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Japan Discovery

YOUR TRAVEL STYLE
Regional

10 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
FROM A$513 PER DAY*

Essentials highlights

- **TOKYO** Visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory, Meiji Jingu Shinto Shrine and Nakamise shopping street
- **MT. FUJI** Drive up to 5th Station for panoramic views
- **HAKONE** View Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi from the Komagatake Ropeway
- **KYOTO** Visit Kinkakuji Temple and the Heianjigu Shrine
- **KURASHIKI** Sightseeing with a Local Specialist includes a visit to the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- **HIROSHIMA** Visit Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima island, and the Peace Memorial Park and Museum
- **HIMEJI** Visit Himeji Castle and a sake brewery en route to Osaka

12 Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine,Torii Gate

YOUR HOLIDAY ESSENTIALS

- 9 Nights accommodation
- 9 Breakfasts
- 4 Dinners
- Start: Tokyo
- End: Osaka
- Trip code: JPDI

BEST PRICE READY TO GO GUARANTEE

FROM A$5125

*PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Day 1 ARRIVE TOKYO 3☾

Welcome to dazzling, futuristic Tokyo, Japan's incredible capital city. One of the most culturally rich cities on earth, Tokyo is the kind of place where every day is a new adventure, and where no two neighbourhoods are the same. Arriving today board your shuttle bus transfer from Tokyo Narita or Haneda Airport. This evening meet up with your Travel Director and fellow explorers for your first taste of Japanese cuisine. **(D)** Hotel: Shimbashi Atagoyama Tokyu Rei

Day 2 TOKYO SIGHTSEEING

Today's sightseeing tour will kick off 243 metres above ground at the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory. Step inside a forested inner-city oasis at the Meiji Jingu Shinto Shrine and then visit Asakusa for a glimpse of Old Tokyo. Browse the craft shops along Nakamise Street and visit the Sensoji Buddhist Temple which has been rebuilt countless times since it was founded in the 7th century. This afternoon and evening it's all about tailoring your trip your way. Perhaps take advantage of our optional visit to the Tokyo National Museum and this evening, you could choose to dine local style with dinner at a traditional *izakaya* (Japanese pub). **(B)**

Day 3 MT. FUJI AND HAKONE SIGHTSEEING

You may have seen glimpses of its snowcapped peaks but today you'll get up close to iconic Mt. Fuji. Driving up to the 5th Station (weather permitting), catch your breath as you take it all in from 2300 metres above sea level, then travel along the Komagatake Ropeway for incredible views of Lake Ashi. Driving back through Hakone, enjoy the incomparable mountain views before heading back to the city for your last night in Tokyo. **(B)**

Day 4 TOKYO - KYOTO 2☾

You'll board the bullet train this morning and travel towards Kyoto at speeds of up to 320 kilometres per hour. Starting your sightseeing tour at the Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji, you'll then visit the stunning Heian-jingu shrine together with its 25 metre high *torii* gate. From here it will be on to a traditional handicraft centre to browse the Japanese crafts, then dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. **(B, D)** Hotel: Kyoto Annex Tower

Day 5 KYOTO FREE DAY

Today is yours to explore your way, and in beautiful Kyoto there is no shortage of choice. Maybe start your day at the lush green Ginkaku-ji shrine, or head over to the Gion district to catch a glimpse of a geisha. This morning opt to join our optional trip to Nara to learn about the art of *bokusho* (ink making), then head on to Todaji Temple and Nara Park, an area taken over by hundreds of free roaming deer. Keen to see a Kyoto icon? Join our optional trip to the Fushimi Inari Shrine, where thousands of orange vermilion *torii* gates stretch up the thickly wooded mountain. **(B)**

Day 6 KYOTO - KURASHIKI - HIROSHIMA 2☾

Your first stop today will be Kurashiki, where you'll meet up with a Local Specialist for a tour around the black and white warehouses of the historic Bikan Quarter before heading on to Hiroshima. Respectfully remembering its catastrophic past whilst looking to the future with optimism, Hiroshima today is a thriving cosmopolitan city with a lot to offer. Tonight, tuck in to *okonomiyaki*, a type of Japanese savoury pancake and a Hiroshima speciality. **(B, D)** Hotel: Oriental

Day 7 HIROSHIMA SIGHTSEEING

Today's sightseeing will begin with a ferry ride to the gorgeous island of Miyajima, where you'll visit the 12th century Itsukushima Shrine and see the famous orange *torii* which appears to be floating above the sea. Back in Hiroshima, wander through the quiet, leafy space of the Peace Memorial Park, followed by the sobering Memorial Museum. Your tour will end at the UNESCO listed Peace Memorial, then this afternoon perhaps opt to join our 'Secrets of Hiroshima' Optional Experience. **(B)**

Day 8 HIROSHIMA - HIMEJI 1☾

Heading on from Hiroshima, this morning you'll journey on to Himeji. After some free time for lunch, this afternoon you'll then meet up with a Local Specialist to visit the UNESCO listed 400-year-old Himeji Castle. Known as the White Heron Castle, this site is widely considered Japan's most spectacular castle and looking up at its vast size, beauty and immaculate gardens, it won't be hard to see why. **(B, D)** Hotel: Nikko Himeji

Day 9 HIMEJI - OSAKA 1☾

Start as you mean to go on today with a visit to a sake brewery accompanied by a Local Specialist. Learn about the history and brewing process of Japan's national drink before heading on to Osaka, a spirited and liberal city. With an afternoon free, perhaps take advantage of our optional trip to the Umeda Sky Building and Osaka Castle. This evening and to see out your trip in style, perhaps opt to join our foodie inspired trip to Namba, for a final feast of local delights. **(B)** Hotel: Osaka Daiichi

Day 10 DEPART OSAKA

Culturally satisfied, today your trip will come to an end. As you head for the airport for your onward flight, we hope you're leaving with big smiles courtesy of Japan's faultless hospitality. Bon voyage! **(B)**

YOUR TAILORED OPTIONS

HERE ARE SOME OPTIONS THAT YOU CAN PURCHASE ON TOUR TO MAKE YOUR TRIP AS UNIQUE AS YOU ARE:

☐ **TOKYO NATIONAL MUSEUM AND SHOPPING**
Visit the Tokyo National Museum to browse collections of Japanese art and archaeological objects then visit the shopping districts of Ameyoko and Ginza.

☐ **SECRETS OF HIROSHIMA**
Start off with a lunch of oysters, sashimi, miso soup and rice followed by visits to the Shukkeien Japanese Garden and Hiroshima Castle.

☐ **DINNER IN DOTONBORI**
Visit Namba, Osaka's dining and entertainment hub, for a final night feast of local delights.

Check online for a range of crafted optional experiences to customise your trip: costsavertour.com/tours/japan-discovery

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Departures when you can go

START	END
MARCH	
Sat 28	Mon 06
APRIL	
Sat 04	Mon 13
Sat 11	Mon 20
Sat 18	Mon 27
Sat 25	Mon 04

START	END
MAY	
Sat 02	Mon 11
Sat 09	Mon 18
Sat 16	Mon 25
Sat 23	Mon 01
JUNE	
Sat 06	Mon 15

START	END
Sat 20	Mon 29
SEPTEMBER	
Sat 12	Mon 21
Sat 26	Mon 05
OCTOBER	
Sat 10	Mon 19
Sat 24	Mon 02

START	END
NOVEMBER	
Sat 14	Mon 23
DECEMBER	
Sat 19	Mon 28
FEBRUARY 2021	
Sat 13	Mon 22

START	END
MARCH	
Sat 13	Mon 22
Sat 20	Mon 29
Sat 27	Mon 05

All prices are per person, twin share.

Single Rooms: On all itineraries single rooms are available to book at a supplement. See costsavertour.com for pricing.

Arrival transfers are included from Tokyo Narita and Tokyo Haneda Airports by airport shuttle bus service.

Departure transfers are included to Kansai International and Osaka Itami Airports by airport shuttle bus service.

IMPORTANT INFO & FINER DETAILS

Airport Transfers: Complimentary transfers are included. See page 34 for details.

Visas are generally not required for Japan but please contact your travel agent for more information.

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KEY: **B** Breakfast **L** Lunch **D** Dinner ☾ Nº of nights