

# JAPAN

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OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS AND TAILORMADE HOLIDAYS

The winner of 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 15 years running – Globe Travel Awards

The most prestigious accolade in the travel industry

# WELCOME

Welcome to Wendy Wu Tours' Japan brochure – I'm so excited to share with you the wonders of this incredible country!

Japan is a destination close to my heart, where timeless tradition meets cutting-edge modernity in the most captivating way. From the serene beauty of ancient temples and tranquil gardens to the vibrant buzz of neon-lit cities, Japan is a land of contrasts and surprises.

Our meticulously crafted tours are designed to immerse you in authentic experiences, guided by experts who bring each destination to life. Whether you're dreaming of cherry blossoms in Kyoto, snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps, or the majestic views of Mount Fuji, our journeys capture the essence of this incredible country in comfort and style.

Thank you for choosing Wendy Wu Tours – I can't wait for you to discover the magic of Japan with us.

Warmest regards,

吴玲 Wendy

Wendy Wu  
Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



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# WENDY WU TOURS

EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY

Wendy Wu Tours is the UK's leading touring specialist, offering exceptional fully-inclusive tours to over 40 countries worldwide.

Our meticulously planned itineraries are fully escorted every step of the way and include everything you need for an unforgettable holiday.



## We Take Care of Everything

We offer lots of inclusions on each and every tour, including your international flights, hotels, meals, guided touring, transportation, transfers – and even your visa. All you need to do is get to the airport!



## Trusted for over 25 years

Since Wendy herself led our very first tour, we have grown into the UK's number one tour specialist with an unrivalled expertise in immersive, inclusive touring. Once you've experienced a country with Wendy Wu Tours, you'll never want to travel another way!



## Award-winning Service

Voted for by the public, our partners and respected travel experts, Wendy Wu Tours has been the recipient of over 40 major awards in our history, including 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 15 years running at the prestigious Globe Travel Awards.



## Outstanding Tour Guides

Our National Escorts are the stars of the show. Born and raised in the country you are travelling in and accompanying you every step of the way, it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that takes a Wendy Wu tour from excellent to extraordinary.



## Authentic Experiences

All of our tours have fascinating cultural experiences included in the price. Be it learning a local craft, practising an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures and have great fun at the same time.



## Your Loyalty Matters

Entry into Wendy's Club, our generous loyalty scheme, opens the door to significant savings every time you book, plus exclusive offers and news updates before anyone else. See page 92 for more details.



# We Take Care of Everything

FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURING WITH WENDY WU TOURS

At Wendy Wu Tours we believe that everything you need to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime should be included in the price of your tour.

Take a look at what's included in all of our Classic Tours.

## All Your Flights

All our tour prices include return international economy class flights from London and any domestic flights you may need whilst on tour. We can also help you with departures from your local airport, often for little or no extra cost.

We only work with reputable scheduled airlines and of course all your pre-paid taxes and luggage is included in the price. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go.

## All Your Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included every day.

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, most of the time you'll be enjoying regional cuisine, often eating where the locals do.

We also include a select number of 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a delicious range of your destination's best food.

## All Your Accommodation

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been selected to best suit the locations you'll visit.

Our Classic tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the character of the property will enhance your tour.

## All Your Guided Touring

On all of our group tours, you'll be accompanied throughout by one of our expert guides, known as a National Escort. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You can place your trust in your National Escort, who will help you navigate the quirks and charm of local life with confidence and ease.

## All Your Immersive Experiences

We not only take you to lesser visited places, but offer authentic experiences throughout.

Be it learning a local craft, practicing an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures. Check out the Authentic Experiences box on each tour page for details.

## All Your Local Transport

Most of your daily travels will be by air-conditioned coach, with plenty of space to stretch out thanks to our seat and a half per guest policy.

You'll also experience a variety of transport styles that bring each destination to life – from leisurely river cruises, cyclos, and rickshaw rides to longer journeys by comfortable flights or relaxing rail travel through picturesque landscapes.

*Please note the range of inclusions differs slightly on our Go Beyond tours to suit the preferences of the more adventurous traveller. See page 16 for details.*



# Our Award-Winning Guides

YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS



Our National Escorts are the stars of the show – it is their unrivalled knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise that take a Wendy Wu Tour from excellent to extraordinary.

You'll be accompanied by one of these passionate, caring professionals throughout your tour; they'll be taking care of you every step of the way. Many of our guides have been working with Wendy Wu Tours for years, garnering accolade after accolade from our very happy customers.

Our guides are dedicated to keeping you safe, happy, inspired, and entertained throughout your journey. With genuine care and expert ease, they'll lead you through the unique customs and hidden gems of the world's most fascinating destinations, making every step of the adventure effortless and enriching.

It's not just their professionalism that makes them so good at what they do. All our guides are born and raised in the country that you are exploring, giving them an unparalleled knowledge of the destination.

They are also excellent at communicating that knowledge, meaning that you get a greater understanding of recent history and learn about local heritage, culture and way of life.

## OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

- ✓ Are experienced and qualified in guiding
- ✓ Are fluent in English
- ✓ Have expert knowledge of the country you are touring
- ✓ Benefit from rigorous training programmes
- ✓ Are on hand to look after you every step of the way



“The first thing to say is that our Japan tour ranks among the best we have ever been on, particular praise must however go to our tour guide, the best guide we have ever had the pleasure of leading a tour group. She was an absolute mine of information about all things Japanese, worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly and had a great sense of humour that made every day an enjoyable experience. She should be declared a Japanese National Treasure!”



# Award-Winning Expertise

We are so proud of the numerous awards we've received over the years in recognition of the extraordinary travel experience we provide to our customers. We're just doing what we do best – creating memories to cherish and providing exceptional levels of customer service.



## Globe Travel Awards

The Globe Travel Awards are the 'Oscars' of the travel world. We are extremely proud winners of the Globe Travel Awards 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' every year for the past 15 years.



## British Travel Awards

The largest consumer voted travel awards in the UK, it is an absolute honour to win at the British Travel Awards. In 2024, we took home the Best Travel Company to Far East/Central Asia prize for the tenth year running.



# Recommended by You

Awards are all well and good but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us.



*"Fabulous tour with Emi – a wonderful tour guide who was so patient, kind and caring. We have returned home from Japan with amazing photos and fantastic memories. Emi was a lovely tour guide who was always happy and obliging. She did everything she could to ensure the entire tour group were enjoying the trip. She was knowledgeable and very helpful when support was needed. We had a lovely group of people and we all enjoyed our travel experience with Emi."*

Lynette Selle (Japan Uncovered – March 2025)

*"What an amazing, extensive, well organised tour of Japan. Experiencing local cuisine and landmarks and really immersing yourself in the Japanese culture. This tour delivered all my expectations and more. Our travel through the country was impeccable. Coaches were on time and comfortable and riding the bullet trains were a highlight."*

*Our guide was very friendly, knowledgeable and lead our group in a supportive way. April was a great time to visit Japan. The weather was perfect and the gardens/blossoms were beautiful."*

*I would highly recommend this tour with Wendy Wu."*

Susan Whiting (Japan by Rail – April 2025)



## Feefo

We're proud to be the holder of a feefo Gold Trusted Service Award. Taken only from genuine customer feedback, independently verified by Feefo, only the businesses providing the best experience for their customers make the grade. That's all the accolade we need.



## Tripadvisor

We're honoured to receive a Certificate of Excellence at the latest Tripadvisor Travellers Choice Awards that recognise businesses that earn consistently great reviews and are among the top 10% of listings on Tripadvisor.

# Cultural encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination, we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones in the 'Authentic Experiences' box on each tour page, but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

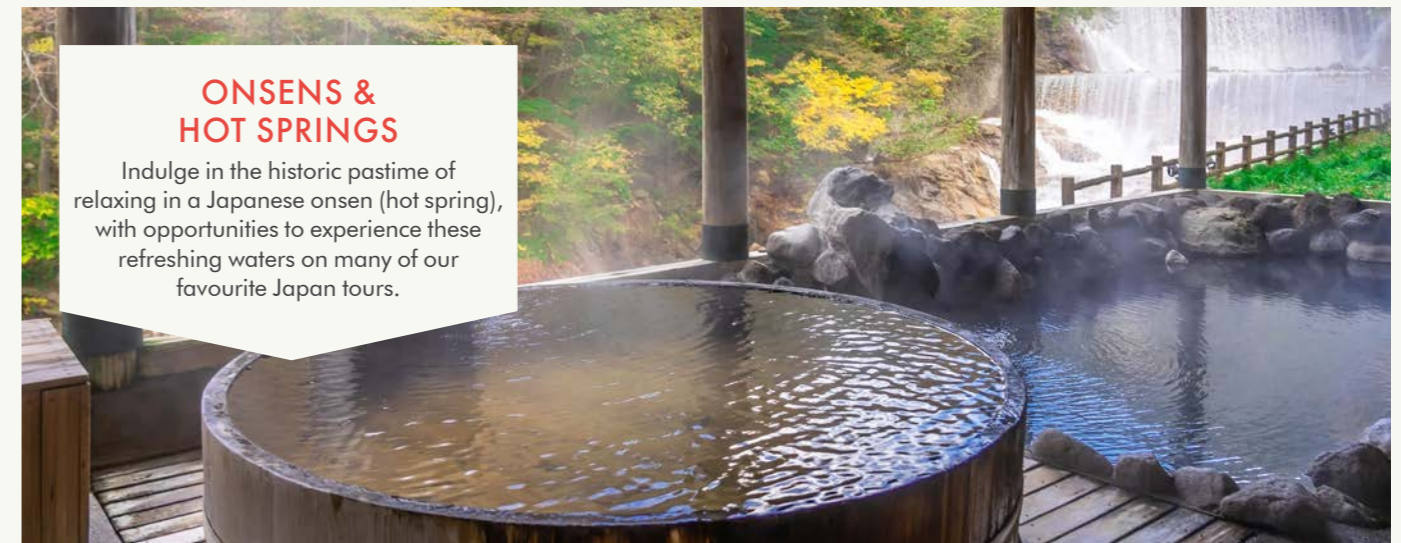
## TEA CEREMONY

A perfect display of Japanese culture, witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea'. Enjoy this experience on almost all Japan tours.



## ONSENS & HOT SPRINGS

Indulge in the historic pastime of relaxing in a Japanese onsen (hot spring), with opportunities to experience these refreshing waters on many of our favourite Japan tours.



## WASHI PAPER MAKING

Learn about this traditional process before getting your hands dirty making 'washi' (Japanese paper) the age-old way! Enjoy this experience on Discover Japan, Japan Uncovered and Best of Japan.



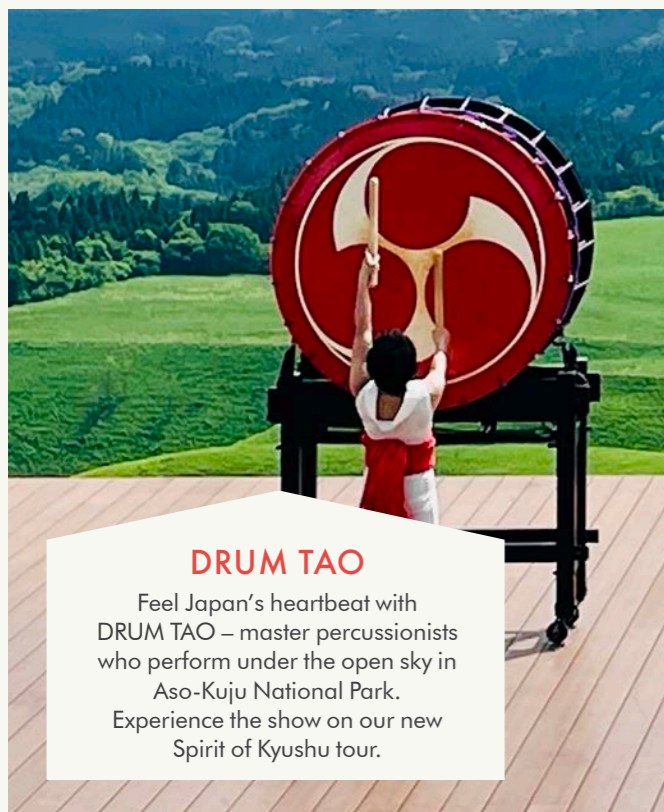
## MONASTERY STAY

Spend the night in a tatami mat room in a monastery at holy mountain Koyasan, and rise early to join the monks for their daily dawn chanting. This experience is included in Off-Beat Japan.



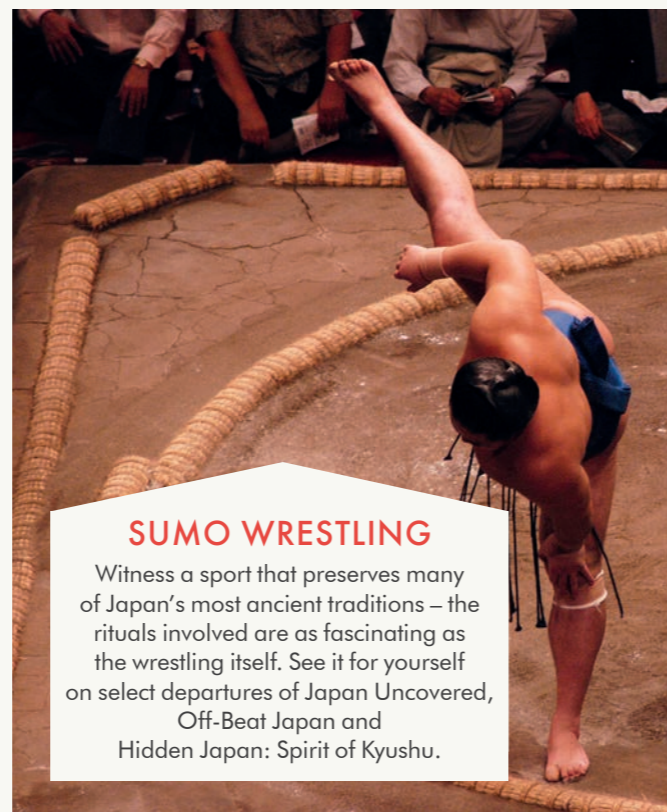
## DRUM TAO

Feel Japan's heartbeat with DRUM TAO – master percussionists who perform under the open sky in Aso-Kuju National Park. Experience the show on our new Spirit of Kyushu tour.



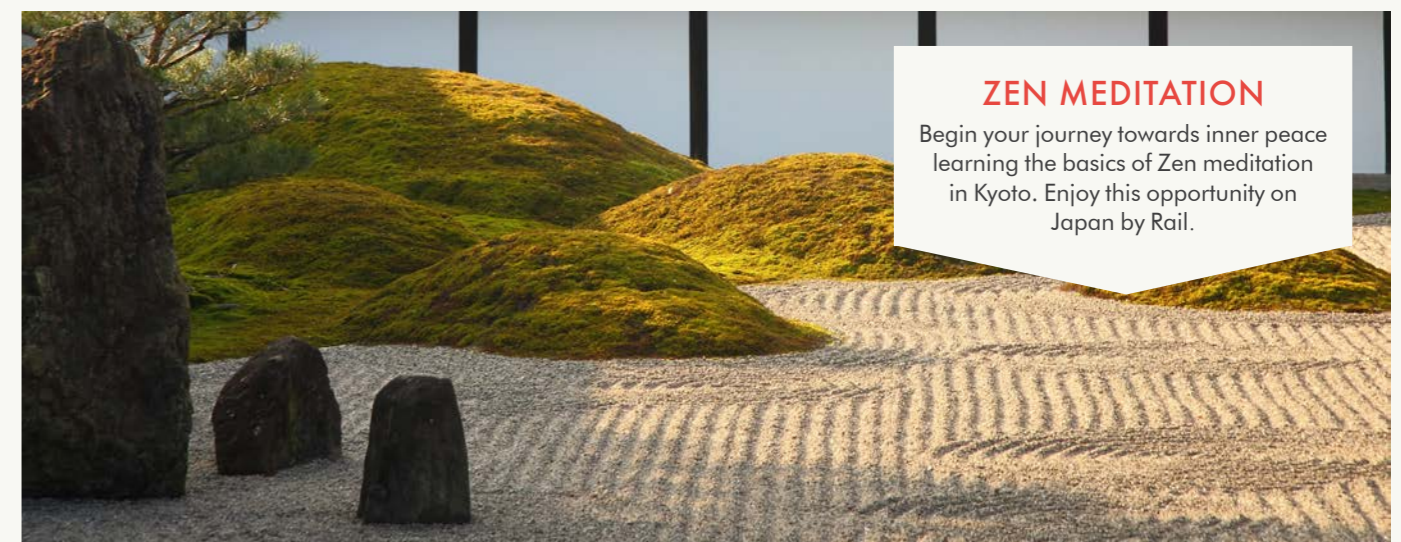
## SUMO WRESTLING

Witness a sport that preserves many of Japan's most ancient traditions – the rituals involved are as fascinating as the wrestling itself. See it for yourself on select departures of Japan Uncovered, Off-Beat Japan and Hidden Japan: Spirit of Kyushu.



## ZEN MEDITATION

Begin your journey towards inner peace learning the basics of Zen meditation in Kyoto. Enjoy this opportunity on Japan by Rail.



# Travelling Solo

TRAVEL SOLO BUT NEVER ALONE WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Travelling solo with Wendy Wu Tours is relaxed, carefree, and full of unforgettable moments. Our expertly crafted itineraries take you to all the iconic sights, let you dive into local culture, savour authentic cuisine, and stay in well-located, comfortable hotels – so you can focus on enjoying the journey.

From start to finish, you'll be looked after by one of our award-winning National Escorts, whose attention to detail and warm hospitality will make you feel like part of the family.

With a sociable atmosphere, hands-on cultural experiences, and laid-back local dining, a Wendy Wu tour is the perfect way to meet like-minded travellers – and forge friendships that often last a lifetime.



## TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR GROUP TOURS

Many solo travellers choose to travel on our group tours with a mix of other solos, couples, family groups and friends. Travel on one of these friendly and fun tours and you can choose a room of your own or our 'Happy to Share' option.

### A Room of Your Own

If you'd like the comfort of being able to return to your own space after a day of exploring, our regular group tours offer a single supplement option, guaranteeing your own private room. You'll find the supplement details below the departure dates on each tour.

### Happy to Share

Embrace the joy of being sociable without the extra cost of travelling solo. Our popular 'Happy to Share' option pairs solo travellers of the same gender to share a room, so there's no single supplement to pay if you are matched. Please see our website for full terms and conditions.

## TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR DEDICATED SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a ready-made group of like-minded solo travellers.

Solo departures feature smaller group sizes, free airport lounges and a complimentary welcome drink on arrival! Look out for **S** on the contents page and highlighted departures on each tour page.



"The tour exceeded my expectations by a long way. It was a very well planned tour and everything was of a high quality – no cutting corners with hotels or food. It has set the bar high! I can't wait to do another Wendy Wu tour. Many thanks."



# Tour Styles Explained

As every traveller is different, we’ve developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel on one of our experience-packed tours, your way.

CLASSIC	GO BEYOND
Our Classic tours take care of everything, allowing you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. Travelling in a group of no more than 28 guests, these tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme including authentic cultural experiences.	Our Go Beyond tours take you a little further from the comforts of home, uncovering lesser-visited sights. Limited to just 18 passengers, these tours allow you to delve even deeper into local culture while offering more time for independent exploration.

	CLASSIC	GO BEYOND
 Visa fees for UK & Irish passport holders	✓	✓
 Domestic transportation	✓	✓
 Meals	All	All or Selected
 Accommodation	✓	✓
 International economy airfares and taxes	✓	✓
 Sightseeing	All	All or Most





PRIVATE	CRUISE & TOUR
Experience our award-winning itineraries with the benefit of your own private, experienced local guide. Perfect for those who enjoy added independence and flexibility, our private tours are ideal for families and friends looking to share unforgettable moments together.	Combining an ocean cruise with an escorted group tour packed with top sights and unforgettable experiences, our ‘Cruise & Tour’ options offer the best of both worlds. Including flights, cruise, stopovers and full Wendy Wu tour with expert guide, all meals and visas (where applicable), prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

TAILORMADE	SPECIAL GROUPS
For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will be on hand to help you design a tour to meet your exact requirements. Choose your destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create a holiday that’s uniquely yours.	If you’re travelling with a group of ten or more, we can create your own independent Special Group tour. Whether it’s friends, family, a club or association, we’ll tailor any itinerary to suit your group’s interests – offering a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of planning it all yourself. See page 69 for more details.



## PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every tour requires the ability to walk around sights unaided, while tours with higher physical ratings may involve longer walks, cycling, or other physical activities. Tours that traverse rough terrain, visit remote areas, or go to high altitudes will also have higher physical ratings.

LEVEL 1 	LEVEL 2 	LEVEL 3 	LEVEL 4 
A reasonable level of fitness is required. Expect to be on your feet for most of the day walking around sights, often including steps and getting on and off coaches, trains, or boats. Occasional longer walks may be included.	A moderate level of fitness is required. You will be on your feet for most of the day, with longer walks that include ascents and descents on steps or uneven paths. Travelling conditions may be more challenging in some areas.	A good level of fitness is required. You need to be comfortable walking long distances and for extended durations. The tour may also include activities such as cycling and hiking and visit some remote areas with basic infrastructure.	A high level of fitness and a strong spirit of adventure are required. These tours are full of activity and often visit remote areas with basic infrastructure. Expect to be on your feet and active for much of the day, with some long travelling days.

As the physical requirements vary by tour, we recommend reviewing the Detailed Itinerary on our website before booking to ensure it’s the right fit for you.



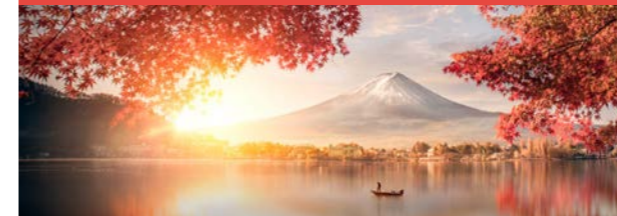
# Discover Japan with Wendy Wu Tours

Japan is an archipelago packed with futuristic cities, imperial heritage and unique culture. Add in epic natural beauty and phenomenal cuisine, and you have a dream destination just waiting to be explored.

## WENDY'S TOP 8 JAPAN SIGHTS

### 1 MOUNT FUJI

Mount Fuji's elegant form and snow-dusted summit have inspired centuries of art, devotion and pilgrimage. A highlight of Honshu, it features on almost all our Japan tours.



### 2 HIROSHIMA

The coastal city of Hiroshima is a testament to the power of the human spirit; a symbol of hope, renewal and regeneration. Visit the poignant Peace Memorial Museum & Park to reflect on past events on many of our Japan tours.



### 3 KYOTO

Kyoto was the capital for many centuries. This cradle of Japanese culture is packed with enchanting sights, 17 of which are UNESCO World Heritage-listed. Kyoto features on almost all our Japan itineraries.



### 4 NARA

In Japan's original capital, heritage runs deep – and so does the charm. Where else do sacred deer bow to passersby? Nara features on several of our Japan tours.



### 5 KOYASAN

A holy mountain dotted with monasteries, the wonderfully atmospheric and tranquil Koyasan features on several of our Japan tours.



### 6 TOKYO

Big, bright and beautiful, Japan's capital city perfectly epitomises the national blend of modernity and tradition. Tokyo features on almost all our Japan tours.



### 7 SNOW MONKEYS

The Japanese macaques are a delight to watch as they bathe in natural hot pools close to the alpine town of Yudanaka. Many of our tours include a visit to see the snow monkeys.



### 8 HIMEJI CASTLE

Nicknamed the 'White Heron', striking Himeji Castle is Japan's largest and best preserved piece of feudal architecture, and is visited on many of our tours.



# A WEEK IN JAPAN

- 8 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £4,990
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through vibrant Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Discover Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore historic Nara
- ✓ Journey on the bullet train
- ✓ Experience a sacred tea ceremony



Discover the beautiful Osaka Castle

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore the ancient art of calligraphy

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- With traditional brushes, ink and paper, try your hand at the beautiful art of calligraphy, an important aspect of Japanese culture since its introduction from China in the 6th century.
- Experience the perfect display of Japanese culture as you witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea', a traditional tea ceremony.
- Embark on a relaxed dinner cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay, enabling you to look back and admire the bright, twinkling lights of the city by night.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the vibrant, neon-bright metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the ever-changing skyline to the fashions and trends of the people who call it home. As modern as it may appear, behind the neon façade is a traditional soul that is easy to find amongst the old alleyways, temples and shrines of the Edo era. Today you will experience both sides of the city, ascending the soaring Tokyo Skytree, the tallest structure in Japan, for panoramic views, before taking a wander through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to soak up the atmosphere at Senso-ji, Tokyo's most famous

and beloved temple, and browse the stalls of Nakamise Shopping Street. You will also drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza and take a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. This evening, cruise the waters of Tokyo Bay and enjoy dinner from the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

### DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to the iconic Mount Fuji, where you will ascend 2,400 metres up its slopes to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of both Fuji's cone and the surrounding landscapes. Drive to the spa region of Hakone, where you'll hop on a ferry across lovely Lake Ashi, keeping an eye out for the vermilion torii gates nestled in the surrounding hills. Next, board the Komagatake Ropeway cable car and ascend the summit of Mount Komagatake to enjoy views of Mount Fuji (weather permitting). Stay overnight in the wider Fuji area.

### DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Odawara Station, where the bullet train will whisk you away to Kyoto. Having served as Japan's capital for more than a thousand years, Kyoto was also a cradle of art, religion and philosophy, making it a treasure trove of history and culture. It is here that many of Japan's best-known arts, such as the tea ceremony, were born or refined. This afternoon, visit the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine, with its tunnel of vermilion torii gates spread over a peaceful, forested hillside.

### DAY 6: UNCOVER KYOTO

Begin the day with a visit to Ryoan-ji Temple, the 'temple of the peaceful dragon', and spend time enjoying the peaceful surroundings in its



Ride a bullet train to Kyoto



Admire the Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji



Witness the majesty of Mount Fuji

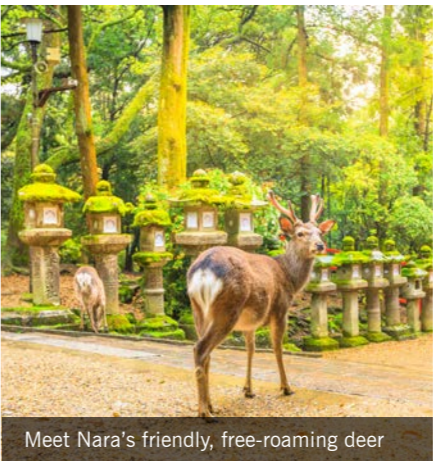
famous Zen garden. Next, continue to one of Japan's most photographed temples, Kinkaku-ji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese Zen gardens and on the edge of a reflecting pool, the temple's upper levels are covered in gold leaf – a breathtaking sight in any season. After lunch, enjoy a taste of authentic Japanese culture, experiencing the elegant ritual of a tea ceremony and learn the traditional art of calligraphy.

### DAY 7: DISCOVER NARA & OSAKA

This morning, depart for Nara. Another former capital, Nara also has a huge cultural legacy, considered second only to Kyoto's. This picturesque, compact city is truly charming. Visit the beautiful Todai-ji, the huge wooden temple which houses the magnificent Daibutsu, a 15-metre-tall bronze statue of Buddha. Stroll through Nara Park, where you will also meet Nara's famous free-roaming sika deer, believed to be the messengers of the Shinto gods. These cheeky deer have learned to bow to visitors in exchange for the official 'deer crackers' sold by the park authority! Continue to Isui-en, a prime example of a 19th-century Japanese garden. Finally, drive an hour to Osaka, stopping at the photogenic Osaka Castle before tonight's farewell dinner.

### DAY 8: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



Meet Nara's friendly, free-roaming deer

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

3 days from £990pp

### HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £390pp

### ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £220pp

Visit page 70 to learn more about all of our short stays and stopovers.

## A WEEK IN JAPAN

## CLASSIC JAPAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Limited for time? Discover Japan's most iconic highlights in one unforgettable week. Explore the historic cities of Kyoto and Nara, be awestruck by the beauty of Mount Fuji and see the bright lights of Tokyo and Osaka.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

2026 DATES			
20 Mar - 27 Mar	£5,490	13 Apr - 20 Apr	£5,490
23 Mar - 30 Mar	£5,490	17 Apr - 24 Apr	£5,490
27 Mar - 03 Apr	£5,490	08 May - 15 May	£5,490
30 Mar - 06 Apr	£5,490	28 Sep - 05 Oct	£4,990
03 Apr - 10 Apr	£5,490	05 Oct - 12 Oct	£4,990
06 Apr - 13 Apr	£5,490	19 Oct - 26 Oct	£4,990
10 Apr - 17 Apr	£5,490	16 Nov - 23 Nov	£4,990

2027 DATES			
15 Mar - 22 Mar	£5,490	06 Sep - 13 Sep	£5,190
19 Mar - 26 Mar	£5,490	13 Sep - 20 Sep	£5,190
22 Mar - 29 Mar	£5,490	27 Sep - 04 Oct	£5,190
26 Mar - 02 Apr	£5,490	04 Oct - 11 Oct	£5,190
29 Mar - 05 Apr	£5,490	11 Oct - 18 Oct	£5,190
02 Apr - 09 Apr	£5,490	18 Oct - 25 Oct	£5,190
05 Apr - 12 Apr	£5,490	01 Nov - 08 Nov	£5,190
09 Apr - 16 Apr	£5,490	08 Nov - 15 Nov	£5,190
12 Apr - 19 Apr	£5,490	15 Nov - 22 Nov	£5,190
16 Apr - 23 Apr	£5,490	22 Nov - 29 Nov	£5,190
07 May - 14 May	£5,190		

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,190 (Tokyo - Osaka)
- Single room from £1,040

Call for our 2028 pricing and departures

# EXPERIENCE JAPAN

- 11

DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON

£6,890
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover delightful Nara
- ✓ Visit Matsumoto & Osaka castles
- ✓ Explore Arashiyama bamboo forest
- ✓ Watch snow monkeys play
- ✓ See Kamakura's Grand Buddha
- ✓ View the impressive Mount Fuji

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try your hand at Japanese fan painting

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Try your hand at the art of Japanese fan painting! This ancient art dates back over a thousand years, when Japanese aristocrats held contests to see who possessed the most beautiful examples.
- Discover a miso house during your time at Matsumoto, and learn how miso, one of Japan's five core ingredients is made. The history of miso can be traced back over 1,300 years and plays a pivotal role in Japanese culture.
- Explore the fascinating cultural heritage of Tokyo, learn what shaped this impressive city and get a glimpse of what life was like through the ages at the Tokyo-Edo Museum.



Admire Mount Fuji from Lake Ashi

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER NARA

Explore Osaka Castle before heading to Nara. Visit Todai-ji Temple and wander through Nara Park, where friendly sika deer roam freely and bow to visitors. Stop at tranquil Isui-en Garden before returning to Osaka.

### DAY 4: HIGHLIGHTS OF KYOTO

Drive one hour to Kyoto. This enchanting city, which was the capital for over a thousand years, is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit the vibrant Arashiyama district, where you'll admire the 155-year-old Togetsukyo Bridge before taking a stroll through the towering thickets of Arashiyama's famous bamboo forest. Later, visit Ryoan-ji, the 'temple of the peaceful dragon', home to the famously beautiful 'Golden Pavilion' of Kinkaku-ji before dinner.

### DAY 5: KYOTO'S CULTURAL ARTS

Begin the day with a visit to one of Kyoto's most famous sites – Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 vermillion torii gates, and follow a forested uphill path passing numerous shrines along the way.

Later, enjoy the age-old rituals of a tea ceremony, and try your hand at origami. After lunch, your immersive experience continues with a fan painting class, during which you will learn the basics of this highly refined and sought-after visual art.

### DAY 6: SNOW MONKEYS

Hop on the bullet train to Nagoya, where you will connect with a limited express train to Nagano. From here, drive to Jigokudani Yaen-koen and enjoy a relaxed hike through the valley to the hot springs, where you may see the famous Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play. Drive south to Matsumoto, a charming little city at the foot of the Japanese Alps.

### DAY 7: MISO & SAKE TASTING

Begin the day with a visit to the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, nicknamed 'Crow Castle' for its intense black exterior. Next, head to a miso house and learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. After lunch, visit a sake brewery and enjoy a tipple or two! There will be some free time this afternoon to further explore Matsumoto.



Enjoy sake tasting



Visit Matsumoto's awe-inspiring 'Black Crow' Castle

### DAY 8: MOUNT FUJI

Today, head to the Fuji Five Lakes area, where you will ascend 2,400 metres by road to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of both Mount Fuji's cone and the surrounding landscape. Also, enjoy a short ferry ride across Lake Ashi to reach the Komagatake cable car, from which you can enjoy the breathtaking scenery below. Stay overnight in Mishima or the wider Fuji area.

### DAY 9: KAMAKURA GRAND BUDDHA

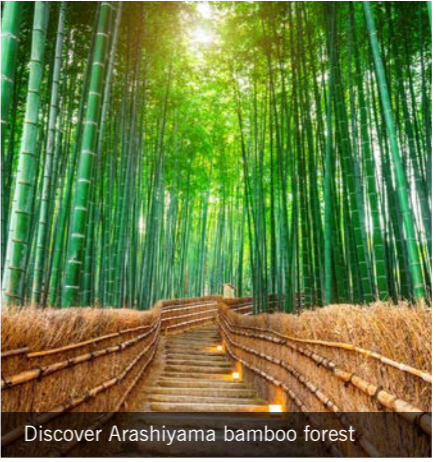
Journey to Kamakura, a popular coastal city located south of Tokyo. Visit Kotoku-in Temple, home to Japan's second tallest bronze Buddha, before strolling through Komachi Street, lined with pretty little shops. Stop to visit Tsurugaoka Hachimangu, Kamakura's most important shrine. After lunch, continue to the buzzing city of Tokyo and check in at your hotel.

### DAY 10: DISCOVER TOKYO

Begin the day by ascending to the observation deck at the Tokyo Skytree for panoramic views over the city below. Next, head to the old district of Asakusa and soak up the atmosphere at Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest and most famous temple, before browsing the stalls on Nakamise shopping street. After lunch, explore the Tokyo National Museum to learn about Tokyo's past. End the day with a cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay and enjoy dinner from the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

### DAY 11: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This tour not only visits the famous sights of Japan, including Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Mount Fuji and Tokyo, but is brimful of experiences allowing you to immerse yourself in the local culture, from traditional tea ceremonies to origami.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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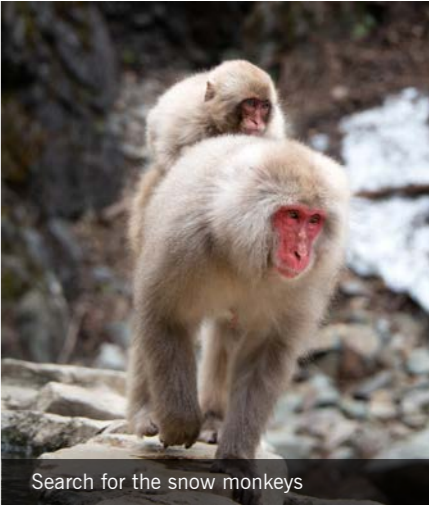
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- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Take part in a tea ceremony
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore relaxed Miyajima

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try your hand at origami

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Take part in a handicraft experience – the traditions and techniques of the intricate art of origami. You'll learn to fold some of the simpler, but still impressive, shapes and designs.
- More than just a hot drink, the Japanese tea ceremony dates back to the 9th century and represents purity, tranquillity, respect and harmony. Experience the preparation and presentation that goes into this sacred ritual.
- The buckwheat soba noodle is one of Japan's most famous culinary exports – try your hand at making them from scratch, before feasting on the delicious results for lunch.



Journey by ferry to the holy island of Miyajima

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER TOKYO

Head to the Tokyo National Museum in Ueno Park to uncover 2,000 years of Japanese heritage. After lunch, stop by Senso-ji Temple en route to the 634-metre Skytree, where you'll ascend to the Observation Deck for panoramic views over the sprawling city below.

### DAY 4: SHIBUYA & TOKYO BAY

Visit Meiji Jingu, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the deified spirit of Meiji, the 19th-century emperor who presided over Japan's radical modernisation. Nestled in peaceful urban woodland, this shrine feels a world away from the buzzing Shibuya Crossing which we will admire before lunch. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore as you wish. End the day with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay and admire the twinkling city lights from across the harbour.

### DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI & THE FUJI LAKES

Drive west into the foothills of the iconic Mount Fuji, a region spectacularly dotted by lakes formed by past volcanic eruptions. Drive to Mount Fuji's 5th station (weather permitting), which sits at an elevation of more than 2,000 metres, and take in the scenic views over the landscapes below. Continue to Lake Kawaguchi in search of more views of Mount Fuji. Later, pay a visit to Iyashi no Sato, a charming village on the edge of Lake Saiko. Here, the lovingly restored thatch-roofed farmhouses have been

transformed into an open-air museum and craft village. Stay overnight in Mishima or the wider Fuji area.

### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Visit Oshino Hakkai village, known for its views of Mount Fuji. Later, learn how to make your very own traditional Japanese soba noodles, and enjoy your creations for lunch! Later, transfer to Mishima station and journey on the bullet train to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was the capital for a thousand years. Today, it embodies the legacy of feudal-era Japan, brimming with historic architecture.

### DAY 7: TEA, TEMPLES & ORIGAMI

Enjoy a full day tour of Kyoto, starting with a visit to one of Kyoto's delightful temples – the 17th-century Buddhist Kiyomizu. Immerse yourself in Japanese culture, observing the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony before trying your hand at origami. Dating back to the 6th century, the art of 'folding paper' is a cultural symbol of simplicity, beauty and peace. Later, explore the impressive Fushimi Inari Shrine with its remarkable 10,000 red torii gates.

### DAY 8: JOURNEY TO HIROSHIMA

Begin the day with a visit to Ryoan-ji Temple, referred to locally as the 'temple of the peaceful dragon', which is home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. Afterwards, enjoy a photo opportunity at the renowned Kinkaku-ji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Travel by bullet train to Hiroshima; a bustling coastal city with a famously tragic history.



Admire the thatched farmhouses of Oshino Hakkai near Mount Fuji

### DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and see its 'floating' torii gate, one of Japan's most recognisable UNESCO World Heritage sites, located on the edge of the Seto Inland Sea. Later, return to Hiroshima and take time to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which pay homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Afterwards, ascend the Orizuru Tower for poignant views over this beautiful, resilient city.

### DAY 10: HIMEJI CASTLE

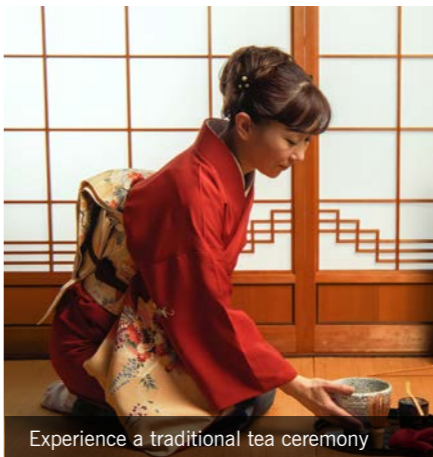
Travel to Himeji to visit its famous castle. This feudal era fort, one of the most impressive in Japan, towers over the city and is recognisable as the backdrop to several major films. Admire its well-preserved architecture before strolling around Koko-en, the Edo-style gardens just across the castle moat. Continue to the cosmopolitan city of Osaka ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

### DAY 11: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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Pay your respects in Hiroshima



Experience a traditional tea ceremony

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan, visiting modern Tokyo, iconic Mount Fuji and historic Kyoto. A visit to Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Museum and the holy island of Miyajima complete this fascinating tour.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary during peak season

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# HIDDEN JAPAN: SPIRIT OF KYUSHU

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## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore a renowned pottery village
- ✓ Soak in an open-air onsen
- ✓ Try on a traditional kimono
- ✓ Reflect on Kyushu's wartime history
- ✓ Taste Kagoshima's rich black vinegar
- ✓ Visit an authentic shochu distillery

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation including overnight stays in a ryokan
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try on a kimono at Sengan-en Garden

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Take part in a kimono dressing session in the serene Sengan-en Gardens. Here, you'll have the opportunity to try on Japan's elegant and traditional attire before taking photos in the midst of the beautiful grounds that surround you.
- Explore the Chiran Peace Museum, established on a former army base. Here, personal letters, photos, and recovered WWII aircraft tell the profound and troubling tale of hundreds of kamikaze pilots, who took off from here to their deaths in 1945.
- Taste Kagoshima's local speciality – 'kurozo', or black vinegar! Admire the hundreds of black pots of vinegar, which are aged for years in the Kyushu sunshine in order to give the vinegar its umami quality. Learn about local production techniques and enjoy lunch at the producer's restaurant.



Experience traditional drumming against the backdrop of Aso-Kuju National Park

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO FUKUOKA

Fly overnight to Fukuoka, the gateway to Kyushu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture before dinner. (D)

### DAY 3: FUKUOKA

Begin your island adventure with a visit to the Kyushu National Museum, where you'll gain an insight into its long and storied history before lunch at a local winery. On select November departures, if availability permits, you will enjoy an authentic Japanese experience – Fukuoka's annual sumo tournament! This evening, head to Fukuoka's Nakasu district, famous for its yatai – street food stalls serving iconic Japanese foods from yakitori skewers to delicious ramen. Soak up the atmosphere here, popular with locals relaxing after work. The rest of your evening is at leisure – if you wish, why not stay longer and sample the yatai food independently? (B,L)

### DAY 4: OKAWACHIYAMA

Drive to Nagasaki, enjoying several stops en route. First, soak up the harbour views at Karatsu Castle. Then, head to Imari, famous for its ceramics, and observe a potter at work. Take some free time in nearby Okawachiyama, known for its lovely porcelain and nicknamed 'The Village of Secret Kilns'. Enjoy lunch independently and browse the town's many ceramics shops. The streets here are a delight to wander, with intriguing porcelain sculptures and a beautifully tiled bridge. Later, sip a cup of green tea in Ureshino. If your visit falls outside the workers' busiest season (March-June), you may be lucky enough to meet a local farmer and hear about life in the tea fields. Continue to Nagasaki. (B,D)

### DAY 5: NAGASAKI

Pay your respects at the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Peace Park, where you'll hear the devastating story of the 1945 atomic bomb, its aftermath, and how Nagasaki rebuilt itself from the ashes. Later, visit Dejima Wharf, once the only permitted entry point for European traders into Japan. Lunch is at leisure among the various waterfront cafés here, from which you can admire yachts and fishing boats bobbing in Nagasaki harbour. Continue to Glover Garden, a hillside park filled with the manors of European traders from the 19th century. (B)

### DAY 6: TSUETATE ONSEN

Drive to Shimabara and hop on the 60-minute ferry to Kumamoto, where you can enjoy some free time for lunch. Continue to Mount Aso and take photos of its vast crater. Finally, drive on to the charming town of Tsuetate Onsen. Here, check in at your ryokan – a traditional Japanese inn with tatami mat floors. The evening is at leisure to relax in the hotel's beautiful hot spring onsen – choose from indoor pools or a selection of open-air baths. (B,D)



Discover the stories of kamikaze pilots ©K.P.V.B.



Admire Takachiho Gorge

### DAY 7: MEDITATION & OPEN-AIR DRUMS

Begin the day at the serene Fuku-ji Temple, where a stone stairway will bring you to a cliffside cave with beautiful views over a quiet valley. Here, experience a short meditation session led by a Buddhist monk. Continue to the lovely Kuju Flower Park, where a kaleidoscope of colours covers the 49-acre parkland from spring to autumn. This afternoon's experience is truly special: a soul-stirring display of traditional drumming, performed on an open-air stage against the dramatic backdrop of Aso-Kuju National Park. At an elevation of 1,036 metres, this incredible venue is known as 'the theatre in the sky'. Afterwards, stop by the museum to see a display of the troupe's elaborate drumming costumes before returning to your ryokan. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: TAKACHIHO GORGE & KIRISHIMA HILLS

Drive south to Takachiho Gorge, one of Kyushu's most famous natural wonders. Here, the beautiful Gokake River runs through a mesmerising 80-metre-deep chasm between basalt cliffs, formed by volcanic eruptions from 100,000 years ago. Take time for photos at the gorge. Afterwards, get hands-on with a cooking experience, discovering the taste of Takachiho-style chicken or vegetables, seasoned and simmered inside bamboo. Continue to your hotel in the Kirishima Hills, nestled at the edge of Kirishima National Park. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: KAMIKAZE & KAGOSHIMA

Drive down the Satsuma Peninsula to Chiran, a former samurai town from which hundreds of kamikaze pilots flew to their deaths at the Battle of Okinawa. Learn their story at the Chiran Peace

Museum, which displays their photographs, farewell letters, and two recovered planes. Later, take a walk through Chiran's samurai district before driving to Kagoshima. After lunch, visit the scenic Sengan-en Garden, where you can try on a traditional kimono! This afternoon, take the ferry to Mount Sakurajima, a dramatic volcano in Kagoshima Bay. Enjoy a refreshing open-air footbath before returning to Kirishima. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: FLAVOURS OF KAGOSHIMA

Don't leave Kagoshima Prefecture without tasting its shochu – a distilled local liquor, popular across Japan. Stop by a shochu distillery for a tasting before learning about another local speciality – 'kurozo', or black vinegar! Kagoshima's 'black gold' has an earthy umami flavour from being aged in pots under the Japanese sun. Admire the rows of black 'tsubo' pots and enjoy lunch at the producer's restaurant. Finally, drive to Kagoshima City, where the bullet train will whisk you back to Fukuoka in just 90 minutes, ahead of tonight's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11: FLY FUKUOKA TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## + SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On some November departures\*, there is an extra special addition to day 3: a sumo tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Subject to availability.

HIDDEN JAPAN: SPIRIT OF KYUSHU

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Ideal for curious travellers and second-time visitors, lesser-visited Kyushu offers a blend of rich culture and natural beauty. Witness a soul-stirring drum performance, admire steaming volcanoes, and soak in bubbling onsen baths on this journey into Kyushu's green and wild heart.



Visit Mount Sakurajima

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Thursday

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- ✓ See ancient Nara
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Visit a gold leaf workshop

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Join a dedicated craftsperson in a small workshop to hear about about the delicate and intricate art of gold leaf making, discovering what gold leaf is and how it is used before having a go yourself.
- Learn all about the traditional production of an essential element of Japanese cooking, the fermented soybean paste 'miso', at an old wooden miso house.
- Discover the traditional process of paper making before getting your hands dirty making 'washi' (Japanese paper) the age-old way.



Admire the traditional farmhouses of UNESCO-listed Shirakawa-go

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: TOKYO CITY TOUR

Tokyo, formerly Edo, boasts a cosmopolitan exterior with deep roots. Admire city vistas from the towering Skytree before heading to the historic Asakusa district to admire Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. Return to your hotel, passing by the Imperial Palace Plaza en route. This evening, head to Tokyo Bay for a dinner cruise on its glittering waters.

### DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Hop on the bullet train to Odawara, then board a ferry across scenic Lake Ashi before riding the Komagatake cable car for sweeping regional views. Next, drive partway up Mount Fuji to reach the 5th Station (weather permitting) and take in lake-studded panoramas from an altitude of over 2,000 metres.

### DAY 5: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Drive to Matsumoto to admire its formidable 16th-century castle. Inside, steep wooden steps reward visitors with a display of matchlocks and armour on the second floor. Alternatively, take free time to enjoy the manicured grounds and koi-filled moat. Later, visit a Miso House to learn about the process of ageing this umami-rich seasoning. Continue through the Japanese Alps to Takayama, nestled in the mountainous Hida region.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the riverside morning market and wander past some of the lovely traditional houses. Visit the excellent local museums here, including the Festival Floats Museum and Takayama Jinya, the Shogun-era magistrate's office. Enjoy some free time in Kamisannomachi Street and make use of the onsen facilities at your overnight hotel.

### DAY 7: SHIRAKAWA-GO & KANAZAWA

Get a glimpse of rural Japan at the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go, famed for its gassho-style farmhouses with their steep thatched roofs. Try your hand at washi paper making in nearby Gokayama before continuing to Kanazawa. Here, meander through beautiful Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan.

### DAY 8: GOLD LEAF MAKING

Kanazawa produces 99% of Japan's gold leaf; visit a workshop to learn more and try your own hand at it! Next, stroll through traditional Higashi Chaya (the teahouse district) and visit a former geisha house. Later, journey to Kyoto, an atmospheric city that offers a window into a bygone era.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE KYOTO

Start the day with a visit to Ryoan-ji, the 'temple of the peaceful dragon' and the famous Kinkaku-ji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. After lunch, immerse yourself in Japanese culture; try your hand at origami and enjoy the tranquil, age-old rituals of a tea ceremony.



Explore the imposing Matsumoto Castle

### DAY 10: DISCOVER NARA

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 vermillion torii gates. Depart Kyoto and drive to Nara, another former capital with a huge cultural legacy. Stroll through the sprawling Nara Park to the beautiful Todai-ji Temple, meeting the cheeky resident sika deer en route. Later, explore Isui-en, a charming garden designed for strolling.

### DAY 11: KOYASAN

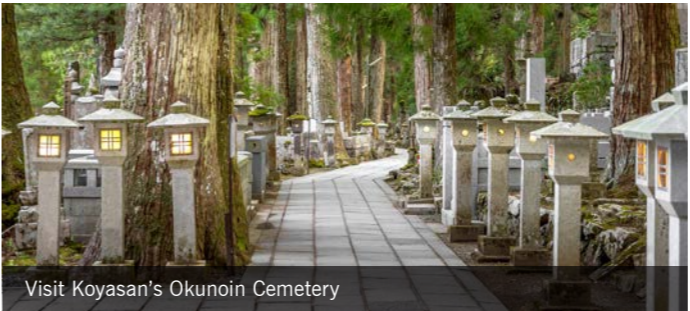
The holy mountain of Koyasan is home to a cluster of over 100 monasteries, nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Arguably the most sacred mountain in all of Japan, Koyasan is the heart of Shingon Buddhism and is the resting place of Japan's best known Buddhist, Kobo Daishi. Walk through Okunoin – a vast, atmospheric cemetery filled with towering cedars and little jizo statues wearing red knitted bonnets. Later, continue to Osaka and check in at your hotel.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE OSAKA

Begin the day exploring Osaka Castle, which is one of Japan's most famous forts. Later, stroll through Dotonbori, known for its buzzing atmosphere and street food. The afternoon is free for you to explore this fascinating city before this evening's farewell dinner.

### DAY 13: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



Visit Koyasan's Okunoin Cemetery

## DISCOVER JAPAN

## CLASSIC JAPAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan including Tokyo, Mount Fuji and the historic capitals of Kyoto and Nara. Plus, journey through the Japanese Alps to uncover the cultural centres of Takayama, rural Shirakawa-go and laidback Kanazawa.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

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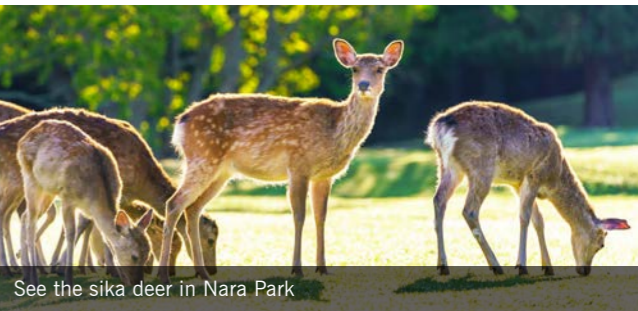
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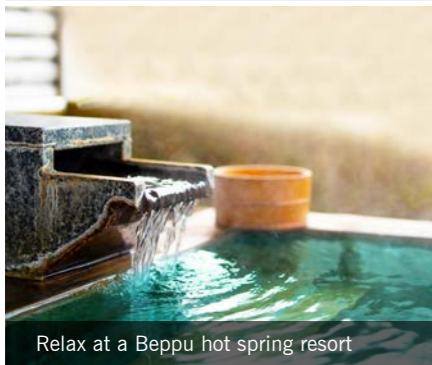
ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore charming Fukuoka
- ✓ Discover Kumamoto
- ✓ See the impressive Mount Aso
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's past
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Fuji

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Relax at a Beppu hot spring resort

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Visit one of Japan's most famous hot spring towns, Beppu, and soak away any aches, pains and tiredness in the mineral rich waters of your hotel's onsen pools.
- Visit a historic brewery in Fukuoka Prefecture to sample small-batch sake (rice wine) distilled with Kyushu's famously mineral-rich water. Blending tradition with innovation, this producer crafts unique spirits that honour their heritage while embracing originality.
- Gaze over Mount Aso, Japan's largest volcano, and the smaller volcanoes within its huge crater (one of which is active), and admire the incredible scenery that surrounds it.



Admire the centuries-old Kintai-kyo Bridge

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO FUKUOKA

Fly overnight to the charming city of Fukuoka, the gateway to the island of Kyushu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: MUSEUM & SAKE TASTING

The lovely Fukuoka is at the heart of an area considered a cradle of culture – the city's position facing Korea and China across the sea means it has long been a channel of outside influence. Dip your toes in local history at the fascinating Kyushu National Museum before lunch. Later, sample sake at a historic local brewery, then ascend Fukuoka Tower for panoramic views over this laid-back seaside city. On select November departures, enjoy an extra-special experience: Fukuoka's annual sumo tournament!

### DAY 4: DISCOVER KUMAMOTO

Drive to Kumamoto, known for its majestic castle; one of Japan's largest and most complete. Stop by the castle, which is in the final stages of restoration, before heading to Suizenji Garden. This traditional-style garden, built in the 17th century, recreates in miniature the important road that linked Edo (Tokyo) and Kyoto, including a mini Mount Fuji.

### DAY 5: VISIT MOUNT ASO & BEPPU

Travel from Kumamoto to Mount Aso, an active volcano at the centre of Kyushu island. Aso's crater is one of the world's largest; with a circumference of over 100km it encompasses a number of other active peaks, which you'll be able to see (weather dependent). Continue to Beppu, one of Japan's most famous hot spring resorts –

your hotel for the night has onsen facilities for you to make the most of the steamy waters.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE BEPPU

Venture out into Beppu, starting the day with a jigoku meguri, a hell tour! Here you'll find all sorts of volcanic features, including thermal mud and hot springs that have bubbled from the ground for a millennium. Pop over to Yufuin, another hot spring resort that is home to a wealth of art museums, cafés and boutiques and is a delight to explore. This afternoon, transfer back to Fukuoka.

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO HIROSHIMA

Depart Fukuoka for Hiroshima. Stop at the city of Yamaguchi, where you can enjoy the views over the Kanmon Strait from Yume Tower. Break the journey for lunch in Iwakuni and admire the photogenic Kintai-kyo Bridge. This centuries-old wooden bridge over the Nishiki River spans nearly two hundred metres. Its five majestic arches were a favourite subject of ukiyo-e woodblock artists like Hiroshige. Continue to Hiroshima.



Discover Kumamoto Castle



Soar high on the Hakone Ropeway



See Mount Aso, an active volcano located at the centre of Kyushu

### DAY 8: DISCOVER HIROSHIMA

Once devastated by tragedy, Hiroshima now stands for peace, hope, and renewal. Take a ferry across the Seto Inland Sea to the lovely island of Miyajima and visit the Itsukushima Shrine before enjoying some time at leisure. Back in the city, reflect on Hiroshima's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb.

### DAY 9: ADMIRE HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Hiroshima for Kyoto, stopping en route to visit the magnificent Himeji Castle, one of Japan's most impressive feudal era forts. Stroll through Koko-en, an Edo-style garden just across the castle moat. Continue to Kyoto.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE KYOTO

Kyoto, which was Japan's capital for over a thousand years, is the cradle of Japanese culture. Begin at Fushimi Inari Shrine, known for the 10,000 vermillion torii gates that frame the path up the mountain. Visit Nijo Castle for a slice of Shogunate history before lunch. This afternoon, admire the famous 'Golden Pavilion' of Kinkaku-ji before a stroll in Gion, Kyoto's historic geisha district.

### DAY 11: VISIT HAKONE

Hop on the bullet train to Atami, where your coach will be waiting to whisk you to the spa town of Hakone. Here, enjoy a short ferry ride across Lake Ashi; if weather permits, admire views of Mount Fuji's iconic cone. Next, fly high over the thick forest on the Hakone Ropeway cable car, passing the volcanic Owakudani Valley with its hot springs and steam vents. Continue to Tokyo.

### DAY 12: TOUR TOKYO

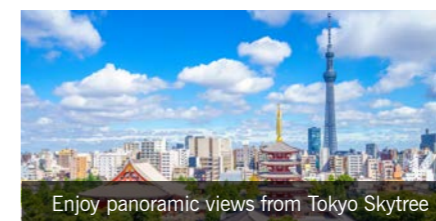
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### DAY 13: FLY TOKYO TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## + SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On some November departures\*, there is an extra special addition to day 3: a sumo tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Subject to availability.



Enjoy panoramic views from Tokyo Skytree

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Uncover the beauty of the lesser-known island of Kyushu, renowned for its active volcanoes, hot springs and stunning beaches, before exploring the must-see sights of Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo on the largest island of Honshu.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Wednesday

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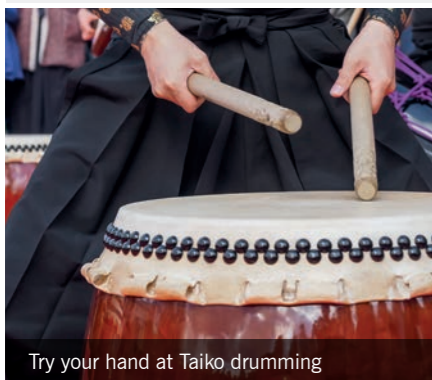
MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Soak in soothing onsen baths
- ✓ Take a Taiko drumming class
- ✓ Walk around Mount Fuji's base
- ✓ Stay overnight in ryokans
- ✓ Explore sacred Koyasan
- ✓ Try on a traditional kimono

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts (B) & 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation, including overnight stays in ryokans and a temple lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try your hand at Taiko drumming

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Have a go at traditional drumming with a Taiko drumming class, taking part in an energetic and age-old ensemble performance on the big tom drums.
- ▶ For a classic Japanese experience, we've included three separate nights in a ryokan, a traditional inn with onsen facilities, where you'll sleep on a futon in a comfortable tatami mat room.
- ▶ Enjoy the peace and serenity inspired by the sacred chanting of Buddhist monks as you join them for their morning prayers in a beautiful 13th-century temple.



Explore Takayama, nestled in the Hida region

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: JAPANESE DRUMMING

Begin your tour of Tokyo by immersing yourself in the local culture. Spend this morning trying your hand at traditional Japanese drumming with a Taiko class, where you will learn how to beat the 'wadaiko' with 'bachi'. This popular pastime has been a part of the Japanese culture for centuries. Later, visit Meiji Shrine and the vibrant district of Harajuku before stopping by the famous Shibuya Crossing. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore more of Tokyo independently. (B)

### DAY 4: DISCOVER TOKYO

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### DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI

Journey out of Tokyo to the foot of mighty Mount Fuji and the Fuji Five Lakes area. Pick up a walking trail and make your way through lush alpine forest at Fuji's base, pausing often to admire the landscapes around you. Tonight, enjoy a typical Japanese experience – stay in a ryokan with onsen facilities and sleep on a traditional futon on a tatami mat. (B,D)

### DAY 6: MATSUMOTO & SNOW MONKEYS

Visit Matsumoto's magnificent 16th-century castle. Continue to Yudanaka, where you can don your walking boots and hike up through the valley in search of the park's semi-wild snow monkeys. Enjoy watching them bathe and play in the hot spring pools. Overnight in Nagano. (B)

### DAY 7: JAPANESE ALPS

Travel to Hotaka and ride the Shin-Hotaka Ropeway for breathtaking views over the surrounding Japanese Alps (weather permitting). Drive to Takayama, a traditional little town nestled in the lovely Hida region. Enjoy some free time in the Old Town, lined with interesting craft shops and stalls selling the local treat – delicious grilled rice dumplings on skewers. Tonight, stay overnight in a ryokan with onsen facilities and sleep on a traditional futon on a tatami mat. (B,D)

### DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Take the limited express train to Nagoya, then board a super-fast bullet train and whizz your way through the countryside to Kyoto. Start discovering the city's rich heritage with visits to the enchanting Fushimi Inari Shrine and Kiyomizu Temple. Later, enjoy a stroll through the traditional streets of Higashiyama and Gion, Kyoto's old geisha district. (B)



Admire Kinkaku-ji – the Golden Pavilion

### DAY 9: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Start today by visiting Kinkaku-ji, known as the 'Golden Pavilion', and Ryoan-ji. Continue to the Arashiyama district to explore its striking bamboo forest before a rickshaw ride. Later, witness the rituals involved in a traditional tea ceremony and relax with a cup of matcha. (B)

### DAY 10: KIMONOS & KOYASAN

Discover the complicated process of dressing in a traditional kimono, then try your hand at the art of origami. This afternoon, travel by road to Koyasan, a mountaintop sanctuary filled with temples and pagodas. Spend the night in a 13th-century temple guesthouse, sleeping on a traditional futon on a tatami mat floor. (B,D)

### DAY 11: MORNING PRAYERS

Rise early to join the monks for their morning service. Hearing their chanting is a deeply spiritual experience. After breakfast, take a walking tour of Koyasan. For many, the highlight is the ethereal Okunoin Cemetery, where towering cedars, dappled light and moss-covered statues create an otherworldly atmosphere. Drive to Osaka for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

### DAY 12: HIMEJI CASTLE & SAKE BREWERY

Travel to Himeji to explore Japan's most iconic feudal castle, renowned for its well-preserved architecture and elegant white façade. Later, visit a sake brewery to sample local flavours and learn about centuries-old brewing techniques. Return to Osaka and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

### DAY 13: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

During the month of May, a special visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included on day 5. This is the best time of the year and one of the most scenic places in Japan to see the pink moss phlox in full bloom! Subject to weather conditions.



SEE SUMO WRESTLING

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## OFF-BEAT JAPAN

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Get off the beaten track on our most culturally immersive tour of Japan. Beat traditional drums, wander historic towns, and bathe in steaming onsen. Along the way, you'll stay in two traditional ryokans and even spend a night in a Buddhist temple guesthouse.



Sample sake at a local brewery

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Hokkaido's Ainu culture
- ✓ Explore Tokyo and Sapporo
- ✓ Stay in a traditional ryokan
- ✓ Soak in a hot spring onsen
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Fuji
- ✓ Uncover Kyoto's past

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation, including an overnight stay in a ryokan
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Uncover Ainu culture in Shiraoi

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Visit Hokkaido's Ainu Museum for a rare insight into the art, culture and spirituality of the indigenous Ainu. Once the 'First People' of Hokkaido, the Ainu are now a minority ethnic group whose very language is considered endangered.
- Have lunch with a very special host: a maiko, or apprentice geisha! Seeing a geisha is a matter of luck, even in Kyoto; enjoy this rare guaranteed opportunity for a glimpse into their world.
- Spend the night in a ryokan, a centuries-old style of guesthouse that offers the ultimate Japanese experience! Sleep on a futon on a tatami mat, dine on traditional food and bathe in the relaxing warm waters of an onsen.



View the magnificent Kegon Waterfall

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAPPORO

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Sapporo, capital of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: ASCEND OKURAYAMA

This morning, ascend to the Okurayama viewing point, soaring up to the summit of the Sapporo Winter Olympics ski jump by chair lift – the views over the surrounding mountains are breathtaking. Continue to the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village and stroll along the picturesque canal. This evening, visit a local beer museum before dinner.

### DAY 4: THE AINU MUSEUM & HAKODATE

Drive to Shiraoi. Here, visit the Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park. This fascinating museum tells the story of the Ainu culture, indigenous to this corner of Japan, and which was almost erased in the Meiji era. Ainu identity is a valuable part of Japan's diversity, characterised by its unique language, rich storytelling tradition, and deep relationship with 'kamuy' (spirit deities). Explore Ainu culture through the museum's wealth of exhibits, including a number of tools and hunting weapons adorned with beautiful patterns.

Later, hop on a bullet train to the harbour city of Hakodate, set on Hokkaido's southern tip. This evening, take a short cable car ride up Mount Hakodate to see the beauty of the city by night.

### DAY 5: HAKODATE, AOMORI & HIROSAKI

Start the day wandering Hakodate's bustling asaichi (morning market), where hundreds of stores and stalls sell fresh local produce, seafood and the odd souvenir. Next, ascend Goryokaku Tower for views over Goryokaku Fort and Mount Hakodate before boarding the bullet train to the lovely city of Aomori in the north of Honshu, Japan's largest island. Visit the Nebuta Warasse, a museum dedicated to Aomori's famous 300-year-old Nebuta Matsuri, a lively summer festival. Transfer to Hirosaki.

### DAY 6: TSUNAGI ONSEN

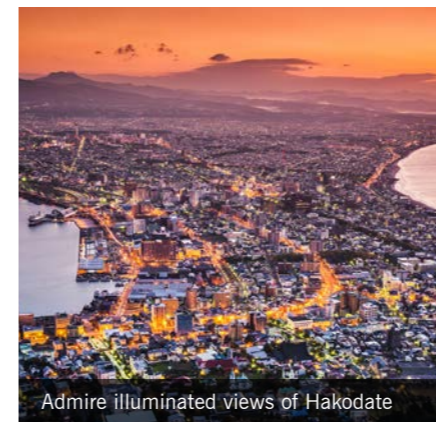
Depart Hirosaki for Kakunodate, a former samurai stronghold. Explore the Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum and stroll around Ishiguro House, the town's oldest samurai residence. Later, travel to the hot spring town of Tsunagi, where you'll embrace traditional Japanese culture with an overnight ryokan. Unwind in a natural onsen and sleep on a futon laid out on tatami mats – a timeless way to experience Japan.

### DAY 7: CRUISE MATSUSHIMA BAY

Travel to Hiraizumi, where you'll explore the peaceful Chuson-ji Temple with its beautiful old gold leaf-covered hall. Drive south to reach Matsushima Bay, where you'll enjoy a cruise amongst the small pine tree-covered islands of this famously picturesque seascape. Overnight in Sendai.

### DAY 8: SENDAI TO NIKKO

Walk to Sendai station and take the bullet train to Nikko. Explore the beautiful surroundings of Nikko National Park, where you'll visit Toshogu Shrine. Toshogu is



Admire illuminated views of Hakodate



Cruise through Matsushima Bay

arguably Japan's most lavish shrine, built as a memorial to Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. Later, visit the magnificent Kegon Waterfall Observation Deck, and admire the waters of Chuzenji Lake crashing for hundred metres down the cliffside. Drive to Tokyo.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE TOKYO

Japan's capital is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you'll find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Start the day in the vibrant district of Asakusa, where you will visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and wander down Nakamise shopping street before a visit to Tokyo National Museum. After lunch, stop for a photo at the iconic Shibuya Scramble Crossing before ascending to the observation deck of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building for exceptional views over the city.

### DAY 10: ADMIRE MOUNT FUJI

Drive from Tokyo to Mount Fuji's 5th Station, nestled a little over halfway up the mountain's slopes, and the highest point which can be accessed by road. Transfer to the Hakone area, where a quick ferry ride across Lake Ashi will bring you to the Komagatake Ropeway. Enjoy the views from the cable car before returning to Tokyo.

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Capital for 1,000 years, this city's historic legacy is visible at every turn. This afternoon, visit Togetsukyo Bridge in the heart of the vibrant Arashiyama district and enjoy a leisurely walk through the towering bamboo forest.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE KYOTO

This morning, visit one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion'. Famously covered in gleaming gold leaf, this building sits on the edge of a reflecting pool. Later, stroll through Nishiki Market, dubbed 'Kyoto's kitchen', where there are many interesting food and sake stores to explore. The afternoon is at leisure in Kyoto.

### DAY 13: MEET AN APPRENTICE GEISHA

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, then return to the city centre to observe the rituals of a Japanese tea ceremony. This lunchtime, enjoy a special experience: lunch hosted by a maiko, or geisha-in-training! Later, tour a traditional sake brewery en route to the booming city of Osaka, where this tour ends.

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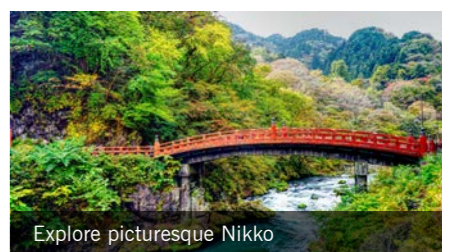
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## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover historic Kyoto & Nara
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima & Miyajima
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo & Osaka
- ✓ Explore Kanazawa & Takayama

## PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit Tokyo's Shibuya Crossing

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Witness the organised chaos and bright lights of Shibuya Crossing; Tokyo's answer to Times Square, seen in many a film and television show.
- ▶ Learn all about washi (Japanese paper), discovering the traditional process of making this age-old paper, before having a go at making it yourself.
- ▶ Miso is a staple of every Japanese kitchen, a fermented soybean paste known for its complex flavours and nutritional benefits. Visit a miso brewery to learn all about its traditional production and inspecting the fermentation barrels before tasting the finished product for yourself.



Witness the bloom of the cherry blossom at Himeji Castle

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka! Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER NARA

Spend the morning in Nara, the small, history-filled city that was Japan's first capital. Stroll through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple and admire the traditional Isui-en Garden. Return to Osaka and visit the impressive Osaka Castle.

### DAY 4: HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Osaka for Hiroshima, stopping en route to explore the magnificent 17th-century Himeji Castle and the neighbouring Koko-en, a traditional-style garden.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA

Reflect on this seaside city's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Next, take the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima to see its 'floating' torii gate and enjoy some time at leisure.

### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Start the day with a journey by bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Admire Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion', before visiting Ryoan-ji Temple's charming Zen garden.

### DAY 7: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Explore Kiyomizu, a 17th-century Buddhist temple, before experiencing the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony. After lunch, visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 vermilion torii gates.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Drive to Kanazawa, arriving around lunchtime. Admire Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before visiting Nomura Samurai House.

### DAY 9: WASHI PAPER MAKING

Drive to Gokayama, where you can enjoy a hands-on washi paper making workshop before lunch. Continue to Shirakawa-go, famous for its steep thatched roof houses. Continue to your hotel in the Takayama area, the gateway region for the Japanese Alps.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market and wander past some of the lovely traditional houses. Explore Takayama's excellent local museums, including the Festival Floats Museum and Takayama Jinya, followed by a stroll down Kamisannomachi Street. Enjoy some time at leisure to shop and explore.

### DAY 11: MISO IN MATSUMOTO

Travel to Matsumoto and explore the formidable 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, famous for its dramatic, dark wood exterior. Please note that the castle has very steep wooden steps inside; if you prefer, you can wait in the grounds and enjoy the view instead. Later, visit a miso house and learn about this staple Japanese seasoning. Continue to Nagano.

### DAY 12: SNOW MONKEYS

Don your walking boots and walk 40-60 minutes through the sloping Jigokudani Valley to reach the hot springs, where you may see the Japanese snow monkeys bathe and play.



Search for snow monkeys in Yudanaka

Enjoy some time for photos before the return walk. Return to Nagano, stopping en route for some time at leisure in the lovely town of Obuse, known for its delicious chestnuts.

### DAY 13: MOUNT FUJI

The sacred peak of Mount Fuji has inspired artists, poets and pilgrims for centuries. Drive from Nagano to reach the Fuji Five Lakes region, where, weather permitting, you can enjoy dramatic views of Fuji and ascend by road to the 5th Station. Overnight in the wider Fuji area.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

Begin the day with a short cruise on the peaceful waters of Lake Ashi. Next, soar high on the Hakone cable car to reach the volcanic Owakudani Valley and discover Mount Hakone's dramatic natural hot springs, which often offer good views of Mount Fuji. Later, continue to Tokyo.

### DAY 15: DISCOVER TOKYO

A dazzling, high-tech metropolis, Japan's capital is a city of contrasts. Start your explorations at one of the city's lovely gardens and stop by the famous Shibuya Crossing before some time at leisure.

### DAY 16: MORE TOKYO

Stroll the vibrant Asakusa district and soak up the ambiance of Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. Ascend to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree before lunch. The afternoon is free until this evening's farewell dinner cruise.

### DAY 17: FLY TOKYO TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

### SEE SUMO WRESTLING



On some May and September departures\*, there is an extra special addition to day 15: a sumo tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Subject to availability.

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Our most comprehensive tour of Japan includes all the classic sights and key cultural activities. Featuring modern cities, historical sights and beautiful landscapes, it ensures you'll get the most from this fascinating land.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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- ✓ Experience the speedy bullet train
- ✓ See snow monkeys bathe in hot springs



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Experience a traditional tea ceremony

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Embrace the ancient rituals of a traditional tea ceremony, a practice that dates back to the ninth century and represents purity, respect and harmony.
- Enjoy a hands-on experience crafting washi paper, made from the fibers of various plants and commonly used for books, paintings and even for architectural purposes.
- Founded in 1868, the Ishii Miso House still produces this traditional soybean paste seasoning as it always has, fermenting it for three years for a deeper, more complex taste. Tour the brewery and learn all about the production process, then taste a range of miso-infused foods.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to Tokyo, Japan's incomparable capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: WONDERS OF TOKYO

Begin your discovery of Japan with a visit to the serene Imperial Palace East Garden, followed by the majestic Meiji Shrine. Later, experience the buzz and energy of the world-famous Shibuya Crossing. This evening, relax with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay, with views of the city's iconic skyline.

### DAY 4: TOKYO

Soak up the timeless charm of Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple, before exploring the bustling Nakamise Street, brimming with souvenir treasures. Ascend to the lofty heights of the Tokyo Skytree for panoramic views over this sprawling metropolis.

### DAY 5: FUJI FIVE LAKES

Embark on a scenic journey through the captivating Fuji Five Lakes region. Take a short ferry ride across the idyllic waters of Lake Ashi, before enjoying a panoramic cable car ride on the Hakone Ropeway to reach Owakudani, the Great Boiling Valley with its impressive volcanic hot springs. Spend a night in Mishima or the wider Fuji area.

### DAY 6: MOUNT FUJI'S SPLENDOUR

Ascend by road to Mount Fuji's 5th Station, weather permitting, to behold breathtaking panoramas of the Fuji Five Lakes below. Admire the intricate silk kimonos at the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum before continuing your journey to Nagano.

### DAY 7: JIGOKUDANI MONKEY PARK

Discover the natural beauty of the Japanese Alps. Don your walking boots and hike through Jigokudani Valley to reach the park's hot springs, in which the local snow monkeys love to bathe. Enjoy watching them splash and play before the return hike. After lunch, enjoy some free time to shop in the charming town of Obuse, famous for its chestnuts. Return to Nagano.

### DAY 8: CHARMS OF MATSUMOTO

Delve into the world of miso seasoning at Ishii Miso House before exploring the historic Matsumoto Castle. Nicknamed Black Crow Castle, this is one of only twelve original castles in Japan. Its authentic wooden interiors and second-floor exhibition offer a fascinating glimpse of the feudal period. Later, drive through the Japanese Alps to reach Takayama.



Gaze on the beauty of Mount Fuji



Admire the 'Golden Pavilion' of Kinkaku-ji

### DAY 9: TAKAYAMA

Browse Takayama's idyllic riverside market before visiting the Festival Floats Exhibition Hall, which displays Takayama's famous traditional parade floats. Later, stop by Takayama Jinya, a former magistrate office with a wealth of local history. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to relax, explore, or perhaps take advantage of Takayama's high-quality craft shops.

### DAY 10: SHIRAKAWA-GO & KANAZAWA

Drive through the picturesque Alpine countryside to reach the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go, renowned for its steep thatched roof houses. Visit Wada House, the largest traditional gassho-style house in the area, and learn about rural life. Later, head to Gokayama village for a hands-on experience crafting washi paper before continuing to Kanazawa to check in at your hotel.

### DAY 11: TREASURES OF KANAZAWA

Begin your morning at the preserved house of a Meiji-era samurai. Later, visit the elegant Kenroku-en, one of Japan's Three Great Gardens. Wander its winding paths and admire the small waterfalls and serene ponds to be found here. This afternoon, journey to the wilfully traditional city of Kyoto, which wears its great legacy on its sleeve.

### DAY 12: KYOTO

Ascend Otowayama Hill to visit the serene Kiyomizu Temple with its stunning views over Kyoto. Delight in the historic rituals of a traditional tea ceremony before exploring Fushimi Inari Shrine and its thousands of vermilion torii gates.

### DAY 13: THE GOLDEN TEMPLE

Head to the Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji Temple; its gold-covered façade is considered one of the most breathtaking sights in Kyoto. Later, visit the Zen temple of Ryoan-ji, renowned for its tranquil rock garden. Finally, hop on the bullet train for a high-speed ride to Hiroshima.

### DAY 14: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hiroshima's poignant history is on full display at the Peace Memorial Museum, which tells the story of the infamous 1945 atomic bomb. Gain insight into the stories of the victims before paying your respects at Hiroshima Peace Park. Later, take a ferry to the sacred shores of Miyajima, where you can admire its famous 'floating' torii gate. Return to Hiroshima.

### DAY 15: HIMEJI CASTLE

Drive to Himeji, another of Japan's original, and one of its most magnificent, castles. Explore the majestic 17th-century keep before taking a stroll through the enchanting Koko-en Garden. Later, continue to the vibrant city of Osaka.

### DAY 16: NARA & OSAKA

Head to Nara, Japan's first capital. Visit its UNESCO-listed Todai-ji Temple, one of the Seven Great Temples of Japan. Stroll through the grounds and look out for the famously friendly bowing deer who roam here at leisure. Enjoy the tranquility of Isui-en Garden before returning to Osaka to soak up the atmosphere on Dotonbori Street, known for its street food. Finally, end your explorations with a visit to Osaka Castle.

### DAY 17: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

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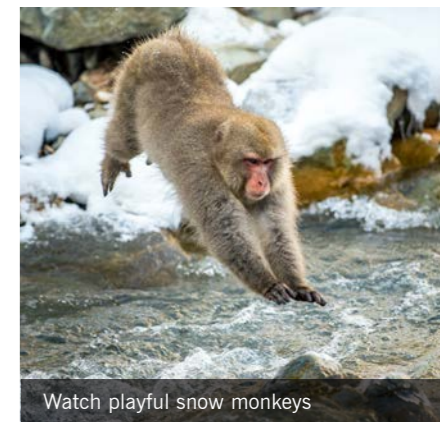
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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Trace Japan's rich heritage across tranquil gardens, sacred shrines and imposing castles. From lively cities to peaceful mountain towns, immerse yourself in the country's enduring culture and captivating landscapes.



Watch playful snow monkeys

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Reflect in Nagasaki & Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo
- ✓ Discover Sendai & Hakodate
- ✓ Spend time in Sapporo

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Join a hands-on sushi lesson

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Discover the history and etiquette of making and appreciating sushi with a hands-on lesson before sitting down with your instructing chef to enjoy Japan's most famous cuisine. It's the taking part that counts!
- Learn about the role of the masu sake cup in Japan's culture before stepping into the studio to make your very own cup with an original design, which you can then take home as a souvenir.
- Under the guidance of a skilled instructor, try your hand at making momiji manju (maple leaf bean buns), Miyajima's most famous confectionery for over a hundred years.



Journey through Japan by rail

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO FUKUOKA

Fly overnight to the charming city of Fukuoka, the gateway to the island of Kyushu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE NAGASAKI

Begin the day by travelling on the limited express train to Nagasaki. Explore Glover Garden, home to the 19th-century mansion of Thomas Glover, a Scottish merchant who played a key role in Japan's civil war and subsequent Meiji Restoration. This afternoon, pay your respects at the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum before returning to Fukuoka.

### DAY 4: MIYAJIMA ISLAND

Board the bullet train to Hiroshima, located on Japan's largest island, Honshu. Upon arrival in Hiroshima, take the ferry across the Seto Inland Sea to the holy island of Miyajima. Here, visit the Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy a momiji manju cooking experience. Later, return to Hiroshima.

### DAY 5: HIROSHIMA HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Hiroshima's poignant Peace Museum to learn about the devastation of the 1945 atomic bomb, then pay your respects to the victims at the Memorial Park. After lunch, ascend Orizuru Tower for views of this reinvigorated city, and end the day with a stroll through Shukkei-en Garden.

### DAY 6: ADMIRE HIMEJI CASTLE

Take the bullet train from Hiroshima to Himeji, where you'll visit the magnificent Himeji Castle before exploring Koko-en's beautiful gardens. Continue by limited express to Osaka.

### DAY 7: OSAKA, NARA & CALLIGRAPHY

Admire views of Osaka from the Umeda Sky Building, then stroll through the Dotonbori district. Later, head to Nara Park. Admire Todai-ji Temple, home to the 15-metre-tall bronze Daibutsu Buddha, and say hello to the free-roaming deer who wander the grounds here. Enjoy an ink making and calligraphy class before returning to Osaka.

### DAY 8: KYOTO'S TEMPLES

Drive one hour to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Upon arrival, stroll through the Arashiyama bamboo forest and admire the towering thickets. Also visit Ryoan-ji Temple, home to Japan's best-known Zen garden, and Kinkaku-ji, the famous 'Golden Pavilion'.

### DAY 9: TEA CEREMONY & FAN PAINTING

Immerse yourself in the Japanese way of life with a number of cultural activities. Watch the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony, relax with a Zen meditation demonstration, and try your hand at fan painting. Later, explore Gion – Kyoto's famous former geisha district.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE KANAZAWA

Take the limited express train to Kanazawa and meander your way through Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Also visit the Nomura Samurai House and Kunani Pottery Factory.

### DAY 11: SHIRAKAWA-GO VILLAGE

Drive south towards the Alps, stopping at Inami for a sake tasting and wooden cup making. Later, admire the gassho-style farmhouses at the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go, famous for their steep thatched roofs that resemble 'hands in prayer'. Continue to Takayama.



Visit the traditional town of Narai-juku



Enjoy spectacular views of Hakodate

### DAY 12: DISCOVER TAKAYAMA

Explore Takayama, a traditional town at the edge of the Japanese Alps. Browse the riverside market before visiting the Festival Floats Museum and Takayama Jinya. The afternoon is at leisure to shop or enjoy the onsen facilities at your hotel.

### DAY 13: SNOW MONKEYS

Drive through the scenic Japanese Alps to Jigokudani Yaen-Koen. Lace up your boots for a forest hike to the steaming hot springs, where semi-wild snow monkeys gather to bathe and play. Later, continue your journey to historic Matsumoto.

### DAY 14: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Begin the day with a visit to the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle', due to its intense black exterior. Next, head to a miso house and learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. Also visit the former post town of Narai-juku. Continue to Suwa and enjoy the onsen facilities at your hotel.

### DAY 15: MOUNT FUJI

Drive south to reach the tranquil Lake Kawaguchi, where reflections of Mount Fuji ripple across the water. From here, drive up to Fuji's 5th Station for a closer view of the iconic peak. Continue to Tokyo, Japan's iconic capital.

### DAY 16: TOUR TOKYO

Begin the day with a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. Next, take part in a sushi making class, and enjoy your own creations for lunch! Later, soak up the atmosphere at Senso-ji, browse the stalls on Nakamise shopping street and drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza.

### DAY 17: TOKYO HIGHLIGHTS

Begin the day at the Tokyo Metropolitan Building and ascend to the observation deck for breathtaking views over the sprawling city. Next, soak up the buzzing atmosphere at the world-famous Shibuya Scramble Crossing before lunch. The afternoon is at leisure. End the day with a relaxing dinner cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay; the perfect vantage point from which to admire the city lights.

### DAY 18: SIP WHISKY IN SENDAI

Let the bullet train whisk you north to Sendai, the largest city in Tohoku. Transfer to the coast and enjoy a relaxing cruise on Matsushima Bay. Stop by the Nikka Whisky Factory before checking in at your hotel.

### DAY 19: HAKODATE, HOKKAIDO

Say goodbye to Honshu Island as you board the bullet train to Hakodate, located on the island of Hokkaido. Visit the Goryokaku Tower, a star shaped fortress, followed by some time at leisure. This evening, journey on the Mt Hakodate Ropeway and enjoy the fabulous views of the city below.

### DAY 20: THE NATIONAL AINU MUSEUM

Board the bullet train to Shiraoi, where you'll visit the fascinating Ainu Museum and explore the culture of the indigenous Ainu people of Hokkaido. Ainu heritage is characterised by its rich storytelling tradition, historic hunting lifestyle, and a deep relationship with the world's 'kamuy', or spirit deities. Continue to Sapporo, our final stop.

### DAY 21: FLY SAPPORO TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An all-encompassing journey through Japan, travelling chiefly by bullet train and taking in the highlights of three of its main islands: Kyushu, Honshu and Hokkaido.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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### Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from £9,990 (Fukuoka - Sapporo)
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# CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £8,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Spend Christmas in charming Kyoto
- ✓ Explore the bright lights of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Relax in a rejuvenating onsen
- ✓ Discover traditional Shirakawago
- ✓ Uncover Nara's long history

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy a wagashi-making class

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Wagashi are a traditional sweet treat made of fruit, anko and rice flour. Come Christmas morning, sit down with a teacher and learn how to create these beautiful confections from scratch before a traditional tea ceremony demonstration.
- Under a white, snowy blanket, the landscapes of the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go are particularly enchanting in the winter. Soak up its peaceful rural scenery and visit one of its famous gassho houses, the steep roofs of which are said to resemble hands in prayer.
- Gazing upon Mount Fuji's beauty, it's easy to see why it has long been held sacred by the Japanese people. In the winter, often backed by crisp blue skies and blanketed in snow, it is even more magical.



Admire views of Mount Fuji

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to Tokyo. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: WONDERS OF TOKYO

Discover Tokyo's most famous highlights, from the lively Shibuya Crossing to explorations of well-known neighbourhoods. Visit Meiji Jingu, a Shinto shrine surrounded by a small forest within the city, and learn about the emperor who presided over the Meiji Restoration – Japan's transition from feudal state to world power.

### DAY 4: TOKYO

Begin with a visit to the historic Asakusa district to see Senso-ji, the city's oldest Buddhist temple, then visit the National Museum in Ueno Park for an insight into the art and archaeology of centuries gone by. Ascend to the viewing deck at the Skytree for a bird's eye view of the city. Later, get in the festive spirit with some time to admire Tokyo's Christmas illuminations.

### DAY 5: HAKONE

Today, head west to Hakone. Around here, December is considered the best time of year for viewing Mount Fuji, when the skies are often cool and clear, and the mountain is usually wearing its famously beautiful snowcap. Take a cruise across Lake Ashi, then ride a cable car along the Hakone Ropeway to reach Owakudani, known for its volcanic hot springs and steaming vents. The wider Fuji area is your home for the next two nights.

### DAY 6: FUJI FIVE LAKES

Continue your Fuji adventure with a visit to Oshino Hakkai, a charming village filled with mineral-rich ponds and slowly spinning water wheels, before continuing to Kawaguchiko, a town famous for its Fuji views. Visit Fujiisan World Heritage Centre, where you can learn about the mountain's significance, and perhaps enjoy a photo opportunity on the viewing deck.

### DAY 7: MATSUMOTO & TAKAYAMA

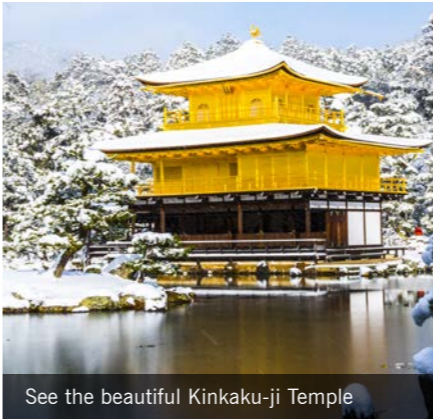
Head into the foothills of the Japanese Alps, stopping first at Matsumoto to admire its iconic black castle. Its main tower, built in the late 16th century, is the oldest surviving castle tower in Japan. Continue to Takayama, a small city nestled in the mountains of Gifu province.

### DAY 8: TAKAYAMA

Discover this charming alpine city, considered the crown jewel of Gifu province. Explore the traditional streets of the well-preserved old town and visit the excellent Festival Floats Museum before lunch. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore, or make use of the onsen facilities at your hotel.

### DAY 9: SHIRAKAWA-GO & KANAZAWA

Drive north to the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go, famous for its traditional wooden gassho houses. With their steep thatched roofs, often laden in snow, these farmhouses are one of the most iconic winter views in Japan. Explore the village and learn about life in this remote rural area. Continue to Kanazawa, a serene city known for its samurai history, and check in at your hotel.



See the beautiful Kinkaku-ji Temple



Visit the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go

### DAY 10: KANAZAWA TO KYOTO

Visit beautiful Kenroku-en, one of Japan's Three Great Gardens. Here, admire the yukitsuri, a technique using ropes to support the pine trees and their heavy blankets of snow. Later, stroll the Edo-period Nagamachi District and visit one of its old samurai houses. This afternoon, board the Thunderbird train to Kyoto, Japan's cultural heart.

### DAY 11: CHRISTMAS EVE IN KYOTO

Discover the highlights of Kyoto. Once the capital of Japan, this former seat of power wears its history proudly on its sleeve. Explore the city's most iconic locations, including the photogenic Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji.

### DAY 12: CHRISTMAS DAY IN KYOTO

Wake to a Christmas day like no other. Spend the morning at a traditional tea house, where you can don a kimono and enjoy a tea ceremony and wagashi sweet-making experience. Later, indulge in a special Christmas lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Kyoto, call loved ones or simply relax until dinner.

### DAY 13: BOXING DAY IN NARA

Bid farewell to Kyoto and drive to Nara, another former capital. Visit the UNESCO-listed Todaiji Temple, and meet its sacred deer, who roam here at leisure and enjoy bowing to visitors. Stop by a traditional Japanese garden, then continue to Osaka for dinner.

### DAY 14: KOYASAN

Drive up into the mountains to admire the tranquil winter beauty of Mount Koya, the heart of Shingon Buddhism. As the year draws to a close, wander through the vast, otherworldly Okunoin Cemetery, with its centuries-old

gravestones, softly-glowing lanterns and towering cedars glittering with frost. Return to Osaka.

### DAY 15: HIMEJI CASTLE

Drive to Himeji, one of Japan's most magnificent castles. Explore the majestic 17th-century keep before lunch. Drive to Kobe, where you'll visit a small sake brewery museum and a Christmas market before indulging in a farewell dinner. Try Kobe's famous Wagyu beef or an alternative vegetarian dish. Return to Osaka.

### DAY 16: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.



See Kenroku-en's unique winter installations

## CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

CLASSIC JAPAN



PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover winter's charms in Japan with this immersive mix of cultural exploration and festive cheer. From snow-capped Mount Fuji, to picturesque villages and hands-on experiences in Kyoto, enjoy a Christmas like no other.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary each year

### 2025 DATES

14 Dec - 29 Dec £8,190

### 2026 DATES

14 Dec - 29 Dec £8,690

### Flight and supplement information

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Meet Nara's cheeky sika deer

# ANCIENT EMPIRES OF CHINA & JAPAN

- 20 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £8,190
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover historic Beijing
- ✓ See the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders (China)



Pay your respects in Hiroshima

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Spend a moment in reflection at the observation deck of Hiroshima's Orizuru Tower. Here, take in poignant views over the Peace Memorial Park, the A-Bomb Dome and the beautiful skyline of this resilient coastal city.
- Explore the narrow, atmospheric alleyways of Beijing's old hutongs. Visit a family in their home, a traditional courtyard residence, to get a better idea of the culture and history of these neighbourhoods.
- Wander through the delightful Bikan Historical Quarter, stretched along Kurashiki's Edo Period canals, taking in the picturesque scenes of weeping willows, old stone bridges and lovely, traditional architecture.



Walk along the Great Wall

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to China's historical capital, Beijing. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: WALK ON THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day enjoying a traditional Peking Duck dinner.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin your day at the tranquil Temple of Heaven, admired for its bold colours, intricate carvings and elegant symmetry. Then, wander through a traditional hutong neighbourhood and learn about daily life in old Beijing. Continue to Tiananmen Square, a space steeped in history, before stepping into the sprawling Forbidden City – a maze of historic halls, courtyards and hidden treasures that once housed China's emperors.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to Xian. Visit the bustling Muslim Quarter before feasting on a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show.

### DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the

enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll along Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city wall, then stop by a local brewery to sample a selection of beers.

### DAY 7: DISCOVER GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy a light walking tour around scenic Ronghu Lake, admire the striking Sun and Moon Pagodas, and explore the lively Pedestrian Street.

### DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks tower over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Here, enjoy some time strolling along West Street and visit the local markets.

### DAY 9: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE

Begin the day exploring Yangshuo's stunning countryside, then return to Guilin via Reed Flute Cave to admire its vibrant stalagmites and stalactites.

### DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai.

### DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Today's explorations include the traditional Yu Garden, a stroll through the old town and learning about the age-old silk production process at a silk mill. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the Bund and Nanjing Road. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.



Explore Osaka Castle



Visit the manicured gardens of Koraku-en

### DAY 12: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN

It's time to say goodbye to China and hello to Japan! Fly to the vibrant city of Osaka.

### DAY 13: OSAKA CASTLE

Explore Osaka Castle, take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River and stroll through vibrant Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample local delicacies. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

### DAY 14: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

Transfer by bullet train to Okayama and visit Koraku-en Garden, one of the 'Three Great Gardens of Japan'. Continue to Kurashiki to explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, where the streets along the banks of the Kurashiki River are lined with white-walled kominka (traditional houses). Continue to Hiroshima, a resilient city with a powerful sense of peace and progress.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. Return to Hiroshima and find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which pays homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

### DAY 16: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Transfer by bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit Ryoan-ji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

### DAY 17: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, known for its 10,000 torii gates. Later, head to Nishiki Market, nicknamed 'Kyoto's Kitchen', with its lively market specialising in snacks and storecupboard essentials. Later, experience the rituals of a Japanese tea ceremony and try your hand at the traditional art of origami.

### DAY 18: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, hop on the ferry across Lake Ashi before riding the Komagatake Ropeway cable car. Savour views of the surrounding landscape and, weather permitting, the breathtaking cone of Mount Fuji. Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan's iconic capital.

### DAY 19: CONTRASTS OF TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to explore the ancient Buddhist Senso-ji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. End your tour with a dinner cruise on the Tokyo Bay.

### DAY 20: FLY TOKYO TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## CLASSIC CHINA & JAPAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The ultimate tour for those wishing to combine the very best of two ancient nations. Join us on an incredible journey from Beijing to Tokyo by road, boat, rail and air on this epic three-week tour!

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

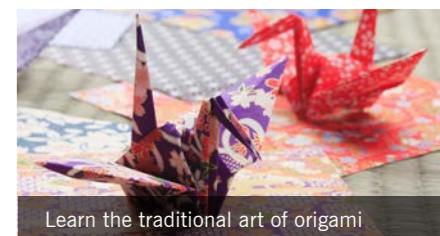
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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £7,390 (Beijing - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,270
- Tipping paid locally in China: RMB 520 (2026), RMB 545 (2027)

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Learn the traditional art of origami

# ESSENCE OF SOUTH KOREA & JAPAN

- 16 DAYS FROM
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- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore bustling Seoul
- ✓ Visit historic Gyeongju
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn how bonsai are cultivated

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Shunka-en Bonsai Museum in Tokyo for an insight into the cultivation of these iconic miniature trees. Watch a live demonstration by an expert, then try your hand at a little pruning yourself!
- Embark on an informative and unique adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreans. Your visit will include the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Unification Village.
- Enjoy lunch in Kyoto with a very special host: an apprentice geisha (maiko) learning her craft. Spotting a geisha in Kyoto is a matter of luck, so this is a rare opportunity to enjoy a window into their private world.



Experience the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony at Gyeongbok Palace

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SEOUL

Fly overnight to Seoul, the dazzling capital city of South Korea. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening meet your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul, there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces just waiting to be explored. Enjoy a full day tour of Seoul starting at Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Next, attend a Korean cooking class – making traditional bibimbap before tucking into your creations for lunch. Enjoy the panoramic city views at N Seoul Tower and also visit Insadong Antique Alley, renowned for its art products and traditional Korean antiques.

### DAY 4: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. An early start is needed today, as tickets to the DMZ are limited\*. Explore the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, walk along the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, visit Dora Observatory & Station and see the Bridge of Freedom. Return to Seoul to explore Gwangjang Market.

*\*While every effort will be made to get the tickets, should this not be possible, you will instead take a ride on the DMZ gondola and visit the Odusan Unification Observatory.*

### DAY 5: TRAIN TO GYEONGJU

Take a train from Seoul to Gyeongju. A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is often called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. In the afternoon, begin at the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage listed Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto. Later, take a stroll at Anapji Pond.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE BUSAN

Begin the day with a visit to Gyeongju National Museum, and then explore Tumuli Park, a collection of royal tombs. Continue by road to Busan. Laidback compared to Seoul's bustle, Busan is a city full of character and traditional features as well as mountains, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. In the afternoon, visit the Jagalchi Fish Market and browse the wares at Gukje Market. Next, head over to Dongbaekseom Island and soak up the natural beauty, before feeling the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach.

### DAY 7: GOODBYE SOUTH KOREA, HELLO JAPAN

It's time to say goodbye to South Korea and hello to Japan! Fly to Fukuoka, located on the northern coast of Kyushu.

### DAY 8: FROM FUKUOKA TO HIROSHIMA

Head to Kyushu National Museum for an overview of local history, then explore the nearby Shinto shrine of Daizafu Tenmangu. After lunch, board the bullet train to Hiroshima, the 'city of peace'.



Ascend N Seoul Tower



Stroll through the historic Bikan quarter in Kurashiki

### DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Start the day at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which pays homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb through poignant photographs and testimonies. Later, take a ferry to the beautiful island of Miyajima to see its UNESCO-listed floating torii gate, located on the edge of the Seto Inland Sea.

### DAY 10: DISCOVER ANCIENT KURASHIKI & OKAYAMA

Take the bullet train to Kurashiki. Here, explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, which boasts a charming riverfront lined with whitewashed kominka houses and quaint willow trees. Next, head to Okayama and visit Koraku-en Garden, one of the 'Three Great Gardens of Japan'. Later, board the bullet train to the vibrant city of Osaka.

### DAY 11: EXPLORE NARA & OSAKA

Travel to Nara and enjoy a leisurely walk through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple before returning to Osaka. Stop by Dotonbori Street, famous for its eye-catching street food and signage, then visit the impressive Osaka Castle.

### DAY 12: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Journey by road to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was Japan's capital city for 1,000 years; today it is a testament to ancient Japan, packed with tranquil temples and sublime gardens. Visit Ryoan-ji, with its lovely Zen garden, and the famous Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Later, immerse yourself in Japanese culture, experiencing the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony.

### DAY 13: MEET AN APPRENTICE GEISHA

Visit the vibrant district of Arashiyama and stroll through the bamboo forest with its towering thickets before trying your hand at the art of fan painting. Next, you'll enjoy a rare opportunity to have lunch with a maiko – a geisha in training – and gain some insight into their fascinating world. In the afternoon, visit one of Kyoto's most famous sites – Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 vermilion torii gates, and admire the scenic framed pathway that snakes up its hillside.

### DAY 14: VIA HAKONE TO TOKYO

Take the bullet train to Odawara and visit Hakone Shrine, situated on the shores of Lake Ashi. If weather permits, admire picturesque views of Mount Fuji in the background. After lunch, take part in a Yosegi marquetry craft experience, before continuing by road to Tokyo – Japan's incomparable capital.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech neon-lit frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and ancient temples. First, experience the hustle and bustle of the famous Shibuya Scramble Crossing, one of Tokyo's most iconic sights. Next, wander through the old district of Asakusa to soak up the atmosphere at Senso-ji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple. After lunch, visit a bonsai museum and observe a demonstration before trying your hand at bonsai pruning. End the day with a dinner cruise on the beautiful Tokyo Bay.

### DAY 16: FLY TOKYO TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## ESSENCE OF SOUTH KOREA & JAPAN

## CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This two-week South Korea and Japan adventure gives a fascinating insight into two of Asia's most intriguing countries. Close in proximity yet culturally distinct, this tour offers the perfect way to experience the diversity of the Far East.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

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Enjoy views of Mount Fuji

# SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

- 13 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £6,890
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore bustling Seoul
- ✓ Enjoy tea tasting in Boseong
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Take a ride on a cable car
- ✓ Visit Mt Seorak National Park
- ✓ Spend time in Gyeongju, 'the museum without walls'

## PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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Visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Embark on an informative and unique adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreas. Your visit will include the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Unification Village.
- As part of discovering traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village, you can try your hand at one of Korea's oldest cultural arts – handkerchief dyeing.
- Experience NANTA, the beloved Korean comedy show. Acrobatics and pantomime tell the story of three cooks frantically preparing a wedding banquet, their kitchen gear doubling as improvised instruments to beat out irresistibly fun folk rhythms.



Visit the magnificent Gyeongbok Palace

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul, there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces. Begin your Seoul adventure at Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Next, attend a Korean cooking class and make traditional bibimbap, which you can enjoy for lunch. Also visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Jongmyo Royal Shrine and enjoy the panoramic city views at N Seoul Tower.

### DAY 4: VISIT SOSWAEWON GARDEN

Depart Seoul and travel to the bamboo forest of Juknokwon. Next, head to Damyang where you'll discover the beauty of Soswaewon. This private garden built in the 16th century in the traditional style features essential elements to bring harmony, such as flowing water, trees and grasses. Continue to Gwangju, where you'll spend some time discovering this artistic hub full of fascinating history.

### DAY 5: BOSEONG & SUNCHEON

Head to Boseong, considered the best place in Korea to grow tea, and visit a green tea plantation, learning all about its production and enjoying a tasting. Continue to Suncheon for a stop at the 6th-century Seonamsa Temple. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temple complex is also home to a beautiful arched stone bridge. Also visit Naganeupseong Fortress Village for a glimpse at a more traditional Korean lifestyle and a chance to take part in a handkerchief dyeing experience.



Explore the grounds of Bulguksa Temple



Walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk

### DAY 6: YEOSU & BUSAN

Head to Yeosu and ride the cable car over beautiful scenery and open water to Dolsan Island. Continue to Odongdo Island for more spectacular landscapes and take some time to appreciate the array of wild flowers that flourish here before travelling to the port city of Busan.

### DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN

Laidback Busan is full of character; a bustling but friendly city, built around several hills on South Korea's southeastern coast. Start the day at the Jagalchi Fish Market, and then see the city from above at Busan Tower. Also browse the wares at Gukje Market. After lunch, walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge set on a seaside cliff, soak up the peaceful nature of Dongbaekseom Island, and feel the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach. Continue by road to Gyeongju.

### DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU

A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. Begin at the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage listed site – Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. After lunch, visit Gyeongju National Museum, explore Tumuli Park's collection of royal tombs, and take a stroll at Anapji Pond.

### DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSAN TEMPLE

Travel to Sokcho, stopping en route to explore the 1,300-year history of the Naksansa Temple, a seven-storey stone building complex overlooking the East Sea.

### DAY 10: SEORAKSAN NATIONAL PARK

Mount Seorak National Park is a spectacularly scenic area of high, cloudy peaks, craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forest. Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a habitat for many rare species of plants and animals, it is one of South Korea's most dramatic natural treasures. Take the cable car to the mountaintop and then hike to Gwongeumseong Fortress. After lunch, take a hike along the beautiful valley floor as well as an optional visit to the temple.

### DAY 11: THE NANTA SHOW

Transfer to Gangneung for the bullet train to Seoul. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, be treated to a performance of Nanta – an award-winning non-verbal comedy and the longest running show in Korean history.

### DAY 12: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. An early start is needed today as tickets to the DMZ are limited\*. Explore the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, walk along the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, visit Dora Observatory & Station and see the Bridge of Freedom. Return to Seoul to explore Gwangjang Market before dinner.

*\*While every effort will be made to get the tickets, should this not be possible, you will instead take a ride on the DMZ gondola and visit the Odusan Unification Observatory.*

### DAY 13: FLY SEOUL TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## SCENIC SOUTH KOREA

### CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

South Korea is a land of contrasts, with something for everyone – from ancient palaces to city lights and hikes in UNESCO-listed national forests. Uncover its complex history and natural beauty on this fascinating two-week tour.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

### 2026 DATES

30 Mar - 11 Apr	£6,890	12 Oct - 24 Oct	£6,890
06 Apr - 18 Apr	£6,890	19 Oct - 31 Oct	£6,890
13 Apr - 25 Apr	£6,890	26 Oct - 07 Nov	£6,890
11 May - 23 May	£6,890	02 Nov - 14 Nov	£6,890

### 2027 DATES

29 Mar - 10 Apr	£6,990	11 Oct - 23 Oct	£6,990
05 Apr - 17 Apr	£6,990	18 Oct - 30 Oct	£6,990
12 Apr - 24 Apr	£6,990	25 Oct - 06 Nov	£6,990
10 May - 22 May	£6,990	01 Nov - 13 Nov	£6,990

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,190 (Seoul - Seoul)
- Single room from £1,450
- Tipping paid locally US\$70

## Call for our 2028 pricing and departures



## CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL\*\*

During the months of March and April, we may include a stop at the delightful Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival on day 6. This annual event is Korea's biggest spring festival, offering you the chance to wander among the spectacular pink blossom.

*\*\*Please note that that the blossoms are weather dependent and their timing is not guaranteed.*

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# TREASURES OF TAIWAN

- 14 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £4,990
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore bustling Taipei
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Visit the Foguangshan Monastery
- ✓ Relax on the beach at Kenting
- ✓ Discover the Taroko Gorge
- ✓ Bathe in Taitung's hot springs

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Relax in Taitung's hot springs

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Relax and unwind in the warm, mineral-rich volcanic waters of Taitung – you'll have plenty of time to make the most of them as your hotel has hot spring pools for you to enjoy!
- Indulge in the traditional street foods of Taipei's vibrant night markets, with an array of sizzling meats, spicy noodles and all sorts of tasty snacks.
- Make a stop at the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, one of Taiwan's most famous, where you can learn all about the process of creating Taiwanese whisky.



Admire the striking Dragon and Tiger pagodas

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TAIPEI

Fly overnight to Taipei, Taiwan's buzzing capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening meet with your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a nearby, local restaurant.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER TAIPEI

Nestled in a basin surrounded by mountains, Taipei is a sleek and energetic city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Begin your explorations of Taipei at the Martyrs' Shrine, CKS Memorial Hall, and Longshan Temple. Later, ascend the world-famous Taipei 101 for breathtaking city views. As evening falls, immerse yourself in local life with a street food tour at the bustling night markets.



Spend time at scenic Sun Moon Lake

### DAY 4: SCENIC SUN MOON LAKE

Explore the National Palace Museum, then journey towards the heart of the island to what is arguably Taiwan's most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake. Visit the Wen Wu Temple before embarking on a motorboat cruise around the lake for picture perfect views of the area's beautiful landscapes. You'll also visit the Holy Monk Shrine, Cien Pagoda and the aboriginal village of Tehua.

### DAY 5: TEA PLANTATION

Begin today with a visit to a famous tea farm to discover all about the process of tea growth and production before taking the cable car to Formosan Cultural Village. There will also be some time at leisure, with the option of biking on trails around Sun Moon Lake, listed as one of the 10 most beautiful places to cycle in the world.



Discover the vibrant city of Taipei



Soak up the breathtaking coastline of Kenting National Park

### DAY 6: DISCOVER TAINAN

Depart Sun Moon Lake and travel to Tainan. Taiwan's oldest city and capital until 1887 when Taipei took over. Tainan was originally established as a trading port by the Dutch East India Company, renowned for its preservation of traditions and rich folk culture. You will start by exploring the Chihkan Tower and Confucius Temple. In the afternoon, wander the old streets of the Anping district and view the sunset from Anping Harbour.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE KAOHSIUNG

Head south to the port city of Kaohsiung where you'll admire the Dragon and Tiger Pagodas and the Spring and Autumn Pavilions before paying a visit to Taiwan's largest monastery, Foguanshan. Lunch here will be a vegetarian feast, before you stroll over to the main shrine, the Buddhist Museum and Great Buddha Land, where you'll find a 36-metre Buddha watching over a garden of many smaller Buddhas. Finally, see the Martyrs' Shrine at Shoushan.

### DAY 8: VISIT KENTING NATIONAL PARK

Travel over to the beach resort of Kenting, gateway to the beautiful Kenting National Park. Consisting of a range of landscapes – low mountains, rolling hills, cliffs and deserts, all fringed by excellent beaches and helped along by a balmy tropical climate, Kenting is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna.

### DAY 9: DISCOVER SHEDING NATURE PARK

Spend the morning amongst the rock formations and lush greenery of Shedding Nature Park with a pause to take in the ocean views at Oluanpi Lighthouse. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 10: OCEAN DRIVE TO CHIHCHEN

Depart Kenting and drive along the beautiful east coast to Taitung, admiring the ocean views throughout the journey. Continue to Chihpen, famous for its hot springs. On arrival, your afternoon will be free to relax and bathe in the thermal waters at your hotel. Tonight's dinner will be accompanied by a performance of traditional music and dance.

### DAY 11: HEAD TO HUALIEN

Travel northwards to Hualien, the gateway to the magnificent Taroko National Park. En route there will be a series of stops including Donghe, where you may spot wild monkeys, and the scenic Cisingtan Lake, where you can head out on an optional bike ride on the lakeshore.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE TAROKO NATIONAL PARK

Encompassing sea cliffs, soaring peaks and a famously picturesque gorge, Taroko National Park is home to a huge diversity of features and habitats, and shelters a great range of plant and animal species. Today your visit will include the Gorge Gateway and the Eternal Spring Shrine, where you can enjoy a leisurely walk through the beautiful landscapes.

### DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Take a photo stop at Cingshuei Cliff for beautiful views and visit the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, where a few tastings will be in order. Return to Taipei and enjoy a farewell dinner, the perfect opportunity to reflect on your adventures with your fellow passengers

### DAY 14: FLY TAIPEI TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## TREASURES OF TAIWAN

## CLASSIC TAIWAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Circle the island on an unforgettable journey through Taiwan's energetic cities, timeless traditions, and stunning natural wonders. From the buzz of Taipei to the serenity of Kenting, this tour is perfect for travellers who want to experience it all.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

### 2026 DATES

11 Apr - 24 Apr	£4,990	12 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,990
09 May - 22 May	£4,990	10 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,990

### 2027 DATES

10 Apr - 23 Apr	£5,090	11 Sep - 24 Sep	£5,090
08 May - 21 May	£5,090	09 Oct - 22 Oct	£5,090

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,190 (Taipei - Taipei)
- Single room from £1,490
- Tipping paid locally US\$60 (2026), US\$70 (2027)

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Indulge on a Taipei street food tour

NEW

# TAIWAN BY RAIL

- 9 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £3,790
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover vibrant Taipei
- ✓ Explore along the Pingxi Line
- ✓ Cruise scenic Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Try your hand at mosaics
- ✓ Ride a high-speed train

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 7 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Get a taste of Alishan's home grown coffee

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- The verdant Alishan region is not only known for tea but also for its rich, handpicked coffee. Visit Yuyupas Indigenous Culture Park to sample Alishan's distinctive mountain-grown coffee, surrounded by scenic plantations and forested hills.
- Originally constructed for logging, the Alishan Forest Train runs through a scenic mountain resort and nature reserve, passing villages, waterfalls, tea plantations and mountain wilderness. It is the highest narrow-gauge mountain railway in Asia.
- Venture into the vibrancy of Taipei's bustling night market, wandering with your guide along the famous snack street to enjoy a range of tasty local delicacies for dinner. Soak up the sights and smells of treats like black pepper buns and soup dumplings.



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TAIPEI

Arrive in Taiwan's capital, Taipei, and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the remainder of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture. Taipei is a laidback yet vibrant city, blending ultramodern style with rich heritage. It's a bastion of Taiwan's unique fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE TAIPEI

Today you will explore Taipei, starting with a visit to the National Palace Museum, home to thousands of artifacts and artworks including many from the Ming and Qing dynasties. Then explore the 18th-century Longshan Temple before admiring the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a grand monument dedicated to the former leader. Take the high-speed elevator to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view of the city. This evening, visit one of Taipei's iconic night markets, where you can sample a delicious array of local street food.

### DAY 4: RIDE THE PINGXI LINE

Travel to Ruifang for a day tour along the scenic Pingxi Line, a historic eight-mile railway once used for coal transport. Today, it winds through mountain cliffs, streams, waterfalls, and old mining towns. Stop to explore along the way, including Pingxi Old Street, Shifen Waterfall, and Shifen Old Street, where you'll witness the beautiful tradition of locals releasing sky lanterns with their wishes. End the day in Jiufen, a picturesque town of lantern-lit lanes, teahouses, and sweeping ocean views, then return to Taipei.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO SUN MOON LAKE

This morning travel to the picturesque Sun Moon Lake, a designated National Scenic Area. Visit a tea plantation set among rolling hills and enjoy a tasting, then explore the imposing Wenwu Temple, perched on the lake's shore with beautiful views. Head out onto the lake itself on a cruise and relax into panoramas of forested shores, turquoise blue waters and the mountains beyond.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO ALISHAN

Take a final glimpse at Sun Moon Lake's beauty before heading to the Bantaoyao Craft Park. A former pottery factory, here you'll take part in a mosaic experience, learning the correct technique and decorating your own tile. Continue to Yuyupas, a cultural park where you can discover more about the indigenous Tsou Tribe. Take part in a coffee tasting, sampling beans grown and handpicked in Alishan's lush mountain farms.



Visit the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall



Explore tea plantations



Walk the atmospheric lanes of Jiufen

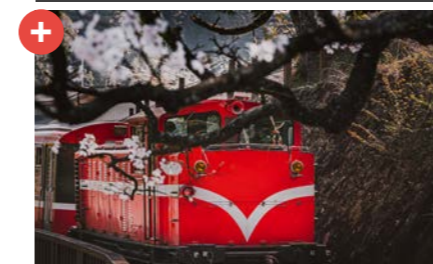
### DAY 7: BOARD THE FOREST TRAIN

Rise early this morning to take the Alishan Forest Train to the Zhushan Sunrise Platform for spectacular dawn views (weather dependent). Then explore the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area and ride the Forest Train once more – the highest narrow-gauge railway in Asia – as it winds through scenic mountain forests. Continue your sightseeing around Alishan stopping at natural sights such as the Sister Pond, Brother Tree and Three Generation Tree.

### DAY 8: RETURN TO TAIPEI

This morning, head to Fenqihu, an old mountain village where you can wander its charming streets before enjoying its famous old-style bento box for lunch. Then, transfer to Chiayi train station to board a high-speed train to Taipei, reaching speeds of up to 300km per hour. On arrival, transfer to your hotel where you'll sit down to a farewell dinner with your travel companions.

## SEE CHERRY BLOSSOMS



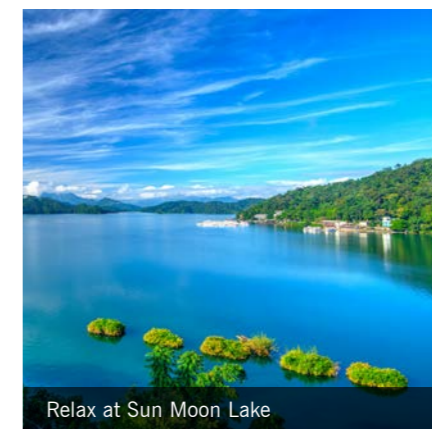
Travelling in March offers the chance to experience the magic of Alishan as its cherry blossoms burst into bloom.

### DAY 9: FLY TAIPEI TO UK

Fly back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



Travel on the famous Pingxi line



Relax at Sun Moon Lake

TAIWAN BY RAIL

CLASSIC  
TAIWAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A less explored nation with its captivating combination of old and new, natural beauty and high-tech modernity, exploring Taiwan on an itinerary that features two historic railways and a journey on a high-speed train, is a glorious adventure.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Thursday

### 2026 DATES

11 Mar - 19 Mar	£3,890	09 Sep - 17 Sep	£3,790
25 Mar - 02 Apr	£3,890	14 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,790
08 Apr - 16 Apr	£3,790	21 Oct - 29 Oct	£3,790
06 May - 14 May	£3,790	04 Nov - 12 Nov	£3,790

### 2027 DATES

10 Mar - 18 Mar	£4,090	08 Sep - 16 Sep	£3,990
24 Mar - 01 Apr	£4,090	13 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,990
07 Apr - 15 Apr	£3,990	20 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,990
21 Apr - 29 Apr	£3,990	03 Nov - 11 Nov	£3,990
05 May - 13 May	£3,990		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Taipei - Taipei)
- Single room from £880
- Tipping paid locally US\$55 (2026), US\$60 (2027)

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## + EXTEND YOUR STAY...

### BEIJING & SHANGHAI

6 days from £1,280pp

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# CRUISE & TOUR

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# CHINA BY LAND, JAPAN BY SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

20 DAYS FROM

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FLIGHT INCLUSIVE  
FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

7 NIGHT  
ROYAL CARIBBEAN  
CRUISE INCLUDED

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise from Shanghai to Shanghai
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army



Soak up views of the Shanghai skyline

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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## ROYAL CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM OF THE SEAS

Full of dazzling features, Spectrum of the Seas® is designed and built for unforgettable experiences. A wealth of adventure across activities, entertainment and dining awaits your arrival. From custom drink creations crafted by robots at the Bionic Bar®, and revolutionary staterooms, to innovative dining concepts and the largest indoor sports and entertainment complex.

### Your Cruise Features

- ▶ Soft drinks and all meals onboard
- ▶ Outside or balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ 200 USD onboard credit

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to the hotel. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Walk through Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, a complex full of imperial riches. Then, find harmony in the symmetry of the Temple of Heaven. This evening, dine on local delicacy, Peking Duck.

### DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

Travel out of the city to the magnificent Great Wall of China, learning a little about its long history before taking a short walk to fully appreciate this world-famous structure. Stop off at a jade factory before visiting the Sacred Way and Ming Tombs. This evening, enjoy a thrilling acrobatic show.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PINGYAO

Transfer to the train station and board a bullet train to Pingyao. A living museum and home to China's best preserved ancient city walls, walk the characterful streets to see the Yamen and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO XIAN

This morning is at leisure (additional option: hands-on noodle making demonstration) before travelling to Xian by bullet train.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE XIAN

Today, come face to face with the Terracotta Warriors, an army created to protect China's

first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, in the afterlife. Later, stroll Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls, before a dumpling demonstration, a delicious dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

After breakfast, walk through the atmospheric alleyways of the Muslim Quarter, lined with delicious street food stalls. Then, transfer to the station and board a bullet train to Chengdu. This evening, dine on a Sichuan hot pot, a local speciality, and watch a fascinating face changing show.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE CHENGDU

This morning is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda. Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base to learn all about them and see them relaxing, playing and chomping on bamboo. The rest of the day is at leisure (additional option: volunteer at the Panda Base).

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO SHANGHAI

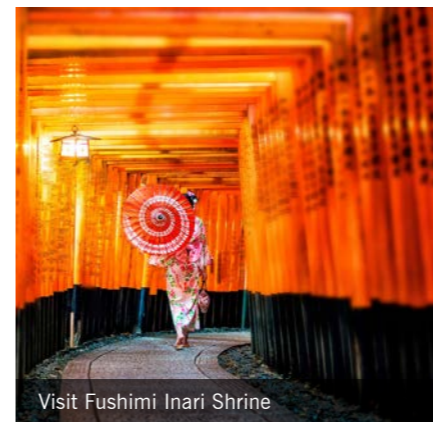
Fly from Chengdu to Shanghai. Transfer to your hotel then begin your explorations, strolling along the Bund to admire the Art Deco architecture and enjoying panoramic views of the city on a Huangpu River cruise.

### DAY 11: BOARD THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM OF THE SEAS

After breakfast you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to Shanghai's cruise terminal, Baoshan, to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available



Map itinerary as per 11 Mar - 30 Mar 2026 departure



Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine



Oceanview Balcony Room, Royal Caribbean

to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note: sailing itinerary may vary depending on departure date.

### DAY 12: CRUISE - AT SEA

Spend the day exploring the plentiful ways to be active or relax on your cruise ship as you sail across the East China Sea toward Japan.

### DAY 13: CRUISE - EXPLORE KOBE

Arrive in Kobe, a port city nestled between mountains and sea, and the first place in Japan to open up to foreign trade after the collapse of the shogunate in 1868. The city is perhaps best known for its world-renowned Kobe beef - where better to try it?

### DAY 14: CRUISE - EXPLORE OSAKA/KYOTO

Arrive in Osaka, a brash, lively city that has earned the nickname 'Japan's kitchen' for its spectacular food. Easily reachable from Osaka is Kyoto; Japan's capital for over 1,000 years, it is a treasure trove of history and timeless culture. A perfect balance of old and new, it's in exploring Kyoto that you can glimpse Japan's traditional soul.

### DAY 15: CRUISE - EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo, Japan's capital since 1868 and one of the world's largest cities, may seem a thoroughly modern cityscape at first glance, but look beyond the soaring towers and neon signs and find deeply rooted tradition and peaceful pockets of the past.

### DAYS 16-17: CRUISE - AT SEA

With two days at sea you are free to make the most of your cruise ship facilities. Relax by

the pool, try out the restaurants and bars, and enjoy the range of activities and shows.

### DAY 18: ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI

Disembark the Spectrum of the Seas at Shanghai's cruise port, where you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 19: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Continue exploring the city today, visiting the peaceful Yu Garden, the quaint Old Town and the Xintiandi area, then learn all about silk production from silkworm to loom at a silk factory. This evening, dine on a traditional Shanghaiese meal.

### DAY 20: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.



Explore Pingyao

CHINA BY LAND, JAPAN BY SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

CHINA, JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey from China to Japan, and back again, on this Far Eastern expedition. Contrast the history and culture of these two ancient nations and see their biggest treasures with your own eyes.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Itineraries and departure days of the week vary

2026 DATES	Days	Outside	Balcony
11 Mar - 30 Mar <sup>1</sup>	20	£4,690	£4,890
12 May - 01 Jun <sup>2</sup>	21	£4,890	£5,190
29 Jul - 18 Aug <sup>3</sup>	21	£5,960	£6,260
01 Sep - 21 Sep <sup>4</sup>	21	£4,890	£5,190
14 Oct - 03 Nov <sup>4</sup>	21	£4,990	£5,290

2027 DATES	Days	Outside	Balcony
09 Feb - 01 Mar <sup>5</sup>	21	£4,990	£5,290
13 Apr - 03 May <sup>5</sup>	21	£4,990	£5,290

### CRUISE ITINERARIES

- 1 - As shown
- 2 - Shanghai | At Sea | Tokyo | Mt Fuji | Kyoto (Osaka) | At Sea | Shanghai
- 3 - Shanghai | At Sea | Kyoto (Osaka) | Nagoya | Tokyo | At Sea | Shanghai
- 4 - Shanghai | At Sea | Sakaiminato | Kyoto (Maizuru) | Niigata | Hakodate | At Sea | Shanghai
- 5 - Shanghai | At Sea | Kyoto (Osaka) | Tokyo | At Sea | Shanghai

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £1,620
- Land only from £4,140
- Tipping paid locally RMB720
- Gratuities on cruise from US\$126

Call us to register your interest for further departures of this tour.

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ A Sichuan hot pot is the perfect introduction to the food of China's west. A big bubbling pot of flavourful oil is placed in the centre of the table, with a variety of raw meat and vegetables, in small pieces, which diners skewer and cook in the oil. A delicious, and fun experience!
- ▶ Gasp at the artistic and athletic abilities of Beijing's must-see Chinese acrobatic spectacular! Featuring contortionism, juggling, plate spinning and much, much more, all the action will keep you on the edge of your seat.
- ▶ Filling, delicious and a symbol of comfort, hope and prosperity, China loves dumplings! In Xian, learning how these tasty morsels are folded and cooked, before sitting down to a dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.

# JAPAN BY LAND & SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £12,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

14 NIGHT AZAMARA CRUISE

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise from Kobe to Tokyo
- ✓ Ascend Tokyo Skytree
- ✓ Visit the adorable snow monkeys
- ✓ Explore Kyoto's cultural treasures

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches & 21 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus Azamara Cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

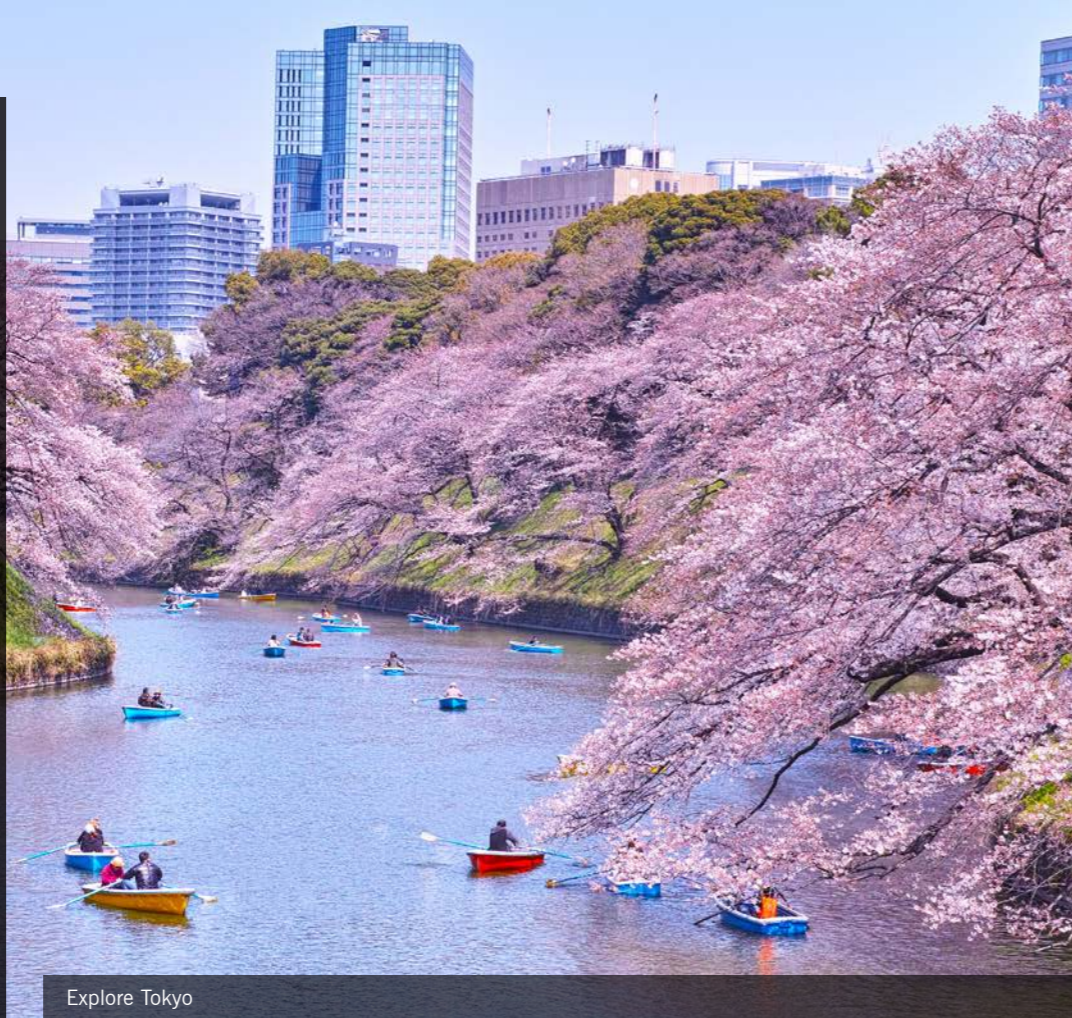


## AZAMARA PURSUIT

An intimate and luxurious ship, Azamara Pursuit promises the ambiance of a boutique hotel at sea. Elegantly furnished, this contemporary small ship can access ports out of reach to larger ships and Azamara's destination focus means longer time in port and more overnight stays promising a more immersive experience.

Your Cruise Features

- ▶ All drinks including alcohol
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Outside or balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ Self service laundry
- ▶ All meals on board



Explore Tokyo

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to Japan's capital, and one of the world's largest cities, Tokyo. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to the hotel. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo may seem a thoroughly modern cityscape at first glance but look beyond the soaring towers and neon signs and you'll find deeply rooted tradition and peaceful pockets of the past. Start at vibrant Senso-ji, the city's oldest temple before ascending Tokyo Skytree for magical views. Enjoy a sushi making masterclass before dining on your creations for lunch. Make a photo stop at the world-famous Shibuya Crossing then explore Meiji Jingu Shrine.

### DAY 4: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel to Jigokudani Monkey Park, walking through the forest to reach the hot spring pool where a community of Japanese macaques, or snow monkeys, bathe in the warm waters. Visit the 7th-century Zenko-ji before transferring to Nagano, where you can try out the Japanese tradition of onsen – hot spring baths – and enjoy dinner at your ryokan accommodation.

### DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road to Mount Fuji area. Pause at Oishi Park for incredible views (weather dependent) before a mini cruise on the picturesque Lake Ashi. Fly up to the heights of Mount Komagatake by cable car for more beautiful views. Board a bullet train and be whisked off to Kyoto!

### DAYS 6-7: EXPLORE KYOTO

Japan's capital for over 1,000 years, Kyoto is

a treasure trove of history and timeless culture. Your explorations will include Kyoto's landmark sites – beautiful Kinkaku-ji also known as the Golden Pavilion, Kiyomizu temple, the Zen garden of Ryoan-ji, the pathways of vermilion red torii gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine, Arashiyama Bamboo forest and Tagetsukyo Bridge. Enjoy a traditional Sukiyaki (hotpot) lunch and authentic sake tasting.

### DAY 8: BOARD THE AZAMARA PURSUIT

After breakfast you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to Kobe's cruise terminal to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

### DAY 9: CRUISE – KOBE

Spend the day ported in Kobe, the perfect opportunity to explore the amenities of your ship.

### DAY 10: CRUISE – HIROSHIMA

Arrive at Hiroshima. Best known as the first city in the world to feel the power of the atomic bomb in 1945, Hiroshima has emerged from the ashes as a cosmopolitan and peaceful place. Visit the tranquil Peace Park to reflect on the past.

### DAY 11: CRUISE – KITAKYUSHU

On the north coast of the island of Fukuoka, Kitakyushu is the gateway to plentiful natural beauty, historic sights, and some wonderful local food.

### DAY 12: CRUISE – NAGASAKI

Head back to Japan, porting at Nagasaki. Like



Hiroshima, Nagasaki is best known for the events of the 9th of August 1945 but there is so much more to it. Backed by rolling hills and forested islands, with unspoilt beaches, European-style architecture, and ancient roots, it is a delight to explore.

### DAY 13: CRUISE – BUSAN

Arrive in South Korea! Port in the bustling Busan, a city that boasts mountains, beaches, and hot springs and is full of small-town charm.

### DAY 14: CRUISE – SAKAIMINATO

Back in Japan, port at Sakaiminato. This small fishing town is the birthplace of anime legend Shigeru Mizuki, so is a pilgrimage site for manga lovers, as well as being surrounded by spectacular nature.

### DAY 15: CRUISE – KANAZAWA

Arrive in the historic town of Kanazawa, where you can get a flavour of old-world Japan exploring classical architecture and traditional Japanese gardens, including Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan.



Watch Japanese macaques

### DAY 16: CRUISE – NIIGATA

One the shores on the Sea of Japan, Niigata is a city of ancient traditions, best known for rice and sake.

### DAY 17: CRUISE – AKITA

Surrounded by mountains, forests and plentiful hot springs, Akita also offers a glimpse at the samurai way of life in historic Kakunodate.

### DAY 18: CRUISE – AOMORI

A delightfully sleepy seaside resort surrounded by mountainous landscapes, Aomori is a charming city to explore.

### DAY 19: CRUISE – HAKODATE

Today you can visit the historic city of Hakodate, famous for its star-shaped fort. Soar up to the observation deck by gondola or wander the streets to browse the market or taste a kaisen-don, a seafood rice bowl.

### DAY 20: CRUISE – AT SEA

Fill your final days onboard your cruise with all of your favourite onboard activities.

### DAY 21: CRUISE – TOKYO

Arrive in Yokohama. Today you are free to enjoy a final day on the cruise ship, or head out to explore Tokyo or the surrounding area on an excursion.

### DAY 22: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

Disembark the Azamara Pursuit, where you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel in Tokyo.

### DAY 23: FLY TOKYO TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

JAPAN BY LAND & SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore the highlights of Japan – Tokyo, Mount Fuji and Kyoto – on a culture-packed tour before circumnavigating Japan's largest island, Honshu, onboard the Azamara Pursuit, discovering even more wonders as you go.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2026 DATES	Outside	Balcony
3-Apr - 25 Apr	£12,690	£14,790

### Flight and supplement information

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Ocean View stateroom, Azamara Pursuit

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Distinguish your nori from your nigiri in a sushi making masterclass! With plenty of tricks and tips, you'll learn to roll the perfect makizushi and much more before dining on your creations for lunch.
- ▶ A huge part of Japanese culture, onsen bathing is used for relaxation, healing and both literal and metaphorical cleansing. Soaking in the geothermic waters, lauded for their medicinal qualities, is the perfect way to end a day of exploring.
- ▶ Meet the famous snow monkeys. Hidden away in a forested valley in the Japanese Alps, natural hot spring pools have become a home and playground for a community of adorable Japanese macaques.

NEW

# JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA EXPLORED

## CRUISE & TOUR

- 22 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £9,590
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS
- 9 NIGHT NORWEGIAN CRUISE

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover timeless Kyoto
- ✓ Explore rural Japan
- ✓ Meet the snow monkeys
- ✓ Cruise Tokyo to Seoul

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches & 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus NCL Cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



## NORWEGIAN JADE

Onboard the Norwegian Jade, every moment is unforgettable! From vibrant entertainment to the wide range of delicious complimentary and speciality restaurants, there is so much to explore. Relax in a hot tub, the spa and by the pool, watch a show, or live it up in the casino or at a unique bar or lounge. You can always find a moment of calm in your comfortable, refurbished stateroom before heading out to do it all over again.

### Your Cruise Features

- NCL's 'More at Sea Package', with enhanced beverages including premium spirits, upgraded speciality dining options and more!
- Access to the Mandara Spa and four outdoor hot tubs to relax in.
- Range of shows, classes, lecture and trivia activities to get involved in.



Visit Tokyo's Senso-ji Temple

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE IN OSAKA

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### DAY 3: EXPLORE KYOTO

Spend the day discovering the treasures of the timeless city of Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital. You'll begin at the enchanting Kinkaku-ji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion', before contemplating the famous Zen Garden at Ryoan-ji. Later, explore the serene Arashiyama Bamboo Forest.

### DAY 4: MORE KYOTO

Soak up more of Kyoto's rich history with a wander through the beautiful Kiyomizu temple complex. Lunch will be a traditional sukiyaki (hotpot) before an exploration of sake plus a tasting. Then, climb the forested slopes of Fushimi Inari Shrine, passing through the many vermilion red torii gates.

### DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO KANAZAWA

All aboard one of Japan's renowned shinkansen (bullet trains) to Kanazawa. Stroll through the traditional Higashi Chaya district to see the historic architecture then learn the art of making gold leaf. Finally, learn about samurai life at the Nomura Samurai Residence.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO TAKAYAMA

This morning, savour the beauty of Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, and admire the artworks at the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art. Then travel to

Takayama. End the day enjoying the exhibits of the Festival Floats Exhibition Hall and the Kusakabe Folk Museum and strolling down Kamisanmomachi Street.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Walk through Takayama market, visit Takayama Jinya, and stroll the streets of the old town, lined with traditional dwellings. Explore the Hida Folk Village, an open-air museum that showcases traditional houses of the region. Travel to Nagano and check into your traditional ryokan accommodation where you can try an onsen and dine on a kaiseki dinner.

### DAY 8: MEET THE SNOW MONKEYS

Transfer to Jigokudani Monkey Park, home to the famous, hot spring bathing Japanese macaques, also known as snow monkeys. Travel on to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital city.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE TOKYO

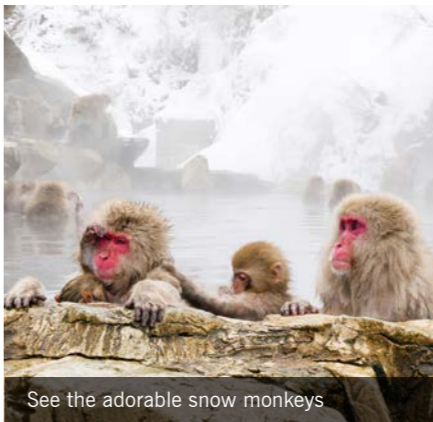
Spend the day discovering Tokyo. Visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist Temple and ascend the Tokyo Skytree for panoramic views over the city. Lunch today is extra special, as you'll be making your own! Enjoy a sushi making class before dining on your creations. This afternoon, see the Imperial Palace and Meiji Jingu Shrine, walk along Takeshita Street to taste local treats and stop at the famous Shibuya Crossing.

### DAY 10: VISIT NIKKO

Travel to Nikko, a compact and culture-filled city. With some of Japan's most beautiful temples and shrines, and a spectacular mountainous setting on the edge of the Nikko National Park, it is a delight to explore.



Eat traditional sukiyaki



See the adorable snow monkeys

### DAY 11: BOARD THE NORWEGIAN JADE

After breakfast you will be transferred to Tokyo's cruise terminal to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

### DAY 12: CRUISE – MOUNT FUJI

Port at Shimizu, a city of medieval castle ruins, ancient pine groves and traditional gardens. Here, you are ideally located for viewing Mount Fuji or exploring the series of fascinating cultural sights around its base.

### DAY 13: CRUISE – NAGOYA

Built around its magnificent castle, Nagoya has fascinating museums around manufacturing and technology, to discover.

### DAY 14: CRUISE – OSAKA/ KYOTO

Spend another day exploring this historic city or soak up the buzz of Osaka.

### DAY 15: CRUISE – KOCHI

A surfer hang out with a UNESCO Global Geopark coastline, plentiful great outdoors and a magnificent 400-year-old castle, Kochi is a wonderful place to while away a day.

### DAY 16: CRUISE – HIROSHIMA

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Arrive at Kagoshima, a city at the southern tip of the island of Kyushu. Watched over by the active Sakurajima volcano and rich in history and delicious food, and surrounded by glorious nature, there is plenty to discover here.

### DAY 18: CRUISE – NAGASAKI

Nagasaki is best known for the events of the 9th of August 1945 but there is so much more to it. Explore its rolling hills and forested islands with unspoilt beaches and European-style architecture.

### DAY 19: CRUISE – JEJU ISLAND

Welcome to South Korea! Port at Jeju Island, South Korea's favourite holiday spot. A volcanic island of rugged peaks, lush forest and white sand beaches, it is an excellent place to explore a wealth of unique ancient traditions.

### DAY 20: ARRIVE IN SEOUL

Bid farewell to the Norwegian Jade. Met by a guide, you will be transferred to your hotel in Seoul where the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 21: EXPLORE SEOUL

Spend the day seeing the sights of Seoul, starting at Gwanghwamun Square and passing through the magnificent gate of Gyeongbok Palace complex to watch the Changing of the Guards ceremony. You'll then change into traditional Korean clothes to explore the traditional Bukchon Hanok Village. Take part in a kimchi making demonstration, then explore Myeongdong, an area renowned for its fashion boutiques and street food stalls.

### DAY 22: FLY SEOUL TO UK.

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

## JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA EXPLORED

## CRUISE & TOUR

JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA

### PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through the rich culture of Japan across the Korea Strait to the wonders of South Korea on one magical journey. Explore Japan's top sights, before cruising along the spectacular coastlines of Honshu and Kyushu islands and across to South Korea's capital Seoul, pausing at Jeju Island en route.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2026 DATES	Outside	Balcony
02 Nov - 23 Nov	£9,590	£10,590
2027 DATES	Outside	Balcony
23 Feb - 16 Mar	£9,590	£11,490
14 Mar - 03 Apr	£10,290	

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Single room outside from £3,290 balcony from £4,290
- Land only from £8,890
- Gratuities on cruise £140

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Visit Hanok Village, Seoul

### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Sake is much more than Japan's national drink, it's an essential part of the country's customs, traditions, and celebrations. Learn all about the strict customs that dictate how sake is produced and how it is drunk before tasting this world-famous rice wine for yourself.
- True sushi is an artform, a foodie reflection of the cultural values of respect for nature, craftsmanship, and community. Supervised by a sushi chef, take part in a sushi making class in Tokyo picking up basic sushi skills before sitting down with your fellow travellers to dine on the results.
- Meet the famous snow monkeys. Hidden away in a forested valley in the Japanese Alps, natural hot spring pools have become a home and playground for a community of adorable Japanese macaques.

# OSAKA TO SEOUL

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- 12 NIGHT CELEBRITY CRUISE

## TOUR TICKLIST

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- ✓ Discover the history of Kyoto
- ✓ Gaze on Mount Fuji
- ✓ Explore vibrant Seoul

## PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus Celebrity cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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### Your Cruise Features

- ▶ Classic Drinks package including alcohol
- ▶ Outside or Balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ All meals on board



Admire the beautiful Kinkaku-ji Temple

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Osaka. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to the hotel in Kyoto. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE KYOTO

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### DAY 5: VIEW MOUNT FUJI

Board a bullet train and be whisked off to Mount Fuji. Take a mini cruise on the picturesque Lake Ashi. Fly up to the heights of Mount Komagatake by cable car for more beautiful views before heading to Nagano for your overnight stay.

### DAY 6: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel to Jigokudani Monkey Park, walking through the forest to reach the hot spring pool where a community of Japanese macaques, or snow monkeys, bath in the warm waters. Transfer to Tokyo, Japan's capital since 1868 and one of the world's largest cities.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo may seem a thoroughly modern cityscape at first glance but look beyond the soaring towers and neon signs and you'll find deeply

rooted tradition and peaceful pockets of the past. Start at vibrant Senso-ji, the city's oldest temple before ascending the Tokyo Skytree for magical views. Enjoy a sushi making masterclass before dining on your creations for lunch. Make a photo stop at the world-famous Shibuya Crossing then explore Meiji Jingu Shrine.

### DAY 8: BOARD THE CELEBRITY MILLENNIUM

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### DAY 9: CRUISE – EXPLORE SHIMIZU

Port in Shimizu, a city of medieval castle ruins, ancient pine groves and traditional gardens. Here, you are ideally located for viewing Mount Fuji (weather dependant) and a series of fascinating cultural sights.

### DAY 10: CRUISE – EXPLORE KYOTO

Arrive in Osaka, the closest port to Kyoto, Japan's cultural heart and discover more of this enchanting city.

### DAY 11: CRUISE – KYOTO

Spend today at port, or enjoying your cruise ship's many amenities.

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### DAY 14: CRUISE – AT SEA

Relax onboard your way - sitting by the pool, enjoying the bars and restaurants or taking part in a sport or activity.

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### DAY 17: CRUISE – EXPLORE FUKUOKA

Port at Fukuoka, the alluring, and largest city, on Kyushu Island. The gateway to a mountainous interior that offers excellent hiking, and really, really good ramen to sample, the city itself has plenty of historic and cultural attractions to enjoy.

### DAY 18: CRUISE – EXPLORE BUSAN

Depart Japan and arrive in South Korea, porting at the bustling city of Busan. Boasting mountains, beaches, and hot springs, this is a city full of small-town charm.

### DAY 19: CRUISE – AT SEA

Savour your final day at sea and fill it with your favourite of your ship's activities and experiences.

### DAY 20: ARRIVE IN SEOUL

Arrive at Seoul's cruise port and disembark the Celebrity Millennium. You will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel, where the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 21: EXPLORE SEOUL

Spend the day exploring the sights and sounds of Seoul. Start at Gwanghwamun Plaza, then pass through the Gwanghwamun, the largest gate of Gyeongbok Palace, to explore and see the historic changing of the guard ceremony. Then, don traditional attire to explore the Bukchon Hanok Village, with its beautifully restored heritage buildings. Later, learn more about one of South Korea's most famous exports, kimchi, with a cooking demonstration followed by a stroll through the trendy Myeongdong neighbourhood.

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## OSAKA TO SEOUL

## CRUISE & TOUR

JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Covering the Japanese islands of Honshu and Kyushu, on this cruise & tour itinerary you'll get to explore Japan's history, culture and nature in a little more depth, with the added bonus of South Korea to end your Far East explorations.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

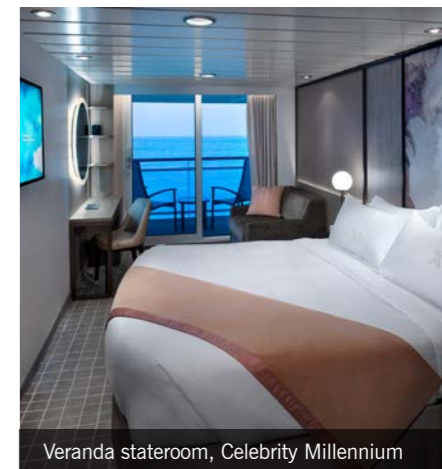
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Dates don't work? Call our Tailormade team who can book this itinerary as a private tour, with timings that suit you.



Veranda stateroom, Celebrity Millennium

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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- ▶ Kimchi is one of South Korea's most famous exports and this tangy side dish of fermented vegetables is renowned for its healthy properties. Learn how to make your own with a cooking demonstration from a seasoned professional in a traditional Korean house.

NEW

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- ✓ Explore Tokyo's best bits
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Wander the enchanting old streets of Kyoto

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### DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO HIROSHIMA

Climb the forested slopes of Fushimi Inari Shrine, passing through the many vermilion red torii gates. Transfer to Kyoto's station for a quintessential Japanese experience – a ride on a bullet train, that will whisk you off to Hiroshima. This afternoon, you'll visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome.

### DAY 5: VISIT MIYAJIMA ISLAND

Board a ferry for a short cruise across the Seto Inland Sea to Miyajima Island to visit its famous shrine, Itsukushima. There will also be some free time to browse the little shops of Miyajima Omotesando.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE OKAYAMA

Hop on a bullet train bound for Okayama where you'll spend the day exploring. Visit the lovely Kibitsu Shrine, Okayama Castle and Korakuen, one of Japan's Three Great Gardens, to walk through the picturesque traditional landscaping. Back on a bullet train, travel to the city of Nagoya.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE NAGOYA

Begin the day at the impressive Nagoya Castle before taking a stroll through the tranquil Tokugawa Garden; centred around a large pond, you'll find traditional features like waterfalls, tea houses, bridges and promenades. Then, walk along the vibrant Osu Shopping Street browsing the shops and street food stalls along it and explore Noritake Garden, set in the lush grounds of a busy former ceramics factory.

### DAY 8: DISCOVER TOKYO

Spend the day exploring Japan's dazzling capital city. First, you'll visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist Temple, and walk down Nakamise Shopping Street browsing the souvenirs and delicious local snacks. Then ascend the Tokyo Skytree for panoramic views over the city. Lunch today is extra special, as you'll be making your own! Enjoy a sushi making class before dining on your creations. This afternoon, see the Imperial Palace and Meiji Jingu Shrine, walk along Takeshita Street to taste some local treats and see the famous Shibuya Crossing.

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Ride a bullet train



Gaze on magnificent Mount Fuji

### DAY 10: CRUISE – AT SEA

Spend the day getting to know the Celebrity Millennium and all the plentiful ways you can be active or relax onboard.

### DAY 11: CRUISE – EXPLORE KYOTO

Arrive in Osaka, the closest port to Kyoto. Spend the day exploring among ancient architecture, soaking up a rich, age-old culture or sampling some of the city's culinary delights.

### DAY 12: CRUISE – KYOTO

Spend a second day at port in Osaka, making the most of the excellent range of facilities onboard your cruise ship or continuing your explorations of Kyoto.

### DAY 13: CRUISE – EXPLORE KOCHI

Port at Kochi. A surfer hangout with a UNESCO Global Geopark coastline, plentiful great outdoors and bags of rustic charm, Kochi is a wonderful place to while away a day.

### DAY 14: CRUISE – AT SEA

Relax onboard your way – sitting by the pool, enjoying the bars and restaurants, or taking part in a sport or activity.

### DAY 15: CRUISE – EXPLORE BUSAN

Hello, South Korea! Port at the bustling city of Busan. Boasting mountains, beaches, and hot springs, this is a city full of small-town charm.

### DAY 16: CRUISE – EXPLORE NAGASAKI

Back in Japan, port at Nagasaki, a city best known for the events of the 9th of August 1945. Backed by rolling hills and forested islands, with unspoilt beaches, European-style architecture, and ancient roots, it is a delight to explore.

### DAY 17: CRUISE – EXPLORE KAGOSHIMA

Arrive at Kagoshima, a city at the southern tip of the island of Kyushu. Watched over by the active Sakurajima volcano and rich in history and delicious food, and surrounded by glorious nature, there is plenty to discover here.

### DAY 18: CRUISE – AT SEA

Make the most of your cruise ship facilities today – you could relax by the pool, try out the restaurants and bars, and enjoy the range of activities and shows.

### DAY 19: CRUISE – EXPLORE SHIMIZU

Port at Shimizu, a city of medieval castle ruins, ancient pine groves and traditional gardens. Here, you are ideally located for viewing Mount Fuji (weather dependent) or exploring the series of fascinating cultural sights around its base.

### DAY 20: CRUISE – EXPLORE TOKYO

Arrive back in Yokohama. Today you are free to enjoy a final day on the cruise ship, or head out to explore Tokyo or the surrounding area on an excursion.

### DAY 21: DISEMBARK THE CELEBRITY MILLENNIUM

Bid farewell to the Celebrity Millennium. Met by a guide, you will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo, where the rest of the day will be at leisure before dinner at a local restaurant.

### DAY 22: FLY TOKYO TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

JAPAN BY RAIL & SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience the incredible sights and rich culture of Japan on this exploration of the archipelago by rail and by sea. Zip between sights and cities on the renowned shinkansen before boarding your cruise ship to explore Japan further.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

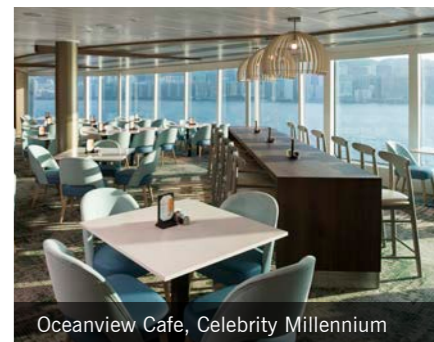
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2027 DATES	Outside
18 Mar - 08 Apr	£10,590
30 Mar - 20 Apr	£11,100

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room outside from £4,290
- Land only from £9,690
- Gratuities on cruise £165

Call us to register your interest for further departures of this tour.



Oceanview Cafe, Celebrity Millennium

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- True sushi is an artform, a foodie reflection of the cultural values of respect for nature, craftsmanship, and community. Supervised by a sushi chef, take part in a sushi making class in Tokyo picking up basic sushi skills before sitting down with your fellow travellers to dine on the results.
- Miyajima, a small island off Hiroshima, is a delightful place to visit. Besides the atmospheric shrine and its photogenic torii gate that seemingly floats at high tide, there is a quirky shopping street that is fun to browse and friendly sika deer that would love to share your food.
- Comfortable, reliable, efficient, punctual and fast, Japan's extensive rail network is world renowned, so what better way to explore? Riding a bullet train, known as shinkansen locally, is an essential Japan experience, whizzing up to 320 kilometres an hour to get you from city to city.

# TAILORMADE JAPAN

The very best of Japan, exactly the way you want it

## WHAT IS A TAILORMADE HOLIDAY?

Quite simply, a tailor-made holiday is a journey designed and created especially for you. There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to travel so tailor-made holidays are the perfect opportunity for travellers looking to embark on that once-in-a-lifetime adventure or epic honeymoon, for people who want to indulge their special interest, or for those who simply want to do things their own way.

## WHY TRAVEL TAILORMADE?

You're completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. The hotels (from comfortable to all out luxury), what and where you eat, the number of nights, when you depart, the sort of experiences that you'll have, is all up to you too!

Whether you have a fully formed itinerary in mind, or just a vague inkling of what you want to see and do, one of our Personal Travel Specialists will be able to craft you something marvellous – with as much, or as little, input from you as you wish.

## WHY GO TAILORMADE WITH WENDY WU?

We've long prided ourselves on our abilities to make extraordinary tours, so it goes without saying that we're also pretty good at putting together tailor-made ones. Our team of Personal Travel Specialists, who are wonderfully well-travelled and expert travel planners, are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest. With a wide range of accommodation options, private guiding when you want it and exceptional knowledge of local flavours and the most authentic local experiences, we've got you covered.

# How does it work?

It's really so simple – just follow the steps below:

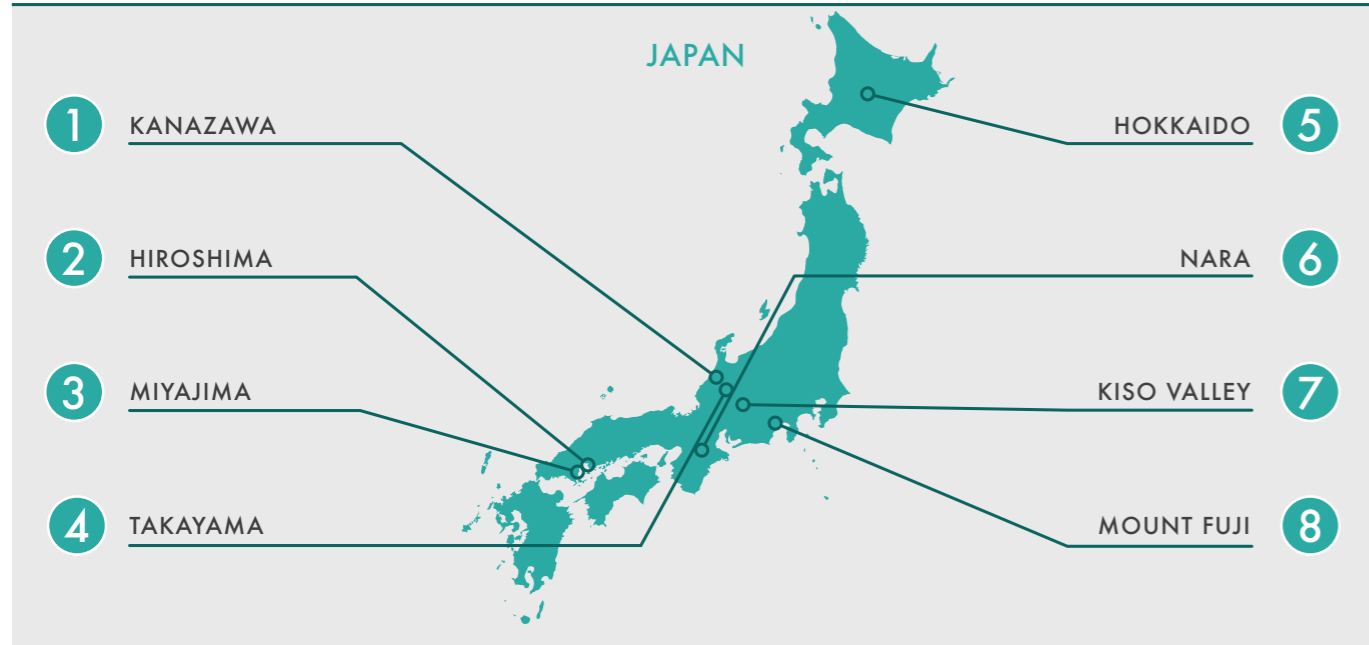
*"We are writing to say a very big thank you for giving us a wonderful tailor-made holiday. We were so impressed by how well organised the whole trip was, with reps on hand to meet us at each new destination, local guides for every city who were very informative, and a brilliant driver who looked after us so well during the entire tour."*

Kevin & Shirley Mears



# Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in Japan.



## 1 KANAZAWA

A charming city with plenty of culture, Kanazawa has beautifully preserved samurai and geisha districts and one of Japan's 'Three Great Gardens', the lovely Kenroku-en. The name Kenroku-en means 'having six features'; these being spaciousness, tranquillity, artifice, antiquity, water sources and magnificent panoramas.



## 2 HIROSHIMA

Hiroshima is known as the city of reflection and resilience, where a powerful past meets a hopeful future. Visit the iconic Peace Memorial Park and Museum to pay respects to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb, making for a moving and memorable experience on your journey through Japan.



## 3 MIYAJIMA

An island in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea, atmospheric Miyajima is full of historic monuments and pristine forest to explore. Start at the famous 'floating' torii gate before ascending the mountain by cable car.

## 4 TAKAYAMA

Set at the edge of the Japanese Alps, Takayama is a city of charm, boasting picturesque mountain backdrops and a beautifully preserved old town, with traditional wooden houses lining the streets.



## 5 HOKKAIDO

Spectacular scenery makes Hokkaido the perfect place for hiking, and you can't beat the fresh seafood during the summer months. It's great for skiing in the winter months too!



## 6 NARA

Nara, Japan's first capital and a treasure trove of ancient temples, peaceful gardens, and friendly roaming deer. The sprawling park offers a glimpse into Japan's rich culture, with sites like Todai-ji Temple and the beautiful Isui-en Garden.



## 7 KISO VALLEY

This beautiful valley is home to one of Japan's greatest hiking trails, the Nakasendo Way, a centuries-old highway through the heart of Honshu.



## 8 MOUNT FUJI

Mount Fuji is at the heart of a huge national park, an area of spectacular scenery and beautiful sights. It's also the perfect place to enjoy a stay in a ryokan, a traditional inn.



# Special groups

Travelling in your own private group?

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Lin Wilson – Fareham



# SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. A short stay will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way not only to break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

The short stays and stopovers that you'll find on the following pages can be added to the start or end of your tour, or can be booked as independent packages. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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# TOKYO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit tranquil Meiji Shrine
- ✓ Explore quirky Harajuku
- ✓ Discover beautiful Kamakura
- ✓ See the Great Buddha at Kotoku-in



Enjoy a day trip to Kamakura

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,020	£1,760
Superior	£1,090	£1,860

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by public transport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure

DAY 2: EXPLORE TOKYO

Spend a full day exploring Tokyo with a guide. Making use of the city's excellent public transport, start by visiting Sumida Hokusai Museum, before heading to Meiji, a Shinto shrine nestled in evergreen forest. Continue on to the fast-paced districts of Harajuku and Omotesando. This afternoon, visit the Tokyo Government Building's observatory deck for panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond. Spend some time in the bustling entertainment district of Shinjuku before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3: KAMAKURA DAY TRIP

Meet your guide and transfer by local train to Kamakura, a coastal city south of Tokyo, known for its dozens of unique temples. Visit Kotoku-in, whose grounds house Japan's second tallest bronze Buddha statue, and Hase Temple. Stroll through Kamakura Komachi Street, lined with different shops and restaurants, before visiting Kamakura's most important shrine, Tsurugaoka Hachiman. Transfer back to Tokyo by public transport. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

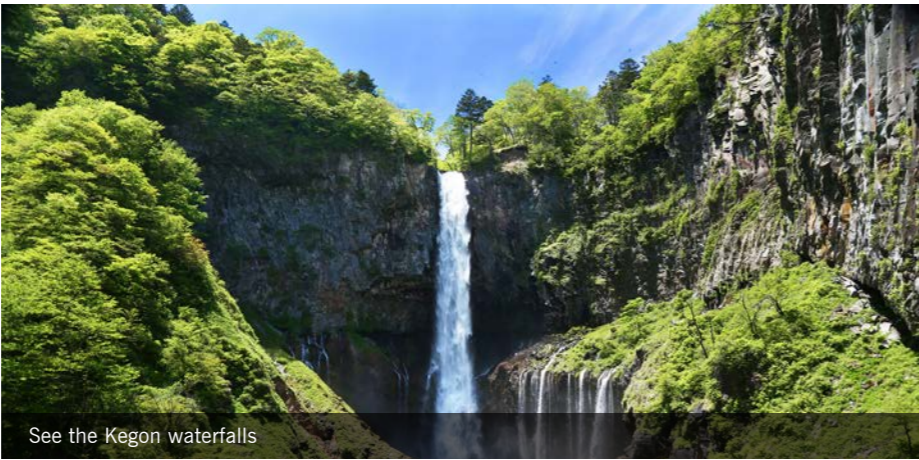
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer by public transport to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# NIKKO & KAMAKURA

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit Toshogu Shrine
- ✓ Admire the Kego Falls
- ✓ Discover Kamakura's temples
- ✓ See an 11m high bronze Buddha



See the Kego waterfalls

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,260	£1,940
Superior	£1,400	£2,090
Deluxe	£1,520	£2,610

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Tokyo)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure

DAY 2: NIKKO DAY TRIP

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tokyo and together transfer to Asakusa Station by public transport to board the Limited Express train to Nikko. Visit the Nikki Toshogu Shrine, the elaborate memorial to Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of a shogunate that ruled for over 250 years. Also visit the impressive 100m-high Kego Falls. Later, return to Tokyo by the Limited Express train. (B)

DAY 3: KAMAKURA DAY TRIP

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tokyo and together walk to Shinagawa Station to board the local train to the coastal city of Kamakura. Visit Kotoku-in Temple, which houses Japan's second largest bronze Buddha statue, and Hase Temple. Also enjoy a leisurely stroll along Komachi, where the street is lined with pretty little shops and restaurants, and Hokoku-ji Temple before returning to Tokyo by local train. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TOKYO

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# NARA SHORT STAY

2 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ View the eminent Todai-ji
- ✓ Wander beautiful Nara Park
- ✓ See lovely Kasuga Shrine
- ✓ Visit Meiji-era Isuien Garden



See the local sika deer in Nara Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£440	£810
Superior	£520	£910

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Osaka)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM OSAKA TO NARA

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Osaka and together transfer to Osaka Station and take the local train to Nara. Located in the Kansai region of Japan, ancient Nara was Japan's capital before Kyoto. Start at Todai-ji, a UNESCO-listed temple that is home to the Daibutsu, or Great Buddha. Take time to wander through the beautiful grounds and see the sika deer. Continue into the huge expanse of Nara Park, a designated 'Place of Scenic Beauty', home to even more sika deer who, in the Shinto religion, are considered the messengers of the gods. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine, and the tranquil Meiji-era garden of Isuien. Transfer back to Osaka by local train and arrive at your hotel. (L)

DAY 2: DEPART OSAKA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer by public transport to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit the Peace Memorial Park
- ✓ Explore beautiful Shukkei-en
- ✓ Discover holy Miyajima Island
- ✓ Soar up Mount Misen



Visit tranquil Miyajima Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£990	£1,560
Superior	£1,060	£1,690

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Hiroshima & 1 night Osaka)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO HIROSHIMA

From your hotel in Osaka, transfer to Shin Osaka station and board a bullet train to Hiroshima. Meet your guide and explore the city using public transport, starting at the poignant Peace Memorial Park and Museum. This leafy and peaceful expanse is full of beautiful memorials to those who died after the atomic bombing of 1945. Tuck into okonomiyaki for lunch before visiting the historical Shukkei-en Garden. (L)

DAY 2: EXPLORE MIYAJIMA

Travel to the holy island of Miyajima by local train and ferry with your guide. Enjoy a walking tour of this peaceful island, wandering along the waterfront and shopping street to reach Itsukushima Shrine.

The shrine is best known for its enormous vermilion torii gate, which stands in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. Explore the ancient complex that is Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy a stroll along its surrounding streets. This afternoon, take the cable car up Mount Misen and enjoy panoramic views. Return to Hiroshima and your hotel by ferry and local train before taking the bullet train independently from Hiroshima Station back to Shin Osaka Station. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART OSAKA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer by public transport to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# KYOTO SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire beautiful Kodai-ji Temple
- ✓ Explore Kyoto’s geisha district
- ✓ See the impressive Heian Shrine
- ✓ Stroll the Philosopher’s Path



Stroll along the streets of Gion

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,220	£1,860
Superior	£1,300	£2,160
Deluxe	£1,420	£2,260

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Kyoto)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE KYOTO

Travel to Kyoto, Japan’s ancient capital. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: KYOTO

Explore the former imperial capital with a knowledgeable local guide using public transportation. Start at either the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine or the Gekkeikan Okura Sake Museum. Visit the unique Sanjusangen-do, the beautiful temples of Kodai-ji and Kennin-ji before strolling down the streets of Gion, Kyoto’s famous geisha district. Stop at Gion Corner, a showcase for the seven professional performing arts. (B)

DAY 3: KYOTO

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and use public transport to reach Nijo, an ornamental castle built as the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa shoguns. Continue to Heian shrine, famous for its huge vermilion torii gate. In the afternoon, visit Eikan-do Temple before continuing to Ginkaku-ji and the Philosopher’s Path, a pleasant walk along a stone path which follows a canal lined by hundreds of cherry trees. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KYOTO

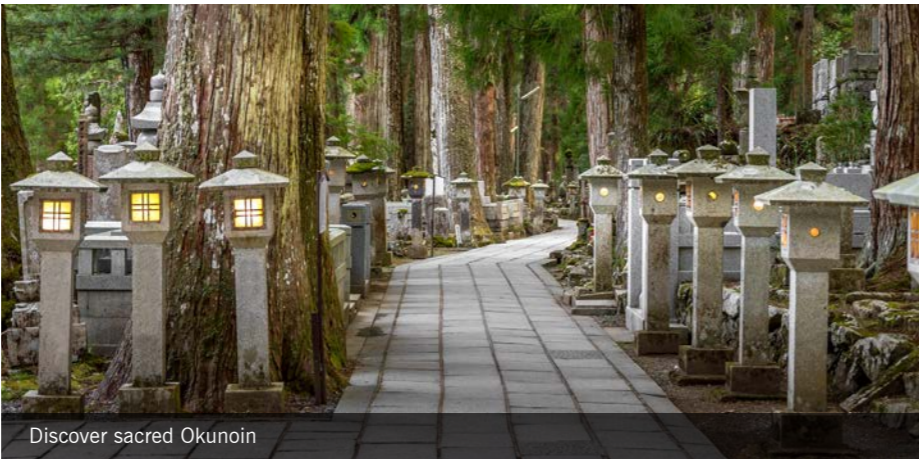
Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight.(B)

# KOYASAN SHORT STAY

2 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore the Kongobu-ji Temple
- ✓ Admire the wonders of Okunoin
- ✓ Stay in a 13th-century temple
- ✓ Join monks in their morning prayers



Discover sacred Okunoin

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£590	£960
Superior	£660	£1,060

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Koyasan)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides on Day 1 and entrance fees

DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM OSAKA TO KOYASAN

Meet your guide at your Osaka hotel for your journey to sacred Mount Koya by rail. Known for its many monasteries and deeply spiritual atmosphere, Koyasan is the heart of Shingon Buddhism. See the 16th-century Kongobu-ji Temple and the Garan Temple complex, then explore ethereal Okunoin cemetery, where centuries-old gravestones stand amid towering cedars and softly-glowing lanterns. Tonight, stay overnight in a 13th-century temple in a traditional tatami room.

The temple is staffed by monks who generally do not speak English. Accommodation is traditional and basic; single mattresses will be laid on traditional tatami mat. Tatami mat floors are not hard and mattresses are designed for

comfortable sleep. The doors to rooms are made from rice paper so noise will travel, and they cannot be locked. Rooms are individually heated but hallways are not. There will be shared bathrooms with shower and toilet facilities. Please note that the showers are open-plan with no screens. In the morning there is no hot water for showering or use of the public bath.

The evening meal is a Buddhist vegetarian dinner, known as Shojin Ryori and is served promptly at 18:00. The evening is free for quiet reflection in your room; please note there are no TVs on the premises. (D)

DAY 2: DEPART KOYASAN

Rise early to join the monks for their morning prayers before a traditional breakfast. Return to Osaka and transfer to the airport. (B)

# SNOW MONKEYS SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit Zenko-ji Temple
- ✓ Watch snow monkeys play
- ✓ Explore the old town of Obuse
- ✓ See fine art at Hokusai Museum



See the snow monkeys at Jigokudani Monkey Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,940	£3,340
Superior	£2,140	£3,520

Price includes:

- Accommodation (1 night Tokyo, 2 nights Yudanaka)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan’s capital city. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure

DAY 2: YUDANAKA ONSEN

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tokyo and together transfer to Tokyo Station by taxi to board your bullet train to Nagano. Visit the 7th-century Zenko-ji Temple, then drive to Yudanaka and visit Shibu Onsen, a historic and attractive hot spring town. Later, transfer to your ryokan (traditional Japanese accommodation) where you will stay two nights. (B,D)

DAY 3: JIGOKUDANI MONKEY PARK

This morning, head to Jigokudani Yaen-Koen. Take a relaxed 40-60 minute walk up through the forested valley to reach the thermal pools. Good shoes are recommended. Spend time watching the Japanese macaques bathe and play. Later, explore the old town of Obuse, known for its apples and chestnuts. Visit Hokusai Museum to see a collection of lesser-known works by the Japanese artist Hokusai, who is best known for ‘The Great Wave’. Return to your ryokan. (B,D)

DAY 4: TOKYO

Transfer to Nagano Station and board the bullet train to Tokyo. Continue to your Tokyo hotel or airport as per your onward arrangements. (B)

# NAOSHIMA & OKAYAMA

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll Bikan’s Historical Quarter
- ✓ Spend the day in Kurashiki
- ✓ Explore art museums
- ✓ Relax on Naoshima Island



Explore Japan’s ‘art island’

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,650	£2,520
Superior	£1,790	£2,730

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Okayama, 1 night Osaka)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: KURASHIKI DAY TOUR

Meet your guide at your hotel in Osaka. Together, transfer to Osaka Station by taxi to board the bullet train to Okayama and then transfer by local train to Kurashiki. Explore the Kurashiki Museum of Folk Crafts and take a leisurely stroll in picturesque Bikan Historical Quarter. Return to Okayama and visit Koraku-en garden. (B)

DAY 2: VISIT NAOSHIMA

Meet your guide at your hotel in Okayama and transfer by public transport to Uno Port for the ferry to Naoshima. Admire the work of Yayoi Kusama and other artists across this unique island, with visits to the Art House Project, Benesse House Museum and Chichu Art Museum (closed Mondays). (B)

DAY 3: DEPART OKAYAMA

Enjoy the morning at leisure to explore Okayama. Your guide will meet you this afternoon at your hotel in Naoshima and together you will take the ferry to Okayama. Board the bullet train to Osaka and transfer to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART OSAKA

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# TAIPEI SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover bustling Taipei
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Explore the National Palace Museum
- ✓ See Longshan Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£480	£920
Superior	£520	£990
Deluxe	£600	£1,180

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Taipei)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with China Airlines.



Explore vibrant Taipei

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your way to Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Taipei is a laidback and vibrant city that, as well as being packed with the upmarket and ultramodern, is a bastion of Taiwan's wonderfully rich heritage. Its beauty lies in its blend of Chinese culture with a curious fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

#### DAY 2: TAIPEI

Your guide will meet you at your hotel in Tapei to commence your tour. Start with a visit to the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Next, ascend to the observation deck at Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view over this sprawling city. Later, explore Longshan Temple and then Dihua Street known for

its many Chinese medicine shops. Finish the day at the National Palace Museum to admire the Chinese imperial collections before returning to your hotel. (B)

#### DAY 3: TAIPEI

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Taipei. (B)

#### DAY 4: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# CLASSIC TAIWAN

5 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See bustling Taipei
- ✓ Visit Ita Thao aboriginal village
- ✓ Relax at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Uncover ancient Tainan

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£980	£1,890
Superior	£1,090	£2,090
Deluxe	£1,220	£2,390

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights Taipei, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 1 night Tainan)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with China Airlines.



Discover the vibrant streets of Tainan

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Arrive in Taiwan's vibrant capital, Taipei, where you'll be transferred to your hotel.

#### DAY 2: TAIPEI TO SUN MOON LAKE

Journey into the heart of the island to one of Taiwan's most scenic spot – Sun Moon Lake. Here, visit the impressive Wen Wu Temple, Holy Monk Shrine, Tze-En Pagoda, and the aboriginal village of Ita Thao (B)

#### DAY 3: SUN MOON LAKE TO TAINAN

Travel south to Tainan, the old capital of Taiwan, rich in preserved historical sites and cultural relics. Take a walking tour around Anping Fort and visit Chihkan Tower and the Confucius Temple. (B)

#### DAY 4: TAINAN TO TAIPEI

Travel back to Taipei by high-speed train. Explore more of Taipei, watching the Changing of the Guards at the CKS Memorial Hall, visiting Longshan Temple and the Martyr's Shrine. See Taipei 101 and discover the collections of the National Palace Museum. This evening is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 5: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# TAIWAN EXPRESS

8 DAYS

Embark on an adventure through the best bits of Taiwan with three thrilling railway experiences – two on heritage lines – the Pingxi Line and the Alishan Forest Express – and one on the super-fast Taiwan High Speed Rail. You'll also have plenty of time to uncover the island's rich culture, visiting heritage sights, admiring scenic spots and dining on plenty of delicious, traditional foods.

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Ride the Pingxi Valley line
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Explore beautiful Alishan
- ✓ Journey on the high-speed rail

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,490	£4,390

- Price includes:
- 3-4 star accommodation (4 nights Taipei, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 2 nights Chiayi)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if flying with China Airlines.



Indulge in Taipei's street food



Explore Alishan's tea gardens



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest train

## ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Arrive in Taiwan's vibrant capital, Taipei, where you'll be met and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 2: RIDE THE PINGXI LINE

After breakfast, head to Taipei railway station by metro. Board the train to Ruifang, where you start your guided tour along the scenic eight-mile Pingxi Line. There are 12 stations on Pingxi Line and your guide will recommend the best places to hop on and off to explore the country villages and waterfalls. A stop at Shifen Old Street is a must for all travellers, where you can purchase a sky lantern to carry wishes and hopes for the future. Return to Taipei by train. (B,L)

#### DAY 3: EXPLORE TAIPEI

Today you will explore Taipei with your local guide, using the city's public transport system. Start with a visit to the National Palace Museum, home to thousands of artifacts and artworks that showcase 8,000 years of Chinese history, before admiring the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Next, take to the skies via a high-speed elevator up to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view of the city. Later, explore the 18th-century Longshan Temple, and in the evening, visit one of Taipei's bustling night markets, famous for their snack-focused, tasty street food. (B,L)

#### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SUN MOON LAKE

This morning travel to Sun Moon Lake, a designated National Scenic Area. Explore a tea plantation set in picturesque rolling hills complete with tea tasting, then visit the imposing Wenwu Temple, built on the shore of the lake with beautiful views. Set sail on a cruise of the lake itself soaking up spectacular

panoramas of forested shores, turquoise blue waters and the mountains beyond. (B)

#### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO CHIAYI

Travel to Bantaoyao Craft Park, a former pottery factory where you'll take part in a mosaic workshop - learning the proper technique and decorating your own tile. Lunch today will be traditional hot pot, cooking various meats and vegetables in a delicious broth. This afternoon, visit the Museum of Old Taiwan Tiles. (B,L)

#### DAY 6: RIDE THE FOREST TRAIN

Travel to Yuyupas, a cultural park where you can learn about the indigenous Tsou Tribe and enjoy a coffee or tea tasting experience. Then begin your exploration of the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area and ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train -the highest narrow-gauge railway in Asia -as it winds through dense forest. Continue your sightseeing around Alishan stopping at natural sights such as the Sister Pond, Brother Tree and Three Generation Tree. (B)

#### DAY 7: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Journey back to Taipei, pausing en route at the fascinating Changhua Roundhouse, a railway roundhouse built in 1922. You'll also visit Lukang Old Street, known for its many temples and atmospheric narrow lanes. Then, transfer to Changhua train station to board a high-speed train to Taipei, reaching speeds of up to 300km per hour. On arrival you'll transfer to your hotel where the rest of the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 8: FLY TAIPEI TO UK

Fly home to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

# CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Taste delicious Korean street food
- ✓ Explore historic Gyeongju
- ✓ Admire UNESCO-listed Bulguksa Temple
- ✓ Ride a Korean bullet train



Discover the Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,530	£4,080
Superior	£2,730	£4,480
Deluxe	£3,210	£5,140

#### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul, 1 night Gyeongju)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines.



Visit Bulguksa Temple



Enjoy delicious street food

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Make your way to Seoul, South Korea's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore the city's temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Perhaps take advantage of Seoul's foodie credentials – the street snacks are second to none!

### DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL

Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace (closed on Tuesdays). Explore the palace grounds and witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Stop by Gwangjang Market, where you may like to sample some of Seoul's best street food (payable locally). Finally, visit the hillside Namsan Park and its N Seoul Tower. Please note you may visit an alternative park in cherry blossom season, depending on your guide's recommendation. (B)

### DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Transfer to Seoul station for the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju; a cross-country journey of approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes. Located in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this UNESCO-listed city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, the easternmost of Korea's historic Three Kingdoms. The Silla Kingdom, which existed from 57BC to 935AD, peaked between the 7th and 9th centuries. Today, the city of Gyeongju is a living museum, brimming with Silla heritage sites from

tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver and enjoy lunch before discovering historic Gyeongju. Head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNESCO-listed site of Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. The temple is considered a masterpiece of Silla architecture, whilst Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage, is home to some of the world's best Buddhist sculptures. Later, enjoy the views around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight in Gyeongju. (B,L)

### DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th-century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul, where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Wander through Jogyesa Temple
- ✓ Visit the iconic N Seoul Tower
- ✓ Stroll through Hanok Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£690	£1,010
Superior	£830	£1,210
Deluxe	£1,240	£1,800

#### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This extension is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines.



Enjoy panoramic views over Seoul

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Travel to Seoul, South Korea's energetic capital. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel. The rest of day is at leisure. Foodies, take note: the street snacks here are second to none!

### DAY 2: SEOUL

Head to the pick-up point to begin your full-day seat-in-coach city tour. Pass by the Blue House, former residence of the Korean president. Continue to Gyeongbok Palace to witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony before exploring the Palace itself (closed on Tuesdays). Stop by a Zen temple before lunch.

Later, stroll along traditional Insadong Street, browse Gwangjang Market and visit Namsan Tower for panoramic views over the city. Your final stop is Hanok Village with its traditional houses and unique way of life. (B,L)

### DAY 3: SEOUL

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the many sights and sounds of Seoul. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART SEOUL

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# JEJU ISLAND

4 DAYS

### TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Meet Jeju's female free divers, the Haenyeo
- ✓ Explore Jeju Stone Park
- ✓ Discover Gotjawal Forest's unique ecology
- ✓ Admire Sunrise Peak and the volcanic Mount Halla

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£530	£650
Superior	£840	£1,110
Deluxe	£900	£1,190

#### Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Jeju Island)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

#### Note:

- A domestic flight is required at an additional supplement. This short stay may be available without extra flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines.
- The order of your excursions will depend on the day of arrival. Day One of the Jeju Island Short Stay cannot fall on a Friday.



Explore beautiful Jeju Island

### DAY 1: ARRIVE JEJU ISLAND

Make your way to South Korea's largest island, Jeju. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER JEJU ISLAND

Transfer independently to the pick-up point to begin your full day 'seat-in-coach' tour of Jeju Island (East course). Start at Jeolmul Recreational Forest, followed by a visit to Seongeup Folk Village. After lunch, visit Gwangchigi Beach before witnessing the work of the Haenyeo, Jeju's female free divers who harvest shellfish for a living. More than 90% of them are aged between 60 and 90 years old. Afterwards, admire Seongsan Sunrise Peak before exploring Jeju Stone Park. Continue to the drop-off point, from which you can return to the hotel independently. (B,L)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE JEJU ISLAND

Transfer independently to the pick-up point to begin your second full day seat-in-coach tour of Jeju Island (South West and Hallasan Coast course). Stop by Hyeopjae Beach before visiting the Gotjawal, an atmospheric forest that has grown over historic lava flows to create a unique ecology. Visit the O'Sulloc Tea Museum before lunch. Later, admire Mount Songak and Jusangjeolli Hexagon Lava Cliff before ending the day at Mount Halla. Transfer to the drop-off point, and travel back to the hotel independently. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART JEJU ISLAND

Your day is at leisure until your transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# BEIJING STOPOVER

3

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Learn about jade
- ✓ Visit the iconic Tiananmen Square



Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£430	£770
Superior	£440	£780
Deluxe	£590	£960

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Additional transfer supplement for Beijing Daxing Airport: from £25 per person, per way (based on two people).

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: DISCOVER BEIJING

Rise early this morning and drive around one hour from the city to the Juyongguan Pass. Here you can take a walk on the Great Wall of China, appreciating the wall itself and the dramatic scenery. Stop at a jade factory to learn about this precious stone, then continue to the symbolic heart of Beijing. Stroll across Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City covering an area of 180 acres. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART BEIJING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through Yu Gardens
- ✓ Explore the famous Bund
- ✓ Shop at Nanjing Road
- ✓ Learn about silk



Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£460	£840
Superior	£470	£850
Deluxe	£560	£1,040

Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Shanghai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE SHANGHAI

Make your way to Shanghai Pudong or Hongqiao Airport, or the railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Spend the day uncovering Shanghai's highlights, starting with a stroll through the peaceful pavilions and ponds of Yu Garden, followed by time to explore the bustling Old Town. Walk along the iconic Bund, admiring the impressive colonial architecture that lines the Huangpu River, then enjoy the vibrant energy of Nanjing Road, Shanghai's busiest shopping street. Visit a silk mill to learn about the intricate process behind one of China's most famous exports. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART SHANGHAI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Shanghai Pudong or Hongqiao Airport, or to the railway station. (B)

# BEIJING IN FOCUS

4

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ See the exquisite Summer Palace
- ✓ Explore the Forbidden City
- ✓ Wander through Nanluoguxiang



Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£620	£1,140
Superior	£630	£1,160
Deluxe	£810	£1,410

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Beijing)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Additional transfer supplement for Beijing Daxing Airport: from £25 per person, per way (based on two people).

DAY 1:ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing railway station. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: THE GREAT WALL

This morning, visit China's most iconic landmark – the Great Wall. Take a chairlift or cable car to the summit of the Mutianyu section, where you can stroll along the wall and admire the sweeping views. Descend by toboggan or cable car, then visit a jade factory to learn about this treasured stone. Later, enjoy a peaceful walk through the beautiful gardens of the Summer Palace. (B,L)

DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, wander through Nanluoguxiang, one of Beijing's oldest hutongs. Soak up the vibrant atmosphere with quirky shops, cafes, and classic street snacks like tanghulu. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing railway station for your onward journey. (B)

# BEIJING & SHANGHAI

6

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Learn about jade
- ✓ Discover Nanluoguxiang
- ✓ Cruise the Huangpu River



Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,280	£2,180
Superior	£1,300	£2,210
Deluxe	£1,580	£2,640

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Beijing, 2 nights Shanghai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees
- 1st class bullet train seat

Additional transfer supplement for Beijing Daxing Airport: from £25 per person, per way (based on two people).

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing Capital Airport or Beijing railway station. Transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: THE GREAT WALL

Travel to the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall, ascending by chairlift or cable car. Walk along the wall, then descend by toboggan or cable car. Visit a jade factory before strolling through the gardens of the Summer Palace. (B,L)

DAY 3: EXPLORE BEIJING

Explore Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, then stroll Nanluoguxiang's traditional alleyways, stopping at quirky shops and sampling local snacks for lunch. (B,L)

DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO SHANGHAI

Board the bullet train to Shanghai. The rest of the day is free. (B)

DAY 5: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and set off on a breakfast walking tour through some of the city's most captivating districts. Marvel at a mix of monuments and timeworn buildings before joining locals for a traditional breakfast – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and other local delicacies. Later, visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk mill, and stroll along the Bund and Nanjing Road. (B,L)

DAY 6: DEPART SHANGHAI

Transfer to Shanghai Pudong or Hongqiao Airport, or to the railway station. (B)

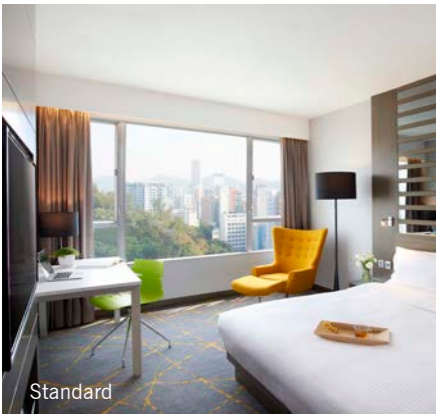


# HONG KONG STOPOVERS

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, a colourful nightlife and unbeatable city views from panoramic Victoria Peak or from the deck of a sampan on the harbour. A sophisticated and lively metropolis, Hong Kong's mix of colonial influences, futuristic modernity and distinct Chinese traditions make it the ultimate East-meets-West destination.

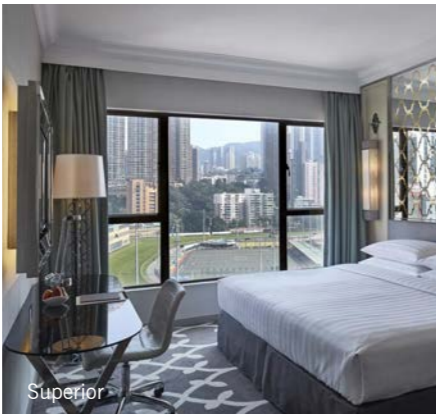
Explore Hong Kong

## KOWLOON HOTELS



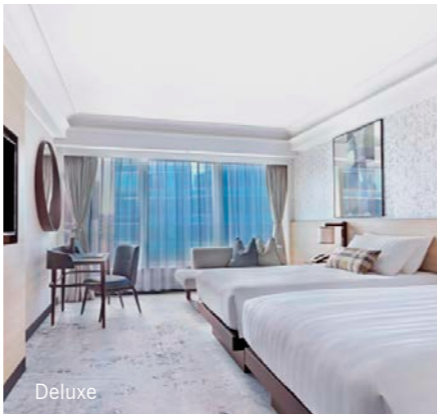
Standard

**THE CITYVIEW ★★★★★**  
Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



Superior

**DORSETT, WAN CHAI ★★★★★**  
Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just 10 minutes stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



Deluxe

**HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★**  
Harbour Grand Kowloon is conveniently located on the Kowloon waterfront, offering unrivalled views of Victoria Harbour. Facilities include five restaurants, a lounge, a spa, and a seasonal outdoor rooftop swimming pool.

## HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS

# HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features all of the highlights of this vibrant city, including panoramic views from Victoria Peak and a ride on the longest outdoor covered escalator. Take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

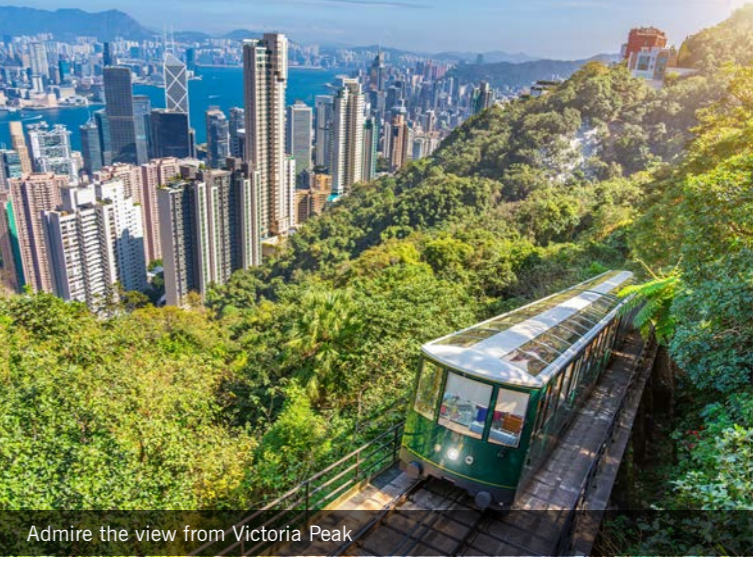
### DAY 2: CITY TOUR

Join an exciting half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong! Begin with a ride on the state-of-the-art 6th-generation Peak Tram to Victoria Peak, soaking in breathtaking views. Stroll through vibrant 'Old Town

Central' via the world's longest outdoor escalator, then explore Tai Kwun, a cultural and artistic landmark nestled within historic walls. Visit the century-old Man Mo Temple before concluding your adventure with a dim sum feast at the world-renowned Tim Ho Wan. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Admire the view from Victoria Peak

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£390	£650
Superior	£410	£730
Deluxe	£540	£910

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Shared touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

# HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

Designed to help you explore two aspects of Hong Kong life, on this tour you'll not only see the sights of the city but discover the natural beauty of Lantau Island, home of the Grand Buddha.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: CITY TOUR

Join an exciting half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong! Begin with a ride on the state-of-the-art 6th-generation Peak Tram to Victoria Peak, soaking in breathtaking views. Stroll through vibrant 'Old Town Central' via the world's longest outdoor escalator, then explore Tai Kwun, a cultural and artistic landmark nestled within historic walls. Visit the century-old Man Mo Temple before concluding your adventure with a dim

sum feast at the world-renowned Tim Ho Wan. (B)

### DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Discover the charms of Lantau Island, beginning your journey with visits to the renowned Wong Tai Sin Temple and Tin Hau Temple. Next, take a spectacular cable car ride to the Ngong Ping Plateau, home to the majestic Grand Buddha and Po Lin Monastery. Explore the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and monastery before enjoying a delightful vegetarian lunch. Conclude your adventure with a scenic cable car ride back to the city. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



See the Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£740	£1,170
Superior	£760	£1,290
Deluxe	£950	£1,560

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

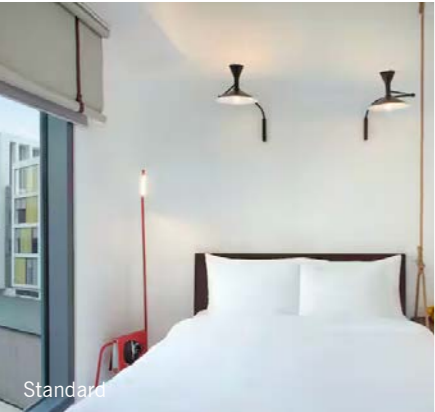


# DUBAI STOPOVERS

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting-edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world’s luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be, there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.

Admire the ultra-modern architecture of downtown Dubai

## DUBAI HOTELS



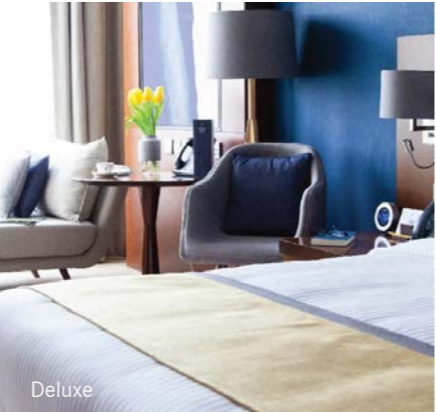
Standard

**HAMPTON BY HILTON AL SEEF ★★ ★**  
This hotel sits along Dubai Creek in the heart of old Dubai. It is surrounded by restaurants and shops, making it the perfect base for exploring the city’s historic and cultural sites, with the Museum of Illusions nearby.



Superior

**CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF ★★ ★ ★**  
Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located beside Dubai Creek, steps away from the boardwalk, which means you are spoilt for choice of shops and restaurants. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



Deluxe

**VOCO HOTEL DUBAI ★★ ★ ★ ★**  
Located minutes away from top attractions. The hotel sits a short drive from Mall of the Emirates and offers quick access to Dubai Marina, Palm Jumeirah, and the Al Barsha Metro Station.

## ESSENTIAL DUBAI

### 3 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai’s old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI**

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI**

Enjoy a half day shared tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Begin in Bastakiya’s historic heart, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek

by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! Drive by the iconic Burj Al Arab before a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£220	£380
Superior	£250	£430
Deluxe	£290	£530

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

## DUBAI & THE DESERT

### 4 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides insight into Dubai’s rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI**

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI**

Enjoy a half day tour that begins in Bastakiya’s historic heart, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi. Take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks before driving by the iconic Burj Al Arab and enjoy a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE**

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding or have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

**DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Head deep into the spectacular desert for a magical experience

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£330	£540
Superior	£370	£620
Deluxe	£450	£770

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

# Flying in style

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have with our airline partners. We can offer you not only the most convenient flights to complement your tour, but the best value too. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go! All of our tour prices include return international economy class flights, but if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



Qatar Airways Economy Class

## ECONOMY CLASS

- Offering a comfortable seat, in-flight entertainment and meal service, the economy cabin varies little between airlines. You can expect to find the following:
- Legroom between 31 and 33 inches
  - Personal screen with on-demand entertainment and headphones
  - In-flight meals, catering for dietary requirements
  - Complimentary baggage allowance



British Airways World Traveller Plus

## PREMIUM ECONOMY

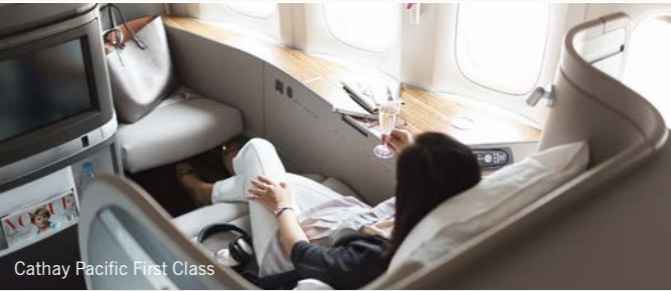
- Some airlines offer a Premium Economy option on their international flights. With a dedicated cabin and more spacious seating, Premium Economy offers an improved experience over Economy, but without the price tag of Business Class. Perks of Premium Economy include:
- Wider seats and extra legroom
  - Delicious meals and complimentary bar service
  - A personal entertainment system
  - More free baggage allowance
  - Priority boarding



Japan Airlines Business Class

## BUSINESS CLASS

- Found mostly on long-haul, international routes, those who upgrade to Business Class can expect significantly more comfort and amenities than Economy and Premium Economy. You'll have:
- A dedicated check-in and Business Class lounge access
  - Fast track through airport security
  - Varying greatly between airlines, Business Class seats range from recliner seats to flatbed seats to 'suites'
  - Large personal screens and extra viewing options
  - Premium dining and wine service
  - Increased cabin crew to passenger ratio
  - Extra baggage allowance
  - Luxury amenity kit



Cathay Pacific First Class

## FIRST CLASS

- Long-haul First Class is the ultimate travel luxury, with optimum levels of comfort and service on whichever airline you choose. You can expect:
- Dedicated check-in and fast track through airport security
  - Access to exclusive First Class lounges
  - A flatbed seat or 'suite' with extra space and privacy compared to Business Class
  - Exclusive cabin and more specialised service
  - Premium dining and wine service
  - Luxury amenity kit including pyjamas

Note: Aircraft on board facilities differ between aircraft type and can be changed at short notice by the airline. When upgrading your seat, the advertised on board facilities are only guaranteed on the long-haul flight. On domestic or short-haul flights the configuration and facilities will differ to those on your long-haul flights.

# Preferred airline partners



## CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific offers five daily flights from London and four weekly flights from Manchester to its hub, Hong Kong from where you can enjoy seamless connections across Asia Pacific. Four-time past winner of Skytrax 'World's Best Airline', onboard you can experience elevated dining and award-winning inflight entertainment.

\*Frequency and schedule are subject to change



## BRITISH AIRWAYS

Wendy Wu Tours is delighted to be a British Airways preferred partner, which means we can offer you its most competitive fares. You can fly direct from London Heathrow to Japan, with a wide range of connecting regional flights from all over the UK.

Other airline partners to Japan include: All Nippon Airways, Emirates, Etihad, Air China, Finnair and others.



## QATAR AIRWAYS

Qatar Airways flies to over 170 destinations worldwide, connecting through its world class hub in Doha, Hamad International Airport.

Multi award-winning and the 2024 Skytrax World's Best Airline and World's Best Business Class, Qatar Airways offers unparalleled service and comfort whether you're flying economy, business or first.



## JAPAN AIRLINES

Start your Japan experience the moment you step onboard a Japan Airlines aircraft. You will be able to enjoy Japanese cuisine, beverages and films; as well as Japanese hospitality or omotenashi - 'a selfless way of receiving guests'.

JAL flies twice daily between London Heathrow and Tokyo Haneda.

# Hotels

Our group tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or ryokans where we feel the character of the property will enhance your tour, or to allow access to a more unique and memorable location.

Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

## EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN JAPAN



Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and Japan. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# Japan for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of Japan. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the region.

Tokyo			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	1	10	50
Feb	2	10	60
Mar	4	14	110
Apr	10	20	120
May	14	23	130
Jun	17	25	160
Jul	22	29	150
Aug	23	31	160
Sep	20	27	210
Oct	15	22	200
Nov	8	16	90
Dec	4	13	50

Hakone/Fuji area			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	3	10	60
Feb	3	10	70
Mar	5	14	130
Apr	11	19	140
May	15	23	150
Jun	19	24	180
Jul	22	29	160
Aug	24	30	155
Sep	20	26	235
Oct	15	22	210
Nov	10	16	100
Dec	5	13	50

Kyoto			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	1	9	50
Feb	1	10	70
Mar	4	14	130
Apr	9	20	130
May	14	25	150
Jun	19	28	210
Jul	23	32	220
Aug	24	34	135
Sep	20	29	170
Oct	14	24	120
Nov	8	16	70
Dec	3	12	50

Osaka			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	4	10	50
Feb	4	10	60
Mar	5	14	100
Apr	11	20	100
May	16	25	140
Jun	20	28	180
Jul	24	32	150
Aug	25	34	80
Sep	21	29	160
Oct	15	24	110
Nov	10	18	70
Dec	5	13	40

Hiroshima			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	2	10	45
Feb	2	11	60
Mar	5	14	110
Apr	10	20	145
May	15	24	180
Jun	19	27	250
Jul	24	31	255
Aug	25	33	105
Sep	21	29	160
Oct	14	24	90
Nov	8	17	60
Dec	4	13	45

Takayama			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-6	3	100
Feb	-6	4	100
Mar	-3	8	130
Apr	3	16	125
May	8	22	140
Jun	14	25	170
Jul	18	29	240
Aug	19	30	160
Sep	15	25	240
Oct	7	18	140
Nov	2	12	100
Dec	-3	6	85

Nagano			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-4	4	50
Feb	-3	5	50
Mar	-1	9	60
Apr	5	15	55
May	11	24	70
Jun	16	25	110
Jul	20	29	125
Aug	21	31	100
Sep	20	25	120
Oct	8	19	90
Nov	3	13	45
Dec	-1	7	50

Sapporo			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-7	0	100
Feb	-6	0	95
Mar	-3	5	80
Apr	4	11	50
May	9	17	50
Jun	14	21	45
Jul	17	25	80
Aug	19	26	120
Sep	15	23	140
Oct	7	16	110
Nov	1	9	105
Dec	-5	2	120

## Tokyo

Tokyo enjoys distinct seasons, with summers that are hot, humid and rainy and winters that are mild and sunny. While September and October tend to be the wettest months, the spring and autumn are both wonderful times to visit with sunshine and warm temperatures.

## Hakone/Fuji area

Set in a mountainous region, elevation plays a big part in the climate of this region. Summers however are pleasantly warm while winters are cool with snowfall at higher altitudes. Spring and autumn are sunny and temperate – perfect for exploring.

## Kyoto

In Kyoto, there is a marked seasonal variation in temperature and rainfall, with hot and humid summers, complete with ‘rainy season’ from mid-June to late July, and winters that are cold with occasional snow. Spring and autumn are warm and pleasant.

## Osaka

Osaka has four distinct seasons – hot, humid summers are marked by rainfall in June and July, while winters are mild. Spring starts mild and pleasant getting hotter as the summer approaches, while autumn starts hot and gets cooler as winter approaches.

## Hiroshima

With hot, humid summers, cool to mild winters, and warm springs and autumns, Hiroshima’s warmest month is August and January the coolest. While rain can fall year round, peak months are June and July while winter is the driest season.

## Takayama

Set in a heavy snow area, Takayama gets lots of snow in the winter, and hot, humid and wet summers, with September seeing the most rainfall. Both spring and autumn are short and sweet, with springs mild and sunny, and autumns dry and cool.

## Nagano

Set in a sheltered inland valley, Nagano enjoys less rainfall than other cities, with warm, humid and wet summers and cold, snowy winters with clear, bright skies. Spring and autumn are pleasant and temperate, with plenty of sunshine.

## Sapporo

Even with heavy snow and low temperatures in the winter, Sapporo is a year round city. In the spring, the snow thaws and while temperatures start off chilly they warm into a pleasant, mild summer with some humidity. Autumns are cool and dry.

# Your Japan questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



### Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

**A.** Once we have received your deposit payment, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 24 hours.

### Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

**A.** It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary and a travel guide, as well as a phrasebook with your final documents.

### Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents around two weeks prior to departure. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our local partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us. Triple rooms are not available in Japan.

### Q. Do I need a visa?

**A.** Visas for Japan are not generally required for holders of UK British Citizen passports. For up to date information please refer to [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/japan](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/japan)

### Q. Do I need travel insurance?

**A.** Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. We recommend your insurance policy includes comprehensive cover for COVID-19, to protect you before you travel and during your tour to Japan.

### Q. What vaccinations do I need?

**A.** Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up to date information please refer to [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk) and always seek your doctor's advice.

You may also need to comply with local requirements to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or to undertake COVID-19 tests.

### Q. What size are your tour groups?

**A.** The group size on our Classic Tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size 28. On our Go Beyond Tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in greater comfort.

### Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

**A.** Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

### Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

**A.** We offer several options for single travellers joining our tours. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (plus free access to an airport lounge and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure.

### Q. Is portage included?

**A.** No, portage is not included on our tours and you will be expected to carry your own luggage. This will apply during transfers and at hotels.

### Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

**A.** We request that you do not exceed 20kgs of checked baggage on your international flights as many of the domestic travel arrangements within Japan have a luggage allowance of only 20kgs.

### Q. What currency should I take?

**A.** We recommend you take the local currency Japanese Yen and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs and optional extras.

### Q. When is the best time to visit Japan?

**A.** Japan is a year-round destination. While spring and autumn are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 89. Many people travel to Japan in cherry blossom season. Please bear in mind that seeing the cherry blossoms cannot be guaranteed as the season can vary from year to year. Very roughly the season for Tokyo and Kyoto is from the last week of March to the first two weeks of April – further south it begins earlier, further north it's a bit later. This is a very popular time of the year to visit so expect tourist attractions to be busy and that some queuing may be required.

### Q. When are Japanese public holidays?

**A.** Japan's 'Golden Week' public holidays fall annually at the end of April/beginning of May. Celebrations last for several days and during this time some businesses will be closed. Tour attractions will be open, but may be crowded.

### Q. What does escorted touring mean?

**A.** Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you arrive, to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different national escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that your group is less than 10 you will be accompanied by local guides in each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

## WHILE ON TOUR

### Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

**Air:** Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

**Road:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

**Rail:** Bullet trains and high speed trains are used on some tours. There is limited space to store luggage but alternative options are available, such as a luggage transfer service (at your own expense on private tours). While our guides may be there to assist, you will need to load and unload your own luggage on and off the trains. Seats onboard are booked in second class, comfortable, and carriages have western-style facilities.

**River:** Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

**Public Transport:** In big cities such as Tokyo, it may be necessary to make use of the excellent public transport systems during your sightseeing excursions. As well as being quicker and more convenient, it gives you a far more local experience. Escorted travel on public transport is mainly used on private tours.

### Q. How do airport transfers work in Japan?

**A.** Airport transfers work in a different way in Japan compared to our other destinations. You will be met on arrival at the airport by an English-speaking assistant who will provide instructions for you to make your own way to your hotel using the direct airport bus. Please note the bus will be shared with other passengers and is not just for Wendy Wu Tours clients.

If your hotel is more than a 5-minute walk from the drop-off bus stop, a taxi will be arranged for you prior to leaving the airport to meet you at the drop-off bus stop.

### Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

**A.** Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

### Q. Are meals included?

**A.** All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be

made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

### Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

**A.** The tap water across Japan is safe to drink, though you may prefer bottled water as you may not appreciate the taste.

### Q. Are there any optional excursions?

**A.** From time to time your National Escort or local guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost. This is paid in cash (local currency) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

### Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?

**A.** Japan has an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

### Q. What is the flying time to Japan?

**A.** Approx. 14 hours (if flying direct). Many of our customers fly indirect to Japan using a reputable international airline (e.g. Emirates, Cathay Pacific) Please speak to your travel consultant about stopover options.

### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age.

### Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

**A.** Our groups are generally made up of travellers from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

### Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

### Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight/train departures or to visit sights at the best time of day.

## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

### Q. Is tipping compulsory?

**A.** Tipping is not traditionally part of Japanese culture, but is becoming increasingly commonplace. If you would like to show your appreciation, you can do so in local currency at the end of the tour.

### Q. Can you guarantee I will see snow monkeys?

**A.** On tours including Yudanaka, every effort will be made to observe the Japanese macaques. Please keep in mind that the snow monkeys are wild, not domestic animals and sighting them is never guaranteed, particularly during the breeding season which runs from late September through to November.

*For information about South Korea, Taiwan and China, please visit our website and view each tour's detailed itinerary.*

## Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, our local partners carry out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a crisis management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



# Travel with purpose

For the last 25 years we've been taking groups of travellers to unique and spectacular places, and know full well how impactful, inspiring and horizon-broadening exploring the world can be. Over the years we have been building as many mutually beneficial, sustainable and responsible relationships as possible in the destinations that we visit, so they too are able to thrive.



## Local Economic Empowerment

We believe travel should positively benefit the communities we visit. That's why we prioritise locally-owned restaurants, hotels, and experiences that support local businesses and create sustainable livelihoods.

When traveling with us, you help empower local artisans, entrepreneurs, guides, drivers and so many others, ensuring that tourism leaves a positive, lasting impact.

## Respectful Cultural Experiences

We are committed to fostering meaningful, authentic, and respectful interactions with the communities we visit. Our tours are designed to celebrate local traditions, honour cultural heritage, and support experiences led by local experts. We encourage travellers to engage with an open mind, follow local customs, and contribute to the preservation of cultural identity in a responsible way.

## Lower Impact Travel

We are reducing our environmental impact by building more rail journeys into our itineraries, and promoting low-season travel. Trains offer a greener alternative to flying, lowering carbon emissions while providing a more immersive travel experience. By promoting more departures in the low season, we also help ease pressure on popular destinations, support local economies year-round, and create a more sustainable way to explore the world.

## Sustainable Tourism Education

We believe responsible travel starts with awareness. That's why we provide our travellers with practical tips on reducing their environmental impact and supporting communities in a meaningful way. Through pre-departure resources and on-tour guidance, we empower our travellers to make informed, sustainable choices that help protect the destinations we visit for future generations.

# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

### WENDY'S CLUB

Our Wendy Wu Tours loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you book – which means bigger savings!

#### Bronze

Save £100 per person when you book your 2nd Wendy Wu Tours holiday



#### Silver

Save £150 per person when you book your 3rd & 4th Wendy Wu Tours holiday



#### Gold

Save £200 per person when you book your 5th or more Wendy Wu Tours holiday



These exceptional discounts can even be combined with any special offer.

### RECOMMEND A FRIEND

We'll send you a gourmet hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions, along with our Privacy Policy ([www.wendywu.co.uk/help-and-advice/privacy-policy/](http://www.wendywu.co.uk/help-and-advice/privacy-policy/)) and any other information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Newhams Yard, 151-153 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 3JE, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and Detailed Itinerary and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website. In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'lead name' or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See clause 8).

We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

### 2. Your financial protection

For flight-based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 6639) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email [claims@caa.co.uk](mailto:claims@caa.co.uk). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package\* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some

cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

\*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at [atol.org.uk](http://atol.org.uk).

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your package holiday does not include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association, 30 Park Street London, SE1 9EQ - [abta.co.uk](http://abta.co.uk)

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from the consumer rights applying to packages. We will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole. Additionally, as required by law, we have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that we become insolvent. More information on key rights can be found by visiting [www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2018/634/contents](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2018/634/contents).

### 3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

### 4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a non-refundable deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 75 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by

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the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us. If you wish to amend or cancel your holiday, your original method of payment will be used to process this (e.g. bank card, credit card, refund credit note).

Please note that on very rare occasions, errors may occur when inputting prices onto our website and systems. We regret that any contract entered into on the basis of a pricing error will be invalid. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, you will be given the option to pay the correct price or cancel with a full refund.

### 5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for the majority of countries in our programme. As visa requirements are constantly changing, you must regularly check the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website for the most up to date entry requirements. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders and will be specified whether included on your confirmation invoice. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK, you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. An express visa process is available for an additional cost depending on the country of visit. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. It is your responsibility to check that you comply with all entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements and health and safety formalities applicable for your itinerary. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. You must ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full.

### 6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements, including the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances. Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions, in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre [www.nathnac.org](http://www.nathnac.org). Information on health can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The FCDO publishes regularly updated travel information on its website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

### 7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on

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the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible - £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket

You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to your booking, by giving us notice in writing via Email as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs (for example air ticket cancellation fees) that we incur in making the transfer.

Once a booking is confirmed no changes are permitted otherwise than in accordance with these terms and conditions.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package. If your holiday includes ocean cruising, once a deposit has been placed this is non-refundable and non-transferable to a later date. You will be advised of any such non refundable charges prior to confirming your booking. Any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted. Any requests for changes to your booking must be emailed to [operations@wendywtours.co.uk](mailto:operations@wendywtours.co.uk).

### 8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing via Email. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your email. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

75 or more days	Retention of deposit
74– 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 – 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

Important Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above.

### Cancellation by You due to Unavoidable & Extraordinary Circumstances:

You may terminate the package travel contract at any time before the start of the package without paying a cancellation charge in the event of “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” occurring at the place of destination or its immediate vicinity which will significantly affect the performance of the package or carriage to your holiday destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. In order to rely on this clause you must be able to show that, based on the information available at the time of cancellation, there was no longer a reasonable possibility of your holiday going ahead (either at all or without being significantly affected).

“Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” means any event beyond our or our supplier’s control, the consequences of which

could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples may include warfare, other serious security problems such as terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination, or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which significantly affect travel to the travel destination as agreed in the package travel contract.

This condition 8 outlines the rights you have if you wish to cancel your booking. Please note that there is no automatic statutory right of cancellation under the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013 .

### 9. If we change or cancel your holiday

Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to any change in airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure.

#### If we change your holiday

Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements.

Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

- (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
- (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If the holiday is cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean you paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or

(c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us.

In addition, you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)
0 – 7 days	£50
8 – 14 days	£40
15 – 28 days	£30
29 – 42 days	£20
43 – 75 days	£10

#### If we cancel your holiday

If we have to cancel your booking we will not cancel less than 75 days before your departure date, except for ‘unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances’, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn’t been reached. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value).

No compensation will be payable and the above options for either a change or cancellation will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these

booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

Please note, in the event of a cancellation, airline schedule change or change of departure airport, we are not liable to cover the cost of flights, trains or any form of transportation or any other expenses incurred by these changes.

### 10. Our liability to you

(1) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an “organiser” under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of the travel services specifically included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice, Detailed Itinerary and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking. Please note that we shall not be responsible for any additional services provided to you, whether provided by the travel service providers or otherwise, which are not set out in your confirmation invoice, Detailed Itinerary and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking.

(2) We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any personal injury or death unless you are able to prove that it was caused by our negligence or the negligence of our suppliers.

(3) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- ‘Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances’ as defined in clause 8 above.

(4) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 11 “Excursions”.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is three times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/ or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if we were carriers under the appropriate Conventions, which are the Athens Convention (with respect to sea travel); The Berne/Cotif Convention (with respect to rail travel) and The Paris Convention (with respect to hotel arrangements). You can ask for copies of these Conventions from our offices. Please contact us. In addition, you agree that the operating carrier or transport company’s own ‘Conditions of Carriage’ will apply to you on that journey. When arranging transportation for you, we rely on the terms and conditions contained within these international conventions and those ‘Conditions of Carriage’. You acknowledge that all of the terms and conditions contained in those ‘Conditions of Carriage’ form part of your contract with us, as well as with the transport company and that those ‘Conditions of Carriage’ shall be deemed to be included by reference into this contract. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question.

(7) Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services set out in the confirmation invoice, Detailed Itinerary and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking and we don’t remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation in respect of any claim for damages or compensation whatsoever will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these Booking Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees’ or suppliers’ negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

(8) It is a condition of our acceptance of liability under this condition that you notify any claim to us and our supplier(s) strictly in accordance with the complaints procedure set out in these conditions.

(9) Where any payment is made, the person(s) receiving it (and their parent or guardian if under 18 years) must also assign to us or our insurers any rights they may have to pursue any third party and must provide ourselves and our insurers with all assistance we may reasonably require.

(10) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

### 11. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/ or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way.

If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

### 12. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 01888 288 288. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Please address all correspondence to [customer@wendywtours.co.uk](mailto:customer@wendywtours.co.uk). Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

### 13. ABTA Arbitration

As ABTA members, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so

wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration and is approved by the Chartered Trading Standard’s Institute. Further information on the Code of Conduct and ABTA’s assistance in resolving disputes can be found at [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com).

### 14. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier’s liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(6)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

### 15. Behaviour

All our customers are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and acceptable manner and not to disrupt the enjoyment of others. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party’s full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

### 16. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including dietary requirements, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

### 17. Fitness, Medical Conditions, Disabilities & Illness

Please note that our tours cover areas with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated ‘physical rating’ is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Detailed Itineraries. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependent on your own health, including any medical condition and/ or disability that you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you make your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/ or making the booking. Dietary allergy requests must be made at time of booking and will be passed on to the relevant supplier. In any event, you must give us full details via Email at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed.

We may require you to produce a doctor’s certificate certifying that you are fit to participate. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned,

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we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

### 18. Sickness Policy

If due to illness or failure to satisfy medical requirements (for example compulsory vaccinations or testing) we or any of our suppliers refuse to transport or accommodate you, we may (acting reasonably) exclude you from commencing or continuing the trip. In this situation we will provide you with reasonable assistance to make alternative travel arrangements and where possible to rejoin your group when medically cleared to do so. This will be at your own cost and you should contact your travel insurance provider immediately. Note that we will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) under these circumstances.

### 19. Flights

If you or any member of your party misses your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Under UK Law, you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from the airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at UK airports and will also be available from airlines. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority at [www.caa.co.uk/passengers](http://www.caa.co.uk/passengers). Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight.

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be dispatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

Please note the existence of a “UK Air Safety list” (available for inspection at <https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/airlines/licensing/requirements-and-guidance/third-country-operator-certificates/>) detailing air carriers that are subject to an operating ban within the UK.

### 20. Prompt Assistance

If, whilst you are on holiday, you find yourself in difficulty for any reason, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is appropriate in the circumstances. In particular, we will provide you with appropriate information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance, and assistance with distance communications and finding alternative travel arrangements. Where you require assistance which is not owing to any failure by us, our employees or sub-contractors will not be liable for the costs of any alternative travel arrangements or other such assistance you require. Any supplier, airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these Booking Conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements. Furthermore, we reserve the right to charge you a fee for our assistance in the event that the difficulty is caused intentionally by you or a member of your party, or otherwise through your or your party’s negligence.

**Note: please see [www.wendywtours.co.uk/help-and-advice/booking-conditions](http://www.wendywtours.co.uk/help-and-advice/booking-conditions) for the most up-to-date version of our booking conditions.**

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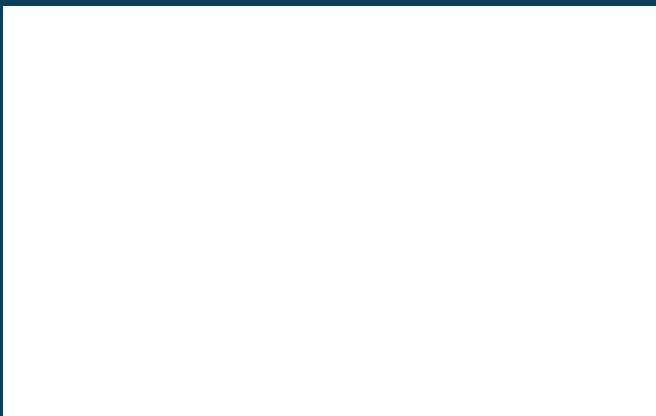
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