

9 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

\$2799*

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

TYPICALLY \$4799

TOKYO • KYOTO • OSAKA • MT FUJI & MORE

THE OFFER

Japan is a vibrant mix of ultra-modern cities, historical temples, iconic scenery, incredible cuisine and buzzing nightlife. Paired with respectful, interesting people and a beautiful culture, this country has quickly become one of the world's most alluring travel destinations - and you can discover the very best of it all with this nine day highlights package.

Explore historic Osaka at your own pace, and be sure to try local delicacies to be found in the city; discover the ancient capital of Kyoto, home to the famous Fushimi Inari Shrine; visit the UNESCO-listed villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama, tucked into the mountains; experience Mt Fuji's 5th Station along with a short cruise on Lake Ashi; and immerse yourself in exciting Tokyo with time at leisure to see everything this unique city has to offer.

Includes return international flights with award-winning Qantas Airways, seven nights quality hotel accommodation, daily breakfast & more.

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 New Zealand – Osaka, Japan

Today depart from Auckland for Osaka, Japan. Fly with award winning Qantas Airways. Please note all flights will transit through Sydney, Australia before flying direct to Osaka.

Upon arrival at Osaka Airport, you will be greeted and transferred to the hotel. The second largest city in Japan, Osaka has the nickname 'Tenka no Daidokoro' (the Nation's Kitchen) thanks to its reputation as a gourmand's paradise. Be sure to try local delicacies such as Takoyaki, a popular deep-fried snack made with wheat-flour batter and octopus, or Okonomiyaki, a grilled savoury pancake.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents at least 6 weeks prior to departure.

Overnight: Toyoko Inn Osaka Abeno Tennoji, Osaka Castle Hotel or similar, Osaka
Meals included: None

Day 2 Osaka Free Day

Enjoy a free day in Osaka to explore this historic city at your own pace or you can take the opportunity to join an option tour to Hiroshima (not included).

Optional Tour: Hiroshima Sightseeing Tour including Bullet Train - 46,000 Yen per person

This morning transfer to Shin-Osaka train station, where your bullet train awaits. Climb aboard and marvel at the train's incredible velocity during a 2-hour ride to Hiroshima. On arrival, continue the journey to Miyajimaguchi by coach or train then board a boat travelling to the majestic Miyajima Island, otherwise known as Itsukushima, or Divine Island. A

landmass hailed as one of Japan's most beautiful landscapes. Disembark and discover the natural and cultural treasures of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed island for 45-minutes with your guide. See the shimmering Itsukushima Shrine then revitalise with a delicious lunch in a local eatery (not included).

Re-board the boat and cruise back to Hiroshima to reflect on the history of the region. Take a moment of contemplation at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, a historical site near to where the atomic bomb exploded. See exhibitions that articulate the destruction the bomb caused and marvel at the city's regenerative recovery. Finally, board a bus to the Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome), a skeletal structure that miraculously survived the 1945 attack. Return to the train station for the exhilarating return journey to Osaka on the bullet train, where the tour concludes.

Overnight: Toyoko Inn Osaka Abeno Tennoji, Osaka Castle Hotel or similar, Osaka
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Osaka – Kyoto – Gifu

This morning, depart Osaka for Kyoto. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore the ancient capital, or take the opportunity to join an optional tour of Kyoto (not included). The bus will depart from downtown Kyoto at 4:00pm to travel onwards to Gifu.

Optional Tour: Kyoto Sightseeing Tour – 10,000 Yen per person

The tour includes a stop at Fushimi Inari Shrine, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. It's famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The tour continues with a visit to

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Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a Zen temple in northern Kyoto which has gold leaf covered floors on the top two floors. The last stop of the tour is to witness a Kimono Fashion Show where beautiful women wearing varieties of kimono and obi (sash) appear on stage with Japanese music.

Overnight: Quintessa Hotel Ogaki, Comfort Hotel Gifu or similar, Gifu

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Gifu – Takayama – Shirakawa – Matsumoto/Suwa

This morning you will visit the historic villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. Located in a mountainous region that was cut off from the rest of the world for a long period of time, these villages, with their Gassho-style houses, survived on the cultivation of mulberry trees and the rearing of silkworms. Both are examples of a traditional way of life that is perfectly adapted to the environment and the people's social and economic circumstances. Enjoy a walk among the incredible houses. Afterwards travel to Takayama Jinya, a former government outpost established to bring the Hida Province under the direct control of the Edo Bakufu. Next, travel to the hotel in Matsumoto/Suwa area.

Overnight: Route Inn Matsumoto, Route Inn Suwa Inter or similar, Masumoto/Suwa

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Matsumoto/Suwa – Mt Fuji – Yokohama

After breakfast, drive to Mt Fuji's 5th Station. Located 2300m above sea level, it offers a vantage point for Mt Fuji and the surrounding lakes (weather permitting). The 5th Station also features shrines, torii gates and souvenir shops. Afterwards continue onwards to Lake Ashi, nearby in Hakone National

Park, to admire the scenery as you enjoy a short cruise across the lake. The waters are overlooked by surrounding mountains, including Mt Fuji and Mt Komagatake. Arrive in Yokohama this evening, check into the hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Hokke Club Fujisawa, Hotel Wing International, Comfort Hotel, Best Western or similar, Yokohama Area

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Yokohama – Tokyo Area

This morning you will drive to Tokyo and arrive at the hotel at approximately 11:00am. The standard hotel check in time is 3:00pm so you can store your luggage at the front desk and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore Tokyo at your own pace. Alternatively, you can take the opportunity to join an optional Tokyo sightseeing tour (not included).

Optional Tour: Tokyo Sightseeing Tour – 10,000 Yen per person

First you will visit Tsukiji Outer Market, where you can encounter many kinds of traditional Japanese cuisine. Next, visit the stunning Meiji Shrine - a Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Walk among the serene gardens that surround the shrine as you listen to more details about its importance from your guide. Last enjoy the sweeping views of this vast city at the Observations deck at the famous Tokyo Tower, the landmark of Tokyo (entry included).

Overnight: APA Hotel Tokyo Bay Makuhari, Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar, Tokyo Area

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 7 Tokyo Free Day

Today is a free day to explore Tokyo at leisure.

Overnight: APA Hotel Tokyo Bay Makuhari, Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar, Tokyo Area

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Tokyo, Japan – New Zealand

Today transfer to the airport for your return flight back to New Zealand. Please note all flights will transit through Brisbane, Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 9 Arrive in New Zealand

Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 days later.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the rich history and culture of Japan

Discover Osaka's fantastic food and shopping at leisure

Explore Kyoto with a morning and afternoon at leisure

Visit the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go

Explore the remote mountain village of Gokayama

Visit the former government outpost of Takayama Jinya

Take in stunning views from Mt Fuji's 5th Station

Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Ashi in Hakone National Park

Explore the vibrant metropolis of Tokyo at leisure

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex AKL

Fly with award winning Qantas Airways

Frequent flyer points for Qantas members

ACCOMMODATION

7 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English speaking local tour leader

Airline taxes and surcharges

All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information. <https://www.tripadeal.co.nz/terms>

*Mandatory service fee:

A mandatory service fee is not included in the tour price for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The mandatory service fee for the tour leader and driver is \$12 NZD per person/ per day where tour or transfer services are provided, which will be collected whilst on tour (this will include day of arrival and departure, and covers both the tour leader and driver). Please note the mandatory service fee is not required to be paid on days at leisure.

Please note: All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 9th June 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$990 applies.

Departure Dates (2020)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

*Please note: Dates/months with a * or ^ incur a high season surcharge:*

^ Land High Season: \$350 per person

° Cherry Blossom Season: \$350 per person

Please note: Cherry Blossom Season can be relatively short and highly seasonal, with the blooming period lasting approx. 14 days. Strong wind and rain can cut the blooming season even shorter. Due to this, we cannot guarantee flowering cherry blossoms will be seen. However, historically these are the best times to view this phenomenon.

Departure Cities

Auckland

FLIGHTS

Full-Service Airline(s) Used

Qantas Airways plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One-way flights cannot be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive Early

Not available.

Stay Behind

Not available.

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Not available.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

- Osaka: Toyoko Inn Osaka Abeno Tennoji,

Osaka Castle Hotel or similar

- Gifu: Quintessa Hotel Ogaki, Comfort Hotel Gifu or similar
- Matsumoto/Suwa Area: Route Inn Matsumoto, Route Inn Suwa Inter or similar
- Yokohama Area: Hotel Hokke Club Fujisawa, Hotel Wing International, Comfort Hotel, Best Western or similar
- Tokyo Area: APA Hotel Tokyo Bay Makuhari, Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 2: Hiroshima Sightseeing Tour including Bullet Train - 46,000 Yen

Day 3: Kyoto Sightseeing Tour - 10,000 Yen

Day 6: Tokyo Sightseeing Tour - 10,000 Yen



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Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an New Zealand passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Mandatory service fee: \$11 NZD per traveller/per day where tour or transfer services are provided (this will include day of arrival and departure).
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a

guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Tokyo

May:

May is a beautiful month in the city. The days are longer, with the sun rising about 4:30am and staying up until almost 7pm by May 31. You can expect temperatures during the day to be around 20 to 21°C, with 132mm falling over 16 days this month.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements,

however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: A basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the



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language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.
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VISAS

A tourist visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an New Zealand Passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Please note: Due to limited availability, passenger name and date changes are strictly prohibited for this offer. This overrides the Schedule of Fees in our standard Terms & Conditions. No refunds will be issued once offer has been purchased.