



HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

Tokyo | Hakone | Takayama | Kyoto – 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS

Few places in the world manage to merge modern and ancient life as eloquently as Japan. Buddhist temples reside in the shadow of metropolises, while snow-capped peaks remind skyscrapers of their place, and neon cities bow to the rising sun. Centuries-old traditions not only persist, but provide a spiritual and symbolic grounding for all life. A journey for those who want to take in the highlight sights of beguiling Japan.

DAY 1 – Arrive Tokyo: Upon arrival in Tokyo you will be met by your guide, who will escort you to the airport bus (a shared service) to transfer to your hotel. [Mandarin Oriental]

DAY 2 – Tokyo: Explore some of the vibrant capital's most intriguing sights, by foot, boat and rail. Included today is a tea-drinking in a Japanese garden and a cruise along the Sumida River to bustling Asakusa Kannon, the oldest and most beloved temple in the city. Explore beautiful Meiji Jingu Shrine and - at Harajuku - mix with young locals dressed up in cult fashions. Marvel at skyscraper views of Japan's major city from the heights of iconic Tokyo Tower, and return to your hotel late afternoon. [Mandarin Oriental / Meals: B]



DAY 3 – Tokyo to Hakone: Before dawn this morning we head to the fascinating bustle of Tsukiji Fish Market, the largest fish market in Asia. Enjoy free time in Tokyo. In the afternoon, travel by train to picturesque Hakone, nestled in forested mountains and the site of our Japanese inn accommodation. Enjoy a traditional Japanese meal and the option of an

outdoor dip in a hot spring. [Gora Kadan / Meals: B L D]

DAY 4 – Hakone to Takayama: Today you will embark on a boat cruise on peaceful Lake Ashino, including the Hakone Ropeway before traversing the Japanese Alps en route to Takayama. A treasure chest of Japanese architecture and traditions, a visit to this fascinating town contrasts delightfully with your earlier stay in the mega-metropolis capital. Make the short walk from the station to your hotel for check-in, then wander through one of Japan's most atmospheric towns. [Takayama Kanko / Meals: B L]

DAY 5 – Takayama: Today you will set out on a walking tour of old Takayama. Discover this fascinating town's myriad of narrow streets, shrines and sake stalls. See the Festival Floats Exhibition

Hall, Takayama Jinya, historic wooden houses in Kami Sannomachi Street, and Takayama History and Art Museum. [Takayama Kanko / Meals: B]

DAY 6 – Takayama to Kyoto: This morning you will have free time to wander the streets of Takayama's morning market and soak up the ambience of the old town. Mid-afternoon,



Departures between	Price per person	Single Supplement	Solo Traveller
Apr 28 – May 31 2016	\$9,105	\$1,890	\$17,450
Jun 01 – Jun 29 2016	\$8,800	\$1,625	\$16,840
Jun 30 – Aug 03 2016	\$8,800	\$1,625	\$16,840
Aug 04 – Aug 31 2016	\$8,800	\$1,625	\$16,840
Sep 01 – Sep 28 2016	\$8,800	\$1,625	\$16,840
Oct 08 – Oct 31 2016	\$9,105	\$1,890	\$17,450
Nov 01 – Nov 30 2016	\$9,105	\$1,890	\$17,450
Dec 01 – Dec 31 2016	\$8,800	\$1,625	\$16,840
Jan 01 – Feb 28 2017	\$8,800	\$1,625	\$16,840

Prices above are per person in USD (\$) based on two people sharing a twin-room.

travel by train, via Nagoya, to graceful Kyoto, Japan's most beguiling and traditional city. [Hyatt Regency / Meals: B]

DAY 7 – Kyoto: Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in the ancient capital of Japan. See Nijo Castle and the Golden Temple, a sparkling highlight of any visit to Kyoto. Enjoy the bustling atmosphere



of the old market streets in Higashiyama district as you make your way up to Kiyomizudera Temple. Also today you will walk down narrow 'Pontocho', perhaps the world's quaintest lane and the home to local eateries, bars and tea houses. End with a visit to Gion, famously known for its geisha courtesans – some of which you might see. [Hyatt Regency / Meals: B]

DAY 8 – Hiroshima: This morning we take the bullet train to Hiroshima - infamous as the first atomic bomb target - and nearby Miyajima Island with its famous floating Torii gate. Visit the renowned Peace Park Museum and Memorial, and the Atomic Dome, before returning to Kyoto. [Hyatt Regency / Meals: B L]

DAY 9 – Nara and Kyoto: Set out on a short train trip to Nara. This historic town was the site of Japan's first permanent capital and is full of treasures, including magnificent Todaiji, the largest wooden building in the world and made without a single nail, and an immense Buddha weighing more than 500 tonnes. We also encounter free roaming deer in Nara Park,



before returning by train to Kyoto. This evening you will have a special Maiko/Geisha dinner and performance. This is a fantastic opportunity to experience a highly exclusive service that is usually only available through a personal introduction. [Hyatt Regency / Meals: B L]

DAY 10 – Depart Kyoto: Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. [Meals: B]

