



# Japan Delight 9 Days

OSAKA - KOBE - HIROSHIMA - HIMEIJI - KYOTO - MT. FUJI - YOKOHAMA - TOKYO

## About this tour:

**Osaka 1 night:** Kobe-Nadagiku Shuzo Sake Brewery

**Hiroshima 1 night:** UNESCO listed Miyajima Island-the most beautiful landscapes of Japan. Itsukushima Shrine and Atomic Bomb Dome;

**Himeiji 1 night:** -Himeiji Castle-widely considered as Japan's most spectacular castle for its imposing size and beauty;

**Kyoto 1 night:** Fushimi-Inari Shrine-famous for its vermilion torii gates -Nara Deer Park;

**Hamamatsu 1 night:** Lake Yamanaka-largest of the Fuji Five Lakes and best spot to enjoy views of Mt.Fuji;

**Tokyo 2 nights:** with one leisure day.

## Included:

7 nights hotels with daily breakfasts

International air out of selected gateways(air inclusive package)

Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach

Professional English-speaking tour guide

Pickup from the airport when you arrive in Osaka

## Excluded:

Mandatory gratuity for tour guides and bus drivers (\$150/person)

laundry, telephone bills, and personal expenses

Meals unless specified

Optional Tours listed (pay on site)

Travel Insurance

## Day 1: U.S. - Osaka

Board international flight for Osaka airport (KIX).

## Day 2: Osaka arrival

Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then guide you to check into your hotel via a bus or public transfer.

Please note:

- 1.If you reserve your own flight, guide service is only available between 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 2.Check in time in Japan is always after 3pm.

**Meal(s):** no meal

**Overnight Hotel:** Hatago Inn Kansai Airport (or Similar)

## Day 3: Osaka-Kobe Sake Brewery-Hiroshima

After breakfast travel to Fukuyama with a stop in Kobe, a region famous for its sake production. Visit the famous Nadagiku Shuzo Sake Brewery and learn how traditional Japanese sake is made.

Drive to Kurashiki and make a brief stop at the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter. With its scenic canals lined with weeping willows, Edo-period gardens and historic merchant houses, the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter offers an authentic feel of old Japan in the heart of one of the oldest merchant towns. Arrive in Hiroshima in the afternoon.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Overnight Hotel:** Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima (or Similar)

## Day 4: Hiroshima—Miyajima-Himeji

Head to Miyajimaguchi by coach then board a boat to the sacred Miyajima Island, hailed as one of Japan's most beautiful landscapes. Discover the natural and cultural treasures of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed island for 45-minutes with your guide.

See the Itsukushima Shrine, then revitalise with a delicious lunch in a local eatery (own expense).

Re-board the boat and cruise back to Hiroshima to reflect on the heartbreaking history of the region. Take a moment of contemplation at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, a historical site near to where the atomic bomb exploded. See exhibitions that articulate the destruction the bomb caused and the city's regenerative recovery. Finally, board a bus to the Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome), a skeletal structure that survived the 1945 attack. Depart Hiroshima for Himeji in the afternoon.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Overnight Hotel:** Hotel Monterey Himeji (or Similar)

## Day 5: Himeji-Nara-Kyoto

This morning visit the Himeji Castle. Himeji Castle (姫路城, Himejijō), also known as White Heron Castle (Shirasagijō) due to its elegant, white appearance, is widely considered as Japan's most spectacular castle for its imposing size and beauty and its well-preserved, complex castle grounds. The castle is both a national treasure and a world heritage site.

Visit the famous Nara Deer Park and maybe feed deers.

Upon arrival in Kyoto make a stop at Fushimi-Inari Shrine, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. It is famous for its vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The trails lead into the wooded forest of the sacred Mount Inari, which stands at 233 meters and belongs to the shrine grounds.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Overnight Hotel:** Ariston Hotel Kyoto (or Similar)



## Day 6: Kyoto -Hamamatsu

Today before leave Kyoto for Hamamatsu you will have a half free day discovering this cultural city on your own.

Or you can also join an **Kyoto Half Day Optional Tour** with us.

08:30am Depart from hotel

09:00am-10:30am Kiyomizu Dera and Ninenzaka

11:00am-1:00pm Arashiyama Bamboo garden and free lunch time

01:30pm-2:40pm Kinkakuji temple

03:00pm Back to hotel and depart for Hamamatsu area

**Optional tours:** \$80-Kyoto Half Day Optional Tours

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Overnight Hotel:** Hotel Concorde Hamamatsu (or Similar)

## Day 7: Hamamatsu-Mt.Fuji-Tokyo

Drive to Shizuoka City, the capital of Japanese tea production and visit a local tea house. Shizuoka Prefecture contains 40% of the total area of tea plantations in Japan. Black tea, Taiwan tea, and Chinese tea are all fantastic, but after trying some of the best Japanese tea in Shizuoka City, you will find yourself loving Japanese green tea the most.

Then drive through the countryside and mountains to reach Lake Yamanaka, the largest of all the Fuji Five Lakes, and enjoy views of Mt. Fuji. The lake is located in the village of Yamanakako, home to a large population of swans. Thus, it has been unofficially called "Swan Lake." Some of these swans are real, others are man-made such as swan-like paddled boats. Take a scenic boat ride to tour around the lake.

Drive all the way to Mt Fuji 5th Station (weather permitting) At 2300 meters above sea level, the Fuji 5th Station offers a commanding view of the Fuji Five Lakes area below, making it a popular spot for those who are not intent on climbing the mountain. An observation point with unobstructed views of Fujiyoshida City and Lake Yamanaka can be found at Komitake Shrine behind the shops.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Overnight Hotel:** Tmark City Hotel Tokyo (or Similar)

## Day 8: Tokyo

Enjoy a free day at leisure in Tokyo.

Or attend our **Tokyo One Day Optional Tour**.

09:00am-10:00am Imperial Palace

10:30am-12:00pm Asakusa temple and Nakamise Shopping area

12:30pm-01:30pm Take the famous metro from Asakusa to shibuya

02:00pm-03:30pm A secret Japanese traditional rock garden.

04:00pm-05:00pm Tokyo tower (include the admission tickets)

05:30pm-07:00pm Free at Shinjuku Kabukicho area (enjoy the colorful night life of japan)

**Optional tours:** \$99-Tokyo One Day Optional Tours

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Overnight Hotel:** Tmark City Hotel Tokyo (or Similar)

## Day9: Tokyo Departure

Today after breakfast the tour guide will give you information for how to get to your hometown airport.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

