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Some of history's most significant events have unfolded in Japan. In Hiroshima and Nagasaki, see poignant reminders of the devastation of war. Find Japan's cultural soul in Kyoto-geishas, tranquil gardens and Buddhist temples abound. Modern Tokyo conveys its own culture in many ways, from a tempura dinner to the famous Harajuku shopping district to the Meiji Shinto Shrine.

Everything you get:

- ন Round-trip flights
- Full-time Tour Director
- Comfortable motorcoach; Bullet train
- 11 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- 111 European breakfast and dinner daily
- ° 0 4 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides; 2 sightseeing tours led by your tour director

Entrance to: Inari Taisha Shrine; Kiyomizu Temple; Gold Pavilion; Istukushima Shrine; Peace Memorial Museum; Brocade Sash Bridge; Iwakuni Castle; Tenmangu Shrine;Komyozenji Temple; Mt. Inasa cable car; Peace Park; Glover Garden; Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum; Meiji Shinto Shrine; Asakusa Kannon Temple

You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply.

Day 1: Fly overnight to Japan

Days 2: Osaka

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport

- Day 3: Kyoto - Travel to Kyoto
- Take a guided tour of Kyoto
- Visit Inari Taisha Shrine
- Visit Kiyomizu Temple
- Visit the Gold Pavilion
- Day 4: Kyoto

- Enjoy free time in Kyoto

- Optional: Nara: Todaiji Temple; Deer Park; Kasuga Shrine

Day 5: Hiroshima

- Take a bullet train to Hiroshima
- Take a tour of Miyajima Park
- Visit Itsukushima Shrine
- Take a guided tour of Hiroshima: Atomic Bomb Dome
- Visit the Peace Memorial Museum

Day 6: Iwakuni | Fukuoka

- Travel to Fukuoka via the Brocade Sash Bridge in Iwakuni
- Visit Iwakuni Castle
- Day 7: Fukuoka
- Enjoy a free day in Fukuoka

Day 8: Dazaifu | Nagasaki

- Take a tour of Dazaifu
- Visit Tenmangu Shrine
- Travel to Nagasaki
- Visit Mount Inasai

Day 9: Nagasaki

- Take a guided tour of Nagasaki
- Visit Peace Park
- Visit Glover Garden
- Visit the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum

Day 10: Toyko

- Take a bullet train to Tokyo

Day 11: Toyko

- Take a guided tour of Tokyo: Harajuku shopping district; Imperial Palace Plaza
- Visit the Meiji Shinto Shrine
- Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple
- Enjoy a tempura dinner

Day 12: Toyko

- Optional: Nikko

Day 13: Depart for home

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Kyoto

Kyoto conjures up images of sunlit walks around tiered pagodas and quiet lakes lined with cherry blossom trees—experience this scenery firsthand on your visit to the tranquil Gold Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple painted in delicate gold leaf. As the national capital for over a millennium, Kyoto offers you a unique glimpse into the history of Imperial Japan. Long rows of iconic vermillion torii (gates) lead to the inner shrine of Fushimi-Inari Taisha. Stone foxes, known messengers of Inari (the god of rice), can be found throughout the elaborate complex. Continue to the Kiyomizu Temple, an UNESCO World Heritage site constructed without the use of a single nail. On your visit to Nijo castle, wander through the Japanese cypress halls that the powerful Tokugawa shogunate called home.



Buddhist temple Kyoto, Japan



Tokyo

Welcome to Tokyo, city of contrasts. Encounter the Imperial Palace's stately grandeur close to stories-tall jumbotrons, bound to wow even the most seasoned city-dwellers. See Harajuku's young denizens blaze a path for fashion lovers everywhere in this inimitable shopping district. Counteract the bustle of Tokyo's streets with a visit to the Meiji Shinto Shrine. Quiet and stillness reign inside the elaborate Inner Garden, a wooded oasis in the middle of the city. Make your way to the largest Buddhist temple, Asakusa Kannon. Here, restaurants, theaters and cinemas surround a five-story pagoda—a perfect symbol of Tokyo's enduring past and ultramodern future.

Overlooking dowtown Tokyo, Japan

Hiroshima

On August 6, 1945, the city of Hiroshima experienced the terror of the world's first atomic bomb. Visit the Peace Memorial Park and the Peace Memorial Museum, which host several commemorative monuments designed to educate visitors about the tragedy this community underwent. Here, you can visit the remains of the Industrial Promotion Hall, which suffered direct impact and is now designated the Atomic Bomb Dome. The combined effects of the blast and the subsequent radiation killed thousands; here, you can read the names of every known bomb victim inscribed on the arch of the Memorial Cenotaph.



Atomic Bomb Dome Hiroshima, Japan

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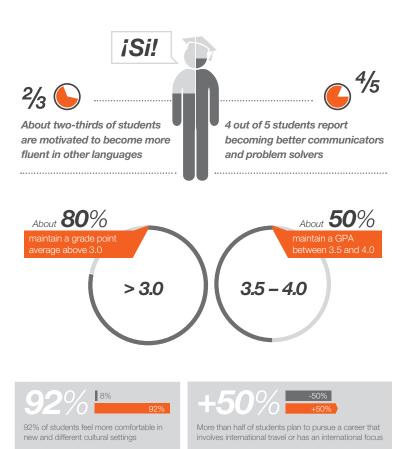
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