

WONDERFUL JAPAN



Tour Code: EST23E-044

MINIMUM: 2 PERSONS

MAXIMUM: 16 PERSONS*

*Only guided tours are collective.

JAPAN RAIL
PASS
INCLUDED



ITSUKUSHIMA SHRINE

Day 1 >>>> TOKYO

Upon arrival at the airport, after passport control and baggage reclaim, transfer to Tokyo, the current capital.

* The rooms are available from 15:00.

Assistant in English available from the airport to the hotel to help validate the Japan Rail Pass, for information and check-in once you arrive at the hotel. Airport-hotel transfer by **public transport**. **Telephone support** for the duration of the stay.

Assistance upon arrival and transfer could be shared with other tour participants.

Overnight stay in a Standard or Superior HOTEL

Day 2 >>>> TOKYO

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day dedicated to the visit of **Tokyo** with an English-speaking guide.

The first stop is the **museum of Hokusai**, a symbolic artist of Japan, who has lived in Tokyo for all his long life. Then we will take you to visit the characteristic **Asakusa district**, **Senso-ji Temple**, the oldest in the city, and the long **Nakamise-dori** boulevard with its traditional shops are located.

The visit proceeds with a walk outside the **Imperial Palace**, with the famous **Nijubashi bridge**, and in the elegant **GINZA district**, and then ends at the **Bunkyo Civic Center**, a skyscraper with a viewing platform from which to enjoy a splendid view of the megalopolis.

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Day 3 >>>> TOKYO

Breakfast at hotel.

Free full day at your disposal.

— Optional guided tour — Tokyo visit

Full day visit to discover the more lively and animated side of **Tokyo**, exploring the famous fish market and then continue to the artificial island of **Odaiba**, where we will visit the **Miraikan** (National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation) and where to you will be able to enjoy the spectacular view of the **Rainbow Bridge** over Tokyo Bay. Finally, transfer to the popular **Shibuya** district, famous for its impressive intersection with what is said to be the busiest pedestrian crossing in the world. **Meals not included.**

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Day 4 >>>> TOKYO - KANAZAWA

**** Luggage will be transported separately to Takayama by courier. Remember to pack a hand luggage for one night in Kanazawa ****
Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Departure to **Kanazawa** by shinkansen train using the **Japan Rail Pass** (2nd class) 2.5 hours approx. In Kanazawa we recommend visiting **Kenroku-en park**, considered one of the three most beautiful landscape gardens in Japan; the **Omicho-ichiba market**, especially renowned for its seafood products; and the **Nagamachi Yuzen-kan**, where splendid kimonos made of **Kaga Yuzen** silk, the traditional technique of the area, are displayed.

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Day 5 >>>> KANAZAWA - SHIRAKAWA-GO - TAKAYAMA

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Scheduled coach between Kanazawa / Shirakawa-go / Takayama. Departure for **Shirakawa-go**, the village with its characteristic sloping thatched roof houses, and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue to **Takayama**, where we recommend visiting the **Sanmachi-suji district**, the heart of the historic center, walking among sake factories and characteristic houses converted into craft shops. **Traditional dinner at the ryokan included.**

Overnight stay in HOSHOKAKU ryokan or similar

Day 6 >>>> TAKAYAMA - NAGOYA - HIROSHIMA

**** Luggage will be transported separately to Kyoto by courier. Remember to pack a hand luggage for two nights in Hiroshima ****
Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Before departure, we recommend a visit to the **morning markets and Takayama Jin'ya**, formerly the residence of the lord of the Kanamori clan and then the seat of the governor of the ancient province of Hida.

Transfer to Hiroshima via Nagoya by **shinkansen** train using **Japan Rail Pass**(2nd class).

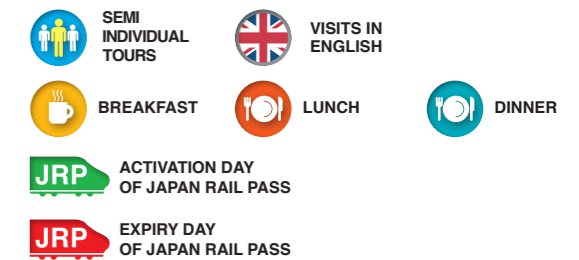
Takayama - Nagoya (JR express 2.5 hours) - Hiroshima (JR shinkansen 2.5 hours).

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MAIN FEATURES OF THE TOUR

Let yourself be enchanted by your first encounter with Japan! In this proposal we have combined the most classic stages for an unforgettable journey. Modern and ancient cities, mountain resorts, museums, parks and historic buildings that will amaze you with their unrivaled beauty in the world. We offer, included in the tour, guided tours in English in the three capitals that have made the history of the country: Tokyo, Kyoto and Nara, three unique and fascinating cities.

KEY TO SYMBOLS



CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORY

*Twin base room size

NOTES : Overnight in Takayama is not split between Standard and Superior. During festivals (Apr 13-14, Oct 09-11) and other religious celebrations (Oct 26 - Nov 04) a ryokan may be offered in neighboring locations (e.g. Gero Onsen or similar).

HOTEL Standard (Western-style rooms starting from 18 sqm)

TOKYO : *Sunshine City Prince Hotel* or similar

KANAZAWA : *Kanazawa New Grand Hotel Premier* or similar

TAKAYAMA : *Hoshokaku (ryokan)* or similar

HIROSHIMA : *Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima* or similar

KYOTO : *Hotel Elcient Kyoto* or similar

*Transfer from one hotel to another may be provided for guided tours.

HOTEL Superior (Western-style rooms starting from 22 sqm)

TOKYO : *Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro* or similar

KANAZAWA : *Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel* or similar

TAKAYAMA : *Hoshokaku (ryokan)* or similar

HIROSHIMA : *Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima* or similar

KYOTO : *Rihga Royal Hotel Kyoto* or similar

OPTIONAL GUIDED TOURS

It is possible to book the guided tour in English in Tokyo on the scheduled day of the itinerary together with other travelers (from a minimum of 2 persons to a maximum of 16 persons). This visit can only be sold in combination with our tours and must necessarily be requested before departure.

Day 7 >>>> HIROSHIMA

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day free in **Hiroshima**. We recommend a tour on the island of **Miyajima** by ferry (covered by the Japan Rail Pass), to discover the splendid **shrine of Itsukushima**, consisting of a series of stilt structures dating back to the sixth century. known mainly for its majestic torii*, a sacred gate that rises on the coast. In Hiroshima it is possible to visit the **Peace Memorial Museum and Park and the Atomic Bomb Dome**.

* The sacred gate could be covered for on-going restoration. Completion of the restoration expected in December 2022

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Day 8 >>>> HIROSHIMA - (HIMEJI) - KYOTO

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day without assistance. Departure from Hiroshima for Kyoto by **shinkansen** train using **Japan Rail Pass** (2nd class). If you want, you can stop in **Himeji** (Hiroshima - Himeji about 1 hour with the shinkansen), where the homonymous castle stands.

TOUR FEES INCLUDE

HOTEL: Tokyo (3 nights) Kanazawa (1 night) Takayama (Ryokan / 1 night) Hiroshima (2 nights) Kyoto (3 nights) in the selected category property. **GUIDE / ASSISTANT:** Assistant from the airport to the hotel in English (day 1). Support service available for up to 4 hours. After 2 hours from the original scheduled landing time, the assistant may no longer be available. During peak seasons, assistance may be available separately at the airport and at the hotel. In case of arrival during the closure of the JR offices at the airport and in Tokyo, customers will not be able to be accompanied to validate the Japan Rail Pass and will therefore have to make changes and bookings independently in the following days. Guide in English (days 2, 9 and 10). Telephone support (emergency number) for the duration of the stay. **TRAIN:** Japan Rail Pass 7 days (2nd class). Available with a higher class pass supplement and longer duration. Seats are not guaranteed during high season. **OTHER:** Regular bus ticket between Kanazawa - Shirakawa-go - Takayama. **MEALS:** 10 breakfasts, 1 dinner. Breakfast at the hotel on the last day will not be served or refunded in the event that the return flight from Japan is too early in the morning. **LUGGAGE:** Tokyo - Takayama, Takayama - Kyoto (1pc / pp) **TRANSFER:** Transfer from Tokyo Airport arriving at the Tokyo hotel by public transport. **NOTES:** The contents of the program and the conditions indicated above may vary; in particular in compliance with the new post Covid-19 travel regulations.

Nicknamed the "**white heron castle**", it underwent restoration work completed in 2015. This castle is declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site not only for its beauty, but also because it is a rare example of an original structure that has remained intact to this day. Continue to Kyoto (Himeji - Kyoto 1 hour approx with the shinkansen).

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Day 9 >>>> KYOTO

Breakfast at hotel.

Full day dedicated to the visit of **Kyoto** with an English-speaking guide. You will visit the **Kiyomizu-dera temple**, founded in 798 (the current buildings are reconstructions of 1633) and its surroundings (**Ninen-zaka** and **Sannen-zaka**), the **Ryoan-ji temple** with its Zen garden of rocks, the **Pavilion of Gold of the Kinkaku-ji**, symbol of the city, and the **Sanjusangendo temple**, a building that houses 1,001 wooden statues of Kannon.

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Day 10 >>>> KYOTO - NARA - FUSHIMI - KYOTO

Breakfast at hotel. Departure from Kyoto to Nara by rapid train.

Full day dedicated to the visit of **Nara** with guide in English. Visit of **Todai-ji**, a temple where the Great Buddha is kept, one of the largest bronze statues in the world, and of the great **Kasuga Shinto shrine**, surrounded by about 10,000 lanterns. Both buildings are located in the **park of Nara**, where numerous **fallow deer** live in semi-freedom. Return to Kyoto stopping along the way at the **Fushimi Inari Taisha** to admire its endless red gates. Return to the hotel.

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Day 11 >>>> KYOTO - OSAKA(KANSAI)

* Rooms are available until 11:00.

Breakfast at hotel.

On your own transfer without assistance to the airport by public transport. Departure from Kansai Airport.

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TOUR FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Flight and airport taxes
- Insurance
- Tips, extras of a personal nature
- Drinks during meals
- Optional tours of your choice
- Optional guided tours of your choice
- Transfer Kyoto-Kansai Airport
- Supplement for night assistance for arrivals in Japan between 8 pm and 7 am.