

Discovery: Highlights of Tokyo and Kyoto - Cherry Blossom Special Tour

Visit the must see sites of Tokyo & Kyoto by rail

Tour Code: GTM247205

Tour Information

Land cost: from USD \$1998

Single supplement: USD \$420

Tour duration: 7 days 6 nights

Destination:

Tokyo / Kyoto / Nara / Osaka

Tour cost includes:

- 6 nights Western style hotel accommodation
- Travel by public transportation in Japan
- 7 day ordinary class Japan Rail Pass
- Comprehensive escorted with AJT professional English speaking tour leader
- Gratuities

Meals

- Breakfast everyday
- 1 dinner

Admission fees and activities

- All entry fees to sites, activities listed in the itinerary

Dates & Price

2017

Start Date	End Date	Twin / Triple	Start City	End City	Style	Status
Sun. Mar 26, 2017	Sat. Apr 1, 2017	USD \$1998.00	Tokyo	Tokyo	Discovery	View Tour
Sun. Apr 2, 2017	Sat. Apr 8, 2017	USD \$1998.00	Tokyo	Tokyo	Discovery	View Tour

Itinerary

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Day 1 Narita Airport

Welcome to Tokyo! Please self-transfer to the hotel in Tokyo by using your included 7 days Japan Rail Pass and meet your tour lead at 6pm for orientation. Afterwards we will go out for dinner at a nearby establishment. If you are unable to be there by 6pm then the tour lead will contact you in your hotel room with the details.

Hotel:

Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar class

NOTE 1 : If you wish to stay extra nights before the tour starts, please contact us to book hotel accommodations.

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Day 2 Tokyo (Tsukiji Fish Market / Asakusa Sensoji Temple / Tokyo Skytree / Odaiba)

In the morning you will be taken to the Tsukiji Fish Market, the largest wholesale fish market in the world. We will then go to Asakusa Kannon Temple, an active place of worship where you can see the largest paper lantern in Japan. Here, discover the difference between a Shinto Shrine and a Buddhist Temple, and then explore Nakamise Market, which resembles a traditional style shopping street of a bygone era. From there we take the river boat cruise the manmade islands of Odaiba and see the cutting edge architecture, as well as the night view of Tokyo Tower and Rainbow Bridge.

Meals:

Breakfast

Hotel:

Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar class

Day 3 Bullet Train to Kyoto, Kyoto (Golden Pavilion / Nijo Castle)

In the morning we will take the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto. Once we arrive there we will check in our luggage in lockers or the hotel. Then we will head to Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) covered with 18 carat gold leaf. This three story structure was originally built by the Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu in 1397. Afterwards we will head towards Nijo Castle, the former imperial palace and Kyoto residence of Tokugawa Ieyasu.

Meals:

Breakfast

Hotel:

Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar class

Day 4 Kyoto (Fushimi Inari / Fushimi Sake District / Kiyomizu Temple / Higashiyama District / Kodaiji Temple / Gion Geisha District)

Our morning begins with a trip to the Fushimi Inari Shrine. There you can Next we will visit the scenic and historic Fushimi district, which is home to more than twenty breweries and is regarded as one of the brewing capitals of Japan. Then, we will visit the famous Kiyomizu Temple, best known for its wooden stage that juts out from its main hall, 13 meters above the hillside below. The stage affords visitors a nice view of the numerous cherry and maple trees below that erupt in a sea of color in spring and fall, as well as of the city of Kyoto in the distance. We will then make our way to the Higashiyama District, one of the best preserved historic districts in Kyoto. Nearby the district is Kodaiji Temple where there is an impressive tsukiyama style garden. The day ends with a visit to the geisha district known as Gion.

Meals:

Breakfast / Dinner

Hotel:

Aranvert Hotel Kyoto or similar class

Day 5 Nara (Isuien Garden / Nara Park / Todaiji Temple), Osaka (Dotonbori)

In the morning we will travel to Nara, the oldest capital city of Japan. Our first stop is Isuien Garden. It features an attractive Japanese garden and many tea houses. Then we will head over to Nara Park where there are over 1,000 free roaming Sika Deer. Nara Park is located just outside of Todaiji Temple our next stop. It is the largest wooden building in Japan. The temple houses the largest bronze statue of Buddha at 16.3 meters high. In the afternoon we will travel to Osaka by train. Our last visit for the day is Dotonbori, which runs parallel to the Dotonbori canal. A popular shopping, entertainment, and food district, Dotonbori is known for the hundreds of neon and mechanized signs that line the street, including the famous Glico Running Man and Kani Doraku Crab signs. We will then take a bullet train back to our hotel in Kyoto.

Meals:

Breakfast

Hotel:

Aranvert Hotel Kyoto or similar class

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Day 6 Bullet Train to Tokyo, Tokyo (Free time)

You can choose to stay in Kyoto longer or follow the tour lead back to Tokyo in the morning. From there the tour lead will tell you how to reach your desired places during your free time.

Meals:

Breakfast

Hotel:

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Day 7 Tour Ends

After breakfast, our tour officially ends. Checkout time is 11 am and Narita Airport can be reached by train (7 days Japan Rail Pass included)

Meals:
Breakfast

NOTE 2: If you would like to stay longer in Japan, please contact us to book hotel accommodations.