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UK'S NUMBER 1 JAPAN SPECIALIST OPERATOR

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OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS AND TAILORMADE HOLIDAYS

The winner of 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years running – Globe Travel Awards

Best Travel Company to Far East – British Travel Awards

WELCOME

Welcome to the Wendy Wu Tours Japan brochure for 2027/2028 – I'm so excited to share the wonders of this incredible country with you! Japan is a destination close to my heart, where enduring 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 will help to bring each destination to life. Whether you're dreaming of the timeless culture of Kyoto, the hidden gems of Hokkaido, or to gaze on the symmetrical majesty of Mount Fuji, our journeys capture Japan's very essence in comfort and style.

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

Warmest regards,

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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!



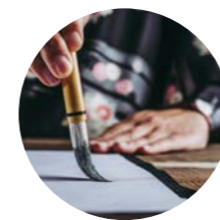
Award-winning Service

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' 16 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, practicing 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.



Fly from your Doorstep

Choose from quality airlines flying from your local airport. What's more, when you fly from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, there's no flight supplement to pay! See page 96 for details.



Your Loyalty Matters

Entry into Wendy's Loyalty Club, our generous reward program, opens the door to significant savings every time you book, plus exclusive offers and news updates before anyone else. See page 102 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, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, and any domestic flights you may need whilst on tour. We can also organise departures from other regional airports, 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

On our Classic tours breakfast, lunch and dinner are 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 chosen 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 or location 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 that inclusions on our Go Beyond tours differ slightly. See page 18 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' for the past 16 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 2025, we took home the Best Travel Company to Far East/Central Asia for the eleventh time.



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 Platinum 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.



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...

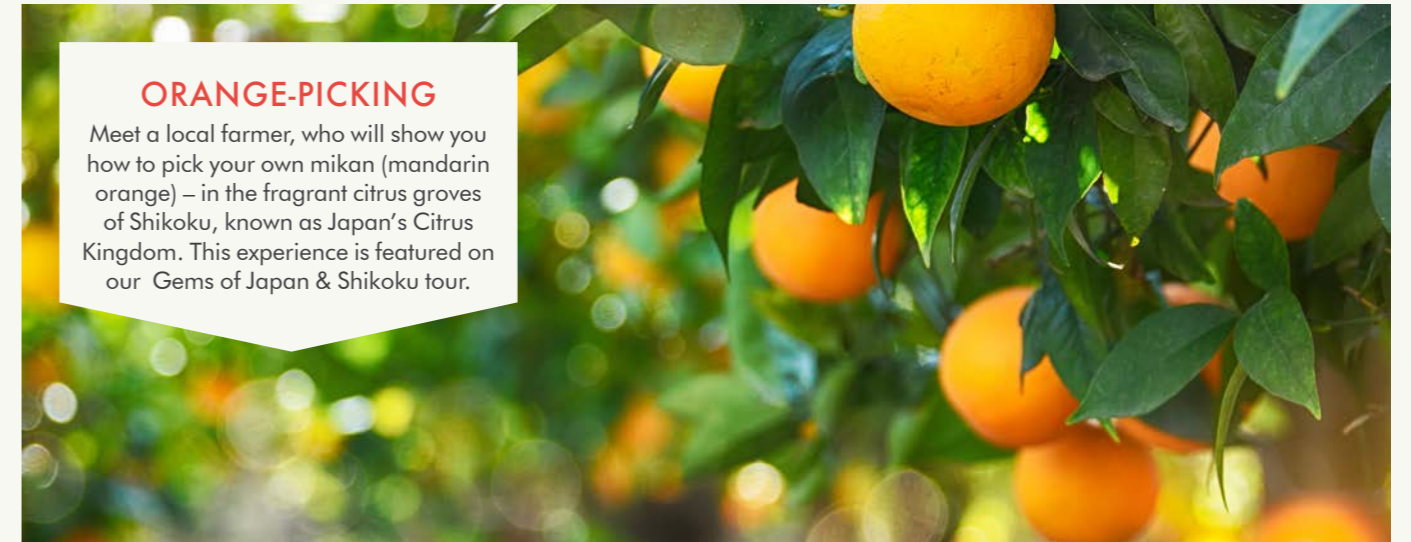
TEA CEREMONY

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.



ORANGE-PICKING

Meet a local farmer, who will show you how to pick your own mikan (mandarin orange) – in the fragrant citrus groves of Shikoku, known as Japan's Citrus Kingdom. This experience is featured on our Gems of Japan & Shikoku tour.



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.



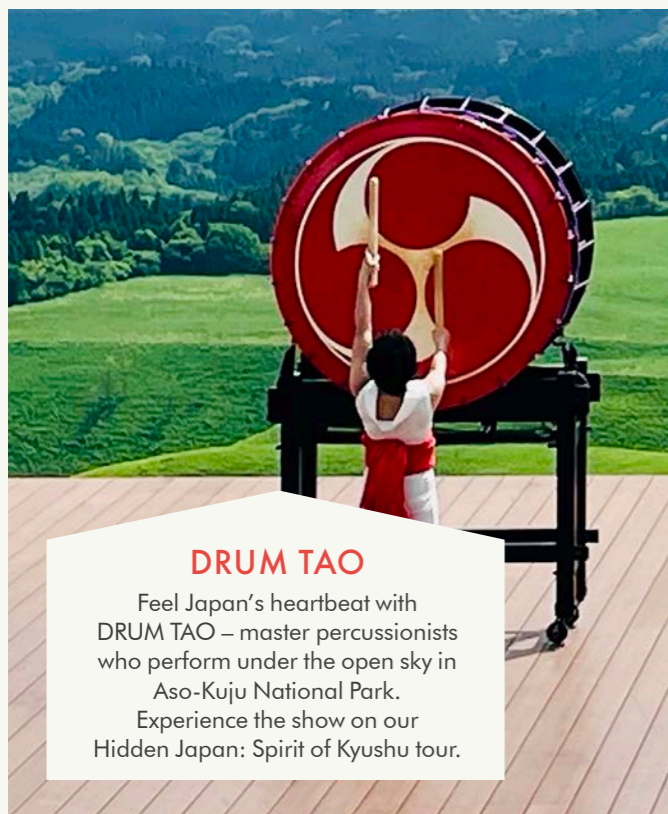
SOBA NOODLE MAKING

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 on our Jewels of Japan tour.



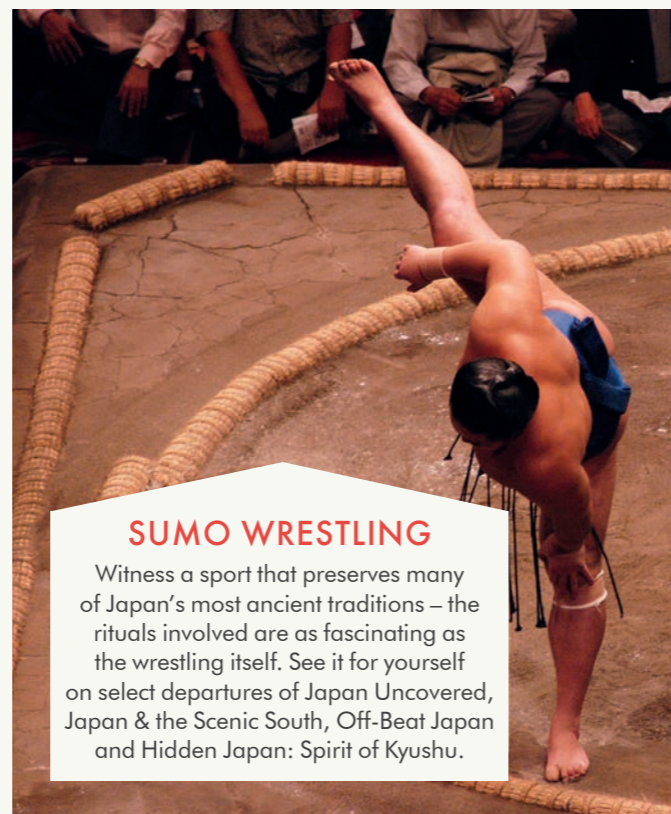
DRUM TAO

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 Hidden Japan: 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, Japan & the Scenic South, Off-Beat Japan and Hidden Japan: Spirit of Kyushu.



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.



"This was a great experience for me. It was my first solo trip for quite a long time and I wasn't sure what I would be going into. I was made to feel welcome, but also given the time and freedom on my own to do my own thing during the excursions. Overall it was a good taster of what Japan had to offer. Takae was a great guide. I'm looking forward to my next Wendy Wu trip."



Upgraded Departures

SAME GREAT TOURS WITH FIVE-STAR ACCOMMODATION

Our Upgraded Departures combine everything you already love about a Wendy Wu Tours holiday with the added comfort of upgraded accommodation.

Enjoy relaxed five-star hotels and overnight cruises with superior amenities and service. These departures are perfect for travellers who want to enhance an already incredible journey with extra comfort and refinement. Expect a variety of exceptional stays – from a centrally-located hotel in the heart of a city’s historic district to an unforgettable river cruise experience.

There are a few destinations where the most rewarding stay isn’t defined by its star rating. In such cases, we may opt for a unique or character-filled property.



INDULGENT PLACES TO STAY IN JAPAN

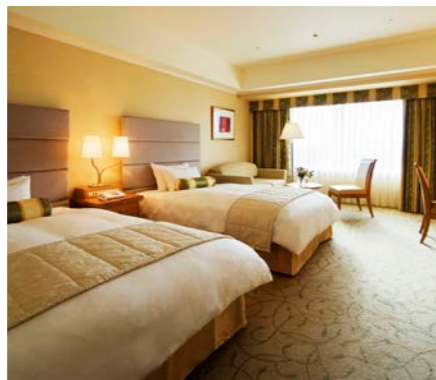
Here are just a few examples of the special places you will be enjoying on your Upgraded Departure.

HOTEL CHINZANSO, TOKYO



With multiple restaurants, two bars, a pool and an indulgent spa, Chinzanso’s ambience is second to none. The hotel features a beautiful Japanese garden, home to koi ponds, waterfalls, and a historic pagoda. Every thirty minutes, the garden fills with ambient mist – an ethereal experience nicknamed ‘The Sea of Clouds’.

HOTEL OKURA, KYOTO



Overlooking the Kamogawa River, the Okura Kyoto Hotel blends classic elegance with modern comfort in the heart of Kyoto. Facilities include several acclaimed restaurants, a fitness centre, beauty salon and shopping arcade while elegant and spacious rooms offer sweeping city or mountain views.

SHERATON GRAND HIROSHIMA HOTEL



Ideally located near Hiroshima Station, this hotel combines modern comfort with understated elegance. Spacious rooms feature contemporary décor and city views, while facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness centre and soothing spa. Unwind with a drink in the intimate Miyabi-Tei Bar amongst stylish and relaxed surroundings.

ENJOY UPGRADED DEPARTURES ON THE FOLLOWING JAPAN TOUR

Jewels of Japan

Look for the highlighted dates on the tour page

Extend Your Tour

Make the most of your time away. Whether you want to delve deeper into a destination, discover somewhere completely new, or simply unwind on a beautiful beach, we’ve created a range of ways to help you stay a little longer and see a little more.

+ STOPOVERS

Break up your long-haul flight with a stay in one of the world’s great gateway cities. Often available at no additional flight cost, it’s an effortless way to add another destination to your holiday.



+ SHORT STAYS

Delve deeper with an expertly designed extension to complement your holiday. Whether you’re exploring your main destination further or venturing somewhere entirely new, it’s a seamless way to experience more of the world with us.



+ BEACH STAYS

Unwind in style at the end of your journey with a handpicked collection of coastal escapes. From serene shores to tropical hideaways, a beach stay is the ideal way to relax after your adventure.



+ EXTRA NIGHTS

Arrive relaxed, settle in sooner, or linger longer. Simply add extra nights before or after your tour, and we’ll take care of your hotel, breakfast, and airport transfers.



For more inspiration, we have highlighted some of our most popular short stays and stopovers throughout this brochure. See page 79 for our full range or talk to our reservations team to discuss your options.

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

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.

GO BEYOND

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 Most
 Accommodation	✓	✓
 International economy airfares and taxes	✓	✓
 Sightseeing	All	All or Most

PRIVATE & TAILORMADE TOURS

Experience our award-winning itineraries with your own private, experienced local guide, perfect for families and friends who enjoy added flexibility. For the ultimate bespoke holiday, our expert consultants will help you design a tour that's uniquely yours, with your choice of destinations, accommodation and experiences.

CRUISE & TOUR

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.

SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with a group of ten or more, we can create a tailor-made Special Group tour just for you. Whether it's friends, family, a club or association, we'll shape any itinerary around your group's interests, offering a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of planning it yourself.

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 to not only break up your journey, but a great way to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.



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



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.

LEVEL 2



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.

LEVEL 3



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.

LEVEL 4



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, it's important to read the Detailed Tour 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 9 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 NAOSHIMA

Naoshima's laid-back shores are studded with world-class contemporary art, from striking galleries to open-air installations. Among its most beloved works is Kusama's Yellow Pumpkin, visited on our Gems of Japan & Shikoku tour.



3 HIROSHIMA

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.



4 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.



5 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.



6 SHIRETOKO

Famed for its dramatic coastlines, pristine lakes and abundant wildlife, Shiretoko is one of Japan's most remote and unspoilt regions, featured on our Northern Japan: Secrets of Hokkaido tour.



7 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 itineraries.



8 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.



9 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

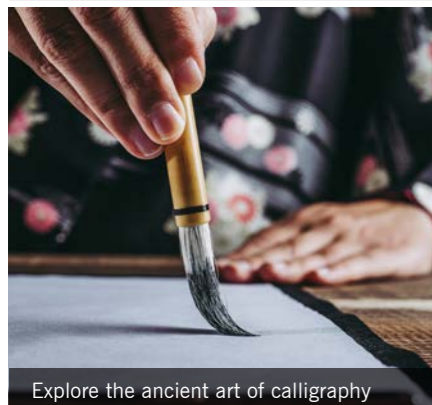
- ✓ Stroll through vibrant Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Discover Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore historic Nara
- ✓ Journey on the bullet train
- ✓ Experience a sacred tea ceremony



Admire the Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji

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 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.



Ride a bullet train to Kyoto

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 Hamarikyū Gardens. This evening, enjoy a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay – the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

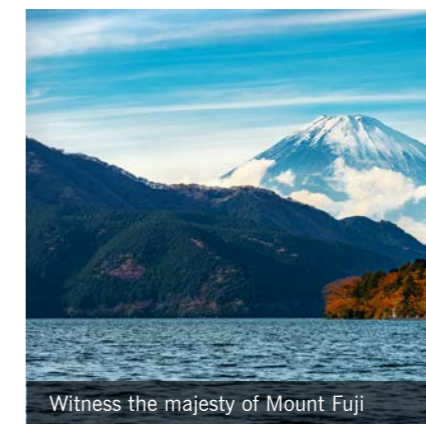
Travel by road from Tokyo to the iconic Mount Fuji, where you will ascend 2,400 metres up its slopes to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of both Fuji's cone and the surrounding landscapes. Drive to the spa region of Hakone, where you'll hop on a ferry across lovely Lake Ashi,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



Discover the beautiful Osaka Castle



Witness the majesty of Mount Fuji

DAY 6: UNCOVER KYOTO

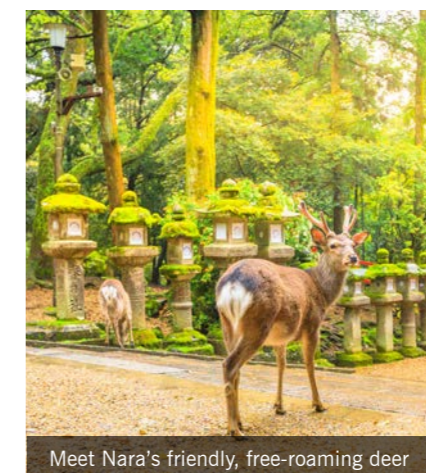
Begin the day with a visit to Ryoan-ji Temple, the 'temple of the peaceful dragon', and spend time enjoying the peaceful surroundings in its famous Zen garden. Next, continue to one of Japan's most photographed temples, Kinkaku-ji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese Zen 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 trying 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. Continue to Osaka and enjoy the local speciality — okonomiyaki — for lunch. This afternoon, visit the beautiful 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

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Explore Hiroshima, wandering the tranquil Peace Memorial Park and tasting local favourite okonomiyaki, before crossing to the holy island of Miyajima to discover its treasures.

HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA EXTENSION

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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

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Flight and supplement information

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Sample local cuisine

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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



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

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.
- ▶ Visit a sake brewery in Nagano to glimpse the timeless craft of sake-making and savour the delicate flavours of Japan's celebrated rice wine.

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 vermilion torii gates, and follow a forested uphill path passing numerous shrines along the way.

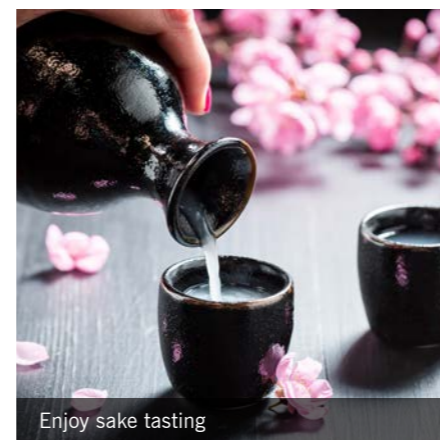
Later, enjoy the age-old rituals of a tea ceremony, and try your hand at origami. After lunch, your immersive experience continues with a fan painting class, during which you will learn the basics of this highly refined and sought-after visual art.

DAY 6: MISO & MATSUMOTO

Hop on the train to Matsumoto, a charming little city at the foot of the Japanese Alps. Begin your explorations at the city's miso house, where you'll learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. Later, pay a visit to the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, nicknamed 'Crow Castle' for its intense black exterior. Enjoy some free time to browse Frog Street's craft shops before checking in at your hotel.

DAY 7: SNOW MONKEYS & SAKE

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. Later, head to Nagano to visit a sake brewery and enjoy a taster or two before returning to Matsumoto.



Enjoy sake tasting



Admire Mount Fuji from Lake Ashi

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

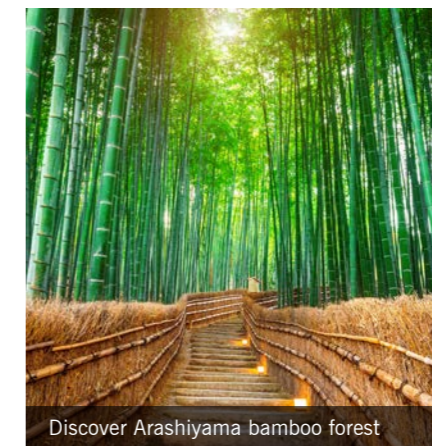
Journey to Kamakura, a popular coastal city located south of Tokyo. Visit Kotoku-in Temple, home to Japan's second tallest bronze Buddha, before strolling through Komachi Street, lined with pretty little shops. Stop to visit Tsurugaoka Hachimangu, Kamakura's most important shrine. After lunch, continue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

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



Discover Arashiyama bamboo forest

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Explore Nikko, discovering the legacy of the Tokugawa shogunate beside scenic waterfalls and mountain landscapes, before travelling to the coastal town of Kamakura to uncover its historic charm and iconic Great Buddha.

NIKKO & KAMAKURA EXTENSION
4 days from £1,260pp

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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

Departing days of the week vary

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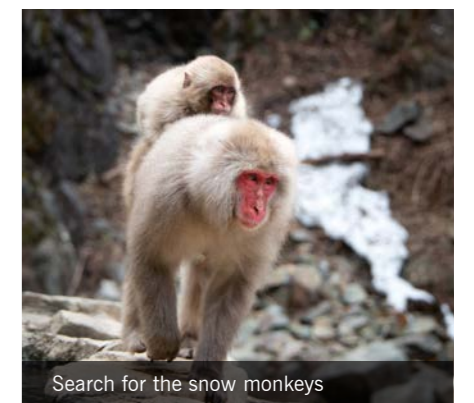
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TOUR TICKLIST

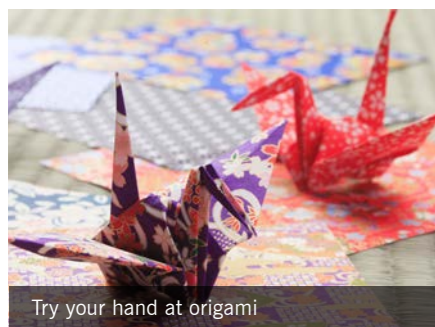
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Take part in a tea ceremony
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore relaxed Miyajima



Experience a traditional tea ceremony

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.

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.



Journey by ferry to the holy island of Miyajima

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

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



Pay your respects in Hiroshima



See the farmhouses of Oshino Hakkai

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Immerse yourself in ancient history in the charming city of Nara, Japan's 8th century capital, where you'll explore tranquil gardens and meet friendly sika deer.

NARA EXTENSION

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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

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HIDDEN JAPAN: SPIRIT OF KYUSHU

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MOST MEALS

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.



COACH BOAT TRAIN



Admire Takachiho Gorge

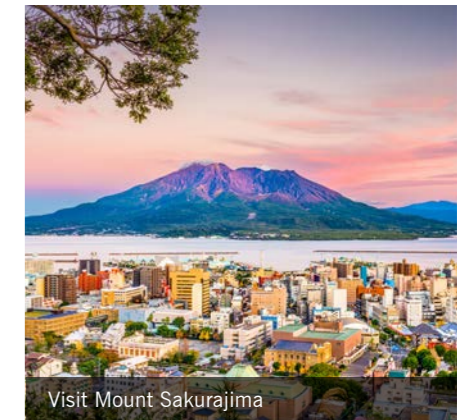
GO BEYOND JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



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

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, learn about a local speciality – 'kurozo', or black vinegar! Kagoshima's 'black gold' has an earth umami flavour, aged in pots under the Japanese sun. Admire the rows of black 'tsubo' pots and enjoy lunch at the producer's restaurant. 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

This morning, visit the scenic Sengan-en Garden, where you can enjoy a kimono dressing session and take photos in the beautiful gardens before lunch. Stop by a shochu distillery for a tasting. Don't leave Kagoshima Prefecture without trying its shochu – a distilled local liquor, popular across Japan. Finally, drive back 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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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Flight and supplement information

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire majestic Mount Fuji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Visit atmospheric Koyasan
- ✓ See ancient Nara
- ✓ Explore the Japanese Alps

Admire the traditional farmhouses of UNESCO-listed Shirakawa-go

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Visit a gold leaf workshop

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Enter a small workshop in the heart of Kanazawa to learn about, and try your hand at, the intricate art of gold leaf. Guided by a skilled craftsman you'll get to work on a piece of your own, the perfect memento of your experience.
- ▶ Miso is the soul of Japanese cooking, providing dishes with an umami punch for 1,300 years. Discover the traditional process of producing this fermented soybean paste at an old wooden miso house.
- ▶ Tradition and eco-friendly, washi paper has been prized in Japan for over a millennia. Get your hand dirty mixing plant fibres and water, filtering the pulp and drying the sheets to make your very own piece of paper, the traditional way.

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, before browsing the stalls on Nakamise Shopping Street. 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 and enjoy a boat ride across scenic Lake Ashi, which enjoys views of Fuji on a clear day. Then, take a round trip on the Mount Komagatake cable car, and enjoy sweeping views of spectacular alpine scenery. Later, drive up to Mount Fuji's 5th Station and take in lake-studded panoramas of the surrounding valleys.

DAY 5: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Drive to Matsumoto to admire its formidable 16th-century castle. Inside, you'll find a fascinating 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

Takayama is a beautiful mountain town, filled with traditional wooden houses and high-quality craft shops. Stroll through the riverside morning market en route to visit the town's excellent local museums, including the Festival Floats Museum and Takayama Jinya, the Shogun-era magistrate's office. Later, enjoy some free time in Kamisanomachi Street or make use of the onsen facilities at your 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

A famous Kanazawa craft, visit a workshop producing delicate gold leaf. Here you can attempt the painstaking art of gilding, creating a memento of your own. 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 contemplating the famous Zen garden at Ryoan-ji before admiring the iconic 'Golden Pavilion' set among the tranquil gardens of Kinkaku-ji. 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 vermilion torii gates. Depart Kyoto and drive to Nara, another former capital with a huge cultural legacy. Wander 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

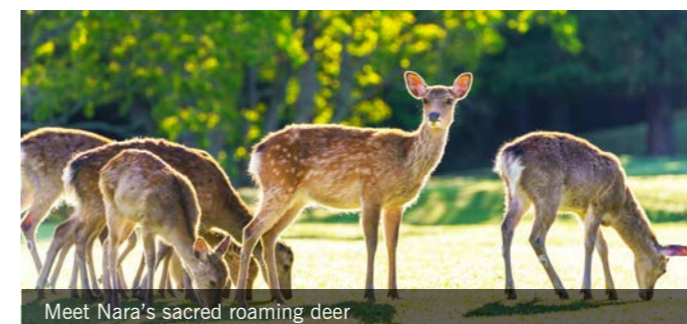
The holy mountain of Koyasan is home to a cluster of over 100 monasteries, nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Arguably the most sacred mountain in all of Japan, Koyasan is the heart of Shingon Buddhism and is the resting place of Japan's best known Buddhist, Kobo Daishi. 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.



Meet Nara's sacred roaming deer

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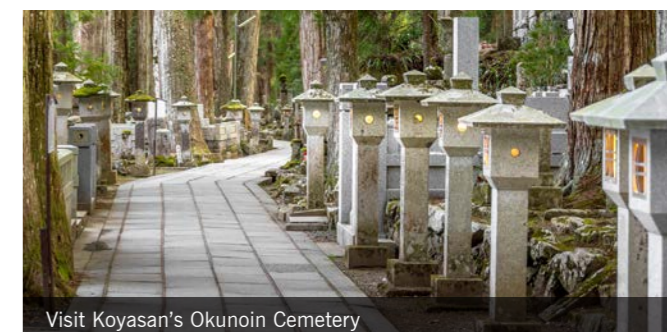
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Visit Koyasan's Okunoin Cemetery

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TOUR TICKLIST

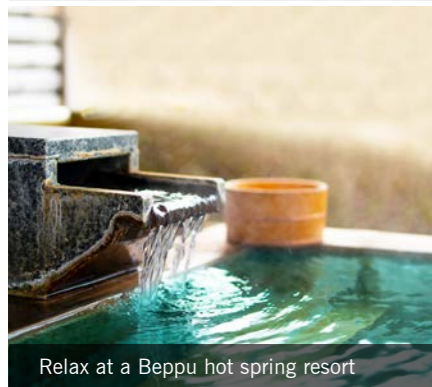
- ✓ Explore charming Fukuoka
- ✓ Discover Kumamoto
- ✓ See the impressive Mount Aso
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's past
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Fuji



Admire the centuries-old Kintaikyō Bridge

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
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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.
- ▶ Explore the fascinating Nijō Castle, once the stronghold of Shōgun Tokugawa Ieyasu. This pivotal figure in Japanese history established a dynasty that ruled Japan for over 250 years – and famously inspired James Clavell's novel, Shōgun.
- ▶ 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.

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 –

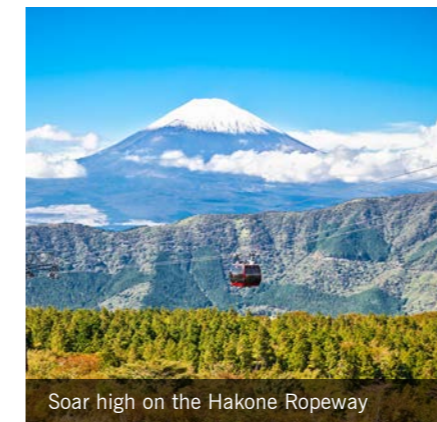
your hotel for the night has onsen facilities for you to make the most of the steamy waters.

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 beautiful Ruriko-ji Temple. Surrounded by manicured trees and scenic ponds, it is one of Japan's Three Great Pagodas. Break the journey for lunch in Iwakuni and admire the photogenic Kintaikyō 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 vermilion 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
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, for panoramic views, and wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop at Senso-ji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple. Later, witness the hustle and bustle of Tokyo's iconic Shibuya Scramble Crossing before tonight's farewell dinner.

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

CLASSIC JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



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

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NORTHERN JAPAN: SECRETS OF HOKKAIDO

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy a bear-spotting cruise in Shiretoko
- ✓ Paddle through Japan's largest wetland
- ✓ Ascend Mount Asahidake
- ✓ Taste lavender ice cream in Biei
- ✓ Explore four beautiful National Parks



Discover the rolling flower fields of Biei

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), & 10 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit one of Hokkaido's famed dairy farms

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Hokkaido dairy is beloved across Japan for its rich, creamy flavour with delicate vanilla notes. Visit a local farm to discover what makes it so special. You'll watch a milking demonstration, sample fresh milk, and even try your hand at making butter!
- ▶ Discover the rich traditions of Hokkaido's indigenous Ainu people at Lake Akan. Begin with a talk introducing their beliefs and deep connection to nature, before a UNESCO-recognised dance performance brings their stories and traditions vividly to life.
- ▶ Step into Sapporo's famous Ramen Alley, a narrow lane lined with tiny, bustling ramen shops. Choose your shop and customise your bowl, sampling delicious, Sapporo-style miso ramen – a true local speciality.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE SAPPORO

Fly overnight to the laidback city of Sapporo, the gateway to the island of Hokkaido! Transfer to your hotel where the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local atmosphere before tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 3: HISTORIC SAPPORO

This morning, step back into Hokkaido's early days at the Historical Village, an open-air museum of preserved frontier architecture. Later, visit the iconic Sapporo Clock Tower, stroll through Odori Park and visit the Sapporo Beer Museum, with an included beer tasting. This evening, head to 'Ramen Alley' to taste this Sapporo speciality. (B,L)

DAY 4: EXPLORE OTARU

Visit the Okurayama Ski Jump, built for the 1972 Winter Olympics, and explore the interactive Olympic Museum. Travel on to the charming canal town of Otaru, where you'll have free time to explore before returning to Sapporo for dinner. (B,D)

DAY 5: DISCOVER FURANO

Enjoy a scenic drive through the countryside to Furano and visit the picturesque Shikisai-no-Oka to view the vibrant flower fields. Your guide will treat you to a local speciality – lavender ice cream! Continue to Domaine Raison for a winery visit and lunch. Head to your hotel, via the striking Blue Pond, and unwind in the onsen before dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: MOUNT ASAHIDAKE

Ascend Hokkaido's highest peak, Mount Asahidake, by ropeway for spectacular views over Daisetsuzan National Park. Take a relaxed walk to soak up the alpine scenery, volcanic

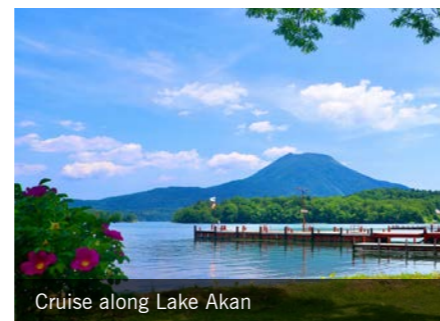
terrain and seasonal flowers, and pop into the visitor centre to learn more about the area's unique environment and wildlife. Later, visit the Otokoyama Sake Brewery Museum for a tour and sake tasting. (B,D)

DAY 7: THE INDIGENOUS AINU

Head eastwards to reach Kushiro Marsh, Japan's largest wetland. Take to the waters for a leisurely canoeing experience, keeping an eye out for local birds. Continue to Lake Akan where you'll have some free time to relax. This evening, enjoy an introduction to the deeply spiritual culture of the Ainu people from a member of the local community, followed by an Ainu dance performance. (B,D)

DAY 8: CRUISE LAKE AKAN

Tour Lake Akan by boat, pausing at a small island to see an exhibition on quirky 'marimo'. Head back to shore for a stroll through the Ainu Kotan Village. This afternoon, drive to Lake Kussharo, stopping en route at Mount Ito to discover its volcanic nature. Here you can dig in the sand to create your own 'foot onsen' in the warm geothermal. (B,L,D)



Cruise along Lake Akan



Enjoy views of the mountainous landscape at Shiretoko Goko Lakes

DAY 9: HOKKAIDO DAIRY FARM

Rise early to be at Tsubetsu Observatory to see the mysterious 'Sea of Clouds' roll over Lake Kussharo as the sun rises. Later, head to a large local dairy farm to learn about Hokkaido's famous milk. Explore the lush grasslands, enjoy a milking demonstration, take part in a tasting and try your hand at making butter. Travel on to Utoro, the gateway to Shiretoko National Park. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SHIRETOKO PENINSULA

Take a relaxed stroll to Furepe Waterfall for views of the cliffs and Okhotsk Sea, then drive to Shiretoko Goko Lakes. Follow a boardwalk through fields for views of the mountains. This afternoon, embark on a cruise along the wild coastline of Rurua Bay, known for the brown bears that hunt fish along the shoreline. (B, D)

DAY 11: ABASHIRI'S MUSEUMS

Travel to Abashiri, where you'll explore two of the region's most important museums – Abashiri Prison Museum and the Museum of Northern Peoples. Drive to Kitami, once a world leader in mint oil production, and visit a mint museum to learn about this pre-war heritage. Indulge in mint ice cream at a local shop, then continue to Sounkyo. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: KITA CRAFT VILLAGE

Begin the day at Mount Kurodake, ascending to the 5th Station by cable car for sweeping views and a short forest walk. Later, continue to Kita-no-Arashiyama, a charming craft village, where you'll have free time to browse the studios and small shops. Return to Sapporo ahead of this evening's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: FLY SAPPORO TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



Enjoy an indigenous Ainu performance

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Ideal for Japan 'second timers', or those looking for something a little more off-the-beaten-track, this journey through Hokkaido's vast and elemental beauty offers a refreshing glimpse of Japan at its most expansive and serene.



Cruise Rurua Bay, seeking wild bears

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TRAVEL DEEPER

Want to explore even more of Japan's lesser-visited islands? Pair this journey with our Hidden Japan: Spirit of Kyushu group tour (see page 28) and discover yet another side of this endlessly fascinating country.

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- MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Soak in soothing onsen baths
- ✓ Take a Taiko drumming class
- ✓ Explore a Mount Fuji walking trail
- ✓ Stay overnight in ryokans
- ✓ Explore sacred Koyasan
- ✓ Try on a traditional kimono



Enjoy a traditional kimono-dressing experience in Kyoto

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts (B) & 5 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.

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. (D)

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 do 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 snack stalls. 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 bullet train and whizz your way through the countryside to Kyoto. Start discovering the city's rich heritage with visits to Fushimi Inari Shrine and Kiyomizu Temple. Later, enjoy a stroll through the traditional streets of Gion, Kyoto's old geisha district, before enjoying a cultural show. (B)



Immerse yourself in Koyasan's soul-soothing serenity

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 elegant 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. Later, drive to Osaka and visit the Dotonbori district before checking in at your hotel. (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 THE 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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Spot wild snow monkeys

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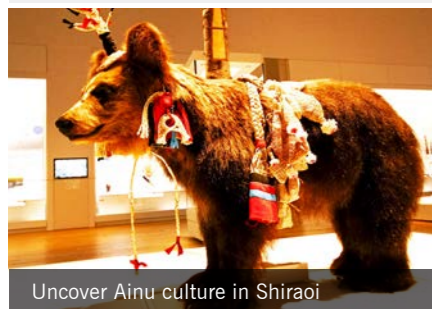
- ✓ Discover Hokkaido's Ainu culture
- ✓ Explore Tokyo and Sapporo
- ✓ Stay in a traditional ryokan
- ✓ Soak in a hot spring onsen
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Fuji
- ✓ Uncover Kyoto's past



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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.

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: OLYMPIC SKI JUMP & OTARU

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, ascend Mount Hakodate to see the beauty of this uniquely-shaped city by night.

DAY 5: AOMORI & HIROSAKI

Start the day wandering Hakodate's bustling morning market, with its fresh local produce and seafood. Next, ascend Goryokaku Tower for views over the star-shaped Goryokaku Fort. Continue by bullet train to the lovely city of Aomori on Honshu, Japan's largest island. Visit the Nebuta Warasse Museum, showcasing the incredible mask-shaped lanterns and parade floats used in Aomori's famous summer festival. Transfer to Hirosaki.

DAY 6: TSUNAGI ONSEN

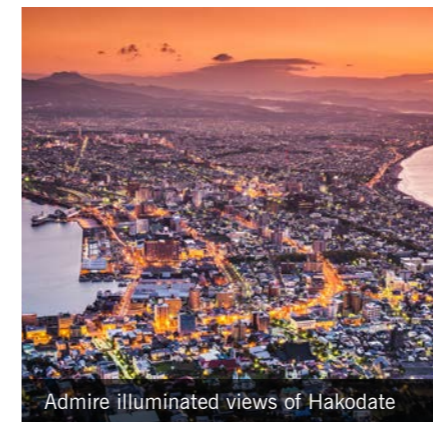
Depart Hirosaki for Kakunodate, a former samurai stronghold. Explore the Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum and stroll around Ishiguro House, the town's oldest samurai residence. Later, travel to the hot spring town of Tsunagi, where you'll embrace traditional Japanese culture with an overnight ryokan. Unwind 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 arguably Japan's most lavish shrine, built as a memorial to Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu.



Admire illuminated views of Hakodate



Cruise through Matsushima Bay

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, explore Nishiki Market, dubbed 'Kyoto's kitchen', with its small boutiques and various street food stands. After lunch, visit a sake brewery and sample this traditional Japanese spirit before some time at leisure.

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! Continue to the booming city of Osaka ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

DAY 14: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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- ✓ Discover untouched Shikoku
- ✓ Trace Tokyo's Edo heritage
- ✓ Dine at a Buddhist temple
- ✓ Meet an apprentice geisha
- ✓ Explore Naoshima's art scene
- ✓ Soak in Japan's oldest onsen
- ✓ Visit lush tea and citrus farms



Wander Shikoku's serene Ritsurin Garden

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- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore fragrant citrus groves in Shikoku

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Pick your own mikan – small, sweet mandarin oranges – in the fragrant citrus groves of Shikoku, known as Japan's Citrus Kingdom. With a local farmer's guidance, see how the fruit is grown, learn to tell when it's perfectly ripe, and take in the island's beautiful orchard views.
- ▶ Trace Japan's railway journey, from its earliest steam locomotives to the next generation of magnetic levitation trains at the SCMaglev and Railway Park in Nagoya. Through beautifully preserved trains and engaging dioramas, see how the nation's famous train networks have evolved from heritage to high-speed future.
- ▶ Experience the lively demonstration of the Awa Odori festival dance in Tokushima. Skilled dancers bring this centuries-old tradition to life on stage, blending music, movement, and humour.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

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

DAY 3: TOKYO PAST & PRESENT

Uncover Tokyo's origins at the Open-Air Architectural Garden, where preserved homes and public buildings offer a glimpse into two hundred years of Tokyo's history. Stroll among restored homes, izakayas and bathhouses that capture the charm of old Tokyo. After lunch, return to central Tokyo and enjoy the modern-day buzz of Shibuya Scramble Crossing, then ascend Shibuya Sky to take in views of the glittering city's skyline.

DAY 4: ART & HERITAGE OF TOKYO

Begin at the Sumida Hokusai Museum, celebrating the legendary 19th century artist whose Great Wave brought Japan's ukiyo-e art to global fame. After lunch, delve deeper into the city's story at the newly renovated Edo-Tokyo Museum. Explore vivid dioramas and trace Tokyo's evolution through war, recovery, and innovation into the vibrant metropolis of today. In the afternoon, return to the hotel. Alternatively, on select May & September departures, witness Japan's national sport at the thrilling Tokyo Sumo Tournament!

DAY 5: GREEN TEA & FUJI VIEWS

Drive to Shizuoka Prefecture, famous for its green tea farms. Visit a tea plantation and enjoy a morning cup of green tea before lunch. This afternoon, head to the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre to learn about Japan's most iconic mountain. Overnight in Shizuoka.

DAY 6: MISO & RAIL HERITAGE

Drive to Okazaki to visit a historic miso factory, which has been producing hacho miso for more than five centuries. This style of miso is thicker and purer than other styles, resulting in a rich umami flavour which you can savour at lunch. Continue to Nagoya's Railway Park to discover Japan's world-renowned rail heritage. Step inside historic carriages, admire full-scale bullet trains, and see how cutting-edge technology has shaped high-speed travel. Later, experience it for yourself aboard the shinkansen to Kyoto, your home for the next three nights.

DAY 7: TEMPLES & GEISHA

Immerse yourself in Kyoto's ancient culture. Begin your day with a morning tea ceremony, observing its historic rituals, then head to the famously photogenic Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji. At lunchtime, enjoy a visit from a very special guest: a maiko, or apprentice geisha! Geisha are increasingly hard to spot in Kyoto, so this is a fascinating opportunity for a glimpse into their secretive world. Later, visit Ryoan-ji, a Zen temple famed for its beautiful rock garden.

DAY 8: ARASHIYAMA BAMBOO FOREST

Begin the morning in Arashiyama's famous bamboo forest, where towering thickets create a serene atmosphere. Admire the historic Togetsu-kyo Bridge before visiting Tenryu-ji Temple, renowned for its tranquil pond. Enjoy a temple-style lunch at its Bib Gourmand-listed restaurant. This afternoon, visit charming Nara, where sacred deer roam freely in the temple grounds.

DAY 9: HIMEJI & KOKO-EN GARDENS

Board the bullet train for a 45-minute ride to Himeji, where the imposing white facade of



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Visit Matsuyama's hilltop castle

Himeji Castle awaits. Explore the castle, then head to the lovely Koko-en Gardens nearby. Later, take a one-hour bullet train to Hiroshima, your home for the next two nights.

DAY 10: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Spend the morning in reflection at the poignant Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. After lunch, board a ferry to the lovely island of Miyajima, with free time to admire its 'floating' Torii Gate on the edge of the Seto Inland Sea. Return to Hiroshima before dinner.

DAY 11: MATSUYAMA, SHIKOKU

Bid farewell to Honshu and take the ferry from Hiroshima to Shikoku, one of Japan's four main islands. Often overlooked by travellers, mountainous Shikoku rewards those who visit with rich culture and quiet charm. Arrive in Matsuyama and hop on the cable car to explore its historic hilltop castle before lunch. This afternoon, visit Dogo Onsen, Japan's oldest hot spring, to soak in its soothing waters.

DAY 12: FARMS & GARDENS

Begin the day at Mount Kiroan Observatory, admiring sweeping views of the tiny green islands that stud the Seto Inland Sea. Continue to one of Shikoku's famed citrus farms to pick your own mikan orange and savour the sweet, bright flavour of this local specialty. Later, enjoy a scenic drive across the island to Ritsurin Garden, a masterpiece of ponds, bridges, and manicured pines. Stroll its serene paths before checking in at your hotel in the port city of Takamatsu.

DAY 13: NAOSHIMA'S BENESSE ART SITE

Hop on a ferry to the intriguing island of Naoshima, celebrated for its eclectic

contemporary art collections. Visit the island's premier gallery, Benesse House, to explore its blend of indoor exhibits and open-air installations set against sea views. Among its most iconic works is Yayoi Kusama's yellow, polka-dot 'Pumpkin' sculpture, a symbol of modern Japanese art. Return to Takamatsu.

DAY 14: FESTIVALS & WHIRLPOOLS

Head to Tokushima, on Shikoku's eastern coast, to visit the Awa Odori Festival Museum. Learn about Shikoku's joyful summer festival, and enjoy an energetic live performance by local dancers. After lunch, continue to the Naruto Strait to view its famous whirlpools (tide permitting) from a walkway above the swirling currents. Continue to Osaka.

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- ▶ Witness the organised chaos and bright lights of Shibuya Crossing; Tokyo's answer to Times Square, seen in many films and television shows.
- ▶ 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 soybean paste known for its nutritional benefits and rich 'umami' flavour. Visit a miso brewery to learn all about its traditional production and inspect the fermentation barrels before tasting the finished product for yourself.

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 and apple-flavoured snacks.

DAY 13: MOUNT FUJI

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

DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

Begin the day with a short boat ride 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 for city views before lunch. The afternoon is free until this evening's farewell dinner cruise.

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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Meet Nara's cheeky bowing deer
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo & Osaka
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima & Miyajima
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Experience the speedy bullet train
- ✓ See snow monkeys bathe in hot springs



Explore Kyoto's Kiyomizu Temple

PRICE INCLUDES

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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 fibres of various plants and commonly used for books, paintings and even 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 boat trip across the idyllic waters of Lake Ashi, then enjoy 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. Later, visit either the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum or the charming village of Oshino Hakkai (according to local opening hours). Drive to Nagano.

DAY 7: JIGOKUDANI MONKEY PARK

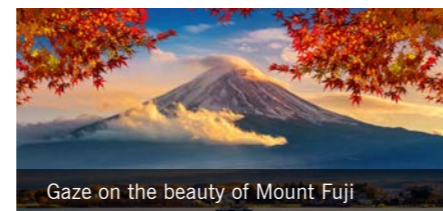
Discover the natural beauty of the Japanese Alps. Don your walking boots and hike through Jigokudani Valley to reach the park's hot springs, in which the local snow monkeys love to bathe. Enjoy watching them splash and play before the return hike. After lunch, enjoy some free time to shop in the charming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

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.



Gaze on the beauty of Mount Fuji



COACH BOAT TRAIN



Admire the 'Golden Pavilion' of Kinkaku-ji

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 in the Dotonbori district, known for its street food. Finally, end your explorations with a visit to Osaka Castle.

DAY 17: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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Explore the tranquil Miyajima Island

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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.

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Reflect in Nagasaki & Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo
- ✓ Discover Sendai & Hakodate
- ✓ Try on a traditional kimono



Journey through Japan by rail

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
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- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try on a traditional kimono

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Enjoy a kimono-dressing experience in Matsushima, learning the history and rules of this elegant garment, and enjoy taking photos at the historic Zuiganji Temple.
- ▶ 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.

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, admire the 'floating' torii gate and try your hand at making 'momiji manju' – a maple leaf-shaped sponge cake considered a local favourite. 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 head out of the city to visit historic Nara, Japan's eighth-century capital. 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 its 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

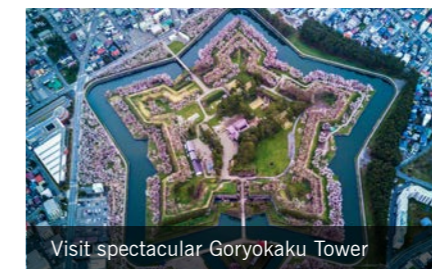
Take the limited express train to Kanazawa and meander your way through Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Also visit the Nomura Samurai House and Kunani Pottery Factory.

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.



Pay your respects in Hiroshima



Visit spectacular Goryokaku Tower

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 your hotel in Suwa or the wider area.

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

Head to the Tokyo Metropolitan Building 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: MATSUSHIMA BAY

Hop on the bullet train to Sendai, Tohoku's largest city. Transfer to the coast and enjoy a kimono-dressing experience in Matsushima and take photos at Zuiganji Temple. Later, take a relaxing cruise on Matsushima Bay, one of the Three Great Views of Japan. Overnight in Sendai.

DAY 19: HAKODATE, HOKKAIDO

Say goodbye to Honshu as you board the bullet train to Hakodate, located on the island of Hokkaido. Visit the Goryokaku Tower for views of Hakodate's star shaped fortress, followed by some time at leisure. This evening, ascend Mount Hakodate for sweeping city views.

DAY 20: THE NATIONAL AINU MUSEUM

Board the express 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

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CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

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



Admire views of Mount Fuji



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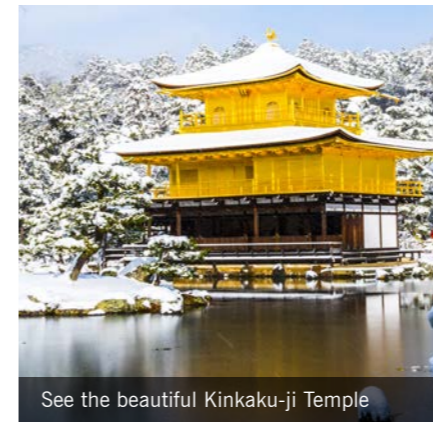


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Discover winter's charms in Japan with this immersive mix of cultural exploration and festive cheer. From snow-capped Mount Fuji, to picturesque villages and hands-on experiences in Kyoto, enjoy a Christmas like no other.



See the beautiful Kinkaku-ji Temple



Visit the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go

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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.

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.

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 Todai-ji 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.

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- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
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- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
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Discover the majestic landscapes of Guilin



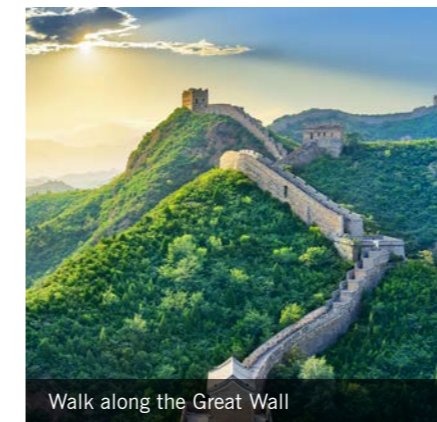
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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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!



Walk along the Great Wall



Visit the manicured gardens of Koraku-en

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 & IE passport holders



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.

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.

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 inside Osaka Castle before a short cruise to admire the castle façade and views of the city. At lunchtime, visit the lively Dotonbori district, known for its street food and casual restaurants. The afternoon is free to explore Osaka.

DAY 14: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

Transfer by bullet train to Okayama and visit Korakuen 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 Buddhist Senso-ji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. End your tour with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay.

DAY 20: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

2026 DATES

19 Oct - 07 Nov **£8,190** 02 Nov - 21 Nov **£8,190**

2027 DATES

08 Mar - 27 Mar	£8,690	06 Sep - 25 Sep	£8,590
15 Mar - 03 Apr	£8,790	13 Sep - 02 Oct	£8,590
22 Mar - 10 Apr	£8,790	20 Sep - 09 Oct	£8,590
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2028 DATES

06 Mar - 25 Mar	£8,990	04 Sep - 23 Sep	£8,890
13 Mar - 01 Apr	£9,090	11 Sep - 30 Sep	£8,890
20 Mar - 08 Apr	£9,090	18 Sep - 07 Oct	£8,890
27 Mar - 15 Apr	£9,090	09 Oct - 28 Oct	£8,890
03 Apr - 22 Apr	£8,990	16 Oct - 04 Nov	£8,890
10 Apr - 29 Apr	£8,990	19 Oct - 07 Nov	£8,890
08 May - 27 May	£8,890	30 Oct - 18 Nov	£8,890

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £7,390 (Beijing - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,440
- Tipping paid locally in China: RMB 520 (2026), RMB 545 (2027), RMB 560 (2028)



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ESSENCE OF SOUTH KOREA & JAPAN

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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



Meet an apprentice geisha in Kyoto

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 Koreas. 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.

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.

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

Visit the royal tombs of the Silla Dynasty at Tumuli Park before admiring the treasures of the Gyeongju National Museum. Later, drive to Busan, a laidback seaside city known for its hills, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. Soak up ocean views at Dongbaekseom Island before a stroll along Haeundae Beach. Later, visit the Jagalchi Fish Market and browse the wares at Gukje Market. End your day at Busan Tower for panoramic views over the city.

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'.



Stroll through Kurashiki



Experience the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony at Gyeongbok Palace

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.

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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

2026 DATES

10 Oct - 25 Oct **£9,690** 07 Nov - 22 Nov **£9,690**

2027 DATES

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08 May - 23 May **£9,790** 06 Nov - 21 Nov **£9,990**
11 Sep - 26 Sep **£9,790**

2028 DATES

18 Mar - 02 Apr **£9,990** 23 Sep - 08 Oct **£9,990**
25 Mar - 09 Apr **£9,990** 14 Oct - 29 Oct **£9,990**
01 Apr - 16 Apr **£9,990** 21 Oct - 05 Nov **£9,990**
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06 May - 21 May **£9,990** 04 Nov - 19 Nov **£9,990**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £8,890 (Seoul - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,550
- Tipping paid locally (South Korea) US\$30 in 2026; US\$40 in 2027-28



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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore bustling Seoul
- ✓ Sip green tea in Boseong
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Watch the iconic NANTA show
- ✓ Visit Mt Seorak National Park
- ✓ Spend time in Gyeongju, 'the museum without walls'



Visit the magnificent Gyeongbok Palace

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



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, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Unification Village.
- ▶ Get a glimpse at a more traditional Korean lifestyle at Naganeupseong Fortress Village. Admire its Hanok-style houses, with their thatched roofs.
- ▶ 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 beating out irresistibly fun folk rhythms.

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. Begin your adventure with a cable car ride up Namsan Peak to enjoy panoramic city views from N Seoul Tower. Next, attend a hands-on cooking class and enjoy your freshly-made dish for lunch. This afternoon, head to Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Finally, visit the UNESCO-listed Jongmyo Shrine, housing the spirit tablets of the royal Joseon Dynasty.



Explore the grounds of Bulguksa Temple

DAY 4: FORESTS & GARDENS

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, an artistic city with a fascinating political history.

DAY 5: BOSEONG & JOGYESAN

Drive one hour to Boseong, renowned for its green tea plantations and beautiful landscapes. Visit a tea plantation and enjoy a tasting before lunch. Drive on to Naganeupseong Fortress Village, where you can admire the traditional hanok houses and learn how locals preserve their deep-rooted heritage. Continue to Jogyesan Mountain and explore the 6th-century Seonamsa Temple Complex. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is known for its tranquil atmosphere and many cultural treasures. Overnight in the seaside city of Yeosu.



Walk over the Oryukdo Skywalk

DAY 6: YEOSU & BUSAN

Explore Yeosu, a charming seaside city. Ride the Marine Cable Car over beautiful scenery before visiting Odongo Island to enjoy its array of wild flowers before lunch. This afternoon, take a panoramic drive to reach Busan, a dynamic coastal city in the southeast.

DAY 7: DISCOVER BUSAN

Laidback Busan is full of character; a bustling yet friendly city set between the hills and sea. Start the day at Busan's Diamond Tower for wide views across the city, harbour and surrounding mountains. Continue to BIFF Street, a lively cultural district known for street food and film festival heritage. After lunch, head to the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass walkway suspended above the sea. Visit Dongbaekseom Island at the edge of Haeundae Beach and follow the coastal boardwalk. Continue by road to Gyeongju.

DAY 8: EXPLORE GYEONGJU

A city of cultural and historical depth, Gyeongju is often called 'the museum without walls'. Once the capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, it is home to a variety of tombs, temples, statues and ruins. Begin at the UNESCO-listed Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple, enduring examples of Buddhist art and architecture. Later, explore the Gyeongju National Museum before visiting Tumuli Park, where grassy burial mounds mark the resting place of Silla royalty. After dinner, take a quiet stroll around Anapji Pond.

DAY 9: VISIT NAKSANSAN TEMPLE

Drive north 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 Gwongneung Fortress. After lunch, enjoy a two-hour round-trip hike through the valley to Biryong Falls, surrounded by lush forest. End your day with a visit to Sinheungsa Temple before returning to the hotel.

DAY 11: THE NANTA SHOW

Transfer to Gangneung for the bullet train to Seoul. After lunch, enjoy the famous 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 various sites of the DMZ, including the Third Infiltration Tunnel, Imjingak Park, Dora Observatory & Station, and the iconic Freedom Bridge. 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.

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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

26 Oct - 07 Nov £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 £8,490 25 Oct - 06 Nov £6,990

10 May - 22 May £6,990 01 Nov - 13 Nov £6,990

2028 DATES

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Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from £6,190 (Seoul - Seoul)
- Single room from £1,450
- Tipping paid locally US\$70 (2026-2027) US\$80 (2028)

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CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

In March and April, if conditions permit, travellers can enjoy the spectacular pink displays of the delightful Jinhae Cherry Blossom Festival on Day 6.

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- ALL MEALS

- ### TOUR TICKLIST
- ✓ Discover vibrant Taipei
 - ✓ Explore along the Pingxi Line
 - ✓ Cruise scenic Sun Moon Lake
 - ✓ Visit a night market
 - ✓ Ride a high-speed train



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
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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 Sun Moon Lake's night market, wandering with your guide along the waterfront promenade. Stop to enjoy dessert, like red bean mochi, taro balls in warm syrup, or bubble tea.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TAIPEI

Fly overnight to 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 Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a grand monument dedicated to the former leader. Later, take the high-speed elevator to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view of the city.

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 take a train to the picturesque Sun Moon Lake, a designated National Scenic Area. 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. After dinner, wander to the local night market for a sweet treat to end the day.

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 discover the history of traditional Taiwanese ceramics, learning about the craftsmanship that made this site a cornerstone of the region. Continue to Yuyupas, a cultural park where you can discover more about the indigenous Tsou Tribe. Take part in a tea and coffee tasting, sampling leaves and 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 for spectacular dawn views (weather permitting). Then explore the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area with a ride on the Forest Train – the highest narrow-gauge railway in Asia – as it winds through scenic mountain forests. Continue your sightseeing on foot around Alishan stopping at natural sights such as the Sister Pond, Brother Tree and Three Generation Tree.

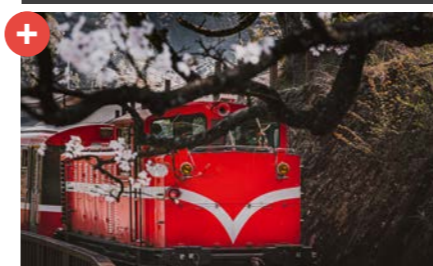
DAY 8: RETURN TO TAIPEI

The morning begins in Fenqihu, a mountain village of old merchant lanes and railway nostalgia. From here, take the high-speed train north to Taipei, the island's green interior blurring past at 300km per hour. The 18th-century Longshan Temple offers a quietly moving final encounter with Taiwan's spiritual life, then sit down for a farewell dinner.

DAY 9: FLY TAIPEI TO UK

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

SEE CHERRY BLOSSOMS



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



Travel on the famous Pingxi line



Relax at Sun Moon Lake

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

14 Oct - 22 Oct **£3,790** 04 Nov - 12 Nov **£3,790**

2027 DATES

10 Mar - 18 Mar **£3,990** 08 Sep - 16 Sep **£3,890**
 24 Mar - 01 Apr **£3,990** 13 Oct - 21 Oct **£3,890**
 07 Apr - 15 Apr **£3,890** 03 Nov - 11 Nov **£3,890**
 05 May - 13 May **£3,890**

2028 DATES

22 Mar - 30 Mar **£4,090** 06 Sep - 14 Sep **£3,990**
 05 Apr - 13 Apr **£4,090** 11 Oct - 19 Oct **£3,990**
 03 May - 11 May **£3,990** 01 Nov - 09 Nov **£3,990**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Taipei - Taipei)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$55 (2026), US\$60 (2027 & 2028)



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TREASURES OF TAIWAN

14 DAYS FROM

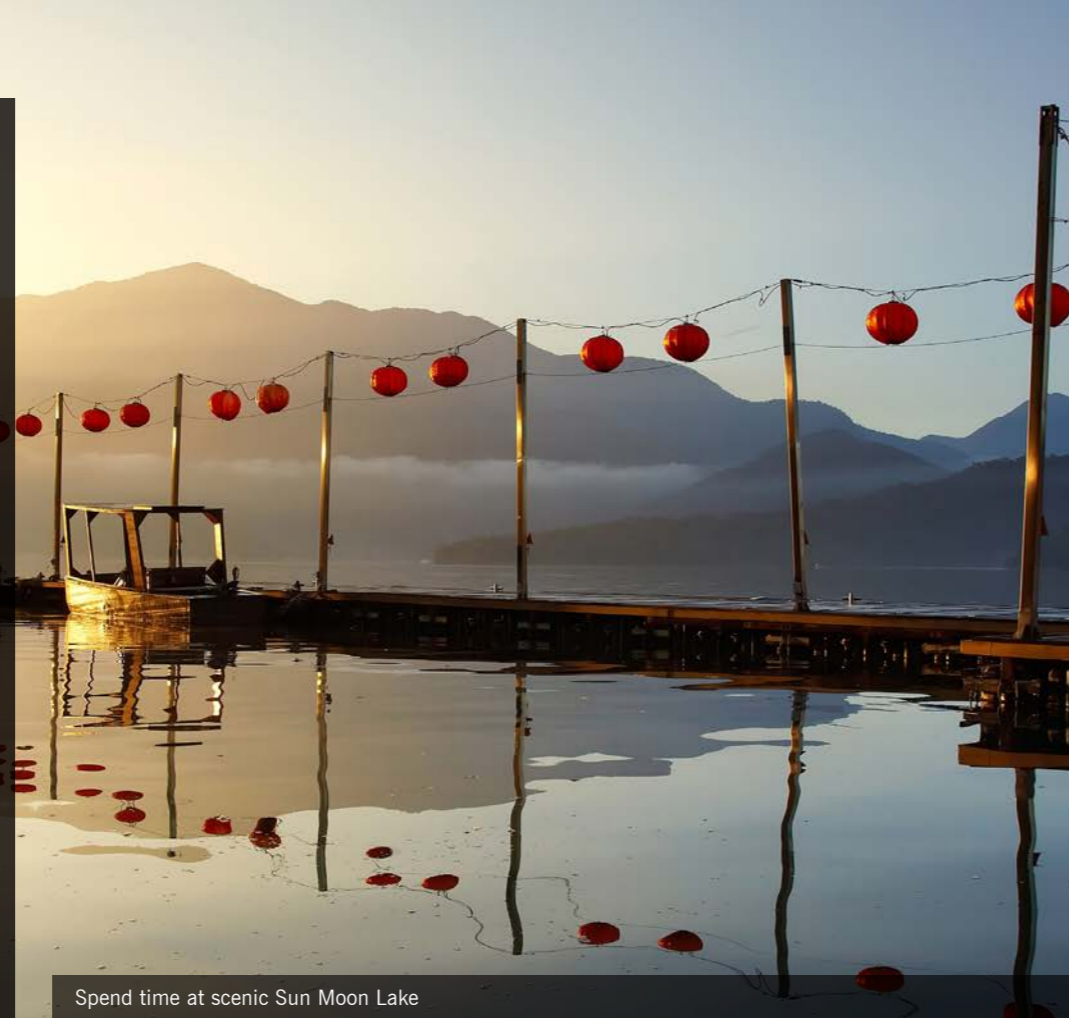
PER PERSON £5,090

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



Spend time at scenic Sun Moon Lake

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

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

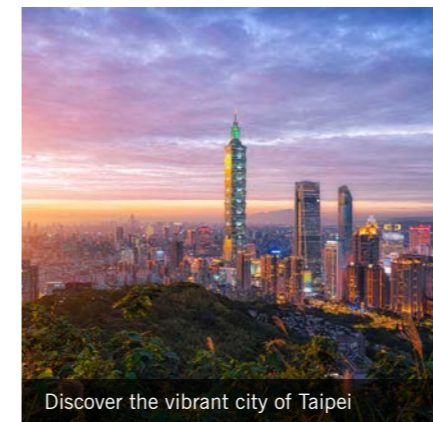
Nestled in a basin ringed by mountains, Taipei is a city of striking contrasts. Sleek skyscrapers and buzzing night markets standing alongside centuries-old temples and grand civic monuments. Begin your explorations at the Martyrs' Shrine, with its elaborate changing-of-the-guard ceremony, the soaring colonnades of CKS Memorial Hall, and the incense-thick air of Longshan Temple. Later, ascend the iconic Taipei 101 for views that stretch across the entire city basin.

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 indigenous 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. After dinner, venture to the night market for a sweet treat to end the day.



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, and 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, Foguangshan. 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. After exploring, tuck into a street food tour at the local night market.

DAY 9: SHEDING NATURE PARK

Spend the morning amongst the rock formations and lush greenery of Sheding 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 CHIH PEN

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: TAROKO GORGE ARCHWAY

With much of Taroko Gorge closed for earthquake repairs, today offers a gentler encounter with its dramatic scenery. Enter through the monumental archway, stop at the Visitor Center, then head deeper into the gorge to Tianxiang Recreation Area, where a short trek up to Xiangde Temple rewards with peace, incense, and sweeping valley views. **For the latest on gorge reopening, visit our website.**

DAY 13: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Take a photo stop at Qingshui 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.

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

12 Sep - 25 Sep £5,090 10 Oct - 23 Oct £5,090

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

2028 DATES

08 Apr - 21 Apr £5,190 09 Sep - 22 Sep £5,190

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Get a taste of Kenting's street food



Admire the striking Dragon and Tiger pagodas



CRUISE & TOUR

For those looking for the ultimate combination

Wendy Wu Cruise & Tour holidays combine the best of the world's ocean cruises with our award-winning touring itineraries to create unforgettable holidays.

SAIL IN STYLE

If you've not cruised before, you're in for a real treat. Travelling in style, having to unpack just the once, modern cruise ships provide accommodation, dining and bar choices that outshine any hotel. Add the huge choice of entertainment, leisure and relaxation options available and you'll begin to understand why cruising is so popular.

EXPERIENCE EXTRAORDINARY TOURING

Where the oceans end, we begin. Connecting seamlessly with your cruise, the land element of your holiday will take you places cruise ships just cannot reach. Fully escorted by our famous National Escorts all the way, we'll show you the iconic attractions and hidden gems, immersing you in the local culture the way only we can.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

On your Wendy Wu Cruise & Tour holiday everything you need for an unforgettable holiday is included, beginning with return flights from the UK and all connecting transfers. Cruises include outside staterooms, dining, drinks and onboard entertainment. Your Wendy Wu Tour includes four-star hotels, all meals, touring with guides, sightseeing and entrance fees. You'll only need to budget extra for a range of optional shore excursions from the ship whilst cruising.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Royal Caribbean International has been innovating at sea since 1969, with each new ship pushing the boundaries of design and technology. Today, it offers adventurous travellers an elevated experience with exciting onboard activities, exceptional dining, impressive entertainment, and top-tier accommodations.

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE (NCL)

NCL has been providing an award-winning onboard experience for over 57 years with a wide range of activities, entertainment, and relaxation options for every type of traveller. Guests should be ready to experience MORE, with more to see and more to enjoy from live shows to spa treatments, with added perks when combining their cruise with a Wendy Wu tour.

CELEBRITY CRUISES

Celebrity Cruises offers a uniquely elevated holiday experience, combining the intimacy and service of smaller ships with the variety and excitement of larger ones. Guests can enjoy exceptional experiences and exclusive onboard benefits when booking together with a Wendy Wu tour.

AZAMARA

Since 2010, Azamara has offered immersive travel experiences with smaller ships that access unique ports and allow longer, often overnight stays. This approach lets guests explore destinations more deeply and connect with local cultures in a way larger cruise lines can't.

HOLLAND AMERICA

With 150+ years of exceptional service, Holland America offers a refined cruising experience, blending classic elegance with modern comfort. Known for its mid-sized ships, diverse dining, and enriching onboard programs, it allows guests to explore the world in style while enjoying attentive service and thoughtfully curated itineraries.

STAR CLIPPERS

Star Clippers offers an authentic sailing experience aboard elegant tall ships, combining the romance of traditional seafaring with modern comforts. With access to smaller ports and a relaxed, intimate atmosphere, guests can enjoy a more authentic and adventurous way to explore the world.

PRINCESS

Princess Cruises is one of the best-known names in cruising and offers a premium experience focused on personalised service and immersive travel. Sailing to hundreds of destinations worldwide, they combine innovative onboard features with world-class dining, entertainment, and culturally rich experiences that bring each destination to life.

HX EXPEDITIONS

With small, purpose-built ships and expert expedition teams, guests can experience wildlife, culture and nature up close. Science, sustainability and exploration are at the heart of every journey.

CHINA BY LAND, JAPAN BY SEA

CRUISE & TOUR

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,890**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

8 NIGHT ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE INCLUDED

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Watch giant pandas play

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



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

- ▶ Selected soft drinks & all meals onboard
- ▶ Outside or balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ 200 USD onboard credit per person

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

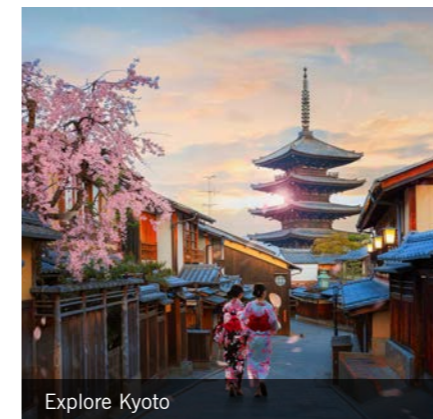
This morning is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda. Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base to learn all about them and see them relaxing, playing and chomping on bamboo. The rest of the day is at leisure (additional option: volunteer at the Panda Base).

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO SHANGHAI

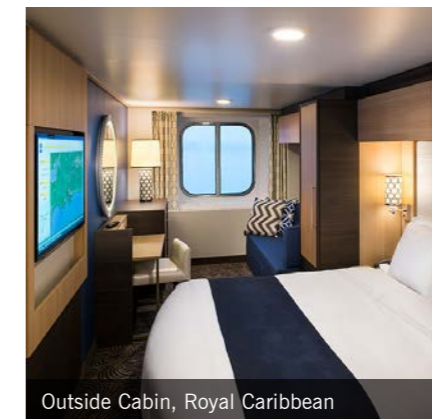
Fly from Chengdu to Shanghai. Transfer to your hotel then begin your explorations, strolling along the Bund to admire the Art Deco architecture and enjoying panoramic views of the city on a Huangpu River cruise.

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



Explore Kyoto



Outside Cabin, Royal Caribbean

to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation or independently. 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.

DAYS 13-14: CRUISE EXPLORE OSAKA

Arrive in Osaka, a lively city that has earned the nickname 'Japan's kitchen' for its spectacular food, where you'll port for the next two days. 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.

DAYS 15-16: 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. You have two days docked here to get to know the city better - with so much to explore - from pop culture fuelled districts to atmospheric old temples - there is something for everyone!

DAYS 17-18: 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 19: 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 20: 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 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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



Walk on the Great Wall of China

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
01 Sep - 21 Sep ¹	21	£4,890	£5,190
14 Oct - 03 Nov ¹	21	£4,990	£5,290
2027 DATES	Days	Outside	Balcony
09 Feb - 01 Mar ²	21	£4,990	£5,290
19 Mar - 08 Apr ³	21	£5,090	£5,390
13 Apr - 03 May ²	21	£4,990	£5,290
08 Jun - 28 Jun ²	21	£5,590	£5,890
06 Jul - 26 Jul ²	21	£5,990	£6,290
24 Aug - 13 Sep ²	21	£5,090	£5,390
24 Aug - 13 Sep ²	21	£6,690	£7,350

CRUISE ITINERARIES

- 1 - Shanghai | At Sea | Sakaiminato | Maizuru (Kyoto) Niigata | Hakodate | At Sea | At Sea | Shanghai
- 2 - As shown
- 3 - Shanghai | At Sea | Kobe | Kobe | Tokyo | Tokyo At Sea | At Sea | Shanghai

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £1,690
- Land only from £4,240
- Tipping paid locally from RMB 720
- Gratuities on cruise from USD 148

Dedicated solos departure



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▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ A Sichuan hot pot consists of a big, bubbling pot of oil placed in the centre of the table, with a variety of raw meat and vegetables for diners to skewer and cook in the flavourful liquid.
- ▶ Gasp at the abilities of Beijing's Chinese acrobatic spectacular! Featuring contortionism, juggling, plate spinning and more, all the action will keep you on the edge of your seat.
- ▶ A delicious and symbolic bite, learn how to make dumplings in Xian, folding and cooking up a storm, before sitting down to a dumpling banquet and a Tang Dynasty show.

IN DEPTH JAPAN

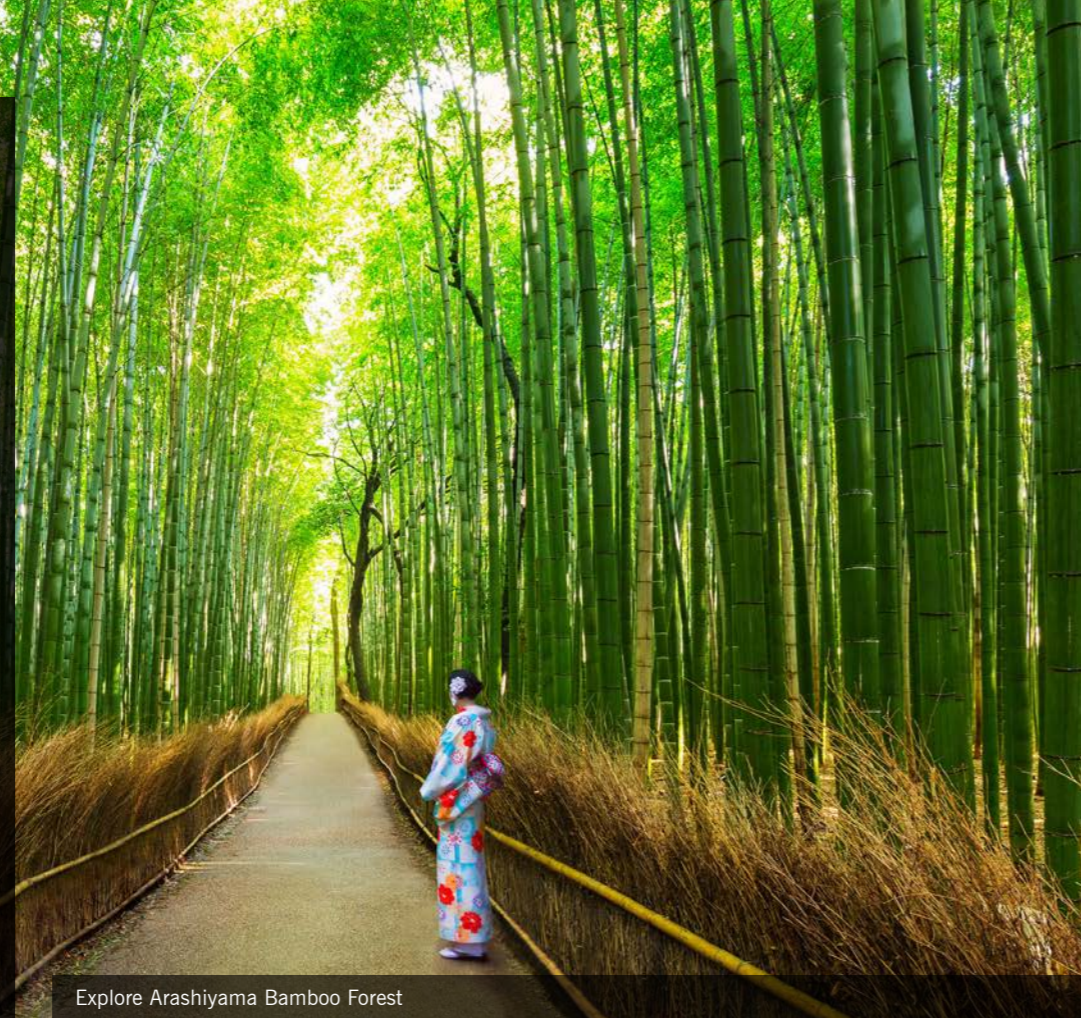
CRUISE & TOUR

- 23 DAYS FROM**
- PER PERSON £10,290**
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**
- ALL MEALS**
- 14 NIGHT NORWEGIAN CRUISE INCLUDED**

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover timeless Kyoto
- ✓ Visit the snow monkeys
- ✓ Eat traditional local dishes
- ✓ Cruise Tokyo - Tokyo

Explore Arashiyama Bamboo Forest



PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches & 21 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 'Free at Sea Package', with enhanced beverages including premium spirits, upgraded speciality dining options, and more!
- ▶ Access to the relaxing hot tubs and pools on deck
- ▶ A range of shows, classes and trivia games to get involved in

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE IN OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Kyoto, where the rest of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring.

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 and Tagetsukyo Bridge.

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 authentic sake tasting experience. Then, climb the forested slopes of Fushimi Inari Shrine, passing through the many vermilion red torii gates.

DAY 5: RIDE A BULLET TRAIN

Board one of Japan's renowned shinkansen (bullet trains) to Nagano, a city set in the Japanese Alps. This afternoon, soak up the tranquillity of Zenkoji, a 7th-century temple before arriving at your traditional ryokan accommodation for a soak in an onsen (hot spring bath) and dinner.

DAY 6: VISIT THE SNOW MONKEYS

This morning, visit Jigokudani Monkey Park, home to the famous hot spring bathing Japanese macaques, also known as snow monkeys. Travel to the shores of Lake Kawaguchi and Oishi Park for magnificent

views of the iconic Mount Fuji. Continue to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital city.

DAY 7: EXPLORE TOKYO

Spend the day discovering Tokyo. Visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple 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 and walk along Takeshita Street to taste some local treats.

DAY 8: 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 9: CRUISE - SENDAI

Port at Ishinomaki for Sendai. Nestled between the sea and the mountains the city is full of history, culture and spectacular food, while the landscapes around it boast volcanoes, rolling hills and hot springs.

DAY 10: CRUISE - HAKODATE

Discover Hakodate, a historic city famous for its star-shaped fort and the delicious kaisen-don, a seafood rice bowl.

DAY 11: CRUISE - AOMORI

Aomori is rich in maritime heritage, and is surrounded by a rugged coastline, apple orchards, the scenic Lake Towada and Oirase Gorge.



Map itinerary as per
22 Oct - 13 Nov 2026 Departure



DAY 12: CRUISE - AKITA

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

DAY 13: CRUISE - SAKATA

Arrive at the characterful city of Sakata, a major port during the Edo Period. A place full of tradition and plenty to see, pop by the beautifully preserved merchant houses or visit the Somaro Teahouse.

DAY 14: CRUISE - KANAZAWA

From port today you can savour the beauty of Kenrokuen, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, admire the artworks at the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art or wander through Kanazawa's beautiful samurai and geisha districts.

DAY 15: CRUISE - 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 - SASEBO

Port at Sasebo, a hub of local culture and a city famous for its beautiful bay, dotted with over 200 rocky islands and islets.

DAY 17: CRUISE - HIROSHIMA

Arrive at Hiroshima. 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. Consider visiting the tranquil Peace Park to learn about and reflect on the past.

DAY 18: 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 19: CRUISE - KYOTO

Arrive in Osaka, the closest port to Kyoto. Spend another day exploring among ancient architecture, soaking up a rich, age-old culture or enjoy the buzz of Osaka.

DAY 20: CRUISE - NAGOYA

Built around its magnificent castle, Nagoya has long been a centre of industry, so as well as fascinating museums around manufacturing and technology, there are gardens, shrines and delicious food to discover.

DAY 21: 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 22: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

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

DAY 23: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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CRUISE & TOUR

JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Dive into the epic history and rich culture of Japan on this in-depth exploration by both land and sea. Explore Kyoto and visit the adorable snow monkeys before cruising around Honshu, Japan's largest island.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

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CRUISE ITINERARIES

- 1 - As shown
- 2 - Tokyo | Mt Fuji | Nagoya | Kobe | Beppu
Hiroshima | Kagoshima | Nagasaki | Busan
Kanazawa | Akita | Hakodate | Ishinomaki
Tokyo

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▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

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
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Explore Takayama, nestled in the Hida region

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Your Cruise Features

- ▶ NCL's 'Free at Sea Package', with enhanced beverages including premium spirits, upgraded speciality dining options and more!
- ▶ Access to the relaxing hot tubs and pools on deck
- ▶ Range of shows, classes and trivia activities to get involved in

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE IN OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Kyoto, where the rest of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring.

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 and Tagetsukyo Bridge.

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 with an authentic sake 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 Kenrokuen, 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 Kamisanomachi 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

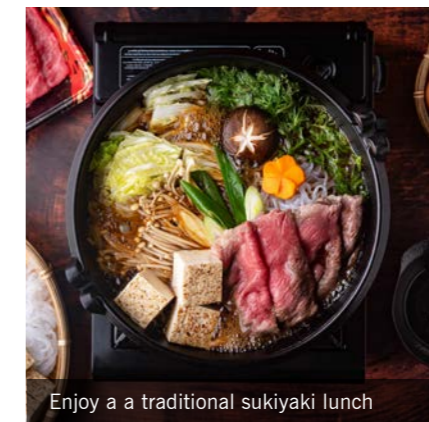
Travel to Nikko, a compact and culture-filled city. With some of Japan's most beautiful temples and shrines, and a spectacular mountainous setting on the edge of the Nikko National Park, it is a delight to explore.



Map itinerary as per 2 Nov - 23 Nov 2026 departure



Visit the magnificent Gyeongbok Palace



Enjoy a traditional sukiyaki lunch

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 - KOBE

You can spend your day exploring Kobe, a city famous for its flavourful beef, or fill the day with all of your favourite activities onboard.

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

Arrive at Hiroshima. 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.

DAY 17: CRUISE - 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 - 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.

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 around Honshu - Japan's largest island - 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 ¹	£9,590	£10,590
2027 DATES	Outside	Balcony
23 Feb - 16 Mar ²	£9,590	£11,490
13 Mar - 03 Apr ³	£10,290	

CRUISE ITINERARIES

- 1 - As shown
- 2 - Tokyo | Mt Fuji | Nagoya | Osaka | Kochi | Hiroshima | Kagoshima | Nagasaki | Jeju | Seoul
- 3 - Tokyo | Mt Fuji | Nagoya | Tokushima | Kochi | Hiroshima | Kagoshima | Nagasaki | Jeju | Seoul

Flight and supplement information

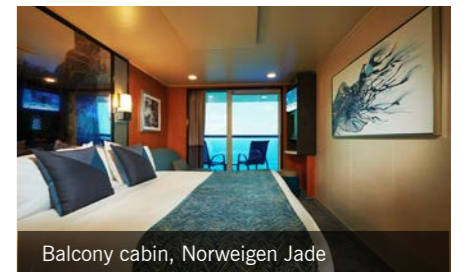
- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £3,290
- Land only from £8,890
- Gratuities on cruise from USD 180



MORE INFORMATION

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Balcony cabin, Norwegian Jade

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Sake is an essential part of Japan's 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. Supervised by a sushi chef, take part in a sushi making class in Tokyo.
- ▶ Hidden in a forested valley in the Japanese Alps, natural hot spring pools have become a playground for a community of adorable 'snow monkeys', who you'll get to visit.

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ALL MEALS

11 NIGHT PRINCESS CRUISE INCLUDED

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Experience timeless Kyoto
- ✓ See the adorable snow monkeys
- ✓ Stay in a traditional ryokan
- ✓ Explore the best of Tokyo



Explore the timeless streets of Kyoto

PRICE INCLUDES

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



SAPPHIRE PRINCESS

The Sapphire Princess is your home away from home, with welcoming and comfortable staterooms and attentive service. At the heart of the ship is the dazzling Piazza, a hub of activity – from here you can choose from a range of restaurants and bars and do some shopping. There are plenty of facilities to keep you entertained – by day, relax around the pool or indulge in the spa; after dark, you can dance the night away, visit the theatre or try your luck in the casino.

Your Cruise Features

- ▶ Selected drinks including alcohol*
- ▶ Outside or balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ All meals onboard

* Up to 15 a day

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO OSAKA

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

DAY 3-4: 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 and the pathways of vermilion red torii gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine. Enjoy a traditional Sukiyaki (hotpot) lunch, an authentic sake tasting and an extra special dinner where you will be entertained by a maiko (apprentice geisha).

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Zoom across the country on high-speed trains. Arrive in Kanazawa and wander the atmospheric Higashi Chaya District, one of Japan's best-preserved geisha quarters. Take part in a gold leaf experience and visit a samurai residence.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO TAKAYAMA

Begin the day in the tranquil surroundings of Kenroku-en, one of Japan's Three Great Gardens. Transfer by road to Takayama. This afternoon, visit two lovely museums – Kusakabe Folk Museum and Festival Floats Exhibition Hall.

DAY 7: ON TO YUDANAKA

Browse the wares of Takayama's morning market, one of Japan's oldest, before visiting the fascinating Takayama Jinya and the Hida

Folk Village, an open-air museum of traditional rural architecture. Travel by road to Yudanaka, a spa town at the foot of the Japanese Alps. Tonight, settle into your traditional ryokan accommodation and enjoy a kaiseki dinner.

DAY 8: SNOW MONKEYS

Walk through the forest of the Jigokudani Monkey Park to reach the famous hot spring pool where a troop of Japanese macaques, snow monkeys, like to bathe. Later visit Zenko-ji, an age-old Buddhist temple then transfer to Tokyo, Japan's bold and bright capital.

DAY 9: DISCOVER 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 and explore Meiji Jingu Shrine.

DAY 10: EMBARK THE SAPPHIRE PRINCESS

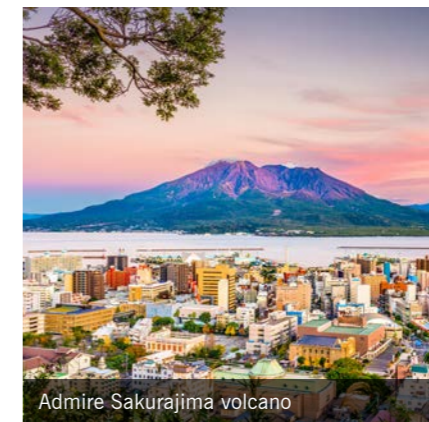
Transfer to Tokyo's cruise port to board your Princess cruise ship. Settle into your cabin and explore the ship's facilities. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

DAY 11: CRUISE - NAGOYA

Arrive at the city of Nagoya. Built around its magnificent castle and a fascinating history,



Watch snow monkeys bathe



Admire Sakurajima volcano

Nagoya has long been a centre of industry, so as well as fascinating museums around manufacturing and technology, there are gardens, shrines and delicious food to discover.

DAY 12: CRUISE - OSAKA

Arrive in Osaka, the closest port to Kyoto. Spend another day exploring among ancient architecture, soaking up a rich, age-old culture or sampling some of the city's culinary delights. Or spend the day soaking up the buzz of Osaka; Japan's second largest city, there is also much to explore here.

DAY 13: 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 14: CRUISE - HIROSHIMA

Arrive at Hiroshima. 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. Consider visiting the tranquil Peace Park to learn about and reflect on the past.

DAY 15: CRUISE - AT SEA

Cruise through the Kanmon Straits, the narrow stretch of water that separates two of Japan's main islands, Honshu and Kyushu.

DAY 16: CRUISE - BUSAN

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

DAY 17: 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 18: CRUISE - 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 19: 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 20: 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 sites around its base.

DAY 21: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

Bid farewell to the Sapphire Princess. Met by a guide, you will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo where the rest of the day is at leisure, with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

DAY 22: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

WONDERS OF JAPAN BY LAND & SEA

CRUISE & TOUR

JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Encompassing all of Japan's iconic highlights, a few hidden gems, and a quick stop in South Korea, this tour is the perfect introduction to an incredible nation. Full of cultural encounters and a wonderful Princess cruise, prepare for a memorable adventure.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES	Outside	Balcony
09 May - 30 May	£9,190	£9,690
07 Jun - 28 Jun	£9,190	£9,690

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Land only from £8,290
- Gratuities on cruise included



MORE INFORMATION

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Join a hands-on sushi lesson

▶ 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.
- ▶ A rare glimpse into Japan's geisha culture, sit down to a traditional Kyoto-style dinner with entertainment from a maiko. An apprentice geisha, the maiko will show off a variety of traditional skills, from dancing and singing to making conversation and leading games.
- ▶ 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.

PRIVATE & TAILORMADE TOURS

We know that, however wonderful our group tours are, one size doesn't fit all. This is why we are delighted to offer private and tailor-made touring, the perfect choice for those who prefer to travel in their own private group or want the flexibility to follow their own itinerary independently.

PRIVATE TOURS

The Private Tours on the following pages are crafted especially to suit smaller travelling parties and are the perfect choice for those who prefer to travel independently with family or friends.

- Travel on any day you wish.
- Expertly crafted itineraries, tailored for parties as small as one.
- A private trip just for you and your chosen travel party.
- Enjoy the undivided attention of your knowledgeable private guide.
- Stay in central, often smaller hotels. Explore from your doorstep!
- Enjoy a more intimate and independent travel experience.

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You can choose to tweak any of the private tours shown here or we can create the perfect tour for you from scratch. Our expert Tailor-made Team is on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest.

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If you're organising a tour for 10 or more passengers, allow us to lighten the load. At Wendy Wu Tours, we can plan a range of exciting itineraries to suit your group's every want and need.

Whether you choose one of our fantastic 'ready-made' itineraries for a private departure or let us design a bespoke journey just for you, we'll make sure it's packed with the sights and experiences your group will love. The best part? You can be involved in the planning as much or as little as you like.

Led by Glen Thomas, an award-winning group organiser with 30 years of travel experience, including 10 years as a specialist in group tours, our team brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. We'll create something truly special and ensure the entire process runs seamlessly from start to finish.

For more information talk to our Special Groups Team on 07852 759567.

JAPAN HIGHLIGHTS

PRIVATE TOUR

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MEALS AS STATED

PHYSICAL RATING

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Join the crowds at Shibuya Crossing
- ✓ Gaze on Mount Fuji
- ✓ Ride Japan's famous bullet train
- ✓ Explore the history of Kyoto



Admire Mount Fuji

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) & 1 dinner (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring as stated, with private guides and entrance fees



Experience Nakamise shopping street

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Senso-ji and its fun shopping street, Nakamise, offers an atmospheric experience in the heart of the city. Tokyo's oldest temple, Senso-ji, sits in the midst of modernity and gives a taste of the quiet spirituality that is still an essential aspect of daily life.
- ▶ Kyoto's UNESCO World Heritage-listed 'Golden Pavilion', Kinkaku-ji is one of Japan's most famous and photographed temples. Sitting in the heart of traditional, landscaped gardens, discover its fascinating history while admiring its gold leaf coated façade.
- ▶ This tour features plenty of time in both Tokyo and Kyoto to explore in whatever way you like. That could be delving deeper into the sights of each city, or using the time to discover other cities that are easily reachable by Japan's fast and efficient rail network.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to Japan's cutting-edge capital city, Tokyo. On arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel by private car. The rest of the day is yours to relax and recover or to begin soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

One of the world's great cities, Tokyo is an evocative contrast of high-tech modernity, vivid pop culture and age-old tradition. Meet your guide at your hotel and head out to explore it, getting around by metro! Visit Meiji, a tranquil Shinto shrine, before exploring the latest trends and fashions in the Shibuya district and joining the crowds using the famous Shibuya Crossing. See the Imperial Palace from the lovely Kokyo Gaien plaza gardens and wander the Asakusa district, pausing to visit the 7th-century Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and to browse the snacks and souvenirs of Nakamise Street. Finish the day with spectacular views from the heady heights of the Tokyo Skytree. (B)

DAYS 4-5: TOKYO AT LEISURE

These two days are yours to spend as you wish. You might like to keep exploring Tokyo – Hamarikyū Gardens, the Edo-Tokyo Museum, Tsukiji Fish Market and Ueno Park are all great options, while there are also plenty of unique and quirky experiences that you can only have in this future-forward city. Alternatively, you could make use of Japan's fantastic rail network and take a day trip to Nikko to see the spectacular national park, or to Kamakura, a city on the coast. (B)

DAY 6: DISCOVER HAKONE

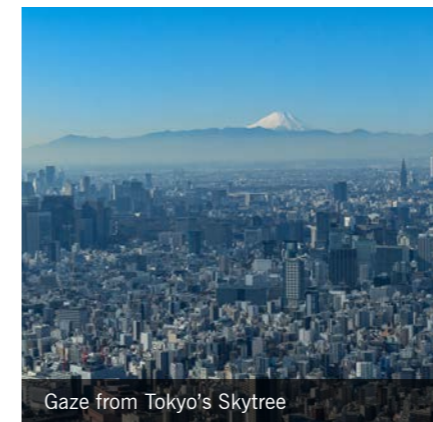
You'll be met at your hotel by your guide and driver and whisked out of the city to Hakone National Park, where you'll spend the day under the watchful gaze of Mount Fuji (clear skies permitting). Visit Hakone Open-Air Museum, a gallery and sculpture garden that is home to painting, sculptures and installations, including works by Henry Moore and Picasso. The rest of the itinerary can be tailored to your interests – there are plenty of museums, local crafts and lovely nature in and around Hakone to explore. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

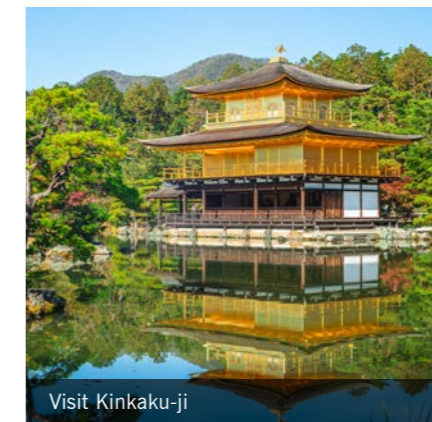
A private driver will take you to Odawara Station, where you will take a shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto Station. On arrival, make your own way to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring this incredible city. Japan's cultural capital, Kyoto is a treasure trove of history and timeless traditions. Home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and more



Visit the famous Tsukiji Fish Market



Gaze from Tokyo's Skytree



Visit Kinkaku-ji

temples and shrines than you could count, as well as gardens and palaces, there is plenty here to explore. (B)

DAY 8: EXPLORE KYOTO

With your knowledgeable local guide, discover the city, making use of the excellent local bus network. Begin at Kinkaku-ji, admiring its golden pavilion and landscaped gardens, then the ornamental Nijo Castle, where you can test its nightingale floors, a 17th-century security system to detect even the most light-footed of intruders. Learn the fascinating history behind Heian Shrine, then visit the Buddhist Kiyomizudera. From here, enjoy panoramic views of Kyoto. (B)



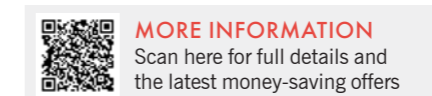
Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine

DAYS 9-10: KYOTO AT LEISURE

These two days are yours to spend as you wish. There is plenty more to explore in Kyoto – you could visit the Imperial Palace complex, follow pathways lined with vermilion red torii gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine, contemplate the Zen garden at Ryoan-ji, or experience the timeless rituals of a tea ceremony. Alternatively, take a day trip out of the city to ancient Nara, Japan's capital before Kyoto, to rural Kurama to try its onsen, or to Himeji to visit its magnificent castle. (B)

DAY 11: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Take a private transfer to either of Osaka's airports and fly home to the UK. (B)



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Experience a Japanese tea ceremony

JAPAN HIGHLIGHTS

TAILORMAKE YOUR TOUR

This private tour can be tailored to suit your own wishes:

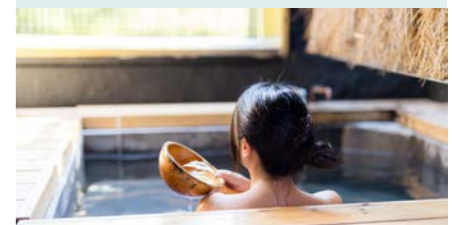
- Change the route
- Alter how long you stay in each place
- Choose different hotels
- Change the sightseeing
- Add in more or less free time
- Include more immersive experiences

Here are a few suggestions to enhance your tour:



SUSHI MAKING MASTERCLASS

True sushi is an art form; a foodie reflection of the cultural values of respect for nature, craftsmanship, and community. Supervised by a sushi chef, pick up basic sushi skills before sitting down to dine on the results.



HOT SPRINGS EXPERIENCE

Hakone is world-renowned for its geothermic waters. Often referred to as a "onsen theme park", with many different styles and types of hot spring baths to try, a hot springs experience here can be exactly what you want it to be.



ENJOY UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

Explore this magical amusement park, the first Universal Studios that opened outside of the USA. Filled with attractions and rides based on well-known movies, as well as attractions that are unique to Japan, prepare for a day of absolute fun.

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JAPAN TRADITIONS

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PHYSICAL RATING

TOUR TICKLIST

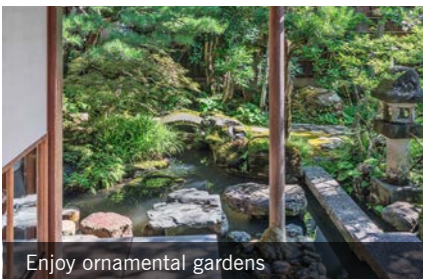
- ✓ Explore Tokyo's best bits
- ✓ Gaze on Kyoto's 'Golden Pavilion'
- ✓ Wander Hakone Open-Air Museum
- ✓ Glimpse rural life in the Japanese Alps
- ✓ Visit tranquil Miyajima



Explore Hiroshima city

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) & 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with private guides and entrance fees



Enjoy ornamental gardens

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Wander the atmospheric winding lanes of Nagamachi Samurai District, passing former samurai residences with their distinctive tiled roofs, and visit the Nomura Samurai House and find serenity in its ornamental gardens.
- ▶ This tour features a full day of free time in both Tokyo and Kyoto, allowing you the time to explore exactly the way you wish. This may be trying some of the unique and quirky experiences only found in Japan or using the extensive train network to explore a whole other city.
- ▶ Embark on a food tour in Osaka, a city that has earned the title of 'Japan's Kitchen!' The night markets on Dotonbori are brimming with all manner of delicious street and snack foods – on this tour you'll get to taste a range of the city's best loved bites.

ITINERARY

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DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Meet your English-speaking private guide and head into the city, using the excellent public transport. With a pre-agreed allocation of entrance fees, today's itinerary is up to you, with the help of your guide. Consider visiting the tranquil Shinto shrine of Meiji Jingu, or perhaps wander the historic Asakusa district, pausing to visit the 7th-century Senso-ji Temple. (B)

DAY 4: TOKYO AT LEISURE

Today is yours to spend as you wish. You might like to keep exploring Tokyo or make use of Japan's fantastic rail network and take a day trip to Nikko or Kamakura. (B)

DAY 5: TRAIN TO TAKAYAMA

Make your way to Tokyo Station and catch the shinkansen (bullet train) to Takayama. On arrival, make your own way to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,D)

DAY 6: TAKAYAMA MORNING MARKETS

Spend the morning exploring Takayama's morning market, the Asaichi. Browse stalls full of local crafts, vegetables and farm products, taste some delicious food, and stroll through Takayama's lovely old town. (B,D)

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Meet your driver at your hotel to transfer to your hotel in Kanazawa. En route, you'll stop to discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site

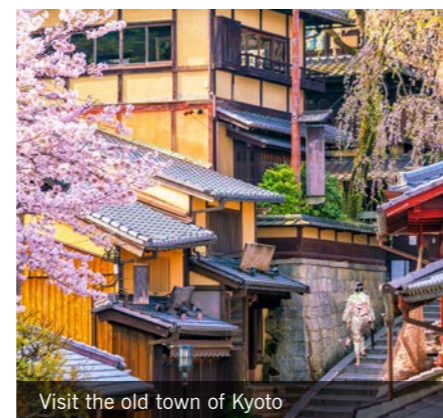
of Shirakawa-go for a two-hour guided tour, on which you'll be able to admire the traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses. (B)

DAY 8: KANAZAWA HIGHLIGHTS

Meet your local guide and begin exploring! You'll start in the Higashi Chaya district, an enclave of Edo Period architecture, visiting a converted tea house and a gold leaf shop. Then, stroll the paths of Kenroku-en, considered one of Japan's top three gardens. Continue to the Nomura Samurai House, then join the bustle of vibrant Omicho Market, its stalls brimming with fresh produce. (B)

DAY 9: TRAIN TO KYOTO

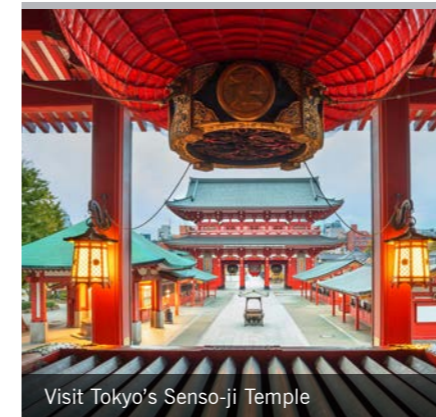
Make your way to Kanazawa Station and board the shinkansen and then a Limited Express train to Kyoto. On arrival, make your own way to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Japan's cultural heart, Kyoto is a treasure trove of history and timeless traditions. (B)



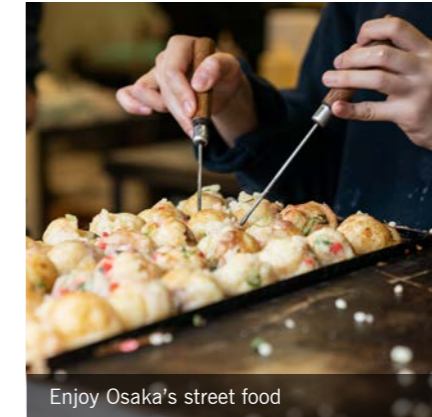
Visit the old town of Kyoto



PLANE TRAIN



Visit Tokyo's Senso-ji Temple



Enjoy Osaka's street food

DAY 10: KYOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Head out into the city with a knowledgeable local guide, using the excellent local bus network. Begin at Kinkaku-ji, admiring its golden pavilion and landscaped gardens, then the ornamental Nijo Castle, where you can test its nightingale floors. Learn the fascinating history behind Heian Shrine, then visit the Buddhist temple of Kiyomizu-dera to admire panoramic views of Kyoto. (B,L)

DAY 11: KYOTO AT LEISURE

The day is yours to spend as you wish. There is plenty more to explore in Kyoto, or you could take a day trip out of the city to rural Kurama or magnificent Himeji Castle. (B)

DAY 12: TRAIN TO HIROSHIMA

Make your way to Kyoto Station and board a shinkansen to Hiroshima. On arrival, make your own way to your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 13: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Explore the city with a knowledgeable local guide, taking advantage of public transport. Visit the moving Peace Memorial Museum and Park before some free time to lunch. Later, board a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima. Here, admire the island's best-known sight – its 'floating' red torii gate – and visit its charming shopping street. (B,L)

DAY 14: TRAIN TO OSAKA

Make your way to Hiroshima Station and board the shinkansen to Osaka. On arrival, make your way to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a street food tour in the buzzing Dotonbori district and discover why Osaka is so famous for its food. (B,D)

DAY 15: TRAIN TO HAKONE

Make your way to the station to board a shinkansen to Odawara. On arrival, make your way to Hakone using a Hakone Free Pass, and to your hotel. (B,D)

DAY 16: EXPLORE HAKONE

Explore Hakone National Park with a knowledgeable guide, and clear skies permitting, enjoy views of Mount Fuji. Take a short cruise on Lake Ashi, then ride the Hakone Ropeway cable car for scenic panoramas. Visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum, with its diverse collection of sculptures and other artworks. (B,D)

DAY 17: TRAIN TO TOKYO

Make your way to the station to board a Limited Express train to Tokyo. On arrival, make your own way to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish. (B)

DAY 18: FLY TOKYO TO UK

Take a private transfer to Tokyo airport and fly home to the UK. (B)



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Admire Miyajima island

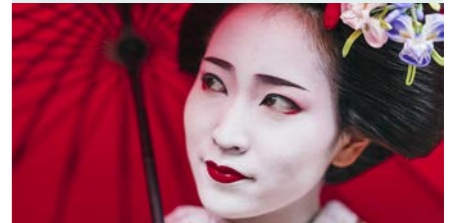
JAPAN TRADITIONS

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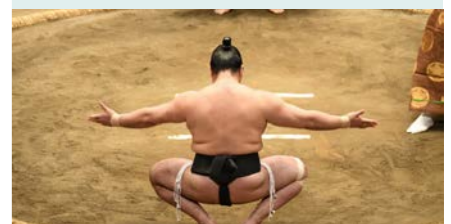
MAIKO EXPERIENCE

Get a rare glimpse into Japan's geisha culture and sit down to dinner with entertainment from a maiko. An apprentice geisha, the maiko will show off a variety of traditional skills, from dancing and singing to making conversation and leading games.



GOLD LEAF EXPERIENCE

Visit a workshop in Kanazawa to learn the process of decorating with the region's famous gold leaf. You'll get to embellish an item of your own, like chopsticks or small plates.



VISIT A SUMO STABLE

Sumo wrestlers are lauded as legends in Japan, the embodiment of ancient Shinto traditions. Get a glimpse of the wrestlers' daily regime at a professional 'stable' where they live and train.

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- ▶ After a tea tasting experience, where you'll try an assortment of seasonal flower and herbal teas, join a floral tea blending class to design a custom blend from a selection of edible flowers and herbs. Leave the session with a unique recipe crafted to your tastes.

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DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SEOUL

Arrive in South Korea's dynamic capital city, Seoul. On arrival, meet your driver for your transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to relax and refresh after your flight.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Meet your guide and embark on an exploration on the city using public transport. Begin at Gwanghwamun Plaza, the heart of the city, where you'll see the centuries-old Changing of the Guard Ceremony. Continue to Gyeongbokgung Palace to admire its architecture and gardens before wandering through Bukchon Hanok Village with its well-preserved historic houses. Here, you'll also take part in a craft workshop where, guided by skilled artisans, you'll try your hand at creating lacquerware. End the day atop Namsan Seoul Tower with incredible views over the city. (B,L)

DAY 4: MORE SEOUL

Meet your guide and driver to explore more. Discover the cultural exhibits at the National Museum of Korea before receiving a warm welcome at a family home. Chat with your host over a lunch prepared lovingly with seasonal produce sourced from their farm. Stop by Mangwon Market in search of desserts and street food favourites, then continue to Hongdae for a workshop experience where you'll craft a 'norigae', a traditional accessory. Finally, visit a self-photo studio to try out a fun local trend. (B,L)

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO ANDONG

A driver will take you to the station to catch a train to Andong. On arrival, enjoy lunch in

a local restaurant then visit Hahoe Folk Village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and window into a traditional Korean way of life, and witness a Hahoe Mask Dance performance. Next is the Andong Mask Museum to uncover Korea's fascinating mask culture, then Byeongsanseowon Confucian Academy in its serene, natural setting. This evening, dine on 'Andong jjimdak', a beloved chicken dish. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TRANSFER TO GYEONGJU

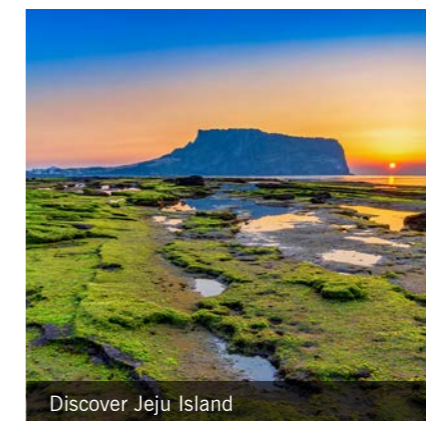
Meet your guide and driver and travel by road through the countryside to Gyeongju. Often referred to as South Korea's 'open-air museum', you'll spend the day exploring palaces, temples and tombs. Admire the royal burial mounds at Tumuli Park, and enter the remarkable Heavenly Horse Tomb. Enjoy a Sundubu Jjigae set menu of local dishes for lunch. This afternoon, enjoy more historical sights, including Cheomseogdae observatory and Woljeonggyo covered bridge. End with day with Korean fried chicken and beer. (B,L,D)



Explore Seoul



Visit Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju



Discover Jeju Island

DAY 7: EXPLORE MORE GYEONGJU

Meet your guide and driver and head to the religious complex of Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple to admire the architecture and artistic mastery, before a Tteokgalbi set menu for lunch. Later, visit the Gyeongju National Museum and Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond for a pleasant stroll through the gardens. (B,L)

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO BUSAN

Depart for Busan with your guide and driver. On arrival, take a short walk through Gukje Market and BIFF Square, an area steeped in pop culture, then have a lunch of milmyeon, a local noodle dish. Visit Jagalchi, Korea's largest seafood market, then ride the 'Danubi Train' through the coastal beauty of Taejongdae Park. The day ends at Gamcheon Culture Village, a colourful hillside neighbourhood. Enjoy dwaeji gukbap, a local pork soup, for a comforting dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: EXPLORE BUSAN

With your guide, transfer to a tea studio for a guided tasting of seasonal flower and herbal teas. Then, join a signature floral tea blending class to design your own custom blend, leaving with a unique recipe crafted to your taste. Lunch in Yeongdo Haenyeo Village where you can sample Busan's signature seafood dishes before a thrilling walk on the Daritgol Skywalk. Then, fly over the breathtaking coastline on the Haeundae Sky Capsule, an elevated rail car. Enjoy a quintessential Busan dining experience this evening – eomuk hotpot or haemul pajeon. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO JEJU

Fly to South Korea's holiday destination of choice: Jeju, a subtropical, volcanic island in the East China Sea. Meet your guide and driver and travel to the east of the island for a day dedicated to Haenyeo, Jeju's legendary female divers who harvest seafood using traditional techniques. Enjoy a demonstration, visit the Jeju Haenyeo Museum and sit down to a Haenyeo dinner this evening, sampling flavours of the sea. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11-12: EXPLORE JEJU

Explore the island with your guide and driver, stopping at sights including Hallim Park, the O'sulloc Tea Museum, the scenic Jusangjeolli Cliffs, Yakcheonsa Temple and Jeongbang Falls. The next day, transfer to Geomun Oreum for a beautiful hike through Jeju's dense forests, along crater rims, pausing at panoramic viewpoints as you go. Later, stroll Dongmun Market to sample some of its delectable treats. (B,L)

DAYS 13-14: RETURN TO SEOUL

Fly back to Seoul where you'll be met by a driver and taken to your hotel. Meet up with your pedicab for an evening exploration of Seochon, exploring hidden alleys, historic landmarks and vibrant culture. The next day, enjoy a full day at leisure, exploring independently. (B)

DAY 15: FLY SEOUL TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



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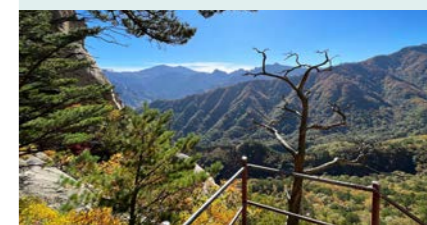
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VISIT THE DMZ

The DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) is the buffer between North and South Korea established at the end of the Korean War in 1953. A heavily militarised border, access to the DMZ is strictly controlled with a set list of attractions that include the Theatre and Exhibition Hall, and the Third Infiltration Tunnel.



HIKE IN SEORAKSAN NATIONAL PARK

Mount Seorak (Seoraksan) is one of the country's most beautiful mountains, the heart of a national park packed with dramatic craggy bluffs and fragrant pine forests. It has excellent and accessible hiking trails for all levels which lead you past clear mountain streams, rock formations, waterfalls and even a couple of historical temples.



EXPERIENCE SEOUL'S STREET FOOD

The sheer number of street food stalls and vendors that fill the streets of Seoul is incredible, and a delicious window into South Korea's culinary and cultural heritage. Embark on a guided tour of the very best of Seoul's bites from fresh noodles to ginseng soups and tofu stews.

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EXTENSIONS & 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 Japanese extensions that you'll find on the following pages can be added to the start or end of your Japan tour, while all other destinations 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 EXTENSION

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)

NARA EXTENSION

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)

NIKKO & KAMAKURA

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



See the Kegon 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 Kegon 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)

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)

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 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.

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 EXTENSION

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)

SNOW MONKEYS EXTENSION

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

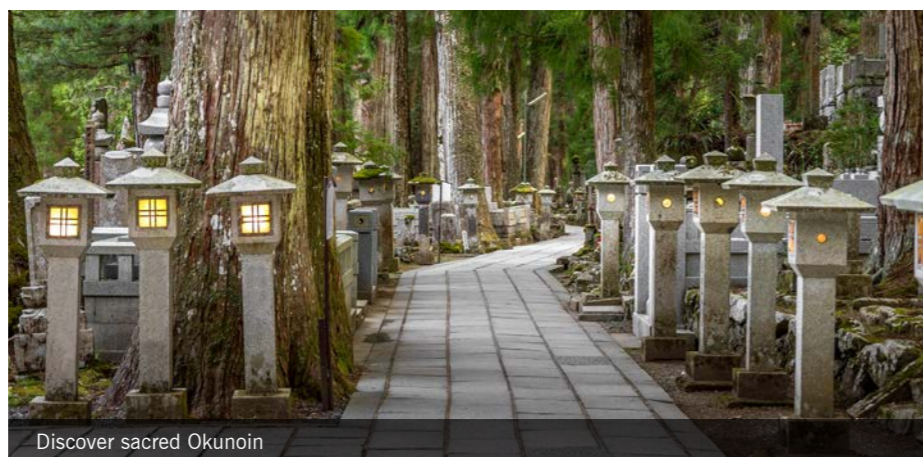
Transfer to Nagano Station and board the bullet train to Tokyo. Continue to your Tokyo hotel or airport as per your onward arrangements. (B)

KOYASAN EXTENSION

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	£530	£820
Superior	£570	£870

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)

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)

OKINAWA YOMITAN BEACH EXTENSION

5 DAYS

- ✓ Unwind at a beachfront resort



Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£790	£1,560

Price includes:

- Accommodation (4 nights Yomitan, Okinawa)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated

DAY 1: FLY TO OKINAWA
Arrive on Okinawa Island, the largest in the Okinawa group. On arrival at Naha Airport, take the shuttle to your hotel in Yomitan, set along the island's scenic west coast. With soft sandy beaches, sweeping ocean views and a relaxed pace of life, this is the perfect place to unwind. The rest of the day is yours to explore your hotel's facilities.

DAYS 2-4: OKINAWA AT LEISURE
The next few days are yours to enjoy at leisure, with time to relax on the beach, explore the local area or make use of the hotel's facilities. Why not take advantage of the pool, or indulge in a spa treatment? For those who wish to explore further afield, hotel e-bikes are available to hire. You may wish to visit Yachimun no Sato, a collection of workshops producing Okinawan pottery.

Alternatively, explore the UNESCO-listed ruins of Zakimi Castle, a military fort with a wealth of history. (B)

DAY 5: FLY HOME
Hop on the shuttle to the airport for your flight home, arriving the same or following day. (B)

TAIWAN EXPRESS

8 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Ride the Pingxi Valley line
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Explore beautiful Alishan



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.

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI
Arrive in Taipei, where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: RIDE THE PINGXI LINE
Travel by public transport to Ruifang to begin your guided tour along the scenic eight-mile Pingxi Line. Return to Taipei by train. (B,L)

DAY 3: EXPLORE TAIPEI
With your local guide visit to the National Palace Museum, the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, ascend Taipei 101 and Longshan Temple. (B,L)

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SUN MOON LAKE
Travel to Sun Moon Lake to explore among a spectacular panoramas of forested shores, turquoise blue waters and mountains. (B)

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO CHIAYI
At Bantaoyao Craft Park take part in a mosaic workshop before a traditional hot pot lunch and a visit to the Museum of Old Taiwan Tiles. (B,L)

DAY 6: RIDE THE FOREST TRAIN
Learn about the indigenous Tsou Tribe at Yuyupas, then begin your exploration of the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area and ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train. (B)

DAY 7: RETURN TO TAIPEI
Board a high-speed train to Taipei 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)

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

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 bird's-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.

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)

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

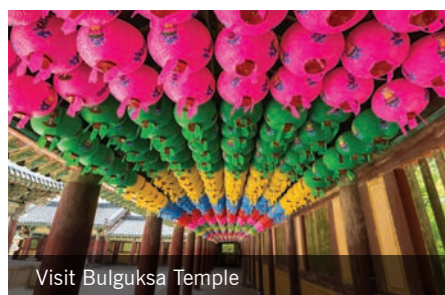
Prices are from per person, based on low season

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 Short Stay 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 Short Stay 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



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



Admire magnificent views whilst walking along the Great Wall

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£400	£720
Superior	£410	£730
Deluxe	£550	£900

Price includes:

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

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)

BEIJING IN FOCUS

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Walk through the imperial courtyards of the Forbidden City

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£580	£1,080
Superior	£590	£1,100
Deluxe	£770	£1,330

Price includes:

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

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)

SHANGHAI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire Shanghai's dazzling skyline

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£430	£790
Superior	£440	£800
Deluxe	£530	£980

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)



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

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.

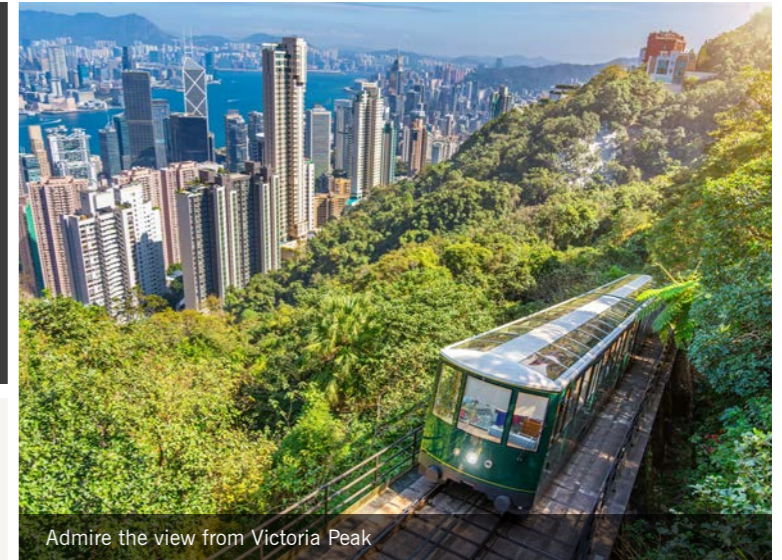
DAY 2: CITY TOUR

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,L)

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	£420	£760
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,L)

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

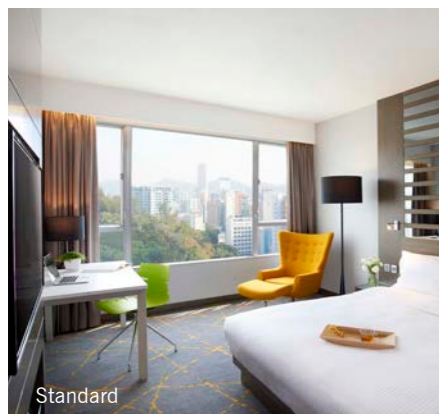
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£740	£1,190
Superior	£840	£1,390
Deluxe	£990	£1,590

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 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.

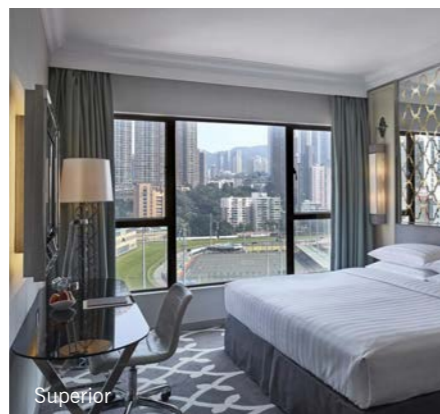
KOWLOON HOTELS



Standard

THE CITYVIEW ★★★★★

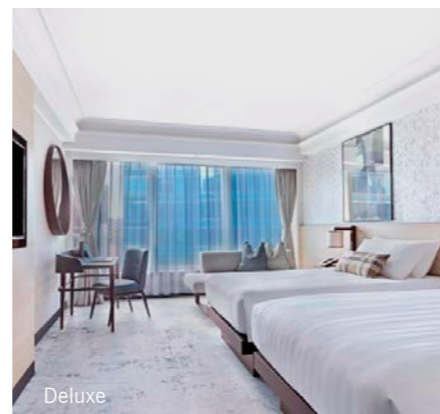
Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



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

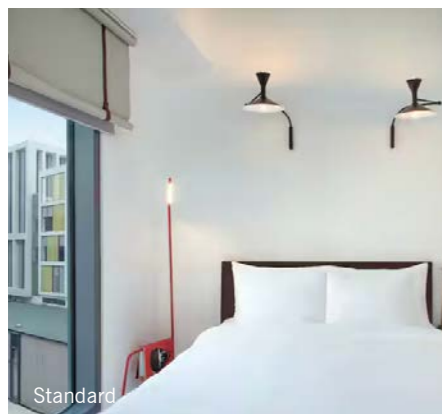
DUBAI STOPOVERS

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



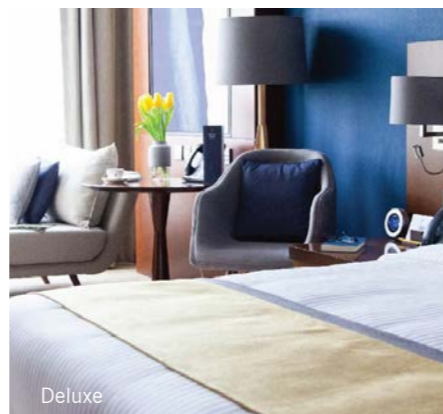
Standard

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 spoiled 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	£240	£420
Superior	£270	£480
Deluxe	£280	£590

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 barbeque dinner accompanied by live entertainment including an enchanting belly dance and Tannoura performance. (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	£360	£580
Superior	£400	£660
Deluxe	£430	£720

Price includes:

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

Please note the live entertainment is limited during the holy month of Ramadan in observance of local traditions and customs.

This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.



DUBAI BEACH STAY

With its year-round warm weather, huge choice of excellent hotels and resorts, and glorious stretches of beach, Dubai is the ideal choice for a sun-soaked stopover. Whether you're looking for relaxation, recreation or a mix of the two, you'll find it on and beyond these soft white sands and glittering turquoise seas.

Relax on the golden beaches of Dubai



Stroll along Jumeirah Beach



Wrapped in desert and fronted by the calm waters of the Persian Gulf, Dubai brings an evocative combination of urban and beach. Beneath that shimmering skyline you'll find a culture that blends ultramodernity with profound tradition, while the sands beyond, be they beach or desert, offer full-on adventure or all-out relaxation.

Choosing to stay by the beach gives you access to it all – spend your days with sand between your toes, venture into the city's air-conditioned mega-malls, explore the atmospheric old town, or head out to the desert for adrenaline-fuelled activities and

experience timeless desert traditions. Your time spent here is whatever you want it to be.

Beyond its iconic skyline, Dubai is home to a vibrant culinary scene, drawing flavours and influences from across the globe, alongside lively beachfront promenades and tranquil waterfront escapes. Traditional souks sit alongside contemporary attractions, offering a glimpse into both the past and the future of this ever-evolving destination.

Seasonal events, cultural festivals, and year-round sunshine further enhance its appeal, making it a place that can be enjoyed in every season.



Unwind on pristine beaches

RADISSON BEACH RESORT PALM JUMEIRAH

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5 DAYS



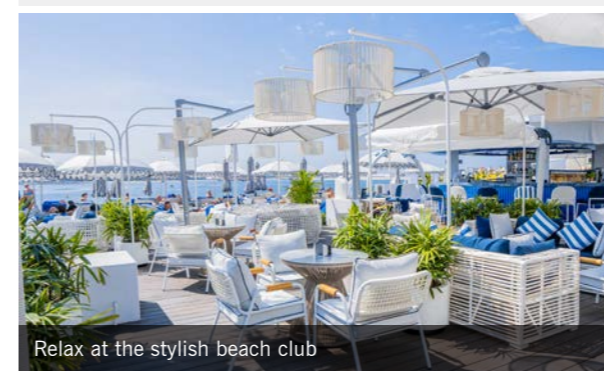
Enjoy poolside lounging with Arabian Gulf views

Prices are from per person, based on low season

ROOM TYPE	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Premium Room Sea View	£920	£1,830

- Price includes:
- 4 star accommodation (4 nights)
 - Breakfast included daily
 - Return airport transfers

The Radisson Beach Resort Palm Jumeirah delivers a relaxed yet stylish beachfront escape in the heart of Palm Jumeirah. Blending contemporary comfort with vibrant coastal energy, enjoy sea-view rooms, a stunning infinity pool overlooking Dubai's skyline, and direct access to the buzzing beachfront, lined with dining and entertainment. Spend your days unwinding by the private beach, indulging in wellness experiences, or exploring nearby attractions, while evenings unfold with sunset cocktails and dining by the water.



Relax at the stylish beach club

At Radisson Beach Resort, Premium Sea View Rooms offer elevated views across the Palm and Arabian Gulf, complemented by a relaxed beachfront setting, easy access to facilities, and a comfortable, well-appointed base ideal for a more leisurely stay.

Upgrade options are available on request.



Premium Room with Sea View

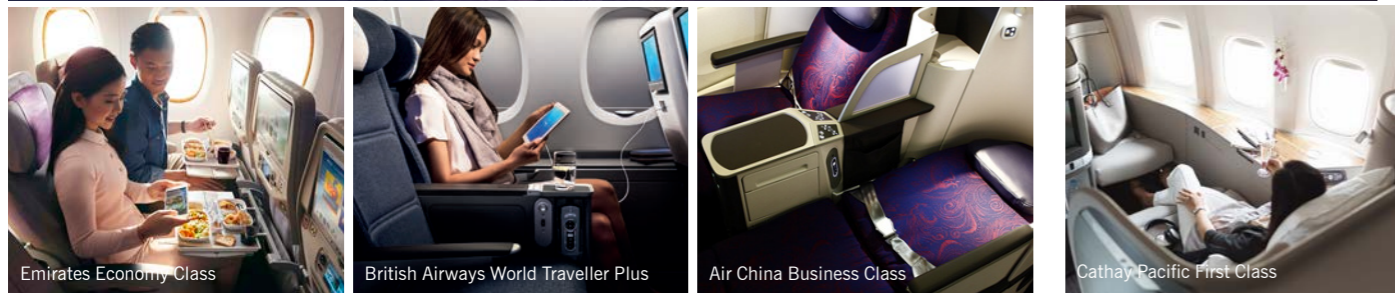


Indulge local flavours at the Magadan restaurant

Flying in style

Your journey begins before you even land. At Wendy Wu Tours, our carefully selected airline partners are chosen for their exceptional service, comfort and value, so you can sit back, relax and arrive ready for the adventure ahead.

All escorted group tour prices include return international economy class flights, and if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



Fly from your Local Airport

We offer one of the widest choices of regional departures, so you can start your holiday from your nearest airport. Fly from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast with no supplement to pay.

Our experienced travel consultants have extensive knowledge of airlines and fare options and will always do their utmost to secure the best-value and most convenient flights for those living outside the London area.

Please note that regional departures are subject to airline availability and are offered on selected routes only. In some cases, fare supplements may apply for certain tour dates and departures.

Please call our reservations team for a quote if you'd like to fly from an airport not listed here.

Preferred Airline Partners



CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific offers daily flights from both London and Manchester to its Hong Kong hub, with connections across Japan. A multiple award-winner at the Skytrax World Airline Awards, enjoy elevated dining and a world-class entertainment experience on board. Explore vibrant Hong Kong with our stopover packages.



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.



EMIRATES

Fly to Tokyo & Osaka via Dubai, connecting from eight UK airports including London, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Enjoy exceptional inflight service, award-winning entertainment and a more generous seat pitch. Discover Dubai's beaches and skyscrapers along the way with our stopover packages.



TURKISH AIRLINES

With award-winning service, renowned hospitality, and seamless journeys, Turkish Airlines offers daily connections to Japan from London, Manchester, Birmingham and Edinburgh via Istanbul. Experience the wonders of Istanbul with our stopover packages.



JAPAN AIRLINES

Start your Japan experience the moment you step on board 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



ANA (ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS)

As Japan's largest 5-star airline, ANA's direct London-Tokyo Haneda flights offer an authentic Japanese experience from the moment you board, with spacious Business Class suites and award-winning hospitality rooted in Japanese tradition.

Hotels

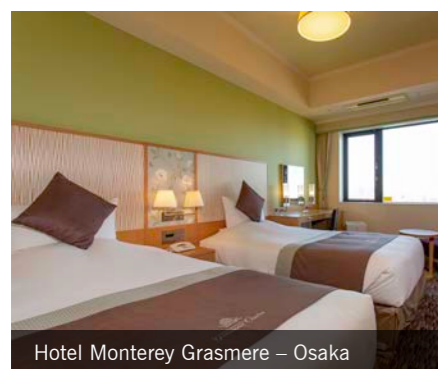
Our group tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or ryokans where we feel the character of the property will enhance your tour, or to allow access to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



Fuji Kawaguchiko Resort Hotel – Mount Fuji area



Hotel Monterey Grasmere – Osaka



Mercure Hida – Takayama



Tokyo Bay Shiomi Prince Hotel – Tokyo



Fujisan Mishima Tokyu Hotel – Mishima



Rihga Royal Hotel – Kyoto



Grand Prince Hotel – Hiroshima

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 detailed itinerary before booking, which you can find on 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

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.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up to date information please refer to <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/> countries and always seek your doctor's advice.

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 99. 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.

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 LOYALTY 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 take – which means bigger savings!

Bronze

Enjoy £100pp off your next booking after completing your first tour with us.



Silver

Receive £150pp off your 3rd and 4th bookings once you've travelled with us twice.



Gold

Save £200pp off your 5th and 6th bookings after four tours with us.



Platinum

Unlock £250pp off every booking once you've travelled with us six times.



These exceptional discounts can even be combined with any special offer.

RECOMMEND A FRIEND

Recommend us to a friend, and if they book, we'll give you an extra £50 off your next booking with us as a token of our appreciation.



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

Essential Booking Information

Before you book with Wendy Wu Tours, please take a moment to read this summary along with the Detailed Tour Itinerary for your tour and our full Booking Conditions (available on our website). When you book with us it's on the understanding that you've read and understood these.

Your Financial Protection

Your holiday is in safe hands. For flight-based holidays, we hold an ATOL licence (No. 6639), issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, meaning your money is protected if anything goes wrong. You'll receive an ATOL Certificate when you book, clearly outlining exactly what's covered.

For non-flight package holidays, we're a proud member of ABTA (No. W7994), providing further peace of mind through a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association.

Book With Confidence

Your holiday also falls under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, meaning we are fully responsible for the proper performance of your entire package. In the unlikely event of insolvency, your payments are protected and – where transport is included – your safe return home is guaranteed.

Book with confidence. Your holiday is protected every step of the way.

Payment

To secure your booking, we ask for a non-refundable deposit of £350 per person. The remaining balance is due at least 75 days before departure. In some cases (for example flight upgrades) a higher deposit may be needed.

Travel Documents

For most destinations, you'll need a passport with at least 6 months' validity and two blank pages. While we assist and cover the cost of pre-arranged travel visas for UK and Irish passport holders (unless otherwise specified), you are ultimately responsible for ensuring you have the correct passport and visas to travel.

Health & Travel Insurance

Please arrange any recommended vaccinations in good time before your trip. You'll also need suitable travel insurance in place before booking.

Changing Your Booking

If you need to make changes before paying your balance, there's a £50 admin fee plus any additional costs incurred, such as non-refundable flights or cruise deposits.

Cancelling Your Booking

If you need to cancel, the following charges usually apply:

- 75+ days before departure: loss of deposit
- 42–74 days: 30%
- 28–41 days: 60%
- 15–27 days: 90%
- 14 days or less: 100%

Some parts of your trip may be non-refundable – if this is the case, we will explain it to you when you book.

If We Need to Change Your Holiday

Occasionally, we may need to make changes to your holiday. If this happens, we'll let you know as soon as possible. If it's a major change, you can choose a different holiday or receive a full refund.

Special Requests

If you have any special requirements (such as dietary needs), please let us know before booking. We'll do our best to accommodate them, though we can't guarantee every request.

Fitness & Medical Conditions

Each tour has a 'physical rating' and the activity levels are described in the tour's Detailed Tour Itinerary. It is your responsibility to check these carefully and be sure you can participate without adverse effect on the group.

Booking Conditions

You can find the full Booking Conditions on our website or via the QR code. They include important additional details, so please read them carefully before booking.



TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Outstanding guides
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Extensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Visa service included
- Holder of Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA
- Winner of industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years in a row

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