

11 DAY BUCKET LIST TOUR

# HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

\$2999

PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

TOKYO • KYOTO • OSAKA • MOUNT FUJI

## THE OFFER

Japan requires little introduction. From the neon-bright streets of Tokyo to majestic Mount Fuji and beyond, every inch of this stunning country is worthy of exploration. This 11 day highlights package is a chance to do just that, ticking off some of the country's most iconic destinations in one tour.

Begin in the historic city of Osaka, known as 'the nation's kitchen' for its mouth-watering gourmet scene; see the famous deers of Nara, who roam freely amongst the grounds of Todaiji Temple; and explore the ancient city of Kyoto at leisure. Visit the UNESCO listed village of Shirakawa-go, enjoying time to stroll among the Gassho-style houses; and travel to the former government outpost of Takayama Jinya. Discover the beautiful port city of Yokohama at leisure, followed by the bustling metropolis of Tokyo - and more! Optional tours of Kyoto and Tokyo are also available, as well as a day tour of the historic city of Hiroshima. If you've dreamed of uncovering the wonders of Japan, this tour with return flights, hotels, guides, transfers and more is the ideal way to make it reality.

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## THE ITINERARY

### Day 1 Australia - Osaka, Japan

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, \*Adelaide or \*Perth for Osaka, Japan (via Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Taipei, Seoul, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing or Vietnam). Fly with Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways, Air China, China Airlines, China Eastern, China Southern, Korea Air or Vietnam Airlines to name a few (subject to availability).

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Welcome 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, so be sure to try some local cuisine.

**Overnight: Osaka Hotel**

**Meals included: None**

### Day 3 Osaka - Nara - Osaka

This morning, you will drive to the nearby city of Nara and enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour. Visit Nara Park and enjoy time to explore Todaiji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site which was constructed over 1200 years ago as the head of all provincial Buddhist temples in Japan. The main hall houses one of the largest statues of Buddha, which is 15m tall. Nara Park is also home to hundreds of free-roaming deer - you can feed them deer senbei (crackers), which can be purchased at stalls throughout the park for 150 yen a pack. If you bow to the deer with the deer senbei in hand, they will bow back to you.

Afterward, continue onwards to Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine. It was established at the same time as the capital and is dedicated to the deity responsible for the protection of the city. Kasuga Taisha was also the tutelary shrine of the Fujiwara, Japan's most powerful family clan during most of the Nara and Heian Periods.

In the afternoon, travel back to Osaka, check into the new hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Osaka Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 4 Osaka Free Day

Today, enjoy a free day to explore Osaka at your own pace. Alternatively, take part in an optional tour to Hiroshima on Japan's famous Shinkansen bullet train (not included), known in English as a bullet train.

Optional Tour: Hiroshima - ¥36,000 per person, payable on arrival

After breakfast, you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the Shin-Osaka Station with your tour guide. Upon arrival at Hiroshima Station, you will take a short cruise to Miyajima Island to see the famous Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that, at high tide, appears to be floating on water. After Miyajima, travel to the Hiroshima Peace Park to take a stroll through the beautiful park, see the strings of paper cranes representing peace, and see the Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome), the only original structure left standing in the area. Return to the train station for the exhilarating return journey to Osaka on the bullet train, where the tour concludes. Please note: The operation of this tour may

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be subject to minimum number requirements.

**Overnight: Osaka Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Osaka – Kyoto – Gifu

This morning, depart Osaka for Kyoto. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore the historic town. Alternatively you can join an optional tour of Kyoto (not included).

Optional Tour: Kyoto City Tour - ¥8000 per person, payable on arrival

Today enjoy a guided city tour of Kyoto. Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The trails lead into the wooded forest of the sacred Mount Inari, which stands at 233m and belongs to the shrine grounds, and is well-known thanks to its inclusion in the film 'Memoirs of a Geisha'. Afterwards enjoy a Kimono show at the Nishijin Textile center to showcase the traditional beauty of Japan. After some free time for lunch, the tour will continue to the amazing Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a UNESCO Heritage Listed Site and perfect spot to snap an iconic Kyoto photo. Please note: The schedule is subject to change due to weather, traffic and other operational conditions and requirements. The operation of this tour may be subject to minimum number requirements.

This afternoon at approximately 4:00pm you will depart to Gifu.

**Overnight: Gifu Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Gifu – Takayama – Matsumoto/Suwa

This morning you will visit the historic villages of Shirakawa-

Go, 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. Enjoy a walk among the incredible houses.

Afterwards travel to Takayama Jinya, a former government outpost established to bring the Hida Province under the control of the Edo Bakufu. Next, travel to the hotel in Matsumoto or Suwa Area.

**Overnight: Matsumoto/Suwa Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Matsumoto/Suwa – Hakone – 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, in Hakone, 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.

**Overnight: Yokohama Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Yokohama – Tokyo

Enjoy the morning to explore Yokohama before travelling to Tokyo. Upon arrival enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Tokyo Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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#### Day 9 Tokyo Free day

Today enjoy a free day to explore the vibrant metropolis that is Tokyo. Alternatively you might like to join an optional Tokyo guided city tour (not included).

Optional Tour: Tokyo City Tour: ¥10000 per person, payable on arrival

See the best of Tokyo today as you visit some of the city's main shrines and shopping areas. First, you will visit the Meiji Shrine, a key Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Next enjoy some time to shop in the Omotesandō and Takeshita Dori neighborhoods. The tour then continues to a secret Japanese traditional rock garden, before visiting the Tokyo Tower (entrance included). In the late afternoon, enjoy some free time in the Shinjuku Kabukicho area before returning to the hotel. Please note: The schedule is subject to change due to weather, traffic and other operational conditions and requirements. The operation of this tour may be subject to minimum number requirements.

**Overnight: Tokyo Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Tokyo - Australia

Enjoy some free time this morning before you are transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia. Please note that the standard check-out time is 12 noon and you can leave your luggage at the front desk if required.

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

#### Day 11 Arrive in Australia

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

Embrace Japan's bright lights & cultural delights

Enjoy free time in Osaka, known as 'the Nation's Kitchen'

See the famous deers of Nara Park and more on a half day city tour

Visit Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine

Enjoy a day in Kyoto, home to the famous Kinkakuji-Temple (Golden Pavillion)

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

Enjoy a short cruise on Lake Ashi in Hakone National Park

Visit the UNESCO listed village of Shirakawa-Go

Discover the vibrant city of Tokyo on a free day at leisure

Enjoy a night in the beautiful port city of Yokohama

### FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/  
BNE/\*ADL/\*PER

### ACCOMMODATION

8 nights quality hotel accommodation

### DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

Local English-speaking guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

### TRANSPORT

Transportation by A/C private 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.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 10th of November 2021.

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

## Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$1650 applies.

## Departure Dates (2021)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## Surcharges

Dates/months with a \* incur a Cherry Blossom high season surcharge of \$300

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

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, \*Adelaide or \*Perth

## Departure City Surcharges

\*Adelaide or \*Perth: \$300 per person

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways, Air China, China Airlines, China Eastern, China Southern, Korea Air or Vietnam Airlines (subject to availability).

*Please note: One way flights can not 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: The Premium Hotel In Rinku / Karaksa Spring Hotel Kansai Air Gate OR Izumisano Center Hotel / Osaka Castle

Hotel / Osaka Joytel Hotel OR Sarasa Hotel Nipponbashi

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

- Matsumoto: Route Inn / Hotel New Station / Hotel Montagne Matsumoto OR Ace Inn

- Yokohama: Hotel Wing International / Best Western / 8Hotel / Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel OR Hotel MyStays

- Tokyo: Hotel Villa Fontaine / Comfort Hotel Tokyo Higashi Kanda / The B Akasaka OR Hotel Sun Route Ariake

*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 (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 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 hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.



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## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 26, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

Day 4: Hiroshima Optional tour - ¥36,000 per person

Day 5: Kyoto City Tour - ¥8,000 per person

Day 9: Tokyo City Tour - ¥10,000 per person

#### *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 is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Recommended gratuities: \$10 AUD per person

- 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

### Summer: June to August

Japanese summer begins in June and it becomes hot and humid from July onward. Summer is when many interesting festivals and other events are held all over the country.

Clothing: light clothes (cardigans and other similar kinds are handy, since indoors are mostly air-conditioned.)

### Autumn: September to November

Autumn always brings such freshness with a light breeze and cool temperature after the hot and humid summer. The Autumn colours are very beautiful across

the country.

Clothing: light jackets, light sweaters and other similar kinds of tops.

## 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



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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 general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Gratuities / Tipping:

#### Land

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$10 AUD per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

### Sightseeing:

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

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

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

## VISAS

A tourist visa for Japan is not required if traveling on an Australian Passport.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*

## INSURANCE

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

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket, date/accommodation changes or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments

with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.