

15 DAY JAPAN

The wonders of Japan - It is known worldwide for its unique culture, cuisine, stunning natural beauty, and rich history.

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER TO WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026



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DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

After pick up from your home we travel to Tullamarine for our flight to Singapore with Singapore Airlines en route to Tokyo accompanied by Brendan's Australian Tours tour leader.

Our flight departs Melbourne at 4.40pm and we are in transit.

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DAY 2 – THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

B.D

ARRIVE TOKYO / HALF DAY SIGHTSEEING

Welcome to the Land of the Rising Sun! We arrive at Haneda Airport at 6:20am, where we are met by our local Tour Manager for the duration of our tour. We depart by luxury coach for our home for the next 3 nights. Rooms have been pre-booked for immediate check-in, allowing us to rest and refresh. After breakfast at leisure, we embark on an orientation tour of Tokyo, a city that blends ancient tradition with modern energy. Tonight, we'll enjoy a relaxed dinner at our hotel, providing a comfortable and easy end to our day.

Accommodation: Grand Prince New Takanawa - 3 nights - A stylish property with spacious rooms, tranquil gardens, and excellent access to Tokyo's highlights.

DAY 3 – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

B.L.D

TOKYO DISCOVERY TOUR / TEPPANYAKI DINNER

Breakfast is included daily at our hotel. This morning, we will meet our local guide and depart by luxury coach to explore some of Tokyo's most iconic cultural landmarks. Lunch is included today. Our first stop is the Tsukiji Outer Market, where bustling stalls showcase fresh seafood, sushi, and traditional Japanese snacks. It's the perfect place to experience Tokyo's vibrant food scene. Next we enjoy the serenity of Ueno Park, a cultural hub lined with cherry trees and home to several museums. A highlight is the Tokyo National Museum, where centuries of Japanese art and history are beautifully displayed. In the afternoon, we visit Asakusa, one of Tokyo's most historic districts. Enter through the famous Thunder Gate to reach Senso-ji Temple, the city's oldest temple. Along the way, we stroll Nakamise Street, filled with shops offering crafts, souvenirs, and local treats. This evening, the day concludes with a spectacular Teppanyaki dinner performance. Chefs transform cooking into theatre as fresh ingredients are sliced, flipped, and grilled right before our eyes. The sizzling sounds, bursts of flame, and playful chef artistry create a feast that is as entertaining as it is delicious — the perfect finale to our Tokyo adventure.

DAY 4 – SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER**B****TOKYO SIGHTSEEING VIA METRO**

Breakfast is at the hotel. Later accompanied by our local guide, travel like a local on Tokyo's metro system. Visit the Meiji Shrine, a peaceful Shinto sanctuary surrounded by forest. Continue to Harajuku's Takeshita Street, the epicentre of youth fashion and pop culture, before exploring Omotesando Avenue, known as Tokyo's "Champs-Élysées" with its stylish boutiques and cafés.

DAY 5 – SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**B.L.D****TOKYO TO MOUNT FUJI**

Today we journey towards Mount Fuji, Japan's most iconic peak. Stop at Gotemba Peace Park, home to a striking white stupa and panoramic views. Ride the Owakudani Ropeway over steaming volcanic vents, and enjoy a scenic Lake Ashi cruise, with views of Mount Fuji and Hakone Shrine's red torii gate rising from the water.

Accommodation: Tominoko - 1 night - Nestled near Mount Fuji, offering breathtaking views of Japan's most iconic peak.

DAY 6 – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**B.L.D****MOUNT FUJI TO TAKAYAMA**

Today we visit the famous 5th Station on Mount Fuji's slopes (weather permitting), offering close-up views of the sacred mountain. Continue by coach into the Japanese Alps and arrive in Takayama, a beautifully preserved town known for its traditional wooden architecture. Check in at traditional Ryokan where you can enjoy hot spring facilities and Kaseki Banquet dinner.

Accommodation: Ryu Resort - 2 nights - A peaceful retreat surrounded by nature, blending Japanese hospitality with modern comfort.

DAY 7 – TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**B.D****TAKAYAMA SIGHTSEEING**

Today we enjoy a full day immersing ourselves in Takayama's traditional culture. Visit the Takayama Exhibition Hall, home to the elaborately decorated festival floats used in the city's famous celebrations. Explore the Folkcraft Museum, showcasing rural Japanese craftsmanship and historical artefacts. Stroll through Takayama's old merchant district, lined with sake breweries, quaint shops, and traditional houses. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

DAY 8 – WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**B.D****TAKAYAMA TO KYOTO**

We depart Takayama and travel to Shirakawa-go, a UNESCO-listed village known for its traditional Gassho-Zukuri farmhouses with steep thatched roofs designed for heavy mountain snow. Enjoy time to walk through the village before continuing to the cultural capital, Kyoto. Upon arrival, we check in to our hotel. Later, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Rihga Royal Kyoto - 3 nights - A centrally located hotel with elegant rooms, multiple dining options, and easy access to Kyoto's cultural sites.

DAY 9 – THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**B.D****KYOTO SIGHTSEEING**

After breakfast at our hotel, we set out to experience the timeless beauty and cultural treasures of Kyoto. Our morning begins at Kiyomizu-dera Temple, perched on a hillside with sweeping views across the city. This UNESCO World Heritage site is renowned for its wooden stage and tranquil atmosphere. Next, we take part in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, learning the refined art of tea preparation and the deep cultural meaning behind this centuries-old ritual. In the afternoon, we visit the iconic Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion, a breathtaking Zen temple covered in gold leaf and surrounded by immaculate gardens that reflect beautifully in the pond below. We then enjoy a gentle stroll along the Philosopher's Path, a stone walkway lined with trees and seasonal foliage, offering one of Kyoto's most picturesque settings. Dinner tonight will be served either at our hotel or at a local restaurant, providing a relaxing close to a day filled with elegance, history, and unforgettable sights.

DAY 10 – FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**B.L****NARA SIGHTSEEING**

This morning, we travel to Japan's ancient capital, Nara, a city renowned for its history and its friendly, free-roaming deer. Our first stop is the magnificent Todaiji Temple, home to the Great Buddha — one of the largest bronze statues in the world and a truly awe-inspiring sight. We then enjoy free time in Nara Park, where the famous bowing deer wander freely and happily interact with visitors, offering a charming and memorable experience. For lunch, we take part in a fun and interactive sushi-making class, learning the techniques behind Japan's most iconic dish while creating our own delicious meal. In the afternoon, we return to Kyoto to explore the enchanting Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, a magical walkway surrounded by towering bamboo that creates an atmosphere unlike anywhere else in Japan. Dinner tonight is at leisure, allowing you to choose between dining at the hotel or discovering one of Kyoto's many local restaurants.

DAY 11 – SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**B.D****KYOTO TO HIROSHIMA**

We begin the day at Fushimi Inari Shrine, famed for its thousands of vivid red Torii gates. We visit a Sake Brewery, one of Kyoto's oldest, including a tasting session. Later we board the Shinkansen Bullet Train bound for Hiroshima. The Shinkansen (bullet train) runs at speeds of up to about 285 km/h, covering the journey in roughly 1.5 hours. Upon arrival we are met by our private coach and transferred to our hotel for a two-night stay. Enjoy a local specialty Okonomiyaki dinner tonight. Okonomiyaki is a Japanese savory pancake made with a flour-based batter, cabbage, and a variety of customizable fillings, often compared to "Japanese Pizza." It's especially popular in Osaka and Hiroshima, where regional styles differ.

Accommodation: Grand Prince Hiroshima - 2 nights - Overlooking the Seto Inland Sea, this hotel offers spacious rooms and resort-style facilities.

DAY 12 – SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**B.L****MIYAJIMA ISLAND / HIROSHIMA SIGHTSEEING**

Leaving our hotel this morning, we depart for the port where we take a ferry to the sacred Miyajima Island, one of Japan's most scenic destinations. Visit Itsukushima Shrine, known for its iconic "floating" Torii gate rising from the bay. Return to Hiroshima and visit the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park, powerful sites commemorating the events of 1945.

DAY 13 – MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**B.L.D****HIROSHIMA – HIMEJI TO OSAKA**

This morning we travel by train to Himeji to visit the magnificent Himeji Castle, widely regarded as Japan's most impressive samurai fortress and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. It's striking white exterior and beautifully preserved grounds make it one of the country's most iconic landmarks. Afterwards we continue on to Osaka by coach. Following lunch we enjoy a scenic Aqualiner Cruise around Osaka Castle, offering unique views of the city's historic heart from the water. Later in the day, we check in to our hotel and gather for a special Farewell Dinner, celebrating the journey we have shared and the special memories made along the way.

Accommodation: Sheraton Miyako Osaka - 1 night - A modern hotel with excellent facilities and easy access to Osaka's attractions.

DAY 14 – TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**B.****DEPART OSAKA**

After breakfast transfer to the Airport for our flight home. Depart Osaka at 10:05am for Singapore on flight SQ619. Arrive Singapore at 4:00pm. Depart Singapore at 7:20pm on flight SQ247.

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DAY 15 – WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Arrive in Melbourne at 5.45am, where you will be met and transferred to your home, farewelling new friends met experiencing the *Wonders of Japan*.

PRICE: \$13,490.00 per person twin share
SINGLE SUPP: \$1850.00
Prices include GST

FITNESS

A good level of general health / fitness is required for this tour. Passengers should be able to walk 400-500 metres unassisted, climb on and off coaches unassisted.

PRICE INCLUDES:

Luxury Coach Travel

Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Bag & Wallet

4+ Star Hotel Accommodation

All Meals & Admissions as specified

English Speaking Guides

Airport Taxes

Return Economy Airfares:

Melbourne to Tokyo with Singapore Airlines

Osaka to Melbourne with Singapore Airlines

Pick up and return to your home

Please note: You DO require a passport to travel to Japan and it must be valid for six months after the date of the return travel.

Travel Insurance is mandatory for this tour, and is the responsibility of each passenger.