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Journey Through the Heart of Japan

April 9 – 20, 2027



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12 Days • 15 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Private Sumo Show, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, Overnight in Traditional *Ryokan* (Japanese Inn), Old Tokaido Highway, *Shabu-Shabu* & Geisha Experience, Shinkansen Bullet Train, Sushi-Making Class, Nara Park, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Taiko Drum Lesson

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Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Courtyard Marriott Tokyo Ginza Hotel, Tokyo
Days 5, 6	Hakone Yunohana Prince Hotel, Hakone
Days 7 – 9	Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, Kyoto
Days 10, 11	Centara Grand Hotel Osaka, Osaka
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Day 1: Friday, April 9, 2027 Overnight Flight
Get ready to experience the essence of Japan — where serene gardens and bustling cityscapes coexist in perfect harmony. Wander through tranquil temples, marvel at cutting-edge design, and take in stunning natural beauty in a country where deep-rooted traditions blend with the pulse of modern life.

Day 2: Saturday, April 10, 2027 Tokyo, Japan
Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Arrive in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture meets rich, long-kept traditions. In consideration of varied arrival times, today is yours to explore independently. Dive into Tokyo's bustling streets, savour local delicacies, or simply soak in the city's unique blend of ancient and modern wonders.

Day 3: Sunday, April 11, 2027 Tokyo
Today, immerse yourself in Tokyo with a day of sightseeing. Marvel at the grandeur of the Imperial Palace and wander through its serene East Garden. Witness the captivating Goma fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple, where devotion meets dramatic spectacle. Stroll through Ginza's streets, a blend of rich history and modern elegance. End your day with dinner at a local restaurant, savouring authentic Japanese flavours. (B, D)

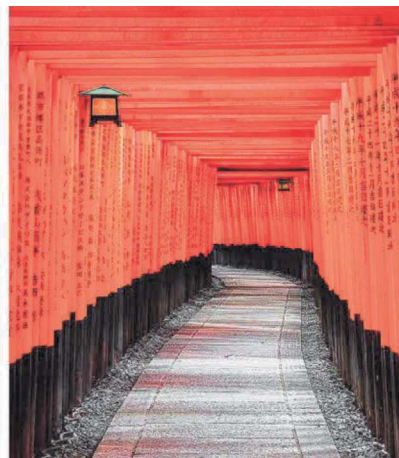
Day 4: Monday, April 12, 2027 Tokyo
Begin your day at the Tokyo National Museum, where centuries of art and history unfold before you. Then, enjoy a unique experience — a private sumo wrestler show, offering a glimpse into the world of these revered athletes. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Tokyo at your own pace. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, April 13, 2027 Tokyo - Mt. Fuji 5th Station - Hakone
Say goodbye to Tokyo and embark on a scenic journey to Hakone, a haven of natural beauty. At Mt. Fuji Fifth Station, take in the breathtaking views* (weather permitting) of Japan's iconic peak — Mount Fuji's snow-capped splendour is truly inspiring. This evening, immerse yourself in Japanese tradition with a stay at a *ryokan*-style hotel,** featuring tatami-matted rooms and sliding paper doors. Delight in a *kaiseki* dinner, a multi-course feast that highlights seasonal ingredients and culinary artistry. (B, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, April 14, 2027 Hakone
Begin the day with an ascent on the Komagatake Ropeway, followed by a short walk*** to its summit, leading to panoramic views of Hakone's serene landscape. Next, drift along the waters of Lake Ashi aboard a cruise ship, arriving at Hakone Sekisho-ato Pier, a historic checkpoint from the Edo period. Walk in the footsteps of samurai along the Old Tokaido Highway — the route once connecting Tokyo and Kyoto — and stroll beneath towering trees on Ancient Cedar Avenue.**** Later, be captivated by the sculptures and exhibits at the Hakone Open-Air Museum. As night falls, enjoy a traditional *shabu-shabu* dinner and the opportunity to meet a geisha. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, April 15, 2027 Hakone - Kyoto
Board the Shinkansen (bullet train)***** and watch the scenery shift as you glide toward Kyoto, where timeless tradition and modern charm intertwine. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel. This evening, take a stroll through the bustling Nishiki Market. Nicknamed "Kyoto's Kitchen" and dating back to the early 14th century, soak in this scene where centuries-old food traditions and modern-day street snacks mix. Sample local delicacies like soy-glazed grilled mochi or *kushi katsu*, a deep-fried meat and vegetable skewer. (B)

Day 8: Friday, April 16, 2027 Kyoto
This morning, experience the peaceful beauty of Fushimi Inari Shrine before the crowds arrive. This afternoon, visit the historic Gion district, where Kyoto's timeless charm comes to life. Walk along the flagstone-paved streets and enjoy tastes of some of the local flavours, like Japanese sweets, along the way. (B)



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Not Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from YWG

Day 9: Saturday, April 17, 2027 Kyoto

Begin your morning with a peaceful walk through Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, where soaring bamboo stalks sway gently in the breeze. The rest of the day is yours to explore Kyoto at your own pace — perhaps visit a hidden temple, shop for local crafts, or relax in a teahouse. In the evening, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on sushi-making experience, then enjoy your delicious creations for dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Sunday, April 18, 2027 Kyoto - Osaka

Travel to Nara, where sacred deer roam freely in Nara Park and history comes alive at Todaiji Temple, home to Japan's largest bronze Buddha. Then, continue to Osaka for a guided walking tour through the city's lively Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi districts, where neon lights, street food stalls, and bustling shops create a vibrant atmosphere. The evening is yours to independently explore Osaka, considered Japan's culinary capital. (B)

Day 11: Monday, April 19, 2027 Osaka

Start your day with a lesson in *taiko*, a traditional Japanese drum. Then, visit Osaka Castle Park,***** where we will see some of the main buildings and sights connected to this city's samurai legacy. End your visit early afternoon to explore as you wish — perhaps visit a museum, sample takoyaki from a street vendor, or stroll along the canal. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating an unforgettable adventure. (B, D)

Day 12: Tuesday, April 20, 2027 Osaka - Tour Ends

Your journey through Japan comes to a close today. With memories made and stories to share, leave with a deeper connection to this remarkable country. (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 10, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 4. This means you're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that

involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travellers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

***There is approximately 20 minutes of walking to reach the summit of Komagatake.

****The walk along the Ancient Cedar Avenue covers a distance of 1.25 miles / 2 kilometers and takes approximately 30 minutes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The maximum elevation experienced on this tour is at Mount Fuji Station 7,546 feet / 2,300 meters.

In the case of extreme summer heat and humidity, walking tours may be shortened, rescheduled, or replaced with alternative activities to ensure traveller comfort and safety.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

*****Entrance to the Osaka Castle is not included with your tour.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require travellers to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days.

Golden Week is a cluster of national holidays in Japan, including Showa Day (April 29th), Constitution Queen Victoria Day (May 3rd), Greenery Day (May 4th), and Children's Day (May 5th). During Golden Week, popular tourist destinations tend to be extremely crowded, and many businesses, including attractions and restaurants, operate on altered schedules. It's

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essential to anticipate traffic congestion and longer than usual wait times for any attractions and transportation. We reserve the right to modify the order of your inclusions during this period, without prior notice.

Bon Holiday (Obon) is a Buddhist holiday honouring the spirits of ancestors that occurs in mid-August. During the Bon holiday, many Japanese people travel to their hometowns to pay respects to their ancestors, resulting in increased traffic congestion and crowded public transportation. Some businesses may also close or operate with reduced hours during this time.

*Mt Fuji is only visible from the train on a clear day and cannot be guaranteed based on weather conditions.

We have selected the Tokyo hotel for its excellent location, making it easy for you to explore the area. However, this hotel does not offer a portage service, so you'll need to carry your own luggage to and from your room.

**This tour features a two-night stay at a *ryokan*-style hotel. All guests will sleep on a futon that is placed on the floor. Therefore, this tour is not recommended for those with mobility restrictions. The guest rooms and dining areas at the *ryokan* are covered with tatami mats, and therefore shoes and slippers are not permitted inside the rooms. Luggage must be carried in, it cannot be rolled in. The *ryokan* features communal, gender-separated hot spring baths (*onsen*), including an open-air bath with beautiful views. Please note that clothing, including bathing suits, are not permitted in the *onsens*.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

This tour provides authentic Japanese dining experiences. Any special meal requests, including vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free may not be able to be accommodated as these are not widely catered to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible.

****On *Shinkansen* (bullet train) travel days, your luggage will not travel on the train. It will be transferred via bus and delivered to your next accommodation.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our air travellers will arrive into Tokyo airport and depart from Osaka airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each traveller. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.



We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada.

Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

Each traveller is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 03, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 09, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until September 10, 2026.

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