

# 14 Day Japan Endless Discovery

## Asia Vacation Group – Authentic Asia!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover Asia 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 our team 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, we are proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

<b>Australian Company Owned</b>	<b>Return Flights Included</b>	<b>Bullet Train</b>
<b>Small Group Tour</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo, Yamanashi, Takayama, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Return flights from Australia**
- Small group tour from 10 person to 20 persons
- Incredible sightseeing including in Tokyo, views of Mount Fuji from Kawaguchiko, explore a well-preserved old town of Takayama, the ancient capital Kyoto, the history, culture, cuisine, theme parks, festivals of Osaka and Hiroshima with floating torii gate & Itsukushima Shrine of Miyajima Island – one of Japan's three best views Miyajima island
- Enjoy 12-nights at the comfortable 3-star & 4-star hotels in the central city location.
- Daily breakfasts
- **Experienced the iconic Japanese bullet train from Hiroshima to Osaka. This must try in Japan.**
- Comfortable, dedicated transportations
- 3 Instalment Payment Plan. See under Fine Print for more information
- If you want to buy "land tour without return flights", please select the "land tour" only.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Tokyo Arrival

Welcome to Tokyo – Japan!

Upon arrival into Tokyo, you will meet our tour guide 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.

**Meals:** On-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 check-in 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 - Sightseeing**

After breakfast, you will have a full day explore Tokyo's highlights such as: the Tsukiji Outer Market, a shopping district adjacent to the enormous former wholesale fish market. It is a dream for foodies. This lively area is home to everything food-related – fresh ingredients, street food vendors, kitchen utensils. You will find great sushi and other restaurants around here, too. You will see a beautiful public park that has served many purposes over the centuries. It was originally built as a feudal lord's Tokyo residence and duck hunting grounds during the Edo period, but later served as a strolling garden and an imperial detached palace, before eventually being opened to the public in its current form.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3\* or Similar

## **Day 3: Tokyo**

You will enjoy a breakfast at your hotel and then enjoy the serenity of Ueno Park, the city's largest green space and home to numerous temples and museums. There's even a zoo here. More than 800 cherry blossom trees line the wide central path.

In the heart of the quirky Harajuku district, we will stop at Yoyogi Park. You will then visit nearby Meiji Shrine (Meiji Jingu), located within a 170-acre forest in the center of Tokyo. Constructed of cypress wood and copper, the shrine commemorates Emperor Meiji, who presided over Japan's industrial revolution in the second half of the 19th century. Late afternoon, we drive you back to the hotel and overnight in Tokyo.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sunshine City Prince Hotel 3\* or Similar

## **Day 4: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji - Yamanashi**

After breakfast, you will check out your hotel in Tokyo and spend two-hour driving to Kawaguchiko. Lake Kawaguchiko is the most accessible of the Fuji Five lakes; popular sightseeing spots each offering an astonishing view of dramatic, iconic Mount Fuji. If travelling in March/April, this is a Sakura season and this is a great place to get back to nature. Here you will visit Mt Fuji 5th station to hopefully view the divine mountain before visiting Oishi Park on the north side of the lake. Seeing Japan's most famous mountain in the background really is an experience.

This lake is also home to a cherry blossom festival held during the season, one of the most popular in the country.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Fuji Kawaguchiko Resort Hotel 4\* or Similar

## **Day 5: Yamanashi - Takayama**

Today, you will continue heading to the traditional city of Takayama, still home to many Edo-period buildings. You will explore the Matsumoto Castle, also known as "Crow Castle" due to its dramatic black exterior. For a taste of authentic, old Japan, we'll enjoy a tour of Takayama old town, nestled in the Hida mountains. This city still retains a traditional feel, especially in its beautifully preserved old town. Here you will find quaint, old latticed wooden buildings and Sannomachi Street, with pretty homes, restaurants and sake breweries. You will see the Takayama Jin'ya, the former government headquarters under the Tokugawa Shogunate from 1692-1871. Afterwards you will continue to our traditional onsen hotel deep in the stunning Japanese alps.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hoshokaku Hotel 3\* or Similar

## **Day 6: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kyoto**

After breakfast, you will travel to Shirakawa-go village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has more than 100

‘Gassho-style’ houses, which feature steeply-pitched roofs. Built many hundreds of years ago, these historic houses stand together in a beautiful natural setting. Enjoy exploring this unique village with its thatched-roof houses sitting among gorgeous mountain scenery. Following this, you will transfer to Kyoto where the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this UNESCO delight.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Elcient Kyoto 3\* or Similar

#### **Day 7: Kyoto**

Today, you will have a chance to walk along the Philosopher’s Path, running alongside the Lake Biwa Canal. It is perfect for a slow stroll under the fragrant blossoms in March/April. Heian Jingu Shrine is a relatively young sacred location – built in 1895 – but this Shinto shrine is very impressive, with its enormous torii (sacred gate) standing almost 25 meters high. The garden behind the main hall – a shining example of Meiji-era Garden design – is home to several weeping cherry trees. Visit Kinkaku-ji Temple, otherwise known as the Golden Pavilion. This is a Zen temple and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold. The site is set within a beautiful classical Zen Garden. The detailed architecture of Kinkaku-ji incorporates three distinct architectural styles – Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Late afternoon, return to your hotel and overnight in Kyoto.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Elcient Kyoto 3\* or Similar

#### **Day 8: Kyoto - Nara - Osaka**

After breakfast, you will leave for Nara This morning, we traveled the short distance to Nara. This city has significant temples and artwork dating to the 8th century, when it was Japan’s capital. You will Tōdai-ji (Great Eastern Temple), famed for its Great Buddha Hall, which remains one of the largest wooden buildings in the world. This impressive building houses a 15m-tall bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Following this you will wander through gorgeous Nara Park, where more than 1200 tame sika deer roam freely. Following our tour, you will depart Nara and head to Osaka, a vibrant tourist destination renowned for its food culture. Check in your hotel and overnight in Osaka.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4\* or Similar

#### **Day 9: Osaka - Himeji - Hiroshima**

Today your main luggage will remain at the hotel in Osaka to meet you upon your return in two day time. Please ensure you have an overnight bag packed for your two evenings in Hiroshima. After breakfast, you will depart Osaka to visit the so-called ‘White Heron Castle’, Himeji – it’s the largest surviving example of a traditional Japanese castle. Comprising 83 buildings, the white roof of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed complex is said to evoke the wings of a heron taking flight, hence the popular name Shirasagi-jō (White Heron Castle). This is the most visited castle in Japan and the site offers some wonderful views of surrounding Himeji city. From here, you will continue on to Kurashiki, a city on Japan’s Seto Inland Sea, where you will tour the Bikan Historical Quarter, known for its centuries-old buildings and lovely local shops. After our visit here we transfer to our hotel in Hiroshima. Overnight in Hiroshima.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima 3\* or Similar

#### **Day 10: Miyajima Island**

After breakfast, you will head to visit Miyajima Island by a ferry, an island known for its forests and ancient temples. There’s a ‘floating’ torii, which becomes 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. You will take a walk along Omotesando Shopping Street where you can grab some lunch before returning to Hiroshima by ferry.

In the afternoon, return to Hiroshima, you will pass the Atomic Bomb Dome, otherwise known as the Genbaku Dome, or the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. A shell of a building that was one of very few left standing after the United States bombed Hiroshima in 1945.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima 3\* or Similar

#### **Day 11: Hiroshima - Osaka**

This morning, you will check out your hotel and head to the Hiroshima station to get the bullet train to Shin-Osaka Station. On arrival in Osaka, you will spend a full-day coach tour with our guide, beginning at Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the 16th century. Later, you will tour Kuromon Ichiba, one of the city's main food markets. This spacious covered market features vendors peddling street food, fresh produce, shellfish and trinkets and souvenirs. After a short break for lunch our tour continues to the Minami area in the city's south – a district that's bursting with boutiques, designer outlets, restaurants and bars. We'll also 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 colorful neon lights and mechanized signs, including the famous running Glico Man sign and the Kani Doraku crab sign. Check in your hotel again and spend your free time at leisure

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4\* or Similar

#### **Day 12: Osaka**

Today, you are free time at leisure to explore Osaka as you wish and overnight in Osaka.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sheraton Miyako Osaka 4\* or Similar

#### **Day 13: Osaka - Home**

After breakfast, you are free time at leisure until we drive to Kansai International Airport for flight back home. Overnight on Plane.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** On Plane.

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- 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 14: Home**

You arrive at your home today and we hope you enjoy your trip with Asia Vacation Group.

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- **Return flights from Australia.**
- Enjoy 12-nights at the comfortable 3-star hotel in the central city location.
- Fully escorted by local English speaking tour guides.
- Experienced the iconic Japanese bullet train from Kyoto to Hiroshima and from Hiroshima to Osaka.
- Daily breakfasts.
- 24 hours, 7 days support
- Bottle water per day during your trip
- Sightseeing entrance fees (per time) as mentioned in the itinerary
- Airport transports as mentioned in the itinerary
- 24 hours, 7 days support

## EXCLUSIONS

- Japan Visa if you are not hold Australian Passport
- Travel insurance (highly recommended) – We suggest to check with our travel consultant to check our nibTravel Insurance offer.
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities and Personal expenses
- 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

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

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Friday</b> 16 Aug 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 29 Aug 2024	AU\$5,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 27 Sep 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 10 Oct 2024	AU\$5,949		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 11 Oct 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 24 Oct 2024	AU\$6,049		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 25 Oct 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 07 Nov 2024	AU\$6,049		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 08 Nov 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 21 Nov 2024	AU\$6,049		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 22 Nov 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 05 Dec 2024	AU\$5,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 20 Dec 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 02 Jan 2025	AU\$6,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 03 Jan 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 16 Jan 2025	AU\$6,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 28 Feb 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 13 Mar 2025	AU\$5,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 21 Mar 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 03 Apr 2025	AU\$6,349	Cherry Blossom	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 28 Mar 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 10 Apr 2025	AU\$6,699	Cherry Blossom	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 04 Apr 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 17 Apr 2025	AU\$6,699	Cherry Blossom	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 11 Apr 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 24 Apr 2025	AU\$5,599	Cherry Blossom	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 25 Apr 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 08 May 2025	AU\$5,499		<a href="#">Book</a>

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<b>Friday</b> 16 May 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 29 May 2025	AU\$5,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 20 Jun 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 03 Jul 2025	AU\$5,749		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 11 Jul 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 24 Jul 2025	AU\$5,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Friday</b> 14 Nov 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 27 Nov 2025	AU\$6,099		<a href="#">Book</a>
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## OPTIONAL TOURS

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package is a **flight inclusive** package

This package includes international airfares and flights will be added to your booking at no additional cost. Select your departure city after clicking 'Book Now'.

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Qantas Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airlines, Jetstar Airines, Malaysia Airlines, Vietnam Airlines or similar (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 20/23 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage depend on the airlines
- 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 reaccommodating 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**

#### **FINE PRINTS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

##### **Physical Requirements (Relaxed itinerary)**

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

**Travel Insurance:** We highly recommend purchasing the Travel Insurance package as soon as you pay the deposit for a piece of mind. Please refer to [Travel Insurance](#) for further information. 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 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.

##### **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 **\$1,569 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

##### **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

##### **Group size:** 10-20 persons

##### **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

**HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

**Pre Tour Accommodation**

\$299 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

**Post Tour Accommodation**

\$299 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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