

# 11 days - Classic 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

Free day to explore Tokyo at your leisure, or purchase an optional full day tour to Nikko.

# Day 5 Tokyo – Mt Fuji & Hakone tour

(Includes Lunch)

Today we take a scenic guided tour to Mount Fuji by coach. Japanese lunch will be provided in Hakone.

In the afternoon we proceed to the Hakone National Park where we will take a cable car ride to see the magnificent volcanic Hakone mountain range below. We will then take a boat cruise on Lake Ashi.

After the tour transfer to your hotel in Hakone which has hot springs baths for ultimate relaxation.

'Due to luggage restrictions on the bullet train, we have arranged for your baggage's to be transported from Tokyo to Takayama. Prepare an overnight bag for your overnight stay in Hakone.



# Day 6 Hakone – Nagoya – Takayama tour

In the morning you will be met and driven to Odawara train station where you board the super-fast Bullet train (Shinkansen) for Nagoya (no guide service on board the trains). Upon arrival in Nagoya our assistant will meet you at the platform and help you transfer onto the shared express bus / chartered bus for Takayama.

Upon arrival at Takayama we take a walking tour to visit Yatai Kaikan Hall, where colourful traditional festive floats are on display, Kami Sannomachi, with traditional wooden houses and Kusakabe folkcraft museum. We then visit Kami Sannomachi town before walking to our hotel.

# Day 7 Takayama — Shirakawago — Kanazawa tour (Includes Lunch)

We start todays guided tour by visiting Takayama morning market. Afterwards we take a scenic drive alongside Lake Miboro and the Shokawa River to towards Shirakawago. Upon arrival, we visit Shirakawa-go Observatory and the Wada residence. Afterwards we enjoy Japanese style lunch.

'Due to luggage restrictions on the bullet train, we have arranged for your baggage's to be transported from Takayama to Kyoto (1 bag per person). Prepare an overnight bag for your overnight stay in Kanazawa.

#### **Day 8 Kanazawa Tour**

Morning sight-seeing of Kanazawa by coach exploring the Nagamachi old Samurai District and visiting Kenrokuen Garden, which is regarded as one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan. Later we drive through the Higashi-chayo district and Hakaza (gold leaf shop).

In the afternoon take the train to Kyoto (no guide service on board train). Upon arrival at Kyoto train station, walk to your conveniently located hotel.

# Day 9 Kyoto – Nara - Kyoto

#### (Includes Lunch)

Full day sight-seeing tour of Kyoto & Nara, including a visit Nijo Castle, former residence of the Tokugawa Shogun. Next we visit the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) centred around one of the best examples of a Japanese Zen gardens in the world. We then travel to Kyoto Imperial Palace.

After lunch we travel to Nara. Our tour includes visiting Nara Deer Park, Todaiji Temple housing the Great Buddha in the world's largest wooden building. Next, we visit Kasuga Taisha Shinto Shrine and Nara Nagomikan.



# Day 10 Kyoto

Free day to explore Kyoto or take an optional tour.

#### Day 11 Osaka - Departure

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

#### **Hotels**

**TOKYO** - Shiba Park Hotel

**HAKONE** - Yumoto Fujiya,

TAKAYAMA - Hida hotel plaza

KANAZAWA - Kanazawa Tokyu hotel

**KYOTO** - New Miyako Hotel

(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

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.