



Japan Green Tour

A trip that encourages sustainable green tourism. What makes this itinerary unique is that it takes you off the beaten track to experience the remote countryside and villages, where you can interact with locals and participate in activities such as farming and food harvesting, depending on the season. Fly into Kansai Airport and stay for one night in Osaka before moving onwards to Shikoku where you will stay first in Tokushima and then Kamikatsu – Japan’s first zero waste town! Next, head to the countryside in Kyoto prefecture where you will experience a homestay on a Japanese farm, and two nights in a boathouse in a traditional fishing village before heading back to Osaka for your final night in Japan.

EXTEND OR TWEAK YOUR TRIP to Japan in any way you want! We will tailor-make an itinerary based on your preferences. Maybe you would like more time amongst nature, or maybe you prefer the pulsating metropolises? Maybe you you'd like to skip and/or add another destination? Is there a specific activity you like to try or learn more about in Japan? We will take care of it! Please let us know, and we will come up with a solution matching your budget.

Tokushima

Tokushima city is famed for its Awa Odori dance, the most famous dance festival in Japan during the Obon season in August. There is even a museum dedicated to this "Fools' Dance" so visitors can experience the lively dance all year round. Also to be enjoyed in Tokushima Prefecture are the whirlpools in Naruto City, along with the beautiful views of the "Bizan Ropeway" cable car. Tokushima is a sizeable city with a rich culture and old traditions, but as it is located on the island of Shikoku it still receives a fairly low number of international visitors.



Kamikatsu

Most visitors to Japan have never heard of this little city on the island of Shikoku, but we think this will change over the coming years. The locals of this beautiful town surrounded by mountains and rivers have gotten together with the ambitious goal of making Kamikatsu Japan's first zero-waste town. This dedicated community is serious about its goal, and after seeing their recycle and re-use facilities it is clear that this goal is near. Kamikatsu is also a wonderful place to experience Japanese countryside hospitality, and you might enjoy breaking language barriers with non-verbal communication.

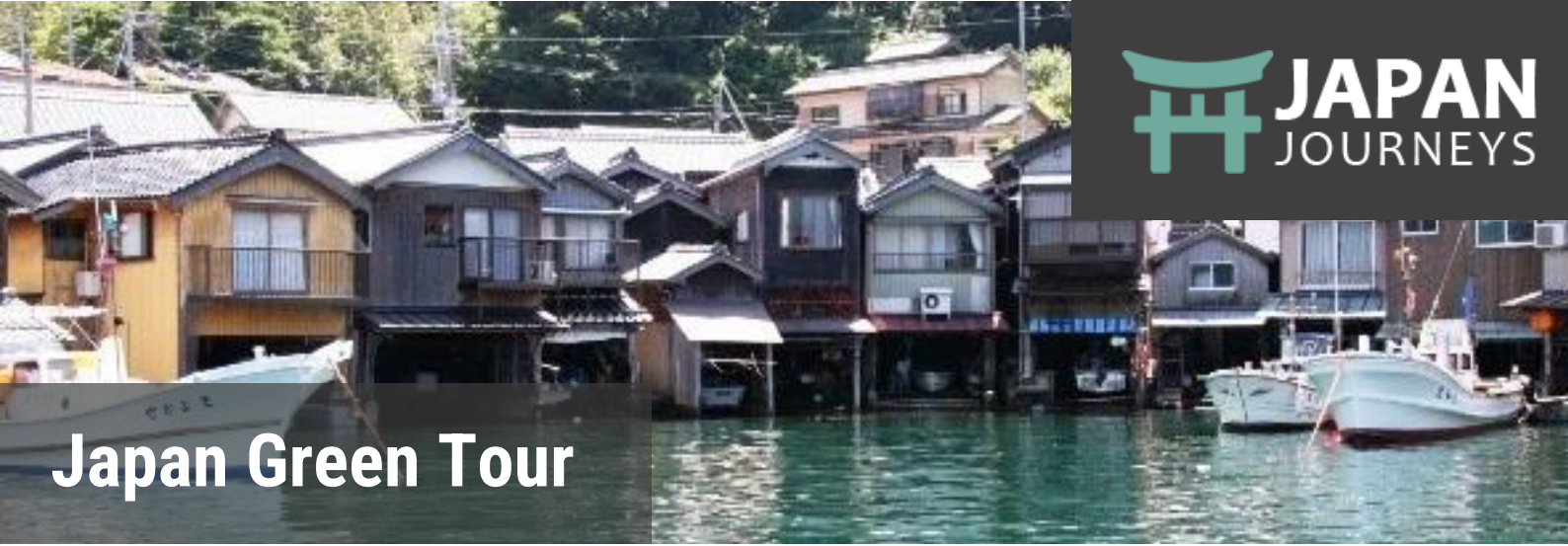
Rural Kyoto/ Ayabe

Kyoto is not just a city, it's a large prefecture covering an area all the way to the northern coast of Japan. This area is popular with domestic tourists, but international travellers tend to stay in central Kyoto. Central Kyoto is full of famous temples and shrines that are also wonderful, but we recommend the rural parts in the north for those who seek a more private authentic feeling of traditional Japan away from the crowds. In the northern part of Kyoto prefecture, you will find the beautiful Amanohashidate pine-covered sandbar, the old fishing village of Ine which will take you to Japans past, as well as the little city of Ayabe surrounded by traditional farms.



Osaka

Known as the "kitchen of Japan", Osaka is renowned for its warm-hearted, lively locals. Osaka Castle dominates the city as the old mixes with the very modern skyline, and the aquarium is not to be missed. The city comes alive at night with endless opportunities to wine, dine and party.



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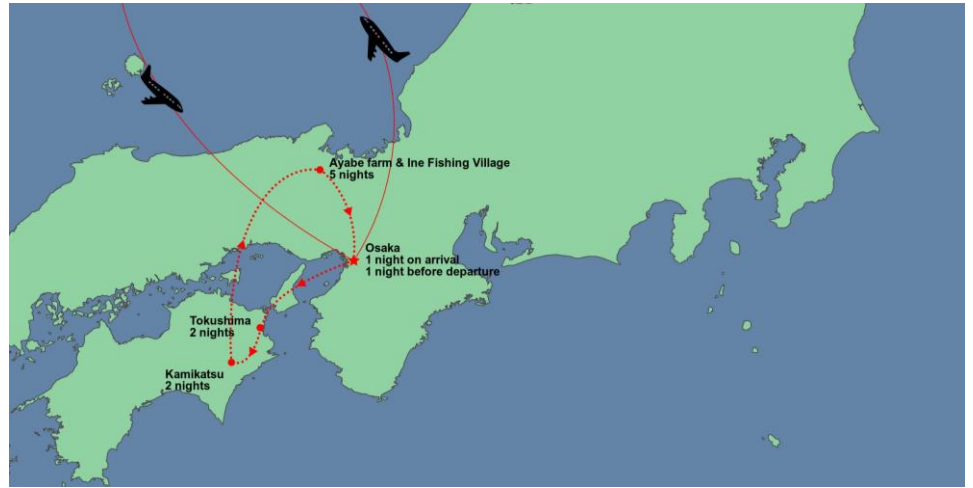
The Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Japan, Meet & Greet at Kansai International Airport

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 direct you to the next train bound for Osaka. Check in to your clean and comfortable standard accommodation for one night.

Day 2: Osaka to Tokushima

Today you can pick up some food, snacks, and drinks for the journey to Tokushima on the island of Shikoku. Tokushima is an atmospheric city off-the-beaten-track on the beautiful east coast of Shikoku. Tokushima was historically a famous castle town, and you may want to stop by the castle ruins in the middle of the city. Check in to your hotel for two nights.



Day 3: Tokushima

Enjoy your time in Tokushima. Visit the adjacent Naruto city to see the unique natural Naruto Ocean whirlpools (literal translations of Naruto are swirl, spiral, or whirlpool).

Day 4: Tokushima to Kamikatsu

After breakfast transfer to the local bus for a one-hour ride deep into Shikoku's countryside where few foreign visitors have been before you. Kamikatsu was unknown to most Japanese as well, but it has recently

gained recognition for its efforts to become Japan's first zero-waste town. Garbage is recycled into more than 30 categories, and the locals are cooperating coming up with efficient systems to recycle and avoid incinerating garbage. We hope you will bring some ideas back home! You will stay 2 nights in a spacious cabin with a loft where the owners will prepare you appetising Shikoku dinners included in the stay both nights.

Day 5: Kamikatsu

If you are feeling energetic, we recommend you start the day with a hike in the hillsides to see traditional rice terraces and local temples. On a misty morning you might feel as if you've entered a Japanese landscape painting. The countryside is yours to enjoy as you like, but make sure you stop by the towns impressive recycling facilities.



Day 6: Kamikatsu to Ayabe Farm (Kyoto Prefecture)

Retrace your steps to Tokushima from where you will head towards Ayabe in Kyoto prefecture by train. Start your 3-night homestay on a Japanese farm this evening, where homemade dinners and breakfasts are included. Be ready for a truly authentic experience that may lead to making new friends for life!

Day 7 & 8: Ayabe Farm stay

For the next two days you are a Japanese farmer! The owners of the farm will show you the ropes, and by the end of the day you will have good insight into Japanese farm life. We cooperate with several farms in the area and the exact activities will depend on season and available farms. If the timing is right, you could harvest

vegetables for tonight's dinner. The farmers have experience accommodating tourists, and their English may range between basic and advanced.

Day 9: Ayabe farm to Ine fishing village

After breakfast you will say sayonara to the farm and your friendly hosts, and firstly stop by the Amanohashidate Sandbar. Amanohashidate can be translated as the bridge to heaven, and this natural pine-covered bridge-like sandbar is named as one of Japan's three most beautiful sights in historical documents. Any Japanese person would be able to tell you a thing or two about this place, but the distance from other bucket-list destinations in Kyoto where tourists conglomerate protects its natural beauty. Next, you will head to the beautiful Ine fishing village, possibly the last remaining Japanese traditional fishing village in which the ground floor of houses built along the coastline serves as garages for the fishing boats. As the number of fishermen has decreased, locals have bought up empty houses of which some are used for accommodation for travellers seeking the most authentic experiences. Stay here for two nights. Enjoy couple of nights listening to the sounds of the ocean in one of these charming boathouses!

Day 10: Ine Fishing Village

Today we recommend you take a boat tour which allows you to enjoy the best views of the boat houses.

Day 11: Ine Fishing Village to Osaka

Today head back to Osaka for sightseeing. You will check into a comfortable hotel in Osaka city tonight, making your journey to Kansai Airport tomorrow short and easy.

Day 12: Depart Japan

Transfer from your hotel to Kansai International Airport (Osaka). Return to the UK (arrive same day).





Price Includes:

- 4 nights' accommodation in a Twin/Double room at standard hotels in Osaka and Tokushima on a bed & breakfast basis
- 2 nights' accommodation in a private two-story bungalow* including delicious local dinners and breakfast in Kamikatsu
- 3 nights' accommodation in a private room on a countryside farm in Kyoto including local dinners and breakfast
- 2 night's accommodation in a private boathouse in a traditional former residence in Ine fishing village on a bed & breakfast basis**
- Train Tickets covering all the journeys mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfer from and to arrival and departure Airport in Japan by Express Train or Airport Limousie Bus
- Meet & Greet service on arrival at Kansai International Airport
- Detailed Japan Journeys digital Information Pack including detailed train schedules, maps, & brochures.
- Personalised Japan Journeys App to help manage your documents
- 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 (under Membership No. U3078)

Not Included In Price:

- International airfare
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Taxi, subway, and tramway fees
- Travel Insurance

* Depends on availability

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3* ACCOMMODATION

from £2,325.00

**per person (based on a twin room
occupancy)**

Single Supplement

from £470.00

4* and 5* ACCOMMODATION

On request

All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange and are subject to availability.

To make a booking, a deposit of **10% of the total price is required**. The balance of the price of the trip must be made 12 weeks prior to departure.

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WHAT NEXT?

If you're interested in this itinerary, please let us know the following and we will get back to you with a quote:

- Your proposed dates of travel
- Your preferred grade of accommodation (e.g. 3*, 4*, or 5*)
- Your preferred room type (e.g. Double, Twin or Singles)
- How many adults and children this is for (and the age of the children at the time of travel)

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