



Kaleidoscope of Japan Escorted Tour 18 days from \$4999

Per person twin share, including flights from Australia



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Tokyo, Yokohama, Kawaguchiko, Mount Fuji, Matsumoto, Jigokudani, Kamikochi, Takayama, Shirakawago, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka, Hiroshima

Package Inclusions:

- Return Economy airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges from Sydney or Melbourne with a full service carrier (e.g. Vietnam Air, Thai Airways, Malaysia Airlines)
- 15 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double occupancy).
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Coach transportation
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Admissions to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s) service

Package Exclusions:

- Prepaid tipping: \$160
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses & anything optional

Price Guide & Traveller Information:

- Airline Upgrade[^]: Cathay Pacific, Qantas, Singapore Airlines, All Nippon Airways, or Japan Airlines from \$400 subject to availability & applicable fare difference
- Interstate Surcharge: Brisbane/Adelaide from \$300, Perth from \$600 (interstate flights may be via Sydney or Melbourne)
- Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge: From \$150 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- If staying behind, upgrade final night group accommodation to hotel in Osaka CBD: From \$250/twin room (subject to availability), transfer to airport is not included
- Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation: From \$350/twin room/night (subject to availability)
- Triple Share: Not available
- Child Price: Same as adult
- Visa: Australian passport holders are exempt for a stay of up to 90 days
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About the tour:

We have taken the beloved Golden Route of Japan and polished it until it shines even brighter! Now with more destinations, and more attractions, this tour is the best way to experience the depth of Japan's history and culture, and to appreciate the achievements of Japan's technical and urban development.

Tour Highlights:

- Scale the second-tallest structure in the world, the **Tokyo Sky Tree**
- **Cruise on Lake Ashi**, famed throughout the centuries for its views of Mount Fuji.
- Explore the cafes and old saké breweries of **Takayama's Old Town**, a wonderful slice of Old Japan
- Experience **Snow Monkey Park** where, in winter, Japanese Macaques bathe in volcanic hot springs
- Visit **Matsumoto Castle**, a National Treasure known as 'Crow Castle' due to its dramatic black exterior
- Visit **Nara's Great Eastern Temple, with its Great Buddha Hall** – the world's largest wooden building!
- Feed the gentle sika deer at **Nara Park**, established around 700 years ago
- Explore **Himeji Castle**, the largest surviving traditional castle in Japan!
- View Osaka from 40 stories (173m) at the **Umeda Sky Building Floating Observatory**
- Explore at your own pace with **free days at your leisure in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka**
- **Atomic Museum Hiroshima and memorial.**

Day 1: Australia Tokyo

Take an international flight from Australia to Tokyo via a connecting city – Note: Some flights may depart one day later.

Day 2: Arrive in Tokyo

On arrival in **Tokyo**, your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to your hotel.



Day 3: Tokyo (B)

Today we will take a full-day coach **tour of Tokyo**, starting with **Meiji Shrine**. The shrine is located within a 170 acre forest in the centre of Tokyo. Constructed of cypress wood and copper, the shrine commemorates Emperor Meiji, Japan's 122nd emperor, who presided over Japan's industrial revolution and emergence onto the world stage. Next we visit **Asakusa district**, and visit **Senso-ji Temple**. This is Tokyo's oldest temple, and is dedicated to **Kannon**, the Buddhist goddess of mercy. On the approach to Senso-ji is **Nakamise Shopping Street**, a centuries-old promenade of shops selling traditional snacks and souvenirs like kimonos and bottles of saké. We will then visit **Tokyo Sky Tree**. Opening in May 2012, the Skytree is a television and radio broadcast site, and contains a restaurant and two

viewing platforms. At 634m, this is the 2nd-tallest structure in the world! We round off the day with a trip to **Odaiba**, a large artificial island in **Tokyo Bay**. Built as an island fortress in the 19th century, Odaiba will be a venue location for the 2020 Olympic Games, and is already a popular leisure and sightseeing area.



Day 4: Tokyo (B)

Enjoy today free at leisure in Tokyo.



Day 5: Tokyo Yokohama Hakone Kawaguchiko (B, D)

Tour by chartered coach to **Hakone**. En route, we explore the **Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse**. These buildings were erected a century ago as customs buildings for Yokohama Port. Requisitioned by the US military after World War 2, in 2002 they were re-purposed as a cultural and shopping complex. Next, we visit the incredible **Daibutsu (Great Buddha) at Kotoku-in Temple**. Constructed in 1252 and once covered in gold, the bronze Great Buddha is an impressive sight. This is followed by a **boat cruise on Lake Ashi**. The lake sits within **Mount Hakone**, and is famed for its views of Mount Fuji. Boats inspired by western warships cruise the scenic lake, and the picturesque forested region has been popular for hikers and sightseers for centuries. Transfer to **Kawaguchiko**, where you will enjoy dinner before spending the night in a traditional hot-spring onsen guesthouse.



Day 6: Kawaguchiko Mount Fuji Matsumoto Nagano (B)

Today we visit **Mount Fuji's 5th Station**. Here, above the clouds, we will view the sacred mountain's enormous summit if weather permits. We then transfer to **Matsumoto** (approx. 2.5h), where we visit **Matsumoto Castle**, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its dramatic black exterior. The keep, or *tenshu*, completed around 1593, is listed as a National Treasure of Japan. Transfer to Nagano and to your hotel.



Day 7: Nagano Jigokudani Kamikochi Takayama (B)

Travel by coach to **Takayama**. Along the way, we will visit **Jigokudani – the famous Monkey Park** where, in winter, Japanese Macaques bathe in volcanic hot springs. We'll also visit picturesque **Taisho Pond (Taishoike) in Kamikochi**. This is a beautiful scenic destination, with Mt. Hotakadake and Mt. Yakedake visible in the distance, and the scenery around the lake changes dramatically with the passing seasons. Next, visit **Kappa Bashi (Kappa Bridge)** – where you'll find a suspension bridge over the river, affording spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. Transfer to Takayama.



Day 8: Takayama Shirakawago Kanazawa (B)

Today we travel by coach to **Shirakawago Village**, a World Heritage site where 114 Gassho-style houses with steeply-pitched roofs in the shape of a triangle. Built many hundreds of years ago, these historic houses stand together in a beautiful natural setting. On the way, we stop at **Takayama's Old Town**, a wonderfully well-preserved slice of old Japan, with houses and shops dating back to the Edo period (1600-1868). As well as the charming architecture, there are unique cafes and a number of old saké breweries. Enjoy some free time to explore the sights, and then it's on to Shirakawago, where from the site's observation deck you can enjoy a spectacular panoramic view of this UNESCO-listed village of thatched-roof houses among the gorgeous mountainous scenery. Transfer to Kanazawa to rest for the evening.



Day 9: Kanazawa Kyoto (B)

In **Kanazawa**, visit **Kenrokuen Garden** – one of Japan's top three landscape gardens. Developed over more than 200 years, starting in 1620, the garden contains almost 9000 trees and 200 plant species. We also visit **Nomura House**, the historic residence of the Nomura Samurai clan. The house and grounds provide an insight into the lifestyle of the Samurai class during the 16-19th centuries, and feature beautiful architecture, gardens, and décor such as painted screen doors. Then transfer from Kanazawa to Kyoto and on to your hotel.



Day 10: Kyoto (B)

Enjoy today free at leisure in Kyoto



Day 11: Kyoto Nara Kyoto (B)

This morning, we travel the short distance to **Nara** by bus, and visit **Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion**. This is a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold, set within a beautiful classical Zen garden. The detailed architecture incorporates three distinct architectural styles – Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Next, we visit Heian Jingu (Heian Shinto Shrine), a replica of an ancient imperial palace, and a symbol of the rebirth of Kyoto after World War 2 – the enormous vermilion orange tori gate is unforgettable! Next, we visit **Todaiji (Great Eastern Temple)**, with its **Great Buddha Hall** – the world's largest wooden building. This impressive building houses a huge 15m tall bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Then, wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 tame sika deer roam freely. Return to your hotel in Kyoto by coach.



Day 12: Kyoto Osaka (B, D)

This morning we travel by coach to Osaka to visit **Osaka Castle**, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century. The castle is elaborately fortified, and decorated in an attractive white and green colour scheme. After exploring the extensive castle and grounds, we move on to something more modern – the **Umeda Sky Building Floating Observatory**, which provides an unparalleled elevated view of Osaka. The viewing platform is suspended between two 40-story towers, at 173 metres above the city streets. The **Namba-Shinsaibashi area** in the city's South encompasses the city's premier shopping districts, full of boutiques, designers outlets, restaurants and bars. We end the day with dinner at an Izakaya. These are Japanese-style bars which serve a variety of side dishes along with saké and beer – their grilled meat skewers are particularly good!



Day 13: Osaka Himeji Osaka (B)

Today we take a half-day tour by coach to **Himeji Castle**, which is the largest surviving example of a traditional Japanese castle. Comprising 83 buildings, the white roof of this UNESCO-registered complex is said to evoke the wings of a heron taking flight – hence the popular name '**Shirasagi-jō**' – **White Heron Castle**. In 1945 an American firebomb was dropped into the top floor of the keep, but didn't ignite, and the castle was renovated in 1956. Himeji Castle is the most visited in Japan, and the site offers some wonderful views of surrounding Himeji city. Arrive back at the hotel around lunchtime, and enjoy the afternoon free at leisure.



Day 14: Osaka (B)

Enjoy today free at leisure in Osaka.

Day 15: Osaka or Hiroshima (B)

This morning, Proceed to Osaka Station for a bullet train/coach to Hiroshima and spend the afternoon at your leisure.



Day 16: Hiroshima or Osaka

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 explosion. Then visit the Atomic Bomb Museum, followed by the Memorial Peace Park. Travel back to Osaka and take a shuttle bus to your hotel.



Day 17: Depart Osaka

After breakfast, transfer to Osaka airport for your flight home.



Day 18: Arrive Australia

Arrive back in Australia today.

Tokyo	Shinagawa Prince Hotel
Kawaguchiko	Motsu View Hotel
Nagano	Hotel JAL City Nagano
Takayama	Hida Hotel Plaza

Kanazawa	Hotel Kanazawa
Kyoto	New Miyako Hotel
Osaka	Hotel Vischio Osaka by Granvia



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- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

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	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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