



MAGICAL EXPLORER

13 days – Wonders of Japan

Day 1 Departure

Depart from your preferred airport for a scheduled flight to Tokyo.

Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Arrive in Japan, where you are met by our Tour Assistant and transferred to Tokyo by Airport Limousine bus or train.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to adjust to the 9 hours time difference.

Day 3 Tokyo City tour

Morning city tour of Tokyo visiting Tokyo Tower and Meiji Shrine. Next we drive by the Akasaka Guest House and the National Diet Building, home to the Japanese House of Parliament. Our tour continues to the Imperial Palace East Gardens and a drive and stroll along Ginza high street.

Afternoon is free at leisure, or take an optional afternoon Tokyo city tour. *Ask for details at time of booking.*

Day 4 Tokyo – Nikko - Tokyo

(Includes Lunch)

Full day tour by motorcoach to Nikko National park, a designated World Cultural Heritage site. The tour includes visiting the magnificent Toshogu shrine, Five-Story Pagoda, Niomon Gate, Three Monkeys, Yomeimon Gate and Main Sacred Hall.

After enjoying a Japanese style lunch at a local restaurant, we travel to see Tamozawa Imperial Villa, the Tokugawa family summer retreat for the Imperial Family. Later we visit the spectacular Kirifuri waterfall before returning to Tokyo. Tour disbands on arrival in Ginza & Shinjuku.

Day 5 Tokyo – Mt Fuji & Hakone tour

(Includes Lunch and Dinner)

You will be picked up from your hotel and driven by deluxe motorcoach to Mount Fuji. Lunch will be provided at a Hotel /Restaurant in Hakone.

In the afternoon we proceed to the Hakone National Park where we will take a cable car ride with the opportunity to see the magnificent volcanic Hakone mountain range below. We will then travel to the Owakudani Boiling Valley and afterwards take a boat cruise on Lake Ashi.

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After the tour, a private car is arranged to transfer you to the Ryokan with 'Onsen' hot springs baths for that ultimate relax. Enjoy Japanese set Dinner at your Ryokan in the evening. Stay in Japanese style room.

For your convenience and due to luggage restriction on the bullet train, we have arranged free luggage transfer to take your large luggage directly to Kyoto (1 bag per person).

Day 6 Hakone - Kyoto

(Includes Breakfast)

Enjoy Breakfast at your Ryokan. Afterwards a private car is arranged to transfer you to Odawara railway station in the morning, where you take the Shinkansen (Bullet train) to Kyoto.

Afternoon free at leisure for you to explore Kyoto.

Day 7 Kyoto & Nara tour - Kyoto

(Includes Lunch)

Full day sight-seeing tour of Kyoto & Nara, including visiting Nijo Castle, former residence of the Tokugawa Shogun. Next, we visit the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and Kyoto Imperial Palace.

After lunch we travel to Nara and visit the Deer Park and Todaiji Temple, which houses the Great Buddha in the world's largest wooden building. Next, we visit Kasuga Taisha Shinto Shrine and Nara Nagomikan before returning to Kyoto.

Day 8 Kyoto

Free time explore Kyoto or take an optional tour.

Optional overnight stay in a traditional Japanese Ryokan is available (inc Breakfast & Evening Dinner) - Contact us for details.

Day 9 Kyoto – Hiroshima

Morning free at leisure in Kyoto before taking bullet train to Hiroshima. Walk to your hotel which is conveniently situated close to train station.

For your convenience, we have arranged luggage transfer to take your large luggage directly to Osaka (1 bag per person). Prepare a light carry bag for your time in Hiroshima & Okayama.

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Day 10 Hiroshima – Miyajima – Hiroshima

Today enjoy a full day tour to Hiroshima & Miyajima. Highlights include Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park / museum, Atomic Bomb Dome, Boat ride to the Island of Miyajima and exploring the beautiful Itsukushima shrine and floating red Torii Gate.

Day 11 Hiroshima – Okayama

This morning take the train for an unassisted transfer to Okayama. Upon arrival check into your hotel which is conveniently located near to the station. We then recommend you visit the nearby Okayama Castle and the beautiful Korakuen Gardens, regarded as one of the best gardens in Japan and one of Japan's official Three Great Gardens.

Day 12 Okayama – Osaka

Today you have free time to explore Okayama until taking the bullet train to Osaka.

If you prefer to leave for Osaka in the morning, we can arrange a suitable train time (upon request at time of booking). We recommend visiting the magnificent Osaka Castle. and then Dotonbori which is one of the most popular streets in Osaka and nearby Dōmō Dōmō shopping and eating areas are one of the most exciting districts in Japan. Alternatively, Shinsaibashi is probably the best shopping area and certainly the most frantic. Osaka bay is also a great area to explore and we are happy to provide recommendations.

Day 13 Osaka – Kansai Airport

You will be transferred to the futuristic Kansai International Airport in Osaka for your departure flight homeward

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Hotels

TOKYO - Shiba Park Hotel

HAKONE - Okado Ryokan (Japanese style room with traditional dinner and breakfast

**For single use - Hakone hotel will be used (Western style room, No meals)*

KYOTO - New Miyako Hotel

HIROSHIMA - New Hiroden

OKAYAMA - Granvia Hotel

OSAKA - Hotel Granvia Osaka

(or similar, subject to availability)

UPGRADE CHOICE: TOKYO - Keio Plaza, **KYOTO** - New Miyako Hotel South Wing

What's Included

- Airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing tours by professional English-speaking tour guide.
- All entrance fees whilst on guided tours.
- Overland luggage transfer as stated in itinerary
- All Train tickets as specified in the itinerary.
- Selections of quality accommodation in well furnished hotel rooms with private facilities.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Guaranteed departure

What's Excluded

- International Flights: We are happy to provide flights with full ATOL Protection
- Optional tours
- Travel Insurance
- Ryokan accommodation is not available for single occupancy, therefore single travellers will stay in a hotel with western style room, in this case no breakfast or dinner is provided. The hotel will have Onsen spa facilities. Single supplement will take the above into costings.

The itinerary is designed according to the most updated information available. On rare occasions, changes can occur due to local conditions which are out of our control, such as flight, train, hotel changes etc. We will always act in your best interest to handle any amendments if this did occur. We reserve the right to change, amend or alter the itinerary if required.

Please refer to our website for all current tour details, Terms and Conditions and FAQ pages for up-to-date tour information and further essential information about this tour.

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