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Golden Pavilion, Kyoto, Japan

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Japan Discovery

17 days / 16 nights Tokyo/Mt Fuji/Hiroshima/Himeji/Osaka

Twin share from \$11,195 per person

Solo supplement from \$1750.00

Return Economy Airfare Sydney/Japan **included**

Departs 20 March 2020 & Concludes 05 April 2020

Overview

METROPOLIS TO MOUNTAINS

Immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of Tokyo. We'll learn the age-old culinary art of making sushi, visit the famous Tsukiji Fish Market and Sumo Museum, Asakusa Kannon Temple and the shopping districts of Ginza, Shinjuku and Akihabara. Leave the city behind and travel to Hakone and Mt Fuji to experience a more traditional side of Japanese life. Here we stay in old-style ryokan accommodation, have a chance to enjoy a hot springs bath and sample a delicious Japanese dinner.

THE HISTORY AND HEART OF JAPAN

Travel to historic Takayama and wander through heritage-listed Shirawakago. We'll learn the traditional art of Japanese rice paper making and explore a local market. Catch the famous bullet train to moving Hiroshima. We discover Miyajima Island, the Itsukushima Torii Gate and visit the Peace Memorial and Atomic Bomb Dome. Board the bullet train to Kyoto, Japan's cultural heart. We see the stunning Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion and the famous Fushimi Inari shrine. We'll get hands-on, enjoy sake tasting and have the chance to wear a traditional Kimono!.

Inclusions

- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Japan. Taxes included
- 4 rail journeys in Japan
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour (if using group tour flights only)
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles
- Tipping is not part of the Japanese culture, so tips are not expected
- 12 nights in good quality hotels (3-4 star)
- 2 nights in a traditional Ryokan guesthouse including a typical Japanese onsen (hot springs) bath followed by a Japanese dinner while dressed in traditional yukatas
- 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Exclusions

- Accommodation (other than stated)
- Drinks and Alcohol
- Excursions (other than stated).
- Transport (other than stated)
- Meals (other than specified)
- Travel Insurance



Miyajima Tori Gate, Hiroshima, Japan

Heian Jingu Shine, Kyoto, Japan



YOUR TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Tokyo's famous Tsukiji Fish Market as it comes alive with the morning's catch
- Take in the spectacular views of Mt Fuji
- Spend 2 nights in a traditional ryokan guesthouse
- Explore World Heritage-listed Shirakawago, a gasshō-house farming community
- Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum
- Visit Himeji, Japan's largest castle.



DAY 1. DEPART AUSTRALIA

DAY 2. ARRIVE TOKYO

Welcome to Tokyo, Japan’s dazzling capital city. After we check in we’ll have the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 3. TOKYO

Begin the day at the outer section of Tokyo’s famous Tsukiji Fish Market, one of the world’s largest wholesale markets for fish, fruit and vegetables. We’ll then learn the age-old culinary art of making sushi (which we’ll get to enjoy once we’ve finished). This afternoon we’ll stroll through the shopping district of Ginza on our way to dinner. [B,L,D]



Special Experience: Admire the city lights on a dinner cruise around Tokyo Bay in a typical Japanese-style houseboat from the Heian Era, known as a yakatabune.

DAY 4. TOKYO

An exciting day exploring one of the world’s largest and most cosmopolitan cities. Highlights include Asakusa Sensoji Temple and the Nakamise shopping arcade.



Special Experience: Enjoy a sumo wrestling demonstration over a traditional Chanko-Nabe lunch.

Early this evening we’ll experience the hustle and bustle of Shibuya, including the famous Shibuya intersection - the busiest in the world! [B,L]

DAY 5. TOKYO - HAKONE

We begin our morning with a stroll through the beautiful Hamarikyu Garden. We’ll then travel to Lake Saiko, one of the Fuji Five Lakes.



Special Experience: Visit a former farming village, Iyashi no sato Nenba, recently reconstructed as a museum after being destroyed by a typhoon in 1966.

For the next two nights we stay in an authentic ryokan guesthouse. We’ll be sleeping on traditional Japanese-

style bedding made up of a futon bed on top of tatami mats on the floor. We will also have the chance to bathe in a natural onsen (hot springs) and enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner. [B,D]

DAY 6. MT FUJI EXCURSION

This morning we'll cross Lake Ashi for great views of the majestic and iconic Mt Fuji - a highlight of any trip to Japan! Later we'll ride the Hakone Ropeway to enjoy magnificent vistas of the volcanic Hakone Mountains and Mt Fuji. En route back to Hakone we'll visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum. [B,D]

DAY 7. HAKONE - TAKAYAMA

We travel by rail to the historic town of Takayama and explore the narrow, traditional streets on foot. [B]

DAY 8. TAKAYAMA

We wander through the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site of Shirakawago with its famous gasshō-zukuri ('like hands in prayer') thatched roofs, designed to withstand the massive snowfalls of winter. This afternoon we discover the traditional art of Japanese rice paper-making. [B,L]

DAY 9. TAKAYAMA - HIROSHIMA

Today we continue our bullet-train journey to Hiroshima, via Nagoya. [B]

DAY 10. HIROSHIMA

Today we cruise to tranquil Miyajima Island and see the giant Itsukushima Torii Gate.

This afternoon we'll visit the Peace Memorial Park, the Atomic Bomb Dome and the very moving Peace Memorial Museum. [B]

DAY 11. HIROSHIMA - KYOTO

Travelling by bullet train, we make our way to historic Kyoto, Japan's cultural capital. Here we visit the stunning Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion). The temple's top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf and the pavilion is set amongst beautiful gardens. [B]

DAY 12. KYOTO

We explore the incredible orange torii gates that make up Kyoto's famous Fushimi Inari shrine, dedicated to the god of rice and sake in the 8th century. The magical path consists of more than 5,000 gates that wind through the hills at the base of Inari mountain. [B]

DAY 13. KYOTO

Today we discover the art behind Japan's unique crafts and culinary delights! [B]



Special Experience: Enjoy a variety of local activities including sake brewing & tasting, and a chance to dress in a kimono. Then witness a traditional dance performance by Maiko (Geiko^ apprentices).

^Geiko is the term for Geisha in Kyoto

DAY 14. KYOTO - MT HIEI - OSAKA

We experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony before touring the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-listed Tenryu-ji Temple, ranked first of Kyoto's five great Zen temples. Here we'll enjoy a typical Buddhist lunch before walking through the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest and visiting the Togetsukyo Bridge later. This afternoon we make our way to Osaka, stopping at the Umeda Sky Building (Floating Garden) for scenic views over the central city. [B,L]

DAY 15. OSAKA

This morning we visit Himeji Castle, Japan's largest and most-visited castle. It is regarded as the finest surviving

example of Japanese castle architecture. Tonight we'll enjoy a Japanese-style group farewell dinner. [B,D]

DAY 16. DEPART OSAKA

Today we begin our journey home. [B]

DAY 17. ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Terms & Conditions:

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

DEPOSITS

A \$500 **per person** deposit is non-refundable unless your tour is cancelled. 45 days after the deposit is paid a \$1500 next stage amount to cover airfares is payable. The balance of the tour must be paid no later than 60 days prior to your tour departure date. A non-refundable deposit per person to secure your Tour, together with a completed Fitness to Travel declaration form (Part 1), is required within 7 days from the date of reservation.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

45 days after your booking deposited and been confirmed a non-refundable progress payment is required. Part of the progress payment is used to cover your airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges. At this stage we will also require a completed Passenger Pre-Registration Form.

The progress payments are: All Asia Small Group Tours - \$1,500 pp.

FINAL BALANCE PAYMENT

Final payment is due **60 days** prior to your departure date.

Fitness level requirement

Travellers are required to at least:

1. Be able to walk 2-3 hours on uneven surfaces, on any given day
2. Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
3. Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down.
4. Carry their own luggage
5. Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats

Passengers 75 years or over must provide a signed Fitness to Travel declaration form from their doctor within one month of making their booking.

While we will still confirm your place on your tour, flight tickets cannot be issued until both completed forms have been received. Additional costs may be incurred if completed forms are not received, within these time frames.

Tour operators generally do not accept bookings for single travellers 80 years of age and over without a travelling companion. Neither Tour Director nor your fellow travellers are equipped to act as a carer.

Passengers must inform us and the service provider of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. We exclude all liability for any illness, injury or death sustained by you on tour because of any pre-existing medical condition. You release us from all liability arising out of your medical condition, illness, or injury that you may suffer during the tour or as a result of the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is mandatory, all our clients must obtain comprehensive travel insurance to cover you throughout the whole duration of the tour to any and all costs associated with illness, injury, death, loss of or damage to baggage and personal items, cancellations, loss of deposit, medical and hospitalization expenses,

repatriation and curtailments expenses due to illness, the need to return home unexpectedly, evacuation expenses, and accidental death or disability.

AMENDMENT FEES

A fee of \$250 or more per person, per change plus any further cost we incur will be charged for any revision or alteration made to a reservation after the booking is confirmed unless the change increases the price of the booking. Costs and charges may increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made, so you should contact us as soon as possible. Amendments will be made at our discretion and may not always be possible.

OTHER CONDITIONS

Tour operators reserves the right to cancel or withdraw bookings made for or on behalf of a client at any time at their discretion, in which event no liability with respect to the cancellation or withdrawal shall fall on the Tour Operator, save that all the monies paid for the booking shall be refunded, less any utilised land or transport content.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND TAXES

It is your responsibility to ensure that all passports, visas, travel permits, health certificates and other documentation required for the tour are obtained and are in order.

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