



# MAGICAL EXPLORER

## **Scenic Japan + 3 days Extension**

### **Day 1 Fly to Tokyo**

Depart from your local airport.

### **Day 2 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 Full day tour**

#### **(Includes Breakfast)**

After breakfast enjoy a full day Guides tour of Tokyo visiting Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace, Asakusa Sensoji Temple and Nakamise. We then travel to Omotesando and Harajuku areas of Tokyo, before returning to our hotel by subway.

### **Day 4 Tokyo**

#### **(Includes Breakfast)**

A free day to explore Tokyo on your own. Optional tours available

### **Day 5 Tokyo – Bullet train – Hakone (near Mt Fuji) - Takayama**

#### **(Includes Breakfast & Lunch)**

Free overland luggage transfer from Tokyo direct to Kyoto (1 large bag per person). You will need an overnight bag for your stay in Takayama.

Today we transfer to Hakone with our guide on the Bullet train. We then enjoy a scenic full day tour of Hakone by coach. Enjoy panoramic views of Mount Fuji (weather permitting). We travel on the Owakudani ropeway cable car and enjoy a cruise on lake Ashi. Lunch will be provided in Hakone.

At around 16:00, we transfer to Takayama via Nagoya with our guide by bullet train. Upon arrival in Takayama (around 20:00), we walk to our hotel.

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## **Day 6 Takayama**

### **(Includes Breakfast & Dinner)**

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Takayama (9:00-15:00) on foot. We explore the morning market, Yatai Kaikan, Jinya house, Kusakabe Folk museum. Relax for dinner at a local restaurant (Hida Beef speciality).

## **Day 7 Takayama – Shirakawago – Kanazawa tour - Kyoto**

### **(Includes Breakfast & Lunch)**

We start today's guided tour by visiting Shirakawago by private car. Enjoy a stroll around Shirakawago village and see a traditional Gasshozukuri farmhouse with its unique shaped 'pray roof'.

Later we transfer by car to Kanazawa and visit Kenrokuen garden, which is regarded as one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan. We then explore the Samurai district and visit a traditional Samurai house. Late afternoon we transfer to Kanazawa station, where you take the direct express train Kyoto (no guide on train). Upon arrival at Kyoto station you will be met by our Meeting Assistant who will take you to your nearby hotel.

## **DAY 8 Kyoto**

### **(Includes Breakfast, Lunch)**

Breakfast at your hotel. Full day guided sightseeing tour of Kyoto using private car. We visit the famous Kinkakuji Temple (Golden pavilion) and Kiyomizu Temple majestically perch on the hillside overlooking Kyoto.

Later we visit Nijo Castle, the home of the Tokugawa Shogunate. Finally we explore the traditional Gion district of Kyoto, where you may see Geisha rushing to a dinner appointment. Tour disband in Gion, where you can enjoy dinner on your own. Your guide will inform you how to get back to your hotel.

## **Day 9 Kyoto – Nara - Kyoto**

### **(Includes Breakfast & Lunch)**

Full day sight-seeing tour of Nara using public transport. We travel to Nara by train with your guide. Upon arrival we visit Nara Deer Park, Todaiji Temple housing the Great Buddha in the world's largest wooden building, Kofukuji Temple and Kasuga Taisha Shinto Shrine. Return to Kyoto by train with your guide.

## **Day 10 Himeji - Kurashiki tour**

### **(Includes Breakfast)**

Overland luggage transfer Kyoto direct to KIX airport. Prepare an overnight bag for your stay in Kurashiki and Miyajima.

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We transfer to Himeji with our guide by bullet train. Enjoy a sightseeing walk around the city, including visiting Himeji Castle. Himeji Castle has recently been restored and is one of the few original castles in Japan and often considered the most impressive.

Afterwards we transfer to the beautiful little town of Kurashiki by train and enjoy a leisurely stroll alongside the picturesque canals and Historic Quarter. Check into your hotel.

## **Day 11 Kurashiki – Hiroshima - Miyajima**

### **(Includes Breakfast, Dinner)**

After breakfast we transfer to Hiroshima with our guide by train. Enjoy Guided sightseeing in Hiroshima and Miyajima Island by public transport.

We visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum, before going to Miyajima by ferry. Explore Miyajima Itsukushima Shrine before check in to your Ryokan. Stay in Japanese style room.

## **Day 12 Miyajima – Hiroshima - Osaka**

### **(Includes Breakfast)**

Transfer from Miyajima to Hiroshima, where you take the bullet train to JR Shin Osaka station with your guide. Change trains and take the local train to JR Osaka station (approx. 4min on your own). Upon arrival walk to your hotel.

You then have free time to explore Osaka city. Osaka is easy to explore by subway and we recommend visiting Osaka Castle and Dotonbori, which is the most popular shopping, restaurant and entertainment street. Alternatively explore Osaka bay and visit Kaiyukan Aquarium, which is one of the largest in the world.

## **Day 13 Osaka - KIX Airport for Departure**

Early morning transferred by Express train to the futuristic Kansai International Airport in Osaka for your departure flight homeward.

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## **Hotels**

**TOKYO** - Grand Prince New Takanawa Hotel,

**TAKAYAMA** - Hida Plaza Hotel,

**KYOTO** - Rihga Royal / New Miyako Hotel (South Wing)

**KURASHIKI** - Kurashiki Royal Art hotel

**MIYAJIMA** - Miyarikyū Ryokan

**OSAKA** - Granvia Hotel

(or similar subject to availability)

## **What's Includes**

- Small group escorted tour (max 16 people)
- Professional English-speaking tour guide between days 3 and 12
- All entrance fees whilst on guided tour (using public and private vehicles with your guide).
- Overland luggage transfer as stated in itinerary
- All Train tickets as specified in the itinerary.
- Selections of quality 4 star accommodation in well furnished hotel rooms with private facilities.
- Deluxe 1 night Miyajima Ryokan accommodation in Japanese style room
- Daily breakfast (except if early flights)
- Dinner / Lunch as specified in the itinerary.
- Airport transfer by shuttle van (day 10) or Express train.
- Guaranteed departure

## **What's Excluded**

- International Flights: We are happy to provide flights with full ATOL Protection
- Optional tours available
- 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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