

JAPAN 10 DAY TRAVEL ITINERARY

DAY 1 WELCOME TO JAPAN!

Touch down in Tokyo! Arrive into your traditionally designed Tokyo hostel in the Asakusa area to be greeted by your tour guide. Tonight we'll take you out to feast on Japanese cuisine and meet the rest of your group. After dinner when the crowds have all dispersed, we explore the iconic Tokyo Senso-ji Temple by night!



Sakura Hotel Nippori
(twin bunks)



Dinner



Welcome Dinner,
Senso-Ji Temple



Tokyo Skytree

DAY 2 Tokyo

We'll start the morning off with a Japan Orientation Briefing. You'll learn simple Japanese customs and phrases to help you dictate your way across the country. We'll then head out to the birth place of Japanese teen pop culture, Harajuku. We'll then head into Yoyogi park, host of the beautiful Meiji Shrine. Afterwards, we'll head to Akihabara - Tokyo's electric town - and be blinded by the all the neon lights and crazy shops in store. You can challenge each other in the arcades, check out the famous Maid Cafes or just wander around the area.



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Breakfast



Japan Orientation,
Tokyo Districts



Maid Cafe

DAY 3 Tokyo

In the morning after breakfast we will head over to our own private sushi making class! You will learn how to make Miso soup, three types of sushi and the secrets behind Teriyaki! Vegetarian option is available but you must notify your guide/One Life a week before the tour starts. This evening we head to Shinjuku, we'll see an unparalleled skyline of Tokyo, check out the famous Omoide Yokochō alley & grab some dinner. before viewing the famous Shibuya Pedestrian Crossing.



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Breakfast
& Lunch



Sushi Making Class,
Shibuya Crossing



Toyosu fish market
or Sengakuji temple



Today we take the aptly named “Romance Car” to the stunning mountain town of Hakone. After checking into our guest house situated in the mountains, we will spend the day exploring the surrounding areas on a variety of different transports. Why is Hakone so special? Well, you can get a spectacular view of Mt Fuji (weather dependent.) After a day of exploring and taking photos of Japan’s most famous mountain we’ll arrange a traditional Japanese Family Nabe dinner in our guesthouse and finish the day playing some games.

DAY 4
Hakone

- Gora Gaku Guesthouse**
(twin or triple tatami mats)
- Breakfast & Dinner**
- Mt Fuji Viewing, Romance Car**
- N/A**

Today is the day we ride the world-famous shinkansen for the first time. Watch them fly by on the platform before boarding one of the world’s fastest train.

DAY 5
Temple stay

Keep an eye out for Mt Fuji on the way. First stop is the UNESCO World Heritage town of Takayama. Here we will be staying at a stunning temple for the night. In the afternoon, We’ll sample sake in a local brewery and you can even treat yourself to some famous Hida beef!

- Zenkoji Temple**
(Multi-share)
- N/A**
- Sake Tasting, Temple Stay Takayama Old Town Tour**
- Onsen/Public Bath House**

Start the morning with a walk around the beautiful old town and village of Takayama as well as a visit to the morning market on the banks of the Miyagawa River.

DAY 6
To Kyoto

We will then head to Kyoto by bullet train. In the evening a local tour guide will guide us around Kyoto’s Gion district, known for Geisha’s (Japan’s traditional art form of entertainment), if you are lucky enough, you might even spot one.

- Ryokan Hostel Gion**
(Pod per person)
- N/A**
- Morning Market Walk, Gion District Walking Tour**
- Geisha Performance**

DAY 7

Kyoto

We'll rise before dawn and take the subway to the Fushimi-Inari Shrine. We arrive early to escape the throng of tourists and work our way through the mountain exploring corridors of never ending red gates. After, we will head to Kiyomizu-dera temple, one of Japan's most famous temples. A stunning bamboo and wooden complex that sits high in the mountain side. We finish up with a traditional Tea Ceremony, where you can even rent kimonos!

You will have the rest of the day free to explore.



Ryokan Hostel Gion
(Pod per person)



N/A



Kiyomizu-Dera, Fushimi-Inari, Tea Ceremony



Nishiki Market, Kimono Hire

DAY 8

Kyoto

We head to the stunning Golden Pavilion, a beautiful gold laden building surrounded by a lake. After we'll head to Daitoku-ji, a quiet, leafy complex of old temples. In the afternoon we head to a traditional Kendo class housed in the dojo where it all began. Your authentic Bushido instructor, a descendant of a Japanese Samurai, will teach you the way of this respectful martial art.



Ryokan Hostel Gion
(Pod per person)



N/A



Golden Pavilion, Zen Garden, Kendo Class



Heian shrine

DAY 9

Osaka

This morning we take the train to Arashiyama. We'll start off by wandering through the Insta-worthy bamboo forest, before climbing the steps up to Monkey Mountain. Once we make our way down, we'll board a private row boat and explore the valleys the traditional Japanese way. We'll then head to Osaka. After checking in we will head out into the Dotonbori area. The 'kitchen of Japan' will take you in with its lights, colours, food and people. In the evening we'll wrap up our tour with one final Japanese tradition - Karaoke!



Hotel WBF Namba Motomachi
(Triple share)



Dinner



Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Monkey Mountain, Boat Tour, Dotonbori Food Tour, Karaoke



Osaka Canal Boat Tour, Extended Karaoke

DAY 10

Depart

After nursing your head's from last night's antics, it's time to say goodbye to your group and the new friends you have made from your tour. We hope we have shown you the best that Japan has to offer!



N/A



Breakfast



N/A



N/A