

# Affordable Japan

## 9 Days -- From \$3037



## Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, Hakone, Kyoto



### DAY 1, Wed DEPART USA

Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment.

### DAY 2, Thu ARRIVE TOKYO

Transfer to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure.

### DAY 3, Fri TOKYO

Enjoy an exciting morning tour of Tokyo that includes a stop at the Tokyo Tower. Modeled on the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Tokyo Tower is the world's highest self-supporting steel tower (1,093 ft), making it one of the best vantage points to view the city. Ascend the tower in an elevator to one of its two observatory floors for a spectacular 360 degree view of Tokyo. Next drive to the Imperial Palace Plaza to visit the Asakusa Kannon Temple and the Nakamise Shopping Arcade. Continue via Ginza to the Tasaki Pearl Gallery where a collection of pearls and gems are on permanent display. Balance of the day at leisure. (B)

### DAY 4, Sat TOKYO

Explore Tokyo independently, or enjoy an optional, full day, private tour to Nikko, a small historical city at the entrance of Nikko National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage Site served as a center for Shinto and Buddhist mountain worship for centuries. Nikko is home to several temples and shrines, including the Futarasan shrine and the Rinnoji Temple. Visit the Toshogu Shrine, the mausoleum of the first Tokugawa Shogun, a gorgeous complex of colorful structures featuring the superb craftsmanship of Japan's 17th-century artisans. Stop for an authentic Japanese-style lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, enjoy an invigorating motorcoach ride up the mountain via the scenic hairpin turns of the Irohazaka Driveway. Arrive at Lake Chuzenji, which is located at the foot of Mt. Nantai, and is known for its extraordinary depth (529 ft.). Next, visit Kegon Waterfall, one of three mystical waterfalls in Japan. Descend the Irohazaka Driveway via a different route for an early evening return to the hotel (\$144). (B)

### DAY 5, Sun TOKYO

A full day private tour to Mt. Fuji and Hakone, the most famous National Park and resort area in Japan. Set amidst the scenic volcanic mountains and wooded forests of Mt. Fuji's Five Lakes region on Lake Ashi, Hakone is renowned for its hot springs, outdoor sports, and natural beauty. Drive halfway up Mt. Fuji to the Fifth Station where, depending upon the weather, you will enjoy panoramic views of the park and lake below. Have lunch nearby, and in the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing cruise on Lake Ashi. After your cruise, ride an aerial cableway up and down Mt. Komagatake for sweeping views of the surrounding scenery (time and weather permitting). In the late afternoon, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure. (B)

### DAY 6, Mon TOKYO TO KYOTO ON BULLET TRAIN

After breakfast, transfer to the train station for your bullet train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. (B)

### DAY 7, Tue KYOTO

Tour Kyoto this morning, one of the best preserved architectural cities in Japan. Having survived the firebombings of World War II unscathed, Kyoto is home to 1600 Buddhist Temples, 400 Shinto shrines, and several historic palaces and gardens. Enjoy visits to Nijo Castle, Kinkakuji Temple, the Imperial Place Plaza Kyoto and a handicraft center. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### DAY 8, Wed KYOTO

Full day at leisure, or choose an afternoon tour of Nara, an ancient city known for its "sacred" deer which wander the area at will. Visit the Todaiji Temple with its image of Buddha, the vermilion-hued Kasuga Shrine, and Deer Park (\$70). (B)

### DAY 9, Thu OSAKA TO USA

Transfer to the Osaka airport for your departure flight. (B)

**Guided Package Includes:**

- Flights LAX-Tokyo, Osaka-LAX  
Other departure cities available.
- Airline fuel surcharges
- 7 nights tourist class accommodations
- 4 nights **Takanawa Prince**, Tokyo
- 3 nights **New Miyako**, Kyoto
- 10 meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 lunch
- All transfers
- Transportation between cities via the **Bullet Train**
- Sightseeing per itinerary
- Services of local guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary



Not included: airport taxes, fees & September 11th Security Fee (approx \$90), tips to local guides and drivers.



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**2009 DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR COSTS**

**Per person double occupancy**

Deduct \$200 per person from these rates if you book by 12/12/08

Apr 15, May 20, Jun 24	\$3237
Jul 8, Jul 22	\$3337
Sep 23	\$3337
Nov 11	\$3337



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