

# 11 Day Wonderful Japan

## 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>Relaxed Itinerary</b>	<b>7-Day Change Mind</b>	<b>Fully escorted by English-speaking guide</b>
<b>Guarantee Departure</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Tokyo (3 nights), Kanazawa (1 night), Takayama (1 night), Hiroshima (2 nights), Kyoto (3 nights)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Incredible sightseeing including in Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto and Nara.
- 10 nights in well-situated accommodation.
- Daily breakfast and 1 dinner
- Ride the iconic Japanese bullet train
- Fully escorted by an expert, English-speaking guide
- Comfortable, dedicated transportation throughout
- 3 Instalment Payment Plan. See under Fine Print for more information

## ITINERARY

### - Tokyo

Konichiwa! Welcome to Tokyo – Japan!

Upon arrival at the airport, after passport control and baggage reclaim, transfer to Tokyo, the current capital. Assistant in English available from the airport to the hotel to help validate the Japan Rail Pass, for information and check-in once you arrive at the hotel. Airport-hotel transfer by public transport. Telephone support for the duration of the stay.

Assistance upon arrival and transfer could be shared with other tour participants.

Overnight stay in a Standard or Superior HOTEL

**Meal:** In-flight meals

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

**Remark:** Check in time 15:00.

### Tokyo

After breakfast, you will have a full day dedicated to the visit of Tokyo with an English-speaking guide.

The first stop is the museum of Hokusai, a symbolic artist of Japan, who has lived in Tokyo for all his long life. Then we will take you to visit the characteristic Asakusa district, Senso-ji Temple, the oldest in the city, and the long Nakamise-dori boulevard with its traditional shops are located.

The visit proceeds with a walk outside the Imperial Palace, with the famous Nijubashi bridge, and in the elegant Ginza district, and then ends at the Bunkyo Civic Center, a skyscraper with a viewing platform from which to enjoy a splendid view of the megalopolis.

**Meal:** Breakfast

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

### **Tokyo**

Breakfast at hotel.

Today, you are free time at leisure or buy an optional tour as suggested.

**Meal:** Breakfast

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

#### **— Optional guided tour — Tokyo visit**

Full day visit to discover the more lively and animated side of Tokyo, exploring the famous fish market and then continue to the artificial island of Odaiba, where we will visit the Miraikan (National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation) and where to you will be able to enjoy the spectacular view of the Rainbow Bridge over Tokyo Bay. Finally, transfer to the popular Shibuya district, famous for its impressive intersection with what is said to be the busiest pedestrian crossing in the world.

### **Tokyo - Kanazawa**

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Departure to Kanazawa by shinkansen train using the Japan Rail Pass (2nd class) 2.5 hours approx. In Kanazawa we recommend visiting Kenroku-en park, considered one of the three most beautiful landscape gardens in Japan; the Omicho-ichiba market, especially renowned for its seafood products; and the Nagamachi Yuzen-kan, where splendid kimonos made of Kaga Yuzen silk, the traditional technique of the area, are displayed

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Kanazawa New Grand Hotel 3\* or similar

#### **Remark:**

Luggage will be transported separately to Takayama by courier. Remember to pack a hand luggage for one night in Kanazawa

### **Kanazawa - Shirakawa-Go - Takayama**

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Scheduled coach between Kanazawa / Shirakawa-go / Takayama. Departure for Shirakawa-go, the village with its characteristic sloping thatched roof houses, and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue to Takayama, where we recommend visiting the Sanmachi-suji district, the heart of the historic center, walking among sake factories and characteristic houses converted into craft shops. Traditional dinner at the ryokan included

**Meal:** Breakfast, Dinner

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

### **Takayama - Nagoya - Hiroshima**

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Before departure, we recommend a visit to the morning markets and Takayama Jin'ya, formerly the residence of the lord of the Kanamori clan and then the seat of the governor of the ancient province of Hida.

Transfer to Hiroshima via Nagoya by shinkansen train using Japan Rail Pass(2nd class).

Takayama – Nagoya (JR express 2.5 hours)

– Hiroshima (JR shinkansen 2.5 hours).

**Meal:** Breakfast

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

#### **Remark:**

Luggage will be transported separately to Kyoto by courier. Remember to pack a hand luggage for two nights in Hiroshima.

### **Hiroshima**

Breakfast at hotel.

You will a full day visit the island of Miyajima by ferry, to discover the splendid shrine of Itsukushima, consisting of a series of stilt structures dating back to the sixth century. known mainly for its majestic torii\*, a sacred gate that

risers on the coast. Next visit the Peace Memorial Museum and Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome.

\* The sacred gate could be covered for on-going restoration. Completion of the restoration expected in December 2022.

**Meal:** Breakfast

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

### **Hiroshima - Himeji - Kyoto**

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Departure from Hiroshima for Kyoto by shinkansen train using Japan Rail Pass (2nd class). If you want, you can stop in Himeji (Hiroshima – Himeji about 1 hour with the shinkansen), where the homonymous castle stands.

Nicknamed the “**white heron castle**”, it underwent restoration work completed in 2015.

This castle is declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site not only for its beauty, but also because it is a rare example of an original

structure that has remained intact to this day. Continue to Kyoto (Himeji – Kyoto 1 hour approx with the shinkansen).

**Meal:** Breakfast

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

### **Kyoto**

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day dedicated to the visit of Kyoto with an English-speaking guide.

You will visit the Kiyomizu-dera temple, founded in 798 (the current buildings are reconstructions of 1633) and its surroundings (Ninen-zaka and Sannen-zaka), the Ryoan-ji temple with its Zen garden of rocks, the Pavilion of Gold of the Kinkakuji, symbol of the city, and the Sanjusangendo temple, a building that houses 1,001 wooden statues of Kannon.

**Meal:** Breakfast

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

### **Kyoto - Nara - Fushimi - Kyoto**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure from Kyoto to Nara by rapid train.

Full day dedicated to the visit of Nara with guide in English. Visit of **Todai-ji**, a temple where the Great Buddha is kept, one of the largest bronze statues in the world, and of the great **Kasuga Shinto shrine**, surrounded by about 10,000 lanterns. Both buildings are located in the park of Nara, where numerous fallow deer live in semi-freedom. Return to Kyoto stopping along the way at the **Fushimi Inari Taisha** to admire its endless red gates. Return to the hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

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

### **Kyoto - Osaka (Kansai Airport) -**

Breakfast at hotel.

On your own transfer without assistance to the airport by public transport. Departure from Kansai Airport for flight back home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** On plane

### **Remark:**

\* Rooms are available until 11:00

## **INCLUSIONS**

- 10 nights hotel accommodation in Tokyo, Kanazawa, Takayama, Hiroshima and Kyoto.
- Escorted tour guide Day 1, Day 2, 9 and 10.
- Ride the iconic Japanese bullet train.
- Daily breakfast and one dinner.
- Luggage transport: Tokyo – Takayama, Takayama – Kyoto (1 piece per person).

- TRANSFER: Transfer from Tokyo Airport arriving at the Tokyo hotel by public transport.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Returned International flights
- Japan Visa if you are not hold Australian Passport
- Travel insurance (compulsory) – We suggest to check with our travel consultant to check our nibTravel Insurance offer.
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- 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 US\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Thursday</b> 21 Mar 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 31 Mar 2024	US\$5,399		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 03 Apr 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 13 Apr 2024	US\$5,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 17 Apr 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 27 Apr 2024	US\$4,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 14 May 2024	<b>Friday</b> 24 May 2024	US\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 28 May 2024	<b>Friday</b> 07 Jun 2024	US\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 11 Jun 2024	<b>Friday</b> 21 Jun 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 25 Jun 2024	<b>Friday</b> 05 Jul 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 09 Jul 2024	<b>Friday</b> 19 Jul 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 23 Jul 2024	<b>Friday</b> 02 Aug 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 20 Aug 2024	<b>Friday</b> 30 Aug 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 03 Sep 2024	<b>Friday</b> 13 Sep 2024	US\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 Sep 2024	<b>Friday</b> 04 Oct 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Tuesday</b> 15 Oct 2024	<b>Friday</b> 25 Oct 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12 Nov 2024	<b>Friday</b> 22 Nov 2024	US\$5,199		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 Dec 2024	<b>Friday</b> 20 Dec 2024	US\$5,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 14 Jan 2025	<b>Friday</b> 24 Jan 2025	US\$5,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 11 Feb 2025	<b>Friday</b> 21 Feb 2025	US\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 04 Mar 2025	<b>Friday</b> 14 Mar 2025	US\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Tuesday</b> 01 Apr 2025	<b>Friday</b> 11 Apr 2025	US\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>

## OPTIONAL TOURS

### FINE PRINT

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package excludes international flights from USA.

If you would like to book your international flights with us, please contact or request in the booking form when you make a booking.

- 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 US\$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 US\$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 US\$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**

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##### **Physical Requirements**

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.

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

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

Not available.

##### **Group size:**

15-30 pax

##### **Triple Share**

Upon your request except for cruises

##### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

##### **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.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay US\$160 for single entry for Vietnam Visa.

##### **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.

## HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

**Pre-tour night:** US\$ /room/night

**Post-tour night:** US\$ /room/night

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