



# JAPAN

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A curated collection of Escorted Tours and Tailor-Made Holidays



We are excited to release our new 2020-2021 brochure which is filled with pioneering tours that explore the wonders of Japan and its neighbours South Korea and Taiwan. We have created itineraries that will inspire you, connect you and most of all fulfil your travel dreams into reality. Travelling with us, you are safe in the knowledge that over the past 25 years of touring, we have mastered the art of crafting programs that balance the iconic sights with local experiences and jaw dropping moments that give you the perfect overview to your chosen destination. Throw in the exceptional value of our inclusions, the expertise of our team and the host of fantastic tour guides we have waiting to show you their homeland and you've got one extraordinary adventure!

We are also thrilled to release 5 brand new tours that further explore our Japan offering, a tour that combines the ancient charms of China and Japan, a South Korea adventure and a journey through Taiwan.

We look forward to welcoming you on to one of our tours and delighting you in the Wendy Wu style.

Happy Travels!



Wendy Wu

Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



Himeji Castle during cherry blossom season

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

## SOLO

Designed exclusively for customers travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. You will be looked after all the way by an expert guide as you discover the sights, enjoy cultural experiences and partake in group activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay.

## GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights not often witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with experiences of a lifetime.

## 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.

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Snow monkey, Yudanaka



Mt Fuji



Daigoji Temple, Kyoto



# 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 MT FUJI

With its perfectly proportioned cone, Mt Fuji is one of Japan's most iconic sights so we include it on most of our Japan tours.



### 2 HIROSHIMA

The city of Hiroshima is a modern, vibrant place, despite the horrors of its past. Several of our tours visit the moving Peace Memorial Park where you can reflect on the city's history.



### 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

How could we leave the birthplace of Japanese culture off the list? Also famous for its bowing deer, Nara is included on several of our tours.



### 5 KOYASAN

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



### 6 TOKYO

A big, bright and brash city, Japan's capital 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. Meet them on our Japan Uncovered, Sapporo & Snow Monkeys and Trails of Japan tours.



### 8 HIMEJI CASTLE

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







# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

Local walking at Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kyoto

## UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE

We are proud to be recognised as Australia's leading Asia specialists, a reputation we've been building since 1994. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout the region and are founts of knowledge on all things Asia.

## EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can sit back and enjoy the experience. Your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, transport and expert guides are all included.

## COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS

Whether you're looking for a classic escorted tour experience, luxury journey or something off the beaten track, we've got a tour or Tailor-Made Holiday for you.

## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia for the past 25 years, building our local expertise and finding less-visited places and authentic cultural experiences that make your holiday truly special. Look out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' on each of our tour pages.

## HIGHLY EXPERIENCED GUIDES

Through their local expertise, dedication and passion, our guides, known as your 'National Escort', will make sure you don't miss a thing.

## LOCAL FLAVOURS

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

## SAFE AND SECURE

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

## PRIVATE GROUP SPECIALISTS

Got a unique interest you'd like to indulge with a group of fellow hobbyists? No problem, we can plan a host of exciting itineraries that will fulfill your group's wants and needs.





Tokyo skyline and Mt Fuji

# YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

It is our wish that every customer has an extraordinary experience on our programs; a place where memories of a lifetime are created. You can find your perfect holiday by selecting the various style of tour (page 2) as detailed for each itinerary and assessing the physical rating. We have also selected accommodation that suits and compliments, as well as providing flexibility to customise your trip for maximum enjoyment.

## TOUR PACE

We're not going to deny it, on many of our tours you're going to be busy! But we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of extraordinary experiences means some early starts and late finishes, but you can be sure that you'll return home with some incredible memories. Take a look at our Go Beyond tours if you are looking for a holiday with a bit more free time included.

## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

Travelling with us, you can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand picked to best suit your tour and the locations you'll visit. Our Classic and Solo group tours feature comfortable, locally rated three-star to four-star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more characterful or rustic accommodation, to suit the adventurous spirit of these tours. Our Exclusive Collection tours enjoy high-quality accommodation while, on a Tailor-Made Holiday, any style of accommodation is available; simply choose your perfect stay.

## CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

Interested in exploring your destination further, stopping off en route or adding on some relaxation time? 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 fantastic team of experts can help you create 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 requires 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 Itinerary' available to download on the tour page of our website.

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

**A Level 2 tour will involve 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.

**A Level 4 tour will feature similar physical activities but these 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.



# You're in safe hands

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

One of the unique features of our group tours is the inclusion of our National Escorts accompanying you throughout your tour.

Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will put you at ease and make you feel part of a family, navigating the joys and eccentricities of the local way of life.

## ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✓ Embody the Wendy Wu Tours philosophies of travel
- ✓ Are industry professionals with over 5 years’ experience
- ✓ Are born and raised locally and are fluent in English
- ✓ Undertake holistic and ongoing comprehensive training
- ✓ Are at your service 24 hours a day



Hyangwonjeong Pavilion at Gyeongbokgung Palace, Seoul

# All the must-see attractions

As Australia’s leading touring experts, we’re always thinking of new ways to create unique travel experiences that our customers will remember for life.

Our team works tirelessly to ensure our tours are designed to include the must-see sights – we’re innovative, brave and will always strive to be extraordinary.

Simply put, we do the hard work, so you don’t have to!



Mt Fuji

## A SELECTION OF POPULAR JAPAN TOURS

TOUR	DAYS	PAGE	TOKYO	MT FUJI	KYOTO	OSAKA	HIROSHIMA	TAKAYAMA	SNOW MONKEYS
A Week in Japan	9	18	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Jewels of Japan	12	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Discover Japan	14	22	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Japan & The Scenic South <b>NEW</b>	14	24	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Trails of Japan	14	44	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Journey Through Japan <b>NEW</b>	15	28	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Japan Uncovered	18	32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓




# 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 almost all of our Japan tours.



### SOBA NOODLE-MAKING

Soba is one of many types of noodles devoured in Japan. Learn to craft, roll and slice soba noodle dough before cooking and devouring the delicious results! Enjoy this experience on the Jewels of Japan trip.



### 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 and Trails of Japan.

### MT FUJI BASE HIKE

The iconic image of Japan, get up close to magnificent Mt Fuji with a hike through the beautiful nature at its base. Enjoy this experience on Trails of Japan.



### 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 Trails of Japan.

### WASHI PAPER-MAKING

Learn about the age-old tradition of making 'washi' (Japanese paper) before trying your hand at making some. Enjoy this experience on Discover Japan and Japan Uncovered.



### 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 Highlights of Japan.



# Japan for all seasons

Japan is a country that can be enjoyed year round; here is our guide to what you can expect from each season, to best help you decide when you'd like to travel.



## CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON

For centuries the cherry blossoms have been an inspiration for Japanese poets and artists alike. 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 both 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 at twilight when they are lit up by lanterns. 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 2020-21 (subject to local conditions).

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

Cherry blossom, Tokyo



## AUTUMN LEAVES

Japan's deep and rich autumn colours travel the opposite way to the cherry blossom, starting in the very north in September and travelling downwards, reaching its peak in Tokyo, Kyoto and the surrounding areas from November. In the parks and temple gardens of the cities, the leaves of the 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:



Look for the autumn leaves symbol for departures that fall during the anticipated autumn leaves seasons in 2020 (subject to local conditions).

Daigo-ji, Kyoto



## SUN AND SNOW

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

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

Shirakawago










Bridge at the Daigo-ji Temple, Kyoto

# CLASSIC TOURS

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

-   
International economy  
airfares & taxes
-   
3\*plus – 4\*  
accommodation
-   
All  
meals
-   
All flights & transportation  
in destination
-   
All entrance fees,  
guides & daily tours

These meticulously designed journeys are 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

On a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals and, if you need them, your visas too! Travelling with a maximum group size of 28 travellers, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy.

### 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 the destination's best eats.

### 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 to truly unforgettable.

### AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, you will see less-visited places, giving you a more authentic experience of the culture and the chance to meet the friendly locals. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of the cultural encounters on offer.



# A WEEK IN JAPAN

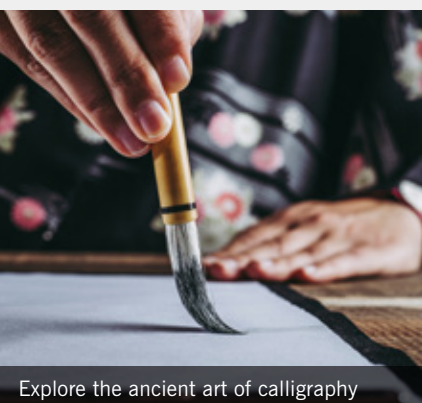
- 9 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$7,240 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Stroll through vibrant Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ Discover Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore historic Nara
- ✓ Experience a bullet train
- ✓ Visit a giant Buddha

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3\*plus – 4\* 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.



Experience the buzzing Tokyo metropolis

## 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 arrival time, 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 of

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

### DAY 4: MT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to the iconic Mt 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 of vermilion 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 Mt Komagatake where the views of Mt Fuji will be breathtaking, but weather dependent of course!

### DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Odawara Station to jump onboard the Hikari bullet train and 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

Visit 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 and learn the traditional art of calligraphy.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE NARA & OSAKA

Depart for Nara this morning. 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.

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange a private tour.



Nara's Daibutsu Buddha

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA EXTENSION**  
3 days from \$1,620pp twin share

**HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER**  
3 days from \$525pp 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 historical cities of Kyoto and Nara, be awestruck by the beauty of Mt Fuji and see the bright lights of Tokyo and Osaka.



Streets of Osaka

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2020 DATES

24 Mar - 01 Apr	\$7,480	16 May - 24 May	\$7,240
28 Mar - 05 Apr ✱	\$7,680	12 Sep - 20 Sep	\$7,580
31 Mar - 08 Apr ✱	\$7,680	26 Sep - 04 Oct	\$7,580
02 Apr - 10 Apr ✱	\$7,680	11 Oct - 19 Oct ✱	\$7,780
05 Apr - 13 Apr ✱	\$7,680	19 Oct - 27 Oct ✱	\$7,780
20 Apr - 28 Apr	\$7,240		

### 2021 DATES

23 Mar - 31 Mar	\$7,680	04 May - 12 May	\$7,440
27 Mar - 04 Apr ✱	\$7,880	15 May - 23 May	\$7,440
30 Mar - 07 Apr ✱	\$7,880	11 Sep - 19 Sep	\$7,780
01 Apr - 09 Apr ✱	\$7,880	25 Sep - 03 Oct	\$7,780
11 Apr - 19 Apr ✱	\$7,880	10 Oct - 18 Oct ✱	\$7,980
19 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,440	21 Oct - 29 Oct ✱	\$7,980

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Tokyo - Osaka) 7 days from \$5,830 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,190

### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as at 9 August 2019, 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 dependant and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your visit.



# JEWELS OF JAPAN

**12** DAYS FROM  
**PER PERSON \$9,390** TWIN SHARE  
FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH  
ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ View majestic Mt Fuji
- ✓ Contemplate Ryoanji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore holy Miyajima

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Experience traditional culture

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ The most iconic symbol of Japanese culture, no trip to Japan is complete without at least a glimpse of a geisha. On this tour you'll meet a geisha in Kyoto and learn about their fascinating culture.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.



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 history. 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 of the sprawling city below.

### DAY 4: MEIJI SHRINE

Start the day with a relaxing wander around the classical landscapes of the Hamarikyu Garden. Continue to the Meiji 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: MT FUJI & FUJI FIVE LAKES

Journey through the foothills of the iconic Mt Fuji to its base where we find the Fuji Five Lakes. The calm waters of these five spectacular lakes were formed by volcanic eruptions, and now reflect Mt Fuji's picture-perfect peak looming above. Upon arrival, ascend 2,000 metres up to Mt Fuji's 5th Station (weather permitting), where you can take in the breathtaking views of the landscapes below. After lunch, continue

to Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the artist's elaborately 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 thatch-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 tuck into for lunch! Later, transfer to Mishima station and journey on the bullet train to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for more than a thousand 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 the city's delightful temples – the 17th century Buddhist Kiyomizu. Immerse yourself in the culture by experiencing a sacred tea ceremony and try your hand at the art of origami. Next, explore the impressive Fushimi Inari Shrine with its remarkable 10,000 red torii gates.



Visit 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. Today, Hiroshima is vibrant and modern with a forward-thinking, sunny outlook.

### 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 sights 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 bombing 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.

### DAYS 11-12: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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

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### 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.

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### NARA SHORT STAY

2 days from \$735pp twin share

### HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from \$525pp twin share

### GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 days from \$440pp twin share

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## JEWELS OF JAPAN

### CLASSIC JAPAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan, visiting modern Tokyo, iconic Mt Fuji and historical Kyoto.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2020 DATES

17 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,860	13 May - 24 May	\$9,390
20 Mar - 31 Mar	\$9,860	17 May - 28 May	\$9,390
31 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,120	20 May - 31 May	\$9,390
01 Apr - 12 Apr	\$10,120	10 Sep - 21 Sep	\$10,220
02 Apr - 13 Apr	\$10,120	23 Sep - 04 Oct	\$10,220
03 Apr - 14 Apr	\$10,120	28 Sep - 09 Oct	\$10,020
04 Apr - 15 Apr	\$10,120	17 Oct - 28 Oct	\$10,020
22 Apr - 03 May	\$9,390	23 Oct - 03 Nov	\$10,020
06 May - 17 May	\$9,390	02 Nov - 13 Nov	\$10,020

### 2021 DATES

17 Mar - 28 Mar	\$10,160	05 May - 16 May	\$9,690
22 Mar - 02 Apr	\$10,160	12 May - 23 May	\$9,690
25 Mar - 05 Apr	\$10,420	16 May - 27 May	\$9,690
28 Mar - 08 Apr	\$10,420	19 May - 30 May	\$9,690
29 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,420	09 Sep - 20 Sep	\$9,690
30 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,420	19 Sep - 30 Sep	\$10,520
31 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,420	22 Sep - 03 Oct	\$10,520
01 Apr - 12 Apr	\$10,420	27 Sep - 08 Oct	\$10,520
02 Apr - 13 Apr	\$10,420	04 Oct - 15 Oct	\$10,320
03 Apr - 14 Apr	\$10,420	11 Oct - 22 Oct	\$10,320
06 Apr - 17 Apr	\$10,420	18 Oct - 29 Oct	\$10,320
12 Apr - 23 Apr	\$9,690	25 Oct - 05 Nov	\$10,320
16 Apr - 27 Apr	\$9,690	01 Nov - 12 Nov	\$10,320
21 Apr - 02 May	\$9,690	08 Nov - 19 Nov	\$10,320

### Flight and supplement information

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover exciting Tokyo
- ✓ Admire majestic Mt Fuji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Visit Buddhist Koyasan
- ✓ See ancient Nara
- ✓ Explore the Japanese Alps



Explore the UNESCO listed Shirakawago

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3\*plus - 4\* accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn about Miso seasoning at Matsumoto

## ► 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 and 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. Drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza and 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: MT FUJI

Take the super-fast bullet train to Odawara. Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi for spectacular panoramas of this beautiful area before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway. Next, ascend over 2,000 metres up Mt 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 Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya. Also enjoy some free time in Kamisannomachi 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: KYOTO

Begin the day learning the process of making gold leaf. Next, stroll through traditional Higashi Chaya (Eastern Teahouse District), visiting Ochaya Shima – an 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.



Explore the beautiful Matsumoto Castle near Takayama

### 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 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 more than 100 monasteries nestled in a valley surrounded by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Wander around Okunoin – a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Enjoy the tranquillity and spectacular views as you discover atmospheric Kongobuji Temple and the Garan Temple Complex. Later, continue to Osaka.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE OSAKA

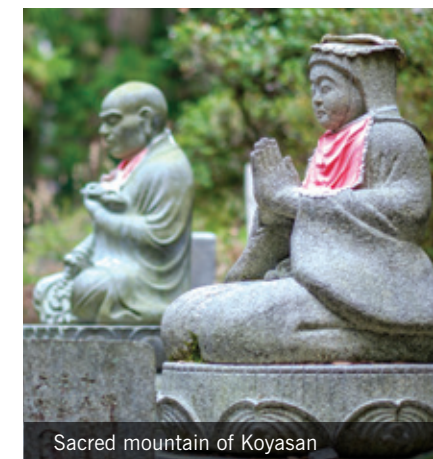
Today, explore Osaka Castle, take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River and stroll through Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample the local delicacies for lunch. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

### DAYS 13-14: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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Sacred mountain of Koyasan

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2020 DATES

19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$10,560	05 May - 18 May	\$10,080
24 Mar - 06 Apr	\$10,840	12 May - 25 May	\$10,080
30 Mar - 12 Apr	\$10,840	16 May - 29 May	\$10,080
31 Mar - 13 Apr	\$10,840	19 May - 01 Jun	\$10,080
02 Apr - 15 Apr	\$10,840	20 Sep - 03 Oct	\$10,940
03 Apr - 16 Apr	\$10,840	25 Sep - 08 Oct	\$10,940
04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$10,080	07 Oct - 20 Oct	\$10,940
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,080	27 Oct - 09 Nov	\$10,940
15 Apr - 28 Apr	\$10,080	03 Nov - 16 Nov	\$10,940
21 Apr - 04 May	\$10,080	10 Nov - 23 Nov	\$10,940
05 May - 18 May	\$10,080		

### 2021 DATES

18 Mar - 31 Mar	\$10,860	04 May - 17 May	\$10,380
21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$11,140	11 May - 24 May	\$10,380
23 Mar - 05 Apr	\$11,140	15 May - 28 May	\$10,380
26 Mar - 08 Apr	\$11,140	18 May - 31 May	\$10,380
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$11,140	07 Sep - 20 Sep	\$11,240
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$11,140	14 Sep - 27 Sep	\$11,240
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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Enjoy impressive views of Mt Aso

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Relax at a Beppu hot spring resort

## ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- 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.

## 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's long been a channel of outside influence. This morning take a stroll to the traditional Rakusuien Garden and visit the famous Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, dedicated to the god of academic achievement. Later, take a relaxed cruise on the Yanagawa River, passing through a National Site of Scenic Beauty on a small 'donkobune' riverboat.

### DAY 4: DISCOVER KUMAMOTO

Transfer to Kumamoto, a city famous for its majestic castle, one of Japan's largest and most complete. You'll see the castle as part of your full day city tour, as well as 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 Mt Fuji.

### DAY 5: VISIT MT ASO & BEPPU

Travel from Kumamoto to Mt 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, or 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 in Fukuoka

### 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 bombing.

### 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 Koko-en, an Edo-style garden just across the castle moat. Drop in on a sake brewery to learn about the process of this traditional Japanese spirit and enjoy a sample, before arriving in Kyoto.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE 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. Start the day with a visit to the Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 vermillion 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 in 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 and to see Mt Fuji. 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, 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.

### DAYS 13-14: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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 famous island of Honshu.



Lake Ashi with views of Mt Fuji

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2020 DATES

27 Mar - 09 Apr ✦ \$9,990 25 Sep - 08 Oct \$9,990

### 2021 DATES

26 Mar - 08 Apr ✦ \$10,290 24 Sep - 07 Oct \$10,290

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore bustling Seoul
- ✓ Enjoy tea tasting in Bosong
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Take a ride on a cable car
- ✓ 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\*plus – 4\* 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.
- ▶ 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 on the Edinburgh Fringe in 1997, 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

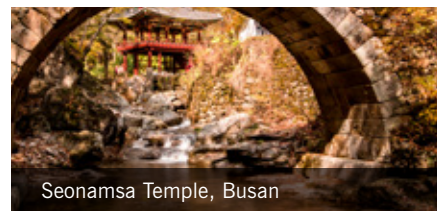
Fly overnight to Seoul, the dazzling capital city of South Korea. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, meet your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of this dynamic, 24-hour city there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from bustling 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 was built in the 16th century in the traditional style and features



Seonamsa Temple, Busan

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

Contrary to bustling Seoul, 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 Seonamsa Temple, before browsing the wares at Kukje 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.



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 more than 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 NAKSANSAN 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 MT SEORAK

Mt 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. On arrival, after lunch, there will be free time before 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 month 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 amongst the spectacular pink blossom, where there are 340,000 cherry trees!

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SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With its complex history, soaring skyscrapers and centuries-old temples, this tour has something for everyone – from bustling cities and stunning countryside to UNESCO World Heritage-listed national forests. It is a tour full of contrasts.



Juknokwon Bamboo Forest, Damyang

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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



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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

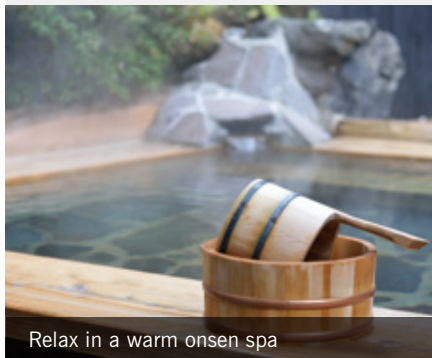
- ✓ Discover Hokkaido's nature
- ✓ Explore vibrant Sapporo
- ✓ Spend time in Hakodate
- ✓ See Tokyo's bright lights
- ✓ Gaze at Mt Fuji
- ✓ Uncover Kyoto's past



Stroll along the canal in Otaru

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Relax in a warm onsen spa

## ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 where there is an optional beer tasting before popping next door to the Sapporo Beer Garden to dine on a Genghis Khan dinner – barbecue 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 Mt Hakodate, for magnificent views over the illuminated city.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE HAKODATE

Start the day wandering Hakodate's bustling asaichi (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 Mt 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

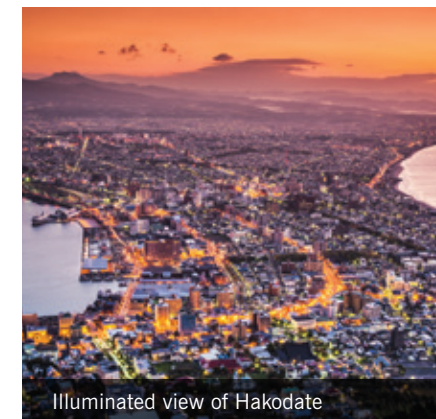
Depart Aomori for Kakunodate, an old samurai stronghold still known for its samurai traditions. Visit the Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum for a fascinating look at samurai culture and stroll around Ishiguro House, a traditional samurai residence. Continue to the hot spring resort of Tsunagi, where you can 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 with its beautiful old gold leaf-covered hall. Continue to Matsushima to enjoy a relaxing cruise on Matsushima Bay, passing the small pine tree-covered islands that make up this picturesque seascape.

### DAY 8: DAY TRIP 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. This is Japan's most lavish shrine, built in the 1600s as the final resting place of shogun Tokugawa Iyasu. Continue to the magnificent Kegon Waterfall, taking a 100-metre-high elevator up to a perfect viewing spot. Transfer to Tokyo.



Illuminated view of Hakodate



Cruising on Matsushima Bay

### 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 MT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to Mt Fuji, where you'll ascend 2,400 metres up Japan's most iconic sight to the 5th Station (weather permitting). Transfer to Hakone, where you'll cruise spectacular Lake Ashi before flying high above the lake on the Komagatake Ropeway to the summit of Mt Komagatake. From the top, the views of Mt Fuji are breathtaking, if the peak isn't hiding in cloud of course! Return to Tokyo.

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Take a bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, the city today is 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. Then, stroll through Nishiki Market, dubbed 'Kyoto's kitchen', where there are many interesting food and sake stores to explore. The afternoon is free to spend as you wish.

### DAY 13: SAKE TASTING

Try your hand at handkerchief dyeing and then experience 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. Drive 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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Walk in Hell Valley near Sapporo

## JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN

## CLASSIC JAPAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Along with the must-see sights on the island of Honshu as well as 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

### 2020 DATES

16 May - 30 May \$10,990 05 Sep - 19 Sep \$10,990

### 2021 DATES

15 May - 29 May \$11,290 04 Sep - 18 Sep \$11,290

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Sapporo - Osaka) 13 days from \$9,810 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,360

### Important note

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NEW

# TREASURES OF TAIWAN

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,880 TWIN SHARE

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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



Admire Pa Cien Pagoda overlooking Sun Moon Lake

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Relax in Taitung's hot springs in Chipen

## ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Take some time to relax and unwind in the warm, mineral-rich volcanic waters of Taitung – 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.

## 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 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 make a photostop at the world-famous Taipei 101.

### DAY 4: SCENIC SUN MOON LAKE

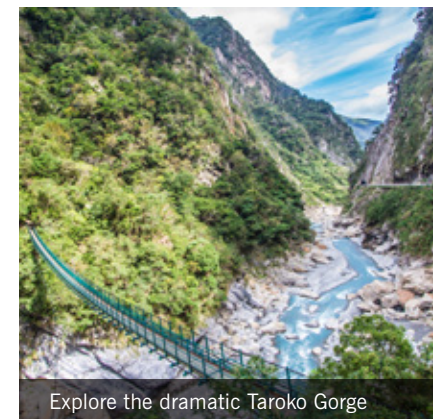
Depart Taipei to journey towards the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot, Sun Moon Lake. Visit the Wen Wu Temple before embarking on a motorboat cruise around the lake for picture-perfect views of the area's beautiful landscapes. You'll also visit the Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En 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.



Discover the Taipei skyline



Explore the dramatic Taroko Gorge



Fo Guang Shan's Buddha Museum, Kaohsiung

### 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 and is renowned for its preservation of traditions and rich folk culture. You'll start your explorations 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 and Tiger Towers and the Spring and Autumn Pavilions before paying a visit to Taiwan's largest monastery, Fo Guang Shan. Enjoy a vegetarian feast here, 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. Boasting a balmy tropical climate and a varied landscape of low mountains, rolling hills, cliffs and deserts, all fringed by excellent beaches. 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 Shedding 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 TAITUNG

Depart Kenting and drive along the beautiful east coast to Taitung, admiring the ocean views. 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 Chishingtang Lake, where you can head out on an optional bike ride on the lake shore.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

Encompassing sea cliffs, soaring peaks and a famously picturesque gorge, Taroko National Park is home to a diverse range of natural features and plant and animal species. Today your visits will include the Gorge Gateway, the Eternal Spring Shrine and Swallow Grotto which you will explore via a leisurely walk.

### DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Take a photo stop at Qingshui 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.

TREASURES OF TAIWAN

CLASSIC  
TAIWAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This tour explores Taipei and Tainan, where ancient and modern sit side by side in the natural beauty of Sun Moon Lake and Taroko National Park. The magical island of Taiwan has so much to offer!

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2020 DATES

11 Apr - 25 Apr \$6,880 10 Oct - 24 Oct \$6,880

### 2021 DATES

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

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Taipei - Taipei) 13 days from \$5,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,850

### Important note

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*Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$40 per person (AU\$58) is paid locally in Taiwan.*

### DAYS 14-15: FLY TAIPEI TO AUSTRALIA

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

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18 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Stroll through the gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kyoto

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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- 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 at a traditional farm and admire the landscapes.
- Admire the elaborately dyed silk creations of artist Kubota Itchiku at his eponymous art museum. Itchiku single-handedly 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.

## 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 Kokoen, 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 bombing. 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 the '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. After lunch, visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 red 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 Kamisanomachi 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.

### DAY 12: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel deeper into the Japanese Alps to see the Japanese macaques (snow monkeys)



See the snow monkeys, Yudanaka



Walk the Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo

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: MT FUJI

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

### DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

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



SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On 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 are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Contact us for more information.

### DAY 15: DISCOVER TOKYO

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

## JAPAN UNCOVERED

## CLASSIC JAPAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## 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

### 2020 DATES

16 Mar - 02 Apr	✳ \$11,390	03 Sep - 20 Sep*	\$11,520
17 Mar - 03 Apr	✳ \$11,390	04 Sep - 21 Sep*	\$11,520
19 Mar - 05 Apr	✳ \$11,390	21 Sep - 08 Oct	\$11,520
21 Mar - 07 Apr	✳ \$11,390	01 Oct - 18 Oct	✳ \$11,680
23 Mar - 09 Apr	✳ \$11,390	12 Oct - 29 Oct	✳ \$11,680
25 Mar - 11 Apr	✳ \$11,390	15 Oct - 01 Nov	✳ \$11,680
31 Mar - 17 Apr	✳ \$11,390	19 Oct - 05 Nov	✳ \$11,680
03 Apr - 20 Apr	✳ \$11,390	26 Oct - 12 Nov	✳ \$11,680
02 May - 19 May*	\$11,390	01 Nov - 18 Nov	✳ \$11,680
03 May - 20 May*	\$11,390		

### 2021 DATES

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

\*Includes the sumo wrestling tournament

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# ANCIENT EMPIRES OF CHINA & JAPAN

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$11,220 TWIN SHARE

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

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, Beijing

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3\*plus – 4\* accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders (China)



Gaze at the Terracotta Army, Xian

## ▶ 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.
- ▶ In Okayama, 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, walk through the 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, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

### 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 a Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.



The majestic landscape of Guilin



Visit the manicured gardens of Korakuen, Okayama

### 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).

### DAY 14: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. After lunch, 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 bombing. 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, Japan's 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 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 Mt Fuji are 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 Tokyo Bay.

### DAYS 19-20: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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CLASSIC  
CHINA & JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The ultimate tour for those wishing to combine the very best of two ancient nations. Join us on an incredible journey from Beijing to Tokyo by road, boat, rail and air on this epic three-week tour!

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2020 DATES

24 Mar - 12 Apr	\$11,880	15 Sep - 04 Oct	\$11,220
19 May - 07 Jun	\$11,220	13 Oct - 01 Nov	\$11,880

### 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

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing - Tokyo) 18 days from \$9,920 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,715

### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as at 9 August 2019, 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.

**Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB 410 per person (AU\$85) is paid locally in China.**

Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan; however, you may wish to tip your National Escort at your discretion.











Himeji Castle

# SOLO TOURS

For solo travellers looking for an easy, companionable group tour experience

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| <br>International<br>economy airfares<br>& taxes | <br>3*plus – 4*<br>accommodation<br>with a guaranteed<br>room of your own | <br>Most<br>meals | <br>All flights &<br>transportation in<br>destination | <br>All entrance fees,<br>guides &<br>daily tours | <br>Small groups:<br>Max 18 people |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|

Joining a Solo tour offers you a ready-made group of like-minded fellow travellers to share your holiday with. Looked after every step of the way by one of our fantastic National Escorts, there are plenty of opportunities to mingle with other group members whilst you're out and about exploring and taking part in cultural experiences. There's also some built-in free time so, if you fancy, you can do some independent exploration or explore with your new-found friends.

## NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

You'll travel with a small, convivial group of up to 18 fellow travellers and enjoy the comfort of having a room of your own. But the best part of all? There is no single supplement to pay!

## LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

The other members of your Solo tour group are a ready-made group of travel companions with whom you can share those exciting moments of discovery. There are

even a few group cultural experiences incorporated throughout the tour which are the perfect opportunity to interact and form connections.

## PERFECTLY PLANNED

Whether solo travel excites you or is a daunting prospect, our Solo tours are perfectly balanced for both. With a free day here and a few free evenings there, you can embark on your own explorations – it's up to you whether you want to do that as a group or to head out solo.

## EXPERT GUIDES

Whether you need someone by your side to navigate you through the cultural quirks or simply someone knowledgeable to point you in the direction of the best restaurants, your National Escort will be there, ready and willing to do whatever they can to make your tour extraordinary.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,290

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

MOST MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) & 3 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3\*plus – 4\* accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Zen garden at the Kodaiji Temple, Kyoto

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Begin your journey towards inner peace learning the basics of Zen meditation in the tranquil surroundings of a beautiful old temple in Kyoto.
- ▶ Experience the perfect display of Japanese culture, witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea', a traditional tea ceremony.
- ▶ No visit to Japan would be complete without a ride on the world-famous bullet train, so sit back and relax as you travel at 320kms per hour through Japan's landscapes.



Explore Kinkakuji 'Golden Pylon' Temple, Kyoto

## 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 yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: HIMEJI CASTLE

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

### DAY 4: EXPLORE KOYASAN

This morning, we head for the holy mountain of Koyasan, home to a cluster of more than 100 monasteries nestled in a valley and enclosed by peaks. Enjoy the tranquility of Kongobuji Temple and wander around Okunoin – a vast, atmospheric cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Continue to the charming city of Nara where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 5: FROM NARA TO KYOTO

Together we will stroll through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple, seeing the resident sika deer en route, before exploring Isuien Garden. Travel by road to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto's 1,000-year stint as Japan's capital has left behind an impressive legacy! Sightseeing today includes a visit to Kinkakuji, also known as 'Golden Pylon' and Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. (B,L)

### DAY 6: TEA CEREMONY & ZEN MEDITATION

An exciting day awaits the group as we enjoy some traditional Japanese activities. At the 17th century Kodaiji Temple, we will experience the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony, before a session of Zen meditation. Return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

### DAY 7: FUJI FIVE LAKES

Travel on the super-fast bullet train to the Fuji Five Lakes area and board a coach to explore. Later, we will take a boat cruise on spectacular Lake Ashi before soaring high on the Komagatake Ropeway for gorgeous Fuji views. There is free time for lunch and later, we will get together for dinner. (B,D)

### DAY 8: MT FUJI

Today, we travel to Mt Fuji and ascend by road to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for spectacular views of the surrounding landscapes. Proceed to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital city. (B)



Tea ceremony in Kyoto



COACH TRAIN



Cruise Lake Ashi, Mt Fuji



Admire the Tokyo skyline

### DAY 9: EXPLORE TOKYO

Visit the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest free-standing tower, before seeking out the tranquility of Sensoji Temple. Enjoy free time for lunch, then come back together to stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. (B)

### DAY 10: FREE TIME IN TOKYO

Today is a free day for you to spend as you wish; your guide will be on hand to give options and ideas. Tonight, enjoy a meal as a group where we can share our highlights of Japan! (B,D)

### DAYS 11-12: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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### SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

During the month of May, a special visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included on Day 7. 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.



Feel the tranquility of Kokoen Garden, Himeji

## HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

SOLO JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person

### 2020 DATES

24 Mar - 04 Apr ✨	\$9,680	20 Oct - 31 Oct ✨	\$9,680
20 Sep - 01 Oct	\$9,680		

### 2021 DATES

26 Mar - 06 Apr ✨	9,980	20 Sep - 01 Oct	9,890
29 Mar - 09 Apr ✨	9,980	20 Oct - 31 Oct ✨	9,890
01 Apr - 12 Apr ✨	9,590		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Osaka - Tokyo) 10 days from \$8,220 per person
- Single room for sole use included

### Important note

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











Snow monkeys, Yudanaka

# GO BEYOND TOURS

For those who want to venture off the beaten track

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| International economy airfares & taxes  | 3*plus – 4* accommodation (unless stated)   | Most meals  | All flights & transportation in destination   | All entrance fees, guides & daily tours   | Small groups: From 18-24 people   |

Featuring lesser-known destinations and unique experiences that are tantalisingly off the tourist trail, Go Beyond tours are all about helping you to see and experience places that may not have made it on to other travellers' radars. On these tours, you may find yourself away from the comforts of home, but you'll be rewarded with unique culture, interactions with local people and unforgettable sights.

### UNDISCOVERED DESTINATIONS

We're proud of the fact that we really know our destinations, allowing us to offer tours that feature excursions to hidden gems and secret corners. If you're looking for a holiday that features places you thought were too hard to reach, or maybe haven't even heard of, these are the tours for you!

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Part of taking a step off the beaten track is having more authentic experiences in the places you're exploring. We make that even easier for you by including cultural visits and local encounters that will put you right in the heart of the destination. This might be visiting a small local community, staying in traditional-style accommodation, or trying your hand at an age-old indigenous craft.

### EXPERT GUIDES

Your National Escort and local guides, all local experts in your destination, are an endless source of local history, heritage and culture. Of course, they are more than willing to share that wealth of knowledge about their homeland with you. Who better to help you get to know a magical sight, city or region than someone who knows it like the back of their hand?



# SAPPORO & SNOW MONKEYS

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,660 TWIN SHARE

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

MOST MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



See the snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps, Yudanaka

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3\*plus – 4\* accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See the Sapporo Snow Festival

## ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Explore the Sapporo Snow Festival with its spectacular ice sculptures, some reaching 20 metres in height, as well as musical performances and delicious food.
- Ascend 307 metres to the Okurayama view point, a ski jump used in the 1972 Winter Olympics that is still active today, for spectacular views over snow-covered landscapes and the city of Sapporo.
- 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!

## 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. 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 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)

### DAY 4: FLY TO SAPPORO

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

### DAY 5: SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL

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



Explore Kinkakuji Temple, Kyoto



Wander along Otaru canal, near Sapporo

### DAY 6: OTARU PORT TOWN

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

### DAY 7: FLY TO TOKYO

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

### DAY 8: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

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

### DAY 9: SNOW MONKEYS

Head to Jigokudani Yaen Koen. 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. On arrival, head straight to a quintessential Japanese experience – a tea ceremony. This private tea ceremony, in a Kyoto tearoom, will perfectly demonstrate the traditional rituals of tea preparation and service. (B)

### DAY 11: EXPLORE KYOTO

An enchanting city, Kyoto was Japan's 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'. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner. (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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Visit Matsumoto Castle near Nagano

## GO BEYOND JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience Japan in winter, visiting Sapporo during the world's largest Snow and Ice Festival. See the snow monkeys in the beautiful Japanese Alps, as well as discovering Japan's old and new capitals – Kyoto and Tokyo.



Local cuisine at Nishiki Market, Kyoto

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2020 DATES

03 Feb - 15 Feb \$8,660

### 2021 DATES

05 Feb - 17 Feb \$8,960

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Tokyo - Osaka) 11 days from \$7,420 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,700

### Important note

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA EXTENSION

3 days from \$1,620pp twin share

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# TRAILS OF JAPAN

- 14 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$10,040 TWIN SHARE
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- MOST MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts (B) & 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3\*- 4\* accommodation, plus ryokan and temple guesthouse
- 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 performance on big, floor tom drums.
- An evening at Tokyo's Robot Restaurant is an unforgettable experience that is uniquely Japanese; it features loud music, neon lights and plenty of robot performances!
- Enjoy the peace and serenity as you join Buddhist monks for their sacred morning prayers in a beautiful 13th century temple.



Learn about Japanese culture

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

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### DAY 3: JAPANESE DRUMMING

Immerse yourself in the local culture by 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 Shrine and continue to the vibrant district of Harajuku before stopping by the famous Shibuya Crossing. Finally, it's time for a unique 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: MT FUJI

Journey out of Tokyo to the foot of mighty Mt 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 the hot spring pools. (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 Kamisannomachi 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)



Morning prayers with monks in Koyasan

### 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 Center, 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 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, considered a prime example of Japanese feudal period architecture. Continue to a sake brewery, where you can learn about the brewing process and enjoy some tasters. Return to Osaka and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

### DAYS 13-14: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

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

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## 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 the 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 are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Contact us for more information.

## TRAILS OF JAPAN

## GO BEYOND JAPAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Get off the beaten track on our most active and culturally immersive tour of Japan. See the snow monkeys, walk at the foot of Mt Fuji and stay in both a traditional ryokan and a Buddhist lodge with basic shared facilities.



Taste Japanese sake

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2020 DATES			
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,680	21 Sep - 04 Oct	\$10,680
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,680	10 Oct - 23 Oct	\$10,680
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,680	22 Oct - 04 Nov	\$10,680
11 May - 24 May*	\$10,040		

2021 DATES			
21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$10,980	13 Sep - 26 Sep*	\$10,340
27 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,980	20 Sep - 03 Oct	\$10,980
12 Apr - 25 Apr	\$10,980	11 Oct - 24 Oct	\$10,980
10 May - 23 May*	\$10,340	18 Oct - 31 Oct	\$10,980
17 May - 30 May*	\$10,340		

\*Includes the sumo wrestling tournament

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Tokyo - Osaka) 12 days from \$8,940 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,870

### Important note

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# TAILOR-MADE JAPAN

The very best of Japan, exactly the way you want it.

## WHAT IS A TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAY?

Quite simply, a tailor-made holiday is a journey designed and created especially for you. There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to travel so tailor-made holidays are the perfect opportunity for travellers looking to embark on that once-in-a-lifetime adventure or epic honeymoon, for people who want to indulge their special interest, or for those who simply just want to do things their own way.

## WHY TRAVEL TAILOR-MADE?

You're completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. The hotels (from comfortable to all-out luxury), what and where you eat, the number of nights, when you depart, the sort of experiences that you'll have, is all up to you, too!

Whether you have a fully formed itinerary in mind, or just a vague inkling of what you want to see and do, one of our personal travel specialists will be able to craft you something marvellous – with as much, or as little, input from you as you wish.

## WHY GO TAILOR-MADE WITH WENDY WU?

We've long prided ourselves on our abilities to make extraordinary tours, so it goes without saying that we're also pretty good at putting together tailor-made ones. Our team of personal travel specialists, who are wonderfully well-travelled and expert travel planners, are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest. With a wide range of accommodation options, private guiding when you want it, and exceptional knowledge of local flavours and the most authentic local experiences, we've got you covered.

Kyoto Old town

# How does it work?

It's really so simple – just follow the steps below:

## STEP 1

Do some research to decide where you want to go – it could be one, two or even more countries! Think about when you'd like to go, how long for and what your budget may be. For inspiration, you can always have a look at our website, or have a flick through our brochure and see not only the showstopping sights on offer, but the exciting and unusual experiences too!

## STEP 2

Give us a call or fill in a quote request form on our website and we'll call you. Together we'll go through all your thoughts and ideas, making recommendations and giving advice. Also, don't forget to mention if you have any special interests – you can't live without your regular game of golf, or have a penchant for migratory birds for example. These are the little details we can use to make your holiday extra special.



Jizo sculpture doll in Kyoto



Sushi in Japan

## STEP 3

Sit back, relax and leave it with us. We'll create you an itinerary that combines all your ideas and come back to you with a proposed itinerary and quote in no time.

## STEP 4

Tweak it, switch it around, change a hotel here, a meal there – you can make all the adjustments you need to make your trip exactly what you're after. You can do this as many times as you like and take as much time as you need – we are extremely flexible and always happy to help.



Heian Shrine's pond, Kyoto

## STEP 5

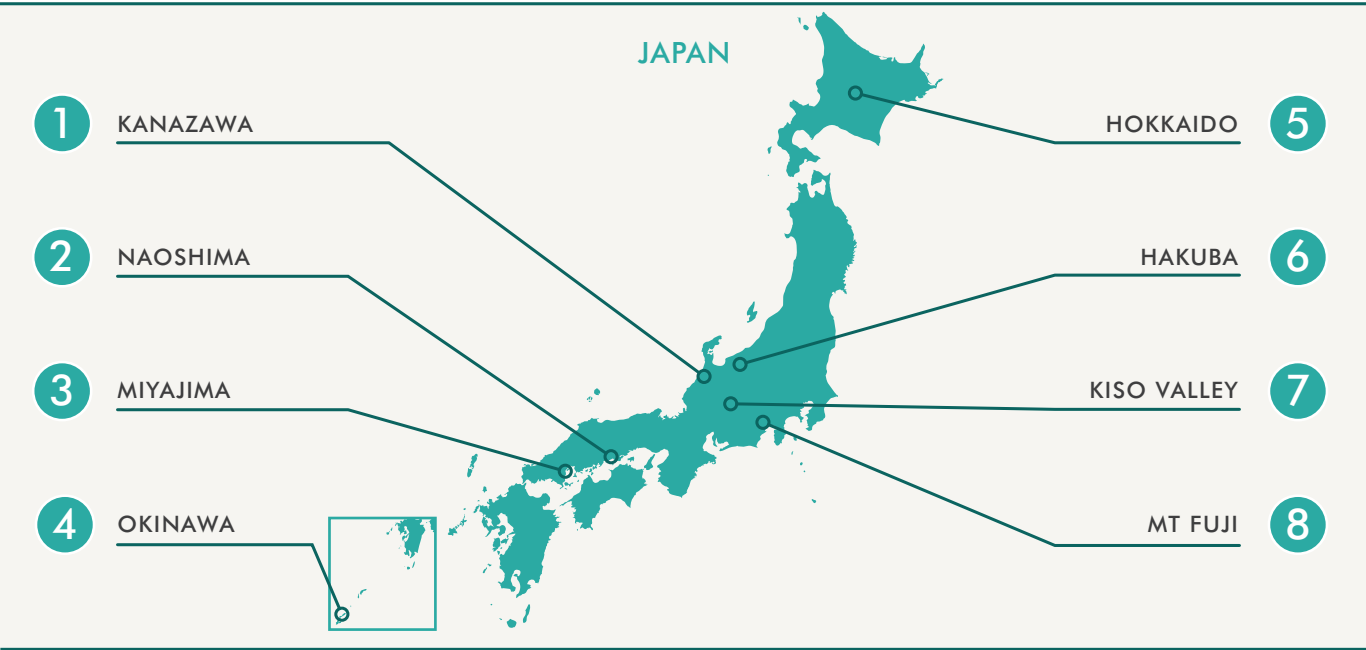
When your adventure has reached that ultimate level of perfection and includes everything that you want and need, it's time to book. Call your personal travel specialist, say the word and they will do the rest. Other than a visa form or two, all there is left to do is think about what to pack and get excited!



Green Tea Farm in South Korea



# Destination highlights



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 – keep 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

MT FUJI

Mt 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.







Tokyo Tower

# 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 a great way 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 on to any of our tours. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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# TOKYO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✔ Visit tranquil Meiji Shrine
- ✔ Explore quirky Harajuku
- ✔ Discover beautiful Kamakura
- ✔ See the Great Buddha at Kotokuin



Enjoy a day trip to Kamakura

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,485	\$2,395
Superior	\$1,645	\$2,725

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. On arrival, meet your guide and transfer by shuttle bus and taxi 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, visit Sumida Hokusai Museum, before heading to Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine nestled amongst an evergreen forest in the city, and 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 arriving back at 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 Hase Temple and Kotokuin, which houses Japan's second tallest bronze Buddha statue in its grounds. Stroll through Kamakura Komachi Street, lined with different shops and restaurants, before visiting the city's most important shrine, Tsurugaoka Hachiman. Transfer back to Tokyo by public transport. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

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

# KYOTO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✔ Admire beautiful Kodaiji Temple
- ✔ Explore Kyoto's geisha district
- ✔ See the impressive Heian Shrine
- ✔ Stroll the Philosopher's Path



Stroll down the streets of the Gion District

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,845	\$3,165
Superior	\$2,015	\$3,245
Deluxe	\$2,845	\$4,895

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Kyoto)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE KYOTO

Arrive in 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 make your way to the airport independently for your onward flight. (B)

# NARA SHORT STAY

2 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✔ View the eminent Todaiji
- ✔ Wander beautiful Nara Park
- ✔ See lovely Kasuga Shrine
- ✔ Visit Meiji-era Isuien Garden



See the friendly Sika deer

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$735	\$1,270

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Osaka)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM OSAKA TO NARA

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and walk to the closest station. Take a local train to Nara and begin your explorations! 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. Take time to wander through the beautiful grounds and see the sika deer. Continue into the huge expanse of Nara Park, a designated 'Place of Scenic Beauty', home to even more sika deer who, in the Shinto religion, are considered the messengers of the gods. 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. (B,L)

DAY 2: DEPART OSAKA

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

# HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

3 DAYS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✔ Visit the Peace Memorial Park
- ✔ Explore beautiful Shukkeien
- ✔ Discover holy Miyajima Island
- ✔ Soar up Mt Misen



Visit tranquil Miyajima Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,620	\$2,410
Superior	\$1,895	\$3,120
Deluxe	\$2,310	\$3,365

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Hiroshima & 1 night Osaka)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private 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. Dine on the local favourite okonomiyaki for lunch before visiting the historical Shukkeien Garden. (L)

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

DAY 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

DAY 3: 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

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Witness the pure serenity of Lake Ashi

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$970	\$995
Superior	\$1,075	\$1,115
Deluxe	\$1,295	\$1,340

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night at a ryokan in a Japanese-style room)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: TOKYO TO HAKONE

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

### DAY 2: HAKONE TO TOKYO

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

# TRADITIONAL JAPAN

6 DAYS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Admire stunning Takayama
- ✓ Enjoy a traditional tea ceremony



Shirakawa-go

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$3,560	\$5,575
Superior	\$3,930	\$6,155
Deluxe	\$4,365	\$7,050

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Takayama, 2 nights Kanazawa & 1 night Tokyo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

### DAY 1: TOKYO TO TAKAYAMA

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

### DAY 2: TAKAYAMA

Meet your Local Guide and visit Miyagawa morning market and wander through Takayama Jinya. Explore the old town, with many buildings and whole streets of houses dating from the Edo Period. End the day at a sake brewery. (B,L)

### DAY 3: TAKAYAMA - SHIRAKAWA-GO TO KANAZAWA

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

### DAY 4: KANAZAWA

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

### DAY 5: KYOTO

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

### DAY 6: DEPART KYOTO

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

# SPIRIT OF JAPAN

10 DAYS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE
Standard	\$10,295
Superior	\$11,870
Deluxe	\$12,925

### Price includes:

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



Kyoto's Kinkakuji shines in winter



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

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

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

### DAY 2: TOKYO CITY TOUR

Begin with a visit to the observation deck of the Skytree, the world's tallest tower, and 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 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 Kinkaku-ji Temple, then Ryoanji Temple and its famous Zen garden. (B,L)

### DAY 7: EXPLORE KYOTO

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

### DAY 8: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Take the bullet train to Hiroshima and be met by your guide. Learn about the 1945 atomic 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 to be met by your guide. Visit Himeji Castle before climbing scenic Mt Shosha by ropeway. Transfer to the station for your train to Osaka and make your way to your hotel. (B,L)

### DAY 10: DEPART OSAKA

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



# BEIJING SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ See the exquisite Summer Palace
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Visit the Temple of Heaven



Stroll around the Temple of Heaven

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$560	\$1,020
Superior	\$615	\$1,125
Deluxe	\$870	\$1,630

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. 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

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# GREAT WALL HIKE

3 DAYS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk the Jinshanling and Simatai sections of the Great Wall
- ✓ See stunning rural scenery
- ✓ Stay in Gubei Watertown



Hike on the impressive Great Wall

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	\$975	\$1,725

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Beijing & 1 night Gubei Watertown)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

\* Tour runs in reverse when booked after a group tour

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. 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)

# SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover bustling Seoul
- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Visit the National Folk Museum
- ✓ Explore Namdaemun Market



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$810	\$1,360
Superior	\$990	\$1,670
Deluxe	\$1,620	\$2,780

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach 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, Namsangol Hanok Village with its restored traditional houses, and the observation deck at N Seoul Tower, which offers panoramic views over the city. Finish 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

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# TAIPEI CITY STAY

3 DAYS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover bustling Taipei
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Explore the National Palace Museum
- ✓ See Lungshan Temple



Spend time exploring Taipei

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$585	\$1,110
Deluxe	\$695	\$1,330

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Taipei)
- Daily breakfast
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking driver-guide
- Entrance fees

DAY 1: TAIPEI

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

DAY 2: TAIPEI

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

DAY 3: DEPART TAIPEI

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



# CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA



**CHERRY BLOSSOMS**  
22 March – 15 April 2020

**5 DAYS**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



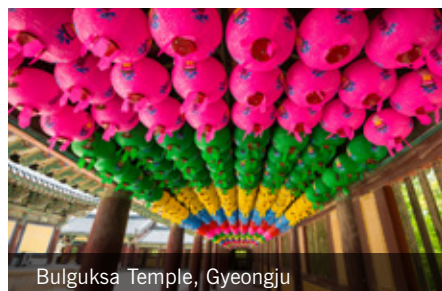
Anapji Pond, Seoul

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,440	\$4,390
Superior	\$2,670	\$4,790
Deluxe	\$3,480	\$6,300

### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul, 1 night Gyeongju)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Bulguksa Temple, Gyeongju



Korean street food

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Arrive in South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel for check-in. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. 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, Seoul, 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 Jeongdong Theater (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.

Next, head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNSECO 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

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

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

# FASCINATING TAIWAN

## SEAT-IN-COACH TOUR

**5 DAYS**

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

This seat-in-coach tour is operated by our partner in Taiwan and is therefore not a Wendy Wu Tours group tour. The tour departs on Mondays on a join-in basis. A minimum of two people is required for this tour to operate. Where less than six people are booked, it may operate with an English-speaking driver-guide.

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

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,000	\$1,840
Superior	\$1,350	\$2,165

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

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

### Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Taiwan)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Seat-in-coach touring (join-in basis)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees



Fo Guang Shan Monastery, Kaohsiung



Spring & Autumn Pavilion, Kaohsiung

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: TAIPEI TO TAROKO

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

### DAY 2: TAROKO TO SUN MOON LAKE

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

### DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

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

### DAY 4: TAINAN TO KAOHSIUNG

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

### DAY 5: KAOHSIUNG & LUKANG TO TAIPEI

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



# 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!

Singapore skyline

## SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

**3 DAYS**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

#### DAY 2: SINGAPORE

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

#### DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

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



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

#### Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Park Regis	\$400	\$700
Peninsula Excelsior Hotel	\$435	\$780
Grand Park Orchard	\$500	\$945

#### Price includes

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

## GARDENS BY THE BAY

**4 DAYS**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

#### DAY 2: SINGAPORE

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

#### DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander

through the two cooled conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

#### DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

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



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

#### Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Park Regis	\$585	\$1,015
Orchard Hotel	\$665	\$1,235
Grand Park Orchard	\$735	\$1,385

#### Price includes

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



# HONG KONG STOPOVERS

Hong Kong is a cultural melting pot; a perfect blend of east meets west that will dazzle and inspire.

Having transformed from a humble fishing village to one of the world's most dynamic and exciting cities, be captivated as you experience its unique culture and vibrant landscapes. The views from atop Victoria Peak will leave you breathless as will the shopping!

Hong Kong Skyline

## HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### 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 visit 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 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. (B)



Aberdeen Fishing Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$525	\$760
Eaton Hotel	\$590	\$890
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$630	\$940

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Daily breakfast
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

## HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Enjoy a tour around Hong Kong Island
- ✓ Discover Lantau Island
- ✓ Ride in a Ngong Ping Cable Car

#### 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 visit 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)

#### 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. (B)



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

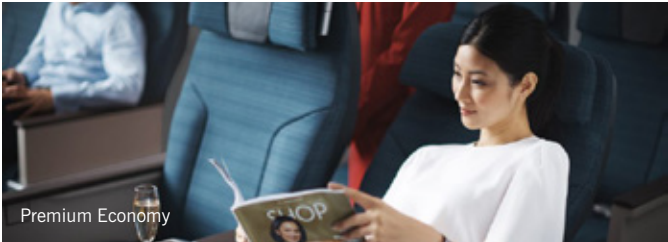
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Cityview	\$890	\$1,245
Eaton Hotel	\$990	\$1,440
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$1,050	\$1,520

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated (B,L)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



# A word from our preferred airline partners



## CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific Airways is regarded as one of the world's leading airlines, widely recognised for their world renowned service, modern fleet and exceptional safety record.

The airline offers flights to over 200 destinations worldwide via their hub in Hong Kong, with connections onto destinations including China, Japan, Korea, South East Asia, India and more.

For more information visit [cathaypacific.com](http://cathaypacific.com)



## QANTAS

Fly with Australia's most popular and largest domestic and international airline Qantas.

There are flights to Hong Kong twice daily from Sydney, daily from Brisbane and Melbourne, on A330 or B787. Qantas also offers daily flights from Sydney to Shanghai, and five flights a week to Beijing on the A330. The airline also flies daily to Tokyo from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

For more information visit [qantas.com](http://qantas.com)

## JOINING YOUR TOUR

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



## VIETNAM AIRLINES

Vietnam Airlines, a 4 Star carrier rated by Skytrax and a member of SkyTeam Alliance, is proud to be one of the region's leading airlines. With an extensive global network, fleets of modern aircrafts and exclusive services from ground to air, the airline is dedicated to providing every passenger an enjoyable and relaxing journey.

Positioning itself as an internationally recognised brand characterised by Vietnamese traditional culture, Vietnam Airlines aims to become an influential airline in Asia.

For more information visit [vietnamairlines.com](http://vietnamairlines.com)

## 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 travel consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

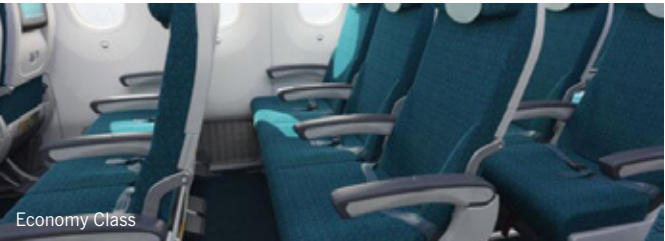


## SINGAPORE AIRLINES

When everything is designed around you, flying becomes a personal experience. From Australia, Singapore Airlines offers seamless connectivity to a global network of over 130 destinations via its Changi Airport hub, including destinations across South East Asia, North Asia and West Asia, with SilkAir and Scoot. Experience award winning in-flight service from the world famous Singapore Girl, an iconic symbol of quality customer care and service.

Singapore Airlines – A great way to fly

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# 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](http://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 Trails of 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](http://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 varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 28 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in 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.

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

**A.** On our Japan group tours we offer the option to share with a tour member of the same gender to try to help avoid additional charges for travelling alone. If we can match you with another traveller before the final payment date, we will advise you of the match and the single supplement will be removed from your booking.

You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. If we are unable to match you with another traveller you will need to pay the additional single supplement. The price on our Solo tour 'Highlights of Japan' includes a single room for sole use and therefore there is no single supplement to pay.

**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?**

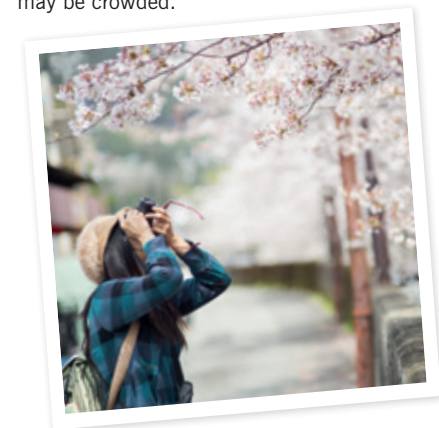
**A.** We recommend you take the local currency Yen and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs and optional extras.

**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. 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.

**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. 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.

## WHILE ON TOUR

**Q. Are meals included?**

**A.** All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our Classic Tours except where stated. Meals included on Solo and 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 \$55 AUD 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.

## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**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.

**Q. Is portage included?**

**A.** No, portage is not included on our tours and you will be expected to carry your own luggage.

## WeCare – Health & Safety

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



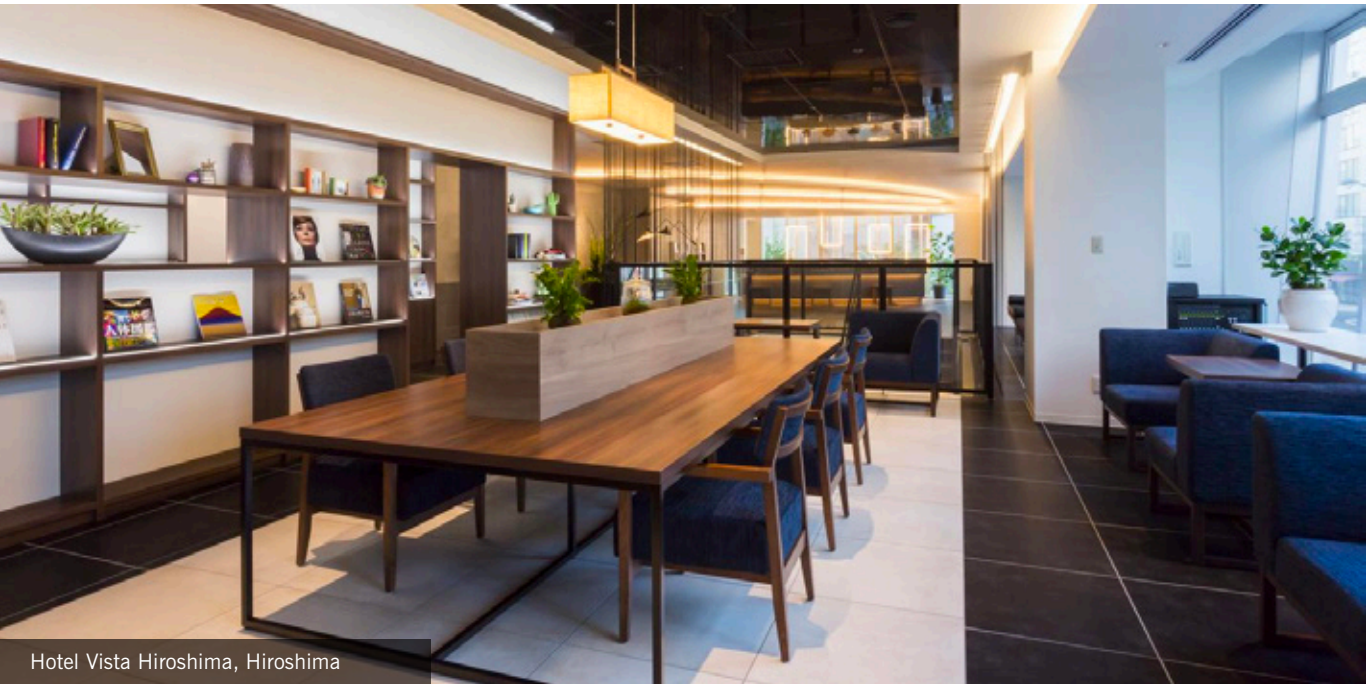
For information about South Korea, Taiwan and China, please visit our website and view each tour's detailed tour dossier.



# 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



Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local 3 to 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 a deposit of \$300pp to secure your booking. A second payment will be required to secure your flights. The balance of your payment is due 75 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.



# 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, Go Beyond, Solo and Exclusive Collection group tours and are not applicable for Tailor-Made Holidays, Essential Tours or Special Groups.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

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

### REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us (and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please visit our website for further details.

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## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

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

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, Level 6, 20 Hunter St, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the terms outlined in this document as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour programme 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" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (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.

**RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT** Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline and specific economy airfare class. Prices may differ once airfare is sold out. Please forward a deposit of \$300 per person to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you. A progress payment of \$1,000 per person is payable within three weeks of initial deposit to hold flights. Once deposit and progress payment are made, airline tickets will be issued, and bookings are not transferrable. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. Depending on airline terms and conditions or Wendy Wu Tours' booking terms, an extra deposit amount or earlier payment may be required. This will be advised at the time of quotation. A requote will be required if payments are not received by Wendy Wu Tours on or before the due date. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking, as well as a valid passport copy. If you have booked a land only option, you will be required to email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket reissue fees. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing.

**JOINING YOUR TOUR – FLIGHTS** Airline schedules from different cities vary 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.

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

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

**BALANCE OF PAYMENT** The final balance of the travel arrangements is due at Wendy Wu Tours no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour departure date as confirmed by acceptance of the booking. Failure to pay in full by the due date may result in additional costs, which will be passed on as a late payment fee of no less than \$30 per booking or cancellation at the discretion of the company. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure (e.g. airfare portion) if airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to airline ticketing time limits. Deposits and payments by credit cards will incur a 1.2% surcharge.

itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances is at the discretion of the tour service provider and Wendy Wu Tours shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events.

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

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

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** It is strongly recommended that all customers travelling with Wendy Wu Tours are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of their travel arrangements. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour 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, Go Beyond Tours, Solo Tours and Exclusive Collection tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees, and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), the customer will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned with final documentation approximately 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.

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

**SINGLE TRAVELLERS** When booking more than 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 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match 'willing to share' travellers of the same gender booked on the same departure. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at the price of the applicable single supplement. 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 'willing to share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our solo traveller tours are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'willing to share' option. 'Willing to share' is not available on Exclusive Collection tours and Solo Traveller tours.

**EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION AIRPORT TRANSFERS** Private chauffeur-driven transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 60 driven kilometres from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

**TIPPING** Tipping expectations vary greatly from one country to another. Wendy Wu Tours works with our Ground Partners to ensure that tipping principles are applied to adequately meet the requirements of each region. Tipping is not customary in Japan; hence no set recommendations are provided. In the other regions featured within this brochure we recommend appropriate tipping amounts for convenience. This is done by passengers contributing to a kitty, paid locally to the National Escort in RMB or USD, who then distributes it daily to service providers on your behalf. This avoids the need to consider individual tipping situations daily throughout your trip. Shown on each tour page is the estimated amount for each tour and this is confirmed in your final documentation. Wendy Wu Tours can suggest appropriate amounts for Extensions, Private Tours, Tailor-Made Holidays and Stopovers.

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

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

equipment and personal documents are closely monitored and protected at all times.

**FORCE MAJEURE** Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man-made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

**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.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS** If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

**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.

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

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

### 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@wendywu.com.au](mailto:customerrelations@wendywu.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 [wendywu.com.au](http://wendywu.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 is permitted by the airline, additional fees incurred at the time of seat allocation 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 <https://www.wendywu.com.au/about-us/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 9 August 2019. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond their control.

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

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

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

**YOUR FINANCIAL PROTECTION** We are a member of the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) Travel Accreditation Scheme (ATAS) (ATAS number A10517). If your holiday does not include flights, AFTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to Australia (other than flights) you are returned to Australia in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency.

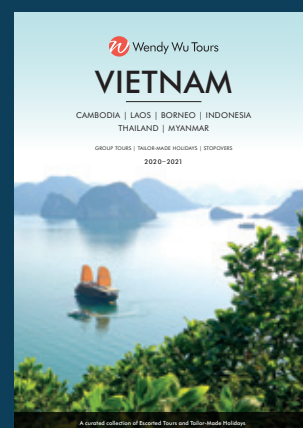
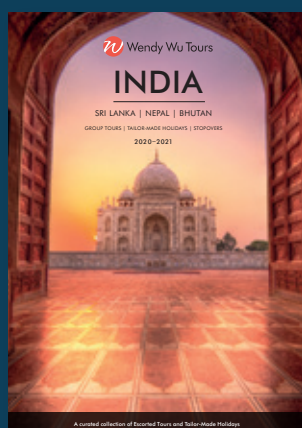
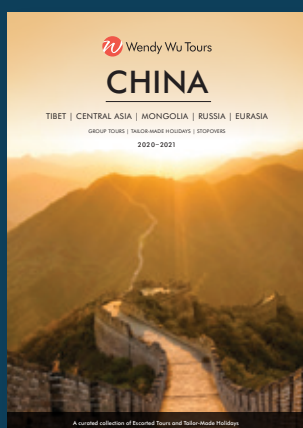
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