

7 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

JAPAN HIGHLIGHTS

\$1499

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

OSAKA • KYOTO • TOKYO • GOKAYAMA • SHIRAKAWA-GO • MT FUJI

THE OFFER

Japan is a land of contrasts. It's both a neon wonderland reaching for the future and a place of deep-rooted traditions and spirituality, where the teachings of the past still influence the present. And that's exactly what makes it such an unforgettable destination. Whether it's history, culture, food or adventure you seek, Japan is everything you could want and so much more.

Experience the diverse highlights of Japan at an amazing price on this seven day bucket list tour. Immerse yourself in the gourmet delights of Osaka and discover why its nicknamed 'the nation's kitchen'; and enjoy free time among the bright lights of Tokyo - a city brimming with museums, galleries, multi-storey shopping plazas, hole-in-the-wall bars, temples and more. Step back in time in the UNESCO listed villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama; take in stunning views from the fifth station of Mount Fuji; and enjoy a morning and afternoon at leisure in historic Kyoto. Want to see more? Optional sightseeing experiences in Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima are available on tour.

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Welcome to Osaka

Today arrive and make your own way to your hotel accommodation. After check-in, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Standard check-in time is 3:00pm. However, you may store your luggage at the front desk if you arrive early.

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.

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.

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). Later, the bus will depart from downtown Kyoto at 4:00pm to travel onwards to Gifu.

Optional Tour: Kyoto Tour - 8,000 Yen (approx. \$100 AUD) 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 Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a Zen temple in northern Kyoto which has gold leaf covered floors on the top two floors. The

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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, Matsumoto/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 Tour - 10,000 Yen (approx. \$120 AUD) 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 Depart Tokyo

Today check out and make your own onwards travel arrangements.

Meals included: None

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the unique wonders of Japan ex Osaka
- Soak up the neon delights of Tokyo at leisure
- Bike into Osaka's fantastic food and shopping at leisure
- Visit the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go
- Explore the remote mountain village of Gokayama
- Take in stunning views from Mt Fuji's 5th Station
- Explore Kyoto with a morning and afternoon at leisure
- Visit the former government outpost of Takayama Jinya
- Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Ashi in Hakone National Park

ACCOMMODATION

- 6 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Local English-speaking tour leader
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by A/C private vehicles

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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the property you are due to stay with.

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 11th November 2022.

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

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$950 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

*Please note: Dates/months with a * incur a Cherry Blossom high season surcharge of \$250 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.

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 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.

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 per person

Day 3: Kyoto Sightseeing Tour - 8000 Yen (approx. \$100 AUD)

Day 6: Tokyo Sightseeing Tour - 10,000 Yen (approx. \$120 AUD)

Please note:

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

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights/transfers
- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

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



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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.

August

While it's still sweltering hot in August, with the average high temperature increasing

to 29°C, the sun returns, putting the city in a festive mood once again. Average Max Temperature: 29°C. Average Precipitation: 147mm

September

September ushers in fall, which means the gradual decline of humidity and heat, but this month is also the darkest and wettest, with an average of 209mm of rainfall. Temperatures don't start dropping significantly until late September. Though the average high temperature is 26°C, it's not uncommon for temperatures to rise as high as 33°C during the first few weeks of the month.

COACH TOUR

Meals

5 meals are 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.

Gratuities / Tipping

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the 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 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

Japan

A tourist visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an Australian passport.

Important: Visa rules may have changed since COVID-19. Check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian 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.

Passport Validity

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of



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purchase or no later than 45 days prior to the 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.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

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

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

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

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.

