

## HERITAGE OF JAPAN

13 Days / 12 Nights

This 13 day journey through Japan combines bustling cityscapes, serene temples, and breathtaking natural scenery. Explore Tokyo's vibrant neighborhoods and iconic sights before venturing to Hakone for Lake Ashi, volcanic valleys, and ropeway adventures. Discover Kyoto's cultural treasures, including historic streets, Zen temples, and immersive culinary and calligraphy experiences. Visit the sacred landscapes of Mt. Koya with temple stays and morning prayers, then conclude in Osaka, enjoying its energetic city life. With a blend of guided tours, self-guided exploration, and hands-on experiences, this tour offers a perfect balance of culture, history, and unique local encounters.



### Insider Experiences

- Experience the lively atmosphere of Tsukiji Fish Market, sampling fresh seafood and observing local culinary traditions.
- Cruise across Lake Ashi on the Hakone Pirate Ship, enjoying panoramic mountain views and the serene waters.
- Explore Kyoto's Arashiyama Bamboo Grove and Kinkakuji Golden Pavilion, where tranquil landscapes and historic architecture create a peaceful escape.
- Join a Washoku Bento cooking class, learning to prepare a traditional Japanese boxed meal with seasonal ingredients and authentic techniques.
- Take part in a meditative Sutra Copying experience and the Okunoin Night Tour at Mt. Koya, immersing yourself in Japan's sacred monastic traditions under lantern light.

Validity Period: Jan 2026 to Dec 2026

## Itinerary Details

### **Day 1: Tokyo Arrival**

Upon arrival at the airport in Tokyo, meet your English-speaking guide and private driver who will assist with your transfer to the hotel. After checking in, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to relax and recover from your journey or begin exploring the vibrant city on your own. Your guide will also hand you your pre-loaded IC cards, which are included in your package and will come in handy for local transportation during your guided days.

Overnight in Tokyo - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 2: Tokyo Exploration (B)**

Meet your guide at the hotel and begin your full-day exploration. Start at Tsukiji Fish Market, where you can enjoy a local-style breakfast (not included). Walk through Hamarikyu Gardens to admire traditional landscaping. Board the Tokyo Water Bus from Hinode Pier to Asakusa and explore Sensoji Temple and Nakamise-dori. Enjoy lunch (not included) at a local eatery, then visit the Samurai & Ninja Museum with hands-on experiences. Return to your hotel in the evening.

Overnight in Tokyo - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 3: Day Trip to Mt. Takao (Self-Guided) (B)**

Take a self-guided trip to Mt. Takao. Hike scenic trails, enjoy panoramic views, and visit Yakuoin Temple at your own pace. Spend the day immersed in nature and return to Tokyo for your overnight stay.

Overnight in Tokyo - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 4: Tokyo to Hakone Discovery (B)**

Travel independently to Shinjuku Station and board the Romance Car to Hakone Yumoto Station. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Stroll around the onsen town or relax in the mountain air.

Overnight in Hakone - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 5: Shrines and Volcanic Views (B)**

Meet your guide at the hotel and explore Hakone. Visit Hakone Shrine beside Lake Ashi. Cruise on the Pirate Ship from Hakone Machi Port to Togendai Port. Ride the Hakone Ropeway to Owakudani Valley and explore the volcanic area on short hikes along the Owakudani Mountain Climbing Course. Complete your ropeway journey to Sounzan Station and return to your hotel to unwind.

Overnight in Hakone - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 6: Shinkansen Adventure Hakone to Kyoto (Self-Guided) (B)**

Travel from Hakone Yumoto Station to Odawara Station and board the Shinkansen to Nagoya, then continue on the Shinkansen to Kyoto. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

*Please note: Shinkansen tickets included.*

Overnight in Kyoto - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

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### **Day 7: Culinary & Cultural Arts (B)**

Meet your guide at the hotel and explore Nishiki Market. Participate in a Japanese Washoku Bento Cooking Class and create your own traditional boxed meal. In the afternoon, join a Private Japanese Calligraphy Class and practice brush and ink techniques under expert guidance. Return to your hotel with new culinary and artistic skills.

Overnight in Kyoto - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 8: Zen Temples and Golden Beauty (B)**

Begin at Nijo-jo Castle, then visit the Kinkakuji Golden Pavilion. Enjoy lunch nearby before heading to Ryoanji Temple to see its Zen rock garden. Conclude with a stroll through the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove and return to your hotel.

Overnight in Kyoto - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 9: Historic Streets and Cultural Encounters (B)**

Explore Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka streets. Visit Kiyomizudera Temple, then enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Sanjusangendo Temple and conclude with a Green Tea Ceremony and Kimono Experience. Return to your hotel.

Overnight in Kyoto - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

### **Day 10: Temple Stay Experience (Self-Guided) (B)**

Make your way to Kyoto Station and travel via train to Koyasan Station.

Upon arrival, check into your shukubo (temple lodging) at Ekoin Temple, one of Koyasan's most revered monastic accommodations.

Participate in Sutra Copying, a meditative spiritual practice, followed by a guided Okunoin Night Tour, where you'll explore one of Japan's most sacred cemeteries under lantern light.

Overnight in Mt. Koya - Ekoin Temple or similar.

### **Day 11: Sacred Hiking Trails (Self-Guided) (B)**

Begin your day with a Morning Prayer Ceremony alongside resident monks.

The rest of the day is at your leisure for hiking through the mystical landscapes of Koyasan. Wander forested paths, visit ancient temple complexes, or simply reflect in this peaceful spiritual haven.

Overnight in Mt. Koya - Ekoin Temple or similar.

### **Day 12: Mt. Koya to Osaka (Self-Guided) (B)**

After morning prayer, visit Koyasan's sacred sites including Okunoin Cemetery, Kongobuji Temple, and the Garan Temple Complex. Travel by train to Namba Station, Osaka, and check in to your hotel. Enjoy free time in the city.

Overnight in Osaka - Hotel to be confirmed (3-4 Star) or similar.

## Day 13: Osaka Departure (B)

After breakfast, meet your driver at the hotel for your transfer to the airport.

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### Inclusions

- Accommodations as stated or similar
- Meals as stated (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)
- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance fees for locations specified
- Arrival & Departure Airport Transfer
- Public transportation is included on Days 1, 2, 5, 8, and 9. On other days, you may top up your IC card as needed.
- IC card
- Days 3, 6, 10, 11, and 12 are self-guided (a private guide can be arranged for these days upon request at an additional charge)

### Exclusions

- Tipping
- International Flights
- Meals not stated in itinerary
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, Mini-bar, Phones, Drinks, etc.)
- Porters
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fees
- Early Check-in and Late Check-out

### Costing Summary

Costing basis = 2 Pax

**Costing Per Pax = 4806 US Dollar**

The price stated above is an approximate estimate. Hotel details will be shared once travel dates are confirmed and availability is secured.

Seasonal Surcharge 2026

Cherry Blossom Season (March 15 – April 28)

Golden Week Holiday (April 26 – May 6)

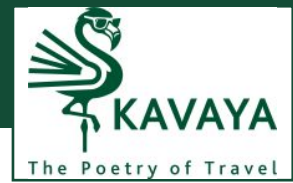
- Single traveler: JPY 371,250 per person
- 2 to 4 travelers: JPY 256,250 per person

Autumn Foliage Season (October 18 – December 14)

- Single traveler: JPY 371,250 per person
- 2 to 4 travelers: JPY 256,250 per person

New Year Holiday (December 22 – January 6)

- Single traveler: JPY 371,250 per person
- 2 to 4 travelers: JPY 256,250 per person



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Other Japanese Public Holidays (not listed above)

- Additional JPY 15,000 per person

## **Terms and Conditions**

- All rates are indicative and may vary depending on season, hotel availability, or currency fluctuations.
- Prices are starting from per person.
- The itinerary is a sample and can be customized to suit individual preferences.
- Hotel accommodations are subject to availability, and categories can be upgraded upon request.
- All transfers, tours, and included services are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.
- Meal inclusions, sightseeing, and activities may be adjusted based on operational needs.
- Optional tours or special requests may incur additional charges.