

# ESSENCE OF JAPAN

## Featuring - Kyoto, Osaka, Tokyo

<b>DURATION</b>	<b>GROUP SIZE</b>	<b>AIRPORT</b>	<b>PRICE STARTING FROM</b>
8 Nights / 10 Days	22 People	NEW YORK (JFK/EWR)	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$6,999.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$1,499.00

### OVERVIEW

This journey through Japan offers a perfect blend of cultural heritage, scenic beauty, and modern city life. Begin your adventure in Osaka, exploring landmarks like Umeda Sky Building and Osaka Castle, along with the vibrant streets of Dotonbori. Continue to Nara to visit the iconic Todai-ji Temple and interact with friendly deer at Nara Park. Travel onward to Kyoto, where you'll experience Japan's rich traditions at sites such as Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kinkaku-ji, and the serene Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. Ride the famous Shinkansen to Tokyo and explore its dynamic mix of old and new, including Senso-ji, Tokyo Skytree, and the bustling Shibuya Crossing. A highlight of the trip is a scenic day excursion to Mount Fuji and nearby attractions like Lake Kawaguchi and Owakudani Valley. You will also enjoy unique experiences such as traveling on Japan's world-renowned bullet train, immersing yourself in centuries-old traditions, and exploring vibrant shopping and entertainment districts like Ginza. Optional activities, including digital art experiences and theme park visits, allow you to further personalize your journey. With guided tours, comfortable transfers, and leisure time built into the itinerary, this journey offers a seamless way to discover the timeless charm, cultural richness, and modern brilliance of Japan.

### ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT	NO. OF NIGHTS
Osaka	Osaka View Hotel Honmachi	Day-2	Day-4	2 Nights
Kyoto	Urban Hotel Kyoto Shijo Premium	Day-4	Day-6	2 Nights
Tokyo	Henn na Hotel Tokyo Asakusa Tawaramachi Premier	Day-6	Day-10	4 Nights

### DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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## TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ Airport taxes, fuel surcharge and baggage allowance
- ◆ 08 Nights' accommodation on TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily breakfast at hotel
- ◆ 01 Lunch during Mount Fuji excursion
- ◆ Meet and greet assistance upon arrival in Osaka
- ◆ All airport transfers on private basis
- ◆ Full-day city tours in Osaka, Kyoto, and Tokyo
- ◆ Excursion to Nara
- ◆ Full-day excursion to Mount Fuji and Hakone region
- ◆ One-way high-speed Shinkansen journey from Kyoto to Tokyo
- ◆ Services of professional English-speaking guides during sightseeing tours
- ◆ All sightseeing and transfers as per itinerary on private basis
- ◆ Travel by comfortable air-conditioned vehicle for all transfers and tours
- ◆ Applicable taxes and service charges

## TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, and drivers
- ◆ Visa fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcohol and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above are not included

## ADD-ON

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- Day 9 - Anime Experience Tour (Minimum 2 Pax) : \$0**
- Day 6 - Carting Experience (Minimum 2 Pax) : \$150**
- Day 6 - Team Labs with transfers (Minimum 2 Pax) : \$150**
- Day 9 - Tokyo Disneyland Tour (Minimum 2 Pax) : \$0**

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 DEPART FOR JAPAN

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Osaka to begin your exploration of Japan's fascinating blend of ancient traditions and cutting-edge modernity.

## DAY 2 ARRIVAL IN OSAKA

Welcome to Japan! Upon arrival at Kansai International Airport, you will be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred to your hotel in Osaka. After check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure to rest and adjust to the time zone.

Overnight in Osaka

## DAY 3 OSAKA SIGHTSEEING [B/-/-]

After breakfast, you will meet your private guide for a full-day exploration of Osaka. Your tour begins with a visit to the iconic Umeda Sky Building, a striking skyscraper made up of two towers connected at the top by the "Floating Garden Observatory" on the 39th floor. From here, enjoy panoramic views of the city through large windows as well as from the open-air observation deck.

Next, you will head to the historic Osaka Castle. Originally constructed in 1583, the castle was designed to become the center of a unified Japan under Toyotomi rule and was once the largest castle in the country. Although it has been destroyed and rebuilt several times, your guide will share its fascinating history and cultural significance.

Afterward, enjoy some free time in Dotonbori before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight in Osaka

## DAY 4 OSAKA - NARA - KYOTO [B/-/-]

Today, you will travel to the historic city of Nara to explore one of Japan's most iconic landmarks, Todaiji Temple. This renowned temple houses the Great Buddha of Nara, an enormous seated statue of

Rushana-butsu, also known as the "Cosmic Buddha."

After visiting the temple, enjoy time at Nara Deer Park, where you can interact with the park's famously friendly and free-roaming deer.

From Nara, continue your journey to Kyoto, Japan's former capital for over a thousand years. Here, you will visit the famous Fushimi Inari Shrine, the head shrine dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice, prosperity, and foxes. The shrine is best known for its thousands of vermilion torii gates that form a beautiful tunnel through the forested slopes of Mount Inari.

Overnight in Kyoto

## DAY 5 KYOTO SIGHTSEEING [B/-/-]

After breakfast, meet your private guide and begin a full-day journey through Kyoto's cultural highlights.

Your first stop is the Kyoto Imperial Palace, which served as the residence of the Imperial Family from 794 to 1868 during the time when Kyoto was the capital of Japan. You will have the opportunity to walk through the palace grounds and admire the traditional architecture and beautifully maintained gardens.

Next, visit Arashiyama, one of Kyoto's most popular sightseeing areas known for its scenic beauty and historic charm. A highlight here is the Sagano Bamboo Forest, an iconic and highly photographed location where walking through the tall bamboo groves creates a peaceful and unforgettable experience.

The tour continues with a visit to Kinkaku-ji, also known as the Golden Pavilion. This stunning Zen Buddhist temple is covered in gold leaf and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Surrounded by serene gardens and reflective ponds, it offers a truly beautiful and tranquil setting.

Overnight in Kyoto

## DAY 6 KYOTO - TOKYO [B/-/-]

In the morning after breakfast, you will proceed to the train station to board the high-speed Shinkansen to

Tokyo. Feel the excitement as the bullet train whisks you across the countryside at speeds of up to 320 km/h (200 mph)—a quintessential experience of modern Japan.

Upon arrival in Tokyo, you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure. Perhaps you can book the following optional excursions.

Overnight in Tokyo

#### DAY 7 TOKYO – MT. FUJI DAY TRIP [B/L/-]

Today, enjoy a private day trip to Mount Fuji with your English-speaking driver, allowing you to explore at your own pace. Begin with a visit to the Mount Fuji 5th Station, located 2,300 meters above sea level, where you can enjoy breathtaking views and browse local souvenirs.

Continue to Lake Kawaguchi and Oishi Park, known for their scenic beauty and seasonal flowers.

You will then explore Owakudani Valley, a volcanic area with active sulfur vents, and take a ropeway ride for stunning views. Later, enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi, where on clear days you can see Mount Fuji along with the iconic torii gate of Hakone Shrine. Return to Tokyo and relax.

Overnight in Tokyo

#### DAY 8 TOKYO SIGHTSEEING [B/-/-]

Following breakfast in the morning, you meet your private guide and begin your first half-day tour of Tokyo. First, you enjoy an external view of the remarkable Tokyo Imperial Palace to get a sense of Japan's rich cultural heritage. Notably, the Imperial Palace has served as the residence of successive Emperors since 1868, making it an important symbol of the nation's history and tradition.

Next, you visit Tokyo Skytree, an impressive television broadcasting tower and the tallest structure in Japan. Its observation decks are among its main highlights, offering breathtaking panoramic views over the vast cityscape. You will ascend to the deck located at a height of 350 meters (1148 feet), so be sure to have your camera and phone fully charged to capture the

incredible scenery.

After that, continue to Senso-ji Temple in Asakusa, the oldest temple in Tokyo, where you will learn about the legend behind its construction. The temple is believed to bring good luck in many aspects of life, so take a moment to make a wish. As you walk through the temple grounds, you will instantly feel the essence of traditional Japanese culture.

Following the temple visit, the next stop on your itinerary is Shibuya Crossing, often regarded as Tokyo's paradise for shoppers. Despite the wide range of stores, it is most famous for its iconic pedestrian crossing. When the traffic lights turn red, people move freely in all directions, creating a fascinating and energetic scene. This crossing is a true symbol of modern Japan and the dynamic spirit of Tokyo, with large video screens flashing above and crowds constantly flowing across the intersection. It has also been featured in popular films such as *Lost in Translation* and *The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, along with numerous music videos and broadcasts.

Before leaving the area, take some time to capture a memorable photo with the well-known Hachikō Statue, which commemorates Japan's most loyal dog and his heartwarming story of devotion.

Before returning to your hotel, you will explore Ginza, Japan's premier shopping, dining, and entertainment district, renowned for its upscale atmosphere and some of the most expensive real estate in the country.

Overnight in Tokyo

#### DAY 9 TOKYO AT LEISURE [B/-/-]

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel, the day is yours to explore Tokyo at your own pace or you may book the following optional excursions.

Overnight in Tokyo

#### DAY 10 TOKYO - DEPARTURE [B/-/-]

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Narita International Airport for your return flight home.

We wish you a safe journey and hope to plan your future trips with Voyages Hub!

***Note - The itinerary above may be modified without prior notice. The sequence of activities***

***and scheduled day trips may vary due to operational factors, including weather and traffic conditions.***

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