



Discover Japan

13 Nights

01 March 2017 – 30 September 2017



Summary

Japan is the perfect combination of the past and the future being ancient and futuristic at the same time.

Japan's mountainous landscapes, hidden valleys, traditional gardens, onsens (hot springs), and ancient temples are a must see. Traveling Japan is richly rewarding, offering a wonderful practical and knowledgeable experience into key elements that form and preserve the Japanese culture and tradition

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery

Overview

Dates: 01 March 2017 – 30 September 2017

Interest: Group – Family-Couples

Level of Comfort: 3/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

Maximum # of passengers: 20

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Yen
- **Language:** Japanese
- **Dialing Code:** 81
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Currency can be

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- Attention to details that make the difference

Day 1: Arrival – Tokyo

Arrive at Tokyo int'l airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel

Day 2: Tokyo

In the morning, board a bus to Hamamatsucho Bus Terminal where tour will begin.

Get a spectacular view of Metropolitan Tokyo from the observation deck

Admire the view of Nijubashi Bridge and the surrounding scenery at this National Garden that was formerly a private garden of the Royal Family.

Of the 33 temples in Eastern Japan dedicated to the Goddess Kannon, this is the only one in the capital (No. 13 on the pilgrimage to all 33 temples). Visit this historic area which includes Nakamise-dori, the street leading to the temple.

Enjoy a pleasant drive through Ueno, where Tokyo's first coffee shop once stood, to Akihabara which is home to the famous Electric Town.

12:30 – Tokyo Station – (Marunouchi South Exit) – Disembarking only.

12:50 – Disembark at Hamamatsucho Bus Terminal – Participants will be dropped off at Hamamatsucho Bus Terminal. There is no drop off service to your hotel after the tour.

Day 3: Tokyo – Nikko – Tokyo

In the morning, gather at designated locations and board bus to Hamamatsucho Bus Terminal where tour will begin.

Depart Hamamatsu Bus Terminal – Travel to Nikko by bus.

Nikko Toshogu Shrine - Tour the UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its lavish decorations, ornate details, and five structures categorized as National Treasures of Japan, and an additional three categorized as Important Cultural Properties. This 400 year old shrine houses the remains of Edo period's founder, Ieyasu Tokugawa. Enjoy seeing the traditional beauty of the main hall, as well as the sleeping cat and 3 monkey carvings.

Lunch – Enjoy a Japanese-style lunch (Vegetarian menu to be requested at time of booking).

Lake Chuzenji – Created by an eruption of Mt. Nantai, this lake is a symbol of Nikko.

Kegon Falls – Known as one of Japan's 3 great waterfalls, Kegon Falls towers an impressive 97m and gushes water from Lake Chuzenji (charge to take the Kegon Falls elevator is not included in the tour price). Admire the waterfall from the front side for free from the observation deck.

19:00 – 19:30 – Drop-off at Shinjuku – Participants will be dropped off near Shinjuku Station West Exit.

There is no drop off service to your hotel after the tour.

19:30 – 20:00 – Drop-off at Ginza – Participants will be dropped off at Sukiya-bashi Intersection in Ginza.

There is no drop off service to your hotel after the tour.

Day 4: Tokyo – Kamakura – Tokyo

Gather at designated locations and board bus to Hamamatsucho Bus Terminal where tour will begin.

09:00 – Depart Hamamatsu Bus Terminal – Travel to Kamakura by bus.

Hase Temple– Visit a 1,200 year old temple reflecting the beauty of the seasons with seasonal flowers, especially hydrangea.

Enjoy a Japanese style lunch.

Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine & Komachi-dori (50 min) – One of the preeminent sightseeing spots of Kamakura. The god enshrined here is the protector of the warrior class. The shrine is also known as Kamakura Hachimangu.

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Komachi-dori is a famous street lined with long-running shops, restaurants and souvenir vendors.
Hokoku-ji Temple – Featuring a beautiful bamboo grove, Hokoku-ji is an ancient and renowned temple of the Rinzaï sect's Kencho-ji school.
Matcha Green Tea Experience at Jomyo-ji Temple (30 min) – Jomyo-ji is another old temple of the Rinzaï sect's Kencho-ji school. Enjoy some of Japan's famous powdered matcha green tea in the highly refined and tranquil atmosphere of a tearoom constructed over 400 years ago, and enjoy the view of the temple's Japanese rock garden.

Day 5: Tokyo
Day at leisure

Day 6: Tokyo – Mt Fuji – Hakone
Depart Hamamatsucho Bus Terminal and head to Mt Fuji by bus.
Start the ascent up Mt. Fuji via the Fuji Subaru Line. Drive 2,300 meters (7,546 ft) above sea level for breathtaking views from above the clouds
Upon arrival, enjoy a Japanese-style lunch
Enjoy a sightseeing cruise on Lake Ashi, 30km southeast of Mt. Fuji. The Crater Lake was born from a powerful volcanic eruption nearly 3,000 years ago and provides postcard views of Mt. Fuji from various angles

Day 7: Hakone – Takayama
Travel to Nagoya via the Kodama Shinkansen.
Enjoy a visit to the historical Japanese-style townhouse Kusakabe Heritage House and view a range of exquisite folk art and traditional handicrafts.
Located in Takayama's old quarter, Kami-Sannomachi Street is lined with Edo period buildings, and provides visitors a glimpse into the past.

Day 8: Takayama – Gokayama – Shirakawa-go – Kanazawa
Many of the structures at the traditional Gokayama Ainokura Village thatched roof village were built over 100 years ago, creating an idyllic atmosphere of Japan of days gone by. Enjoy this mountain village that preserves the ways of life of the past.
Savor the taste of home-style cooking that can only be experienced in regions such as the World

Heritage

Shirakawa-go
After lunch, enjoy a tour and time to walk around the thatched roof village on your own.
Travel to Kanazawa by expressway bus

Day 9: Kanazawa – Kyoto
Wooden-latticed exteriors of teahouses line both sides of the stone-paved street here where something from the Edo period still lingers in the air. This area is an Important Traditional Building Preservation District.
Free time to walk around the Nagamachi Samurai District. Feel the atmosphere of the days of the samurai in this area, where the earthen walls, waterways, and stone paths remain as they were when samurai of the Kaga domain resided here.
Kenroku-en Garden is considered one of the top three Japanese gardens and offers amazing seasonal views all year round.

Day 10: Kyoto
Tour the historical Nijo Castle completed in 1626, which was built to provide lodging for Tokugawa Shogun and as a palladium for Kyoto Imperial Palace.

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Visit the Kinkaku-ji Temple World Heritage Site, also known as the Golden Pavilion. The wooden architecture is covered in thin layers of pure gold and is surrounded by a beautiful pond. Kitano Tenmangu Shrine is the substitute for Kyoto Imperial Palace on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This shrine's main hall is a designated national treasure and is famous for housing the God of scholarship. The shrine is especially great to see during the plum blossom and autumn leaf seasons. Don't miss the characteristic red architecture of the beautiful Heian Jingu Shrine built to celebrate the 1100 year anniversary of the founding of the city of Kyoto. Visit the world's longest wooden structure, Sanjusangen-do Temple– housing 1,001 life-size statues of Buddhist Kannon deities dating back to the 13th century. The view of Kyoto from the World Heritage Site of Kiyomizu-dera is superb. The historic shopping lane that leads to the temple adds to a wonderful experience.

Day 11: Kyoto – Hiroshima – Kyoto

Travel from Kyoto to Hiroshima Station by Nozomi or Hikari Shinkansen
Take the ferry to Miyajima Island.

Itsukushima Shrine is a World Heritage Site. Established in the 6th century it is famous for its beautiful Shinden-zukuri style structure (architecture representative of a nobles residence in the Heian period) See the vermillion shrine sitting in a lush environment facing the deep blue sea and enjoy the picturesque beauty. Travel to Miyajimaguchi by ferry.

Travel by bus to the Peace Memorial Park.

This large-scale park was established in 1949 after the Pacific War ended, and is visited by countless visitors as a symbol of peace. The museum within the park is an Important Cultural Property of Japan, and was built to remind future generations of the terror wrought by atomic bombs.

Atomic Bomb Dome – A symbol of the disastrous atomic bombing during WWII, the first atomic bombs used in human history, and has been preserved as it was to promote peace and elimination of atomic weapons around the world.

Travel from Hiroshima to Kyoto Station by Nozomi or Hikari Shinkansen

Day 12: Kyoto – Nara – Kyoto

A Unesco World Heritage Site, Nara Park & Todai-ji, is the symbol of the Nara Period and one of the world's largest wooden structures. Its huge main hall and bronze Great Buddha are impressive to behold.

The Kasuga Taisha Shrine, a Nara Period shrine is designated as a World Heritage Site. The deer of Nara Park are thought to be the shrine messengers. At Kasuga Taisha Shrine, the tour will not enter areas where admission fees are required.

Enjoy yourself in Nara Nagomikan, the largest souvenir shop in Nara

Day 13: Kyoto

Day at leisure for you to discover this wonderful city

Day 14: Kyoto

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Tokyo return from
Kyoto(economy class)
Round trip train ticket: Tokyo – Kyoto
13-night accommodation at hotels
4-night accommodation at hotel in Kyoto

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
Visa charge
Travel insurance

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Meal: daily breakfast
 English speaking local guides
 All transfers in air conditioned motor coach
 Entrance fees at sites mentioned in the above program
 Tours and excursions as per the program
 Assistance of our representative in Japan

Transfer to hotel on day 3 & day 4
 Optional tours
 DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
 Any other expenses

Starting price per person in US\$

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| Hotel | Per person |
| 3* hotels | 6595 |

- *Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking*

Flight Schedule

| From | To | Flight No | Departure | Arrival |
|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Beirut | Doha | QR 419 | 01:35 | 05:05 |
| Doha | Tokyo | QR 812 | 07:10 | 22:45 |
| Kyoto | Doha | QR 807 | 22:20 | 03:30 |
| Doha | Beirut | QR 424 | 08:45 | 12:20 |

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