

**Japan Explorer
7 Days - 6 Nights
Tokyo, Hakone, Mt Fuji, Kyoto
Discovery, Culture, History**

Tokyo

One of the world's most cutting-edge capitals, Tokyo is a city of contrasts. Famous for its cutting-edge modernity, neon-lit landscape and towering skyscrapers, it is also home to sprawling parklands, peaceful shrines and temples, and lovingly tended gardens. Despite its love affair with manga pop culture, fashion, high-tech trends and conspicuous consumption, below the surface is a city embedded in ancient heritage. Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples stand close to skyscrapers as a reminder of a more contemplative time and at the heart of the hyperactive center lies the serene Imperial Palace – home of the ruling emperor – providing a tangible link to the city's ancient past. Behind the shopping, entertainment and commercial emporia are the quaint wooden houses, private gardens with meticulously clipped bonsai trees, and the calming Hamarikyū Gardens. The city's reputation as a costly metropolis is ill conceived and visitors can take advantage of the inexpensive izakaya bars and neighborhood cafes that serve delicious noodles and rice dishes.

Hakone

Hakone is a natural wonderland and is famous for its hot springs, outdoor pursuits and the view of the nearby Mount Fuji. It is part of the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and is less than 100-km from Tokyo, providing a popular weekend destination for city residents keen to escape the frenzy of the capital. Besides the towering mountains, lakes and views of Mount Fuji, it is also blessed with charming historical sites. Beautiful Hakone has just about everything a vacationer could wish for.

Kyoto

This is a must-see destination in Japan. Kyoto is the nation's former capital and was the residence of the emperor from 794 until 1868. It is Japan's seventh largest metropolis with a population of 1.4 million and a city of culture that offers a plethora of temples, shrines and other historically priceless structures that still survive today. With 2,000 religious buildings, including 1,600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines, as well as palaces, gardens and associated architecture, it is one of the best-preserved cities in Japan and has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage status. Kyoto represents the "Japan of old" and beyond the high-rise skyscrapers built as a monument to progress, the real monument to Japan's historical and cultural past can be found in the city's narrow alleyways where tea houses thrive and kimono-clad geisha hurry from elegant function to function. Go back in time to Japan's mysterious past where echoes of the court nobility resonate at the Imperial Palace and the search for contemplation can be found in Ryoanji's Zen rock gardens.

Day 1: Tokyo

Your driver will meet you in the arrival hall at Narita Airport, to assist you with the transfer to your hotel (60 – 90 minutes). The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Tokyo

Enjoy a panoramic view of the city from Tokyo Tower before participating in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Then, take a stroll along the moat surrounding the Imperial Palace Plaza and breathe in the noble ambience. Board a boat for a 40-minute cruise up the Sumida River to Asakusa. There, you can browse the many colorful stores lining the Nakamise walkway leading up to Sensoji Temple – Tokyo's oldest and most famous Buddhist temple – before passing through Ginza, Japan's world-renowned shopping and entertainment district. [B/L]

Day 3: Tokyo (Hakone, Mt Fuji)

A full-day motor-coach tour, leaving from Tokyo, will bring you to the Fuji Visitor Center and on trip up to Mt. Fuji's 5th station at an elevation of 7,546 ft., a cruise on the pristine Lake Ashi and a ride on the Komagatake Ropeway, which boasts great views of the surrounding Hakone National Park. Return to Tokyo for overnight. [B/L]

Day 4: Tokyo, Kyoto

Today you will ride Japan's world famous Shinkansen bullet train to Kyoto. Capable of speeds of up to 185 mph, the Shinkansen takes 2 hours to reach Kyoto. Your afternoon is free. [B]

Day 5: Kyoto

Experience Kyoto, Japan's capital from 794 to 1868. Visit Nijo Castle, the residence of the Tokugawa era shoguns, and the gold leaf covered Golden Pavilion, housing sacred relics of Buddha and surrounded by exquisite gardens renowned for their beauty. Walk through the Kyoto Imperial Palace and watch traditional Japanese artisans work their craft at the Kyoto Handicraft Center. Visit Heian Jingu Shrine – a partial replica of the Imperial Palace. Walk through Sanjusangendo Temple, Japan's longest wooden structure, famous for its 1,001 human-sized Kannon statues, and browse through the specialty shops leading up to Kiyomizudera Temple for a sweeping view of the city. [B/L]

Day 6: Kyoto

Your day is free to explore Kyoto on your own. [B]

Option: [1] Nara Afternoon Tour

Head to Nara with an English-speaking guide on this sightseeing bus tour and visit two World Heritage Sites, Todai-ji Temple and Kasuga Taisha Shrine. Get to see wild deer up close – a rarity in Japan and elsewhere in the world – while walking through Nara Park before returning to Kyoto.

Day 7: Kyoto, USA

Your day is free until your transfer to Kansai Airport (60 minutes) to board your flight back to the USA. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 6 nights accommodation
 - Tokyo – 3 nights
 - Kyoto – 3 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - Lunches: 3
- Full-day tour of Tokyo lunch
- Full day tour of Hakone/Mt. Fuji
- Train ticket Tokyo – Kyoto in 2nd class with reserved seat
- Entrance fees

Your Tour does not include:

- International or domestic airfares
- Taxes and fees related to air transportation
- Visa or other required legal travel documents
- Excess luggage
- Optional activities
- Travel Insurance
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Meals other than specified as included
- Drinks or personal expenses
- Entrance fees for any extra sightseeing or optional activities

Hotels in your tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
Tokyo	Shiba Park	Standard	4
Kyoto	Hotel Vista Premio Kyoto	Standard	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices

Season		Double	Single
Low	Jan 4-Feb 28, May 27-Jun 30, Aug 26-Sep 30	\$1,549	\$2,039
Mid	Mar 1-Mar 16, May 6-May 26, Jul 1-Aug 25	\$1,709	\$2,155
High	Mar 16-Mar 28, Apr 15-May 5, Oct 1-Oct 31	\$1,905	\$2,715
Peak	Mar 29-Apr 14, Nov 1-Dec 8	\$2,059	\$3,029

Prices are per person and may change without notice

Options:

Description	Price
[1] Option: Nara Afternoon Tour	\$99

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