



Personally
Escorted
Holidays

JAPAN

14 Days visiting Kyoto, Okayama, Hiroshima, Kanazawa,
Hakone and Tokyo

Includes a Geisha dinner, travel by Bullet Train, stay at an Onsen with a hot spring bath
and visit the Unesco World Heritage site and the Itsukushima Shrine



Exclusive
Group
Departure



FROM **\$6,185***
per person twin share, land only
Single supplement \$1,250*

Personally escorted special group departure from Melbourne
Departs Monday 2nd April, 2018

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Your Japan itinerary

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Fully escorted from Australia
- Bullet trains & ferry as per itinerary
- Sightseeing as specified in itinerary
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Tips where applicable
- Chartered coach transport as per itinerary
- English speaking locally based guides
- Meals as per itinerary
- All applicable taxes and fuel surcharges

TOUR PRICING:

Land tour price:

\$6,185 per person twin share / Single Supplement \$1,250

Airfare:

Economy class \$1,287 per person

Business Class \$4,630 per person

Singapore Airlines have introduced a Premium Economy class on some flights. On this journey you can experience this Premium Class on two flights – Melbourne to Singapore and Tokyo to Singapore.

Flights will be economy class on the other two flights. The airfare for this option is \$2,690 per person.



- Arrival/departure Airport
- Tour cities/Number of nights

TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 Monday 2nd April 2018

MELBOURNE – SINGAPORE – OSAKA (KYOTO)

At 3:00pm meet your Tour Escort, Diane Miller, at Melbourne Airport.

At 6:25pm your flight on Singapore Airlines departs for Singapore, and connects with your flight to Osaka. **Inflight**

Day 2 Tuesday 3rd April

OSAKA (KYOTO)

Upon arrival at Kansai airport at 9:05am, the group will be transferred to our hotel in Kyoto by coach.

Upon arrival at the hotel, we will enjoy a buffet lunch at Top Lounge Orizzonte private room.

After lunch, we'll take in a tour of Kiyomizu Temple by coach.

After our tour we return to the hotel to check in. Afternoon at leisure until welcome drinks in the evening.

Overnight at Kyoto Hotel Okura. Inflight, L

Day 3 Wednesday 4th April

OSAKA (KYOTO)

This morning includes a Kyoto sightseeing tour of the Buddhist temple Golden Pavilion,



and Nijo castle in a coach.

An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens.

We return to the hotel for the afternoon at leisure. Your Tour Escort suggests a visit to the Philosophers Walk by subway.

Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant with accompaniment of Geisha.

Overnight at Kyoto Hotel Okura. B,D

Day 4 Thursday 5th April

NARA

This morning we travel to Nara, the ancient capital of Japan. We'll visit Nara Todaiji temple and Nara deer park before returning to the hotel in Kyoto.

This afternoon is at leisure. We suggest a walking tour to experience the sights,

sounds and smells of historic Nishiki arcade, home to the provedores to Kyoto's leading restaurants.

Overnight at the Kyoto Hotel Okura. B

Day 5 Friday 6th April

HIMEJI CASTLE – KURASHIKI – OKAYAMA

This morning we visit Himeji Castle and Kurashiki. Himeji Castle is widely considered as Japan's most magnificent castle for its imposing size and beauty. The well-preserved castle is both a national and world heritage listed treasure.

This afternoon we proceed to Okayama.

Overnight at Hotel Granvia Okayama. B

Day 6 Saturday 7th April

MIYAJI MA – HIROSHIMA

This morning we take the Bullet Train Nozomi #1 to Hiroshima, then change trains for Miyajima-Guchi. We'll take the ferry to



Your Japan itinerary (cont).



cross the Inland Sea to Miyajima Island, where we'll visit Itsukushima shrine, a giant torii gate, which at high tide seems to float on the water.

We leave Miyajima Island for Hiroshima, a modern and prosperous city that will be forever remembered as the world's first atomic bomb target. We'll experience the famous Hiroshima tram, and visit Hiroshima Peace Park and Peace Museum, one of the most prominent features of the city. The trees, lawns and walking paths are in stark contrast to the surrounding downtown area. We'll then catch the Bullet train back to Okayama.

Overnight at Hotel Granvia Okayama. B



Day 7 Sunday 8th April

KANAZAWA

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and walk to the station to catch the Bullet Train for Kyoto, then connect with the train for Kanazawa. Purchase a picnic lunch at Okayama station to enjoy on the train so that we can start our sightseeing tour from Kanazawa station.

Upon arrival into Kanazawa we'll be taken on a sightseeing tour exploring the old district of Higashiyama; a Geisha house; Kutani pottery workshop where you can see a demonstration by a master potter; the former samurai residential area; plus one of Japan's most famous gardens, Kenrokuen garden.

Overnight at Hotel Resol Trinity Kanazawa. B

Day 8 Monday 9th April

NOTO PENINSULA/WAJIMA

Today we'll travel to Noto peninsula by coach. Enjoy the famous Wajima morning market notable for its lacquer ware.



In the mid afternoon, we return to Kanazawa. The remainder of the day is free at leisure. Suggested activities include visiting:

- Ohmi Ichiba Market
- Nomura Sumurai House
- Shinise-kan or shopping at Daiwa department store

Overnight at Hotel Resol Trinity Kanazawa. B

Day 9 Tuesday 10th April

HAKONE

This morning we'll be transferred to Kanazawa Bullet Train station for the Hakutaka Bullet train#560 to Tokyo, then on to Hakone Yumoto station. Upon arrival at Hakone Yumoto Station we check in to the Hakone Yumoto Hotel – a HOT SPRING RESORT.

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the hot springs and all the hotel has to offer. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Overnight at Hakone Yumoto Hotel. B,D



Day 10 Wednesday 11th April

TOKYO

This morning we'll take a sightseeing tour of Hakone, including a cruise on Lake Ashi.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we can



enjoy the superb scenery and abundance of natural hot springs on a gondola ride through Hakone/Mt. Komagatake.

Late this afternoon, we'll travel on to Tokyo (2 hours by coach).

Overnight at Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba Hotel. B,L

Day 11 Thursday 12th April

TOKYO

This morning we'll be taken for a Tokyo morning tour on a coach through Ginza streets. See the Imperial Palace, the main residence of the Emperor of Japan. Built on the original site of Edo Castle, the Plaza is made up of a palace, museum and large park. We also see the Asakusa Temple and stroll down the colourful Nakamise shopping street.

Mid afternoon we'll return to hotel for the afternoon at leisure. You might wish to do some souvenir hunting at Daiba shopping centre.

Overnight at Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba Hotel. B

Day 12 Friday 13th April

TOKYO

Enjoy a day at leisure before our Farewell dinner at our hotel.

Overnight at Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba Hotel. B, Farewell Dinner

Day 13 Saturday 14th April

TOKYO – MELBOURNE

This morning after check out, we'll be transferred to Narita Airport by coach for our return flight to Melbourne. **B, Inflight**



Your Japan itinerary (cont).

Day 14 Sunday 15th April

MELBOURNE

Arrive Melbourne on Singapore Airlines Flight SQ 237 at 9:20am, with many wonderful memories. **Inflight**

Meal key: B Breakfast L Lunch D Dinner

Inflight Inflight meals



JAPANESE CUSTOMS & CULTURE:

Japanese society and culture is built on intricate social etiquette and customs. As foreigners, we are not expected to be knowledgeable about all etiquette, but it will make your time in Japan more enjoyable if you are respectful of local customs. Some examples of scenarios you may encounter include removing your shoes and hats when entering a temple or house (some restaurants as well).

You may be supplied with slippers at some places, but please come prepared with plenty of clean socks with no holes, and shoes that are easy to take off for the fairly regular occasions when they must be removed.

TIPPING

Tipping is not a practiced custom in Japan and not compulsory. When travelling around Japan, you should resist the temptation to let someone 'keep the change' or to tip wait staff, bar staff, taxi drivers or bellboys as this may lead to confusion. Where tipping is applicable or advisable, the tips have been included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions

Please read carefully

***Tour Price:** The cost is of the tour is based on Singapore Airlines and other domestic airline airfares, tariffs, costs and exchange rates which are current at the time of printing and may be subject to increases in the basic fares, tariffs or costs or movements in exchange rates. All payments are received by Magic Carpet Tours on this understanding.

Magic Carpet Tours reserves the right to vary or cancel any of these arrangements contained in the itinerary, final routing of which is subject to airline regulations. Tour price is based on a minimum of 16 full paying passengers travelling together. Subject to availability.

RESERVATIONS: Firm reservations will be made upon receipt of a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit per person. A progress payment of \$2,000 PLUS AIRFARE per person is due on 24 November 2017. Final Payment is due 24 January 2018.

Payment by Visa or Mastercard will attract a service fee of 1.5% and 3% for American Express.

Itinerary: Itinerary is subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. The hotels listed are intended to be used, however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodation substituted will be equivalent in standard to the hotel advised. Every effort is made to reserve twin-bedded rooms. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double bedded rooms instead. These rooms will be allocated to couples where possible.

Cancellation: Cancellation fees apply as follows:
Prior to 24 November 2017 – \$500 ^
Between 25 November 2017 & 24 January 2018 –

\$1,500 per person ^

Cancellation received after 24 January 2018 and before departure – \$2,750 per person ^

Cancellation after departure – 100%

^ plus any cancellation charges that may be assessed by the hotels, airlines, and/or other contractors.

Baggage: Luggage allowance is 20kg per person. This must be kept to only one suitcase plus your hand luggage.

Travel documents: All passengers must be in possession of a valid passport within a minimum validity of 6 months from return date.

Travel Insurance: All passengers must have adequate international travel insurance. We are happy to arrange this for you.

Health requirements: All tour participants must be physically fit. Please seek advice from your family doctor regarding immunisations, etc.

Tour Fare does NOT include: Items such as (& not limited to):

- Meals & beverages not shown above
- Any airfare or airport tax increases unless specified
- Excess baggage charges
- Optional tours and sightseeing not detailed in the itinerary
- Night time entertainment
- Travel insurance
- Passport and Visa fees
- Items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Fuel surcharges

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