

JAPAN SUMMER MANGA TOUR 2019

15 - 22 August 2019



TOUR INCLUDES:

- Entry to the Ghibli Museum, designed by Miyazaki, Academy Award winner for “Spirited Away”
- Guided tours of Tokyo – the world’s busiest, wildest and wackiest city!
- Visit Akihabara & Nakano Broadway – *otaku* paradises of anime, manga and electronic goods
- 6 nights hotel accommodation at a 3* hotel & breakfast daily
- Scheduled return Economy class flights from London Heathrow
- Airport transfers from and to Narita Airport (Tokyo)
- Services of a knowledgeable, bilingual Japan Journeys guide throughout
- Lots of FUN, ADVENTURE & LAUGHS!!



PRICE: **TBC**



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Tour Itinerary

15 – 16 August: UK-Tokyo

Fly overnight from London Heathrow to Tokyo. (Non-UK passengers will have to make their own flight arrangements). Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo by private coach.



17 August: Ghibli Museum, Nakano Broadway

After breakfast, we will visit the superb Ghibli Museum in Mitaka, designed by one of the world's top animators, Hayao Miyazaki – Academy Award winner for “Spirited Away”. Then we go on to Nakano Broadway – the mega-mall home to Mandarake and countless other manga and memorabilia speciality stores.

18 August: Shinjuku, Harajuku, Meiji Shrine, Yoyogi Park

Today we start with an orientation of Shinjuku visiting local hotspots and stopping off at a Manga Café. We then go on to wacky Harajuku and beautiful Meiji Shrine nearby. As it's a Sunday, you'll be able to soak up the atmosphere of Yoyogi Park where young Japanese get dressed up in their finest gear as.....1950s rockers, punks and Cosplay dolls! Enjoy the bands in the park as we then move on to Omotesando and Takeshita Street – a great place for souvenir shopping.

19 August: Tokyo Tower, Asakusa, River Cruise

Today we visit the iconic Tokyo Tower – Godzilla's favourite haunt - where you will gain access to the Special Observatory. We then go on to bustling Sensoji Temple in Asakusa – beloved by all Tokyoites. We then enjoy a pleasure cruise from Asakusa pier along the Sumida River to Hama-Rikyu one of Tokyo's loveliest gardens.

20 August: Suginami Animation Museum, Akihabara

After breakfast, we head to Suginami Animation Museum where you can learn all about the history and production of Japanese anime. Then we move on to the otaku paradise of Akihabara – Tokyo's “Electric Town” and home to dozens of anime, manga and electronic goods stores.



21 August: Free Day/Optional Tour

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure, or, you may want to join one of our Optional trips. The first is a day out to the magical world of Tokyo Disneyland. Alternatively, how about a fully-guided tour to Mt. Fuji and the beautiful nearby resort of Hakone, returning to Tokyo by Bullet Train? If you decide to simply stay in Tokyo, you might want visit the futuristic district of Odaiba, where you can spend time gaming at Sega Joypolis – an indoor gaming theme park, then go on to see the famous life-sized Gundam. Nearby is Toyota Megaweb - a gigantic car showroom featuring cars of the past as well as the future.

22 August: Return to the UK

You will be transferred to Narita Airport (Tokyo New International Airport) by private coach from where you will depart for the UK.

Not ready to go home yet?! See below for our fabulous 1 week extension package.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Scheduled return Economy class flights
- 6 night's accommodation at a centrally-located 3* hotel in Tokyo and breakfast daily
- Private air-conditioned coach transfers to/from Tokyo airport for those travelling on the scheduled group flights
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all temples, shrines, museums and other attractions on tour including access to the Main Observatory at Tokyo Tower
- All subway and train fares (*for the itinerary mentioned above*)
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys Guide throughout

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Travel Insurance (see below)
- Lunches & Dinners
- Optional Tours

TOTAL PRICE: **TBC** per person on a shared basis
LAND ONLY PRICE: **TBC** (excluding airfare; non-UK passengers only)
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: **TBC**

To make a booking, a deposit of £200.00 is required.
The balance of the price of the trip must be made 12 weeks prior to departure.

All price estimates are based on a minimum of 20 persons travelling in August 2019.
All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS SHARERS OPTION

If you are travelling on your own and you are willing to share a room, we can endeavour to accommodate you with another single traveller of the same sex (thereby allowing you to avoid the single room supplement). Please ask us about this. There is no guarantee we can find you a suitable sharer.

REGIONAL FLIGHT CONNECTIONS (all Economy Class):

Available on request. Please contact us for details.

INSURANCE

Details of Japan Journeys travel insurance policy are on our website.

All passengers should visit the links page on our website to obtain a quote. We recommend you select the best coverage possible.

WHY NOT STAY ON IN JAPAN AFTER THE MANGA TOUR?

Add an extra week to your stay and discover another side to this fascinating and beautiful country. We will provide you with all the information you need to travel around Japan independently.



EXTENSION ITINERARY

22 August: Tokyo-Hiroshima

Check out of your Tokyo hotel with the rest of the Manga Group.

Head straight to Hiroshima on Japan's world famous Bullet Train and continue by local train and ferry to the lovely island of Miyajima. Check into your *ryokan* for 1 night. A *ryokan* is a traditional Japanese inn where you'll sleep on a futon on a tatami mat floor. A delicious Japanese dinner (included) will be served to you.

Enjoy the sights of this peaceful island. You can walk round the island in the evening wearing your cotton *yukata* (a robe provided in your room).

We will provide you with a 7 Day Japan Rail Pass for travel over the next few days. This gives you unlimited access to the entire Japan Rail (JR) network, including Bullet Train (*Shinkansen*) services.

23 August: Miyajima & Hiroshima sightseeing, head to Kyoto

After breakfast at your *ryokan*, head back to the mainland and visit Hiroshima's moving Peace Memorial Park, Museum and Atomic Bomb Dome.

Later this afternoon board the Bullet Train to Kyoto, the traditional and cultural heart of Japan.

Check into your superbly located, spotless 3* hotel for 5 nights.

24 August: Kyoto sightseeing

Join a seated coach tour for sightseeing in Kyoto. The tour is guided, lunch is included, and sights include Nijo Castle, the beautiful Golden Pavilion and Kiyomizu-dera, a lovely mountainside temple boasting stunning views over the city.

25 August: Nara sightseeing

Self-guided excursion to the nearby city of Nara, Japan's first permanent capital and home to eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

26 August: Osaka

Using your Japan Rail Pass why not venture to Osaka, Japan's lively second city. Later, return to your hotel in Kyoto.

27 August: At leisure

Your day to do as you choose. Buy some last minute souvenirs in Kyoto or head to Osaka again.

28 August: Return to UK

Sadly it's time to say goodbye to Japan...until next time! Transfer to Kansai International Airport (Osaka) for your flight home.

EXTENSION PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 nights' hotel accommodation at a centrally-located 3* hotel in Kyoto and Japanese breakfast daily
- 1 night *ryokan* (shared) accommodation on Miyajima*, dinner and breakfast included
- 7 Day Ordinary Class Japan Rail Pass
- Seat on coach for guided sightseeing in Kyoto on 24 August
- Detailed itinerary for your extension with full information on suggested train times and access maps

NOT INCLUDED IN EXTENSION PRICE:

- Insurance
- Lunches & Dinners not mentioned above
- Admission fees other than those included in the sightseeing tour on 25 August

EXTENSION PRICE:

TBC per person on a sharing basis

EXTENSION SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:

TBC*

**Single travellers will share a room (with passengers of the same sex) for one night in the ryokan on the island Miyajima Island as is customary at a Japanese ryokan.*

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Payment for the extension package will be added to the balance of your trip which must be received 12 weeks prior to departure.

INSURANCE

Please ensure you are adequately insured for your extra days in Japan.

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