



Classic Japan Tour May 2022

10 – 20 May 2022

Experience the ancient temples, exquisite landscape and highlights of Japan with our Classic Tour of Japan. Being the heartbeat of Japan, Kyoto is home to over 2,000 temples and shrines, exquisite crafts and some of the best cuisine in the country. Whilst in Kyoto, enjoy a dinner with a Maiko (apprentice Geisha). From Kyoto head for a day trip to peaceful Hiroshima and, a short ferry ride away, you will be stunned by the fantastic views of the lovely island of Miyajima. Next, enjoy a stay near beautiful Mt Fuji where you will relax in the wonderful indoor and outdoor hot springs. Finally, head to the bright lights of the buzzing metropolis of Tokyo, the capital of Japan where ancient and modern meet.

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The Itinerary

Mon 9 - Tue 10 May: UK / Japan

Depart from London Heathrow on the evening of 9 May and arrive at Kansai International Airport (Osaka) the next day (with a change of plane en route). You will be met on arrival and transferred to your centrally-located 4* Kyoto hotel for 5 nights.

Wed 11 May: Guided sightseeing in Kyoto

Enjoy a full day visiting the sights of Kyoto by private air-conditioned coach, beginning with the beautiful Kinkaku-ji (the Golden Pavilion), a zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top floor are covered in golden leaf. After that we will visit wonderful Ryoan-ji, possibly the temple with the most famous Zen rock garden in Japan arranged in the kare-sansui (dry landscape) style. Following a bento box lunch at Kyoto Handicraft Centre, we will visit Sanjusangendo, a famous temple in eastern Kyoto renowned for its 1001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening. *(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included).*

Thur 12 May: Nara & Uji

Today we will take a coach to the sleepy town of Nara, Japan's first permanent capital. The highlight of the day is a visit to Todai-ji Temple, home to the Great Buddha. After a quick stroll in Nara Park, where you can get close to the deer, we will move on to Uji which is famous for the most delicious green tea. We will visit a lovely tea shop that has provided tea to the Shoguns and Imperial family and you will have the opportunity to learn how to prepare green tea. *(Breakfast included).*

Fri 13 May: Kyoto at leisure

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. In the



late afternoon, we will enjoy a walk in the famous Geisha district of Gion followed by a very special experience where we will enjoy a light dinner in company of a Maiko (apprentice Geisha) who will entertain us with dances and Oshaku (pouring drinks). Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to take pictures with the Maiko. *(Breakfast & Dinner included).*

Sat 14 May: Kyoto Day excursion to Hiroshima, Miyajima

Today we will make an early start and board the world-famous Bullet Train to the moving city of Hiroshima. We first visit the Atomic Bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Park, and Peace Memorial Museum. We will then stop for a delicious lunch before taking a short ferry ride to the beautiful island of Miyajima, once considered so sacred that commoners were forbidden. We will return to Kyoto this evening. *(Breakfast & Lunch included).*

N.B. In order to make your journey to Tokyo more comfortable, we recommend that you pack a small overnight bag for your night's stay in Hakone as the remainder of your luggage will be sent ahead separately to your Tokyo hotel. The cost of sending one standard-sized suitcase is included in our tour

price. Additional baggage will cost extra. Your suitcase will be collected tomorrow morning.

Sun 15 May: Kyoto to Hakone

Today we will say goodbye to Kyoto and board the Bullet Train bound for Hakone, a peaceful mountain resort in the foothills of Mt Fuji. We will check into a lovely 4* hotel for the night. You are free to spend the afternoon strolling through the mountain paths and relaxing in your hotel's soothing private indoor and outdoor hot spring bath. Enjoy a delicious dinner tonight. *(Breakfast & Dinner included).*

Mon 16 May: Hakone to Tokyo

Following breakfast, we will explore the landscape of Hakone by private coach, ride in a cable car for a 360-degree panorama of the surrounding mountains and volcanic valleys of Owakudani, and enjoy a wonderful cruise across Lake Ashi. Later this afternoon the Bullet Train will speed you to Tokyo, a city which must be seen to be believed. We will check in to our 4* hotel located in central Tokyo, an ideal place to experience modern, urban Japan. *(Breakfast included).*



Tue 17 May: Tokyo

Today we will enjoy a full-day city tour by private coach beginning with a visit to the Sumida Hokusai Museum where you can browse the fantastic exhibits on show. We will then visit bustling Senso-ji Temple in the downtown area of Asakusa, before ending the day by ascending Tocho (the Tokyo Municipal Government Building) for a panoramic view of Tokyo. *(Breakfast included).*

Wed 18 May: Tokyo at leisure

Today you are free to explore more of Tokyo's attractions. We recommend the electronics district of Akihabara. Alternatively, you might like to join a 1-day optional tour to Kamakura (the political centre of medieval Japan) and Enoshima Bay, or a 1-day optional tour to Nikko, a superb temple town in the mountains north of Tokyo. Lunch is included on **both** optional tours. *(Breakfast included).*

Thur 19 May: Tokyo

This morning we will visit lovely Koishikawa Korakuen garden. We will then visit serene Meiji Shrine and the trendy nearby district of Harajuku. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure. We will have a fantastic Farewell Dinner in the evening. *(Breakfast & Dinner included).*

Fri 20 May: Japan to UK

Transport by private coach to Narita International Airport from where we will depart.



Price Includes:

- Economy class scheduled international flights (with a change of plane en route)
- 10 nights' accommodation at centrally located 4* hotels in Kyoto, Hakone, and Tokyo with breakfast daily
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys Tour Manager throughout
- Airport Transfers in Japan for those passengers arriving and/or departing with the main group (pre and post extension passengers will need to arrange their own airport transfers)
- Welcome Dinner on 11 May and Dinner in Hakone on 15 May
- Lunches on 11 May in Kyoto & 14 May in Hiroshima
- Dinner with a Maiko in Kyoto's Gion district on 13 May
- 7-day Japan Rail Pass allowing you unlimited travel on the entire Japan Rail network including Shinkansen (Bullet Train) services
- Entrance fees and transportation fares to all attractions mentioned above
- All Japanese sales taxes and service charge
- Full financial protection via Japan Journeys' membership of the Travel Trust Association through which your monies are held in a Trust Account until you return home

Not Included In Price:

- Travel Insurance
- Any journeys made by you on your free days.
- Other meals not mentioned above.
- Entrance to any attractions not named above.
- Pre- and post-tour extension (If you wish to extend your trip, please let us know and we will give you an extension package quote)

Optional Tours Price:

1-Day Nikko World Heritage **£155.00** per person

1-Day Kamakura & Enoshima Bay Tour **£130.00** per person

All prices estimates are based on a minimum of 20 persons travelling in May 2022. All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange.

PRICE:	LAND-ONLY PRICE:	SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:
£4,995.00	£4,195.00	£450.00
per person on a twin/double room shared basis	per person on a twin/double room shared basis	
	<i>(not including flights, non-UK passengers only)</i>	

If you wish to extend your trip pre tour in Tokyo or post-tour in Kyoto, you can do so on request. To confirm a place on the trip, a deposit of 10% per person must be paid. The balance of the price of the trip must be made 12 weeks prior to departure.



 **COVID SAFETY** 

In order to maximise our customers' safety on tour, we request all guests over 18 years old be fully vaccinated (i.e. they must have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination at least 14 days prior departure). A vaccination document or evidence will be required at the time of departure.

We appreciate your understanding.

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