

SIGNATURE

Fully Escorted Tour Package

Essence of Japan

DATES & PRICES

Please see website



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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INCLUDES

- Excellent mix of Western and Japanese style accommodations
- Meet and greet and airport transfers
- Breakfast everyday, lunches & dinners as listed in the itinerary
- All entry fees to sites, activities listed in the itinerary
- Comprehensive guided service, escorted by AJT professional English speaking guide

TOUR DURATION 10 Day

DESTINATIONS

TOKYO, HAKONE, MT FUJI, MATSUMOTO, TAKAYAMA, SHIRAKAWA-GO, KANAZAWA, OSAKA, NARA, KYOTO

Enjoy an enriched journey to Japan combining cultural activities, the country's most scenic destinations, and famous landmarks.

See Japan's top attractions, explore the country's rural areas, and indulge in cultural experiences to make your trip truly memorable.

Tour through the busiest city in Japan, Tokyo, where our private guides and drivers will help you navigate through the city's top attractions. Visit Tokyo's historical monuments, fashionable neighborhoods, and diverse shopping districts. Then, head to Hakone and check out its open air museum before boarding a pirate ship cruise around Lake Ashi. Then see the nearby Itchiku Kubota museum, which displays Kubota's unfinished silk masterpiece - the Symphony of Light.

Take in the gorgeous natural vista of Lake Kawaguchi and Oishi Park, which includes, on a clear day, a magnificent view of Mount Fuji. Then travel through the ever- changing scenery to Matsumoto where you will see the original Matsumoto Castle. Spend a morning at market in Takayama and browse between the outdoor stalls of local handicraft for an quality souvenir. Next, travel to the UNESCO-inscribed village of Shirakawa-go, famous for its charming gassho-zukuri architecture. Head to Kanazawa and stroll through Kenrokuen Garden, one of Japan's top three gardens. Then take an afternoon to explore your choice local attractions, including a gold leaf workshop, a museum dedicated to Zen scholar DT Suzuki, and a Kutani-ware Ceramics Kiln.

Take an express train to Osaka for a class in Taiko Drums. Behold Todaiji Temple in the city of Nara, home to a towering Buddha statue, while nearby, in Nara Park, you can mingle in company of over a thousand adorable, friendly Sika deer. Spend three nights in Kyoto, where you will get to visit the city's top temples and shrines, including the Golden Pavilion, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kodaiji Temple, and Kiyomizu Temple. Take the chance to learn Japanese calligraphy and Ikebana flower-arranging in a traditional wooden townhouse. Sip delicious matcha at a green tea ceremony and meditate like a Zen Buddhist monk at Kodaiji Temple. Enjoy an evening of non-verbal storytelling watching a performance at the GEAR Theatre, and the next night savoring elegant Kyoto cuisine with traditional entertainment by an apprentice geisha (maiko).

This 10-day tour package combines the historical sights, unique cultural experiences, and natural wonder to bring you the Essence of Japan Tours. This itinerary includes seasonal varieties, including cherry blossom tours, autumn leaves tours, wisteria tours, Takayama Spring and Autumn festival tours, and more.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Tokyo: Tokyo SkyTree



Hakone: Hakone Open-Air Museum



Takayama: Takayama Old Town



Kanazawa: Kenrokuen Garden



Kyoto: Kimono Experience



Kyoto: Zen Meditation



Kyoto: Calligraphy Lesson



Takayama Spring Festival



Nara: Todaiji Temple



Osaka: Osaka Castle



Wisteria



Autumn Leaves

ITINERARY IN BRIEF



Day 1	Arrive in Tokyo
Day 2	Tokyo
Day 3	Hakone - Mt Fuji
Day 4	Mt Fuji - Matsumoto
Day 5	Takayama - Shirakawago
Day 6	Kanazawa
Day 7	Osaka - Nara
Day 8	Kyoto
Day 9	Kyoto
Day 10	Tour ends



* We plan our tours based on seasonal attractions, with must-see sites in every tour.
* Please contact us or check our website for detailed itineraries with seasonal changes.

WHAT MAKE THIS TOUR DIFFERENCE

- ✓ Travel to Japan's must-see attractions in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Nara, as well as lesser known regions.
- ✓ Immerse yourself in authentic Japanese culture through lessons in traditional arts, including calligraphy, ikebana, and taiko drums.
- ✓ Explore UNESCO Heritage village of Shirakawa-go, admired for its gassho-zukuri farmhouses.
- ✓ Savor delicious Kyoto cuisine while being entertained by an apprentice geisha (maiko).
- ✓ Enjoy Kenrokuen - one of Japan's Great Gardens, and an old samurai district.
- ✓ Take free time to explore a range of sightseeing options in Kanazawa.
- ✓ Select itineraries focus on cherry blossoms, wisteria, spring festivals, and autumn leaves.



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