



*Japan Holidays*  
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

# THE GREAT TRAIN JOURNEY OF JAPAN AUTUMN 2021

Tue 02 November 2021 - Thu 18 November 2021

\$7,800 per person, Twin Share



# TOUR DESCRIPTION



17 Days / 16 Nights tour

Begin: Tuesday 2 November 2021 in Tokyo  
End: Thursday 18 November 2021 in Tokyo



Price: \$7,800 pp Twin Share

Single Supplement \$890 pp.  
Price subject to exchange rate.  
Based on a min of 4 travellers.

## Inclusions



Daily breakfasts,  
7 lunches & 4 dinners



16 nights in 3-4 star western accommodation,  
including 2 nights Onsen Hotel experience.



Luggage forwarding service  
from Tokyo-Kyoto  
& Hiroshima-Tokyo.



JR Rail passes and all reserved train tickets as per  
ITINERARY / Return airport transfers / Entry to all temples  
and shrines listed on tour in Hiroshima, Tokyo & Kamakura

NOT included: International airfares & taxes / Additional guides for free days not on itinerary / Meals & entry to attractions not on itinerary Travel insurance. Itinerary and accommodation subject to change based on availability and

## Tour Map



*Your Japan Holidays Escort - Lawson*

From an early age, Lawson has always had a keen interest in Japan, primarily stemming from his passion for Japan's pop culture and martial arts. After living & working in Japan for many years, Lawson has developed an interest and appreciation for the rail and transportation system unique to the country. His broad knowledge, experiences and passion for Japan gives him the edge to provide an unforgettable train experience makes him the ideal escort to have showing around Japan this Autumn season.

# ITINERARY

2nd November 2021 - 18th November 2021

## 1 Tokyo arrival

There will be a meet-and-greet followed by shared shuttle transfer to your accommodation in Tokyo. Upon your arrival, Lawson will welcome you at the lobby of the hotel.

*Accommodation: Dormy Inn Premium Kanda Tokyo (4 nights)*

## 2 Introduction to Japan with full day guide

After activating and reserving all JR trains for the trip, you will have a guided walking tour with a Tokyo local to see some of the city's most famous sights. We'll take a variety of public transportation to get around seeing the local lines and efficiency for trains across the Tokyo metropolis.

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## Bonsai



## 3 Bonsais and bullet trains of old east

Departing first for the **Omiya Bonsai Art Museum** in Saitama, boasting more than 120 bonsai masterpieces. Afterwards we will travel to the first major rail attraction of this tour, The **Railway Museum** showcasing Japanese railway history and development over 150 years.

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## The Railway Museum

Highlight!



## 4 Paleo Express to Chichibu

Ride aboard the powerful Paleo Express Steam Locomotive from Kumagaya station to Chichibu station, enjoying the sights and sounds as we roll through the mountains of mainland Japan. You're free to explore Chichibu at your own pace, or you can join your escort to stroll the city streets and visit **Chichibu Shrine**. We ride the **La View Express train** on Seibu Railway back to Ikebukuro, with free time to see Tokyo at night.

**Note:** Your large luggage bag will be forwarded to Kyoto, so be sure to pack your essentials in a cabin bag for Sunday evening.

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## La View Express train



Chichibu Shrine

## 5 Oigawa Railway to Kawane Onsen

Today we bid farewell to Tokyo and head west by shinkansen, with soaring views of Mt Fuji on the way to Kakegawa and then on to Kanaya station. Here, we change lines and proceed north on the scenic **Oigawa Railway** through the mountains. Enjoy an Ekiben lunch box on your trip behind steam, and enjoy the local produce of the Oigawa area for lunch. You'll experience a memorable night in a traditional Japanese Onsen hotel, and enjoy the outdoor onsen views overlooking the railway.

*Accommodation: Kawane Onsen Hotel, Kawane (2 Nights)*

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## Oigawa Railway



## 6 Free Day to explore Oigawa

Today is a free day dedicated to enjoying the nature and beauty of the Oigawa region. Watch the trains rush past the Onsen hotel or join the Japan Holidays escort in exploring into the mountains of the Southern Abts line.

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## Kawane Onsen Hotel



**7 From mountains to the old capital**

After breakfast, checking out and grabbing any last minute souvenirs, we'll make our way back down from the mountains and forward through to Kyoto. Join in an afternoon walking tour with a Kyoto local of the old Gion district, seeing the sights and true Geiko or Meiko.

*Accommodation: Dormy Inn Premium Kyoto Ekimae (3 nights)*

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**Dormy Inn Premium Kyoto Ekimae**



**8 Kyoto Railway Museum**

After breakfast we head off to explore Kyoto and the Arashiyama, and ride with the history on the **Kyoto Randen tram line**, in operation since 1910. We will then visit the **Kyoto Rail Museum**. Here we have lunch then have free time to see trains spanning every era of Japan's transportation history as well as the famous **Umekoji Roundhouse**.

*\*Moderate walking is on this day, alternative suggestions are offered for the day should you choose not to wish to join.*

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**Randen tram line**



Umekoji Roundhouse

**9 Kyoto free day**

A free day to explore Kyoto - Private activities available at an additional cost.

**Note:** Your large luggage bag will be forwarded to Tokyo, so be sure to pack your essentials in a cabin bag for your time in Hiroshima & Okayama

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**Kyoto**



**10 Castles and nature of the west**

We depart next Hiroshima stopping by Himeji and visit the beautiful Himeji Castle, with history dating back to dating back to 1300.

*\*Moderate walking is on this day, alternative suggestions are offered for the day should you choose not to wish to join.*

*Accommodation: Hotel Granvia Hiroshima (3 nights)*

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**Himeji Castle**



Hotel Granvia Hiroshima



**11 Hiroshima day with full day guide**

Private full day local guided tour to the streets and sights of Hiorhima and its surrounds. We'll ride on the city's tram lines and visit the world-famous **Hiroshima Peace Park, Atomic Bomb Dome, Miyajima Island** & for the rail enthusiasts we will have a behind the scenes tour of the **Hiroshima Tram Depot**.

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**Hiroshima**



**12 Steam ride back to old Tsuwano**

After breakfast we'll catch the shinkansen to Yamaguchi station then ride for Tsuwano on the **Yamaguchi Steam Locomotive** in the luxurious green class reserved seats. Free sightseeing time at Tsuwano where you can remain at the station to see the locomotive cleaned and prepared for its return trip, or visit local sites such as Tsuwano's historical **Old Town**.

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**Yamaguchi Steam Locomotive**



**13 Au revoir Hiroshima, bonjour Okayama & Nagoya!**

Depart Hiroshima to Onomichi, off the coast of the lovely Setouchi Inland Sea. Enjoy a free day for sightseeing on your own along the coast of Onomichi. The afternoon you will ride **La Malle de Bois**, a unique French inspired train with a cafe car included to watch the autumn sunset over the fields and countryside towns. Forward through to Nagoya for the evening.

*Accommodation: Meitetsu New Grand Hotel Nagoya, (1 night)*

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**La Malle de Bois**



**14 Experience the future of rail in Nagoya**

Depart Okayama back to Tokyo, but first stopping in Nagoya to visit the final of the three big rail museums - the **SCMAGLEV** and Railway Park in Nagoya, focusing on the trains of JR Tokai (Central Japan) and the Super Conducting Magnetic Levitation trains of the future.

*Accommodation: JR Kyushu Hotel Blossom Shinjuku (3nights)*

**Highlight! SCMAGLEV & Railway Park**

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*JR Kyushu Hotel Blossom Shinjuku*

**15 Tokyo free day**

Today is a free day for you to explore Tokyo and see the sites you wish. Ask your Japan Holidays escort for suggestions depending on what you'd like to see or do!

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**16 Kamakura and coastal Enoshima sights**

On our final full day, we'll visit the south coast of Kamakura with a local guide to enjoy the harmony of nature, temples and sea along the **Enoden tram**. We'll visit **Kotoku-in**, home to the Kamakura Daibutsu - a serenely seated giant Buddha. We head back to Tokyo at the end of the Enoden line from Fujiwara station on the Odakyu Romancecar.

A farewell dinner will be held in Tokyo this evening.

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**Kamakura**



**17 End of tour**

This is the last day of your tour. For those departing from Narita or Haneda airport, there will be a shared shuttle transfer arranged for your departure flight.

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*Tour itinerary and arranged days may change depending on factors outside of Japan Holidays control. Should anything be made unavailable at time of travel, Japan Holidays will provide adequate alternatives.*

End of Tour.... *Sayonara!*

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