



MAGICAL EXPLORER

13 days –Japan Explorer

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

Free day to explore Tokyo or take an optional tour to Mt Fuji and Hakone.

Day 5 Tokyo – Takayama

Self-transfer to Takayama by train. Upon arrival walk to your accommodation.

To ensure you have a smooth trip and due to luggage restrictions on bullet trains we offer a free 1 item per person luggage transfer from hotel to hotel between Tokyo & Kyoto. You will need to keep with you the light luggage you need for your 3 nights stay in Takayama, Shirakawago and Kanazawa.

Day 6 Takayama - Shirakawago

(Includes Dinner)

Free time in Takayama until your early afternoon self transfer by Nohi Bus to Shirakawago.

Upon arrival make your own way to your traditional Minshuku (Guest house) which is a traditional and unique thatched roof period farmhouse (Gasshozukuri).

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Rest of day you are free to explore at your leisure. Shirakawago has World Heritage designation and is truly a spectacular experience. (2.5 or 3.5 hour options).

We recommend taking an optional guided small group Cycling tour (max 8 people) around the countryside for a great experience. Alternatively take an optional Food and Culture tour of Takayama (2.5 hours).

Day 7 Shirakawago - Kanazawa

(Includes Breakfast)

Enjoy breakfast in your Guest house. Free time until your departure to Kanazawa, arriving early afternoon. Upon arrival make your own way to accommodation. Rest of day you are free to explore Kanazawa at your leisure.

Day 8 Kanazawa - Kyoto

Free time until departure in late afternoon where you board an express train to Kyoto. Upon arrival make your own way to accommodation.

Day 9 Kyoto – Nara - Kyoto

Full day guided sight-seeing walking tour of Nara & Kyoto. Our guided walking tour includes visiting Todaiji Temple housing the Great Buddha in one of the world's largest wooden building. Afterwards we explore Nara Deer Park and the magnificent Kofukuji Temple with its 5 storey pagoda. Return to Kyoto by train.

In the afternoon we walk to the magnificent Kiyomizu Temple, Todaiji Temple, Yasaka Shrine and finally the Gion District where you may catch a glimpse of a Geisha rushing to a dinner appointment. The tour disbands in Gion.

Day 10 Kyoto

Free day to explore Kyoto at your leisure.

Day 11 Kyoto – Mt Koya

(Includes Vegetarian 'monk style' Dinner)

Travel with our English speaking assistant to Shin Imamiya station and then self transfer to Mt Koya by train and cable car via Gokurakubashi. Afternoon free at leisure to explore Mt Koya.

Mount Koya is home to over 117 temples and is where we stay overnight in 'Japanese style' accommodation at the magnificent Temple for the Shingon sect of Buddhism, which is still in use by monks today.

Free overland large luggage transfer to Osaka, therefore prepare an overnight carry bag for your stay at Mt Koya.

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Day 12 Mt Koya – Osaka (Vegetarian breakfast)

Wake early to see the morning Buddhist Ceremony with the monks at the temple and for your Vegetarian Breakfast.

Leave Mt Koya to Osaka by cable car and train via Gokurakubashi by yourself. Upon arrival in Osaka, check in to your hotel which is conveniently located just minutes on foot from the JR Osaka station. Afternoon free at leisure.

A must-see sight in Osaka is the magnificent Osaka Castle located in the city centre. Then explore Dotonbori which is one of the most popular streets in Osaka and runs adjacent to a canal of the same name. Nearby Domi domi shopping and eating areas are one of most exciting districts in Japan.

Day 13 Osaka – Kansai Airport

Take airport limousine bus from your hotel to the futuristic Kansai International Airport in Osaka for your departure.

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Hotels

TOKYO - Shiba Park Hotel

TAKAYAMA - Hilda Plaza hotel,

SHIRAGAWAGO - Minshuku Gasshozukuri (Japanese style room),

KANAZAWA - Kanazawa hotel

MT KOYA - Fukuchin Temple Accommodation (Japanese style room)

KYOTO - New Miyako hotel

OSAKA - Elserine hotel

(or similar, subject to availability)

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 international standard hotel accommodation.
- Temple stay in Mt Koya and in the traditional Guest house in Shirakawago is in Japanese style rooms without 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

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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