

DELUXE Fully Escorted Tour Package

The Pilgrimage Route of Japan

DATES & PRICES

Please see website



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

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
- Travelers who arrive on the first day of the tour after 11AM, and then stay at the designated hotel.

TOUR DURATION 9 Day

DESTINATIONS

HIMEJI, KURASHIKI, HIROSHIMA, SHIMANAMI KAIDO, TAKAMATSU, NARUTO, KOYASAN, KUMANO, ISE SHIMA

Explore Japan's cultural roots and sacred grounds while traveling through the country's most scenic routes.

The Pilgrimage Route of Japan Tour grants you access to some of Japan's culturally attractive areas and scenic sites. Gain insight on Shintoism and Buddhism in Japan, which are still practiced today. Take this opportunity to experience Japan's historical lifestyle and culture firsthand. All Japan Tours grants you exclusive access to many religious sites of Japan, and provides the means necessary to fully immerse yourself in nature. Take a walk with us along the Shikoku Pilgrimage Route, as we explore the true history and spirituality of Japan.

Starting and ending in Osaka, this tour's first stop is Himeji Castle, one of twelve original standing castles. Visit a city known for its tragic history, where houses and buildings were once obliterated, and now thrives as a modern and completely rebuilt city, Hiroshima. Visit the Memorial Peace Park and Museum, seeing artifacts that were found after the blast. Then, head to Miyajima Island, home to the famous Floating Torii Gate. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Shimanami Kaido, a 60-kilometer-long toll road that connects the main island of Honshu to the Shikoku island, which is still largely untouched by mass tourism. Shikoku is seeped with natural beauty, colorful legend and history, and jeweled with 88 pilgrimage temples.

From Ryozenji to Gokurakuji, experience part of the pilgrimage route on foot, as you make your way along the 16th century route. Take a ferry to Wakayama and visit Koyasan, where you will have the opportunity to experience a monk lifestyle by staying overnight at a temple and eating a Shojin Ryori (vegetarian) dinner. In the morning, you will have the chance to join monks in their meditation practice for further enlightenment on their spiritual customs. In Kumano, spend time visiting temples, shrines, and other significant structures along the Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Trail, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From there, you can see the tallest waterfall in Japan, Nachi Fall. After visiting several temples and shrines, including the Ise Grand Shrine, one of Japan's most sacred and holiest Shinto shrines, spend time at the Mikimoto Pearl Island to learn the art and skills of pearl production.

Our Pilgrimage Route brings travelers cultural awareness of the historical past and belief systems deeply rooted in Japan. Enjoy authentic cuisine, cherry blossoms in the spring, autumn leaves in the fall, and comfortable accommodations hand-selected by All Japan Tours. With an English-speaking guide and transportation on private coach bus included, you can relax and enjoy Japan as it was meant to be enjoyed.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Himeji: Himeji Castle



Kurashiki: Kurashiki Canal Area



Hiroshima: Peace Memorial Park



Miyajima Island: Itsukushima Shrine



Onomichi: Shimanami Kaido



Takamatsu: Ritsurin Garden



Koyasan: Early Meditation with Monks



Koyasan: Kumano Nachi Taisha Shrine



Kumano: Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Route



Ise: Ise Grand Shrine

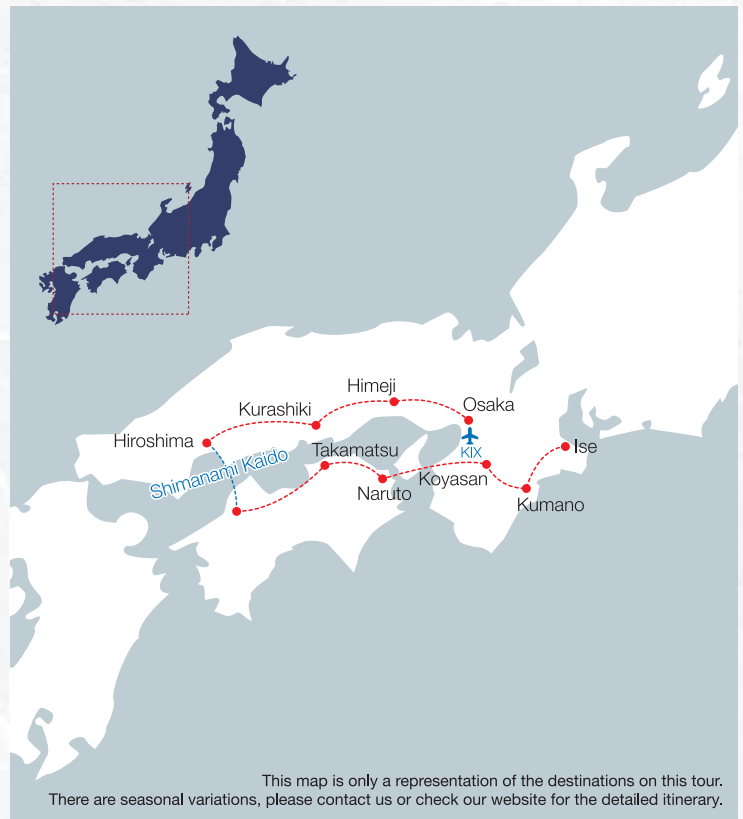


Autumn Leaves



Shinkansen Bullet Train

ITINERARY IN BRIEF



Day 1	Arrive in Osaka
Day 2	Himeji - Kurashiki
Day 3	Hiroshima
Day 4	Shimanami Kaido - Takamatsu
Day 5	Naruto
Day 6	Koyasan
Day 7	Kumano
Day 8	Ise Shima
Day 9	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

- ☑ Offers a deeper understanding of the religious aspects and cultural roots of Japan while traveling through the scenic routes of southern Japan.
- ☑ Visit ancient temples rooted in Buddhist and Shinto beliefs and other spiritual sites.
- ☑ Spend one night at a temple lodging at Koyasan for first-hand experience of a monk lifestyle.
- ☑ Explore the structures along the Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Trail, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ☑ Witness one of the tallest waterfall in Japan, Nachi Falls.
- ☑ Select itineraries offer the best places to view the red and gold autumn leaves.
- ☑ Visit Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum, a memorial site for the tragic dropping of the atomic bomb.
- ☑ Opportunities to view seasonal attractions, including cherry blossoms.

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