



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Japan Spring Cherry Blossoms: Tokyo, Kyoto & Osaka

8-Day, 7-Night Journey

This special Spring cherry blossom journey delivers a perfectly paced, unforgettable exploration through Japan's Golden Trio—Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka. Throughout your itinerary, you will experience the best of the season: choose between a scenic blossom walk and boat ride or a classic city tour in Tokyo, marvel at Mount Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway and Lake Ashi, wander Kyoto's enchanting Gion district by night, and behold Nara's magnificent Cherry Blossom Buddha on Mount Yoshino. Extend your adventure with an immersive Add-on excursion covering Kyoto's iconic temples and bamboo groves, or an Add-on exploring Osaka's vibrant hotspots and hidden culinary gems.



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



Asakusa Kannon Temple (Sensō-ji Temple)



Cherry Blossoms at Kiyomizudera (temple), Kyoto



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

▸ Choice of Included Excursions:

Select Tokyo Cherry Blossom Guided Walk & Boat Ride OR Classic Tokyo Guided Tour

▸ Mount Fuji & Hakone: Mount Fuji, Scenic

Hakone Ropeway, Owakudani & Lake Ashi Cruise

▸ Kyoto Evening: Enchanting Gion Magical Night

Walking & Geisha Culture Tour

▸ Nara Sanctuary: Breathtaking Cherry Blossom

Buddha & Mt. Yoshino Guided Tour

Optional Add-On Excursions:

▸ Kyoto's Iconic Fushimi Inari, Arashiyama & Kinkaku-ji Guided Tour

▸ Osaka's Vibrant Hotspots & Hidden Gems Guided Tour

Inclusions

▸ 4 Excursions

▸ Hand-Picked City Center Hotels

▸ Daily Breakfast

▸ 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 EXCURSION

Select one of the following half-day excursions:

EXCURSION 1: Tokyo Cherry Blossom Guided Walk &

Boat Ride (group tour, 4 hours)

Stroll through blooming Ueno Park, pedal across scenic Shinobazu Pond, wander historical serene Yanaka Cemetery, and discover vibrant Nezu Shrine.

EXCURSION 2: Tokyo Guided Tour (group tour, 4 hours)

Marvel at the majestic Tokyo Imperial Palace and photogenic Nijubashi Bridge, explore lush Imperial Palace East Gardens, and view the historic Edo Castle Keep Ruins. Continue to ancient Senso-ji Temple, pass under iconic Kaminarimon Gate, shop along lively Nakamise Shopping Street, admire the towering Five-Story Pagoda, and take in panoramic views from striking Tokyo Tower's soaring Main Observatory Deck.

[Meals: Breakfast]

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

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

- ▶ **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 | GION NIGHT WALKING TOUR AND GEISHA CULTURE

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 **Gion Magical Night Walking & Geisha Culture Tour** (group, 2 hours).

Wander through atmospheric Gion, stroll along charming Hanamikoji Street, admire tranquil Shirakawa Canal, and cross picturesque Tatsumi Bridge. Pause at the mystical Yasui-Konpiragu Shrine, step back in time along cobbled Sannenzaka and quaint Ninenzaka, gaze up at illuminated Yasaka Pagoda (Hokan-ji Temple), and end your journey at the radiant Yasaka Shrine.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: KYOTO AT LEISURE OR OPTIONAL FULL-DAY TOUR

Today, explore Kyoto at your own pace or join an optional full-day guided excursion (8 hours, roundtrip hotel transfer included).

OPTIONAL ADD-ON: Fushimi Inari, Arashiyama & Kinkaku-ji Guided Tour

This highlights-packed journey lets you experience Kyoto's most legendary bucket-list icons—from dramatic red gates to serene bamboo groves and glowing golden architecture—all in a single seamless day.

- **Fushimi Inari Taisha:** Walk beneath thousands of vibrant vermilion *Senbon Torii* Gates, pass the grand Romon Gate, pay respects at the sacred Main Sanctuary (*Honden*), and spot guarding *Kitsune* fox statues.
- **Arashiyama:** Continue to Arashiyama to wander through the towering Bamboo Forest, admire serene Tenryu-ji Temple, cross the historic Togetsukyo Bridge, and visit cozy Nonomiya Shrine.
- **Kinkaku-ji:** Conclude your tour at the dazzling Golden Pavilion, reflected in glistening Kyoko-chi Mirror Pond, and pause by the charming Sekka-tei Tea House.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN OSAKA

DAY 6: KYOTO-OSAKA

Board the bullet train to Osaka, followed by a short walk from the Osaka station to your hotel.

This afternoon, explore Osaka at your own pace or join an optional immersive 4-hour walking tour with an expert local guide.

OPTIONAL ADD-ON: VIBRANT HOTSPOTS AND HIDDEN GEMS GUIDED TOUR (group, 4 hours)

Explore Osaka's rich culinary scene, striking architecture, and colorful neighborhoods which includes:

- **Flavors & Shopping:** The bustling Kuromon Ichiba Market and the chic Shinsaibashi-suji boutiques.
- **Culture & Contrast:** The serene Hozen-ji Temple, atmospheric Hozenji Yokocho alleys, and the eclectic America Mura.
- **Icons & Illumination:** The neon-lit Dotonbori canal, the famous Glico Running Man at Ebisubashi Bridge, and the majestic Osaka Castle set within lush, sprawling park grounds.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: CHERRY BLOSSOM BUDDHA AND MT. YOSHINO GUIDED TOUR

Embark on a full-day guided journey into Nara's most breathtaking mountain sanctuaries, where thousands of blossoming cherry trees framed against ancient temples create one of Japan's most celebrated seasonal spectacles (group, 9 hours).

Sacred Icons: Stand in awe before the Great Stone Buddha wrapped in pink blooms at Tsubosakadera Temple.

Historic Heights: Ascend Mount Yoshino to explore UNESCO-listed Kinpusenji Temple and the peaceful, panoramic grounds of Yoshimizu Shrine.

Local Culture: Conclude with a delightful stop at Roadside Station Katsuragi to sample regional delicacies and artisanal products.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: END OF TOUR

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

[Meals: Breakfast]

- ▶ Note: Cherry blossom timing and bloom density are subject to local climate conditions and weather variations.
- ▶ 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.