

JAPAN CLASSIC



STARTS TOKYO
ENDS OSAKA



10 DAYS
9 NIGHTS



AIRPORT PICK-UP
NOT INCLUDED



BULLET TRAIN,
SUBWAYS, ROMANCE
CAR & MORE



4 BREAKFASTS
1 LUNCH
3 DINNERS

Highlights



EXPLORE THE
STREETS OF TOKYO



SUSHI MAKING
CLASS



KENDO CLASS



OPT TO HIRE
KIMONO'S



OSAKA FOOD
TOUR

Activities

- Welcome Dinner
- Japan Orientation
- Famous Tokyo Districts (Shinjuku, Harajuku, Akihabara)
- Sushi Making Class
- Shibuya Crossing
- Visit to Senso-ji Temple at night
- Mt Fuji viewing & exploring Hakone
- Sake Tasting
- Gion Walking Tour
- Kendo Class
- Fushimi-Inari Red Torii Gates
- Kiyomizu-Dera Temple
- Tea Ceremony
- Overnight Temple Stay
- The Golden Pavilion in Kyoto
- Climb Monkey Mountain (Iwatayama)
- The Arashiyama Bamboo Forest
- Food tour in Osaka
- Karaoke on the final night
- Optional Extras: Tokyo Skytree, Maid Cafe, Onsen, Heian Shrine, Kimono Hire, Geisha Performance, Extended Karaoke, Osaka Canal Boat Tour, Universal Studios



TRAVEL ITINERARY

DAY 1

Welcome to Tokyo

Touch down in Tokyo! Arrive into your Tokyo hostel and relax until the evening. Tonight we'll take you out to feast on Japanese cuisine and meet the rest of your group. After dinner when the crowds have all dispersed, we explore the iconic Tokyo Senso-ji Temple by night!

 Twin Bunks - Sakura Hotel Nippori

 Dinner

 Welcome Dinner, Senso-Ji Temple

 Tokyo Skytee

DAY 2

Explore Tokyo

We'll start the morning off with a Japan Orientation Briefing. You'll learn simple Japanese customs and phrases to help you dictate your way across the country. We'll then head out to Harajuku then head into Yoyogi Park, host of the beautiful Meiji Shrine.

Afterwards, we'll head to Akihabara – Tokyo's electric town – and be blinded by the all the neon lights and chaotic shops in store. You can check out the famous Maid Cafes or just wander around the area.

 Twin Bunks - Sakura Hotel Nippori

 Breakfast

 Japan Orientation, Tokyo Districts


 Maid Cafe

DAY 3

Tokyo

In the morning after breakfast we will head over to our own private sushi making class! You will learn how to make Miso soup, three types of sushi and the secrets behind Teriyaki! Vegetarian option is available but you must notify your guide/One Life a week before the tour starts. This evening we head to Shinjuku, we'll see an unparalleled skyline of Tokyo, check out the famous Omoide Yokocho alley & grab some dinner. before viewing the famous Shibuya Pedestrian Crossing.

 Twin Bunks - Sakura Hotel Nippori

 Breakfast & Lunch

 Sushi Making Class, Shibuya Crossing

 Toyosu Fish Market, Songokuji Temple


DAY 4

Hakone

Today we take the "Romance Car" to the stunning mountain town of Hakone. We will spend the day exploring the surrounding areas on a variety of different transports. Get a spectacular view of Mt Fuji (weather dependent.) After a day of exploring and taking photos, we'll arrange a traditional Japanese Family Nabe dinner in our guesthouse and finish the day playing some games.

**If you have asthma/respiratory condition, the brief visit to Owakudani is not advisable, please speak to your guide for an alternate arrangement.*

 Twin/Triple tatami mats -Gora Gaku Guesthouse

 Breakfast & Dinner

 Romance Car, Mount Fuji viewing



DAY 5

Takayama

Today is the day we ride the world-famous shinkansen for the first time. Keep an eye out for Mt Fuji on the way. First stop is the UNESCO World Heritage town of Takayama. Here we will be staying at a stunning temple for the night. In the afternoon, We'll sample sake in a local brewery and treat yourself to some famous Hida beef!



Multi-share Rooms -
Zenkoji Temple



N/A



Sake Tasting, Temple Stay,
Takayama Old Town Tour



Onsen/Public Bath
House

DAY 6

Gion District

Start the morning around the beautiful old town and village of Takayama and visit the morning market on the banks of the Miyagawa River. We will then head to Kyoto by bullet train. In the evening a local tour guide will guide us around Kyoto's Gion district, known for Geisha's (Japan's traditional art form of entertainment), if you are lucky enough, you might even spot one.



Pod-style Bunk Bed -
Ryokan Hostel Gion



N/A



Morning Market Walk, Gion
District Walking Tour

DAY 7

Kyoto

We'll rise before dawn and take the subway to the Fushimi-Inari Shrine. We arrive early and work our way through the mountain exploring corridors of never ending red gates. After, we will head to Kiyomizu-dera temple, one of Japan's most famous temples. A stunning bamboo and wooden complex that sits high in the mountain side. We finish up with a traditional Tea Ceremony, where you can even rent kimonos!

You will have the rest of the day free to explore.



Pod-style Bunk Bed -
Ryokan Hostel Gion



N/A



Kiyomizu-Dera, Fushimi-
Inari, Tea Ceremony



Kimono Hire, Nishiki
Market, Geisha Arts
Performance

DAY 8

Kyoto

We head to the stunning Golden Pavilion and after we'll head to Daitoku-ji, a quiet, leafy complex of old temples. In the afternoon we head to a traditional Kendo class housed in the dojo where it all began. Your authentic Bushido instructor, a descendant of a Japanese Samurai.

*Please note the Kendo class may take place on day 7 or day 8 depending on each departure.



Pod style per person -
Ryokan Hostel Gion



N/A



Golden Pavilion, Zen
Garden,
Kendo Class



Heian Shrine



DAY 9

Arashiyama

The day starts with a train ride to Arashiyama, a town surrounded by mountains and a river running through it. The itinerary includes a visit to the bamboo forest, climbing Monkey Mountain, a traditional Japanese boat ride through the valleys. We then head on to Osaka where in the evening, we explore the famous Dotonbori area. The food, people, lights, and colors of the "kitchen of Japan" will be experienced before ending the tour with karaoke in the evening.



Twin Share -Hotel WBF
Namba Motomachi



Dinner



Arashiyama Bamboo Forest,
Monkey Mountain, Boat Tour,
Dotonbori, Food Tour, Karaoke



Extended Karaoke

DAY 10

Depart

After nursing your head's from last night's antics, it's time to say goodbye to your group and the new friends you have made from your tour. We hope we have shown you the best that Japan has to offer!



N/A



Breakfast



N/A



Osaka Canal Boat Tour

FAQ

What is the age range of the tour?

We have an age range of 18 – 45 years old for our tours. Most of our guests are aged between 21-35 years old.

Where should I fly into? Where do we spend the first night of the tour?

You can fly into Narita International Airport (NRT) or Haneda International Airport (HND). It doesn't matter which one you fly into. We don't offer airport pick ups on this tour but we include incredible detailed information on how to get to the hostel from both airports in your welcome pack.

The first night is at Sakura Hotel Nippori in Tokyo. You will be notified in the unlikely case that there are changes.

Do we need to purchase a Japan Rail Pass?

The Japan Rail Pass is not included and you don't need to purchase one as we take care of all the transport for you. We try to use local transport for a more authentic experience.

How much spending money do I need for this tour?

We would advise \$600 AUD for the duration of the 10-day tour. This is a safe amount to cover lots on the tour, however you will have lots of opportunities to withdraw more cash throughout the trip.

Can I bring a suitcase on this trip & is there a luggage limit?

We would highly recommend bringing no more than 15kg on this trip, and bringing a backpack instead of a suitcase if you can. The luggage limit on the Shinkansen (bullet train) is very strict. Bags over 160cm (height x width x length) need an advance reservation and bags over 251cm cannot be accommodated even with a reservation.

What fitness level is required to join this tour?

This tour requires a reasonable level of fitness due to the amount of walking involved. There will be some days where you will be walking more than approximately 8-10km. Please bring appropriate footwear for this!

Do many people extend the trip beyond the initial 10 days?

Yes, we've had lots of existing guests extend their stay after the 10 days and head to Hiroshima on their own. This new tour option was born out of demand. However, please note that the 14 Day Tour must be booked in advance to arriving in Japan and cannot be tagged onto the end of the 10 Day Tour.



ACCOMMODATION

TOKYO - SAKURA HOTEL NIPPORI

Twin Bunks
*or similar



HAKONE - GORA GAKU GUESTHOUSE

Twin/Triple tatami mats
*or similar



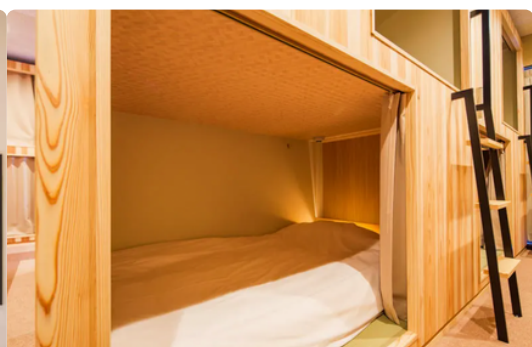
TAKAYAMA - ZENKOJI TEMPLE

Multi-Share
*or similar



KYOTO - RYOKAN HOSTEL GION

Pod-style per person
*or similar



OSAKA - HOTEL WBF NAMBA MOTOMACHI

Twin Share
*or similar

