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EXOTIC JAPAN

2024



08
Nights
09
Days





- Tokyo
- Hakone
- Shirakawago
- Kanazawa
- Kyoto
- Nara
- Hiroshima
- Osaka

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- A complete, all-inclusive, and exotic 9 days tour through Japan with maximum quality sightseeing!
- Stay at comfortable and conveniently located hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels except on Day 01
- Local Veg/Non veg lunches - as per the itinerary
- Local or Indian Veg/Non Veg dinners - as per the itinerary
- **Stay 03 nights in Tokyo**
- Visit the Asakusa Sensoji Temple
- Walk through Nakamise-dori - shopping street

- Enjoy the River Sumida Cruise
- Visit Tokyo Tower
- Visit Shinjuku Gyoen
- Take the Hakone Ropeway
- Enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi
- **Visit Mt Fuji - 3rd/4th/5th Station (weather conditions permitting)**
- **Stay 01 night in Kanazawa**
- Visit Nomura Samurai House
- Visit Kenrokuen Garden
- Gokayama Village Washi Paper making
- Visit Shirakawa-go Village
- **Stay 01 night in Kyoto**
- Visit Arashiyama Bamboo Grove
- Visit Kiyomizu-dera Temple
- Visit the Golden Pavilion and see the Kinkakuji Temple

- Visit Nijo Castle
- **Stay 03 nights in Osaka**
- Visit Miyajima Island
- See the Itsukushima Jinja Shrine
- View the floating Torri Gates - Japan's second most recognizable landmark
- See the Atom Bomb Dome
- Visit the Peace Memorial Museum
- Excursion to this first capital of Japan - Nara
- Visit the Todaiji Temple
- Visit the Nara Deer Park
- Orientation Tour of Osaka
- Visit Umeda Sky Tower
- Experience traveling on the Shinkansen bullet train
- Services of an experienced and professional tour manager throughout.



Asakusa Sensoji Temple

DAY 01

Arrive Tokyo, Japan - Welcome to Japan!

Today, begin your beautiful journey of Japan with Airtours Holidays. Arrive at Narita Airport where you will be met by your Tour Manager at the arrival area after clearing immigration and customs. Kindly make your own arrangement if you are unable to meet the Tour Manager at the designated time. Then check-in to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 1500 hrs.) **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Tokyo (D)

Guided City Tour of Tokyo - River Sumida Cruise - Visit the Asakusa Sensoji Temple - Visit Shinjuku Gyoen - Visit Tokyo Tower

After buffet breakfast, proceed on a guided tour of Tokyo. Start with a cruise on **River Sumida** and enjoy the landscape of Tokyo from the river. Then, visit the 7th Century Buddhist **Sensoji Temple** in the **Asakusa District**. Also walk through the **Nakamise Shopping Street**, which has been in existence since the 17th century, where you can buy local Japanese souvenirs. Enjoy local lunch. Visit **Shinjuku Gyoen**, that has been around since the Edo Period (1603-1868) as a feudal lord's Tokyo residence. Later it was converted into a botanical garden and in 1949 it was dedicated to the citizens of Japan as a public park. Later, visit **Tokyo Tower**, that was constructed in 1958, and is an enduring icon of Japan, to get a bird's eye view of Tokyo from the Main Observation Deck at 150 metres. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Tokyo (B, LL, D)

DAY 02

DAY 03

Tokyo - Hakone Ropeway - Lake Ashi Cruise - Mount Fuji - Tokyo

After buffet breakfast, drive to Hakone and take the **Hakone Scenic Ropeway**. Thereafter, embark on a cruise on tranquil **Lake Ashi**. Enjoy local lunch. Later, drive to experience the majestic Mt Fuji, Japan's most famous symbol! Take in the amazing view of the valley below from **Mt Fuji 3rd/4th/5th Station** (weather conditions permitting). Return to Tokyo. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Tokyo. (B, LL, D)

DAY 04

Tokyo - Train to Kanazawa - Samurai House - Kenrokuen Garden

After buffet breakfast, check out and proceed to Tokyo station to embark on a thrilling train ride on the super-express train for Kanazawa (**please prepare 01 small bag for 02 overnights, 01 big bag will be transferred to Osaka**), a delightful, small town nestled in the majestic Japanese Alps. Over the next few days you will travel back in time as you explore rural Japan where traditional architecture, ancient culture and fascinating customs have been proudly preserved. Enjoy local lunch. Head to **Nomura Samurai House**, a historic home with a landscaped inner gardens and pond in Nagamachi. You can walk through the different levels of the house to see the living quarters and gardens that are well-preserved even to this day. Proceed to the beautiful **Kenrokuen Garden**, one of the most fascinating gardens in Japan and marvel at the waterfalls, ponds and charming tea-houses. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Kanazawa (B,LL,D)

Kanazawa - Visit Gokayama and Shirakawa-go - On to Kyoto

DAY 05

After buffet breakfast, check out and enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque valley to the village of **Gokayama**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and enjoy a demonstration of traditional Japanese paper making techniques, where you will make your very own postcard. Then head to village of **Shirakawa-go**, another UNESCO World Heritage site where you will discover fascinating architecture of old steep thatched-roof Gassho houses that have been around since the 11th century. This unique architectural style, harmonized into the magnificent mountain landscape was developed to help the inhabitants to survive the extremely harsh winter. Walk around the village to experience daily life in this remote area. Enjoy local lunch. Thereafter, drive to Kyoto. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Kyoto. (B,LL,D)

DAY 06

Kyoto - Kiyomizu Temple - Arashiyama Bamboo Grove - Golden Pavilion - Nijo Castle - On to Osaka

After buffet breakfast, check out and proceed to **Kiyomizu-dera temple** complex, a Buddhist temple located in eastern Kyoto. Later, head to the **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove**, one of Kyoto's top sights. Standing amidst these soaring stalks of bamboo is like being in another world. Enjoy local lunch. Later drive to **Golden Pavilion** to see the **Kinkakuji Temple**. Then visit **Nijo Castle**. Drive to Osaka **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Osaka (B,LL,D)

Kinkakuji Temple Kyoto





Atom-Bomb Dome, Hiroshima

DAY 07

Osaka - Train to Hiroshima - Miyajima Island - Hiroshima Peace Museum - Osaka

After buffet breakfast, transfer to Hiroshima by bullet train. Drive to Miyajima Ferry Pier to embark on a short ferry ride which will bring you to **Miyajima Island**. See the floating **Torii Gates** – the second most photographed monument in Japan and see the **Itsukushima Jinja Shrine**. Take the ferry back to the mainland. Enjoy local lunch. Drive to Hiroshima - the city where time stood still when it was devastated during World War II by the Atom bomb. See the Cenotaph which is a tribute to all those people who died due to the bombing. Visit the **Atom Bomb Dome** – the only building that remained after the bombing which has now become the symbol of Hiroshima. Visit the Peace **Memorial Museum**. Later transfer to Osaka by bullet train. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Osaka. (B, LL, D)

Osaka - Nara - Deer Park - Todaiji Temple - Umeda Sky Tower, Osaka

DAY 08

After buffet breakfast proceed to Nara, the first capital of Japan, dating back to the 8th century. Visit the **Nara Deer Park** which is home to nearly 1200 deer. The deer are designated as a national treasure and have become a symbol of the city. Also visit the **Todaiji Temple** which has the largest bronze statue of Buddha in Japan, also called the Great Daibutsu. Enjoy local lunch. Later, visit **Umeda Sky Tower**, one of the Osaka's most recognizable landmarks. It consists of two 40-story towers that connect at their two uppermost levels with bridges and an escalator crossing the wide atrium-like space in the center. Enjoy a bird's eye view of Osaka from the observation

deck. Later free time for shopping in the vibrant and bustling **Dotonbori Area**. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Osaka (B, LL, D)

DAY 09

Farewell and fly back home

After buffet/boxed breakfast, check out and proceed to the airport for your flight back home.

Return home with wonderful memories of your Japan Tour. (B)

TOUR COST 2024

Land Cost (08 Nights 09 Days)

Per Person on Twin Share	: USD 4,149
Single Room Supplement	: USD 1,125

Note:

- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.

TOUR DATES 2024

March: 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28

Note:

- Tour starts in Tokyo, Japan on the above-mentioned dates
- There could be possibility of flight departure on the previous evening.
- On certain departure dates the itinerary may be operated in reverse order. However, all services and inclusions will remain the same.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

- Tokyo** :
- : Visit Sensoji Temple and walk through Nakamise shopping street
 - : River Sumida Cruise
 - : Visit Tokyo Tower
 - : Visit Shinjuku Gyoen
 - : Hakone Ropeway
 - : Lake Ashi Cruise
 - : Visit Mt. Fuji 3rd/4th/5th station (weather conditions permitting)
- Kanazawa** :
- : Visit Nomura Samurai House
 - : Visit Kenrokuen Garden
 - : Visit Gokayama - Witness traditional paper-making
 - : Visit Shirakawa-go village
- Kyoto** :
- : Visit the Kiyomizu Temple
 - : Visit Arashiyama Bamboo Grove
 - : Visit the Golden Pavilion and see Kinkakuji Temple
 - : Visit the Nijo Castle
- Nara** :
- : Visit the Nara Deer Park
 - : Visit Todaiji Temple
- Osaka** :
- : Day Excursion to Hiroshima
 - Visit Miyajima Island
 - See the Itsukushima Jinja Shrine
 - View the floating Torii Gates
 - See the Atom Bomb Dome
 - Visit the Peace Memorial Museum
 - : Visit Umeda Sky Tower

HOTELS

- 03 nights accommodation at Hotel Royal Park / Grand Nikko Daiba or similar in Tokyo
- 01 night accommodation at Hotel ANA Crowne Plaza / The Sanraku or similar in Kanazawa
- 01 night accommodation at Hotel Royal Park / Hotel Rihga Royal or similar in Kyoto
- 03 nights accommodation at Hotel Centara Grand or similar in Osaka

MEALS - AS SPECIFIED IN THE ITINERARY

- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel except on Day 01
- Local Veg/Non veg lunches
- Local or Indian Veg/Non Veg dinners

MINERAL WATER, TIPS & PORTERAGE

- 2 bottles (500 ml) mineral water per person per day
- Tips to drivers and guides
- Porterage of one bag (20 kgs) per person at hotels
- Luggage transfer of one big bag (20 kgs) from Tokyo to Osaka

TRANSFERS

- All transfers and excursions will be conducted by a deluxe air-conditioned coach
- Super Express train: Tokyo - Kanazawa
- Coach: Kanazawa - Kyoto
- Bullet train: Osaka - Hiroshima - Osaka
- Ferry to Miyajima Island

TOUR MANAGER

- Services of a professional and experienced tour manager throughout your tour

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

➤ COST OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TICKETS

- **Cost of deviation:** In case you wish to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure i.e. either travel before the departure date of your tour or would like to come back on a later date after the tour ends, there will be an additional charge that will be applicable which will be advised to you by our sales team. The same is subject to availability of seats & class for the given dates & ticket validity. Kindly also note, the deviation request is to be made at the time of booking.
- **Cost of Transfer:** The individual arrival & departure transfer in case you are not arriving / departing as per group ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE timings.
- Medical/ Travel insurance.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels, cruise shore excursion and any type of beverages in cruise etc. Anything not specified under inclusions.
- Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'
- Departure taxes except where included.

VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR

- USA Citizens** : No Visa required
- Green Card Holders** : Single Entry Tourist Visa
- Indian National** : Single Entry Tourist Visa
- Cost of the above-mentioned visas **are not included** in your tour price

OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

- It's very important to find out before you leave whether or not your medical insurance will cover you overseas. Your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors' and hospital visits in other countries. **Always look into the aspects of covering your trip for unforeseen events.**

BOOKING TERMS & CANCELLATION POLICY

All services such as Airline seats/Hotels accommodation/ground transportation for group tours are pre-blocked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/vendors if these services are released within the below mentioned time frame. If circumstances make you cancel the tour, the cancellation must be intimate to us in writing. Such cancellation will attract the following cancellation charges:

Booking Terms & Cancellation Policy

Non-Refundable deposit to book your tour	US\$ 1000 Per Person
Full payment to be made	75 Days prior to Departure date
Cancellation of Tour due to border closure in Origin or Destination, 60 days prior to Departure date	Administrative Fees US\$ 100 Per Person
60 Days to 45 Days	50% of Total Tour cost Per Person
44 Days to 30 Days	75% of Total Tour cost Per Person
29 Days till Tour date	100% of Total Tour cost Per Person

Mandatory travel requirements: Keeping in view the safety of all travellers and as per the requirement of various countries, only people who have completed both the vaccinations at least 14 days before the travel date will be allowed on the tour.

Cancellation due to Border Closures: In case we are unable to operate a tour due to Border Closure, Airtours Holidays LLC will refund the deposit amount after deducting the administrative fees of USD 100 per person. In the event that the entire tour cost has been paid by you and we in turn have paid our overseas tour operators, after which the tour gets cancelled due to Border Closure, then it is possible that we are not able to get the amount back, then we will try and get the refund or a credit note for a later travel date. Any loss due to the exchange rate will affect the refund amount.

The company reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to the departure, without assigning any reason. All monies paid by you will be fully refunded in USD only, and no compensation will be payable. In case of cruises, 100% of the cruise cost paid will be forfeited in case of any cancellations irrespective of time of cancellation. The company cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and / or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not done through the company. Single Room Supplement Charges will be applicable in case any of the client cancels the booking of sharing the room together.

IMPORTANT

- Only fully vaccinated persons are eligible to travel on this tour over and above the prevailing covid protocols outlined by the respective countries
- Passengers taking early morning flights will be provided with boxed breakfast.
- All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 25 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on another departure date.
- Keeping in view the Luggage compartment of coach & Internal Flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry only medium size Bag of 20 kg and 1 carryon bag of 5 kg per person.
- The dates and granting of Visas is at the sole discretion of the concerned consulate. Air Tours Holidays is not responsible for granting of visas and are only a facilitator in the visa application process and any situation arising out of delay in granting visa by the consulate/embassy.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any delay in flights or change in Schedule by the airline and any situations arising out of the same. Any damages caused to the hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Air Tours will not be liable for the same.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, delay, breakdown or irregularity which may occur in carrying out of the tour arrangement.
- Air Tours will not be liable in any loss of baggage by the Airline. However, we will provide assistance in tracing any lost baggage.
- Air Tours reserves the right to claim any additional expenses due to delay or changes in train, plane, bus, ship or other services, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such losses or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
- Air Tours reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised or substitute a hotel of similar class if deemed advisable or necessary.
- For the convenience of our passengers, Air Tours will sometimes amend the itinerary; however all the other services will remain the same.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.
- The Tour Cost is a combination of all the arrangements and hence cannot be calculated on an individual service basis. Tour cost is one component and not calculated individually.
- Standard check-in at hotels is 1400-1500 hours and check out is 1100-1200 hours.
- Updating of mileage is subject to Airlines terms & conditions in group fare.
- We request the airlines for your preferred seats however this is as per their policy and at their discretion.
- Please refer to the booking form for detailed cancellation policy and 'Terms and Conditions'.