

SIGNATURE Fully Escorted Tour Package

Classic 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

TOUR DURATION 14 Day

DESTINATIONS

TOKYO, HAKONE, MT FUJI, MATSUMOTO, TAKAYAMA, SHIRAKAWA-GO, KANAZAWA, OSAKA, NARA, KYOTO, HIROSHIMA, NAOSHIMA, KURASHIKI, HIMEJI, KOBE

Book the finest group travel experience while spending more time in Japan and engaging in unique cultural activities.

Our Classic Japan itineraries offer travelers more time to enjoy the country's highlights and must-see sites. Explore popular attractions in renowned cities, as well as Japan's rural, yet charming landscapes. We offer various itineraries according to seasonal attractions, so you can enjoy "Classic Japan" at different times of the year.

Begin your tour in Tokyo, where you will explore the heart of Japan while you visit world-famous attractions and historical landmarks. Also enjoy an authentic Shinto ceremony at one of the city's most important shrines, officiated by a priest or miko (priestess). Explore Japan's largest and busiest fish market, learn how to make your own sushi with a professional sushi chef and savor your delicious creations. Then, head to Hakone for a scenic interlude, where you will take a Lake Ashi Cruise and visit the Open Air Museum.

Stop by Japan's most iconic mountain, Mt. Fuji, and travel through picturesque scenery to the remote Japanese Alps. Here, you will visit the famous Matsumoto Castle in Matsumoto, the Old Town of Takayama, and the UNESCO-designated villages of Shirakawa-go. These areas hold a unique and traditional atmosphere with their beautifully preserved buildings and secluded location.

Take in the local atmosphere in Kanazawa with a visit to one of Japan's Three Great Gardens - Kenrokuen Garden, then explore the houses and history of Japan's feudal samurai warriors. While in Kanazawa, enjoy an afternoon of leisure where you will choose your own afternoon activity, including a visit to the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kutani Kosen Kiln, and a Gold Leaf Workshop.

Continue on an express train to Osaka to participate in a Taiko Drum Experience. Enjoy Nara's world-renowned Todaiji Temple and meet some of the freely-roaming Sika deer at Nara Park. Then spend three nights in Kyoto, the former capital of Japan and experience activities for further insight into Japan's rich culture and history. Our travel group will have a chance to learn the arts of calligraphy and ikebana in a wooden townhouse. Try on a traditional kimono, learn to meditate like a Zen Buddhist monk, participate in a traditional green tea ceremony, and enjoy Kyoto cuisine while accompanied by an apprentice geisha (maiko).

Take a bullet train to Hiroshima, where you will visit the scenic Miyajima Island before touring the Peace Memorial Park. Then examine the thought-provoking exhibits of Benesse House, Chichu Art Museum, and Art House Project while on Naoshima Island. Many of these buildings were cleverly designed by famed Japanese architect Tadao Ando.

Spend time in Kurashiki at its nostalgic canal area, a quaint district with former storehouses converted into shops and cafes. Continue to Himeji for its elegant White Heron Castle (Himeji Castle), a national treasure and designated World Heritage site. Finally, visit Kobe to try the city's famous Kobe beef, a prized delicacy that will be cooked teppanyaki style.

Interested in this tour package? We offer various departure dates in spring, summer, and autumn with slight variations according to the season. Tour versions include a chance to Japan's beautiful cherry blossoms, striking autumn leaves, wisteria and the Fuji Shibazakura Festival, the Takayama Spring Festival, and the Takayama Autumn Festival.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Tokyo: Tokyo SkyTree



Mt Fuji



Shirakawa-go: Shiroyama Viewpoint



Kanazawa: Kenrokuen Garden



Kyoto: Sanjusangendo



Kyoto: Calligraphy Lesson



Nara: Todaiji Temple



Hiroshima: Peace Memorial Park



Miyajima Island: Itsukushima Shrine



Himeji: Himeji Castle



Takayama Spring Festival



Autumn Leaves

ITINERARY IN BRIEF



Day 1	Arrive in Tokyo	Day 8	Kyoto
Day 2	Tokyo	Day 9	Kyoto
Day 3	Hakone - Mt Fuji	Day 10	Miyajima Island
Day 4	Mt Fuji - Matsumoto	Day 11	Hiroshima - Saijo
Day 5	Takayama - Shirakawago	Day 12	Naoshima
Day 6	Kanazawa	Day 13	Kurashiki - Himeji - Kobe
Day 7	Osaka - Nara	Day 14	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

- ✓ Immerse yourself in Japan's unique culture during this longer two-week tour.
- ✓ Visit popular destinations, including Tokyo, Kyoto, Mt. Fuji, and Hiroshima.
- ✓ Discover less touristed locales like Kurashiki and Naoshima Island.
- ✓ Admire a selection of must-see UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including idyllic Shirakawa-go.
- ✓ Explore a range of sightseeing options as you take advantage of a free afternoon in lovely Kanazawa.
- ✓ Experience time-honored traditions first-hand with lessons in ikebana, calligraphy, tea ceremony, and Zen meditation.
- ✓ Experience the culture of Japan at a slower pace with groups of maximum 14 people
- ✓ Tour variations including cherry blossoms, autumn leaves, Takayama Spring and Autumn festivals, and more.



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