

Essential Japan

Group Tour

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The Essential Japan tour is *perfect* for the first time visitor to Japan

Enjoy spending time in the vibrant capital, Tokyo. Take a journey to the 5th station at Mt. Fuji, marvel at Japan's highest mountain with its single, volcanic snowy peak. The cultural city of Kyoto is where you will discover beautiful gardens, ancient temples and traditional townhouses. Learn about Hiroshima and its past and present. Visit the Itsukushima Shrine, said to be one of the three most beautiful sights in Japan, and try delicious Japanese cuisine, Takoyaki (octopus ball) and Okonomiyaki (savoury pancake) in Osaka, your final destination.



Locations *you will* be visiting



Tokyo, Japan

Tokyo, Japan's busy capital, mixes the ultramodern and the traditional

2 Days



Mt. Fuji, Japan

Japan's most famous and iconic mountain and a must-see destination

1 Day



Kyoto, Japan

Kyoto, Japan's former capital, is home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites

2 Days



Hiroshima and Miyajima, Japan

Hiroshima, rebuilt after World War II, and stunning Miyajima island, are among the most visited spot...

1 Day



Osaka, Japan

Osaka is known for its modern architecture, vibrant nightlife and tasty street food.

1 Day

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9 day Tour Itinerary

An overview of your trip

DAY 1 Fly to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional UK airport to Tokyo.

- Transport: Airplane

DAY 2 Arrive Tokyo

Arrive at Tokyo's Narita or Haneda International Airports, where you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to your accommodation. The rest of day is at your leisure to relax or explore the local area.



DAY 3 Tokyo City Tour

Start the day with a visit to the Miraikan, a Science and Technology museum, filled with technology, robots and more. Enjoy a cruise on the Sumida River for a unique view of the city from the water. Have lunch in Asakusa then visit the Sensoji Temple and the popular Nakamise Street, said to be one of the oldest shopping streets in Japan. Experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, then stroll around Shinjuku, a lively shopping and entertainment area. The day ends with a visit to the observation deck at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for spectacular views of this unique metropolis.

- Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 4 Mt. Fuji and Hakone

Your main luggage will be transferred from Tokyo to Kyoto, so pack a small bag for your stay at Mount Fuji. View the scenery as rural Japan passes your window on your drive to Mt. Fuji and Hakone. Board a pleasure boat cruise across Lake Ashi, and drink in the picturesque and serene natural beauty of the surrounding area. Ride the Owakudani Ropeway, an aerial lift with spectacular views of Mt. Fuji and Ashinoko Lake. Lunch at a local restaurant, and marvel at the panoramic vista from the Fuji's 5th station, about 2,300 metres above sea level. (Subject to weather conditions). Transfer to your accommodation where tonight's dinner will be served.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, dinner

- Transport: Drive

DAY 5 Mt. Fuji to Kyoto and Nara

After breakfast take your transfer to Atami or Odawara Station for a bullet train to Kyoto, where our representative will meet you and take you on a tour of Nara. Visit the Todaiji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed Buddhist temple in Nara Park, famed for its gilt bronze Great Buddha statue, which was cast in 749. Nara Park, is home to hundreds of sacred deer, who are allowed to freely roam the city and the Kasuga Taisha Shrine. Following the tour, check-in at your accommodation for a two night stay.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Train



DAY 6 Kyoto City Tour

Your Kyoto City Tour includes the Nijo Castle which was built in 1603, and the beautiful Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion), a zen temple where the top two floors are covered in gold leaf. The afternoon includes the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, home to thousands of torii gates, and the Buddhist Sanjusangendo Temple, filled with 1001 statues of Kannon, the Goddess of mercy. Finally, enjoy the panoramic view of Kyoto from the main hall of the Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Your tour ends in the atmospheric Gion district, where you can explore and may perhaps glimpse a Geisha on her way to her evening appointments.

- Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 7 Kyoto to Hiroshima

Your main luggage will be transferred from Kyoto to Osaka, so pack a small bag for tonight. After breakfast, catch a bullet train to Hiroshima, where you will be met and taken by ferry to Miyajima to visit the spiritual Itsukushima Shrine. Here, the mountains, sea and shrine blend in harmony, to create a magical scene. Upon return to Hiroshima, visit the moving Peace Memorial Park, and the Genbaku-dome, the only structure left standing in the area where the first atomic bomb exploded on 6 August 1945, and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
- Transport: Train



DAY 8 Hiroshima to Osaka

After breakfast, leave your accommodation and make your way to the station by foot, for a bullet train to Osaka. On arrival, your guide will take you to visit the 450 year old Osaka Castle, one of the most recognisable landmarks in the country, and on to the Dotonbori District, an iconic area, known for its neon lights, restaurants and tasty street food. Check-in at your hotel for the final night of the tour.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Train

DAY 9 Fly to UK

Time at leisure before being transferred to Kansai International Airport for your flight back to the UK.

- Meals included: Breakfast

Optional Extras - Cultural Experiences

There is some free time in your itinerary for you to explore on your own, or treat yourself to an excursion. Use the links below to create a to-do list, or, if you'd prefer us to book you onto one of these or any other excursions, please let us know when booking your tour.



JAPAN

Japan: Sushi Workshop Morning Tour, Tokyo

Experience hand-shaping and rolling sushi from a Tsukiji sushi chef and tour around Tsukiji Outer Fish Market to have an insight into how chef selects their fish for sushi.

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JAPAN

Japan: Dinner with Maiko, Kyoto

Enjoy a traditional dinner with a Maiko, or apprentice Geisha and enjoy two traditional dance performances. Opportunity to ask questions and take photos with Maiko.

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Ninja Wifi, Japan

WiFi on the go in Japan to help you stay connected.

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Japan: Samurai Experience, Osaka

Be a Samurai for a day! Learn about the Samurai (old Japanese soldier) in Kimono or Ninja costume!

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YOUR HOLIDAY DETAILS

Departures and Prices 2019 / 20 / 21

Depart	Return	Days	Price from	Availability	Reservation
04/11/2019	13/11/2019	10	£3,799	Limited spaces	>
05/04/2020	13/04/2020	9	£3,799	Spaces available	>
19/04/2020	27/04/2020	9	£3,699	Spaces available	>
10/05/2020	18/05/2020	9	£3,699	Spaces	

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09/05/2021	17/05/2021	9	£3,799	Spaces available	>

PLEASE NOTE: The November 2019 departure is 10 days in duration with two nights in Osaka (instead of one). There will also be some differences in the itinerary, please call for full revised itinerary details.

Single supplement from £550

Land only from £2,799

(without international flights)

Prices and products are subject to availability at the time of booking.

The deposit for these arrangements is £300 per person. Balance is due 12 weeks before departure.

This tour itinerary is also available as a Private Tour. Please ask for more details.

There are only a few places remaining on the **4 November 2019** departure. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Special Offer

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Accommodation
- English speaking guides
- Transfers
- Bullet trains
- Baggage transfer for one piece
- Meals as specified
- Airport taxes
- Local tips
- Personal Spendins
- Travel insurance

When making an enquiry or reservation we will request your contact details, however no payment will be required at this stage. We will contact you for payment details and to confirm your booking, your details and the details of those travelling with you along with any extras you'd like to add.

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