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Classical Japan : 12 Days





Experience the best of Japan on this value-packed tour from Tokyo to Kyoto, with stays in Mount Fuji, Osaka, and Hiroshima. Highlights include UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Mount Fuji, Itsukushima Shrine, and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. Enjoy a cable-car ride, a traditional tea ceremony, serene gardens like Koraku-en and Shinjuku Gyoen, and a taste of Hiroshima's famous okonomiyaki. Ride the iconic bullet train and explore Japan's rich history, culture, and natural beauty in one unforgettable trip.



TOKYO, JAPAN

Welcome to Japan's vibrant capital. Hotel check-in is available from mid-afternoon. Enjoy your first glimpse of Tokyo's unique mix of tradition and modernity, from bustling streets to peaceful temples.

TOKYO

Meet your Tour Director and group before starting a full-day city tour. Visit the peaceful Meiji Shrine, the scenic Shinjuku Gyoen Garden with its cherry blossoms, and the lively Asakusa Kannon Temple with the Nakamise shopping street. Enjoy free time in the afternoon. (Breakfast, Lunch)





TOKYO

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Tokyo at your own pace. Discover the city's diverse neighborhoods, from the fashion-forward streets of Harajuku to the electronics haven of Akihabara. You might visit iconic landmarks like Tokyo Tower, explore museums, shop in Ginza, or sample local cuisine at a traditional izakaya. The day is yours to experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of this exciting city.

(Breakfast)



TOKYO-MOUNT FUJI AREA This morning,
leave Tokyo and head south along the coast to the
beautiful Five Lakes region. Take a cable-car ride
(weather permitting) for panoramic views of Lake
Kawaguchi and spectacular Mount Fuji, or
Fujisan as the locals call it, Japan's highest
mountain. You'll also visit Chureito Pagoda for a
chance to snap your own iconic image of the
pagoda with Fujisan in the background! Breakfast
Lunch



MOUNT FUJI AREA-OSAKA This morning, board Japan's famous bullet train for Osaka. Upon arrival, join your Tour Director for a walking tour in Minami. Made up of Shinsaibashi, Namba, and Dotonbori, this area is home to great dining and nightlife and some of the city's most fashionable shops and department stores. This evening is free to explore the city on your own. Breakfast



OSAKA Your sightseeing tour starts at the Open-Air Museum of Old Japanese Farm Houses, where traditional thatched-roof farm houses dating from the Edo period have been restored. Be transported back in time as you explore the old architecture. Visit Osaka Castle, then enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure. Perhaps return to Dotonbori this evening to sample local cuisine and see the sparkling neon lights.

Breakfast

OSAKA-OKAYAMA-KURASHIKI-

HIROSHIMA This morning, drive south to Okayama and visit Koraku-en, one of the "Three Great Gardens of Japan." The 30-acre garden features ponds, plum groves, and tea fields. The wide lawns, believed to uplift the spirit and promote open mindedness, are unique to Koraku-en and not a traditional feature of Japanese gardens. In Kurashiki, enjoy free time in the Bikan Historical Quarter, once the political and commercial center of the city. The canal-lined, white-washed, stone streets reflect the Edo period (1603- 1867) and are quintessentially Japanese. Continue to Hiroshima.



HIROSHIMA Today's full day sightseeing includes two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Peace Memorial Park, and Itsukushima Shrine. Start at Peace Memorial Park where you'll visit the Peace Memorial, commonly referred to as the Atomic Bomb Dome, that is preserved and is just as it was on August 6, 1945, immediately after the bombing. You will also visit the Memorial Museum and Memorial Hall, which commemorate the lives lost that day.

For lunch, enjoy the country's legendary dish of *okonomiyaki*, a delicious Japanese-style savory pancake. Then, travel to Miyajima Island to visit Itsukushima Shrine, known for its beautiful floating Torii Gate. Breakfast
Lunch





HIROSHIMA-BIZEN-HIMEJI-KYOTO Drive north to Bizen, where you'll visit a traditional pottery workshop to learn more about Bizen-yaki, one of Japan's six ancient pottery styles dating back over 1,000 years. Stop in Himeji to visit Himeji Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and see the finest surviving example of early 17th-century Japanese castle architecture that combines function with elegance. Continue to Kyoto. This evening, you may choose an optional style of accommodation at a traditional Japanese ryokan (additional fee and pre-booking required). Breakfast



KYOTO Your day begins with a visit to stunning Kinkakuji, the Temple of the Gold Pavilion, covered in shimmering gold leaf. Walk through bustling Nishiki Market, a narrow, five block long shopping street lined by more than one hundred shops and restaurants. Participate in a tea ceremony, time-honored tradition, and wonderfully choreographed ritual of preparing and serving Japanese green tea. After lunch, visit Sanjusajendo Temple, famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy and Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for the thousands of brightly hued Torii Gate. Then, take a walking tour through Gion, Kyoto's most famous geisha district, and sample a local Japanese treat. Oh, deer! Consider an optional afternoon trip to the expanses of Nara Park, famous for its free-roaming deer who wander freely amid its shrines and temples.

Breakfast Lunch



*KYOTO Full day at leisure to explore more of Kyoto's historic sites
and shrines. Breakfast*



KYOTO Your tour ends with
breakfast this morning. Breakfast

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