



## 10 day Japan Panorama tour with flights

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### 10 day Itinerary

#### Day 1: Australia – ✈ – Tokyo

Depart Australia today on your overnight flight to Tokyo.

Please note: some flights might depart 1 day later.

#### Day 2: Tokyo

Welcome to Japan! Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation via airport shuttle bus. The rest of the afternoon is free at leisure.

#### Day 3: Tokyo (B)

After breakfast, you will visit the beautiful capital city of Tokyo for a city tour. The tour will include a visit to the outside of the Tokyo Tower. This iconic structure was first opened in 1958 and stands at 333 metres high. Then you will stop at the Imperial Palace, otherwise known as Edo Castle, which was constructed in 1457. You will also visit the beautiful Rainbow Bridge, located at Tokyo Bay. You will then head to Asakusa Kannon Temple, also known as Sensoji Temple, a Buddhist temple built in the 7th century and the oldest temple in Japan. The tour will conclude with a trip to the famous Nakamise shopping street, where you can find traditional Japanese food, souvenirs and novelty items.

#### Day 4: Hakone (B,D)

Following breakfast, you will travel to Asahi Breweries in Kanagawa where you can watch the entire brewing process and also enjoy the freshly brewed beer in an open-area tasting room. You will then continue on to Hakone to visit the Owakudani volcano, and witness its sulphurous fumes, hot springs, hot rivers and on a clear day the best view of the iconic Mount Fuji. Here you will get to enjoy a scenic ride on the Hakone Ropeway (cable car) and visit the Hakone Peace Park.

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*Please Note: Your trip to Owakudani will depend on the weather and if the weather does not permit, alternative arrangements will be made.*

#### **Day 5: Five Lakes District To Toyohashi – Mount Fuji, Oshino Hakkai, Kakegawa City (B,L)**

This morning, you will begin with a trip to the Fujisan World Heritage Centre located at the foot of Mount Fuji. Here, you will learn the history of eruption, nature and culture of Mount Fuji and view the mountain from a special viewing platform. The tour will then proceed on to Oshino Hakkai, a small scenic village with eight ponds in Oshino. Each pond is filled with melted snow from Mount Fuji and are quite deep with interesting fresh water plant life and large fish that make a visit to the ponds almost like visiting an aquarium. You can even drink the cool fresh water straight from the source – if you dare. After lunch, you will continue on to Kakegawa city, where you will taste authentic Japanese green tea.

#### **Day 6: Toyohashi – Kyoto – Kiyomizu Temple – Osaka(B)**

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, you will continue to Kyoto, a romantic city renowned for its traditional and new architecture and cultural life style. The city was the country's capital for thousands years. Once you arrive, you will visit the famous Kiyomizu Temple which was first constructed in the 7th century and rebuilt in 1633. On the journey to the temple you will walk through a beautiful shopping district where souvenirs, Kyoto ceramics, Japanese Mochi and snacks can be purchased. Later this afternoon, you will be transferred to Osaka.

#### **Day 7: Kyoto (B)**

Today, following breakfast, you are free to explore the historic city at your own pace or you can choose to join the optional city tour. During the optional tour, you will visit Nijo Castle, the Golden Pavilion and enjoy a traditional kimono show at the Nishijin Textile Gallery. You will conclude the optional tour with a visit to the Nishiki Market, famous for its unique Japanese cuisine.

#### **Day 8: Osaka – Nara (B,L,D)**

Following breakfast, you will proceed to the city of Nara, which was the first capital city of Japan. Your first stop will be the Todaiji Temple, home to the great bronze Buddha, the statue is the largest Buddha statue in the world and the surrounding park is full of thousands of holy deer. You will also visit the beautiful Kasuga Taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine, that is dedicated to the deity responsible for the city's protection. After lunch, you will continue to Osaka Castle, one of Japan's most famous landmarks. Constructed in 1583 it served as a symbol of the unification of Japan in the 16th century. Dinner will be enjoyed at a local restaurant or Osaka hotel.

#### **Day 9: Osaka – ✈️ – Australia**

Today you will be transferred to Kansai International Airport for your flight home. We hope you enjoyed your journey to Japan with us!

#### **Day 10: Australia**

Arrive home today.