
Itinerary

Introduction

- **Day 01 : TOKYO ARRIVAL (TOKYO/JAPAN)**

Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's Capital City.

Upon arrival, the driver will be waiting outside the to transfer you to your hotel in town. Stay the remainder of the day at leisure to recover from the long flight.

Overnight : Tokyo

- **Day 02 : HIGHLIGHTS OF TOKYO CITY TOUR(TOKYO/ JAPAN)B/L**

Pick Up: Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo at 07:30 AM

This day is about visiting the different attractions within Tokyo and get immersed in the cultural experiences the city has to offer. From the multitude of options available, we have planned for you to visit some of the most popular attractions like the Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace Plaza and the Senso-ji Temple. The visit is also interspersed with varied experiences like the Traditional Tea Ceremony experience, going for the Sumida River Cruise and visiting the hustle bustle of the busy Nakamise Shopping Street.

Tokyo Tower: We will begin the day's tour with visiting the Tokyo Tower, which is a well-known symbol and observatory in Tokyo. The tower is inspired by the Eiffel Tower and has 2 viewing decks. The tour consists of visiting only the main deck, located at 150m. The visit to the second deck, The Special Observatory (located at 250m) has an additional charge and is not part of the package. Those wanting to visit can do so by paying the required charges at the location.

Immersive Tea Ceremony Experience: The best way to visit a location is to get an idea of the local traditions. Our next experience is curated with this philosophy in mind. After the visit to the Tokyo Tower, you get to attend a traditional tea ceremony at one of our hosts, where you can enjoy the green tea and traditional Japanese delicacies with the locals.

Imperial Palace Plaza: After relaxing a little with the delicious tea and tasty treats, it is time for us to head to the National Garden. The garden was a private garden of the royal family at one point of time in history, however, it is open to visitors now. From the plaza, you can also get a clear view of the Imperial Palace as well as the Nijubashi Bridge, which is popularly known as the face of the Imperial Palace.

Sumida River Cruise: After visiting the grandeur of an era gone by at the Imperial Palace, it is time to experience the new face of Japan – the modern day Tokyo – in a cruise boat on the Sumida River. You can enjoy the breath taking views and enjoy the atmosphere at Edo.

Senso-ji Temple and the Nakamise Shopping Street: After the refreshing boat ride, we will visit one of Tokyo's oldest temples to get a glimpse of the old world charm and grandeur. The temple offers the visitors some of the most stunning architectural views including the bright red Kaminarimon Gate, a statue of the Thunder God and a five story pagoda. After marvelling at the architectural wonders that have stood the test of time, it is time to enjoy some street shopping at the bustling Nakamise Street, extending from the Kaminarimon Gate to the Senso-ji temple.

Note : Tour ends at Hamamatsucho Bus Terminal

Overnight : Tokyo.

Meals : Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel | Japanese Lunch (Veg options available)

• **Day 03 : MT.FUJI & HAKONE TOUR(TOKYO/ JAPAN)B/L**

Pick Up: Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo at 07:30 AM

This day is dedicated to visiting two of the attractions Japan is known for around the world – Mt. Fuji and the Bullet Train.

Mt. Fuji 5th Station: The bus will take you from the Hotel to the 5th station along the Subaru Line. The 5th station is located at a height of 2300 metres (7546 feet) above sea level. Just being at this location, gives you a feeling of standing above the clouds. You can check out the breath taking views of the city under the clouds standing above them.

Lake Ashi Cruise: The next stop on this day will be the natural wonder – Lake Ashi. This crater lake was created nearly 3000 years ago, along the southwest wall of the caldera of Mt. Hakone, by a powerful volcanic eruption. The biggest draw of the lake apart from its own serene, natural beauty are the amazing views it affords of Mt. Fuji, just 30km northwest from here. Seeing the towering Mt. Fuji from aboard a ship is a surreal experience.

Komagatake Ropeway: The next and final destination of the day is a 7-minute ropeway ride to the top of Mt. Komagatake. A cableway ride up to the original shrine of the spiritual Hakone Shrine Mototsumiya is an integral part of the tour. A total of 50 minutes will be available for the guests on the peak including the time to walk around the peak, soaking in the views.

After taking the train back, the tour will disband at the Tokyo Station

Tour ends at : Tokyo Station (19:00)

Overnight : Tokyo.

Meals : Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel | Japanese Lunch (Veg options available)

• **Day 04 : KAMAKURA & ENOSHIMA BAY TOUR (TOKYO/JAPAN) B**

Pick Up: JTB SUNRISE TOURS Sales Office on the 3rd floor of Keio Plaza Hotel at 08:00 AM

The next day in our tour is dedicated to a full day tour of Kamakura city and the neighbouring Enoshima Island. We will be visiting the culturally rich locations and traditional temples including Jomyo-ji Temple, Hokoku-ji Temple, Kotoku-in Temple and the Great Buddha as well as the Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine. The day will also include sightseeing at the enchanting Enoshima Island .

Jomyo-ji Temple and the curated Matcha Green Tea Experience: We will begin our day with a visit to the famous Jomyo-ji temple located in Kamakura. The special attraction of this trip will be the specially curated experience of enjoying the world famous Matcha green tea in the serenity of a tearoom that was constructed over 400 years ago. The temple's rock garden is also popular amongst the tourists and will be a part of our visit.

Hokoku-ji Temple: The next stop in our day plan is the Hokoku-ji temple located at Kamakura. This temple is known by the locals as "Bamboo temple", thanks to its flourishing bamboo grove, which is also a chief tourist attraction.

Kotoku-in Temple and the Great Buddha: Having visited two temples in this lovely town, we head to the third and equally popular Kotoku-in Temple. It is well-known the world over for a towering 13-meter tall statue of Gautam Buddha. This statue is one of the three Great Buddha statues located across Japan.

Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine: We wrap our tour of Kamakura with this vividly vermilion shrine, situated amongst lovely green foliage of the forest. This is the most important Shinto Shrine in the city that has grown around this particular shrine, making it an important part of the Japanese culture. One can enjoy the views of the city sitting in the front portion of the main hall and slowly observing the rhythm of life on the Wakamiya Oji approach road to the Shrine.

Enoshima Sightseeing: Having had a spiritual experience through the day, it is time to enjoy some cool ocean breeze. For this, we will head to the popular Enoshima Island located near Tokyo and considered a famous getaway destination by the locals and tourists alike. The Island can be entered by crossing over the 600-meter bridge connecting it to the mainland.

On crossing the bridge, you will be greeted by the bustling Benzaiten Nakamise Street with its colourful shops. Take a walk along the busy street and enjoy shopping. Later, we will visit the Enoshima Shrine, travelling all the way up in the Enoshima Escar escalator. The gorgeous views of the ocean from the Shrine complete a fulfilling day.

Please note that while we will be taking the Escar escalator up the shrine, the way back will be through the stairs. Those having trouble in walking so far, are requested to kindly stay back at the Benzaiten Nakamise Street.

The tour will be disbanded at the Shinjuku Station West Exit.

Overnight : Tokyo

Meals: Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel | Japanese Lunch with Tour (Veg options available)

• **Day 05 : NIKKO NATIONAL PARK TOUR(TOKYO/JAPAN)B**

Pick Up: JTB SUNRISE TOURS Sales Office on the 3rd floor of Keio Plaza Hotel at 08:00 AM

After a day visiting the famous spots at Tokyo, the next day is equally action packed. This day is reserved for the Nikko National Park Tour and visiting the famous landmarks in the Nikko Park. The tour covers a seat in the coach for touring the National Park.

The day starts once again with the breakfast at Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro and pick up at 7:30 am. On this day, we will visit some of the famous spots like Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Lake Chuzenji and the Kegon Falls situated on the Lake.

Nikko Toshogu Shrine: The National Park tour starts with one of the most revered places in Japan and a registered UNESCO World Heritage Site. The sacred shrine is a witness to 400 years of Japanese history and is the place where Ieyasu Tokugawa, the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate is enshrined. This place holds a special place in the hearts of the Japanese. You can enjoy the place by visiting the traditionally built main hall and the famous carvings of the sleeping cat and three monkeys.

Lake Chuzenji: After paying homage to the shrine, it is time to visit a natural wonder. The serene Lake Chuzenji was created by an eruption of Mt. Nantai, the famous stratovolcano of Japan. The Lake and the Mountain are symbols of the Nikko Park and on clear days, Mt. Nantai is visible from as far as the Pacific Coast.

Kegon Waterfalls: Located on the Lake Chuzenji at an awe inspiring height of 97m, the mighty Kegon Falls are a sight to behold. This is what makes them one of the 3 great waterfalls in Japan. The visitors can admire the breathtaking view of the falls from the observation deck. However, if you want to experience the Kegon Falls elevator, to view the falls further close by, there will be an additional charge not covered in the tour. You can pay the required charges on the spot and avail the facility.

Having visited the Nikko National Park on the Tour Coach, the tour will disband at the Shinjuku Station's West Exit.

Overnight : Tokyo

Meals: Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel | Japanese Lunch (Veg options available)

- **Day 06 : TOKYO - KYOTO BY BULLET TRAIN(KYOTO/JAPAN)B/L**

Our driver will pick you from Tokyo hotel at 07:45 am and drop you at Tokyo Station.

Today, you will be travelling to Kyoto by train (Shinkansen “Nozomi 213) and then will be transferred to Kyoto Hotel.

Baggage will be transported by regular operated from Tokyo to Kyoto.

Please deposit your baggage at the bell desk by 7:30 am, and then we will separately transport it to the hotel in Kyoto.

Overnight : Kyoto

Meals -Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel

- **Day 07 : KYOTO & NARA TOUR (KYOTO /JAPAN)B/L**

Pick Up: ANA Crowne Plaza Kyoto at 08:30 AM

This action packed day will constitute of a full day tour of Kyoto and Nara. There are many attractions to be covered throughout the day including the Nijo Castle, Kinkaku-ji Temple, Kyoto Imperial Palace, Todai-ji Temple, Nara Park, Kasuga Taisha Shrine and the Nara Nagomikan.

Nijo Castle: The first stop of the day will be the World Heritage Site of the Nijo Castle. The historical castle was built to provide lodging for Tokugawa Shogun and as a palladium for the Kyoto Imperial Palace. It was completed in 1626 and has stood the test of time since then. The intricate carvings will surely impress the onlookers. Also, the Japanese Gardens in the Ninomaru (literally second line of defense) are a great attraction.

Kinkaku-ji Temple: From the castle, we move on to the aesthetically pleasing surroundings of the Kinkaku-ji temple. The wooden architecture of this World Heritage site is covered in thin layers of pure gold. The beautiful pond surrounding the complex has a soothing effect on one and all.

Kyoto Imperial Palace: Next on the day's itinerary is the Kyoto Imperial Palace that functioned as the Emperor's Residence until about 150 years ago when the capital moved to Tokyo.

Todai-ji Temple: One of the most significant temples in Japan's history, the Todai-ji is a Buddhist temple housing the world's largest bronze statue of Gautam Buddha. This is one of the seven UNESCO World Heritage sites in Nara.

Nara Park: A place of serene natural beauty, this public park is located at the foot of Mount Wakakusa and is one of the oldest parks in Japan. It is also known for the large number of wild deer (Shika) roaming freely in the park.

Kasuga Taisha Shrine: This is the Shrine of the Fujiwara family and is known for the multiple bronze and stone lanterns leading all the way up to the shrine.

Nara Nagomikan: We close the day in the largest Gift shop in Nara, where you can look for the perfect souvenirs for friends and family back at home.

Tour ends at : Kyoto Hotel Drop off.

Overnight : Kyoto

Meals -Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel & Japanese Lunch (Veg options available)

• **Day 08 : KYOTO -HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA TOUR - OSAKA (OSAKA/JAPAN)B**

Pick Up: ANA Crowne Plaza Kyoto at 07:30 AM

Another long day in store for you as it starts at 7:15 am from your Kyoto Hotel and will end with a drop at Shin Osaka Station. We will take care of transporting your luggage from Kyoto to Osaka in a separate regular truck and you will receive it on the same day evening. Please ensure to deposit your luggage at the bell-desk latest by 7:30am.

We will spend the day by visiting some of the memorable sites in Japan like the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum and the Atomic Bomb Dome.

Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima: Our first stop for the day will be the World Heritage site of Itsukushima Shrine. Established in the 6th century, this shrine is one of Japan's finest, and is famous for its beautiful Shinden-zukuri style structure (architecture representative of a noble's residence in the Heian period).

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum: This memorial park in the centre of Hiroshima is dedicated to the memory of the Atomic Bomb explosions in the city during the Second World

War. The park was built on a huge field created by the explosion. The museum within the park is an Important Cultural Property of Japan, and was built to remind future generations of the terror wreaked by atomic bombs.

Atomic Bomb Dome: The Atomic Bomb Dome is a symbol of the disastrous atomic bombing during WWII; the first atomic bombs used in human history, and have been preserved as it was to promote peace and elimination of atomic weapons around the world.

The transfer from the Shin-Osaka station to the ANA Crowne Plaza, Osaka is to be via a taxi booked on the spot and paid for locally.

Dinner will be arranged at Banjara in Osaka, an Indian Restaurant with a fixed menu.

Tour ends at : Shin-Osaka Station

Overnight : Osaka

Meals -Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel

• **Day 09 : OSAKA TOUR-OSAKA (OSAKA/JAPAN)B**

Pick Up: ANA Crowne Plaza Kyoto at 09:00 AM

Enjoy the day in Osaka city to visit Osaka Castle with a beautiful museum inside, for then, go to the top floor and fall in love with the city's view. Later, go to Shitennoji, a Buddhist Temple, this is one of the oldest temples in the city. After admiring the Osaka's history, get lost in the Shin-Sekai neighborhood with a retro-futuristic look, for then, visit the Namba and Dotonbori, two very popular neighborhoods especially for its neons, the decorations on the facades of its restaurants and its great nightlife.

Overnight : Osaka (ANA Crowne Plaza Osaka)

Meals -Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel

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- **Day 10 : OSAKA DEPARTURE B**

After breakfast & check out .Our driver will take you from the hotel to Osaka Airport for your onward flight

Meals -Buffet Breakfast @ Hotel