



Japan in Luxury

Discover the highlights of Japan. You begin your journey in the buzzing metropolis of Tokyo before heading to the ancient city of Kyoto via lovely Kanazawa. Get off the beaten track and explore Hakone, the gateway to beautiful Mt Fuji on your return to Tokyo.



Tokyo

Home to over 12 million people, the vast metropolis of Japan's capital must be seen to be believed. Tokyo embraces the modern and ancient like no other city on earth and offers something for everyone who wants to delve into the Japanese phenomenon: the towering skyscrapers and frenzied neon of Shinjuku, the pop culture and gadget paradise of Akihabara, the sophisticated chic of Ginza, the biggest and liveliest fish market in the world, the old downtown area of Asakusa, and the tranquil, understated beauty of Meiji Shrine. Not to mention superb restaurants and great bars as well as fabulous shopping and museums befitting the capital of the world's second-largest economy.

Kanazawa

Kanazawa, meaning “Golden Marsh”, was originally built around Kanazawa castle and the beautiful garden Kenrokuen. Today, the capital of Ishikawa Prefecture continues to cultivate the arts and contains attractive areas of well-preserved samurai and geisha teahouses. Its modern face is ably represented by the impressive 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art. This is the one place you should not miss on the Sea of Japan coast.



Kyoto

Kyoto is where you will find the Japan of silent temples nestling in bamboo groves, gardens of finely raked sand and bewitching geisha. This city is home to over 2,000 temples and shrines, exquisite crafts and some of the best cuisine in the country. In short, Kyoto is the heartbeat of traditional Japan. Not to be missed are Kinkaku-ji, Ginkaku-ji and Kiyomizu temples, although be aware that these do become crowded. For a more peaceful, intimate temple experience we recommend the temple complex of Daitoku-ji, in particular Daisen-in sub-temple, and the Arashiyama area to the west of the city.



Hakone

The beautiful resort of Hakone is set in the foothills of Mt Fuji. The proximity to Tokyo means that this is a popular spot for weekenders to visit to enjoy the majestic scenery and to luxuriate in the natural hot springs in this volcanic region. Whilst here you can wander the peaceful surroundings and visit attractions such as the Open Air Sculpture Park, Lake Ashi and Owakudani (literally 'Great Boiling Valley').



Japan Rail Pass: The JR Pass allows you almost unlimited travel for 7/14/21 days on all Japan Rail lines throughout the country. It allows you to travel on the world-famous Bullet Train (Shinkansen).

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Japan, Meet & Greet at Narita/Haneda Airport (Tokyo)

Welcome to Japan! Our friendly Meet & Greet service representative will be waiting in the Arrivals lobby and holding a sign with your name on. The Meet & Greet will help you process your Japan Rail Pass. Transfer in a private car to your hotel in central Tokyo. Check in to a Deluxe room at the stunning 5* Peninsula Tokyo Hotel for 3 nights.

Day 2: Tokyo

Your options are unlimited in this incredible city. Explore Tokyo's past in the bustling, traditional Asakusa district, visit the world's largest fish market at Tsukiji, shop in the fashionable districts of Shibuya and Harajuku and dine on Japan's finest cuisine.

Optional Guided Excursion: Tokyo 1 Day Tour

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing by taxi in Tokyo. Your private English-speaking Guide will show you the highlights of this vast metropolis, from the Imperial Palace and serene Meiji Shrine to the 'Electric City' of Akihabara.

Day 3: Tokyo

Enjoy a further day of exploring in Tokyo.

Day 4: Tokyo to Kanazawa

Depart Tokyo and make your way to Kanazawa, located on the Sea of Japan coast. After arriving early afternoon, you can start enjoying the sights of this wonderful city, from the well-preserved Nagamachi samurai district to Kenroku-en, one of Japan's top three gardens. Check in to a Deluxe room at the superb Nikko Kanazawa Hotel for 2 nights.



Day 5: Kanazawa

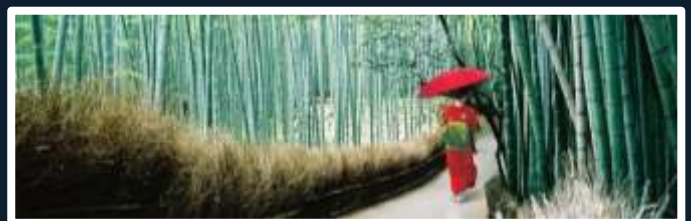
Spend further time exploring Kanazawa which is home to some of Japan's finest pottery and lacquerware, or venture up the lovely Noto Peninsula today.

Optional guided excursion:

Full Day Tour of Kanazawa with Private English-speaking Guide by taxi.

Day 6: Kanazawa to Kyoto

Board the Bullet Train again and head to Kyoto which is blessed with countless temples and shrines. The journey takes less than 3 hours, leaving you plenty of time to enjoy the afternoon in Kyoto, where we recommend a stroll around the lovely side streets. You will stay in a Deluxe room in the wonderful 5* Kyoto Okura Hotel in the heart of Kyoto for 3 nights.





Day 7: Kyoto

A rich history of religion, art and craft have combined to make this glorious city a spiritual home for the Japanese. For temples we recommend Kiyomizu-dera and Ginkaku-ji in the hills to the east of the city. Nijo Castle is also well worth a visit, and make sure you allow yourself plenty of time for the wonderful craft shops and delightful streets of Gion, the old geisha quarter.

Optional guided excursion

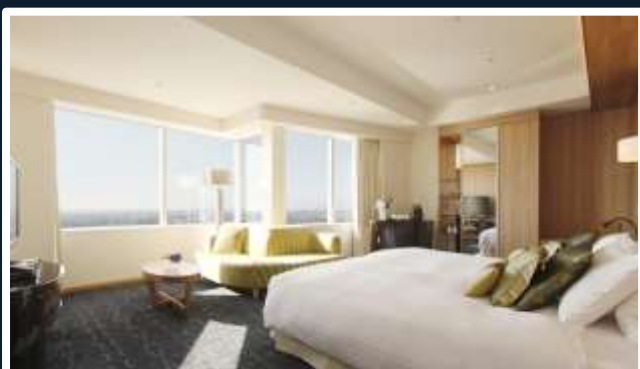
Full Day Tour of Kyoto with Private English-speaking Guide by taxi.

Day 8: Nara at leisure

Whilst smaller than Kyoto, Nara is no less rich in attractions, with 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The most outstanding of these is Todai-ji temple, the largest wooden building in the world and home to the Great Buddha statue – Japan's biggest. Other essential sights include Yakushi-ji and Horyu-ji temple, whose buildings include some of the world's oldest wooden structures.

Day 9: Kyoto to Hakone

It's time to say goodbye to Kyoto as you speed on the Bullet Train to Hakone, a beautiful resort set in the foothills of Mt Fuji. For the next two nights you will stay in either the superb 5* Gora Tensui ryokan or the 5* Hakone Ginyu ryokan with its own private hot spring baths. A delicious dinner is included each night.



Day 10: Hakone

Hakone is the perfect place to relax and unwind. Today you can enjoy wandering in the peaceful, beautiful surroundings of this resort town. You might like to visit some of the surrounding attractions such as the Open Air Sculpture Park, Lake Ashi and Owakudani (literally 'Great Boiling Valley').

Day 11: Tokyo

After breakfast take the train back to Tokyo and stay at the Peninsula Tokyo again for your final night in Japan.

Day 12: Depart Japan

Transfer in a private car from your hotel to Narita/Haneda International Airport (Tokyo).

Return to the UK (arrive same day)



Price Includes:

- 11 nights' accommodation in Deluxe rooms on a bed & breakfast basis at 5* hotels/ryokan
- 14-day Green Car (1st Class) Japan Rail Pass allowing you unlimited travel on the entire Japan Rail network including Shinkansen (Bullet Train) services
- Japanese dinners at your ryokan on Days 9 & 10
- Meet & Greet Service on arrival at Narita/Haneda International Airport (Tokyo)
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Not Included In Price:

- International airfare
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Taxi, subway and tramway fees
- Insurance
- Optional excursions (see below)

All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange and are subject to availability and are based upon the above travel dates.

PRICE:

from £6,795.00 per person based on Twin/Double room occupancy.

Optional guided excursions:

1 day private tour of Tokyo with Guide (8 hours):	from £500.00 (in total for 2 persons)
1 day private tour of Kanazawa with Guide (8 hours):	from £625.00 (in total for 2 persons)
1 day private tour of Kyoto with Guide (8 hours):	from £500.00 (in total for 2 persons)

To confirm a place on the trip, a deposit of £500.00 per person must be paid. The balance of the price of the trip must be made 12 weeks prior to departure.



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