



Itinerary

8 Day Highlights of Japan With Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

DAY 1: Depart Australia ~ Arrive Tokyo

This morning you will depart Australia on your included flight to Japan! Upon arrival at Tokyo [Narita airport] you will make your own way to your hotel. Private transfers can be booked for \$180 per person, or talk to your travel consultant for other transfer options.

MEALS: In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Mystays Premier Narita

DAY 2: Tokyo City Tour

After breakfast, you'll begin your day by visiting Odaiba, a modern island in Tokyo Bay. Here, you'll have the chance to admire the impressive Rainbow Bridge and a replica of the Statue of Liberty, both of which offer fantastic views of the city skyline. The blend of modern architecture and picturesque scenery makes Odaiba a perfect starting point for your exploration of Tokyo.

Next, you'll head to the Tsukiji Fish Outer Market, a bustling area renowned for its fresh seafood, produce, and specialty foods. As you wander through the lively street markets, you'll have the opportunity to sample some of Tokyo's best sushi and seafood, fully immersing yourself in the vibrant culinary culture of the city.

Your journey continues to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building in Shinjuku, where you'll take an elevator ride up to the observation deck at 200 meters. From here, you'll enjoy stunning panoramic views of the city. If the weather is clear, you might even catch a glimpse of the majestic Mount Fuji in the distance, adding a touch of natural beauty to the urban landscape.

In the afternoon, you'll explore Sensoji, also known as Asakusa Kannon Temple. You'll enter through the iconic Kaminarimon, or Thunder Gate, marked by its large red lantern and statues of wind and thunder gods. As you stroll along Nakamise-dori, a lively shopping street lined with traditional Japanese souvenirs and snacks, you'll soak in the rich cultural atmosphere before reaching the temple itself—a peaceful and historic site that offers a moment of tranquillity amid the city's hustle and bustle.

After a full day of exploring Tokyo's diverse attractions, you'll return to your hotel. The evening is yours to relax or continue discovering the city at your own pace, whether you venture out for more adventures or simply unwind after an exciting day.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Loisir Hotel Shinagawa Seaside, Tokyo

DAY 3: Tokyo ~ Mt. Fuji ~ Hamamatsu

After breakfast, you'll start your journey toward the iconic Mt. Fuji area, one of Japan's most breathtaking landmarks. Your adventure begins with a visit to Gotemba Peace Park, where you'll be treated to stunning views of Mt. Fuji in the distance. This tranquil park provides the perfect setting to soak in the beauty of the mountain and its serene surroundings, offering a moment of peace as you admire the majestic landscape. Next, you'll make your way to the Mt. Fuji World Heritage Centre, a remarkable facility designed by the renowned architect Shigeru Ban. The building itself is a marvel, shaped like a giant cone with a wooden lattice facade that blends seamlessly with the natural environment. As you step inside, you'll explore fascinating exhibits that delve into the history, geology, and cultural significance of Mt. Fuji. From its spiritual importance in Japanese culture to its profound influence on art and literature, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for why this mountain is so revered.

After your time at Mt. Fuji, you'll continue your journey to Hamamatsu, a city known for its rich musical heritage and scenic landscapes. Upon arrival, the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure. You might choose to explore the city, discovering its unique charm and vibrant atmosphere, or simply relax at your hotel after a day filled with exploration. Whether you dine at a local restaurant, take a peaceful evening stroll, or unwind in the comfort of your accommodations, the choice is yours as you prepare for the next day's adventures.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Associa Toyohashi

DAY 4: Hamamatsu ~ Osaka

Today, after breakfast, you'll set off for an exciting day of exploration, beginning with a visit to the Iga-ryu Ninja Museum in Iga City, Mie Prefecture. Here, you'll dive into the intriguing history and culture of the ninja, the secretive and highly skilled spies and warriors of feudal Japan. As you explore the museum, you'll get a glimpse into their mysterious world through exhibits that showcase their weapons, tools, and techniques. It's an immersive experience that brings the shadowy life of these legendary figures to light. After your ninja adventure, you'll continue to Osaka, where your next stop is one of Japan's most iconic landmarks, Osaka Castle. Built in 1583 by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, this stunning example of Japanese architecture played a pivotal role in the unification of Japan during the feudal era. As you walk through the castle grounds, you'll learn about its rich history and marvel at the beautifully preserved structure, which stands as a testament to Japan's storied past.

Your day continues with a visit to the lively Dotonbori district, one of Osaka's most famous entertainment and shopping areas. You'll be captivated by the vibrant atmosphere, where colourful neon lights and iconic billboards, such as the famous Glico running man and the Kani Doraku crab, create a dazzling display. Take your time to wander through the bustling streets, sampling local delicacies and soaking in the energetic vibe of this dynamic area.

After a full day of sightseeing, you'll return to your hotel, where you can relax and reflect on the day's adventures. Whether you choose to unwind in your room or take a quiet evening stroll, the night is yours to enjoy at your own pace, recharging for the experiences that await you tomorrow.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel It Osaka Shinmachi

DAY 5: Osaka ~ Kyoto ~ Osaka

This morning, you'll experience the thrill of boarding the shinkansen bullet train from Osaka to Kyoto. As you travel at speeds of up to 280 km/h, you'll be treated to rapid and breathtaking views of the Japanese countryside, offering you a unique glimpse into the landscapes that define this beautiful country. The journey itself is an adventure, setting the tone for an exciting day ahead in Kyoto.

Your first stop in Kyoto is the iconic Fushimi Inari Taisha, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates that create a winding path through the forested slopes of Mount Inari. This shrine, dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice, is one of Japan's most revered sites. As you stroll through the vibrant red gates, you'll have the opportunity to visit various smaller shrines and fully immerse yourself in the spiritual atmosphere of this sacred place.

Next, you'll head to the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, where you'll take an enchanting walk through the towering bamboo forest. The serene ambiance of the bamboo grove is truly mesmerizing, and as you wander along the paths, you'll feel a deep sense of tranquillity that is unique to this natural wonder. In addition to the bamboo grove, you can also explore nearby attractions in the Arashiyama district, including the picturesque Togetsukyo Bridge, which offers stunning views of the Katsura River and the surrounding mountains.

Your final stop in Kyoto is the world-renowned Golden Pavilion, also known as Kinkaku-ji. This stunning temple, with its gold leaf-covered facade, is a sight to behold as it reflects beautifully in the pond that surrounds it. Originally built in the 14th century as a retirement villa for a shogun, Kinkaku-ji was later converted into a temple by his son. As you explore the grounds, you'll be captivated by the beauty and history of this UNESCO World Heritage site, leaving you with lasting memories of Kyoto's rich cultural heritage.

After a day of exploring the wonders of Kyoto, you'll return to Osaka and your hotel, where you can relax and unwind after an incredible day of sightseeing. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure, reflecting on the day's adventures or preparing for more experiences to come.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel It Osaka Shinmachi

DAY 6: Osaka Free Day

Today is a day for you to enjoy at your own pace. Whether you choose to explore more of Osaka's vibrant neighbourhoods or venture out to nearby attractions, the day is yours to design. In the evening, return to your hotel, to relax and prepare for your departure the next day.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel It Osaka Shinmachi

DAY 7: Departure Day

At the appropriate time, you'll make your way to the airport for your flight home. As your journey comes to an end, we hope that the experiences and memories you've gathered during your time in Japan will stay with you for years to come. We wish you safe travels and look forward to the opportunity to welcome you back for another exciting adventure in the future. You will depart for Australia and take an overnight flight.

MEALS: Breakfast, In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

DAY 8: Arrive Australia

Today you will arrive home to Australia. We hope you enjoyed your Holiday2Japan!

MEALS: In-Flight

HIROSHIMA EXTENSION

DAY 7: Osaka ~ Himeji ~ Hiroshima

After breakfast, we make our way to Hiroshima. On route, we stop at Himeji Castle, often called the White Heron Castle due to its elegant design. Himeji Castle is one of Japan's last remaining original medieval castles. This, as well as its imposing size and artistic design, make it one of the most spectacular sights in Japan. Enjoy your time here before we continue on to Hiroshima.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel MyStays Hiroshima Peace Park

DAY 8: Hiroshima ~ Osaka

Today, we begin our day with a trip to Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island. The shrine and its torii gate are unique for being built over water, appearing to float on the sea during high tide. We then head back to Hiroshima city to visit the sprawling grounds of the Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome, both of which commemorate the victims of the atomic bomb used in World War II. Afterwards we make our way back to Osaka.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Hotel It Osaka Shinmachi

DAY 9: Departure Day

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MEALS: Breakfast, In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

DAY 10: Arrive Australia

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MEALS: In-Flight