

## **Stunning Japan 10 Days**

OSAKA-NARA-KYOTO-GIFU-MT FUJI-HAKONE-YOKOHAMA-TOKYO

# About this tour:

## Included:

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Osaka 3 nights: Nara Park, Todaiji Temple, Kasuga Taisha Shrine, Hiroshima with shinkansen optional tour Gifu 1 night: Kyoto, Shirakawa-go, Gokayama Matsumoto/Suwa area 1 night: Takayama Jinya, Sanmachi Suji Kanagawa 1 night: Mt Fuji, Mt Komagatake, Lake Ashi, Hakone, Hot spring experience Tokyo 2 nights: Yokohama, Aka-Renga Soko with one leisure day

International air out of U.S (air inclusive packages only); 8 nights hotels with daily breakfasts; Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach; Professional English-speaking tour guide.

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; Airport shuttle from hotel to airport.



#### 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 transfer you to check into your hotel via a bus or public transfer. Overnight in Osaka.

Please note the check in time in japan is always after 3pm.

Meal(s): no meal Overnight Hotel: Hatago Inn Kansai Airport (or Similar)

#### Day 3: Osaka – Nara – Osaka

This morning, you will drive to the nearby city of Nara and enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour. Visit Nara Park and enjoy time to explore Todaiji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site which was constructed over 1200 years ago as the head of all provincial Buddhist temples in Japan. The main hall houses one of the largest statues of Buddha, which is 15m tall. Nara Park is also home to hundreds of free-roaming deer - you can feed them deer senbei (crackers), which can be purchased at stalls throughout the park for 150 yen a pack. If you bow to the deer with the deer senbei in hand, they will bow back to you.

Afterward, continue onwards to Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine. It was established at the same time as the capital and is dedicated to the deity responsible for the protection of the city. Kasuga Taisha was also the tutelary shrine of the Fujiwara, Japan's most powerful family clan during most of the Nara and Heian Periods. In the afternoon, travel back to Osaka, check into the new hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight in Osaka.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast **Overnight Hotel:** Hotel Sunroute Hiroshima (or Similar)

#### Day 4: Osaka - Hiroshima with shinkansen (optional)

Today, enjoy a free day to explore Osaka at your own pace. Overnight in Osaka.

Alternatively, take part in an **optional tour to Hiroshima on Japan's famous Shinkansen bullet train**, known in English as a bullet train. **Hiroshima Optional tour (Door to Door with bullet train round-trip)** 8:30: Picked up at the hotel and transfer to Shin-Osaka Station with your tour guide. **10:30: Arrive at Hiroshima Station** 11:30-13:30: Visit Itsukushima Shrine and Miyajima Island 15:30-16:30: Atomics Dome, Grand Zero 16:30-18:00: Peace memorial park Return to the train station for the exhilarating return journey to Osaka on the bullet train, where the tour concludes. \*The schedule is subject to change due to weather or traffic conditions.

Optional tours: Hiroshima on Shinkansen Optional Tour- must be paid on site 36,000yen (approx. 335USD) per adult/ 30,000yen (approx. 278USD) per child below 6years Meal(s): Breakfast Overnight Hotel: Osaka Castle Hotel (or Similar)



#### Day 5: Osaka - Kyoto - Gifu

This morning, depart Osaka for Kyoto. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore the historic town. The bus will depart from downtown Kyoto at 4:00 pm to travel onwards to Gifu.

Or you can take the opportunity to **join an Kyoto optional tour.** 

9:30-11:00 Fushimi Inari Shrine

11:30-12:30 Kimono Show at the Nishijin Textile (Enjoy the traditional beauty of Japan)

13:00-14:30 Free time for your lunch

15:00-16:00 Kinkakuji-Temple (golden pavillion)

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**Optional tours:** Kyoto Optional Tour-must be paid on site-8,000yen approx.74USD per person **Meal(s):** Breakfast **Overnight Hotel:** Resol Hotel Cifu (or Similar)

#### Day 6: Gifu – Takayama – Matsumoto/Suwa

This morning you will visit the historic villages of Shirakawa-Go, UNESCO World Heritage sites. Located in a mountainous region that was cut off from therest of the world for a long period of time, these villages, with their Gassho-style houses, survived on the cultivation of mulberry trees and the rearing of silkworms. Enjoy a walk among the incredible houses.

Afterward, travel to Takayama Jinya, a former government outpost established to bring the Hida Province under the control of the Edo Bakufu.

Next, travel to the hotel in Matsumoto or Suwa Area and stay overnight.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast **Overnight Hotel:** Kandeo Hotel Chino(or Similar)

#### Day 7: Matsumoto/Suwa-Hakone - Mt Fuji - Kanagawa

After breakfast, drive to Mt Fuji's 5th Station. Located 2300m above sea level, it offers a vantage point for Mt Fuji and the surrounding lakes (weather permitting). The 5th Station also features shrines, torii gates, and souvenir shops. Afterwards continue onwards to Lake Ashi, in Hakone, to admire the scenery as you enjoy a short cruise across the lake. The waters are overlooked by surrounding mountains, including Mt Fuji and Mt Komagatake. Arrive in Kanagawa this evening, check into the hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure. Overnight in Tokyo.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast **Overnight Hotel:** Oiso Prince hotel (or Similar)

#### Day8: Kanagawa - Yokohama -Tokyo

Today, on the way to Tokyo and make a stop at Yokohama harbor land, the Akarenga Soko.

The "Akarenga Soko" Red Brick Warehouse is one of Yokohama's most popular destinations for both tourists and locals alike. It's a great place to enjoy a walk or small picnic, or just sit around and stare at the sea. Because of its large open spaces, Akarenga is often the site for events - so there's always something exciting and fun happening. Inside, you can browse small souvenir and food shops, have lunch or dinner at their several restaurants and bars, or enjoy an evening at Motion Blue - Akarenga's live entertainment house.

Then transfer to Tokyo hotel and enjoy the rest of the day to explore the vibrant metropolis of Tokyo. Overnight in Tokyo.



Alternatively, you may choose to join an optional tour to see some of the highlights Tokyo. 11:30-12:30 Visit Imperial Palace (Nijubashi ) 13:00-15:00 A Asakusa temple and Nakamise Shopping street. 15:30-18:00 Riding a cruise from Asakusa to Odaiba, visit Odaiba Mege Toyota show room, here also you can also have a great night view of Rainbow Bridge and sunset of Tokyo bay. \*The schedule is subject to change due to weather or traffic conditions.

**Optional tours:** Tokyo Optional Tour Program A -must be paid on site 8,000yen approx.74USD per person **Meal(s):** Breakfast **Overnight Hotel:** Resol Hotel Gifu (or Similar)

#### Day 9: Tokyo

Enjoy a free day at leisure in Tokyo. Overnight in Tokyo.

Alternatively attend our Tokyo One Day Optional Tour. 09:00am-10:00am Meiji Shrine 10:30am-13:00pm Omote sando , takeshita tori 14:00pm-15:30pm A secret Japanese traditional rock garden. 16:00pm-17:00pm Tokyo tower (include the admission tickets) 17:30pm-18:30 pm Free at Shinjuku Kabukicho area (enjoy the colorful night life of japan) \*The schedule is subject to change due to weather or traffic conditions.

Meal(s): Breakfast Overnight Hotel: Kandeo Hotel Chino(or Similar)

#### Day 10: Tokyo Depart

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

Meal(s): Breakfast

