

EXPERIENCE JAPAN TRAVEL, LTD. OSAKA, JAPAN

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Sample ITINERARY FOR "Ms Tanya Nielsen (Agent): Best of Japan Tour"
(May 09 - May 18, 2020)



Passengers: 1. TBA 2. TBA

Meeting Board : 「 T.B.A. 」

Flights : 09 MAY XX-XXX XXX / XXX 00:00 / 00:00 + 1 Day
18 MAY XX-XXX XXX / XXX 00:00 / 00:00

Contacts: Telephone Numbers : +1

Tour Number:

9-May (Sat) **NARITA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARRIVAL - TOKYO**

Arrive at NARITA International Airport (NRT) by **FLIGHT XX-XXX**

Proceed to immigration and complete Custom formalities

Welcomed by **English-speaking Assistant** at arrival lobby

* English Speaking Assistant will hold a meeting board with your names on it.

Leave Airport for Tokyo City Central by Narita Express Train with **English Speaking Assistant** to your Hotel

(Narita Express ## / Your Carriage 00 / Seats : 00 00) - Pre-reserved Seats in Standard Class

Arrive at **Shinjuku Station** and transfer to your hotel (approx. 5 min walk)

Check in at the hotel (Check-in at 15:00, but leave your luggage at reception)

Rest of the day free at your leisure

English Speaking Assistant : T.B.A.

Day One Accommodation at **Shinjuku Prince Hotel (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel**

rated at 3.5 stars

Hotel Information: <http://www.princehotels.com/shinjuku/>

10-May (Sun) **TOKYO**

Breakfast: at accommodation

8:30 Meet at your Hotel or designated Departure location for your Day Tour of **TOKYO CITY**

Today's Tour is a Consolidated Sightseeing Bus Tour where you will have 1 Guide for the entire group on the bus

Enjoy Tokyo's modern and traditional side with visits to the Imperial Palace, Tsukiji Market, Senso-ji Temple & Nakamise Arcade, Sumida River Cruise, Toyosu Market and TeamLab Borderless Digital Art Museum. (This tour is accompanied by a National Government-Licensed English Guide/Interpreter).

Includes: **Imperial Palace & Nijubashi Bridge (20 min)** - Former site of Edo Castle, now home to the Emperor of Japan

See the Inner Palace East Gardens which are open to the public throughout the year. The former Edo Castle ruins are within the gardens which was the home to the Meiji Emperor until 1888. The current Emperor resides in the Palace beyond the Nijubashi Bridge which you can see from the outside of the Gardens.

Includes: **Tsukiji Outer Fish Market (50 min)** - Visit the outer markets of the world's largest wholesale fish market

The Tsukiji Fish Markets were relocated to Tsukiji from Nihonbashi in 1923 after the great Tokyo Fire.

For over 90 years, Tsukiji has sustained both the residents of Tokyo as well as the many restaurants by offering fresh seafood at market prices. Over these 90 years, Tsukiji has become one of the largest markets in the world. The auction area of Tsukiji relocated to Toyosu in October 2018 prior to the Olympics coming to Tokyo in 2020. The outer markets remain in the same Tsukiji location and for them, it is business as usual.

Includes: **Senso-ji (Asakusa) Temple and Nakamise Arcade (60 min)** - Home of Tokyo's largest and oldest Buddhist temple

Also known as Asakusa Kannon Temple, it is one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples. Legend says that in the year 628, two brothers fished a statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy out of the Sumida River and even though they put the statue back in the river, it always returned to them. Nakamise is the shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional, local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries.

Includes: **Lunch in Asakusa (50 min)**

Includes: **Sumida River Cruise (50 min)** - View the metropolis from a different perspective with a relaxing cruise down the Sumida River.

Includes: **Toyosu Market (60 min)** - The new fish market that replaced Tsukiji Fish Market. The world famous fish auction is held here early in the mornings.

Includes: **TeamLab Borderless Digital Art Museum (90 min)** - Immerse your body in borderless art in this vast, complex, three-dimensional 10,000 square meter world. Wander, explore with intention, discover, and create a new world with others.

19:00 Terminate at Shinjuku Station and the evening is free at your leisure

**All Admissions included to the above Temple, Cruise, Museum, etc.*

(Lunch is included on your bus tour)
(Dinner is not currently included)

Day Two Accommodation at Shinjuku Prince Hotel (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel rated at 3.5 stars

11-May (Mon) TOKYO

Breakfast: at accommodation

Free Day in Tokyo at your leisure. I can advise areas to suit your interests, or if you prefer more sightseeing to locations such as Kamakura, Nikko or Mount Fuji, this can also be arranged.

*** If you want to transfer your luggage directly to Kyoto, please do so this day before leaving for Hakone. The Front desk will help you fill out the documents, and you can pay directly to the hotel (approx. 2500 - 3000 / luggage). You will just need a small carry-on sized bag with you with just your essentials. The Ryokan in Hakone will have everything you'll need, including towels, shampoo, toothbrush, slippers, yukata robe, etc. You'll just need underwear and a change of clothes until you reach Kyoto. ***

* Please pay for admission if you wish to enter any of the attractions today
(Lunch and Dinner is not included)

Day Three Accommodation at Shinjuku Prince Hotel (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel rated at 3.5 stars

12-May (Tue) TOKYO - HAKONE

Breakfast: at accommodation

8:00 Meet in front of your hotel or designated departure point for your **2 Day Tour** of **MOUNT FUJI & HAKONE with Ryokan Stay**
Today's tour is a Consolidated Sightseeing Bus Tour where you will have 1 Guide for the entire group, and will also have other passengers on board too. The guide is a National Government Licensed English Guide Interpreter.
This guided 1 Day Tour takes you to majestic Mount Fuji's 5th Station at an elevation of 2,300 meters, a cruise on pristine Lake Ashi, and a ride on the Komagatake Ropeway.
Includes: **Mount Fuji 5th Station** - At an elevation of 2,300 meters, you will get breathtaking views above the clouds
Includes: **Mount Fuji 5th Station (30 min)** - At an elevation of 2,300 meters, you will get breathtaking views above the clouds
Includes: **Lunch (50 min)**
Includes: **Lake Ashi Cruise (15 min)** - Admire the superb view of Mt fuji from aboard a ship
Includes: **Mt Komagatake Ropeway (50 min)** - Take a 7 minute Ropeway ride up Mt Komagatake while enjoying the mountain scenery
Includes: **Hakone-en (15 min)** - Beautiful park with Oshima cherry trees (in bloom in late April)
Terminate and check in at your accommodation

(Lunch is not included)
(Dinner is included at your accommodation)

Day Four Accommodation at The Prince Hakone Lake Ashinoko Annex (1 Western Style Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel rated at 3.5 stars
Hotel Information: <https://www.princehotels.com/the-prince-hakone/>

13-May (Wed) HAKONE - KYOTO

Breakfast at accommodation

Free Day in Hakone at your leisure until departure
Transfer back to Odawara Station and follow the signs for the Shinkansen Bullet Train platforms
Arrive at **ODAWARA STATION** and follow the signs to BULLET TRAIN (SHINKANSEN) platforms
17:00 Depart ODAWARA STATION by Bullet Train bound for Kyoto Station
The Bullet Train will be departing from Platform XX - but please check on the day for any change (Hikari 000 / Your Carriage 00 & Your Seats 00 A B) - Pre-reserved Seats in Standard Class
19:05 Arrive at **Kyoto Station** and meet your **English Speaking Assistant** on the platform ***English Speaking Assistant : T.B.A.***
Check in to your hotel (Check-in at 3pm, but your luggage should be waiting for you in your room if you sent it from Tokyo)
Rest of the evening is free at your leisure

* Please pay for admission on the spot for any attractions you would like to enter today
(Lunch and Dinner is not included)

Day Five

Accommodation at **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel**

rated at 3.5 stars

Hotel Information: <http://bit.ly/324u4jh>

14-May

(Thu)

KYOTO

Breakfast: at accommodation

8:30

Meet at your Hotel or designated Departure location for your Day Tour of **KYOTO CITY**

Today's Tour is a Consolidated Sightseeing Bus Tour where you will have 1 Guide for the entire group on the bus

Visit World Heritage Sites and other popular spots in Kyoto including Nijo Castle, the Golden Pavilion, Kyoto Imperial Palace Fushimi Inari Shrine, Sanjusangendo Hall and Kiyomizudera. (This tour will be accompanied by a National Government-Licensed English Guide/Interpreter).

Includes: **Nijo Castle (50 min)** - Castle famous for the Nightingale Floor Boards that alerted residents there of ninjas/assassins
See the World Heritage Gates of the Castle and the squeaking (Nightingale) floor boards that alerted residents of the castle that assassins were approaching. Nijo Castle was built by the Tokugawa shogun, Ieyasu, in 1603 to protect Kyoto Imperial Palace and as a residence for the shogun when he visited Kyoto. It was completed in 1626 by the third Tokugawa shogun, Iemitsu, who used the remains of castles such as Fushimi Castle to complete it.

Includes: **Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) Temple (45 min)**- The shimmering icon of Japan *(please be prepared for some crowds)*
A World Heritage site. The wooden architecture is covered in thin layers of pure gold and is surrounded by a Buddhism pond that is perfect and represents the Pure Land of Buddha. Listen to the story of how this Temple was burnt down by a novice 22 year Monk in the year 1450 but was able to be rebuilt by the year 1455.

Includes: **Kyoto Imperial Palace (40 min)** - Residence of Japan's Imperial family until 1868 when it moved the capital to Tokyo
Located within the spacious Kyoto Imperial Park this palace and its surrounding buildings was the residence of Japan's Imperial family up until 1868 when Japan moved its capital to Tokyo. Besides the historical buildings, there are numerous cherry blossom trees here lining the many walking paths for you to enjoy during the spring.

Includes: **Lunch (50 min)**

Includes: **Fushimi Inari Shrine (30 min)** - Japan's most visited shrine and home to 10,000 Red Torii Gates
Fushimi Inari Shrine is the most visited Shrine in Japan, and also is the headquarters to all Inari Shrines throughout Japan which amount to over 30,000. Walk the grounds and see all the thousands of Red Torii Gates here and try your luck to lift the stone ball so your wish comes true. Fushimi Inari Shrine is a Shrine that brings fortune / wealth to your business.

Includes: **Sanjusangendo Temple - (30 min)** - A temple housing 1,001 Kannon statues and also Japan's longest wooden structure
Sanjusangendo Temple is an excellent example of flawless architecture. The Building is 121 meters in length and completely made of wood. An art form in itself, but once you are inside, you can see 1001 Buddhist statues that are lined in 10 rows, and are and are incredibly symmetrical. No two Statues have the same pose or expression, and the front 12 statues are without out a doubt Japanese national treasures. The largest Buddha Statue in the center is the what all the guardians are protecting, and walking the long hall you can feel a powerful spirituality. All School children in Japan will come here once in their life on a school excursion, and I think you will come here and shoot arrows for some 40 meters which has been a tradition since the Samurai also did this many hundreds of years ago.

Includes: **Kiyomizudera Temple (70 min)** - One of Japan's most famous temples perched on the side of a hill with breathtaking views of Kyoto
Over 1200 years have passed since the foundation of Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Halfway up Mt. Otowa, one of the peaks in Kyoto's Higashiyama mountain range, stands the temple, to which large numbers of visitors come to pay their respects to Kannon, a deity of great mercy and compassion. For this reason, our temple is known as a "Kannon Reijo." "Reijo" is a Japanese word meaning a "holy place" with which the Kannon's compassion is abundant. Kiyomizu Temple is built on the side of the hill, solely for one reason. The Kanon or Gods only come to the need of people in time of problems. It is called GAKEPUCHI in Japanese, and Gake means "side of Hill". There the temple was built on the slopes where gods will appear in the time of need. If you love architecture you will be astounded at this huge wooden structure, because not one nail was used in its creation and yet it still can withstand any earthquake of even over Magnitude 7.

18:00

Terminate at Kyoto Station

**All Admissions included to the above Castle, Palace, Temples, etc.*

(Lunch is included on your bus tour)

(Dinner is not currently included)

Day Six

Accommodation at **Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel**

based at 3.5 stars

15-May

(Fri)

KYOTO

Breakfast: at accommodation

8:30

Meet at your hotel or designated departure location for your **1 Day Tour of UJI & NARA CITY**

Today's Tour is a Consolidated Sightseeing Walking (Morning) and Bus Tour (Afternoon) where you will have 1 Guide for the entire group.

Enjoy the birthplace of Japanese tea in Uji. Walk around this quaint town and see a World Heritage Site and have an authentic tea ceremony experience. After lunch, you will be transferred by bus to historical Nara which was the former capital of Japan before Kyoto and Tokyo. Here you will see the massive Todaiji Temple, lavish Kasuga Taisha Shrine and thousands of free wandering deer in the lush Nara Park.

(This tour is accompanied by a National Government-Licensed English Guide/Interpreter)

Transfer to Uji by JR Express Train with your tour group
Arrive at **Uji Station** and commence morning walking tour of Uji City
Includes: **Uji Bridge & Nakanoshima Park** - a uniquely designed bridge and park linking 2 World Heritage Sites in Uji
Includes: **Tea Ceremony Experience (20 min)** - learn the manners and etiquette of this traditional art form.

Location: Taiho-an Teahouse

Includes: **Byodo-in Temple** - A World Heritage Site with a unique design
Byodo-in Temple is featured on the 10 yen coin and the 10,000 bank note. Here you can see the Buddha Statue that changed the shape and size of all Buddha statues that followed. The Buddha is sitting in this precise location so he can see out into the living world and guide his followers. The architecture of this temple is very unique and different from other temples in Japan.

Includes: **Western-style lunch**

13:45 Transfer to back to Kyoto Station by Express Train and board Motorcoach Bus
Arrive in **Nara** and commence afternoon tour of Nara City

Includes: **Todaiji Temple (60 min)** - The tallest wooden structure in the world housing Japan's largest bronze Buddha Statue
Todaiji temple is a World Heritage site also, but make sure you see the main gate which is the original gate, and even has Sword and Bullet holes in from past feuds. Todaiji Temple itself is the tallest wooden structure in the world, and also happens to be the home to the largest Buddha Statue in Japan.

Includes: **Nara Park** - Large park that is home to over a thousand wandering Japanese deer
Nara Park is a 8km squared park that has approx. 1,200 deer roaming around freely. Be sure to have the deer give you a bow before you feed them their favorite food, a type of Japanese cracker called 'shika sembei'. The park itself offers pleasant strolling paths with plum and cherry blossoms in the spring and beautiful multi-colored leaves in the autumn.

Includes: **Kasuga Shrine (40 min)** - a beautiful World Heritage Shrine with hundreds of lanterns hanging from its awnings and lining the paths.
Kasuga Shrine was built in 768 and is the headquarters for all the Kasuga Shrines in Japan which number over 10,000.
If you want a quick snack in Nara, Nara is famous for its Kakinoha-Sushi or sushi that is wrapped in a persimmon leaf.

Includes: **Nara Nagomikan (20 min)** - A traditional styled building where you can see and buy many of Nara's famous goods

19:00 Terminate at designated drop off location in Kyoto

**All Admissions included to the above Tea Ceremony, Temples, Shrine, etc.
(Lunch is included on your bus tour)
(Dinner is not currently included)*

<i>Day Seven</i>	Accommodation at <u>Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel</u>	based at 3.5 stars
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16-May (Sat) **KYOTO**
Breakfast: at accommodation
Free Day in Kyoto at your leisure. I can advise areas to suit your interests, or if you prefer more sightseeing to locations such as Osaka, Kobe or Himeji, this can also be arranged.
Suggestion: **Nishiki Market** - the famous food market of Kyoto known as the 'Kitchen of Kyoto'

(Lunch and Dinner is not currently included)

<i>Day Eight</i>	Accommodation at <u>Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel</u>	based at 3.5 stars
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17-May (Sun) **KYOTO**
Breakfast: at accommodation
8:30 Meet at your hotel or designated departure location for your Morning Tour of **ARASHIYAMA Area**
Today's Tour is a Group Walking Tour by public transportation where you will have 1 Guide for the entire group
A walking tour through scenic Arashiyama and the mysterious Sagano Bamboo Grove. Also visit Tenryuji Temple, Jojokkoji Temple and Togetsukyo Bridge. (This tour will be accompanied by a National Government-Licensed English Guide/Interpreter).
Includes: **Arashiyama area**
One of the most popular areas of Kyoto. Located in the Western part of Kyoto, here you can see the
Togetsukyo Bridge (30 min) - (literally means - the Bridge that crosses to the Moon) as well as the famous yet mysterious **Bamboo Forest**.
● *Enjoy a Rickshaw ride through the streets here if you wish at an additional cost. A little bit of fun and relaxation.*
Includes: **Tenryuji Temple (30 min)** - This World Heritage Site is the Headquarters of the largest Zen Buddhist Sect in Japan and has a flying dragon painted on the roof (limited seasonal viewing) and a perfectly created Japanese Garden
You will be able to see a perfectly designed Japanese garden which is the headquarters of the largest Sect of

Buddhism, Zen in Japan. The first Garden close to the entrance is a Zen Stone Garden. Then you will move to the opposite side and see an authentic Japanese Garden that blends in with the surrounding mountains and environment. The garden comes of course with a lake and a lot of history. Don't forget this is a World Heritage site. Before you enter the Temple, there is another little temple that has a Dragon painted on the roof. The dragon's expression changes as you move around under its gazing stare.

Includes: **Jojakkoji Temple (30 min)** - designated as an Important Cultural Property, this temple has a small pagoda that offers amazing view of the city of Kyoto.

13:00 Transfer back to **Kyoto Station**
Rest of the afternoon at your leisure on your last day in Japan

**All Admissions included to the above Temples, etc.
(Lunch and Dinner is not currently included)*

Day Nine	Accommodation at <u>Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo (1 Twin Room) or Similar Class Hotel</u>	based at 3.5 stars
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18-May	(Mon)	KYOTO Breakfast: at accommodation Check out of your accommodation and transfer to Kyoto Station by Own Arrive at Kyoto Station and follow the signs to the Haruka Limited Express Train platform Take the HARUKA Limited Express Train from Kyoto bound for Kansai International Airport <i>The Train will be departing from Platform XX - but please check on the day for any change</i> (Haruka 000 / Your Carriage 00 & Your Seats 00 A B) - Pre-reserved Seats in Standard Class Arrive at KANSAI International Airport and proceed to International Check-in Counter Depart Japan by FLIGHT XX-XXX
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REMARKS: The above schedule is as of December, 2019 and subject to change for May, 2020.

*** Special Notes ***

- CAUTION:
- Hotels may request a copy of your passport / and your credit cards details for incidentals and bond purposes.
 - Generally there are no vouchers for you to collect from the Guide. You need to just mention your name at the hotel to check in. However, please collect the Bullet train and other Long distance train tickets from the first time you have a Guide service you.
 - Drinks: Please pay on the spot for any Drinks you consume.
 - Hotel Incidental Charges : Please pay on the spot for any incidentals at the hotel you may use.
 - Extended Car / Guide Service: If you need to extend the Car / Guide for any reason on any day, an additional charge may be charged to you on the spot, or after you return to your Home Country.
 - Toll Fees & Parking Fees: If travelling on the Highways or Parking a car in the Car park is needed, these costs need to be paid on the spot by customers. (Chartered Vehicle)

*** Emergency Contact Details ****

Should you require urgent assistance at any time during your time in Japan;
our office number is 06 6131 1226 and our afterhours cell phone number is 090 3428 2039 or 090 6520 3792

* Please remember you may need the Country code which is + 81 (Japan)