JAPAN

11 NIGHTS 12 DAYS

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TOKYO, JAPAN Welcome to Japan's capital city. Hotel rooms are available for mid-afternoon check-in.

DAY2

TOKYO Meet your Tour Director and travel companions prior to morning sightseeing in Tokyo. Your tour starts with a visit to Meiji Shrine, a magnificent 20th-century Shinto monument set in a manmade forest. Next, visit Shinjuku Gyoen Garden. Originally dating from the early 1600s, the garden was destroyed in World War II and reopened in 1949 as a public park, home to one thousand cherry blossom trees. Today, it remains an immensely popular stop for locals and visitors alike. Last stop is the vibrant Asakusa Kannon Temple and the bustling Nakamise shopping arcade. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure.

Breakfast Lunch



TOKYO Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore this sprawling metropolis.

Breakfast





DAY4

TOKYO-MOUNT FUJI AREA This morning, leave Tokyo and head south along the coast to the beautiful Five Lakes region. Take a cable-car ride (weather permitting) for panoramic views of Lake Kawaguchi and spectacular Mount Fuji, or Fujisan as the locals call it, Japan's highest mountain. You'll also visit Chureito Pagoda for a chance to snap your own iconic image of the pagoda with Fujisan in the background!

Breakfast Lunch





MOUNT FUJI AREA-OSAKA This morning, board Japan's famous bullet train for Osaka. Upon arrival, a traditional lunch is served. Experience the city's legendary dish, okonomiyaki, a delicious Japanese-style pancake. Then, join your Tour Director for a walking tour in Minami. Made up of Shinsaibashi, Namba, and Dotonbori, this area is home to great dining and nightlife and some of the city's most fashionable shops and department stores.

Breakfast Lunch

OSAKA Your sightseeing tour starts at the Open-Air Museum of Old Japanese Farm Houses, where traditional thatched-roof farm houses dating from the Edo period have been restored. Be transported back in time as you explore the old architecture. Visit Osaka Castle then enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure. Perhaps return to Dotonbori this evening to sample local cuisine and see the sparkling neon lights. **Breakfast**



DAY 7

OSAKA-OKAYAMA-KURASHIKI-HIROSHIMA This morning, drive south to Okayama and visit Koraku-en, one of the "Three Great Gardens of Japan." The 30-acre garden features ponds, plum groves, and tea fields. The wide lawns, believed to uplift the spirit and promote open mindedness, are unique to Koraku-en and not a traditional feature of Japanese gardens. In Kurashiki, enjoy free time in the Bikan Historical Quarter, once the political and commercial center of the city. The canallined, white-washed, stone streets reflect the Edo period (1603-1867) and are quintessentially Japanese. Continue to Hiroshima. **Breakfast**



HIROSHIMA
Today's full day
sightseeing
includes two
UNESCO World
Heritage Sites,
Peace Memorial
Park and
Itsukushima
Shrine.

Start at Peace Memorial Park where you'll visit the Peace Memorial, commonly referred to as the Atomic Bomb Dome, that is preserved and is just as it was on August 6, 1945, immediately after the bombing. You will also visit the Memorial Museum and Memorial Hall, which commemorate the lives lost that day. Then, travel to Miyajima Island to visit Itsukushima Shrine, known for its beautiful floating Torii Gate. Breakfast





HIROSHIMA-BIZEN-HIMEJI-KYOTO Drive north to Bizen, where you'll visit a traditional pottery workshop to learn more about Bizenyaki, one of Japan's six ancient pottery styles dating back over 1,000 years. Stop in Himeji to visit Himeji Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and see the finest surviving example of early 17th-century Japanese castle architecture that combines function with elegance. Continue to Kyoto. This evening, you may choose to stay in a traditional Japanese ryokan (additional fee and pre-booking required).

Breakfast

DAY 10

KYOTO Your day begins with a visit to stunning Kinkakuji, the Temple of the Gold Pavilion, covered in shimmering gold leaf. Walk through bustling Nishiki Market, a narrow, five block long shopping street lined by more than one hundred shops and restaurants. Participate in a tea ceremony, time-honored tradition, and wonderfully choreographed ritual of preparing and serving Japanese green tea. After lunch, visit Sanjusajendo Temple, famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy and Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for the thousands of brightly hued Torii Gate. Then, take a walking tour through Gion, Kyoto's most famous geisha district, and sample a local Japanese treat. Breakfast Lunch



KYOTO Full day at leisure to explore more of Kyoto's historic sites and shrines.

Breakfast

DAY 12

KYOTO Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. Breakfast



HOTELS

TOKYO -

MITSUI GARDEN HOTEL JINGUGAIEN TOKYO PREMIER - First-Class with free wifi.

MOUNT FUJI AREA -

FUJISAN MISHIMA TOKYU HOTEL - Moderate First-Class with free wifi.

OSAKA -

MITSUI GARDEN HOTEL OSAKA PREMIER - First-Class - with free wifi.

HIROSHIMA -

DAIWA ROYNET HOTEL HIROSHIMA EKIMAE - First-Class - with free wifi.

KYOTO -

MITSUI GARDEN HOTEL KYOTO SHIJO - First-Class - with free wifi.



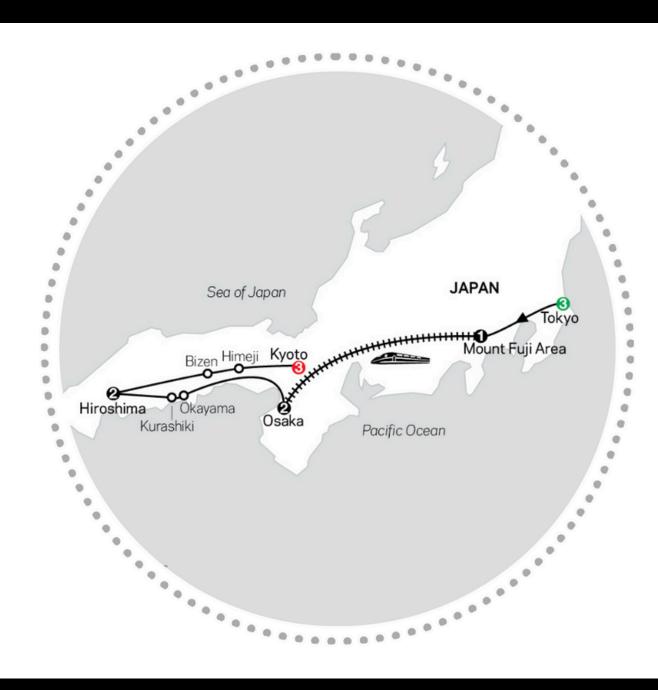
INCLUSIONS

- All accomodations
- All sight seeings with the entrance fees
- Tour operator
- Transfers
- 11 breakfasts, 4 lunches

EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Visa
- Insurance
- Anything that is not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any expense that may happen due to force majeure.
- GST & TCS





Map route to follow

