20 Day Trails Of Japan

Asia Vacation Group - World Travel Expert!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover the world with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of world's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences and quality inclusions all at an unbeatable prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by <u>our team</u> with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in world touring since 2015, <u>Asia Vacation Group</u> is proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

Australian Company Owned	Small Group Size (from 10 pax to 16 pax)	Relaxed Itinerary
7 Day Change of Mind to get the full Refund		

Day by Day Itinerary

Sapporo, Hakodate, Sendai, Kanazawa, Osaka, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Tokyo

HIGHLIGHTS

- Shinkansen train included (must try in Japan)
- Visit the iconic Sapporo Beer Museum
- Incredible sightseeing, including breathtaking Mount Fuji, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, beautiful temples, shrines and castles like UNESCO World Heritage Sites Golden Pavilion, Himeji Castle, Itsukushima Shrine and relax time in Sapporo.
- Standard 3-star hotel accommodations
- Daily breakfasts in the category chosen or similar (subject to availability)
- All transfers & admission as mentioned
- Escorted by professional, English-speaking guide
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)

ITINERARY

Day 1: Hokkaido Arrival

You will board a flight from your home to Hokkaido. Welcome to Japan, our driver will meet and take you to your hotel for check in. If time permits, you will visit Odori Park. You will stay overnight in Sapporo

Meal: In-flight meals.

Accommodation: Ibis styles Sapporo 3* or similar

Remark: You might depart your home one day earlier depend on the flights.

Day 2: Sapporo City Tour

After your breakfast, you will have a full day to visit Sapporo Clock tower – the oldest clock tower in Japan, Sapporo beer Museum – a museum located in the Sapporo Garden Park in Higashi-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido that is registered as one of the Hokkaido Heritage sites in 2004, the museum is the only beer museum in Japan and visit Susukino – Japan's largest entertainment district north of Tokyo. It is packed with stores, bars, restaurants, karaoke shops, pachinko parlors and red light establishments.

In the afternoon, you will return to your hotel and stay overnight in Tokyo.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ibis styles Sapporo 3* or similar

Day 3: Sapporo - Otaru - Sapporo

Today, you will a full day to visit Otaru Canal – a central part of the city's busy port in the first half of the 20th century, Kitaichi glass museum, Music box museum, Sakaimichi (shop) and Susukino (Shop). Late afternoon, you will return to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Ibis styles Sapporo 3* or similar

Day 4: Sapporo - Hakodate

After breakfast, you will have a day to visit Motomachi area (Strolling outside), Kanemori redbrick warehouse – a commercial complex consisting of four facilities, which were built after renovating an old red brick warehouse built in 1909. Next to visit to Mt Hakodate – an inactive volcanic mountain in Hakodate, Hokkaido. The mountain is renowned for its view of the surrounding bay and city. Afternoon, you return to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Resol Hakodate 3* or similar

Remark: Please collect the luggage in front of the lobby before 08.00 am, Luggage transfer Next day Included to Sendai to Hakodate.

Day 5: Hakodate - Sendai

After breakfast, you will head to Goryokaku (Photostop/Tentative do to the train) and then will take from Shinkanshen to Sendai Miyagi JR.

On arrival Sendai Station, you visit to Sendai Castle – a Japanese castle located in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture. Throughout the Edo period, Aoba Castle was home to the Date clan, daimyo of Sendai Domain. The castle was also known as Sendai-jo. In 2003, the castle ruins were designated a National Historic Site, next to spend your time at the shopping area called Sunmalla Ichibancho. Overnight at hotel.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel Vista Sendai 3* or similar

Day 6: Sendai - Matsushima - Sendai

After breakfast, you will have a day to explore Matsushima, enjoy your time on Matsushima Cruise and visit Zuiganji Temple – a Rinzai Zen Buddhist temple in located in the town of Matsushima, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. Belonging to the MyŌshin-ji-branch of Rinzai Zen, it was founded in 828 during the Heian period by Jikaku Daish.

Late afternoon, you return to your hotel and spend your free time.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel Vista Sendai 3* or similar

Day 7: Sendai - Omiya - Kanazawa

After breakfast, you will check out your hotel and take train from Omiya Station to Kanazawa Station. On arrival, you will visit Higashi Chaya District before being checked in your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Vista Kanazawa 3* or similar

Remark: Please collect the luggage in front of the lobby before 08.00 am, Luggage transfer Next day Included to Osaka.

Day 8: Kanazawa City tour

After breakfast you will have a full bustling day to explore Kanazawa such as: Kenrokuen Garden – one of only 3 'perfect gardens' in Japan, this park is designed to be beautiful during every season, Omicho Market – spacious, indoor complex with stalls selling fresh produce, seafood & meat, plus specialty dishes and lastly Hogahsi Chaya District (Shop). Return to your hotel in the afternoon and stay overnight in Kanazawa.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Vista Kanazawa 3* or similar

Day 9: Kanazawa - Osaka

 $After\ breakfast, you\ will\ check\ out\ to\ get\ the\ train\ from\ Kanazwa\ Station\ to\ Osaka.$

On arrival, our driver will meet and take to Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi – one of the principal tourist destinations in Osaka, running along the Dotonbori canal from Dotonboribashi Bridge to Nipponbashi Bridge in the Namba district

of the city's Chuo ward. Stay overnight in Osaka.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Sarasa Hotel Shin-Osaka 3* or similar

Day 10: Osaka - Mt.Koya - Osaka

After breakfast, you will head to Mt. Koya – a large temple settlement in Wakayama Prefecture, Japan to the south of Osaka, Okonoin Temple, torodo and Gokusho (Strolling) and then return to Osaka. Stay overnight in Osaka.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Sarasa Hotel Shin-Osaka 3* or similar

Remark:

- Next day Luggage transfer to Hiroshima
- Bring only 1 Luggage to Koya

Day 11: Osaka - Hiroshima

Today, you will go to Shin Osaka Station to get the Shinkanshen to Hiroshima. On arrival, you will have time to explore Hon dori before being checked in your hotel and overnight in Hiroshima.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel MyStays Hiroshima Peace Park 3* or similar

Day 12: Hiroshima - Miyajima - Hiroshima

After breakfast, you will visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum – a museum located in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, in central Hiroshima, Japan, dedicated to documenting the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in World War II. The museum was established in August 1955 with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Hall. Next to get the ferry to visit Miyajima a small island in Hiroshima Bay, western Japan. It is known for its forests and ancient temples. Just offshore, the giant, orange Great Torii Gate is partially submerged at high tide. It marks the entrance to the Itsukushima Shrine, which was first built in the 12th century. Nearby, the Museum of History and Folklore has cultural artifacts in a 19th-century merchant's home. Late afternoon, you return to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel MyStays Hiroshima Peace Park 3* or similar

Day 13: Hiroshima - Himeji - Kyoto

Today, you will head to a city in the Kansai region of Japan – Himeji and visit Himeji Castle – a hilltop Japanese castle complex situated in the city of Himeji which is located in the Hyōgo Prefecture of Japan. Then, you will leave Hiroshima for Kyoto. Check in and stay overnight in Kyoto.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Urban Hotel Kyoto Nijo Premium 3* or similar

Day 14: Kyoto

Today, you head to Nara to visit the Todaiji Temple – a Buddhist temple complex that was once one of the powerful Seven Great Temples, located in the city of Nara, Kasuga taisha – bright vermillion columns support the roof of this Shinto shrine originally established in 768 A.D, next to visit Nara Deer Park – a public park located in the city of Nara, Japan, at the foot of Mount Wakakusa. Established in 1880 it is one of the oldest parks in Japan. Lastly, you will visit Gion/Nishiki Market. Return to Kyoto in the late afternoon. Overnight at hotel in Kyoto.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Urban Hotel Kyoto Nijo Premium 3* or similar

Day 15: Kyoto - Nara - Kyoto

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Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Urban Hotel Kyoto Nijo Premium 3* or similar

Day 16: Kyoto City tour

After breakfast, you will have a full day to explore Higashimaya District – one of the eleven wards in the city of Kyoto, Kiyomizudera – a Buddhist temple located in eastern Kyoto, a part of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyot UNESCO World Heritage site and next to explore Nishiki Market – a marketplace in downtown Kyoto, located on the east end of Nishikikoji Street, one block north and parallel to Shijo Street and west of Teramachi Street. Overnight at hotel in Kyoto.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Urban Hotel Kyoto Nijo Premium 3* or similar

Remark:

- Please collect the luggage in front of the lobby before 08.00 am
- Next Day Luggage Transfer to Tokyo

Day 17: Kyoto - Tokyo

After breakfast, you will check out your hotel and leave for Tokyo by a Shinkanshen.

On arrival, our tour guide will take you to explore the bustling city of Japan such as: Asakusa Sensoji Temple – an ancient Buddhist temple located in Asakusa, Tokyo. It is Tokyo's oldest temple, and one of its most significant. Formerly associated with the Tendai sect of Buddhism, it became independent after World War II and explore Nakamise Street. Continue to visit Tokyo Skytree and Meji shrine – a Shinto shrine in Shibuya, Tokyo that is dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife. After that, spend your time to explore Shibuya. Late afternoon, you return to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Fontaine Kayabacho 3* or similar

Day 18: Tokyo

Today, you will have full day to explore and shopping at Shinjuku, Akihabara – a buzzing shopping hub famed for its electronics retailers, ranging from tiny stalls to vast department stores like Yodobashi Multimedia Akiba, Ginza – one of the city's top shopping districts, Ginza is packed with upmarket boutiques and ritzy cocktail and sushi bars. Overnight at hotel in Tokyo.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Fontaine Kayabacho 3* or similar

Day 19: Tokyo - Home

Today, you are free time at leisure until we transfer to the airport for flight back home.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: On Plane

Day 20: Home

This morning, you will arrive your home and end of your memory trip in Japan with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- Shinkansen Train
- Standard 3-star hotel accommodations
- Daily breakfasts in the category chosen or similar (subject to availability)
- All transfers & admission as mentioned
- Escorted by professional, English-speaking guide
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- Shinkanshen Hakodate Sendai, Sendai Kanazawa
- Next day Luggage Transfer Sendai Kanazawa
- Shinkanshen Reserved Seat Kanazawa to Osaka
- Next Day Luggage Transfer Kanazawa to Osaka
- Next Day Luggage Transfer Kyoto to Tokyo
- Shinkanshen Reserved Seat Osaka to Hiroshima

EXCLUSIONS

- International Flight
- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (suggestion: 10AUD/pp/day)
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program
- Luggage transport service
 - Next day service by courier JPY 3000 per luggage
 - Same day service by luggage truck KAWAGUCHIKO OSAKA JPY 96,800 (2 ton/ max 50 luggage)
- Optional standard meal (Lunch: JPY 1800/pax/lunch; Dinner: JPY 3500/pax/dinner)

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Monday 15 Jul 2024	Saturday 03 Aug 2024	AU\$8,799		Sold Out
Monday 12 Aug 2024	Saturday 31 Aug 2024	AU\$8,799		Book
Monday 26 Aug 2024	Saturday 14 Sep 2024	AU\$8,699		Sold Out
Monday 02 Sep 2024	Saturday 21 Sep 2024	AU\$8,799		Book
Monday 16 Sep 2024	Saturday 05 Oct 2024	AU\$8,799		Sold Out
Monday 07 Oct 2024	Saturday 26 Oct 2024	AU\$9,699		Book
Monday 21 Oct 2024	Saturday 09 Nov 2024	AU\$9,899		Sold Out
Monday 04 Nov 2024	Saturday 23 Nov 2024	AU\$9,899		Book
Monday 10 Mar 2025	Saturday 29 Mar 2025	AU\$9,199		Book
Monday 24 Mar 2025	Saturday 12 Apr 2025	AU\$9,899		Book
Monday 31 Mar 2025	Saturday 19 Apr 2025	AU\$9,899		Book
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Monday 12 May 2025	Saturday 31 May 2025	AU\$8,399		Book
Monday 16 Jun 2025	Saturday 05 Jul 2025	AU\$8,399		Book
Monday 14 Jul 2025	Saturday 02 Aug 2025	AU\$8,399		Book
Monday 11 Aug 2025	Saturday 30 Aug 2025	AU\$8,399		Book
Monday 15 Sep 2025	Saturday 04 Oct 2025	AU\$8,399		Book
Monday 06 Oct 2025	Saturday 25 Oct 2025	AU\$9,199		Book
Monday 10 Nov 2025	Saturday 29 Nov 2025	AU\$9,899		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS



Nikko Sightseeing AU\$248



Disneyland and Disney Sea AU\$243



Kyoto - Cycling Tour AU\$144



Osaka Food Tour AU\$144

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package excludes international flights.

Airfare Information

- Airline: Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines or similar (20kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage each person only
- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with NibTravel Insurance to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of \$10 per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$2,450 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size: min from 10-16 pax

Triple Share

Upon your request except for cruises

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

Australian passport holders do not need a visa to travel to Japan, for stays less than 90 days.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

Cherry Blossoms

Please note that Cherry Blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your arrival.

Luggage Policy:

- 1 Passenger is limited to carrying a maximum of 2 Suitcases with following Dimensions;
- 1 Suitcase having measurement of L 51 cm x W 31 cm x H 77 cm, with maximum weight 30 KG
- 1 Common Carry on Cabin Suitcase having L 38cm x W 23cm x H 60cm, with maximum weight of 10kg

Extra Charge for transfers is needed for any overweight and over quota luggages

Coach

- * Drivers' working hours are regulated by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
- * Driver's daily working hours may not exceed 12 hours, including leaving/returning/standby time (average service hours: 09.00 20.00)
- * Daily driving time shall not exceed 9 hours. In addition to this, driver must have a daily rest period of at least 8 consecutive hours.
- * Daily driving distance shall not exceed 500 KM.
- * ONLY 1 piece of large suitcase per guest will be accepted to be loaded in coach trunk.
- * Should there the bus trunk capacity is FULL, Guests have to bear the luggage transfer cost according to their respective dimension or weight.
- * If over 35 pax/coach, luggage transfer truck is required on Arrival and Departure.
- * Regarding current official government guidelines in safe coach operation, passengers may be required to wear masks and body temperature screening will be conducted whenever it is necessary.
- * There is also a possibility of changing in passenger capacity per coach to keep passengers apart from each other. (ex. Maximum 25 pax per coach) Therefore, with this in mind, please note that price may change based on government measures.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay before/behind and/or post-tour. **\$200** per person is applied for trip extension or early arrivals.

If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

- 1. Follow the "Book Now" prompts, until you reach the "Anything else we need to know?" field
- 2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
- 3. After finalising your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our Reservation team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.
 - The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice, due 90 days prior to departure, and is strictly subject to availability. From **\$200** per person is applied for trip extension or early arrivals (subject to availability and applicable fare difference).

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