

# JAPAN CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR

# Departure Dates: [14 - 21 March' 25 | 22 - 29 March | 29 March- 05 April]

07 Nights / 08 Days

Tokyo (3N) - Hiroshima (1N) - Osaka (3N)



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#### DAY 01: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

#### Lunch and Dinner Included

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 for a quick orientation tour of Tokyo before proceeding to hotel for check-in.



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. During the Panoramic tour, we shall enjoy photo stop at Imperial Palace East Gardens, National DIET Building (Drive Past) and Tokyo Tower (Photo Stop). Afterwards, proceed to the hotel.

In the evening, transfer to Meguro River Area for Cherry Blossom viewing

Overnight stay at Tokyo Hotel.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

• Arrive in Tokyo and enjoy panoramic tour of city before check-in at the hotel



#### DAY 02: TOKYO SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

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. Also visit Yoyogi Park for Cherry Blossom Trees and the iconic Shibuya Crossing.



We further continue our exploration of the city with visit to Asakusa- Sensoji temple and Nakamise Shopping Street. Transfer to Odaiba Area and pass by Rainbow Bridge and Statue of Liberty. The statue was 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.



Overnight stay at hotel in Tokyo.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most important places in Tokyo on a full day city tour
- Visit to Meiji Jingu Shrine and Yoyogi park.
- See Japan's Statue of Liberty and Rainbow bridge at Odaiba area

#### DAY 03: MT FUJI AND HAKONE ROPEWAY TOUR FROM TOKYO

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast at the hotel, we will go to the Fuji Subaru Line 5th Station on Mt Fuji.



Fuji Subaru Line fifth station is one of four 5th stations located on Mt Fuji. It is the highest point accessible on Mt Fuji by bus and is located halfway between the base of the mountain at Fujiyoshida Sengen Shrine and its summit. Numerous trails leading up to the mountain top start from here. This is also a popular tourist spot as it offers great views of Fuji Five lakes. (In case road to Mt. Fuji is not open then alternate tour shall be offered.)

Afterwards, enjoy a panoramic drive to Hakone. 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. Also enjoy a wonderful cruise across Lake Ashinoko (also called Lake Ashi). This serene lake was formed when



the crater of Mount Hakone was filled by water after it last erupted 3000 years ago. It is also popular for the mesmerising views that one gets from the lake of Mt Fuji.



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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy fabulous views from Mt Fuji at Subaru Line 5th station
- Ride the ropeway and explore the Owakudani volcanic valley
- Enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashinoko (Lake Ashi)

#### DAY 04: TRANSFER TO HIROSHIMA AND PEACE MEMORIAL VISIT

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and proceed to train station. Leave early morning for Hiroshima by bullet train. *(Handover large suitcase to hotel reception for transfer to Osaka. (Next day delivery). For Hiroshima, carry along overnight luggage.)* 





Upon arrival at the train station, we will transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Hiroshima, a modern city on Japan's Honshu Island, was largely destroyed by an atomic bomb during World War II. Today, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park commemorates the 1945 event. Hiroshima, like the rest of Japan, continued to recover and develop economically after the devastation of World War II and is today a thriving center for industry, technology, and education



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.

Rest of the day has been kept free for your leisure.

Overnight stay at hotel in Hiroshima.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Transfer to Hiroshima by bullet train
- Visit the Hiroshima peach memorial site of the atomic bomb blast.



# DAY 05: FLOATING TORII GARES, ITSUKUSHIMA SHRINE AND TRANSFER TO OSAKA

**Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included** 

After breakfast at hotel, check out and proceed to port to take a ferry to MiyaJima Island.



The tiny island of Miyajima is most well-known for its enormous torii gate, which appears to float on the water during high tide. One of the top three views in Japan is this one. Visit the famous Itsukushima Shrine and surroundings and return to Hiroshima by ferry After the tour, proceed to Osaka by drive. Upon arrival, we shall check-in at our hotel there.Osaka is a major economic and commercial center, contributing significantly to Japan's overall prosperity. Its modern skyline, bustling business districts, and cutting-



edge technologies highlight the country's contemporary achievements. The friendly and

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welcoming nature of the locals adds to the appeal of Osaka, creating a unique and immersive experience for visitors. In essence, Osaka offers a perfect blend of historical charm, culinary delights, economic significance, and modern entertainment, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking a well-rounded experience in Japan.

Overnight stay at hotel in Osaka.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- See the world-famous Torii gates at the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Island
- Transfer to Osaka by bullet train

#### DAY 06: KYOTO TOUR FROM OSAKA

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Kyoto for a city tour.



Kyoto, the former imperial capital of Japan, holds immense significance today as a city that beautifully preserves the country's cultural heritage. We shall begin the city tour with a visit to Fushimi Inari Shrine - dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice. It is famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The trails lead into the wooded forest of the sacred Mount Inari, which stands at 233 meters and belongs to the shrine grounds. We shall also visit Kinkaku-ji, literally "Temple of the Golden Pavilion", which is a Zen Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan. The top two stories of the pavilion are covered with pure gold leaf



Afterwards, visit Arashiyama Bamboo grove. The grove is a natural forest of bamboo in Arashiyama, Kyoto. The forest consists mostly of mōsō bamboo and has several pathways for tourists and visitors. These towering green bamboo stalks create a canopy of shade and make soothing, rustling sounds as the wind blows through them. While walking through the bamboo forest, you will feel a sense of peace and tranquillity.



Return to hotel in Osaka and overnight stay.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### DAY 07: NARA SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

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 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.



After the tour, return to Osaka.. In the evening, enjoy shopping in Umeda. Overnight stay in Osaka.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### DAY 08: 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

Transfer to airport to board flight back to India



# **COST FOR JOINING / LEAVING TOUR**

(International flights Delhi-Tokyo and Osaka- Delhi not included)

	Double / Twin Sharing	Single Occupancy
Package Cost	<del>INR 2,34 ,900</del>	<del>INR 3,24,900</del>
(per person)	INR 2,14,900	INR 2,94,900

## **PAYMENT TERMS**

Timeline	Minimum amount to be paid
On the date of booking the tour	25% of holiday cost*
75 Days or more prior to the departure of tour	50% of holiday cost*
45 Days or more prior to the departure of tour	100% of holiday cost*

# **CANCELLATION POLICY**

No. of days before departure	Cancellation charges per person	
More than 45 Days before departure of tour	25% of holiday cost*	
21 to 44 Days before departure of tour	50% of holiday cost	
11 to 20 Days before departure of tour	75% of holiday cost	
1 to 10 Days before departure of tour	100% of holiday cost	

\* Once the purchased air tickets are fully booked, airfare will be collected at the time of reservation besides the advance deposit. Cancellation charges of flight tickets will be additionally charged as per actual in such case. This will also be intimated at the time of reservation.



# **COST INCLUSIONS**

#### **HOTELS ENVISAGED - 4 STAR**

Tokyo	Mercure Tokyo Haneda Airport or / La Vista Tokyo Bay or /
(3 nights)	Hotel JAL City Tokyo Toyosu or / similar hotel
Hiroshima (1 night)	ANA Crowne Plaza or / similar hotel
Osaka	Moxy Shin Umeda or / Hotel Agora Osaka Moriguchi or / Hotel
(3 nights)	Agora Regency Osaka Sakai or / similar hotel

#### VISA

- Cost of visa including documentation and processing fees as of 20 June 2023
- Any further increase in the same has to be borne by the passengers.

#### **MEALS**

All meals are included from arrival in Tokyo to departure from Osaka

- Daily Continental Breakfast at hotels
- 07 lunches at Indian restaurants
- 07 Dinner at Indian restaurant

#### SIGHTSEEING

City	Sightseeing Included	
Tokyo	Tokyo City tour   Mt Fuji Tour (5 <sup>th</sup> Station)   1-way Hakone Ropeway   Lake Ashi Cruise	
Hiroshima	Hiroshima Peace park and Memorial Museum   Miyajima Ferry   Itsukushima Shrine & Floating Tory Gate	
Osaka	Fushimi Inari Shrine   Kinkakuji Temple or Golden Pavilion   Arashiyama Bamboo grove   Todaiji Temple   Nara Deer Park   Osaka Castle (Photostop)	



#### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

• Normal insurance charges for the duration of the tour are included in the tour price. However, any passenger above the age of 60 years and those passengers who wish to extend their stay will be required to pay additional charges

#### **OTHER INCLUSIONS:**

- Professional services of a friendly Tour Manager or a local Representative subject to minimum 20 customers
- All transfers & excursions by a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle
- Bullet train economy class ticket from Tokyo to Hiroshima
- Baggage transfer from Tokyo to Osaka (1 pc per person)
- Bottles of mineral water on tour day (2 bottles per day)

# **COST EXCLUSIONS**

- International flights not included for joining/leaving passengers
- Applicable Government Taxes : 5% GST and (5% or 20%) TCS as on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
- Any increase in the airfare charged by the airline
- The quote has been shared based on Rate of Exchange on 20<sup>nd</sup> June2023 (1 USD = 82.1 INR). The final tour cost shall be subject to change in case there is major change in ROE.
- Mandatory tipping for on tour Services (Coach Driver, Local Guides etc) (approx. USD 3 per day / per person)
- Seats in international & domestic flights will be allocated at random as per availability at time of check-in. Seats next to each other can't be guaranteed. If you wish to pre-purchase the airline seats, charges will be informed on request.
- PCR test (if required)
- Any expenses of personal nature such as porterage, laundry expenses, mini-bar, mineral water, telephone charges, food & drink that are not a part of the package.
- Cost of optional excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees & local guides availed of by the passengers, that is not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Any additional charges due to Local Events



- If any views rooms are requested rates will change and rates will be advised on case to case basis. Rates for SGL, CWB, CNB can be given on request as well.
- No refund will be provided in case of any unused services, or if you do not show up for any service as per time.
- Limited availability of flight tickets, security alerts and random closures might affect the itinerary.
- Some hotels take security deposit at the time of check-in. The deposit is refunded as per hotel policies after check-out. The same is not included in above cost.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusion

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- There is a possibility that your Tour Manager could change in-between the tour.
- On days when you are taking internal flights & flight timing don't suit the meal time or Indian meal is not possible during a tour, we shall provide you packed meal
- As a 3rd person in Triple room, extra bed or cot may not be available. In that case, a room with two queen beds or a king bed with a roll away bed will be provided.
- On some occasions you may have to join another group or the tour may be cancelled in case the group does not have adequate number of members.

