

JAPAN CLASSIC



STARTS TOKYO
ENDS HIROSHIMA



14 DAYS
13 NIGHTS



AIRPORT NOT PICK-UP
INCLUDED



BULLET TRAIN,
SUBWAYS, ROMANCE
CAR & MORE

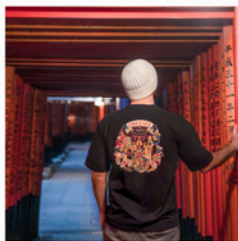


7 BREAKFASTS
1 LUNCH
4 DINNERS

Highlights



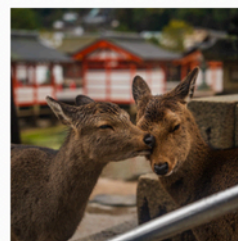
YOYOGI PARK &
MEIJI SHRINE



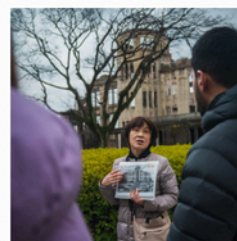
FUSHIMI INARI
SHRINE



HAKONE & MT FUJI



NARA PARK



HIROSHIMA PEACE
MEMORIAL 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
- Nara Parks & Temples
- Morning Danjo Garan Complex Tour,
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Guided Tour
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
- Miyajima Island
- Itsukushima Shrine
- Hall of 1,000 Mats
- 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 Skytree

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, Sengokuji 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 Bunk Bed -
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 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

Osaka Castle Gardens

Have the morning off to explore Osaka yourself. Visit the incredibly trendy AmericaTown, wander down the Shinsaibashi Shopping District, rest in Spa World or browse the wonderful world of electronics in Den-Den Town. We'll meet in the evening and head over to Osaka Castle before heading over to Dotonbori's little brother, Shinsekai, for dinner in the evening.



Twin Share - Hotel WBF
Namba Motomachi



Breakfast



Osaka Castle Gardens,
Shinsekai Tour



Osaka Canal Boat Tour

DAY 11

Nara

An early start today as we head out of the city, 45 minutes on the train to Nara. We'll make our way around the serene park & stunning temples before heading back to Osaka and we'll make our way to Koyasan. After a 90-minute ride, we'll take a mix of cable cars and finally a bus to our accommodation. Koyasan is a beautiful little temple town and this is your chance to live the temple way of life in a real, working temple. Dinner is a very special vegetarian meal made from ingredients sourced by the monks in the local area.



Twin Tatami Mats -
Hoon-In Temple



Breakfast
& Dinner



Nara Park & Temple Stay

DAY 12

Hiroshima

Wake in the morning and take part in the morning chanting prayers with the monks. Breakfast is a traditional "temple style" meal made by the monks. Just before lunch we'll make our way back to Osaka and head to Hiroshima on the bullet train. After a 90-minute ride, we'll take the streetcar to our accommodation. After some down time, we'll walk to the humbling Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and be taken around this area by our local guide to truly educate you on the area's astonishing past. We'll then finish with a walk around the museum before grabbing some food and calling it a night.



Twin Rooms - Hotel
Kuretakesou Otemachi



N/A



Morning Danjo Garan Complex Tour,
Hiroshima Peace Memorial Guided Tour

DAY 13

Miyajima Island

Today we take the metro to the beautiful Miyajima Island. On arrival we'll take a short ferry ride to the island, known for its stunning collection of forests and ancient temples. After disembarking from the ferry we'll take an easy stroll around the island, visiting the incredible Great Torii gate. Next, you'll have the afternoon free to explore the serenity of the rest of this island paradise. In the evening, we'll head out one last time as a group for our final day in Japan.



Twin Rooms - Hotel
Kuretakesou Otemachi



N/A



Miyajima Island, Itsukushima Shrine, Hall of
1,000 Mats

DAY 14

Depart

And that's a wrap! Today we finish in the beautiful city of Hiroshima, take one final walk around the memorial park or go for a sunrise run along the river. Your guide will assist you in your onward travel whether you continue to travel around Japan or head back home.



N/A



Breakfast



N/A

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 pickups 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.

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 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 \$850 AUD for the duration of the 14-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.





ACCOMMODATION

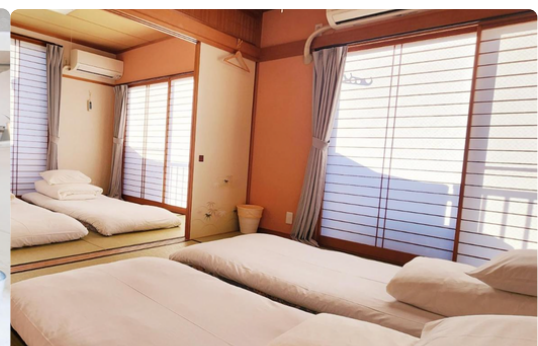
TOKYO - SAKURA HOTEL NIPPORI

Twin Bunks
*or similar



HAKONE - GORA GAKU GUESTHOUSE

Twin/Triple tatami mats
*or similar



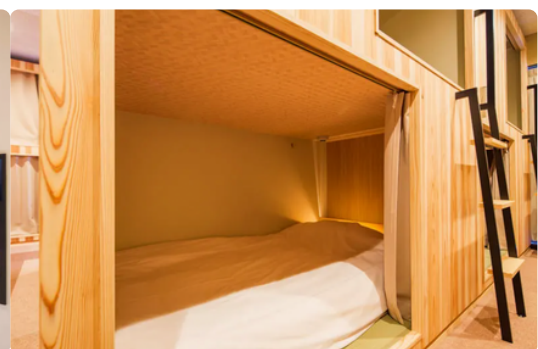
TAKAYAMA - ZENKOJI TEMPLE

Multi-Share
*or similar



KYOTO - RYOKAN HOSTEL GION

Pod-style per person
*or similar





ACCOMMODATION

OSAKA -HOTEL WBF NAMBA MOTOMACHI

Twin Share

*or similar



KOYASAN – HOON IN TEMPLE

Twin tatami Rooms

*or similar



HIROSHIMA – HOTEL KURETAKESOU OTEMACHI

Twin Rooms

*or similar

