

Essence of Japan - Discovery Across Cultures

10 Nights / 11 Days

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Overview

This 11-day journey through Japan reveals the perfect harmony of past and present. Begin in Tokyo, where neon-lit skyscrapers stand beside centuries-old temples. Feel the city's pulse at Shibuya Crossing, then find serenity at Senso-ji Temple. Travel to Hiroshima to witness history at the Peace Memorial Park before experiencing the magical floating torii gate of Miyajima Island. Conclude in Osaka, where mouthwatering street food and lively nightlife await. Along the way, stroll through Kyoto's enchanting bamboo forests, marvel at Mount Fuji's majesty, and ride Japan's legendary bullet trains. With included tours, comfortable accommodations, and seamless transfers, this tour offers the ideal introduction to Japan's diverse wonders.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Welcome to the Land of the Rising Sun

Arrive in Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital. After a warm welcome at Narita International Airport, enjoy a comfortable transfer to your deluxe hotel. Spend the rest of the day exploring Tokyo at your own pace—visit local ramen joints or stroll through neon-lit Shibuya.

Day 2 - Tokyo City Tour & Cultural Exploration

Kickstart your adventure with a guided full-day Tokyo city tour. Witness panoramic views from Tokyo Skytree, visit the serene Meiji Shrine, and explore bustling districts like Asakusa and Shinjuku. Enjoy a delicious Japanese lunch and soak in Tokyo's dynamic contrast of old and new.

Day 3 - Mt. Fuji & Hakone Adventure by Bullet Train

Embark on a scenic day trip to the iconic Mount Fuji's 5th Station. Experience breathtaking views, and explore Hakone's hot springs and peaceful lakes. Return to Tokyo via Japan's famed Shinkansen bullet train—a thrilling ride through Japan's countryside.

Day 4 - Leisure & Hidden Gems of Tokyo

Enjoy Tokyo your way—visit teamLabs Borderless, explore Harajuku's fashion-forward streets, or take a sushi-making class with a master chef. Discover hidden alleys of Shimokitazawa or shop in Ginza's upscale boutiques. Optional: evening river cruise or izakaya hopping.

Day 5 - High-Speed Transfer to Hiroshima

Travel to Hiroshima by bullet train. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and relax. Spend the day at leisure—visit local street markets or walk along Peace Boulevard. Optional: Try Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki, a delicious savory pancake native to the region.

Day 6 - Hiroshima & Miyajima Island Tour

Visit the moving Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum, a powerful tribute to the city's resilience. Later, take a ferry to Miyajima Island to see the majestic floating Torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine—an unforgettable spiritual and cultural experience.

Day 7 - Off to Osaka - Japan's Culinary Capital

Transfer to Osaka, a vibrant city known for its food scene and nightlife. Check into your hotel and spend the day discovering Dotonbori's canal-side streets, neon signs, and irresistible street food. Optional: visit Umeda Sky Building or shop in Shinsaibashi.

Day 8 - Full-Day Kyoto & Nara Heritage Excursion

Explore Kyoto's historic elegance and Nara's ancient wonders. Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine with its iconic red torii path, the Bamboo Grove of Arashiyama, and the Great Buddha of Nara. Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and witness Japan's timeless spiritual legacy.

Day 9 - Osaka Walking Tour & Castle Visit

Dive into Osaka's charm with a guided walking tour. Visit the historic Osaka Castle, explore Kuromon Market's local flavors, and discover hidden alleys brimming with culture and quirky shops.

Day 10 - Leisure Day in Osaka or Optional Universal

Spend the day as you wish—shop at Namba Parks, visit Osaka Aquarium, or opt for an adrenaline-filled day at Universal Studios Japan. A perfect opportunity to relax or indulge in more adventure before your journey ends.

Day 11 - Departure Day - Sayōnara Japan!

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Kansai International Airport. Bid farewell to Japan with cherished memories, cultural treasures, and stories worth sharing.

Accommodation Used