

# Great Trail of Japan

Semi-Escorted Tour

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## A wonderful *in-depth* exploration of Japan

Journey through Japan, taking in some of the most picturesque locations. Visit the modern capital Tokyo and enjoy a tour to Mt. Fuji and Hakone. See the famous snow monkeys in the hot springs resort of Yudanaka. Take the train to the mountain city of Matsumoto, then, spend time in the traditional villages of Takayama, Shirakawago, and Kanazawa. Enjoy three nights in the cultural city of Kyoto before catching the Bullet train to the historic city of Hiroshima. Your last night is spent in the vibrant port city of Osaka.

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## Locations *you will* be visiting



Tokyo, Japan

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

3 Days



Yudanaka, Japan

Yudanaka is a hot spring resort famous for some 200 Snow Monkeys that live in this area

1 Day



Matsumoto, Japan

Matsumoto, nestled in the Japanese Alps, it is a mountain city famous for its impressive castle.

1 Day



Takayama, Japan

Takayama, has a riverside setting and is surrounded by nature

1 Day



Kanazawa, Japan

Kanazawa is referred to as "little Kyoto" due to its ancient streets and well-preserved neighbour...

2 Days



#### Kyoto, Japan

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

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3 Days



#### Mount Koya, Japan

Mount Koya is the name of mountains in Wakayama Prefecture, that are the centre for Shingon Buddhism

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1 Day



#### Hiroshima and Miyajima, Japan

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

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2 Days



#### Osaka, Japan

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

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1 Day

## YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

### Great Trail of Japan

17 day Tour Itinerary

*An overview of your trip*

#### DAY 1 UK to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Tokyo.

- Transport: Flight

#### DAY 2 Arrive Tokyo

Arrive at Narita International Airport where you will be met by our representative and board an airport bus transfer to your accommodation, and check in for a three night stay.



#### DAY 3 Morning Tokyo City Tour

Today, join the Tokyo Morning Tour, and an English speaking guide will lead you to the Meiji Shrine, Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace East Garden and Ginza, where the tour ends. Afternoon is free at leisure.

- Meals included: Breakfast

#### DAY 4 Mount Fuji and Hakone

Your day trip to Mt. Fuji and Hakone starts after breakfast. This includes an excursion to Mt. Fuji's 5th station, a Japanese style lunch, the Hakone Ropeway, and a relaxing boat cruise on Lake Ashi.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transport: Drive





#### DAY 5 Tokyo to Nagano and Yudanaka

Your main suitcase will be transferred directly from Tokyo to Takayama, and you will need to keep an overnight bag for your nights in Yudanaka and Matsumoto. Make your way to the station for your bullet train to Nagano, where an English speaking assistant will meet you at the platform and assist with boarding a local train to Yudanaka. Upon arrival, check-in at your accommodation, and make your way to the Snow Monkey Park (Jigokudani Yaenkoen) and an exhilarating mountain walk. Return to your accommodation for dinner.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
- Transport: Bullet Train/Local Train

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#### DAY 6 Yudanaka to Nagano and Matsumoto

Catch a train to Nagano, where you will have some time to discover the local area before continuing to Matsumoto for an overnight stay.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
- Transport: Train



#### DAY 7 Matsumoto to Takayama

Maybe explore the city's imposing Matsumoto Castle or a former Samurai residence. Your tour continues to Takayama, home to a twice-yearly festival celebrating spring and autumn.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Drive

## DAY 8

### Takayama to Shirakawago and Kanazawa

Uncover the fascinating history of the Edo period on view in the wooden merchants' houses in the Sanmachi Suji district. Keep an overnight bag for your nights in your next destination, as your main luggage will be transferred directly to Kyoto. Make your way to Kanazawa via the traditional thatched houses of Shirakawago.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Drive



## DAY 9 Kanazawa

Day at leisure. Enjoy your day using your Kanazawa Casual Package which includes a Loop Bus one day pass and a visit to the fabulous Kenrokuen Garden. Also enjoy tea at Kikantei and a gold leaf art experience.

- Meals included: Breakfast

## DAY 10 Kanazawa to Kyoto

Free time to admire the gardens and museums, until your express train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, make your way to your accommodation to check in.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Train

## DAY 11 Kyoto and Nara Day Tour

Today, you have a full day walking tour of Nara and Kyoto. In Nara, you will visit the Todaiji Temple with Great Buddha, Nara Park and the Kofuku-ji Temple, and in Kyoto, you should see the Tenryuji Temple, Sagano Bamboo Grove, Jojakkoji Temple and Togetsu Bridge, before finishing at Kyoto Station.

- Meals included: Breakfast



## DAY 12 Kyoto

Day is at leisure, with optional tours available to pre-book. Home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Kyoto was the centre of politics for 1,100 years. This culturally rich city offers many interesting places to visit including museums, art galleries, shrines and temples. You will also discover an exciting food culture with a variety of deliciously tempting dishes on offer including Sushi, Kaiseki-ryori, tempura and noodles. During your time in Kyoto you may spot Geisha and Maiko (apprentice Geisha) wearing traditional kimono.

- Meals included: Breakfast





#### DAY 13 **Kyoto to Mount Koya**

Once again, your main suitcase will be transferred on and you will need to keep an overnight bag for your nights in Mt. Koya and Hiroshima. Make your way to Mt. Koya by train and cable car via Gokurakubashi. This is one of Japan's most sacred mountain's, where you will stay and dine in the temple lodgings.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 14 **Mount Koya to Hiroshima**

Leave Mt. Koya by cable car and train via Gokurakubashi. Today's travelling ends with a bullet train to Hiroshima and an afternoon at leisure.

- Meals included: Breakfast

#### DAY 15 **Hiroshima**

Another day at leisure. Perhaps spend time at the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome) located in the Peace Memorial Park, or the Itsukushima-jinja on Miyajima Island, said to be one of the most beautiful sights in Japan. Enjoy your free day using your 1-Day Tour voucher, which includes a night cruise.

- Meals included: Breakfast



#### DAY 16 **Hiroshima to Osaka**

Following breakfast, catch a bullet train to Osaka for an afternoon free at leisure. Osaka is a bustling port city and commercial powerhouse known for its modern architecture, boisterous nightlife and tasty street food. There are many sites to see and shops to visit including the impressive Osaka-jo Castle and a gigantic underground shopping centre beneath Umeda, that houses many restaurants, fashion and general goods stores. Osaka is also widely known as the Nation's Kitchen, offering an incredible array of tasty Japanese dishes.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Bullet Train


DAY 17 **Fly to UK**

Day at leisure until your shuttle bus transfer to the airport. Fly to your regional airport in 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: Tokyo Sumo Experience & Chanko Lunch

Be a sumo wrestler for a day! Learn from the Sumo wrestlers about the history, practice and the tournaments. Try on a Sumo costume and challenge a Sumo wrestler to a match. Enjoy the traditional and symbolic meal Chanko-nabe.

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### 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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### Japan: Kyoto Sagano Bamboo Grove and Arashiyama Walking Tour

Take a walk through the scenic Sagano Bamboo Grove visiting Jojakko-ji Temple and Togetsu Bridge over Katsura River. Enjoy Japanese style lunch on a Yakatabune Boat in Arashiyama.

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### Ninja Wifi, Japan

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YOUR HOLIDAY DETAILS

Japan: Great Trail of Japan

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International flights
  - Accommodation
  - English Speaking Guides
  - Transfers
  - Bullet train
  - Baggage transfers for one piece
  - Meals as specified
  - Tours as stated
  - Airport taxes
- Local tips
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Departures are available everyday  
Price from **£4,699**  
Single room supplement **£999**

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#### TOUR MAP



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