[Travelzoo] 8 Day Highlights Of Japan

Asia Vacation Group - Authentic Asia!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover <u>Asia</u> with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of Asia'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 Asia 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.

	Exlusives for Travelzoo Members	Returned International Flights	Fully Escorted by English speaking guide
	7 Day Change of Mind		

Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo, Hamamatsu, Osaka, Shizuoka

HIGHLIGHTS

- Exlucives pricing for Travelzoo members
- Return international airfares included
- Incredible sightseeing, including Kyoto's Fushimi Inari and Golden Pavilion, marvel at sacred Mount Fuji, and discover the dazzling cities of Tokyo and Osaka
- 6 nights at 3 star & 4 star hotel in centrally location
- Daily breakfast
- Comfortable, dedicated transportation throughout
- In-depth sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Offer 3 installment payment plan

ITINERARY

Day 1: Tokyo Arrival

Welcome to Tokyo - Japan!

Upon arrival into Tokyo, our driver will pick you up and transfer to the hotel for check in. Take the evening to relax after your flight and prepare for your first full day of the next day.

Meal: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3* or Similar

Please note:

• Customers buying land only do not include airport transfer fees. Please arrange your own airport transfer to the hotel

• Please be aware that you will need to have the same flight time with the group. Otherwise, you will have to arrange your own transfer from airport to the hotel

Arrival & Check-in information:

• Haneda International Airport (HND): The easiest and most convenient way to travel from Haneda International Airport (HND) to Tokyo Central is by train or by Monorail. The airport is also serviced by many Limousine Bus services which offer shared shuttle bus service from around 1300 Yen per person. (Please note that the bus stops only at designated locations)

• Narita International Airport (NRT): The best way to travel from Narita International Airport to Tokyo Central is by the Narita Airport Express. The journey to most Tokyo stations takes approximately 1hr and the ticket costs 4070 Yen. The airport is also serviced by many Limousine Bus services which offer shared shuttle buses from around 1300 Yen per person.

• Hotel Check-in: Travelers will be arriving at various times throughout the day. If arriving prior to standard checkin time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as There are no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.

Day 2: Tokyo - Oishi Park - Lake Kawaguchi - Mount Fuji - Hamamatsu

After breakfast, you will head to Mount Fuji. Your day starts with a stop at Oishi Park on the shores of Lake Kawaguchi, well known for its serene, flower-lined walking path and its spectacular view of Mount Fuji. Next, stop by the eight ponds at Oshino Hakkai – a small village in the Fuji Five Lake region fed by the snow melt from the nearby mountains. See traditional thatched roof farmhouses in the shadow of the iconic Mount Fuji. After your day in the Mount Fuji area we continue to Hamamatsu. Enjoy an evening at leisure and overnight at Hamamatsu.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Loisir Hotel Toyohashi 4* or similar

Day 3: Hamamatsu - Nara - Osaka

Today we head to Nara, famous for its many temples and its free-roaming deer. First, we visit Todaiji (Great Eastern Temple), one of Japan's most famous temples. This massive building houses one of Japan's largest bronze statues of Buddha (Daibutsu). We then wander through Nara Park, home to hundreds of friendly Sika deer.

We then continue to Osaka, where we will enjoy a walking tour of the Dōtonbori area. One of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations, this street runs parallel to the Dōtonbori canal and is a hugely popular destination for shopping, street food, bars and entertainment. At night the streets here are illuminated by hundreds of colourful neon lights and mechanised signs, including the famous running Glico Man sign and the Kani Doraku crab sign. Enjoy an evening at leisure in Osaka.

Meal: Breakfast Accommodation: Hotel Inn & Suites Shin Osaka 3* or similar

Day 4: Osaka - Optional tour to Kyoto

You are free time at leisure today or buy an optional tour to Kyoto. . **Meal**: Breakfast **Accommodation**: Hotel Inn & Suites Shin Osaka 3* or similar

Day 5: Osaka - Igaryu - Nagoya - Shizuoka

After breakfast, we depart Osaka for Shizuoka. On the way, we will visit the Ninja Museum of Igaryu where you can see a ninja trick house, ninja museum and experience a ninja show (if time permits, at own expense).

We then visit the historic 17th-century Nagoya Castle. The castle is the most iconic landmark in Nagoya and is an impressive sight. Afterwards, we continue to Shizuoka for an evening at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Associa Shizuoka 4* or similar

Day 6: Shizuoka - Asakusa - Nakamise Street - Tokyo

After breakfast, we return to Tokyo, where we embark on a tour of this energetic city.

In a city of such frenetic pace, a stop at the charming Asakusa neighbourhood is a refreshing taste of older Tokyo. It's home to the ancient seventh-century Sensō-ji Temple. Built in the Asuka era, it's the oldest and most important Buddhist temple in Tokyo – be prepared for crowds! It's known for its imposing entrance gate, Kaminarimon (also known as 'Thunder Gate'), with its magnificent red lantern.

We will walk along Nakamise, the shopping street connecting the front gate and main hall of the temple. It's a wonderful atmosphere, with food stalls and souvenir shops, selling authentic Japanese items like traditional crafts. You will find great souvenirs here. We'll then stop at Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for late afternoon panoramic city views. Afterwards, we check in to our hotel for an evening at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3* or Similar

Day 7: Tokyo - Home

Enjoy your last delicious breakfast this morning, before your Japanese adventure comes to an end. At the appropriate time, we will transfer you to the airport for flight back home. **Meal**: Breakfast

Accommodation: On Plane

Please note:

Customers buying land only do not include airport transfer fees. Please arrange your own airport transfers.
Please be aware that you will need to have the same flight time with the group. Otherwise, you will have to arrange your own transfer from hotel to the airport.

Departure and check out:

• There are several ways to travel from your hotel to either Osaka International Airport (ITM) or Kansai International Airport (KIX), from shuttle buses to trains and taxis. Transport to the airports can cost between 250 Yen to 21,000 Yen depending on the form of transport you choose.

• Travelers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out is from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at the hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or alternatively please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost.

Day 8: Home

Arrive your home today and we hope you enjoy your Japan trip with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- Rerturn International Flights.
- 6 night at 3-star & 4-star hotel accommodations.
- Daily breakfast in the category chosen or similar (subject to availability)
- Water bottles during tours
- Air-conditioned transportation
- All entrance and sightseeing fees as mentioned in the program
- English speaking tour guide

EXCLUSIONS

- 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)

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

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Saturday 22 Jun 2024	Saturday 29 Jun 2024	AU\$3,199		Book

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Saturday 13 Jul 2024	Saturday 20 Jul 2024	AU\$2,898		Book
Saturday 17 Aug 2024	Saturday 24 Aug 2024	AU\$2,499		Book
Saturday 14 Sep 2024	Saturday 21 Sep 2024	AU\$2,999		Book
Saturday 12 Oct 2024	Saturday 19 Oct 2024	AU\$2,999		Book
Saturday 26 Oct 2024	Saturday 02 Nov 2024	AU\$3,099		Book
Saturday 02 Nov 2024	Saturday 09 Nov 2024	AU\$3,099		Book
Saturday 16 Nov 2024	Saturday 23 Nov 2024	AU\$3,099		Book
Saturday 15 Mar 2025	Saturday 22 Mar 2025	AU\$3,199	Cherry Blossom	Book
Saturday 22 Mar 2025	Saturday 29 Mar 2025	AU\$3,299	Cherry Blossom	Book
Saturday 29 Mar 2025	Saturday 05 Apr 2025	AU\$3,299	Cherry Blossom	Book
Saturday 05 Apr 2025	Saturday 12 Apr 2025	AU\$3,299	Cherry Blossom	Book
Saturday 19 Apr 2025	Saturday 26 Apr 2025	AU\$3,199		Book
Saturday 10 May 2025	Saturday 17 May 2025	AU\$2,499		Book
Saturday 24 May 2025	Saturday 31 May 2025	AU\$2,499		Book
Saturday 07 Jun 2025	Saturday 14 Jun 2025	AU\$2,499		Book
Saturday 21 Jun 2025	Saturday 28 Jun 2025	AU\$2,999		Book
Saturday 19 Jul 2025	Saturday 26 Jul 2025	AU\$2,999		Book
Saturday 16 Aug 2025	Saturday 23 Aug 2025	AU\$2,599		Book
Saturday 30 Aug 2025	Saturday 06 Sep 2025	AU\$2,699		Book

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Saturday 13 Sep 2025	Saturday 20 Sep 2025	AU\$2,999		Book
Saturday 27 Sep 2025	Saturday 04 Oct 2025	AU\$2,999		Book
Saturday 04 Oct 2025	Saturday 11 Oct 2025	AU\$3,199	Autumn Foliage	Book
Saturday 18 Oct 2025	Saturday 25 Oct 2025	AU\$3,199	Autumn Foliage	Book
Saturday 08 Nov 2025	Saturday 15 Nov 2025	AU\$3,099	Autumn Foliage	Book
Saturday 22 Nov 2025	Saturday 29 Nov 2025	AU\$2,999		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from Sydney/Melbourne/Adelaide/Brisbane/Perth.

Interstate Surcharge

Surcharge of **\$400** for departures from Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Jetstar Airlines, Qantas Airlines, Malaysia Airlines or similar (20/23kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).

- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 23 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, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of \$250 per person.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of \$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.

- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a \$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences - You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour. Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 10AUD 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.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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

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 **\$900 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size: 20-40 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. From \$200 per person is applied for trip extension or early arrivals (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)

Pre and post tour accommodation

- Pre Tour Accommodation \$300 per room, per night for double/twin/single
- Post Tour Accommodation \$300 per room, per night for double/twin/single

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

Follow the "Book Now" prompts, until you reach the "Anything else we need to know?" field

Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.

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.

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