

BESTSELLER

# DISCOVER JAPAN

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,680

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

ALL MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire great Mt Fuji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Visit Buddhist Koyasan
- ✓ See ancient Nara
- ✓ Explore the Japanese Alps



Explore magnificent Matsumoto Castle

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation in quality hotels
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 28 passengers

## PRICE GUIDE

- 14 days fully inclusive twin share from \$9,680 per person departing from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- For departures from other cities, please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single supplement from \$1,650; ask about our 'Willing to Share' option
- Land only (Tokyo to Osaka): 12 days from \$8,550 per person

## EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



### HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA 3 DAYS FROM \$1,545pp

With origins back to the 6th century, Hiroshima is famous for surviving the 1945 atomic bomb. A scenic ferry ride also takes you to Miyajima's famous 'floating' torii gate.

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Price based on twin share. Additional flight or rail costs may apply.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the incredible megalopolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAYS 3: TOKYO CITY TOUR

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest tower, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to seek out the tranquility of the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest. Discover Tokyo's historical heritage with a drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, stroll through the classical landscapes of Hamarikyū Garden. This evening, take a relaxed dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas.

### DAYS 4: MT FUJI

Take the super-fast bullet train to Odawara. Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi for spectacular panoramas of this beautiful area before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway. Next, continue to the 5th Station (weather permitting) and take in the breathtaking views over the Fuji Five Lakes area below, then continue to Kofu or Suwa.

### DAYS 5: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Transfer to Matsumoto and explore the formidable 16th Century Matsumoto Castle. Stop at a Miso House to learn about the process of making Japanese seasoning. Travel on to Takayama, nestled high in the mountainous Hida region, also known as the Japanese Alps.

### DAYS 6: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market, wander past some of the lovely traditional houses and visit several of the excellent local museums – including the Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya. Also enjoy some free time in Kamisanomachi Street.

### DAYS 7: SHIRAKAWAGO & KANAZAWA

Get a glimpse of rural Japan at the UNESCO World Heritage listed Shirakawago which is famous for its farmhouses built in the unique gassho-zukuri architectural style. Continue to Gokayama to experience washi paper making, then travel to Kanazawa and visit the Nomura Samurai House.

### DAYS 8: KENROKU-EN

Meander through the beautiful Kenroku-en Garden, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before strolling along the traditional Higashi Chaya (Eastern Teahouse District), visiting Ochaya Shima – a historical geisha house. Transfer to Kyoto, capital city of Japan until 1879.

### DAYS 9: EXPLORE KYOTO

Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. This morning, head to a restored Japanese wooden townhouse and try your hand at origami and enjoy the rituals of a tea ceremony. In the afternoon, visit Ryoanji Temple, also known as 'temple of the peaceful dragon' and the famous Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.



Experience rural UNESCO-listed Shirakawago

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## CLASSIC

### YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

You can see the main classic sights of Japan including Tokyo, Mt Fuji and the historical capitals of Kyoto and Nara, then travel across the Japanese Alps to the cultural centres of Takayama, Shirakawago and Kanazawa.



Meet sika deer in Nara Park

### DAYS 10: DISCOVER NARA

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 torii gates. Continue to Nara, a relaxed and charming town virtually untouched by the ravages of modernity. Home to many archetypal pieces of early art and architecture, you will stroll through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple, meeting the resident sika deer en route, before exploring Isui-en Garden.

### DAYS 11: KOYASAN

The holy mountain of Koyasan is home to a cluster of over a hundred monasteries nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Wander around Okunoin, a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Full of atmosphere, enjoy the tranquillity and spectacular views as you discover Kongobuji Temple and the Garan Temple Complex. Continue to Osaka.

### DAYS 12: EXPLORE OSAKA

Today, explore Osaka Castle and take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River. Stroll down Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample the local delicacies for lunch. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

### DAYS 13-14: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



Learn about Miso seasoning



See the sacred mountain of Koyasan

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

### 2019 DATES

14 Mar - 27 Mar	\$10,160	05 May - 18 May	\$9,680
19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$10,160	09 May - 22 May	\$9,680
24 Mar - 06 Apr	\$10,440	12 May - 25 May	\$9,680
27 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,440	19 May - 01 Jun	\$9,680
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,440	08 Sep - 20 Sep	\$9,680
30 Mar - 12 Apr	\$10,440	15 Sep - 28 Sep	\$10,540
31 Mar - 13 Apr	\$10,440	22 Sep - 05 Oct	\$10,540
02 Apr - 15 Apr	\$10,440	07 Oct - 20 Oct	\$10,540
04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$10,440	17 Oct - 30 Oct	\$10,540
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,440	20 Oct - 02 Nov	\$10,540
09 Apr - 23 Apr	\$10,440	27 Oct - 09 Nov	\$10,540
12 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,680	03 Nov - 16 Nov	\$10,540
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### 2020 DATES

14 Mar - 27 Mar	\$10,560	04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$10,080
19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$10,560	06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,080
24 Mar - 06 Apr	\$10,840	15 Apr - 28 Apr	\$10,080
27 Mar - 09 Apr	\$10,840	21 Apr - 04 May	\$10,080
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### Important note

Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes; subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2, or may require extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers at additional cost.

