

# BEST OF JAPAN

OSAKA • TOKYO • HIROSHIMA • YOKOHAMA • FUKUYAMA

## THE OFFER

Japan requires little introduction. From the neon-bright streets of Tokyo to majestic Mount Fuji and beyond, every inch of this majestic country is worthy of exploration. This 10 day highlights package is a chance to do just that, ticking off some of the most iconic destinations in one captivating tour.

Departing from Osaka, an innovative city nicknamed 'the nation's kitchen' for its enduring passion for food, you'll experience a taste of 17th century Japan in Narai-juku, step into a bold future amidst the neon splendour of Tokyo, witness sacred shrines on the island of Miyajima, and take in the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima. It doesn't end there either, you'll also witness the commanding beauty of Mount Fuji, learn how sake is made at one of the country's most famous breweries, and enjoy ample free time to see, taste and explore at leisure. With nine nights quality accommodation, English-speaking tour guides, and more, this is a bucket list trip you won't forget in a hurry.

10 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

FROM

\$2499

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE



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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrive in Osaka

Today make your own way to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Standard check-in time is 3pm, however, customers can store their baggage at the front desk if they arrive early.

The second largest city in Japan, Osaka has the nickname 'Tenka no Daidokoro' (the Nation's Kitchen) thanks to its reputation as a gourmand's paradise, so be sure to try some local cuisine.

Please note: International flights are not included in this package.

**Overnight: Osaka Hotel**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Osaka - Kurashiki - Fukuyama

Today travel towards the city of Fukuyama. En-route, stop in a region known for its sake production just outside the city of Kobe, where you will visit the famous Hakutsuru Sake Brewery and learn how traditional Japanese Sake is made. Afterwards continue to the town of Kurashiki and visit the Bikan Historical Quarter. With its scenic canals lined with weeping willows, Edo- period gardens and historic merchant houses, the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter offers an authentic taste of old Japan in one of the oldest merchant towns. Travel on to Fukuyama and enjoy the night at leisure.

**Overnight: Fukuyama Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Fukuyama - Hiroshima - Fukuyama

After breakfast, travel to Miyajimaguchi and take a short cruise over to Miyajima Island, where you will see the famous

Itsukushima Shrine - a UNESCO World Heritage site that, at high tide, appears to be floating on water. After Miyajima, travel to Hiroshima. Here you will visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to take a stroll through the beautiful park, see the strings of paper cranes representing peace, and see the Atomic Bomb and Genbaku Dome, the only original structure left standing in the area. You will also visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, featuring exhibitions of items related to the atomic bomb and advocating for world peace and the abolishment of nuclear weapons. This afternoon transfer back to Fukuyama for an evening at leisure.

**Overnight: Fukuyama Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 4 Fukuyama - Osaka

This morning you will depart Fukuyama and journey back to Osaka. Upon arrival in Osaka, store your luggage at the front desk and enjoy some free time to explore Osaka at your own pace until the official check-in time of 4pm. Alternatively, enjoy an optional Sushi making class (not included).

Optional Tour: Sushi Making Class – 5,000 Yen per person

Making sushi or nigiri can be a daunting prospect for beginners; this hands-on class teaches you the basics. Follow along with your chef guide while they move through the steps of creating a sushi meal, from miso soup to traditional sweets. You'll get plenty of personalised attention and enjoy an intimate meal when you finally sit down to eat your creations.

**Overnight: Osaka Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Osaka Free Day

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**Overnight: Osaka Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Osaka - Kyoto - Hamamatsu

This morning depart Osaka for Kyoto. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore the ancient former capital, or take the opportunity to join an optional tour of Kyoto (not included). The bus will depart from downtown Kyoto at 4:00pm to travel onwards to Hamamatsu.

Optional Tour: Kyoto Tour – 10,000 Yen per person

The tour includes a stop at Fushimi Inari Shrine, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. It's famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The tour continues with a visit to Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a Zen temple in northern Kyoto adorned with dazzling gold leaf. The last stop of the tour is to witness a Kimono Fashion Show where beautiful women wearing varieties of kimono and obi (sash) appear on stage with Japanese music.

**Overnight: Hamamatsu Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Hamamatsu - Mt Fuji - Yokohama

After breakfast, leave Hamamatsu and drive to Mt Fuji's 5th Station. Located 2300m above sea level, it offers a vantage point for Mt Fuji and the surrounding lakes (weather permitting). The 5th Station also features shrines, torii gates and souvenir shops. Afterwards continue onwards to Lake Ashi, nearby in Hakone National Park, to admire the scenery as you take a short cruise across the lake. The waters are overlooked by surrounding mountains, including Mt Fuji and

Mt Komagatake. This evening arrive in Yokohama, check into the hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure.

**Overnight: Yokohama Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Yokohama - Tokyo

This morning you will drive to Tokyo and arrive at the hotel at approx. 11:00am. The standard hotel check in time is 3:00pm so you can store your luggage at the front desk and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore Tokyo at your own pace. Alternatively, you can take the opportunity to join an optional Tokyo sightseeing tour (not included).

Optional Tour: Tokyo Sightseeing Tour - 10,000 Yen per person

First you will visit Tsukiji Outer Market, where you can encounter many kinds of traditional Japanese cuisine. Next, visit the stunning Meiji Shrine - a Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Walk among the serene gardens that surround the shrine as you listen to more details about its importance from your guide. Last enjoy the sweeping views of this vast city at the Observations deck at the famous Tokyo Tower, the landmark of Tokyo (entry included).

**Overnight: Tokyo Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 9 Tokyo Free Day

Today enjoy a free day to explore the vibrant metropolis that is Tokyo.

Optional Tour: Shibuya Crossing Photoshoot with Kimono Rental – 6,000 Yen per person



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Have an authentic Japanese experience by trying on a traditional Kimono. You won't have to worry about wearing it the wrong way, as a Kimono fitting is included. There are plenty of different styles to choose from, so you'll have the flexibility to choose your favourite design. See Tokyo highlights while dressed in a Kimono, and then have a photoshoot at Shibuya crossing. You won't forget your day as you'll get a souvenir photo at the end.

**Overnight: Tokyo Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Depart Tokyo

Today check out and make your own onwards travel arrangements.

**Meals included: Breakfast**



**DAYS & TOUR TYPE** | DEAL NAME

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Japan's diverse beauty ex Osaka
- Take in stunning views from Mt Fuji's 5th Station
- Experience a taste of 17th century Japan in Narai-juku
- Go shopping in Osaka's Shinsaibashi district at leisure
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Osaka, nicknamed 'the Nation's Kitchen'
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Genbaku Dome
- Witness the sacred Itsukushima Shrine at Miyajima Island
- Learn how sake is made at the famous Hakutsuru Sake Brewery
- Step back in time in Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- Visit Atsuta Jingu shrine in Nagoya, one of Shinto's most important shrines
- Enjoy a short cruise on Lake Ashi in Hakone National Park
- Enjoy a day free at leisure in the vibrant metropolis of Tokyo

### ACCOMMODATION

- 9 nights quality hotel accommodation

### DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Local English-speaking guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by A/C private vehicles

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

*Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the property you are due to stay with.*

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 17th October 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$1200 applies.

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

*Please note: dates/months with a \* incur a Cherry Blossom high season surcharge of \$350 per person.*

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 3 Star (self-rated)

- Osaka: The Premium Hotel In Rinku / Karaksa Spring Hotel Kansai Air Gate OR Izumisano Center Hotel
- Fukuyama: Fukuyama Castle Hotel / APA Hotel / Fukuyama Plaza Hotel OR Fukuyama Oriental Hotel
- Osaka: Osaka Castle Hotel / Osaka Joytel Hotel OR Sarasa Hotel Nipponbashi
- Hamamatsu: APA Hotel, Comfort Hotel, Hotel Concorde or similar
- Yokohama: Hotel Wing International / Best Western / 8Hotel / Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel OR Hotel MyStays
- Tokyo: Hotel Villa Fontaine / Comfort Hotel Tokyo Higashi Kanda / The B Akasaka OR Hotel Sun Route Ariake

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Extra Nights

Not available

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 8 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

Not available

### Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 24 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

- Day 4: Osaka: Sushi Making Class – 5,000 Yen per person
- Day 6: Kyoto Tour – 10,000 Yen per person
- Day 8: Tokyo Sightseeing Tour – 10,000 Yen per person
- Day 9: Shibuya Crossing Photoshoot with Kimono Rental – 6,000 Yen per person

#### *Please note:*

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Return international flights
- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

*Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

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### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

#### Summer: June to August

Japanese summer begins in June and it becomes hot and humid from July onward. Summer is when many interesting festivals and other events are held all over the country.

Clothing: light clothes (cardigans and other similar kinds are handy, since indoors are mostly air-conditioned.)

#### Autumn: September to November

Autumn always brings such freshness with a light breeze and cool temperature after the hot and humid summer. The Autumn colours

are very beautiful across the country.

Clothing: light jackets, light sweaters and other similar kinds of tops.

#### Passport Validity

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days prior to the departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

### COACH TOUR

#### Meals

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

#### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

### OTHER

#### Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so, unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

#### Sightseeing

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

### Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

### Japan

A tourist visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an Australian Passport.

Important: Visa rules may have changed since COVID-19. Check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

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## Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.