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JAPAN: LAND OF THE RISING SUN

9 or 11 days | Tokyo | Hakone | Kyoto | Osaka | Extension to Hiroshima

Japan has had many identities through the centuries, and its story is a fascinating one. Tokyo is the modern-day center of pop culture and business, while Kyoto remains the most traditional of the big cities. The country has unsurpassed natural beauty—see it from the window of the high-speed shinkansen train and in the majestic lakes and mountains of Hakone National Park.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Meiji Shinto Shrine; Asakusa Kannon Temple; sumo-style hot pot dinner; Technology Showroom; Hachimangu Shrine; Lake Ashi cruise; Mount Komagatake ropeway; Nijo Castle; Golden Pavilion; kimono show; Fushimi Inari Shrine; Todaiji Temple; Daibutsu; *with extension: Itsukushima Shrine; Peace Memorial Museum; Himeji Castle*
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; bullet train; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (*9 with extension*); breakfast and dinner daily
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YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Japan

Day 2: Tokyo

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Tokyo, a city of contrasts.

Day 3: Tokyo

- Take an expert-led tour of Tokyo including the Imperial Palace Plaza, Harajuku district, and Meiji Shinto Shrine.
- Counteract the bustle of Tokyo's streets with a visit to the Meiji Shrine. Quiet and stillness reign inside its elaborate Inner Garden, a wooded oasis in the middle of the city.
- Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple, the city's largest Buddhist temple. Here, restaurants, theaters, and cinemas surround a five-story pagoda—a perfect symbol of Tokyo's enduring past and ultramodern future.
- Learn about sumo, a Japanese style of wrestling and the country's national sport, by eating a sumo-style hot pot dinner.

Day 4: Tokyo

- Visit a Technology Showroom.
- Take a tour of Akihabara electric town.
- Enjoy free time to explore Tokyo or [visit the Joypolis indoor theme park](#).

Day 5: Kamakura | Hakone

- Make your way to Kamakura.
- Visit the Hachimangu Shrine.
- See the Great Buddha.
- Continue on to Hakone, an alpine city known for its crater lakes, sulfur springs, and awe-inspiring views of Mount Fuji.

Day 6: Hakone | Kyoto

- Travel to Owakudani.
- Tour Hakone National Park.
- Take a cruise on sparkling Lake Ashi.
- Ride a cable car up Mount Komagatake.
- Stop for a photo at Odawara Castle.
- Travel to Odawara Station.
- Travel by bullet train to Kyoto, a city that conjures up images of sunlit walks around tiered pagodas and quiet lakes lined with cherry blossom trees.

Day 7: Kyoto

- Take an expert-led tour of Kyoto. As the national capital for over a millennium, Kyoto offers you a unique glimpse into the history of Imperial Japan.
- On your visit to Nijo Castle, wander through the Japanese cypress halls where the powerful Tokugawa shogunate kept a second home.
- Visit the tranquil Golden Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple painted in delicate gold leaf.
- Take a tour of Arashiyama, known for its shrines and temples—and, most of all, its incredible Bamboo Forest.
- Enjoy a kimono show at the Textile Center.

Day 8: Kyoto | Nara | Osaka

- Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, located near the base of the Inari mountain. Originally constructed to honor the god of rice, the elaborate complex features stone foxes, the known messengers of Inari.
- Travel to Nara and take a guided tour where you'll visit the Todaiji Temple and see the Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha.
- Continue on to Osaka and explore the famous canal of Dotonbori.

Day 9: Depart for home

🔗 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 9: Osaka | Hiroshima

- Travel by bullet train to Hiroshima.
- Take an excursion to Miyajima Park.
- Visit Itsukushima Shrine.
- Visit Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial Museum.

Day 10: Hiroshima | Osaka

- Visit Himeji Castle.
- Return to Osaka.

Day 11: Depart for home

The Land of the Rising Sun was an amazing trip! I highly recommend it to everyone! We saw and experienced so many things. Japan is a beautiful country with very welcoming people. Looking forward to my next EF Tour!

– JENNIFER, GROUP LEADER



This was the best trip I have ever been on. Japan was absolutely beautiful and so very clean. The dining experiences were fascinating and something I would like to dive into again. Although if you like sushi, then the food is way better than what I thought. The shopping in Kyoto and Tokyo were fantastic (I wish I took more money with me). Everything in Japan is just so... so...efficient!

– SAMANTHA, TRAVELER



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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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