



GEMS OF JAPAN TOUR

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

4N Tokyo – 3N Kyoto - 3N Osaka



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DAY 01: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

On arrival at **Haneda** International Airport in **Tokyo**, you will be met by our local representative in Japan for a brief meet and greet. Proceed to check-in at your city centre hotel.

Apart from being the capital city of Japan, **Tokyo** is the biggest economic powerhouse of the country. With 36 of the Forbes 500 company based in the city, Tokyo has the highest GDP of any city in the world. It had its humble beginnings as a fishing village called Edo, which became an important political centre in 17th century and by the time the emperor shifted his imperial capital from Kyoto to Tokyo in 19th century, it was already the most populous city in the world. Today Tokyo is famous for its busy streets, anime inspired markets and large video game parlours.

Overnight stay at Tokyo Hotel.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Tokyo and check-in at the hotel

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DAY 02: TOKYO SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Tokyo.

We shall start our sightseeing tour with a visit to **Meiji Shrine** which is dedicated to Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken who transformed imperial Japan into an industrialised world power. Later, Visit **Ueno Park, Asakusa Sensoji Temple, Sumida River** from Asakusa.



Later, Visit **Shibuya Crossing and Sky Tree (450m floor)**, the tallest building in Japan and a prominent landmark of Tokyo. This 634-metre-tall building offers 360 degree panoramic views of the city from its two excellent observation decks.

During the tour, we will explore more interesting parts of the city such as **Akihabara district**, famous for its electronic shops and establishments selling manga comics and districts with Old Tokyo charm such as **Yanaka** and **Asukusa**.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit to Meiji Jingu Shrine, Asakusa Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Street.
- Visit Shibuya Crossing and Sky Tree, the tallest building in Japan and a prominent landmark of Tokyo.

DAY 03: TOKYO SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast, we will continue our exploration of Tokyo with visit to more interesting places situated in the city on day two of our sightseeing tour.

First, stop at **Tuskuji Outer Market**. Japan's "Food Town" is Tsukiji Outer Market, where a variety of traditional Japanese dishes may be found. The streets are lined with a variety of wholesale and retail stores, as well as many restaurants, and this is where new culinary trends are created. Continue the visit to **Team Lab Planets Tokyo** in **Toyosu** and Proceed to **Miraikan**.

Transfer to **Odaiba Area** and pass by **Rainbow Bridge** and **Statue of Liberty**. The statue was initially built in 1998 as a transient tribute to Japan's friendship with France, but due to its popularity, it was turned into a permanent fixture in 2000.

Rest of the time is free for your leisure.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Tuskuji Outer Market
- Visit the Statue of Liberty in Odaiba

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DAY 04: HAKONE ROPEWAY (MT FUJI) & GOTEMBA PREMIUM OUTLETS

After Breakfast at the Hotel, proceed for full day excursion tour to Mt Fuji area.

Enjoy a scenic drive from your hotel to the Hakone Ropeway Station. The Hakone Ropeway is a cable car system that spans over 4 kilometers and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape, including Mt. Fuji on a clear day. The cable car ride takes approximately 30 minutes, and visitors can disembark at Owakudani, a volcanic valley with sulfurous vents and hot springs. At Owakudani, visitors can take a short hike to see the bubbling hot springs up close, and enjoy traditional Japanese snacks like black eggs, which are boiled in the hot springs and are said to add seven years to your life

Afterwards, proceed to **Gotemba Peace Park** which offers stunning view of Mt. Fuji. The park is one of the premier tourist destinations in Shizuoka Prefecture, with about 70% of visitors coming from outside Japan. It has a good view of the city because it is situated on the slope of the Hakone crater's outer rim. Here, you can also enjoy shopping at **Gotemba Premium Outlets** which has factory stores of premium and luxury brands for a discounted shopping experience.

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In the evening, return to Tokyo for overnight stay at hotel.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic ride to Hakone Ropeway Station
- Ride the ropeway and explore the Owakudani volcanic valley
- Shop at Gotemba Premium Outlet for a discounted shopping experience

DAY 05: TRANSFER TO KYOTO BY BULLET TRAIN AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast at Tokyo Hotel, check out Transfer by **bullet train** to **Kyoto**

Arrive at **Kyoto Station** and proceed for Kyoto cultural activities such as the **Tea Ceremony** and **Kimono Wearing**. The birthplace and spiritual centre of the tea ceremony is Kyoto. The Japanese tea ceremony originated in Kyoto, and the **Uji district** of Kyoto Prefecture is well-known for its superior matcha.

Later, visit the **Samurai & Ninja Show**. Japan is famous for its stories about Ninjas and Samurais. While Samurais were the noble warriors of Japan who served to protect their

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king and kingdom, Ninja's were silent assassins, without any code of ethics, who would kill for money.

Afterwards, Check in at Kyoto Hotel in the evening.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Transfer to Kyoto by bullet train
- Explore cultural activities such as the Tea Ceremony and Kimono Wearing
- See the exciting Samurai & Ninja Show in Kyoto

DAY 06: NARA SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to **Nara** for a sightseeing tour. The city has a wealth of cultural resources, including some of the oldest and biggest temples in Japan, as a result of its historical significance.

Nara was the imperial capital of Japan during 8th century before it moved to Kyoto. The most famous temple here is **Todai-Ji temple** which has great historic significance, as it served as the head temple for all Japanese provincial Buddhist temples. It houses the

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world's largest Bronze statue of Buddha Vairocana. Later we will spend some time in the **Nara Deer park** which is home to thousands of free roaming deer. According to Legend, God Takemikazuchi came to Nara riding a white deer to protect the city. Since then, deer in Nara have been regarded as a holy animal.



During the tour, we will also visit the **Kasuga Taisha Shrine**. It was built at the same time as the capital and is devoted to the god in charge of keeping the city safe. Over the majority of the Nara and Heian Periods, Kasuga Taisha served as the tutelary temple of the Fujiwara, the most influential familial dynasty in Japan. After the tour, return to **Kyoto** for an overnight stay.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Todaiji Temple, Deer Park and Kasuga Taisha Shrine in Nara

DAY 07: EXPLORE SHRINES IN KYOTO

After breakfast at the hotel, we will venture out for a sightseeing tour of Kyoto.

Visit the **Kinkakuji Temple, Fushimi Inari Shrine and Kiyomizu Dera Temple**. One of Kyoto's most renowned and celebrated temples, Kiyomizu-dera is located in the eastern Higashiyama district. The temple, which dates to the year 778 AD, is home to 17th-century structures, including a great hall that has been named a National Treasure. The temple's wooden stage, which provides an exceptional panoramic picture of Kyoto

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emerging out of a sea of maples, is unquestionably what the shrine is most well-known for.

Proceed to Visit **Arashiyama Bamboo grove and Tenryuji Temple**. The most significant temple in Kyoto's Arashiyama neighbourhood is Tenryuji (Tenryji). It is now listed as a world heritage site and was formerly considered the best of the city's five major Zen temples. Among the Japanese Buddhist Rinzai Zen sect, Tenryuji is the principal temple..

Return to hotel in Kyoto.



HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most popular sights of Kyoto on a full day sightseeing tour
- Visit Arashiyama Bamboo grove and Tenryuji Temple.

DAY 08: VISIT TO HIROSHIMA AND TRANSFER TO OSAKA

Have Breakfast at Kyoto Hotel and check out. Leave early morning for Hiroshima by bullet train. Upon arrival at the train station, we will transfer to **Miyajima Island** by ferry.

A short distance from Hiroshima is the tiny island of Miyajima. It is most well-known for its enormous **torii gate**, which appears to float on the water during high tide. One of the

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top three views in Japan is this one. Visit the famous **Itsukushima Shrine** and surroundings and return to **Hiroshima** by ferry.

Later, visit the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial- Atomic Bomb Dome**. The Hiroshima Peace Monument, also known as the Genbaku Dome, Atomic Bomb Dome, or A-Bomb Dome, is a section of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan, and was included as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996. It was formerly known as the Hiroshima Prefectural Industry Development Hall.



After the tour, transfer to **Osaka** by bullet train in the evening and Check in at **Osaka Hotel**.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the world-famous Torii gates at the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Island
- Visit the Hiroshima peach memorial – site of the atomic bomb blast.
- Transfer to Osaka by bullet train

DAY 09: SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF KOBE FROM OSAKA

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After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for a sightseeing tour of **Kobe**.

During the tour, we will visit The **Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Museum, Kobe Port Tower and Akashi Kaikyo Bridge Kobe**. It spans the congested and turbulent Akashi Strait as part of the Kobe-Awaji-Naruto Expressway. At 1,991 metres, it had the longest central span of any suspension bridge in the world when it was finished in 1998.



Also visit Kobe **Harborland** and shop your heart out. It is located between **JR Kobe Station** and the **port region**. The area has a wide variety of stores, eateries, cafes, and other attractions, which together with the charming ambiance at night have made it a favourite among travellers and couples alike.

Return to Osaka for overnight stay.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most popular sights of Kobe on a sightseeing tour from Osaka

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DAY 10: OSAKA SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for a sightseeing tour in Osaka.

The tour begins with a visit to the **Osaka Castle and Umeda Sky Observatory**. One of the most famous landmarks in Osaka Prefecture, Japan, and the nineteenth highest skyscraper in the country, is the Umeda Sky Building. It is made up of two 40-story towers that are connected at their top two levels by bridges and an escalator that travels through the roomy central atrium-like area. It is situated in Osaka's **Kita-Umeda ku's district**.



Later, transfer to **Kaiyukan Aquarium**. The Aquarium in Osaka is situated close to Osaka Bay in the Minato neighbourhood of Osaka, Japan's Osaka Prefecture. It was the biggest public aquarium in the world when it originally opened. The Japanese Association of Zoos and Aquariums is one of its members.

Rest of the evening is free for Shopping Umeda/ Dotonbori/ Shinsaibashi on your own.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Osaka Castle, Umeda Sky Observatory and Kaiyukan aquarium on a sightseeing tour of Osaka

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DAY 11: FLY BACK TO INDIA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to **Kansai International airport** to catch a flight back to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your **Japan** tour organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime

HIGHLIGHTS

- Board flight to return back to India

“TOUR END”



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