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# JAPAN UNCOVERED

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$10,990

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

ALL MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover delightful Kyoto & Nara
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima & Miyajima
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mt Fuji
- ✓ See the snow monkeys in the Alps
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo & Osaka
- ✓ Explore Kanazawa & Takayama



Soar high on the Hakone Ropeway to the volcanic Owakudani Valley



## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 15 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

- 18 days fully inclusive twin share from \$10,990 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 \$2,250; ask about our 'Willing to Share' option
- Land only (Osaka to Tokyo): 16 days from \$9,780 per person

## EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



### KOYASAN MONASTERY RETREAT 2 DAYS FROM \$935pp

Enjoy a unique opportunity to start or end your holiday in pure serenity. Stay in a tatami-matted room at holy mountain Koyasan, and rise early to join the monks for their daily dawn chanting.

See pages 47.

Price based on twin share.

Additional flight or rail costs apply.



Visit Kyoto's tranquil Kiyomizu Temple

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure, perhaps to sample this city's famous shopping and food.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER NARA

Spend the morning in Nara, the small, history-filled city that was Japan's first capital. Stroll through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple and admire the traditional Isui-en Garden. Return to Osaka and visit the impressive Osaka Castle before cruising along the Yodogawa River.

### DAY 4: HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Osaka for Hiroshima, stopping en route to explore the magnificent 17th Century Himeji Castle and the neighbouring Koko-en, a traditional-style garden.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA

Hiroshima is a vibrant, forward-thinking city that is a pleasure to explore. Reflect on the city's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Next, hop on the ferry across to the holy island of Miyajima to visit the Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy some free time.

### DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Catch a bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for a thousand years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as 'Golden Pavilion'.

### DAY 7: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Enjoy one of Kyoto's most delightful spots, Kiyomizu, a 17th Century Buddhist temple, before experiencing the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to further explore this amazing city.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Depart Kyoto and travel to Kanazawa. Meander through Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before viewing the excellent art collection of the Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.

### DAY 9: WASHI PAPER MAKING

Visit the Nomura Samurai House and Garden before departing Kanazawa. Stop in Gokayama for lunch and a hands-on washi paper making workshop. Continue to Shirakawago, where you will explore the 300-year-old Gassho-style Wada House, before reaching Takayama.



See snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps



Walk the Shibuya Crossing in Tokyo



Visit a wasabi farm near Zenkoji Temple

### DAY 10: 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 followed by a stroll down Kamisannomachi Street.

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO NAGANO

Depart Takayama and travel to Matsumoto. Here you will have time to admire its formidable 16th Century castle and visit a Miso House. Transfer to Nagano.

### DAY 12: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel deeper into the Japanese Alps to see the Japanese Macaques or snow monkeys at the Jigokudani Monkey Park. Continue to Zenkoji, one of Japan's most prolific Buddhist temples. Spend some time at a wasabi farm to learn about its cultivation.

### DAY 13: MT FUJI

Travel to the Fuji Five Lakes area. Ascend by road to the 5th station (weather permitting), roughly halfway up Mt Fuji, for fantastic views over the surrounding landscapes. Visit the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the elaborate dyed silk creations of artist Kubota Itchiku.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

Begin the day with a cruise on the peaceful waters of Lake Ashi. Next, soar high on the Hakone ropeway over the hilltops to the volcanic Owakudani Valley and discover the dramatic natural hot springs of Mt Hakone. Later, continue to Tokyo.

### DAY 15: DISCOVER TOKYO

A dazzling, high-tech metropolis, Japan's capital has wonderfully traditional roots. Start your explorations at the Imperial Palace East Garden, visit Meiji Shrine and walk the famous Shibuya Crossing.

### DAY 16: MORE TOKYO

Stroll the vibrant Asakusa district and soak up the ambience of Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. Ascend to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon is free until the evening, when you will board a traditional yakata boat for a dinner cruise.

### DAYS 17-18: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

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



### SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

On the May departures, instead of visiting the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum on Day 13, a visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included. This is the best time of the year and one of the most scenic places in Japan to see the pink moss phlox in full bloom!

Contact us for more information.

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## CLASSIC

### YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

Our most extensive tour of Japan includes all the classic sights and key cultural activities. Featuring modern cities, historical sights and beautiful landscapes, you get the most from this fascinating land.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

### 2019 DATES

21 Mar - 07 Apr	\$10,990	04 Sep - 21 Sep*	\$10,990
24 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,990	03 Oct - 20 Oct	\$10,990
05 May - 22 May*	\$10,990		

### 2020 DATES

20 Mar - 06 Apr	\$11,390	06 May - 23 May*	\$11,390
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\* Includes the sumo wrestling tournament

### Important note

Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 Sept 2018 and 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.



### SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to Day 15: A Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself.

Contact us for more information.