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20

YEARS

of

Tour Excellence

 Wendy Wu Tours

JAPAN

2019-2020



Our Award-Winning Collection of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays

WELCOME TO JAPAN

It's a pleasure to introduce you to this special anniversary edition of our Japan brochure. 2018 marks Wendy Wu Tours' 20th anniversary of providing extraordinary tour experiences to holidaymakers all over the globe. Since 1998, we have been pioneering travel to new destinations all over Asia and are now recognised as the leading touring specialist in the region.

Our Japan tours have become hugely popular in the last few years. With Japan set to take centre stage hosting the Rugby World Cup in late 2019 and the 2020 Summer Olympics, now is the time to see this intoxicating country for yourself.

New for 2019, we are excited to add two additional tours to our Japan collection. We have our first ever tour dedicated for solo travellers 'Highlights of Japan' plus an extended tour 'Japan Uncovered' which includes the very best cultural and scenic highlights Japan has to offer.

Let Wendy Wu Tours show you the real Japan – we look forward to welcoming you on tour very soon.



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

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THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE...





✓ UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE

We are proud to be recognised as the UK's leading specialist operator to Asia, a reputation we've been building since 1998. All our staff have travelled extensively throughout the region and are fountains of knowledge on all things Asia.

✓ SO MANY INCLUSIONS PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can just sit back and enjoy the experience. Your accommodation, most meals, touring, transport & expert guides - we include it all.

✓ LOCAL FLAVOURS

Our tours will give you a genuine taste of the regions you'll visit.

✓ COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS

Whether your looking for a classic escorted tour experience, luxury journey or something more off-the-beaten-track, we've got a tour or tailor-made holiday for you.

✓ EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia for the last 20 years, building our local expertise and finding those rarely visited places and authentic cultural experiences that make your holiday truly special.

✓ BEST GUIDES IN THE BUSINESS

Through their local expertise, dedication and passion, our guides will make sure you don't miss a thing.

✓ FLY FROM YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT

For your convenience, on the majority of our tours you'll be able to fly from a UK airport near you, usually at no extra cost.

✓ SAFE AND SECURE

We are members of ABTA and our holidays are fully ATOL protected.



You're in Safe Hands

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



"Our guide was fantastic. She was totally professional but more importantly she had a great rapport with us all. Nothing was too much trouble for her and she soon became a personal friend to us all. Wendy Wu should be very proud."

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

All of our group tours are accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Are born and raised in Japan
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day



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.



Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud of our 5-star Trip Advisor rating and the fact that so many of our customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family - that's all the accolade we need.

98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!



CHOOSE A TOUR THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU...



PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires the ability to walk around sights unaided. More active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating.



LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.



LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.



LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.

TOUR STYLES

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive with all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

ACTIVE

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows us to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience.

FLEXIBLE

Ideal for those who want more choice in what they do. Flexible tours include all the main sights but allow some free time for your own exploration or relaxation. Optional excursions, often more active in nature, are available for those that want to discover more.

GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

EXCLUSIVE

The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants, money can't buy experiences and additional touches like VIP door-to-door home transfers. If you are looking for a truly distinctive journey, the Exclusive Collection is for you.

SOLO

Designed exclusively for customers travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. You will be looked after all the way by an expert guide who will involve you in the group activities discovering the sights and experiencing cultural activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay.

PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility on when they travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

TAILORMADE

For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will help you in designing a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

Please note that not all tour styles are available for all destinations.

TOUR PACE

We're not going to deny it, on many of our tours you're going to be busy! But we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of extraordinary experiences means some early starts and late finishes, but you can be sure that you'll return home with some incredible memories! Take a look at our FLEXIBLE tours if you are looking for a tour with a bit more free time included.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

Travelling with us, you can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the tour you are travelling on and the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3* to 4* properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Active/Flexible/Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit. Our Exclusive Collection features world class, luxury 5* properties.

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. 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 all Japan tours.



SOBA NOODLE MAKING

One of many types of noodles devoured in Japan, learn to craft, roll and slice soba noodle dough before cooking and devouring the delicious results! Enjoy this experience on Jewels of Japan.



SUMO WRESTLING

Witness a sport that preserves many of Japan's most ancient traditions – the rituals involved are as fascinating as the wrestling itself. Enjoy this experience on Japan Uncovered and Trails of Japan.

MT FUJI BASE HIKE

The iconic image of Japan, get up close to the magnificent Mount Fuji with a hike through the beautiful nature at its base. Enjoy this experience on Trails of Japan.

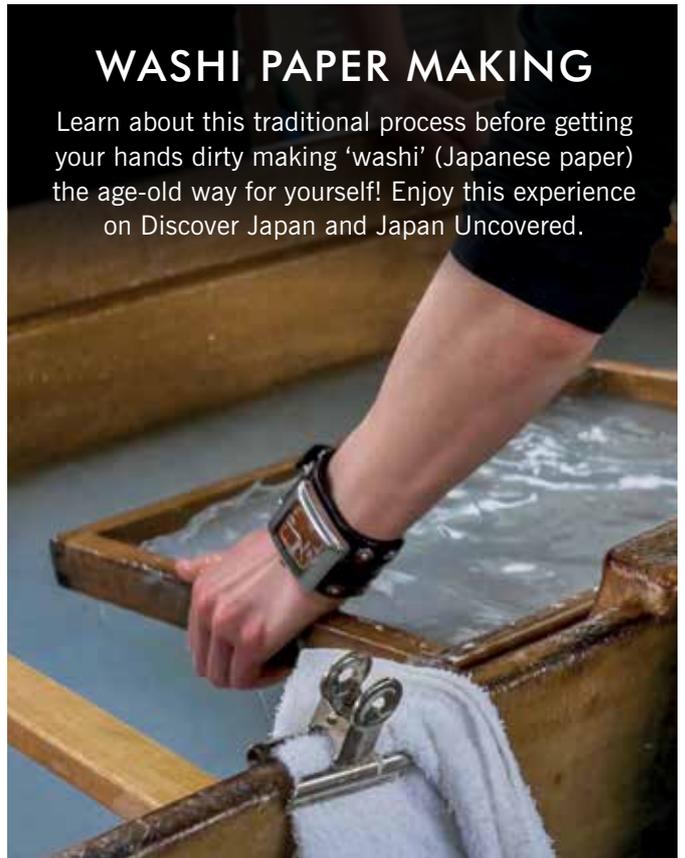


ZEN MEDITATION

Begin your journey towards inner peace learning the basics of Zen meditation in one of Kyoto's beautiful old temples. Enjoy this experience on Highlights of Japan.

WASHI PAPER MAKING

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



MONASTERY STAY

Spend the night in a tatami mat room in a monastery at holy mountain Koya-san, and rise early to join the monks for their daily dawn chanting. Enjoy this on Trails of Japan.



HOKKAIDO

Sapporo

JAPAN

HONSHU

7

Nagano
Matsumoto

6

TOKYO

1

Takayama

Mt Fuji

8

3

Nagoya

Kyoto

Himeji

Nara

4

Osaka

Koya-san

5

Hiroshima

SHIKOKU

KYUSHU

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 begging to be explored.

WENDY'S TOP 8 JAPAN SIGHTS

1 MOUNT FUJI

With its perfectly proportioned cone, Mt Fuji is Japan's iconic sight so we include it on all of our tours.



2 HIROSHIMA

A city that needs little introduction, Hiroshima today is a modern, vibrant city. Visit the tranquil Peace Memorial Park to remember past events on our Jewels of Japan and Japan Uncovered tours.



3 KYOTO

Kyoto is Japan's ancient capital and cultural hub, packed with enchanting sights, 17 of which are UNESCO World Heritage-listed. Kyoto features on all our Japan itineraries.



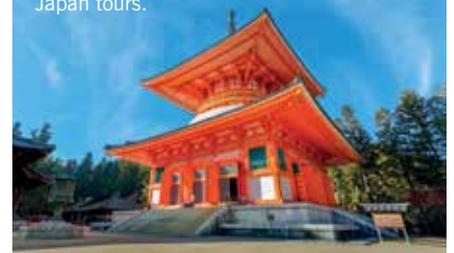
4 NARA

A city famous for its bowing deer and being the birthplace of Japanese culture, how could we leave that off the list? Visit Nara on most of our Japan tours.



5 KOYA-SAN

A holy mountain dotted with monasteries, the wonderfully atmospheric and tranquil Koya-san features on our Highlights of Japan, Discover Japan and Trails of Japan tours.



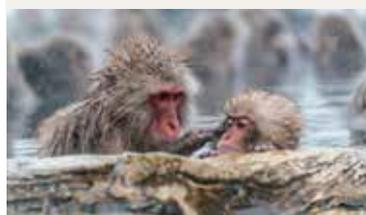
6 TOKYO

A big, bright and brash city, Japan's capital perfectly epitomises the clash of modern and traditional that is the Japan of today. Tokyo, of course, features on all Japan tours.



7 SNOW MONKEYS

The Japanese Macaques are a delight to watch as they bathe in natural hot pools close to the alpine town of Yudanaka. Meet them on our Japan Uncovered, Sapporo & Snow Monkeys and Trails of Japan tours.



8 HIMEJI CASTLE

The best example of Japanese feudal castle architecture, Himeji Castle is seriously impressive. See it for yourself on most of our Japan tours.



Japan for all Seasons

Japan is a country that can be enjoyed year round; here is our guide to what is happening when, to help you decide what time of year you'd like to experience it.



CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON

The Japanese have been writing poetry to and painting pictures of cherry blossoms for centuries, and even have a dedicated word for going out to fields and parks to appreciate it – ‘hanami’ which literally translates as ‘looking at flowers’. When you gaze on the sea of soft pink flowers it’s easy to see why both they and many international visitors are so enamoured. Starting in late January in the sub-tropical south, the blossoms sweep up the country, reaching Tokyo and Kyoto in the first two weeks of April, though this can vary due to the weather. In the two weeks after they first bloom, locals and visitors alike stroll, sit and picnic beneath the laden boughs, but we particularly like to enjoy them lit up by lanterns at twilight. Cherry blossom season is extremely popular and our tours often sell out a long way in advance. If you want to travel during this period, make sure you book early!



AUTUMN LEAVES

Japan's deep and rich autumn colours travel the opposite way to the cherry blossom, starting in the very north in September and travelling downwards, reaching its peak in Tokyo, Kyoto and the surrounding areas from November. In the parks and temple gardens of the cities, the leaves of the multitude of maple and ginkgo trees turn vibrant shades of red, yellow and orange; if you are travelling into the Japanese Alps, you're in for an even more spectacular sight.



SUN AND SNOW

Japan's summer, June to August, may be hot and humid but it is the season for festivals and fireworks. Enjoy impromptu celebrations or escape to the mountains to find the cooler climates and maybe do some hiking – this is also the only time of year that you are able to climb Mt Fuji.

In the winter, outside the cities, the country becomes a snow-covered wonderland. Vibrant ski resorts spring into action, ice festivals take place (Sapporo's is the world's biggest) and the Japanese Macaques earn their Snow Monkey moniker. Oh, and there is nothing better than the glorious warm waters of an onsen on a cold winter's day!





JAPAN TOURS

WHEN TO TRAVEL



It is possible to visit Japan all year round, but here are a few things to bear in mind: Cold winters bring snow to the mountains between January and March, followed by the warmer temperatures of spring and the delightful cherry blossom season in late March and early April. In June and July, things turn tropical when the humid rainy season hits, though it doesn't usually rain every day. Finally, autumn is one of the most spectacular times to visit with cool, clear weather and gorgeous fall foliage.



APPROX FLYING TIME
12 Hours Direct



GMT
+9



VISA REQUIRED
No*



CURRENCY
Yen

*British Citizens passport holders are visa exempt to Japan, other passport holders need to check with the Embassy.

A WEEK IN JAPAN

8 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,790

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through vibrant Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ Discover Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore historic Nara
- ✓ Experience the super-fast bullet train

PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA 2 NIGHTS FROM £890pp

Why not extend your time in Japan and see more by taking a short extension to Hiroshima and Miyajima. Visit Hiroshima's A-Bomb Museum and the Peace Memorial Park to pay homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Also explore holy Miyajima Island where you can climb Mt Misen for panoramic views.

See page 41.

Additional flight costs may apply.



Admire majestic Mount Fuji

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 everchanging 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 world's tallest tower, for panoramic views, before taking a wander through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple and browse the stalls of Nakamise shopping street. You will also drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza and take a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. This evening, cruise the waters of Tokyo Bay and enjoy dinner from the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to Mt Fuji, where you will ascend 2,400 metres up Japan's most iconic sight to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of both Fuji's cone and the surrounding landscapes. Transfer to the spa region of Hakone. Embark on a cruise on the spectacular Lake Ashi, keeping an eye out for the bright red of vermilion torii gates that nestle on the surrounding Alpinesque hills and in the shallows of the lake itself. Next, fly high above the lake on the Komagatake Ropeway to the summit of Mt Komagatake where the views of Mt Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course!

DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Odawara Station to jump onboard the Hikari bullet train and whizz your way to Kyoto. Capital for a millennium, Kyoto was also the heart of religion, philosophy, art and cuisine, making it a treasure trove of history and culture. It is here that all of the best known cultural arts were born – the tea ceremony, Kabuki and Geisha to name a few.



Nara's Daibutsu Buddha



CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING 

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
 Limited for time? Discover Japan's essential highlights on this great-value tour. Explore the historical cities of Kyoto and Nara, be awestruck by the beauty of Mt Fuji and see the bright lights of Tokyo and Osaka.



Explore Osaka Castle



Buzzing Tokyo metropolis

This afternoon, visit the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine, the most important of several thousands of shrines dedicated to the god Inari. Follow the pathway through thousands of vermillion torii gates that leads through a complex of shrines spread over a peaceful, forested hillside.

DAY 6: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkakuji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese zen gardens and on the edge of a reflecting pool, the temple's main hall is covered in gold leaf – a breathtaking sight no matter what season you visit in. Continue to Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden. Enjoy a taste of authentic Japanese culture, experiencing the elegant ritual of a tea ceremony and learn the traditional art of calligraphy.

DAY 7: EXPLORE 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. Spend the morning discovering Todaiji Temple which houses the magnificent Daibutsu, a 15-metre-tall bronze statue of Buddha. Here, you will also see Nara's famous Sika Deer, believed to be the messengers of the Shinto gods. Stroll around Isui-en, a prime example of a Meiji-era (1868-1912) garden. Continue to Osaka, where you will have lunch at a local restaurant and explore the Dotonbori district. Later, you can learn about the turbulent history of the magnificent Osaka Castle.

DAY 8: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES			
21 Mar - 28 Mar	£3,990	20 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,890
24 Mar - 31 Mar	£4,090	05 May - 12 May	£3,790
28 Mar - 04 Apr	£4,190	16 May - 23 May	£3,790
31 Mar - 07 Apr	£4,190	14 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,990
02 Apr - 09 Apr	£4,090	26 Sep - 03 Oct	£3,990
05 Apr - 12 Apr	£3,990	08 Oct - 15 Oct	£3,990
08 Apr - 15 Apr	£3,890	19 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,890
2020 DATES			
21 Mar - 28 Mar	£4,190	05 Apr - 12 Apr	£4,190
24 Mar - 31 Mar	£4,290	20 Apr - 27 Apr	£4,090
28 Mar - 04 Apr	£4,390	05 May - 12 May	£3,990
31 Mar - 07 Apr	£4,390	16 May - 23 May	£3,990
02 Apr - 09 Apr	£4,290		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,090 (Tokyo - Osaka)
- Single room from £790



Sample local cuisine

NEW

HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,290**

✈️ INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

🍴 MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore historic Himeji & Nara
- ✓ Head to holy Koya-san
- ✓ Discover delightful Kyoto
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ Be amazed in bustling Tokyo
- ✓ Experience the super-fast bullet train



Explore Kinkakuji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

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STOPOVER IN...



DUBAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £190pp

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful sandy beaches. Cross the Dubai Creek by a traditional abra (water taxi) and as you dig a little deeper, you will find a rich culture centred on the labyrinthine old city with traditional souks and cobbled streets.

See pages 48-49.
Additional flight costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO OSAKA

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

DAY 3: HIMEJI CASTLE

Meet the group in the hotel lobby and together begin your first day of exploring Japan! Travel to Himeji to visit the city's magnificent feudal-era castle, before strolling through the beauty of Koko-en, a classical Japanese garden. After lunch in a local restaurant, return to Osaka and spend some time at leisure. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (B,L,D)



Tea ceremony in Kyoto

DAY 4: EXPLORE KOYA-SAN

This morning, we head for the holy mountain of Koya-san, home to a cluster of over a hundred monasteries nestled in a valley, enclosed by peaks. Wander around Okunion – a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Also, enjoy the tranquility of Kongobuji Temple. Continue to the charming city of Nara. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: FROM NARA TO KYOTO

Together we will stroll through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple, seeing the resident sika deer en-route, before exploring Isui-en Garden. Travel by road to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto's thousand-year stint as Japan's capital has left behind an impressive legacy! Sightseeing today includes a visit to Kinkakuji Temple, also known as 'Golden Pavilion' and Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden. (B,L)

DAY 6: TRADITIONAL JAPAN

An exciting day awaits the group as we begin today with some traditional Japanese activities. At the 17th Century Kodaiji Temple, we will experience the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony, before a session of zen meditation. Return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 7: ICONIC MOUNT FUJI

Travel on the super-fast bullet train to the Hakone area and board a coach to explore. We will take a boat cruise on spectacular Lake Ashi before soaring high on the Komagatake Ropeway for gorgeous Fuji views. There is free time for lunch and later, we will get together for dinner. (B,D)

SOLO

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Uncover Japan's best-known cities as well as the hidden treasures of Himeji and Koya-san and view Mt Fuji. There will also be time at leisure to further explore on your own or with your new-found friends!



Admire the Tokyo skyline



Cruise Lake Ashi

DAY 8: MOUNT FUJI

Today, we will travel to Mt Fuji and ascend by road to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for spectacular views of the surrounding landscape below. Proceed to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital city. (B)

DAY 9: EXPLORE 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. Visit the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest tower, before seeking out the tranquillity of Sensoji Temple. Enjoy free time for lunch, then stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. (B)

DAY 10: FREE TIME IN TOKYO

Today is a free day for you to spend as you wish; your guide will be on hand to give options and ideas. Tonight, we will get together for our final meal as a group where we can share our highlights of Japan! (B,D)

DAY 11: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

27 Mar - 06 Apr	£5,490	06 Sep - 16 Sep	£5,490
09 May - 19 May	£5,290		

2020 DATES

27 Mar - 06 Apr	£5,690	06 May - 16 May	£5,490
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Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,590 (Osaka - Tokyo)
- Single room for sole use included



Feel the tranquility of Koko-en Garden



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

During the month of May, a special visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included on day 7. 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!

Contact us for more information.

JEWELS OF JAPAN

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,990

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Puzzle over Ryoanji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore relaxed Miyajima

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
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STOPOVER IN...



HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. No trip to Hong Kong is complete without shopping for a bargain or two at the many markets and a tram ride up to Victoria Peak for spectacular harbour views.

See pages 44-45.

Additional flight costs may apply.



Sail to the holy island of Miyajima

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TOKYO

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DAY 3: DISCOVER TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city. Begin today with a visit to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest tower for panoramic views, before seeking out the tranquillity of the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest. Learn about Tokyo's historical heritage at the Edo-Tokyo Museum and explore Tokyo's Imperial Palace East Garden.



See Hiroshima Peace Memorial

DAY 4: MEIJI SHRINE

Today, the tour begins with a relaxed morning wandering around the classical landscapes of the Hamarikyu Garden. Continue to the Meiji Shrine, the Shinto shrine dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken, before driving past the famous Shibuya Crossing. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the city as you wish. This evening, take a relaxed dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas.

DAY 5: FUJI FIVE LAKES

Journey through the foothills of the iconic Mt Fuji to its base where we find the Fuji Five Lakes. The region is spectacular with the calm waters of the five lakes, formed by past volcanic eruptions, reflecting Mt Fuji's picture-perfect cone. Later, try your hand at making traditional Japanese soba noodles before tucking in to your creations. Continue to Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the elaborate dyed silk creations and spend some time strolling around the beautiful garden.

DAY 6: MOUNT FUJI

Ascend 2,000 metres up to Mt Fuji's 5th Station (weather permitting) where, with its perfectly conical peak looming overhead, you can take in the breathtaking views over the landscapes below. Returning to the beautiful Five Lakes region, explore Iyashi no Sato Historical Village, a former farming village on the shores of Lake Saiko. Destroyed by a landslide in 1966, the remaining thatched-roofed houses of this old village have been transformed into an open-air museum and craft village.



Visit Oshino Hakkai in Fuji Five Lakes

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Mishima station for the bullet train to Kyoto. Sit back and relax as you speed across the country. An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. The geisha is both an intriguing and integral part of Japanese history – meet with either a maiko (apprentice geisha) or geisha and learn about their way of life and culture. Continue to Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden and end the day with a visit to Kinkakuji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 8: EXPLORE KYOTO

Today you will explore one of Kyoto's delightful temples – Kiyomizu Temple, a 17th Century Buddhist temple. In the afternoon, enjoy a traditional Japanese handicraft experience and sample Japanese tea at a restored wooden townhouse.

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Today, travel by bullet train to Hiroshima. Hiroshima needs no introduction. The city today is vibrant and modern with a forward-thinking, sunny outlook. Find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Next, hop on the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima. Visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Japan's most recognisable, rising majestically out of the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. Take an optional cable car up Mt Misen to enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 10: HIMEJI CASTLE

Travel to Himeji to visit its famous castle. The feudal era fort, one of the most impressive in Japan, towers over the city and is recognisable as the backdrop to several major films. Appreciate its turbulent past before strolling around Koko-en, the Edo-style gardens just across the castle moat. Afterwards, you will be transferred to Osaka for an overnight stay.

DAY 11: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

On the May departures, instead of visiting the Iyashi no Sato Historical Village on day 6, a visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included. 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!

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CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

17 Mar - 27 Mar	£5,190	06 May - 16 May	£4,990
23 Mar - 02 Apr	£5,390	13 May - 23 May	£4,990
26 Mar - 05 Apr	SOLD OUT	17 May - 27 May	£4,990
29 Mar - 08 Apr	£5,490	20 May - 30 May	£4,990
30 Mar - 09 Apr	£5,490	10 Sep - 20 Sep	£5,190
31 Mar - 10 Apr	£5,490	17 Sep - 27 Sep	£5,190
01 Apr - 11 Apr	£5,490	23 Sep - 03 Oct	£5,190
02 Apr - 12 Apr	£5,490	28 Sep - 08 Oct	£5,190
03 Apr - 13 Apr	£5,390	06 Oct - 16 Oct	£5,190
04 Apr - 14 Apr	£5,390	12 Oct - 22 Oct	£5,190
07 Apr - 17 Apr	£5,290	17 Oct - 27 Oct	£5,090
11 Apr - 21 Apr	£5,190	23 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,090
13 Apr - 23 Apr	£5,190	02 Nov - 12 Nov	£4,990
17 Apr - 27 Apr	£5,190	09 Nov - 19 Nov	£4,990

2020 DATES

17 Mar - 27 Mar	£5,390	04 Apr - 14 Apr	£5,590
23 Mar - 02 Apr	£5,590	07 Apr - 17 Apr	£5,490
26 Mar - 05 Apr	£5,690	13 Apr - 23 Apr	£5,390
29 Mar - 08 Apr	£5,690	17 Apr - 27 Apr	£5,390
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Flight and supplement information

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Experience geisha culture

DISCOVER JAPAN

13 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire great Mt Fuji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Visit Buddhist Koya-San
- ✓ See ancient Nara
- ✓ Explore the Japanese Alps



Explore magnificent Matsumoto Castle

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. No trip to Hong Kong is complete without shopping for a bargain or two at the many markets and a tram ride up to Victoria Peak for spectacular harbour views.

See pages 44-45.

Additional flight costs may apply

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TOKYO

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DAY 3: TOKYO CITY TOUR

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, the world's tallest tower, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to seek out the tranquility of the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest. Discover Tokyo's historical heritage with a drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, stroll through the classical landscapes of Hamarikyu Garden. This evening, take a relaxed dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas.

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Take the super-fast bullet train to Odawara. Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi for spectacular panoramas of this beautiful area before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway. Next, continue to the 5th Station (weather permitting) and take in the breathtaking views over the Fuji Five Lakes area below.

DAY 5: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Transfer to Matsumoto and explore the formidable 16th Century Matsumoto Castle. Stop at a Miso House to learn about the process of making Japanese seasoning. Travel on to Takayama, nestled high in the mountainous Hida region, also known as the Japanese Alps.

DAY 6: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market, wander past some of the lovely traditional houses and visit several of the excellent local museums – including the Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya. Also enjoy some free time in Kamisannomachi Street.

DAY 7: SHIRAKAWAGO & KANAZAWA

Get a glimpse of rural Japan at the UNESCO World Heritage listed Shirakawago which is famous for its farmhouses built in the unique gassho-zukuri architectural style. Continue to Gokayama to experience washi paper making, then travel to Kanazawa and visit the Nomura Samurai House.

DAY 8: KENROKU-EN

Meander through the beautiful Kenroku-en Garden, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before strolling along the traditional Higashi Chaya (Eastern Teahouse District), visiting Ochaya Shima – a historical geisha house. Transfer to Kyoto, capital city of Japan until 1879.

DAY 9: EXPLORE KYOTO

Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. This morning, head to a restored Japanese wooden townhouse and try your hand at origami and enjoy the rituals of a tea ceremony. In the afternoon, visit Ryoanji Temple, also known as 'temple of the peaceful dragon' and the famous Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan including Tokyo, Mt Fuji and the historical capitals of Kyoto and Nara. Also travel across the Japanese Alps to the cultural centres of Takayama, Shirakawago and Kanazawa.



Rural UNESCO listed Shirakawago



Sika deer in Nara park

DAY 10: DISCOVER NARA

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 torii gates. Continue to Nara, a relaxed and charming town virtually untouched by the ravages of modernity. Home to many archetypal pieces of early art and architecture, you will stroll through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple, meeting the resident Sika deer en route, before exploring Isui-en Garden.

DAY 11: KOYA-SAN

The holy mountain of Koya-san is home to a cluster of over a hundred monasteries nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Wander around Okunoin – a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Full of atmosphere, enjoy the tranquillity and spectacular views as you discover Kongobuji Temple and the Garan Temple Complex. Continue to Osaka.

DAY 12: EXPLORE OSAKA

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

DAY 13: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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



Learn about Miso seasoning



Sacred mountain of Koya San

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

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19 Mar - 31 Mar	£5,590	09 May - 21 May	£5,290
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NEW

JAPAN UNCOVERED

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,490

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Soar high on the Hakone Ropeway

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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See pages 48-49.

Additional flight costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 Todaiji Temple and admire the traditional Isui-en Garden. Return to Osaka and visit the impressive Osaka castle before cruising along the Yodogawa River.

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.



Tranquil Kiyomizu Temple

DAY 5: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA

Hiroshima is a vibrant, forward-thinking city that is a pleasure to explore. Reflect on the city's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Next, hop on the ferry across to the holy island of Miyajima to visit the Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy some free time.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Catch a bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for a thousand years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 7: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Enjoy one of Kyoto's most delightful spots, Kiyomizu, a 17th Century Buddhist temple, before experiencing the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to further explore this amazing city.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Depart Kyoto and travel to Kanazawa. Meander through Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before viewing the excellent art collection of the Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.

DAY 9: WASHI PAPER MAKING

Visit the Nomura Samurai House and Garden before departing Kanazawa. Stop in Gokayama for lunch and a hands-on washi paper making workshop. Continue to Shirakawago, where you will explore the 300-year-old Gassho style Wada House, before reaching Takayama.

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



See the Snow Monkeys



Walk the Shibuya Crossing



Visit a wasabi farm

DAY 10: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market, wander past some of the lovely traditional houses and visit several of the excellent local museums, including the Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya followed by a stroll down Kamisannomachi Street.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO NAGANO

Depart Takayama and travel to Matsumoto. Here you will have time to admire its formidable 16th Century castle and visit a Miso House. Transfer to Nagano.

DAY 12: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel deeper into the Japanese Alps to see the Japanese Macaques or Snow Monkeys at the Jigokudani Monkey Park. Continue to Zenkoji, one of Japan's most prolific Buddhist temples. Spend some time at a wasabi farm to learn about its cultivation.

DAY 13: MOUNT FUJI

Travel to the Fuji Five Lakes area. Ascend by road to the 5th station (weather permitting), roughly halfway up Mt Fuji, for fantastic views over the surrounding landscapes. Visit the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the elaborate dyed silk creations of artist Kubota Itchiku.

DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

Begin the day with a cruise on the peaceful waters of Lake Ashi. Next, soar high on the Hakone ropeway over the hilltops to the volcanic Owakudani Valley and discover the dramatic natural hot springs of Mt Hakone. Later, proceed to Tokyo.

DAY 15: DISCOVER TOKYO

A dazzling, high-tech metropolis, Japan's capital has wonderfully traditional roots. Start your explorations at the Imperial Palace East Garden, visit Meiji Shrine and walk the famous Shibuya Crossing.

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 and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon is free until the evening, when you will board a traditional yakata boat for a dinner cruise.

DAY 17: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

On the May departures, instead of visiting the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum on day 13, a visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included. 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!

Contact us for more information.



SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to day 15: A Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself.

Contact us for more information.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

21 Mar - 06 Apr	£6,490	04 Sep - 20 Sep*	£6,490
05 May - 21 May*	£6,490	03 Oct - 19 Oct	£6,490

2020 DATES

20 Mar - 05 Apr	£6,790	06 May - 22 May*	£6,790
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* Includes the sumo wrestling tournament

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,690 (Osaka - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,590

NEW

SAPPORO & SNOW MONKEYS

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,990

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Tokyo's bright lights
- ✓ Meet the Snow Monkeys
- ✓ Explore Sapporo Snow Festival
- ✓ Visit the Sapporo Beer Museum
- ✓ Sip tea in Kyoto
- ✓ Be dazzled by Kinkaku-ji Temple



See the Snow Monkeys in the Japanese Alps

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
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- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA 2 NIGHTS FROM £890pp

Why not extend your time in Japan and see more by taking a short extension to Hiroshima and Miyajima. Visit Hiroshima's A-Bomb Museum and the Peace Memorial Park to pay homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Also explore holy Miyajima Island where you can climb Mt Misen for panoramic views.

See page 41.

Additional flight costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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: EXPLORE 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. Today begins with a visit to Edo Tokyo Museum before heading to the vibrant district of Asakusa, Tokyo's old town. Here, at its heart, is Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple which you will explore before wandering down Nakamise, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional, local snacks and souvenirs for centuries. Later, cruise down the Sumida River, disembarking in Hamarikyu Garden, an Edo Period Japanese garden surrounded by the Shiodome district's futuristic skyscrapers. (B,L)



Sapporo clock tower

DAY 4: FLY TO SAPPORO

Transfer to the airport and fly to Sapporo. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, driving by the Clock Tower, an exquisite example of Meiji architecture. Enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: SAPPORO SNOW & ICE FESTIVAL

One of the largest events of its kind in the world, Sapporo Snow & Ice Festival attracts sculptors from all over the world to compete, which inevitably leads to bigger and better creations every year! Today, wander along Odori Avenue and through the Susukino district, where hundreds of ice sculptures will be on display. This afternoon, transfer to the Sapporo Beer Museum. There is an optional beer tasting before popping next door to the Sapporo Beer Garden where you will dine on a Genghis Khan dinner – barbecue lamb, a Sapporo special! (B,L,D)

DAY 6: OTARU PORT TOWN

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. Later, visit the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village, stroll along the canal and nosh on some of Japan's best sushi. (B,L)

DAY 7: FLY TO TOKYO

Transfer to the airport and hop on a flight back to Tokyo. On arrival, head to the famous Shibuya Crossing and enjoy free time for lunch. Later, visit Meiji Jingu Shrine, a tranquil Shinto shrine set amongst a stretch of woodland. (B)

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience Japan in winter, visiting Sapporo during the world's largest Snow and Ice Festival. Meet the Snow Monkeys in the beautiful Japanese Alps, as well as discovering Japan's old and new capitals – Kyoto and Tokyo.



Explore Kinkakuji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple



Experience the Snow & Ice Festival

DAY 8: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Start the morning with a visit to the Tokyo Government Office Building's observatory deck for panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond, before transferring to Matsumoto to visit the magnificent 16th Century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its black exterior. Continue to Nagano, famous for hosting the 1998 Winter Olympics. (B,D)

DAY 9: SNOW MONKEYS

Head to Jigokudani Yaen Koen. Walking through a picturesque forested valley, you will reach the steaming hot pools where you will spend time watching the beautiful Japanese Macaques, or Snow Monkeys bathe and play in the waters. This afternoon will be spent visiting the 7th Century Zenkoji Temple, one of Japan's most popular. (B)

DAY 10: KYOTO TEA CEREMONY

Transfer to the train station and take a Limited Express train to Nagoya and then change onto one of Japan's super-fast bullet trains and wizz your way through the countryside to Kyoto. On arrival, head straight to a quintessential Japanese experience – a tea ceremony. This private tea ceremony, in a Kyoto tearoom, will demonstrate the traditional rituals of tea preparation and service. (B)

DAY 11: EXPLORE KYOTO

An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Start your day at Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion', Kyoto's most famous temple.

Continue to Nijo Castle, and after lunch visit Sanjusangendo Temple before ending the day wandering through Nishiki Market, known as 'Kyoto's kitchen'. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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

**Please note: the dates of the Sapporo Snow Festival were not confirmed at the time of printing and the tour date is subject to change once the festival dates have been confirmed.*

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2020 DATES

03 Feb - 14 Feb* £4,990

Flight and supplement information

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- Single room from £690



Wander along Otaru canal

TRAILS OF JAPAN

13 DAYS FROM

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit the Robot Restaurant
- ✓ Take a Taiko drumming class
- ✓ Hike around Mt Fuji's base
- ✓ Meet the Snow Monkeys
- ✓ Stay at a traditional ryokan
- ✓ Explore sacred Koya-san
- ✓ Chant with Buddhist Monks
- ✓ Taste sake at a brewery



Stroll through the gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts & 4 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the everchanging 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. Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree for views over the sprawling city below, followed by a visit to Sensoji Temple - Tokyo's oldest. Also, stroll along the lively Nakamise shopping street. Later, drive by the famous Shibuya Crossing, stop by Meiji Shrine and continue to the vibrant district of Harajuku. Finally, its time for a uniquely Tokyo experience - the Robot Restaurant, no introduction needed! (B)

DAY 4: JAPANESE DRUMMING

Immerse yourself into the local culture and spend the morning trying your hand at traditional Japanese drumming with a Taiko class, where you will learn how to beat the 'wadaiko' with 'bachi'. Next, head to Akihabara, Tokyo's electronics district and visit a Maid Café, one of Tokyo's most popular types of themed establishments. In the afternoon, explore the Edo-Tokyo Museum. Housed in the Ryogoku district of Tokyo, the Edo-Tokyo Museum powerfully illustrates the past of Tokyo (known as Edo until 1869) to relatively recent decades. (B)

DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI

Journey out of Tokyo to the foot of mighty Mt Fuji. Pick up a hiking trail and make your way through alpine forest, across meadows and around lakes at Fuji's base, pausing often to gaze on the peak towering above you. (B,D)

DAY 6: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel to Matsumoto and explore its magnificent 16th Century castle. Continue to Nagano, stopping in Yudanaka to watch the Japanese Macaques or Snow Monkeys at Jigokudani Monkey Park bathe and play in and around the hot spring pool. (B)

DAY 7: JAPANESE ALPS

Travel to Hotaka and ride up into the Japanese Alps on the Shin-Hotaka Ropeway for breath taking views over the surrounding mountains (weather permitting). Drive to Takayama, nestled high in the Hida Region where you will stay the night at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn with onsen facilities. Here you can relax and bathe in the natural hot spring pools and experience this most traditional pastime. This afternoon you will have time to explore Kamisanomachi Street and sample the street food on offer. This evening, enjoy dinner in your ryokan. (B,D)

DAY 8: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Take the Limited Express train to Nagoya, then travel on the super-fast bullet train and wizz your way through the countryside to Kyoto. Start discovering the city's rich heritage with visits to the enchanting Fushimi Inari Shrine and Kiyomizu Temple. Stroll around Higashiyama and Gion, the geisha district, with a stop at Gion Corner, which showcases the seven professional performing arts. (B)

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING

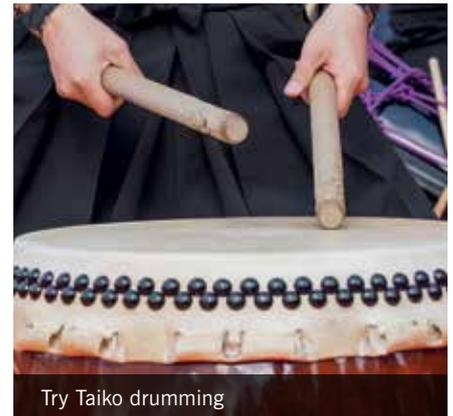


IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Get off the beaten track on our most active and culturally immersive tour of Japan. See the Snow Monkeys, trek at the foot of Mt Fuji and stay in both a traditional ryokan and a Buddhist lodge with basic shared facilities.



See the Snow Monkeys



Try Taiko drumming

DAY 9: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Start today by visiting Kinkakuji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion' and Ryonaji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden. Continue to Arashiyama district and enjoy a rickshaw ride. Later, witness the rituals involved in the preparation and pouring of matcha tea in a traditional tea ceremony. (B)

DAY 10: KYOTO CULTURE & KOYA-SAN

Discover the complicated process of dressing in a traditional kimono at Nishijin Textile Centre, then try your hand at the art of origami. This afternoon, travel by road to Koya-san, where you will spend the night in a 13th Century temple sleeping on a traditional futon on a tatami mat floor. (B,D)

DAY 11: MORNING PRAYERS

Rise early to join the monks for their daily morning service – hearing the recitation and chanting is a magical experience. After breakfast, take a walking tour of Koya-san. One of Japan's holiest sites, this mountain top sanctuary is full of temples and pagodas. Also visit Kongobuji Temple and Okunoin Cemetery before travelling to Osaka. (B)

DAY 12: HIMEJI CASTLE & SAKE BREWERY

Take a day tour to Himeji to visit the 17th Century castle which is considered a prime example of Japanese feudal period architecture. Continue to a sake brewery, where you can learn about the brewing process and enjoy some tastings. Return to Osaka and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 13: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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



SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

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

Contact us for more information.



SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to day 4: 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.

Contact us for more information.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 DATES

22 Mar - 03 Apr	£5,590	07 Sep - 19 Sep*	£5,690
28 Mar - 09 Apr	£5,690	14 Sep - 26 Sep*	£5,690
06 Apr - 18 Apr	£5,690	05 Oct - 17 Oct	£5,590
14 May - 26 May*	£5,490	22 Oct - 03 Nov	£5,490
20 May - 01 Jun*	£5,490		

2020 DATES

22 Mar - 03 Apr	£5,790	11 May - 23 May*	£5,690
28 Mar - 09 Apr	£5,890	18 May - 30 May*	£5,690
06 Apr - 18 Apr	£5,890		

* Includes the sumo wrestling tournament

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,790 (Tokyo - Osaka)
- Single room from £1,190



Taste Japanese Sake

WONDERS OF JAPAN

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ See the cheeky Snow Monkeys
- ✓ Explore alpine Yudanaka
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Travel by bullet train

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation as stated
- Accommodation
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size bespoke to you

LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP TOUR?

If a private tour of Japan is not for you, our range of group tours on pages 18-31 may be more suited to your needs.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA 2 NIGHTS FROM £890pp

Why not extend your time in Japan and see more by taking a short extension to Hiroshima and Miyajima. Visit Hiroshima's A-Bomb Museum and the Peace Memorial Park to pay homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Also explore holy Miyajima Island where you can climb Mt Misen for panoramic views.

See page 41.

Additional flight costs may apply.



Learn about Japanese culture

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil back streets and old temples to explore. Making use of the fantastic public transport, your guided city tour starts at Hamarikyu Gardens to enjoy its delightful landscapes, followed by a leisurely cruise on the Sumida River. Continue to the highest tower in Japan, Tokyo Skytree, to enjoy panoramic views of the entire city. (B,L)



Zenkoji Temple in Nagano

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Travel by shared coach to Hakone, the gateway to Japan's most iconic landmark – Mt Fuji. Drive to the 5th Station of Mt Fuji (weather permitting), where you can take in spectacular views. Next, head to Hakone National Park and take a boat trip on Lake Ashi. From the water, the panoramas of the country's highest mountain and its surroundings are spectacular. Stroll around Hakone-en Garden before taking a cable car up Mt Komagatake. Return to Tokyo. (B,L)

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO YUDANAKA

With train tickets in hand, make your own way to the station and take the super-fast, super-efficient bullet train through stunning landscapes to the city of Nagano, which hosted the Winter Olympics in 1998. In Nagano, your touring is self-guided. You may like to visit the famous Buddhist Zenkoji Temple, founded in the 7th Century and home to what is thought to be the first Buddhist statue ever brought to Japan. Afterwards, continue your journey further and take a local train into the northern peaks of the Japanese Alps to stay at a Ryokan in the onsen resort town of Yudanaka. (B,D)

DAY 6: YUDANAKA ONSEN

Today is a day at leisure so you can use it to enjoy the sights around Yudanaka. One of the highlights is the Japanese Snow Monkeys soaking in the natural hot pools of the Jigokudani Yaen Koen, which is easily reached from the town. In the afternoon you can visit the nearby charming art-loving town of Obuse and stop by a sake brewery. Enjoy dinner at your ryokan. (B,D)

PRIVATE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Looking for more flexibility and freedom whilst travelling? Embrace the unique and fascinating culture of Japan on this private tour which includes train tickets, some meals and touring. The rest is up to you!



Admire the Tokyo Skyline



Taste delightful cuisine

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Get yourself back on the Limited Express train to Nagano and change in Nagoya before taking a thrilling ride on the bullet train through the countryside to Kyoto. The enchanting city of Kyoto, nicknamed the 'City of Ten Thousand Shrines', was capital for more than a thousand years; today it is a well-preserved legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. After arriving in Kyoto, the rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 8: KYOTO'S HIDDEN TREASURES

Taking public transport, a local guide will lead you on an in-depth tour of this delightful city, which is home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites, over 1,600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines. As imperial capital for such a long period of time, Kyoto perfectly illustrates the development of Japanese architectural styles. Visit the Kinkakuji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion', before wandering through the famous Zen gardens at Ryoanji Temple. Continue to the fascinating Nijo Castle, surrounded by exquisite gardens and renowned for its decorated sliding doors and 'chirping' nightingale floor. End the touring at Nishiki Market, dubbed 'Kyoto's cuisine', where there are many interesting food and sake stores to explore. (B)

DAY 9: EXPLORE KYOTO & MORE

There is so much to see in Kyoto that you have a full day to explore independently. For those who might want to take their explorations farther afield, your rail pass will enable you to use the day to visit one of the nearby cities.

Choose Nara, also a former capital full of wonderful heritage; the attractive hillside city of Kobe; Osaka, known for its excellent gastronomy; or the friendly and laidback Hiroshima. (B)

DAY 10: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Take the train to Osaka Kansai Airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



Bamboo Forest in Kyoto

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2019 - DEPARTING BETWEEN			
03 Jan - 28 Feb	£3,990	16 Aug - 30 Sep	£4,490
01 Mar - 10 Mar	£4,090	01 Oct - 31 Oct	£4,390
11 Mar - 30 Apr	£4,490	01 Nov - 09 Dec	£4,790
01 May - 06 May	REQUEST	10 Dec - 28 Dec	£4,390
07 May - 31 May	£4,490	29 Dec - 02 Jan	REQUEST
10 Aug - 15 Aug	£4,990		
2020 - DEPARTING BETWEEN			
03 Jan - 29 Feb	£4,290	01 May - 06 May	REQUEST
01 Mar - 10 Mar	£4,390	07 May - 31 May	£4,590
11 Mar - 30 Apr	£4,790		

*Pricing based on standard hotels
 **Superior and Deluxe hotels available at extra cost

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,790 (Tokyo - Osaka)
- Single room from £1,190

TAILORMADE JAPAN

If you want your own personal adventure, visiting exactly the places you want to go and including just the things you want to do then a tailor-made holiday is for you. Whatever your interests, whoever you want to travel with, whatever you'd like to experience, we can help you create your own Japan.

The following pages showcase just some of the activities and experiences that we can include on your dream itinerary – it's completely flexible and designed especially for you.



Why choose Tailormade?

1. PERSONAL SERVICE

The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and desires, and our expertise. Your dedicated tailormade consultant will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that fulfils all your wants and needs. They are ready on the end of the line from enquiry to departure, so any questions you have, tweaks you want to make, things you want to talk through, just call.

2. EFFICIENT TRANSPORT

You can travel around Japan any way you like, be it by the super-fast bullet train, plane or car. On our tailormade tours, we can always provide you with travelcards such as a Japan Railpass or a PASMO card so you can use its world-renowned, excellent public transport system to explore Japan with your private guide. This way you can truly experience the hustle and bustle of Tokyo and travel more independently across Japan.

3. LOCAL FLAVOURS

Japan is home to an abundance of gastronomical delights with a great selection of regional and seasonal varieties. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we suggest adding regional specialities to your itinerary. Known for its sushi, ramen, soba noodles and okonomiyaki - Japan is a gastronomic delight to all. We also leave plenty of space for you to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings yourself.

4. ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across Japan ranges from monastery dormitories to modern, five-star luxury. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements. Or if you wish you can choose traditional Japanese accommodation and sleep on a futon at a ryokan and bathe in an onsen.



5. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life is one of its greatest perks. By tailormaking your trip you can take this a step farther and do something a bit different – go-karting as a super mario character, hiking the Japanese Alps or learning to make soba noodles are just a few of your many options.

6. PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture, you will also get inside knowledge of local life too! We only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country and have a desire to share it.

Tailormade Touring



MIYAJIMA

An island in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea, atmospheric Miyajima is full of historic monuments and pristine forest to explore.



KANAZAWA

A charming city with plenty of culture, Kanazawa has beautifully preserved samurai and geisha districts and one of Japan's best traditional gardens.



OKINAWA

A beautiful beach destination, a stay close to Okinawa's soft, tropical sands is the perfect way to round off a Japan adventure.





HOKKAIDO

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



HAKUBA

Set in the Japanese Alps, Hakuba is an excellent and easily accessible ski resort with some great apres options!



MT FUJI

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



KISO VALLEY

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



EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into the region or explore a whole other country, whilst a stopover is an easy way to not only break up your trip, but a great way to add somewhere such as Hong Kong, Macao or Dubai to your travel itinerary.



TOKYO EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ The tranquil Meiji Shrine
- ✓ Quirky Harajuku
- ✓ Beautiful Kamakura
- ✓ The Great Buddha at Kotoku-in



Enjoy a day trip to Kamakura

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£890	£1,580
Superior	£990	£1,780

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: FLY TO TOKYO

Travel to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. On arrival, meet your guide and transfer by shuttle bus and taxi 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 Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine nestled amongst an evergreen forest in the city. Continue to the fast-paced districts of Harajuku and Omotesando. This afternoon, visit the Nezu art museum before heading to 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 arriving back at 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 Temple, who's grounds houses 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 make your way to the airport independently for your onward flight. (B)

KYOTO EXTENSION

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Beautiful Kodaiji Temple
- ✓ Kyoto's famous Geisha district
- ✓ Impressive Heian Shrine
- ✓ Walk along Philosopher's Path



Explore Kodaiji Temple in Kyoto

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£890	£1,580
Superior	£1,090	£1,980
Deluxe	£1,290	£2,580

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: ARRIVE KYOTO

Arrive in Japan's ancient capital and make your own way to the 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 Sanjusangendo Temple, the beautiful Kodaiji Temple and the historic Kenninji Temple before strolling down the streets in Gion, Kyoto's most famous geisha district. Stop at Gion Corner, which showcases the seven professional performing arts. (B)

DAY 3: KYOTO

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and use public transport to reach Nijo Castle, an ornamental castle which was built by the founder of the Edo Shogunate as his Kyoto residence. Continue to Heian shrine, famous for its huge vermilion torii gate. In the afternoon, visit Eikando Temple before continuing to Ginkakuji and the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant 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 make your way to the airport independently for your onward flight. (B)

NARA EXTENSION

2 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ The eminent Todaiji
- ✓ Beautiful Nara Park
- ✓ Lovely Kasuga Shrine
- ✓ Meiji-era Isui-en Garden



See the friendly Sika deer

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£390	£680

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

DAY 1: TRAVEL FROM OSAKA TO NARA

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and walk to the closest station. Take a local train to Nara and begin your explorations! Located in the Kansai region of Japan, Nara is one of Japan's former capital cities. Start at Todaiji, 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 messengers of the gods. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine, and the tranquil Meiji-era Japanese Garden Isui-en. Transfer back to Osaka by local train and arrive at your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 2: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Spend the morning at leisure until your departure time. Transfer independently to Osaka Kansai Airport by the Airport Limousine Bus. (B)

HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Peace Memorial Park and Museum
- ✓ Beautiful Shukkei-en Garden
- ✓ Holy Miyajima Island
- ✓ The heights of Mt Misen



Visit tranquil Miyajima Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£890	£1,440
Superior	£990	£1,640
Deluxe	£1,050	£1,700

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- 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. This leafy and peaceful expanse is full of beautiful memorials to those who died from the atomic bomb in 1945. Continue to the Peace Memorial Museum. Dine on the local favourite Okonomiyaki for lunch before visiting the historical Shukkei-en Garden. (L)

DAY 2: EXPLORE MIYAJIMA

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

Itsukushima Shrine. The shrine is best known for its enormous vermilion torii gate, which stands in the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. This afternoon, fly up to the heady heights of Mt Misen by cable car and admire the panoramic views. Return to Hiroshima and your hotel by ferry and local train before taking the bullet train independently from Hiroshima Station back to Shin Osaka Station. (B)

DAY 3: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer independently to Osaka Kansai Airport by the Airport limousine bus. (B)

BEIJING SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Exquisite Summer Palace
- ✓ Forbidden City
- ✓ Harmonious Temple of Heaven



Stroll through the Forbidden City

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£390	£660
Superior	£440	£750
Deluxe	£590	£1,050

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

* Price based on Wendy Wu Tours booking all international flights with Air China

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: BEIJING

Visit China's most famous attraction, the Great Wall, which stretches over 5,000km from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. There is no better way to appreciate the magnificence of this incredible structure than walking along it. After lunch, visit the Jade Factory and later visit the exquisite Summer Palace, a Royal garden and summer retreat for the Emperors and their families. (B,L)

DAY 3: BEIJING

Start your sightseeing at Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, followed by the treasure-filled Forbidden City where you will pass under the famous portrait of Chairman Mao as you enter through the main gate. This afternoon, soak up the harmonious ambiance at the 15th Century Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they practice Tai Chi or play cards. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART BEIJING

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

GREAT WALL HIKE

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Awe-inspiring Great Wall
- ✓ Stunning rural scenery
- ✓ Atmospheric Gubei Watertown



Hike on the impressive Great Wall

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Superior	£650	£1,090

Price includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

* Price based on Wendy Wu Tours booking all international flights with Air China

DAY 1: ARRIVE BEIJING

Make your way to Beijing, China's historical capital. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: GUBEIKOU – JINSHANLING HIKE

This morning, transfer to the Gubeikou section of the Great Wall, much less frequented by tourists than other parts. From here, start your hike to the Jinshanling Great Wall. You will be walking for around 5-6 hours over a distance of 10km. Gubeikou is a rough and wild section of the Great Wall, while Jinshanling is known for its beautiful brickwork and watchtowers. Both sections offer some of the best views in China. The walk intersects a military base and

will therefore take a detour off the wall around the base, stopping at a farmhouse for lunch. After finishing your hike, transfer to Gubei Watertown for an overnight stay. After dinner you can explore the Simatai section of the Great Wall at night, enjoying wonderful views. Much of Simatai Great Wall has not been restored and offers a fantastic insight into years gone by. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GUBEI WATERTOWN

Spend the morning discovering the delights of Gubei Watertown which is built in the style of a Chinese ancient town. It surrounds the beautiful Mandarin Duck Lake Reservoir and leans against the Simatai Great Wall. After lunch, return to your hotel in Beijing. (B,L)

CLASSIC SOUTH KOREA

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Taste delicious Korean street food
- ✓ Explore historic Gyeongju
- ✓ Admire UNESCO Bulguksa Temple



Discover South Korea

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,450	£2,590
Superior	£1,650	£2,790
Deluxe	£2,150	£3,690

Price includes:

- Regional flights and current taxes*
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

* Price based on Wendy Wu Tours booking all international flights with Asiana Airlines



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Fly from Japan to South Korea's capital, Seoul, where you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel for check-in. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. You will stumble upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Seoul is also the place for foodies, 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, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, visit symbolic Namban Park and Seoul Tower before heading to Gwangjang Market to taste some of Seoul's best street food. This evening you have the option of watching a traditional music and dance performance at Jeongdong Theatre (payable locally). (B)

DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Transfer to Seoul Station by private car. Travel in sleek style on the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju. Located in the south-eastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, which ruled part of the Korean peninsula from the year 57BC to 935AD. Gyeongju is a living museum, home to a staggering amount of heritage sites, from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver and start discovering Gyeongju.

Head to Mt Tohamsan and the UNESCO World Heritage 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. There will also be time to enjoy the vistas around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight on Gyeongju. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your driver 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

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

HONG KONG STOPOVER

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, 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 arguably the ultimate east-meets-west destination.



Hong Kong Skyline

KOWLOON HOTELS



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.



EATON, KOWLOON ★★★★★

In the heart of Kowloon, close to Temple Street and the Jade Market, the Eaton's rooms are coolly contemporary with dark woods and great views. Drinks by the rooftop pool or a free Tai Chi class are perfect to unwind; and there are seven bars and restaurants to choose from.

HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



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.



HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★

For those who like comfort and functionality with their luxury, the Harbour Grand's spacious rooms with floor to ceiling windows, some with harbour views, are perfect. The glass-walled pool, range of international restaurants and half hourly shuttles to Tsim Sha Tsui add to the appeal.



THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★★

Located at the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, the Langham exudes a timeless elegance. Boasting a three Michelin-starred restaurant, a roof top pool and luxurious accommodation, the Langham's personalised service is one of many things that will make your stay here perfect.



PARK LANE ★★★★★

Set in the heart of vibrant Causeway Bay and a stone's throw from the metro and city's best attractions, The Park Lane Hong Kong, a Pullman Hotel, is contemporary in design and offers jaw-dropping harbour views from the main restaurant coupled with attentive service.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

2 NIGHTS

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including panoramic views from Victoria Peak and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat in coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers

and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen Fishing Village and take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Aberdeen Fishing Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3+★ Cityview	£290	£130
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£320	£180
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£410	£210

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

3 NIGHTS

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island, with time to spend exploring as you wish.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat in coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen Fishing Village and take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Today, discover Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the Po Lin Monastery, a vegetarian meal is served. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3+★ Cityview	£490	£180
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£520	£250
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£650	£280

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees

MACAO STOPOVER

Across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong, Macao boasts a blend of culture and casinos. This former Portuguese enclave, that pre-dates Hong Kong by 300 years, mixes Mediterranean style with Chinese traditions, creating a unique and fascinating atmosphere. This is also the only place in China where gambling is legal so there are plenty of glistening casinos and resorts to choose from.



St Dominic's Church

MACAO HOTELS



HOTEL ROYAL MACAO ★★★★★

Situated in the heart of Macao, the newly refurbished Hotel Royal Macao is located close to many of Macao's historical buildings, including the spectacular Guia Fortress. This hotel has a Portuguese and Shanghainese restaurant, as well as an indoor heated pool.



REGENCY ART MACAO ★★★★★

Located close to the city centre of Macao, this elegant hotel with a Mediterranean vibe offers comfortable and spacious rooms. The hotel serves international cuisine, from casual dining to fine dining and has an outdoor pool, spa, gym and tennis court.



CONRAD MACAO ★★★★★

Situated on the glitzy Cotai Strip, the Conrad Macao is a world-class contemporary luxury resort, offering light and spacious accommodation. Remember to take advantage of the many restaurants specialising in Chinese, Japanese and western cuisine.



GRAND EMPEROR ★★★

Within walking distance of the Ruins of St Paul's, the Grand Emperor Hotel boast a central location on the Macao Peninsula and offers a touch of luxury, with a dazzling gold lobby, contemporary guest rooms and a plethora of dining options.



METROPARK HOTEL, MACAO ★★★★★

Positioned within minutes of Macao's Mediterranean inspired Senado Square, the Metropark Hotel is located in the enviable downtown district. Equipped with swimming pool, Jacuzzi and gymnasium, this comfortable hotel has all the mod-cons.



SOFITEL MACAO AT PONTE 16 ★★★★★

Boasting spectacular views across the Xi River, the Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16 is the pinnacle of glamour. Each room is inspired by a fusion of French and Macanese styles, furnished with MyBed mattress, LCD TV and L'Occitane bathroom amenities.

MACAO

2 NIGHTS

From the historical to the modern, from the religious to the glitzy, Macao's rich portfolio of sights and attractions makes it an excitingly diverse destination. An intricate tapestry of Mediterranean and Chinese architecture, cuisine and cultures, a journey through Macao is like crossing two distinct countries.

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAO

Transfer independently by shuttle bus to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao. Upon arrival take a coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th Century Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic's Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (L)

DAY 2: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps check out the 17th Century Portuguese Guia Fortress, learn about Macao Formula Three at the Grand Prix Museum, or try your luck in one of the many casinos on Cotai Strip. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Regency Art Hotel	£320	£140
4+★ Hotel Royal	£340	£160
5★ Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16	£450	£220

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees

HONG KONG & MACAO

4 NIGHTS

Combine a visit to the cosmopolitan vibrancy of Hong Kong with an exploration of the colonial culture of Macao. These two cities, both boasting an intriguing collision of European and Chinese influences, offer a great diversity of sights.

DAY 1: HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG

Enjoy a half day tour starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen Fishing Village and take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAO

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao.

Upon arrival, take a coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th Century Ruins of St Paul's, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic's Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (B,L)

DAY 4: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Macao Tower

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai & 4★ Regency Art Hotel	£620	£300
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon & 4+★ Hotel Royal	£750	£350
5★ Langham & 5★ Sofitel at Ponte 16	£980	£550

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees

DUBAI STOPOVER

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.



Burj Al Arab

DUBAI HOTELS



MARCO POLO HOTEL
★★★★

Close to the airport and in easy reach of shopping malls and public transport, the hotel is also well located for those who want to explore the more historical side of the city. There is a pool to relax around and award-winning restaurants to dine at.



JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL
★★★★

Across the road from Jumeirah Beach on lively 'The Walk', the JA Ocean View is comfortable and modern. All rooms have sea views from their spacious balconies, and there are seven restaurants, and a beautiful infinity pool.



MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH
★★★★★

Located on 'The Walk', the Mövenpick is well situated for shopping and entertainment. A chic and modern property, contemporary rooms have balconies with partial or full views of the Gulf, and there is an outdoor pool and wellness centre.



HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK
★★★★

Located on 'The Walk' and close to 'The Beach' mall, this hotel offers modern and tasteful décor. With easy access to the beach, many rooms have views of the beachfront and some offer a kitchenette and seating area.



AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH
★★★★+

The Amwaj Rotana boasts the largest guest rooms of the Jumeirah Beach Residence, each tastefully furnished and with a spacious balcony. This is the hotel for those looking for fun-filled entertainment in the evenings.



SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT
★★★★★

Sit on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Sheraton has excellent facilities, including a spa and water sports. The combination of the contemporary hotel and its expansive landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

2 NIGHTS

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 seat in coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. 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 - the wares here have been the same for centuries and haggle a bargain or two! 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)



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£190	£110
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£260	£190
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£290	£210

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees

DUBAI & THE DESERT

3 NIGHTS

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.

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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.

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DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

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

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

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



Dubai Desert

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£340	£140
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£440	£260
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£480	£330

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees

Your 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 we will send your confirmation documents.

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

A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.co.uk, 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, 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. 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. On our Trails of Japan tour, in order to immerse you further into the culture, we have included one night at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese Inn with onsen facilities as well as one night at a 13th Century temple, which involves sleeping on a traditional futon on a tatami mat floor. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

Q. Do I need a visa?

A. Visas are currently not required for Japan for holders of UK British Citizen passports.

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. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 28 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in 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. What vaccinations do I need?

A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you. This information is given as a guide only

	Recommended
Japan	No recommended vaccinations

This information is given as a guide only and no responsibility can be taken for any errors or omissions. Source: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Always seek your doctor's advice.

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Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

A. No. On our Japan group tours we offer the option to share with a tour member of the same gender so there are no additional charges for travelling alone. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. To arrange a guaranteed private room, our single room option is available for an extra cost. The price on Highlights of Japan includes a single room for sole use.

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg.

Q. What currency should I take?

A. We recommend you take the local currency 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. Can you arrange airport lounges, parking & hotels?

A. Yes – we are always looking for ways to make your holiday that little bit more comfortable and convenient for you. Contact us for details.

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 pages 14-15. 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 – farther south it begins earlier, farther north it's a bit later. This is a very busy time of the year to visit so expect tourist attractions to be crowded 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.

WHILE ON TOUR

Q. What does escorted touring mean?

A. Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort throughout your tour. Airport transfers may not be escorted. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10, local guides will accompany you at 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.

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 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. 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 Classic Tours except where stated. Meals included in Highlights of Japan, Trails of Japan, Sapporo & Snow Monkeys and Wonders of Japan, are stated in the brochure and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Meals on our Classic group tours start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish 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, with prices usually starting at £30 per person. 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. 11.5 hours (if flying direct).

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 group.

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and Australian clients on tour. 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 touring requirements.

Q. Is Tipping Compulsory?

A. Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required during our tours in Japan, but if you would like to show your appreciation, you can do so in local currency.

WeCare – Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. 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, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. 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.



WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tooley St, London SE1 2QG, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website.

In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made.

After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name' or your Travel Agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it - see clause 14) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.

If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See Clause 8).

2. Your financial protection

We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 6639). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

*The flights and flight-inclusive holidays we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk.

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA's scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 14), contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see www.abta.com.

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking.

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 147 JPY on 14 June 2018.

We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking.

Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, then subject to the correction of errors, we will only increase the price in the following circumstances. Price increases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge. A surcharge will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the any fluctuation in exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday.

Even in the above cases, we will only levy a surcharge if the amount of any increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to

in clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday". Although insurance (where purchased through us) does not form part of your contract with us or of any "package", we will consider an appropriate refund of any insurance premiums you have paid us if you can show you are unable to use/reuse or transfer your policy in the event of cancellation or purchase of an alternative holiday.

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to choose option (b) or (c) as set out in clause 9 below. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

Please note that arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services. If you wish to purchase the insurance policy we offer, all applicable premiums must also be paid at the time of booking (you must be insured - please see clause 6 on the subject of insurance).

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent.

Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by cash, bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). No charge will be made for deposits and balances paid by Debit Card/Switch/Delta. However, in line with most major operators, we will make a charge of 2% for deposits and balances paid by credit card. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date.

Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders travelling on a fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours 8 weeks prior to departure could result in a delay to your visa application and you may incur further charges to cover the expedited visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt. A charge will be made for the express visa service. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full.

Wendy Wu Tours does not guarantee that you will be issued a visa for your holiday as each passenger has different personal circumstances, the decision to approve a visa is down to the relevant embassy and Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party with no influence on the visa decision.

Wendy Wu Tours will continue to offer the visa service until such time it is no longer possible due to changes in Embassy Regulations, should this occur we will notify you in writing.

6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances.

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac.org. Information on health can be found at

www.nhs.uk and www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. For holidays in the EU / EEA you should obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of Health (www.dh.gov.uk). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked - £50
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible - £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket
- Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package: any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply.

8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

61 or more days	Retention of deposit
60 – 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 – 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

9. If we change or cancel your holiday

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements.

Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

- (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
- (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If this holiday is in fact cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or
- (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us

In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due to 'force majeure' (see clause 10 "Force Majeure"), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Credit/Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)	
	Scale A	Scale B
0 – 7 days	£50	£25
8 – 14 days	£40	£20
15 – 28 days	£30	£15
29 – 42 days	£20	£10
43 – 56 days	£10	£5

No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- 'force majeure' as defined in clause 11 below

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 12 "Excursions". In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

11. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

12. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have

no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury.

We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

13. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 07984 041625. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

14. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

15. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

16. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

17. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that China and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated "tour pace" is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependent on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your

booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 16.

19. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm.

In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible.

If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday" will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times.

It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements.

If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk or see www.caa.co.uk - referring your complaint to the CAA.

Data protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we must pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. In accordance with current legislation and GDPR regulations our privacy policy is available at <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/privacy-policy/>. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/competition offers or to send you our brochure).

Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes.

If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Data Protection Officer at the above web address. You can opt out of all communications at any time.

AIRLINES

A good flight starts your holiday off right and ends it on a high. Below, you will find information on our favourite airlines, but we work with most airlines.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Preferred Partner

Having enjoyed an excellent working relationship with British Airways for many years, we are delighted to be a British Airways Preferred Partner.

For you, it means:

- We get access to the most competitive fares.
- We can offer high levels of service to enhance your travel experience.
- You can fly directly from London Heathrow to Tokyo and onward connections are available to Osaka.
- You can catch connecting flights from many regional airports via London.
- You get to travel in one of British Airways four travel classes, which suit every taste and budget. Choose between World Traveller, World Traveller Plus, Club World and First.



UPGRADE & TRAVEL IN STYLE

Let us upgrade your flight to Japan so you can breeze through the airport, fly in comfort and arrive fresh and raring to go. Whether you're after a little extra in Premium or all out luxury in First, just say the word and we'll let you know how much it will cost, for whichever airline you prefer.



Board in Birmingham, Glasgow, London Gatwick and Heathrow, Manchester and Newcastle, flying via Dubai.



Seats in Economy have a comfortable pitch of 32-34".



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Enjoy a range of films on the award-winning entertainment system.



Head east five times daily from Heathrow and daily from Manchester and Gatwick, via Hong Kong.



Connects you to the major cities in Japan getting you closer, quicker.



Has a five-star rating from air travel guide and industry experts Skytrax.



Offers the perfect opportunity to stopover in Cathay's hub city, Hong Kong.



Departing from 16 Regional airports, including Belfast, Bristol, Inverness and Norwich!



Part of Europe's largest airline group with Air France.



Introducing New World Business Class. Truly feel at home on board.



There is an option to order your meal a la carte, as long as you do it before you fly.



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Daily service from Heathrow via Seoul to many destinations in Japan. A truly five-star airline where the level of service is unsurpassed.



Has held the prestigious five-star Skytrax status since 2010.



Board the new Airbus A350 from Heathrow and sample their new generation Smartium seats.



Smartium Economy passengers have complimentary lounge access in Seoul.

BOOKING YOUR TRIP

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

1. CHOOSE YOUR TOUR

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

2. SPEAK TO AN EXPERT

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions and check availability instantly and confirm prices.

3. MAKE A BOOKING

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay a deposit and secure your booking from £350pp. Final payment is usually due 60 days before departure.



YOUR LOYALTY MATTERS

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