom Island, and feel the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach. Drive to Gyeongju.



Explore the grounds of Seonamsa Temple



Experience the bustle of South Korea's capital city, Seoul

DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU

A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. Begin at the Gyeongju National Museum before visiting Tumuli Park, a collection of royal tombs, and Anapji Pond. Then head just out of the city to the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto.

DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANS TEMPLE

Travel to Sokcho stopping en route to explore the 1,300-year history of the Naksansa Temple, a seven-storey stone building overlooking the East Sea.

DAY 10: EXPLORE MOUNT SEORAK

Mount Seorak National Park is a spectacularly scenic area of high, cloudy peaks, craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forest. Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a habitat for many rare species of plants and animals, it is one of South Korea's most dramatic natural treasures. Enjoy a short, easy hike along a beautiful valley and see the mountaintop Gwongeumseong Fortress by cable car.

DAY 11: RETURN TO SEOUL

Transfer to Gangneung and board a high-speed train bound for Seoul. Have lunch on arrival and then enjoy an afternoon at leisure before heading to a non-verbal performance of 'Nanta', an award-winning show which incorporates the traditional Samulnori rhythm.

DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. Your visit will include the Bridge of Freedom, DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel. Return to Seoul to stroll through the huge Gwangjang Market. A farewell dinner tonight is the perfect time to reflect on your adventures!

Special conditions apply to this day, please refer to your tour dossier for more information.

DAYS 13-14: FLY SEOUL TO AUSTRALIA
Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

During the months of March and April, we may include a stop at the delightful Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival on day 6. This annual event is Korea's biggest spring festival and gives you the chance to wander among the spectacular pink blossom, where there are 340,000 cherry trees!

*Please note that the cherry blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your visit.

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Explore the bamboo forests of Juknokwon

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

29 Mar - 11 Apr ✨ \$9,490 18 Oct - 31 Oct ✨ \$9,350

2022 DATES

28 Mar - 10 Apr ✨ \$9,690 17 Oct - 30 Oct ✨ \$9,590

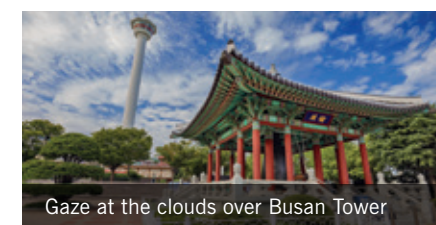
Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Seoul - Seoul) 12 days from \$8,270 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,000

Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$50 per person (AU\$72) is paid locally in South Korea.



Gaze at the clouds over Busan Tower

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore bustling Taipei
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Visit the Fo Guang Shan Monastery
- ✓ Relax on the beach at Kenting
- ✓ Discover the Taroko Gorge
- ✓ Journey on the high-speed rail

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Relax in Chihpen Hot Spring

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Take some time to relax and unwind in the warm, mineral-rich volcanic waters of Chihpen – you'll have time to make the most of them at your hotel which has hot spring pools for you to enjoy.
- Visit the unique spectacle of Fo Guang Shan, Taiwan's largest monastery and explore the Buddha Museum, the fascinating 'Buddha Land' with its 36-metre Buddha and enjoy a delicious vegetarian lunch in the monastery's dining room.
- Make a stop at the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, one of Taiwan's most famous, where you can learn all about the process of creating Taiwanese whisky.



Visit Lotus Pond's colourful Dragon and Tiger Pagodas

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TAIPEI

Fly overnight to Taipei, Taiwan's buzzing capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening meet with your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a nearby, local restaurant.

DAY 3: A DAY IN TAIPEI

Nestled in a basin surrounded by mountains, Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Begin your explorations at the National Palace Museum, home to the world's largest and finest collection of Chinese art and artefacts, and the Martyrs' Shrine. This afternoon, visit CKS Memorial Hall, Longshan Temple and ascend the world-famous Taipei 101 to see the city from above.

DAY 4: SCENIC SUN MOON LAKE

Depart Taipei to journey towards the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's

most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake.

Visit the Wen Wu Temple before embarking on a motorboat cruise around the lake for picture perfect views of the area's beautiful landscapes. You'll also visit the Holy Monk Shrine, Cien Pagoda and the aboriginal village of Tehua.

DAY 5: TEA PLANTATION

Begin today with a visit to a famous tea farm to discover all about the process of tea growth and production before taking the cable car to Formosan Cultural Village. There will also be some time at leisure, with the option of biking on trails around Sun Moon Lake, listed as one of the 10 most beautiful places to cycle in the world.

DAY 6: DISCOVER TAINAN

Depart Sun Moon Lake and travel to Tainan. Taiwan's oldest city and capital until 1887 when Taipei took over, Tainan was originally established as a trading port by the Dutch East India Company. It is renowned for its



Discover the Taipei skyline



Explore the dramatic Taroko Gorge



Spend time at scenic Sun Moon Lake

preservation of traditions and rich folk culture, and you'll start exploring at the Chihkan Tower and Confucius Temple. In the afternoon, wander the old streets of the Anping district and view the sunset from Anping Harbour.

DAY 7: EXPLORE KAOHSIUNG

Head south to the port city of Kaohsiung where you'll admire the Dragon & Tiger Tower and the Spring & Autumn Pavilion before paying a visit to Taiwan's largest monastery, Fo Guang Shan. Lunch here will be a vegetarian feast, before you stroll over to the main shrine, the Buddhist Museum and Great Buddha Land, where you'll find a 36-metre Buddha watching over a garden of many smaller Buddhas. Finally, see the Martyrs' Shrine at Shoushan.

DAY 8: VISIT KENTING NATIONAL PARK

Travel over to the beach resort of Kenting, gateway to the beautiful Kenting National Park. Consisting of a range of landscapes – low mountains, rolling hills, cliffs and deserts, all fringed by excellent beaches and helped along by a balmy tropical climate, Kenting is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna.

DAY 9: DISCOVER SHEDING NATURE PARK

Spend the morning amongst the rock formations and lush greenery of Sheding Nature Park with a pause to take in the ocean views at Oluanpi Lighthouse. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO CHIHOPEN

Depart Kenting and drive along the beautiful east coast to Taitung, admiring the ocean views throughout the journey. Continue to Chihpen, famous for its hot springs.

On arrival, your afternoon will be free to relax and bathe in the thermal waters at your hotel. Tonight's dinner will be accompanied by a performance of traditional music and dance.

DAY 11: HEAD TO TAROKO

Travel northwards to Hualien, the gateway to the magnificent Taroko National Park. En route there will be a series of stops including Donghe, where you may spot wild monkeys, and the scenic Cisingtan Lake, where you can head out on an optional bike ride on the lakeshore.

DAY 12: EXPLORE TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

Encompassing sea cliffs, soaring peaks and a famously picturesque gorge, Taroko National Park is home to a huge diversity of features, habitats and shelters a great range of plant and animal species. Today your visits will include the Gorge Gateway, the Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto and you can enjoy a leisurely walk through the beautiful landscapes.

DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Take a photo stop at Cingshuei Cliff for beautiful views and visit the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, where a few tastings will be in order. Return to Taipei via Luodong by high-speed rail and then enjoy a farewell dinner, the perfect opportunity to reflect on your adventures with your fellow passengers.

DAYS 14-15: FLY TAIPEI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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Explore the cities of Taipei and Tainan, where ancient and modern sit side by side, and lose yourself in the natural beauty of Sun Moon Lake and Taroko National Park. Magical Taiwan has so much to offer!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

10 Apr - 24 Apr \$6,890 09 Oct - 23 Oct \$6,890

2022 DATES

09 Apr - 23 Apr \$7,090 08 Oct - 22 Oct \$7,090

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Taipei - Taipei) 13 days from \$5,690 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$1,850

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Visit Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum



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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover Tokyo's bright lights
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Spend time in Sapporo
- ✓ Visit the Sapporo Beer Museum
- ✓ Wander along Otaru canal
- ✓ Be dazzled by Kinkakuji Temple

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Visit the famous Sapporo Beer Museum

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Discover Japan's only beer museum, the home of Sapporo Beer, to learn all about its development and production and, for those who want to, a few cheeky tasters as well!
- Explore the Sapporo Snow Festival with its spectacular ice sculptures, some reaching 20 metres in height, magically lit up, as well as musical performances and delicious food. (February departure only, date to be confirmed)
- Ascend 307 metres to the Okurayama view point, a ski jump used in the 1972 Winter Olympics, and still active today, for spectacular views over snow-covered landscapes and the city of Sapporo.



See the snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

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



Explore Kinkakuji Temple

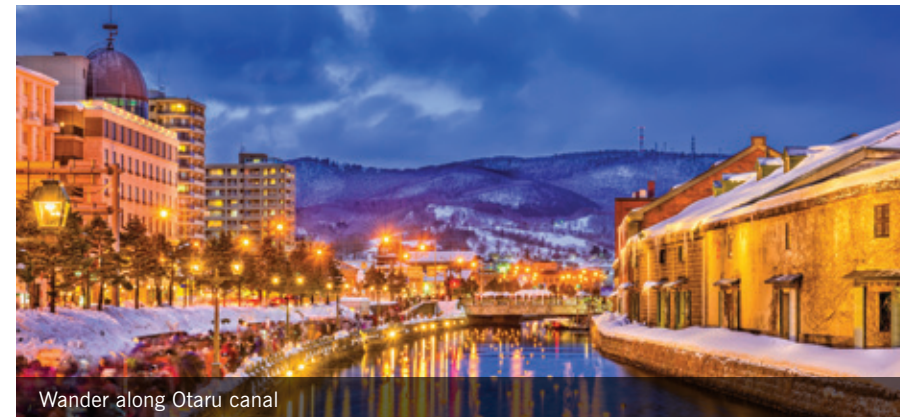
DAY 4: FLY TO SAPPORO

Transfer to the airport and fly to Sapporo. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, driving by the Clock Tower, an exquisite example of Meiji architecture. In the evening, visit the Sapporo Beer Museum followed by a 'Genghis Khan' dinner – barbeque lamb, a Sapporo special! (B,D)

DAY 5: SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL

February departure: Spend the day viewing the hundreds of ice sculptures on display at the 'Sapporo Snow Festival', which is the largest snow festival in the world! (B,L)

April & November departures: Head to the Sairo observatory to enjoy the breathtaking views of Lake Toya. After lunch, explore Norboribetsu Jigokundani (Hell Valley), renowned for its volcanic activity, hot steam vents and sulphurous streams. Also visit Upopoy National Museum and Park before returning to Sapporo. (B,L)



Wander along Otaru canal

DAY 6: OTARU PORT TOWN

This morning, ascend to the Okurayama viewing point, soaring up to the summit of the Sapporo Winter Olympics ski jump by chair lift – the views over the surrounding mountains are breathtaking. Later, visit the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village. Also visit the Nikka whisky factory in Yoichi, before returning to Otaru to visit the Tanaka sake brewery. (B,L)

DAY 7: FLY TO TOKYO

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Tokyo. On arrival, head to the famous Shibuya Crossing and enjoy free time for lunch. Visit the Tokyo Government Office Building's observatory deck for panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond and then transfer to your hotel. (B)

DAY 8: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Start the morning with a visit to the Meiji Jingu Shrine, a tranquil Shinto shrine set amongst a stretch of woodland before transferring to Matsumoto to visit the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its black exterior. Continue to Nagano, famous for hosting the 1998 Winter Olympics. (B,D)

DAY 9: SNOW MONKEYS

Head to Jigokudani Monkey Park. Walk through a picturesque forested valley to the steaming hot pools where you will spend some time watching the beautiful Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play in the warm waters. The afternoon will be spent visiting the 7th-century Zenkoji Temple, one of Japan's most popular. (B)

DAY 10: KYOTO TEA CEREMONY

Transfer to the station and take a train to Nagoya, changing onto one of Japan's super-fast bullet trains to whizz your way through the countryside to Kyoto. Upon arrival, head to a restored wooded townhouse and experience the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony. (B)

DAY 11: EXPLORE KYOTO

An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for 1,000 years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Start your day at Kinkakuji, the 'Golden Pavilion', Kyoto's most famous temple. Continue to Nijo Castle, and after lunch visit Sanjusangendo Temple before ending the day wandering through Nishiki Market, known as 'Kyoto's kitchen'. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12-13: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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

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GO BEYOND
JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience Japan in winter! Starting in Hokkaido, spend time in Sapporo and Otaru. Head to Honshu to see the snow monkeys in the beautiful Japanese Alps and end your tour discovering Japan's old and new capitals – Kyoto and Tokyo.



See Sensoji Temple

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

03 Nov - 15 Nov \$9,480

2022 DATES

04 Feb - 16 Feb \$9,580 02 Nov - 14 Nov \$9,680

06 Apr - 18 Apr \$9,920

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Tokyo – Osaka) 11 days from \$8,535 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$1,700

Important note

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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit the Robot Restaurant
- ✓ Take a Taiko drumming class
- ✓ Walk around Mount Fuji's base
- ✓ Stay at a traditional ryokan
- ✓ Explore sacred Koyasan
- ✓ Chant with Buddhist monks

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation, plus ryokan and Buddhist temple lodging
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try Taiko drumming

► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Have a go at traditional drumming with a Taiko drumming class, taking part in an energetic and age-old ensemble performance on big, floor tom drums.
- A unique and utterly Japanese experience, an evening at Tokyo's Robot Restaurant is an unforgettable experience featuring loud music, neon lights and plenty of robot performances!
- Enjoy the peace and serenity inspired by the sacred chanting of Buddhist monks as you join them for their morning prayers in a beautiful 13th-century temple.



Experience morning prayers with monks in Koyasan

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

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

DAY 3: JAPANESE DRUMMING

Begin your tour of Tokyo and immerse yourself into the local culture by spending the morning trying your hand at traditional Japanese drumming with a Taiko class, where you will learn how to beat the 'wadaiko' with 'bachi'. Later, stop by Meiji Jingu Shrine and continue to the vibrant district of Harajuku before stopping by the famous Shibuya Crossing. Finally, it's time for a uniquely Tokyo experience - the Robot Restaurant! This may not be everyone's cup of tea, but well worth the insight into modern Japanese culture. (B)

DAY 4: DISCOVER TOKYO

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the ever-changing skyline to the fashions and trends of the people who call it home. As modern as it may appear, behind the neon façade is a traditional soul that is easy to find amongst the old alleyways, temples and shrines of the Edo era. Sightseeing today begins with a stroll through the Imperial Palace East Garden and a visit to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree for views over the sprawling city below. You'll also stop by Sensoji Temple - Tokyo's oldest, and stroll along Nakamise shopping street. In the afternoon, explore the Edo-Tokyo Museum. Housed in the Ryogoku district of Tokyo, the museum powerfully illustrates Tokyo's past (known as Edo until 1869) right up to recent decades. (B)

DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI

Journey out of Tokyo to the foot of mighty Mount Fuji and the Fuji Five Lakes area. Pick up a walking trail and make your way through lush alpine forest at Fuji's base, pausing often to admire the landscapes around you. (B,D)

DAY 6: SNOW MONKEYS

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

DAY 7: JAPANESE ALPS

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

DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

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



Explore Kinkakuji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple

DAY 9: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Start today by visiting Kinkakuji, known as the 'Golden Pavilion' and Ryoanji. Continue to Arashiyama district to explore the striking bamboo forest and enjoy a rickshaw ride. Later, witness the rituals involved in the preparation and pouring of matcha tea in a traditional tea ceremony. (B)

DAY 10: KYOTO CULTURE & KOYASAN

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

DAY 11: MORNING PRAYERS

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

DAY 12: HIMEJI CASTLE & SAKE BREWERY

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

DAYS 13-14: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

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



SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On most May and September departures*, there is an extra special addition to day 4: a sumo tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Contact us for more information.

OFF-BEAT JAPAN

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Get off the beaten track on our most culturally immersive tour of Japan. This tour includes a one-night stay in a traditional ryokan as well as a one-night stay in Buddhist temple lodgings with basic shared facilities.



Taste Japanese Sake

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$10,980	10 May - 23 May*	\$10,340
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,980	13 Sep - 26 Sep*	\$10,340
12 Apr - 25 Apr	\$10,980	18 Oct - 31 Oct	\$10,980

2022 DATES

21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$11,180	09 May - 22 May*	\$10,540
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$11,180	12 Sep - 25 Sep*	\$10,540
04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$11,180	17 Oct - 30 Oct	\$11,180

Flight and supplement information

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- Single Supplement from \$1,870

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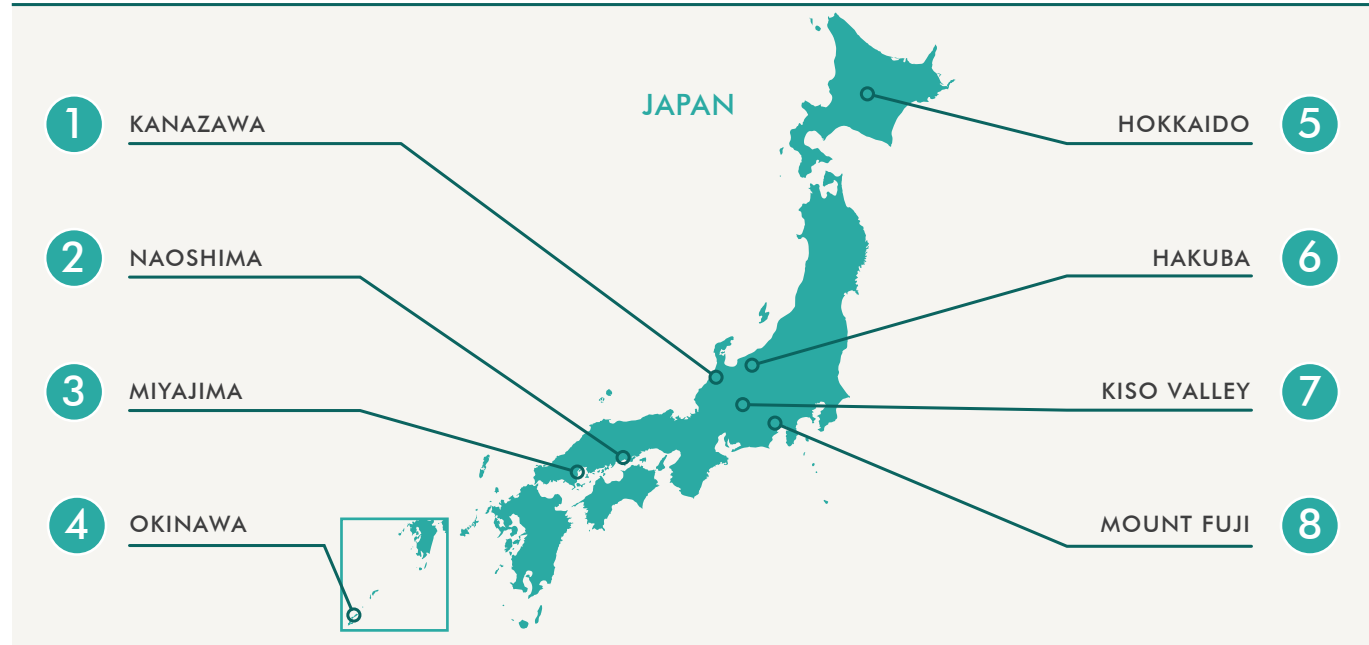
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1 KANAZAWA

A charming city with plenty of culture, Kanazawa has beautifully preserved samurai and geisha districts and one of Japan's best traditional gardens.



2 NAOSHIMA

Japan's 'art island' in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea, Naoshima is known for its numerous sculptures, installations, architecture and modern art museums. With its sunny weather, lovely beaches and laidback atmosphere, the island is a delight to explore – keeping an eye out for the famous pumpkin sculptures of Yayoi Kusama as you go.



3 MIYAJIMA

An island in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea, atmospheric Miyajima is full of historic monuments and pristine forest to explore.

4 OKINAWA

A beautiful beach destination, a stay close to Okinawa's soft, tropical sands is the perfect way to round off a Japan adventure.



5 HOKKAIDO

Spectacular scenery makes Hokkaido the perfect place for hiking, and you can't beat the fresh seafood during the summer months. It's great for skiing in the winter months too!



6 HAKUBA

Set in the Japanese Alps, Hakuba is an excellent and easily accessible ski resort with some great apres options!



7 KISO VALLEY

This beautiful valley is home to one of Japan's greatest hiking trails, the Nakasendo Way, a centuries old highway through the heart of Honshu.



8 MOUNT FUJI

Mount Fuji is at the heart of a huge national park, an area of spectacular scenery and beautiful sights. It's also the perfect place to enjoy a stay in a ryokan, a traditional inn.



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EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to not only break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your Reservations Consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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KYOTO SHORT STAY

4

DAYS

Admire the beautiful Kodaiji Temple, explore Kyoto's geisha district, see the impressive Heian Shrine and stroll the Philosopher's Path.



Stroll along the streets of Gion

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,960	\$2,895
Superior	\$2,135	\$3,470
Deluxe	\$2,400	\$3,735
Price includes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accommodation (3 nights Kyoto)Meals as statedTransportation as statedPrivate touring with guides and entrance fees		

DAY 1: ARRIVE KYOTO
Travel to Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital and make your own way to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: KYOTO
Explore the former imperial capital with a knowledgeable local guide using public transportation. Start at either the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine or the Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum. Visit the unique Sanjusangendo Temple, the beautiful temples of Kodaiji and Kenninji before strolling down the streets of Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. Stop at Gion Corner, a showcase for the seven professional performing arts. (B)

DAY 3: KYOTO
Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and use public transport to reach Nijo, an ornamental castle built as the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa shoguns. Continue to Heian shrine, famous for its huge vermilion torii gate. In the afternoon, visit Eikando Temple before continuing to Ginkakuji and the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant walk along a stone path which follows a canal lined by hundreds of cherry trees. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KYOTO
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TOKYO SHORT STAY

4

DAYS

Visit the tranquil Meiji Jingu Shrine, explore quirky Harajuku, discover beautiful Kamakura and see the Great Buddha at Kotokuin.



Enjoy a day trip to Kamakura

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,595	\$2,845
Superior	\$1,780	\$3,195
Price includes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo)Meals as statedTransportation as statedPrivate touring with guides and entrance fees		

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO
Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by public transport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE TOKYO
Spend a full day exploring Tokyo with a guide. Making use of the city's excellent public transport, start by visiting Sumida Hokusai Museum, before heading to Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine nestled amongst an evergreen forest in the city, and then continue to the fast-paced districts of Harajuku and Omotesando. This afternoon, visit the Tokyo Government Building's observatory deck for panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond. Spend some time in the bustling entertainment district of Shinjuku before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: KAMAKURA DAY TRIP
Meet your guide and transfer by local train to Kamakura, a coastal city south of Tokyo, known for its dozens of unique temples. Visit Kotokuin, whose grounds house Japan's second tallest bronze Buddha statue, and the Hase Temple. Stroll through Kamakura Komachi Street, lined with different shops and restaurants, before visiting Kamakura's most important shrine, Tsurugaoka Hachimangu. Transfer back to Tokyo by public transport. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

NARA SHORT STAY

2

DAYS

View the eminent Todaiji, wander beautiful Nara Park, see the lovely Kasuga Shrine and visit Meiji-era Isuien Garden.



See the local sika deer

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$625	\$1,160
Superior	\$765	\$1,440
Price includes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accommodation (1 night Osaka)Meals as statedTransportation as statedPrivate touring with guides and entrance fees		

DAY 1: NARA DAY TRIP
Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Osaka and together transfer to Osaka Station and take the local train to Nara. Located in the Kansai region of Japan, ancient Nara was Japan's capital before Kyoto. Start at Todaiji, a UNESCO-listed temple that is home to the Daibutsu, or Great Buddha.

DAY 2: DEPART OSAKA
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine, and the tranquil Meiji-era garden of Isuien. Transfer back to Osaka by local train and arrive at your hotel. (L)

HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

3

DAYS

Visit the Peace Memorial Park, explore beautiful Shukkeien, discover the holy Miyajima Island and soar up Mount Misen.



Visit tranquil Miyajima Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,595	\$2,580
Superior	\$1,780	\$2,760
Price includes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accommodation (2 nights Hiroshima)Meals as statedTransportation as statedPrivate touring with guides and entrance fees		

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO HIROSHIMA
From your hotel in Osaka, transfer to Shin Osaka station and board a bullet train to Hiroshima. Meet your guide and explore the city using public transport, starting at the poignant Peace Memorial Park. This leafy and peaceful expanse is full of beautiful memorials to those who died after the atomic bombing of 1945. Continue to the Peace Memorial Museum, followed by a taste of the local favourite okonomiyaki for lunch before visiting the historical Shukkeien Garden. (L)

DAY 2: EXPLORE MIYAJIMA
Travel to the holy island of Miyajima by local train and ferry with your guide. Enjoy a walking tour of this peaceful island, wandering along the waterfront and shopping street to reach Itsukushima Shrine.

DAY 3: DEPART HIROSHIMA TO OSAKA
Today, you will make your own way to Hiroshima Station and catch the bullet train back to Shin Osaka Station, and then the local train to Kansai airport for your onward flight. (B)

The shrine is best known for its enormous vermilion torii gate, which stands in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. This afternoon, take the cable car up Mount Misen and enjoy panoramic views. Later, return to your hotel in Hiroshima for the evening. (B)

SNOW MONKEYS EXTENSION

4 DAYS

Visit Zenkoji Temple, watch snow monkeys play, explore the old town of Obuse and see fine art at Hokusai Museum.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$3,195	\$5,460
Superior	\$3,560	\$6,170

- Price includes
- Accommodation (1 night Tokyo, 2 nights Yudanaka)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch snow monkeys play

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by public transport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: YUDANAKA ONSEN

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tokyo and together transfer to Tokyo Station by taxi to board your bullet train to Nagano. Visit the 7th-century Zenkoji Temple, then transfer by road to Yudanaka where you will visit Shibu Onsen, a historical and attractive hot spring town. Later, transfer to your ryokan (traditional Japanese accommodation) where you will stay two nights. (B,D)

DAY 3: JIGOKUDANI MONKEY PARK

This morning, head to Jigokudani Monkey Park. Walk through the forested valley where you will come across some thermal pools. Spend time watching the Japanese macaques bathe and play. Later, explore the old town of Obuse and also visit Hokusai Museum, a tribute to the renowned Japanese artist Hokusai Katsushika, and see a collection of his woodblock paintings on display before returning to your ryokan. (B,D)

DAY 4: YUDANAKA ONSEN TO TOKYO

Transfer to Nagano Station and board the bullet train to Tokyo. Upon arrival at your Tokyo hotel your arrangements end. (B)

NIKKO & KAMAKURA

4 DAYS

Visit Toshogu Shrine, view the Kegon Falls, discover Kamakura's temples and see the 11 metre tall bronze Buddha statue.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,045	\$3,200
Superior	\$2,315	\$3,465
Deluxe	\$2,580	\$3,735

- Price includes
- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees



See the Kegon waterfalls

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by public transport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: NIKKO DAY TRIP

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tokyo and together transfer to Asakusa Station by taxi to board the Limited Express train to Nikko. Visit the Nikko Toshogu Shrine, the final resting place of Tokugawa Ieyasu, who ruled Japan for over 250 years until 1868. Also visit the impressive 100 metre high Kegon Falls. Later, return to Tokyo by the Limited Express train. (B)

DAY 3: KAMAKURA DAY TRIP

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tokyo and together transfer to Tokyo Station by taxi to board the local train to the coastal city of Kamakura. Visit Kotokuin Temple, which houses Japan's second largest bronze Buddha statue, and Hase Temple. Next, enjoy a leisurely stroll along Komachi, where the street is lined with pretty little shops and restaurants, and visit Hokokuji Temple before returning to Tokyo by local train. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

SAPPORO & OTARU

4 DAYS

Explore Hokkaido Museum, visit Sapporo Beer Museum, take time to relax in Otaru and visit the Nikka Whisky factory.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,780	\$2,845
Superior	\$2,045	\$3,115
Deluxe	\$2,315	\$3,380

- Price includes
- Accommodation (3 nights Sapporo)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Sample Nikka Whiskey

DAY 1: ARRIVE SAPPORO

Travel to Sapporo, capital of Japan's Hokkaido Island. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by public transport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: SAPPORO DAY TRIP

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Sapporo and together using public transport, take a tour of Sapporo starting with a visit to the Hokkaido Museum (closed Mondays) and Nijo Market. Next, visit the famous Sapporo Beer Museum (three tastings included) and journey on the Moiwayama Ropeway. If the ropeway is suspended, head to the observation deck at JR Tower before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: OTARU DAY TRIP

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Sapporo and together you will transfer to Okurayama and take to the summit of the Okurayama ski jump by chair lift to enjoy the breathtaking surroundings (weather permitting). Next, travel to the pretty port town of Otaru and enjoy some free time to walk along the canal. Your final stop will be Yoichi, where you will visit the Nikka Whisky factory (three tastings included) before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SAPPORO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

NAOSHIMA SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Stroll Bikan's Historical Quarter, spend the day in Kurashiki, explore art museums and relax on Naoshima Island.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,845	\$4,445
Superior	\$3,115	\$4,715

- Price includes
- Accommodation (1 night Okayama, 1 night Naoshima, 1 night Osaka)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: Your hotel in Naoshima may be a traditional Japanese B&B as western hotels are limited on the island.



Explore Japan's 'art island'

DAY 1: KURASHIKI DAY TOUR

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Osaka and together transfer to Osaka Station by taxi to board the bullet train to Okayama and then transfer by local train to Kurashiki. Upon arrival, enjoy a visit to the Kurashiki Museum of Folk Crafts, before taking a leisurely stroll through the picturesque Bikan Historical Quarter. Return to Okayama and visit Korakuen garden before transferring to your hotel.

DAY 2: TRAVEL TO NAOSHIMA

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Okayama and together you will transfer by public transport to Uno Port and take the ferry to Naoshima. Known for its many art museums, architecture and

sculptures, visit the Art House Project, Benesse House Museum and Chichu Art Museum (closed Mondays). (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO OSAKA

Enjoy the morning at leisure. Your guide will meet you this afternoon at your hotel in Naoshima and together you will take the ferry to Okayama. Board the bullet train to Osaka and transfer to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART OSAKA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

MT FUJI & HAKONE

2 DAYS

Visit Mt Fuji's famed 5th Station, take a stunning cruise in Hakone and soak in natural hot springs.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$790	\$1,075
Superior	\$1,205	\$1,490
Deluxe	\$1,320	\$2,120

Price includes

- Accommodation (1 night Hakone)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-Coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Witness the pure serenity of Lake Ashi

DAY 1: TOKYO TO HAKONE
Make your own way to the meeting point in Tokyo for your seat-in-coach tour to Mt Fuji and Hakone. Travel to Mt Fuji Visitor Centre and then up to the mountain's famous 5th Station (weather permitting) to enjoy the view from 2,300m above sea level.

Next, travel to Hakone, a breathtaking national park area located south of Mt Fuji. Enjoy a cruise across the serene waters of Lake Ashi and take the Komagatake Ropeway to the top of Mt Komagatake for spectacular views.

This afternoon, farewell your guide at Hakone Yumoto Station and make your own way to your ryokan where you will stay overnight and can relax in its wonderfully reviving natural hot springs. (D)

DAY 2: HAKONE TO TOKYO
Today make your own way from your ryokan to Odawara Station for an exciting ride on the Shinkansen (bullet train) back to Tokyo Station where your arrangements end. (B)

KOYASAN MONASTERY RETREAT

2 DAYS

Spectacular train journey and Buddhist temple lodgings.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Temple Lodging (shared bathroom)	\$720	\$1,095
Temple Lodging (private bathroom)	\$835	\$1,220

Price includes

- Accommodation (1 night Koyasan)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Experience the serenity of a Buddhist Monastery

DAY 1: KYOTO/OSAKA TO KOYASAN
Depart from Kyoto or Osaka by the limited express train to Koyasan (no guide), the centre of Shingon Buddhism, an important Buddhist sect for over 1,200 years. The 2.5-hour journey to the mountaintop is one of the highlights of the visit. You will take several local trains, with the last train being one of the most scenic in Japan, winding its way up through the mountains. Enjoy a short cable car ride to the top of the 900 metre 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)



Explore Japan's cultural capital, Kyoto

JAPAN IMPRESSIONS

7 DAYS

Stroll through Tokyo's Meiji Jingu Shrine, meet a maiko or geisha in Kyoto, marvel at Osaka Castle and travel by bullet train.

Prices are from per person, based on low season	
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE
Standard	\$4,095
Superior	\$4,340
Deluxe	\$6,615

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo, 2 nights Kyoto, 1 night Osaka)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Nijo Castle, Kyoto



Enjoy Japanese sushi

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 Jingu Shrine, Tokyo's most famous shrine, Harajuku, Tokyo's youth mecca, Omotesando, referred to as Tokyo's 'Champs Elysées' and Ginza, Tokyo's famous upmarket district. You will also visit the Imperial Palace East Gardens (the palace itself is not open to the public). Finally, visit Asakusa, home to Nakamise shopping street and Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. (B)

DAY 3: TOKYO
Early this morning, you will begin a half-day tour travelling by subway to the Tsukiji Fish Market, where you will explore the vegetable and fruit areas. After buying ingredients, you will learn to make various forms of sushi. The afternoon is at your leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4: TOKYO TO KYOTO
Make your own way to Tokyo station and travel by Shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto. Upon arrival, make your own way to your hotel. Once the imperial capital of Japan, Kyoto is another city with a diverse past. The city is home to more

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

DAY 5: KYOTO
Enjoy a full-day tour exploring Kyoto with a Local Guide utilising the public transport system. Visit Kinkakuji, known as the Golden Pavilion and then continue to Ryoanji temple with its famous Zen rock garden, and finally see majestic Nijo Castle. (B)

DAY 6: KYOTO TO OSAKA
Make your own way to Kyoto station and travel by local train to Osaka for an overnight stay. Upon arrival, make your own way to your hotel. Osaka is Japan's third largest city and was established as a major industrial and cultural centre in 1889. This afternoon, explore Osaka with a Local Guide utilising the public transport system. Visit Osaka Castle, originally built in 1593, and take a cruise along the Yodogawa River. (B)

DAY 7: DEPART OSAKA
Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)



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

SPIRIT OF JAPAN

10 DAYS

Experience vibrant Tokyo, witness iconic Mt Fuji, contemplate over Ryoanji Temple, explore ancient Kyoto and reflect in Hiroshima.

Prices are from per person, based on low season	
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE
Standard	\$10,980
Superior	\$12,805
Deluxe	\$13,685

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo, 2 nights Mt Fuji, 2 nights Kyoto, 1 night Hiroshima, 1 night Osaka)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Kyoto's Kinkakuji Temple in winter

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

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

DAY 2: TOKYO CITY TOUR

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

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

DAY 4: FUJI FIVE LAKES

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

DAY 5: MT FUJI & HAKONE

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

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

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

DAY 7: EXPLORE KYOTO

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

DAY 8: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

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

DAY 9: HIMEJI CASTLE

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

DAY 10: DEPART OSAKA

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

BEIJING SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Walk on the Great Wall, see the exquisite Summer Palace, explore the Forbidden City and visit the Temple of Heaven.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$540	\$970
Superior	\$590	\$1070
Deluxe	\$830	\$1550

- Price includes
- Accommodation (3 nights Beijing)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to your hotel in Beijing, China's historic capital. The rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: BEIJING

Visit China's most famous attraction, the Great Wall, which stretches over 5,000km from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. There is no better way to appreciate the magnificence of this incredible structure than walking along it. After lunch, visit a jade factory before discovering the exquisite Summer Palace, a royal garden and summer retreat for China's emperors and their families. (B,L)

DAY 3: BEIJING

Start your sightseeing at Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, followed by the treasure-filled Forbidden City where you will pass under the famous portrait of Chairman Mao as you enter through the main gate. This afternoon, soak up the harmonious ambience at the 15th century Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they practise Tai Chi or play cards. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

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



Stroll around the Temple of Heaven

GREAT WALL HIKE

3 DAYS

Walk the Jinshanling and Simatai sections of the Great Wall, see stunning rural scenery and stay in Gubei Watertown.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$690	\$1300

- Price includes
- Accommodation (1 night Beijing & 1 night Gubei Watertown)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: Tour runs in reverse when booked as an extension to a group tour.

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to your hotel in Beijing, China's historical capital. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANLING HIKE

This morning, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, a stretch much less frequented by tourists than others. From here, start your hike towards Jinshanling; you will be walking for around 5-6 hours over a distance of 10 kilometres. Gubeikou is a rough and wild section of the Great Wall, while Jinshanling is known for its beautiful brickwork and watchtowers. Both sections offer some of the best views in China. The walk intersects a military base and will therefore take a detour off the wall around the base, stopping at

a farmhouse for lunch. After finishing your hike, transfer to Gubei Watertown for an overnight stay. After dinner you can explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall at night, enjoying wonderful views. Much of Simatai Great Wall has not been restored and offers a fantastic insight into years gone by. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GUBEI WATERTOWN

Spend the morning discovering the delights of Gubei Watertown. Built in the style of a Chinese ancient town, Gubei is nestled beside the Simatai section of the Great Wall and encompasses the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir. After lunch, return to your hotel in Beijing. (B,L)



Hike on the impressive Great Wall



Discover Gyeongbok Palace

CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 DAYS

See Gyeongbok Palace, taste delicious Korean street food, explore historic Gyeongju and admire UNESCO Bulguksa Temple.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,280	\$4,095
Superior	\$2,485	\$4,465
Deluxe	\$3,270	\$5,915

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul, 1 night Gyeongju)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit Bulguksa Temple



Enjoy delicious street food

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL
Arrive in South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. Stumble upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards and enjoy Seoul's foodie credentials – the street snacks are second to none!

DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL
Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, visit symbolic Namsan Park and N Seoul Tower before heading to Gwangjang Market to taste some of Seoul's best street food. This evening, you have the option of watching a traditional music and dance performance at Korea House (payable locally). (B)

DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU
Meet your driver-guide and transfer to Seoul station. Travel on the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju. Located in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, which ruled part of the Korean peninsula from the year 57BC to 935AD. Gyeongju is a living museum, home to a

staggering amount of heritage sites, from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver and start discovering historic Gyeongju. Head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNESCO World Heritage Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. The temple is considered a masterpiece of Silla architecture whilst Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage, is home to some of the world's best Buddhist sculptures. There will also be time to enjoy the vistas around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight in Gyeongju. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL
Meet your driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th-century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Discover bustling Seoul, see Gyeongbok Palace, visit the National Folk Museum and explore Namdaemun Market.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$775	\$1,470
Superior	\$940	\$1,780
Deluxe	\$1,510	\$2,785

- Price includes
- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL
Make your way to South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition – you'll find yourself stumbling upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Seoul is also the place for foodies, the street snacks are second to none!

DAY 2: SEOUL
Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will

see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Visit the National Folk Museum of Korea, the 14th-century Jogyesa Temple which is the centre of Korean Buddhism, Bukchon Hanok Village with its restored traditional houses and the observation deck at N Seoul Tower which offers panoramic views over the city. End the day at Namdaemun Market before returning to your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 3: SEOUL
Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Seoul. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

JEJU ISLAND SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Explore Hallim Park, take a stroll on Hyeopjuae Beach, visit impressive Sunrise Peak and explore Manjanggul Cave.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$795	\$1,285
Superior	\$1,085	\$1,695
Deluxe	\$1,550	\$2,515

- Price includes
- Accommodation (3 nights Jeju Island)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE JEJU ISLAND
Upon arrival at Jeju Island airport, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE JEJU ISLAND
You will be met by your guide and enjoy a full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island. Begin the day with a visit to Hallim Park to see its sub-tropical gardens and mysterious lava caves and stop by Hyeopjuae Beach. After lunch, enjoy a boat ride where you will see Dragon Head Coast, Mt Sanbangsan and Jusannggeolli Cliff from the boat. Later, choose to visit either the charming Cheonjeyeon Waterfalls or the Teddy Bear Museum before returning to your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 3: MORE TIME IN JEJU ISLAND
Enjoy another full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island. Begin the day with horse riding followed by a visit to Seongeup Folk Village. After lunch, head to Seongsan Sunrise Peak, a large volcanic rock cone and explore Manjanggul Lava Cave. Your tour will finish in the downtown area and you will make your own way back to your hotel using the bus ticket provided. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART JEJU ISLAND
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Explore beautiful Jeju Island



Visit Wen Wu Temple

CLASSIC TAIWAN

5 DAYS

See bustling Taipei, visit Tehua aboriginal village, relax at Sun Moon Lake and uncover ancient Tainan.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,300	\$2,450
Superior	\$1,440	\$2,740
Deluxe	\$1,680	\$3,200

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights Taipei, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 1 night Tainan)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore vibrant Taipei



Visit the Confucius Temple

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Arrive in Taiwan's capital, Taipei, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

DAY 2: TAIPEI TO SUN MOON LAKE

Depart Taipei to journey into the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake. At an altitude of 762 metres, this large body of fresh water is one of the island's most lovely natural vistas, popular for hiking and biking. Here, visit the impressive Wen Wu Temple adorned with red and gold features, Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En Pagoda which offers breathtaking views over the lake and the aboriginal village of Tehua. Stay overnight at Sun Moon Lake. (B)

DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

Travel 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 most historical streets in the city, catching a

glimpse of the Tainan of times-gone-by. Also visit Chihkan Tower, built in 1653 by Dutch colonisers and stop at the Confucius Temple. Stay overnight in Tainan. (B)

DAY 4: TAINAN TO TAIPEI

Travel back to Taipei by high-speed train. Stop by the CKS Memorial Hall to see the Changing of the Guards ceremony and visit the 18th-century Longshan Temple. Make a photostop at the world-famous Taipei 101. Towering above the city like the gigantic bamboo stalk it was designed to resemble, Taipei 101 is impossible to miss. Also explore the National Palace Museum, home to the world's largest and finest collection of Chinese art and artefacts including paintings, calligraphy, bronzes, lacquerware, ceramics, jade, religious objects and Martyr's Shrine. Enjoy the evening at leisure and perhaps visit one of the many markets on offer to experience local life in the city at night. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TAIPEI SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Discover bustling Taipei, ascend Taipei 101, explore the National Palace Museum and see Longshan Temple.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$710	\$1,350
Superior	\$770	\$1,460
Deluxe	\$900	\$1,720

- Price includes
- Accommodation (3 nights Taipei)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your way to Taiwan's capital, Taipei, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

DAY 2: TAIPEI

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Taipei to commence your tour. Start with a visit to the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Next, ascend to the observation deck at Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view over this



Enjoy panoramic views of Taipei

sprawling city. Later, explore Longshan 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 and Martyr's Shrine before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: TAIPEI

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

DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TAROKO & SUN MOON LAKE

4 DAYS

Explore Taroko National Park, tour the Gorge Gateway, see Eternal Spring Shrine and relax at Sun Moon Lake.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,020	\$1,970
Superior	\$1,170	\$2,270
Deluxe	\$1,420	\$2,770

- Price includes
- Accommodation (1 night Taipei, 1 night Taroko, 1 night Sun Moon Lake)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Upon arrival at Taipei, you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: TAROKO NATIONAL PARK & GORGE GATEWAY

Transfer by road to Taroko National Park, driving along the breathtaking east coast cliff highway, taking a photo stop en route at Chingshui Cliff to enjoy the splendid scenery of the Pacific Ocean. Upon arrival at Taroko National Park, enjoy a tour of the Toroko Gorge Gateway, Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto. (B)

DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE

This morning, travel to Sun Moon Lake driving along the central cross island highway on Mt Hehuan where you will have panoramic views over the central mountain ranges. Upon arrival at Sun Moon Lake, visit Wen Wu Temple, Holy Monk Shrine, Ita Thao Village and Tze-En Pagoda. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Taipei for your onward flight. An additional night in Taipei may be required depending on your flight time. (B)



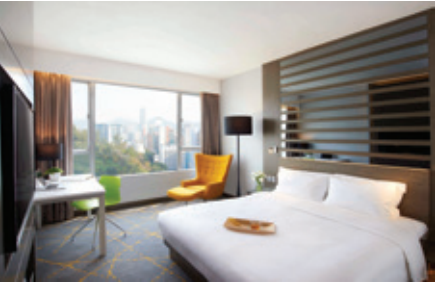
Discover the Eternal Spring Shrine

HONG KONG STOPOVERS

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, a colourful nightlife and unbeatable city views from panoramic Victoria Peak or from the deck of a sampan on the harbour. A sophisticated and lively metropolis, Hong Kong's mix of colonial influences, futuristic modernity and distinct Chinese traditions make it the ultimate East-meets-West destination.

Hong Kong skyline

KOWLOON HOTELS



THE CITYVIEW ★★★★★
Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★
For those who like comfort and functionality with their luxury, the Harbour Grand's spacious rooms with floor to ceiling windows, some with harbour views, are perfect. The glass-walled pool, range of international restaurants and half hourly shuttles to Tsim Sha Tsui add to the appeal.



EATON HOTEL ★★★★★
Conveniently located on famous Nathan Road, in the heart of Kowloon, and a short walk from Jordan MTR Station and the Temple Street Night Markets. The fabulous rooms, and incredible amenities including a roof top pool and 24 hour gym will help you have a fantastic experience in Hong Kong.



THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★★
Located at the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, the Langham exudes a timeless elegance. Boasting a three Michelin-starred restaurant, a roof top pool and luxurious accommodation, the Langham's personalised service is one of many things that will make your stay here perfect.

HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



DORSETT, WAN CHAI ★★★★★
Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just a ten-minute stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG ★★★★★
Harbour Grand Hong Kong is an upscale hotel ideally located at the heart of Hong Kong Island. All guestrooms feature modern décor and panoramic harbour views over the iconic Victoria Harbour. Facilities include four restaurants, a lounge, a spa and a seasonal outdoor swimming pool.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene and shop till your heart's content in the many markets.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$525	\$760
Eaton Hotel	\$590	\$890
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$630	\$940

- Price includes**
- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG
Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR
Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular



Aberdeen Fishing Village

Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG
Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$890	\$1,245
Eaton Hotel	\$990	\$1,440
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$1,050	\$1,520

- Price includes**
- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG
Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR
Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island, starting with a panoramic ride on the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND
Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG
Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

Singapore is a city just waiting for you to discover its magnificent mix of tastes, sights and sounds. As one of Asia's most iconic and vibrant cities it offers experiences such as exploring Sentosa Island, Gardens by the Bay, cultural neighbourhoods and, of course, an ever growing selection of food!



Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

SINGAPORE HOTELS



PENINSULA EXCELSIOR HOTEL ★★★★★
A modern full-service hotel perfect for business and leisure travellers alike. It is less than five-minute walk to Raffles City and Clarke Quay MRT Stations as well as the Singapore Formula 1 Night Racetrack, and only a five-minute drive to the Marina Bay Sands and Orchard Road. All guests enjoy free Wi-Fi during their stay.



ORCHARD RENDEZVOUS HOTEL ★★★★★
Conveniently located at one of the world's most famous shopping streets, Orchard Road, the Orchard Rendezvous Hotel is a short walk from Orchard MRT Station and only a five-minute drive to Singapore's breath taking Botanic Gardens, making it an ideal starting point for your Singapore adventure.



ORCHARD HOTEL ★★★★★
The legendary Orchard Hotel Singapore is located at the centre of Singapore's premier shopping and entertainment district. It is also within close proximity to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Singapore Botanic Gardens and less than a 10-minute walk to Orchard MRT Station.



GRAND PARK ORCHARD HOTEL ★★★★★
Awarded as Asia's leading design hotel, the Grand Park Orchard is one of Singapore's trendiest hotels. Perfect for shopping lovers, it is found in the heart of the entertainment and shopping district, right next to Paragon, a premier upscale retail shopping mall.



PARK REGIS HOTEL ★★★★★
The Park Regis Hotel is located in the heart of Singapore's CBD and within close proximity to the entertainment, cultural and dining hubs of the city. Iconic sites such as Clarke Quay, Robertson's Quay, Boat Quay and Chinatown are easily accessed from this hotel.



SOFITEL SINGAPORE SENTOSA RESORT & SPA ★★★★★
The Sofitel Singapore Sentosa Resort & Spa is a 5-star luxury resort situation on the beautiful Sentosa Island. Just a 25-minute drive from Singapore Changi Airport, this property is a haven of tranquillity, offering a range of pampering experiences and complimentary shuttle bus to VivoCity shopping mall, it is perfect for those wanting to escape and relax.

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

See the waterfront Merlion Park, see 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng and visit the National Orchid Garden.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Peninsula Excelsior	\$445	\$795
Orchard Hotel	\$460	\$865
Grand Park Orchard	\$510	\$960

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

DAY 2: SINGAPORE

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



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

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

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 DAYS

See Singapore's many sights, stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome and marvel at the Supertrees.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Peninsula Excelsior	\$655	\$1150
Orchard Hotel	\$665	\$1235
Grand Park Orchard	\$735	\$1385

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

DAY 2: SINGAPORE

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



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

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

DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

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

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Premium Economy



Business Class



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Premium Economy



Business Class

JOINING YOUR TOUR

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

AIR TRAVEL NOTES

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

Your Japan questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



Fushimi Inari Temple in Kyoto

Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

A. Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.com.au or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two to three weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day- by-day itinerary and a travel guide or factsheet with your final documents.

Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. On our Off-Beat Japan tour, in order to immerse you further into the culture, we have included one night at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese Inn with onsen facilities as well as one night at a 13th-century temple, which involves sleeping on a traditional futon on a tatami mat floor. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

Q. Do I need a visa?

A. Australian passport holders do not require visas for Japan, Taiwan or South Korea. On our Ancient Empires of China & Japan, a visa for China will be required. Application

forms and instructions can be found on our website wendywutours.com.au

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

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

Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The group size on our Classic Tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size 28. On our Go Beyond Tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in greater comfort.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests.

Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

A. We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travelers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free chauffeur airport transfers, free access to

an airport lounge in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, where you don't have to pay a single supplement if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival at the start of the tour. Happy to Share is on request when booking less than 75 days before departure. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.

Q. Is portage included?

A. No, portage is not included on our tours and you will be expected to carry your own luggage. This will apply during transfers and at hotels.

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg.

Q. What currency should I take?

A. We recommend you take the local currency Japanese Yen and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs and optional extras.

Q. When is the best time to visit Japan?

A. Japan is a year-round destination. While spring and autumn are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See pages 14-15. Many people travel to Japan in cherry blossom season. Please bear in mind that seeing the cherry blossoms cannot be guaranteed as the season can vary from year to year. Very roughly the season for Tokyo and Kyoto is from the last week of March to the first two weeks of April – farther south it begins earlier, farther north it's a bit later. This is a very busy time of the year to visit so expect tourist attractions to be crowded and that some queuing may be required.

Q. When are Japanese public holidays?

A. Japan's 'Golden Week' public holidays fall annually at the end of April/beginning of May. Celebrations last for several days and during this time some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

Q. What does escorted touring mean?

A. Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort throughout your tour.

WHILE ON TOUR

Airport transfers may not be escorted. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10, local guides will accompany you at each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

Rail: Bullet trains and high-speed trains are used on some tours. There is limited space to store luggage but alternative options are available, such as a luggage transfer service (at your own expense on private tours). While our guides may be there to assist, you will need to load and unload your own luggage on and off the trains. Seats onboard are comfortable, and carriages have western-style facilities.



Shinkansen Bullet Train

River: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

Public Transport: In big cities such as Tokyo, it may be necessary to make use of the excellent public transport systems during your sightseeing excursions. As well as being quicker and more convenient, it gives you a far more local experience. Escorted travel on public transport is mainly used on private tours.

Q. How do airport transfers work in Japan?

A. Airport transfers work in a different way in Japan compared to our other destinations. Unless there are 8 or more passengers arriving/departing at the same time, all passengers will be transferred to/from the airport using shared public transport via an airport limousine bus, monorail or coach-then taxi. You will be met at the airport by an English-speaking representative and guided to your mode of transport.

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms

and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our Classic Tours except where stated. Meals included on Go Beyond tours, are stated in the brochure and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Meals on our Classic group tours start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

A. The tap water across Japan is safe to drink, though you may prefer bottled water as you may not appreciate the taste.

Q. Are there any optional excursions?

A. From time to time your National Escort or local guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually starting at AU\$55 per person. This is paid in cash (local currency) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?

A. Japan has an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

Q. Can special requests be arranged?

A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What is the flying time to Japan?

A. Approximately 13 hours, taking into consideration any layovers between flights.

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of Australian, British and New Zealand clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English-speaking passengers from other countries.

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet touring requirements.

Q. Is tipping compulsory?

A. Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required during our tours in Japan, but if you would like to show your appreciation, you can do so in local currency.

For information about South Korea, Taiwan and China, please visit our website and view each tour's detailed tour dossier.

COVID-19 Precautions

We have established a set of firm but practical safety requirements for our overseas partners to follow in 2021 and for as long as COVID-19 is a threat. These are designed to help protect you as well as our local teams of drivers, guides, National Escorts and others. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our safety protocols cover all aspects of touring, be it travelling, sightseeing, mealtimes or your hotel stays. Measures include personal protection, extensive disinfecting and social distancing. Please see our website for full details, as these are likely to change and evolve over time. Needless to say, for your own protection you will be expected to follow the rules and regulations laid down by the health authorities in your host destination. Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

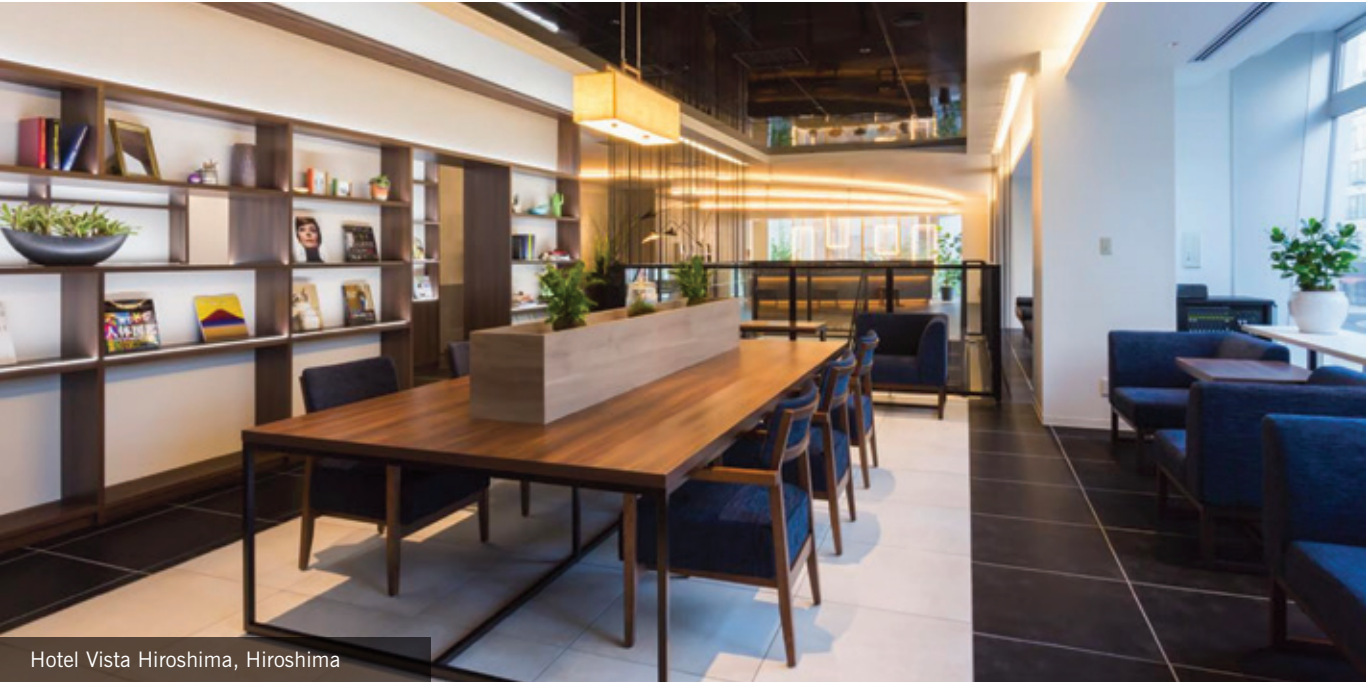
WeCare – Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.

Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, its levels of comfort or for its quirky character, so they can range from a smart business hotel to a family-run guesthouse. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN JAPAN



Hotel Vista Hiroshima, Hiroshima



Sunshine City Prince Hotel, Tokyo



Ryu Resort Hotel & Spa, Takayama



Hotel Regina Kawaguchiko, Hakone



Karasuma Kyoto Hotel, Kyoto



Hotel Vischio by GRANVIA, Osaka



Hotel Kanazawa, Kanazawa

Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local 3 - 4 star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between Australia and Japan. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay your deposit and secure your booking. On occasions, a progress payment will be required to secure your flights which will be explained to you at the time of booking. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure and you will be issued with your documentation approximately two to three weeks before travel.



Your loyalty matters

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

LOYALTY DISCOUNT*

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

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WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, of Level 19, 15 Castlereagh St, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully before making a booking request as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By making a booking request, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour and agree to be bound by them.

These Booking Conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in Australia and which we agree to make, provide, or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, "you", "your", "customer" or "passenger" means each person named on a booking request (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at wendywutours.com.au. It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT The first named person on a booking request ("Lead Traveller") promises that s/he is authorised to request a booking subject to these Booking Conditions by all persons named in the booking request and by the parents or guardians for any party member who is under 18 when the booking request is made. The Lead Traveller is responsible for making all payments due under a booking by all party members. The Lead Traveller must be at least 18 when the booking is requested. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see "Reservation and Deposit" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'Lead Traveller' or the travel agent through whom the booking was requested.

OUR SERVICES We commence providing services to you as soon as soon as we issue your confirmation invoice. This includes (often significantly) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements. The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control (if any).

YOUR DETAILS Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

YOUR OBLIGATION TO CHECK DETAILS Please check your confirmation invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation invoice or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later, you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See "Amendments by You" & "Cancellations by You" below).

PRICES General: Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline, and specific economy airfare. Prices may differ once a preferred booking class is sold out. Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights, accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. We also reserve the right to correct any obvious 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. Costs associated with passports, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

Itinerary Deviations: All fully inclusive Classic Tour or Go Beyond Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

Airline Fuel Charges: In addition to the cost of any airfares, airlines also charge an additional levy to cover the ever-increasing cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount airlines charge for this levy. At the time of pricing, some airline fuel surcharges are included in the cost of the fare; however, this amount is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

Price Surcharges: We reserve the right to surcharge the cost of your booked travel arrangements prior to commencement for

compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any expenses or loss you incur in connection with your booking resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

CANCELLATION BY YOU General: all cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges (subject to any additional charges for air or rail tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

- More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
- Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

Airfare & Rail Tickets: If airline and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare airfare will determine cancellation and/or amendment charges. Note that it is often the case the air and rail tickets once issued are non-refundable. You agree that these cancellation charges are reasonable, represent a genuine pre-estimate of our loss and are required to protect our legitimate business interests. For group departures, a transfer of a confirmed booking to another departure date is deemed to be cancellation of the original booking. Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. 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 US Minimum Numbers: Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved. Please see the 'General' section below for your rights in this circumstance.

Force Majeure - Prior to travel: If your travel arrangements cannot proceed due to flood, earthquake, war or civil strife, acts of terrorism, hurricane, cyclone, industrial disturbance, strike, fire, lock-out, epidemic, pandemic, failure or delays of scheduled transportation, or any law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including quarantine requirements or government travel advisories), or for any other reason beyond our reasonable control (Force Majeure), we may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements, in which case we will issue you with a credit equal to amounts paid; or
- cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund.

Force Majeure - During travel: If we cancel your travel arrangements after your trip has commenced due to Force Majeure, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third party costs only.

General: If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance. If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons beyond Force Majeure (including if minimum numbers are not achieved), you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid (less visa cost), or the offer of a trip of substantially equal or better quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any expenses or loss you incur in connection with your booking if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

JOINING YOUR TOUR Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas.

ILLNESS If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a temperature test in relation to Covid-19):

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:
 - if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
 - if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses incurred in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

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. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

HOTELS Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers. 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. We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

TRAVEL INSURANCE We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

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

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

Late Bookings: If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa

applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 80 days prior to departure, single travellers on fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'happy to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match 'happy to share' travellers of the same gender booked on the same departure. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at no extra charge. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement. If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'happy to share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'happy to share' option.

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

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

SOLO DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS Private chauffeur-driven transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 50 driven kilometers from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometers can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

RESPONSIBILITY Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport

companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

Services we directly supply: To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care. We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or an intermediary for an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure. While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/ services attributable to delays.

General liability limitation: You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia. Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having the travel arrangements resupplied.

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

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. Pre-flight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation, additional baggage, airport assist services or medical clearance is required and is permitted by the airline, this is to be booked by the traveller directly with the airline and additional fees incurred at the time of arranging these services is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

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

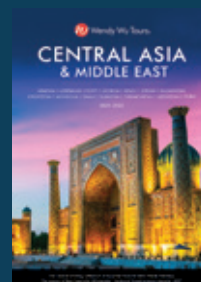
BROCHURE VALIDITY Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 12th August 2020. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond its 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 provisions of these Booking Conditions. It is also the agent's responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit. If the agent fails to satisfy these obligations, you must make any claims against the agent and you hereby release Wendy Wu from all such claims.

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.

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- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of Classic Tours, Go Beyond Tours, Dedicated Solo Departures, and Tailor-Made Holidays
- Expert National Escorts and Local Guides
- Exciting journeys to must-see destinations
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