



Ancient Japan



Tokyo, Osaka & Kyoto Fully Escorted Tour - 12 days tour from **\$3999**

Per person twin share from Melbourne or Sydney.

The tour costs an extra \$300 departing from Brisbane or Adelaide.

Extra \$500 departing from Perth

The single supplement is \$950.00

Japan is like nowhere else in the world. It's isolated history and rich culture has enabled this unique civilisation to blossom over the years, and today it thrives in an eclectic mix of contrasting traditional and modern way of life. It has one of the world's most advanced economies, but it is the Japanese spirit, which is strong, warm, and incredibly welcoming, which has enabled the maintenance of a very traditional society. From food and clothing to worship and customs, your experience in Japan will be like no other anywhere in the world.

Tour Highlights-Explore the modern city Osaka, boisterous nightlife & hearty street food. Pray for your fortunes at the World Heritage listed Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Feed the gentle Sika deer at Nara Park. Race to Mount Fuji on a high speed Shinkansen bullet train. Drink from clear springs at the foothills of Mount Fuji. Loosen your muscles & overnight at a traditional hot spring hotel

Best of Japan 12 Days 2018

\$3,999.00

Hiroshima, Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Nagoya, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Tokyo

This tour offers a great way to take in the cultural heritage of Japan. You will start the adventure by visiting two UNESCO World heritage sites in Hiroshima. Then spend three nights based in Osaka, exploring that city, as well as Nara and Kyoto – cities famous for their well-preserved ancient temples and monuments. Travelling east to Nagoya, you'll learn about the modern transformation of Japan into a manufacturing powerhouse, at the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology. Back to nature and culture, the tour then visits scenic Hakone and sacred Mount Fuji, before two days in Tokyo for sightseeing, shopping, or your choice of a diverse range of optional activities.

NOTE: *Days 2 and 3 will be either self-guided or a group tour depending on the size of group.*

Highlights:

- Take a cruise to **Itsukushima Shrine** best known for its '**floating torii**' on the sea, the gate to Itsukushima. The beautiful torii gate stands in the water when it is high tide, but when it is low tide, you may walk through the gate
- Explore the bustling capital **Tokyo** and experience traditional Japanese culture and heritage
- Explore the modern city **Osaka**, with its boisterous nightlife & hearty street food
- Pray for your fortunes at beautiful **Heian Jingu Shrine**
- Feed the gentle sika deer at **Nara Park**
- Drink from clear springs at the foothills of **Mount Fuji**
- Enjoy planned activities and free time in **Tokyo**



The end of October through early November is the best time to see crimson leaves in Autumn.



Late March to early April is historically the best time to view cherry blossoms, but we can't guarantee that they will flower on these dates as they are highly seasonal and subject to climatic conditions.

Guaranteed Departure Dates

2018

18 Mar**  Cherry Blossom	06 May	15 Sep#
25 Mar**  Cherry Blossom	23 June#	07 Oct*
01 Apr**  Cherry Blossom	15 Jul	04 Nov* 
15 Apr*	17 Aug#	

Package Inclusions:

- Return Economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Brisbane, Sydney, Perth or Melbourne flying with Cathay Pacific Airways
- 9 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated
- Bullet trains from Osaka to Kyoto
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Admissions to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide/s (day 4 – day 12)

Package Exclusions:

- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Tipping prepaid in Australia: AUD\$140
- Personal expenses



The March & April Cherry Blossom dates above cost an extra \$500 per person



The November Autumn Colours date cost an extra \$300 per person.

Day 1: Australia Osaka

Take an international flight from Australia to Osaka via a connecting city.

NOTE: Note: Some flights may depart one day later

Day 2: Osaka

Arrive in **Osaka**. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to the airport hotel.



Day 3: Osaka or Hiroshima (B)

This morning, proceed to **Osaka Station** for a bullet train or coach to Hiroshima.



Day 4: Hiroshima Osaka (B)

Today you will be exploring **Itsukushima Shrine** in the morning. Travel to the **Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome**, one of the only remaining buildings after the United States dropped the nuclear bomb that killed up to 146,000 people. Then visit the Atomic Bomb Museum, followed by the **Memorial Peace Park**. Travel back to Osaka.



Day 5: Osaka Nara Osaka (B)

Visit **Todaiji Temple**, with its Great Buddha Hall housing the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling to Osaka. Visit **Osaka Castle**, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century, before being dropped off at **Dōtonbori**, which exemplifies Osaka's vibrant food culture.



Day 6: Osaka (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You may spend the day visiting one of the most spectacular Japanese aquariums, **Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan**; or taking a day trip to **Hyogo** to visit **Himeji Castle**, a unique enormous Japanese castle decorated in white. An optional day tour is available for some departure dates. Please check the attached optional program information.



Day 7: Osaka Kyoto Nagoya (B)

This morning, travel to Kyoto by bullet train to visit **Heian Jingu Shinto Shrine**. Next, visit **Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion**, a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Travel to Nagoya to visit **Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology**. Here you will learn about the history of Toyota as a textile machinery manufacturer and how it became a successful mass exporter and manufacturer of automotive technology, including robots.



Day 8: Nagoya Hakone Mt. Fuji (B,D)

Today, visit **Oshino Hakkai**. Known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Afterwards, visit **Gotemba Peace Park** to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, and **Hakone Shrine**. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest.



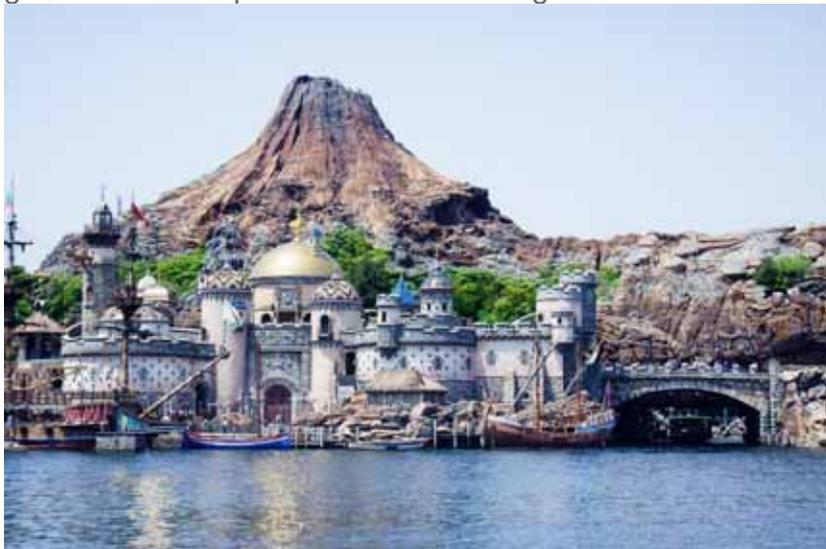
Day 9: Mount Fuji Tokyo (B)

Visit **Meiji Shrine** in the morning, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Later, stroll through the **Asakusa Kannon Temple**, one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular temples, and browse for souvenirs at **Nakamise Shopping Street**. Your last stop today is **Tokyo Tower**, to enjoy a panoramic view of enormous Tokyo city.



Day 10: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at your leisure. You may spend a day in **Tokyo Disneyland or DisneySea**(admission \$120) or you can join the **Nikko Day Tour** (\$250). Alternatively, you can join our wide range of optional programs (tea ceremony, pottery-making experience, 'golden joinery', kimono photo shoot, cooking class). All activities are not guided and transportation is self- arranged.



Day 11: Tokyo Australia (B)

Today, transfer to the airport to board your flight via a connecting city to Australia.

Day 12: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

Hotel Accommodation

Osaka	Kansai Airport Washington Hotel
Hiroshima	Hiroshima Grand Prince Hotel

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Osaka	Osaka Dai-ichi Hotel
Nagoya	Tokyu Rei Hotel
Mount Fuji	Yamanokako Sun Plaza Hotel
Tokyo	Tokyo Dome Hotel



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TRAVEL INSURANCE

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international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

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Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
% of Fare	Loss of Deposit (50%)	75%	85%	100%

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