



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Discover Japan

7-Day, 6-Night Journey

Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka

This one week journey delivers a perfectly paced journey through Japan’s Golden Trio. Experience Tokyo’s refined shopping and serene shrines, Hakone’s relaxing Mount Fuji vistas, and Kyoto’s timeless bamboo groves, historic palaces, and golden pavilion. Conclude with Osaka’s majestic castle and world-class culinary scene. It’s an elegant comfortable blend of ancient tradition, breathtaking landscapes, and modern architectural marvels tailored for an unforgettable getaway.



Mount Fuji panoramic view



Hakone shrine with sightseeing cruise and Mt. Fuji at lake Ashi



Asakusa Kannon Temple (Sensō-ji Temple)



Osaka Castle



Nijo Castle served as Tokugawa shogun’s residence, Kyoto



The top two floors of the Golden Pavilion are covered entirely in gold leaf, Kyoto

Highlights

- Tokyo City Tour - From Deep-Rooted History to Wild Pop Culture
- Mount Fuji, Hakone Ropeway, Owakudani and Lake Ashi Tour

- Historic Kyoto Evening Walk
- Living Heritage Kyoto City Tour
- Osaka Essentials Afternoon Walking Tour

Inclusions

- 5 Excursions
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & 2 Lunches
- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Private Airport Transfers
- Bullet Trains Tokyo-Kyoto-Osaka

Exclusions

- International Air Fare
- Government Tourism Fee
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee (if applicable)
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Tokyo – Narita International Airport (NRT)

Osaka - Kansai International Airport (KIX)

Itinerary

3 NIGHTS IN TOKYO

DAY 1: TOKYO

Arrive at Tokyo Narita Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

[Meals: None]

DAY 2: TOKYO CITY TOUR - FROM DEEP-ROOTED HISTORY TO WILD POP CULTURE

This morning you join the **Tokyo City tour** (group tour, 10 hours @8:30am).

- **Meiji Shrine:** A serene forested oasis in the heart of the city, where you can walk beneath towering wooden *torii* gates and experience Japan's spiritual heritage.



- ▶ **Harajuku:** A sophisticated blend of architectural design and upscale shopping along tree-lined Omotesando Avenue, hiding quiet upscale cafes just steps from the bustle.
- ▶ **Tokyo Imperial Palace:** The elegant stone-walled home of Japan's royal family, offering gorgeous photo ops of historic bridges framed by immaculately manicured gardens.
- ▶ **Asakusa:** Tokyo's oldest entertainment district, where you can step back in time and walk through the iconic red lantern of Senso-ji Temple and snack on traditional street food.
- ▶ **Tokyo Skytree:** The world's tallest freestanding broadcast tower, serving up jaw-dropping 360-degree panoramic views of the entire neon metropolis—and even Mount Fuji on a clear day.
- ▶ **Odaiba:** A futuristic man-made island in Tokyo Bay featuring massive shopping malls, an iconic giant robot statue, indoor theme parks, and its own miniature Statue of Liberty.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

DAY 3: MOUNT FUJI, HAKONE ROPEWAY, OWAKUDANI AND LAKE ASHI TOUR

Today we experience the unforgettable Fuji views and timeless tradition (group tour, 10 hours).

- ▶ **Heiwa no Torii:** This iconic "floating" red gate stands serenely in Lake Ashi, offering a postcard-perfect photo steeped in Japanese tradition.
- ▶ **Hakone Shrine:** Nestled within an ancient forest, this sacred Shinto site offers a restorative walk through the towering cedar trees.
- ▶ **Hakone Sightseeing Cruise:** A relaxing scenic voyage across Lake Ashi offering majestic mountain vistas and views of Mount Fuji.
- ▶ **Hakone Ropeway:** An effortless aerial cable car ride providing unforgettable panoramic views of Japan's dramatic volcanic landscapes.
- ▶ **Owakudani:** A striking volcanic valley where you can view active steam vents.
- ▶ **Lake Yamanaka:** A peaceful lakeside escape offering stunning front-row views of Mount Fuji reflected across tranquil waters.
- ▶ **Oshino Hakkai:** A picturesque village featuring eight crystal-clear Fuji-fed springs surrounded by traditional thatched-roof buildings.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN KYOTO

DAY 4: TOKYO – KYOTO | HISTORIC KYOTO EVENING WALK

Take the bullet train to Kyoto. After arriving at Kyoto station take a short walk to your hotel.

This evening, join your expert guide for a stroll through **old-world Kyoto**, showcasing preserved historic streets, iconic temples, and the timeless charm of the Gion district (2 hours):

- ▶ **Shirakawa Canal:** A peaceful willow-lined stone path along a flowing canal, framed by historic teahouses and traditional architecture.
- ▶ **Tatsumi-jinja Shrine:** A charming neighborhood shrine tucked away in Gion, celebrated as a serene focal point of local geisha culture.

- ▶ **Yasaka Shrine:** A majestic brilliantly painted sanctuary at the edge of Gion that glows beautifully with dozens of evening lanterns.
- ▶ **Ninenzaka:** A beautifully preserved historic stone street lined with classic wooden buildings, perfect for a leisurely stroll into old-world Japan.
- ▶ **Hōkan-ji Temple:** Home to the iconic Yasaka Pagoda, offering one of Kyoto's most timeless and memorable architectural silhouettes.
- ▶ **Yasui Kompira-Gu Shrine:** A unique spiritual site famous for its stone monument, where visitors perform a fascinating ritual to welcome good fortune.
- ▶ **Hanamikoji-dori:** Gion's premier historic boulevard, offers an elegant evening walk past exclusive teahouses and upscale restaurants.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: LIVING HERITAGE KYOTO TOUR

Today, a guided tour through Kyoto's grandest palaces, glittering pavilions, and legendary bamboo forests. (group, 10 hours)

- ▶ **Kiyomizu-dera:** Walk across a massive historic wooden veranda built entirely without nails, offering spectacular panoramic views out over the city of Kyoto.
- ▶ **Sanjusangen-do:** Step inside Japan's longest wooden hall to stand before an awe-inspiring gold-leaf army of over one thousand uniquely carved Buddhist statues.
- ▶ **Arashiyama:** A scenic slow-paced riverside district at the base of the mountains, famous for its historic bridge, quiet temples, and traditional boat rides.

Sagano Bamboo Forest: Stroll along flat well-maintained paths beneath a towering canopy of bamboo stalks that sway and rustle peacefully in the wind.

- ▶ **Tenryuji Temple:** This world-famous Zen temple features a pristine 14th-century landscape garden that seamlessly integrates the surrounding mountains into its design.
- ▶ **Kinkaku-ji:** Marvel at the breathtaking sight of the iconic Golden Pavilion next to a mirroring pond. Its top two floors are completely covered in brilliant gold leaf.
- ▶ **Nijo Castle:** Explore the elegant sprawling residence of the ancient Shoguns, famous for its grand audience halls and clever "nightingale" floors that chirp to reveal intruders.
- ▶ **Fushimi Inari Taisha:** Walk through a gently sloping and winding meditative path up a peaceful forest hillside. The path is sheltered by thousands of vibrant vermilion torii gates.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

1 NIGHT IN OSAKA

DAY 6: KYOTO-OSAKA | OSAKA ESSENTIALS WALKING TOUR

Take the bullet train to Osaka. After arriving at Osaka station take a short walk to your hotel.

This afternoon, join your expert guide for a stroll through the famous culinary scene, architectural feats, and distinct neighborhoods of Osaka (group, 5 hours):

- ▶ **Kuromon Ichiba Market:** A bustling covered market known as "Osaka's Kitchen," where you can stroll the wide aisles of freshly grilled seafood, high-grade Wagyu beef, and seasonal fruits.

- ▶ **Namba:** The vibrant energetic heart of Osaka's culinary and entertainment scene, famous for its grand theaters, sprawling shopping arcades, and the iconic neon signs of the Dotonbori canal.
- ▶ **Osaka Castle:** A majestic historical landmark surrounded by impressive stone walls and wide moats. It offers a deep dive into samurai history and has beautiful easy-to-walk park grounds.
- ▶ **Shinsaibashi:** Osaka's premier shopping boulevard, combining a historic covered arcade with high-end global boutiques for a comfortable and world-class retail experience.
- ▶ **Shinsekai:** A nostalgic neighborhood that captures the vintage charm of early 20th-century Osaka, packed with retro architecture and casual eateries serving the city's famous skewered *kushikatsu*.
- ▶ **Tsutenkaku:** The beloved historic tower rising above Shinsekai serves as a nostalgic symbol of Osaka's postwar resilience and offers great views of the old-town district below.
- ▶ **Umeda Sky Building:** A striking architectural marvel consisting of two futuristic towers connected at the top by a soaring circular observation bridge.
- ▶ **Umeda Sky Building Garden:** The open-air rooftop observation deck atop the towers provides a thrilling unobstructed 360-degree panorama of Osaka's sprawling cityscape and the distant mountains.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: END OF TOUR

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to **Osaka Kansai Airport (KIX)** for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

- ▶ **Hotel to Train Station:** Your hotels are conveniently located a short walk from the Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka train stations.
- ▶ **Group excursion meeting point:** Your hotels are conveniently located 5-10 minutes from the meeting points.
- ▶ **Hotel check-out time** is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.
- ▶ The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.