



Japan Holidays
EXCLUSIVE TOUR

CLASSIC AUTUMN TOUR 2021

Sat 20th November - Wed 1st December 2021

From \$6,999 Per Person Twin Share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



11 Nights / 12 Days

Begin: Saturday 20th November 2021 in Tokyo
End: Wednesday 1st December 2021 in Kyoto



\$6,999 pp - Twin Share
(Single Supplement - \$990)
*Subject to exchange rate

Inclusions



Daily Breakfast, 8 Lunches
& 3 Dinners



11 nights in
quality accommodations



Private escort /
guides in Japan



Transfers, tours and entrance fees
listed on the tour



Forwarding of one
item of luggage on one occasion

Exclusions: International or domestic airfares / Entrance fees & Meals not shown in itinerary

Highlights

Highlight! Enjoy Tokyo's outstanding sites against a stunning backdrop of Mt. Fuji

Highlight! Immerse yourself in tradition in a ryokan built using ancient timber and experience a traditional kaiseki dinner

Highlight! Experience the speed and efficiency of Japan's shinkansen as you reach far-flung destinations in mere hours

Highlight! Spend a day in Kyoto - renowned for its Nishiki food market, malls and temples and shrines

Highlight! Enjoy a traditional performing arts performance where you can dress up in Kimono and try your hand at Taiko Drumming

Highlight! Explore several UNESCO World Heritage sites



Your Japan Holidays Tour Leader - Mrs Juliane Suzuki

Juliane spent almost 20 years living and working in Japan as an interpreter before moving back to Australia in 2015 and joining the Japan Holidays team. Travelling extensively throughout Japan and living in different regions of the country with her Japanese husband and bi-cultural children has given Juliane a really unique insight into this culture and lifestyle that few foreigners get to experience. Juliane loves being able to utilise her language skills and share her knowledge of Japan with clients to ensure they have the best possible experience during their time in Japan.

ITINERARY

20th November 2021 - 1st December 2021

1 TOKYO Arrival

Arrive at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. After clearing Customs, you'll be met by a guide who will escort you to a shared shuttle bus to your hotel.

Accommodation: Tokyu Stay Ginza, Tokyo (4 nights)

2 Full Day TOKYO

You'll be met at the hotel by a Japan Holidays tour guide who will show you some of Tokyo's top sites. The **Metropolitan Government Building** offers stunning aerial views of the city, including Mt. Fuji, Tokyo Tower and Meiji Shrine. **Sensoji Temple**, completed in 645 AD, is Tokyo's oldest and most colourful Buddhist temple in the vibrant Asakusa shopping district. Shop for local crafts and delicious food items on **Nakamise-dori**, where generations of artisans have sold their wares. Stroll the timeless **Imperial Gardens**; then enjoy the juxtaposition of skyscrapers that encircle the tranquil **Hamarikyu Garden**. We'll end the day with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

3 HAKONE Day Tour

Mt Fuji/Hakone day tour - Your guide will meet you at the hotel for another full day of site-seeing. Relax on a scenic Romance Car train ride to Hakone, a lovely town renowned for its hot springs and postcard views of soaring Mt. Fuji. You'll hop on a cable car through town, skim above the trees on the ropeway, and enjoy a cruise on the sapphire blue caldera of **Lake Ashi**.

4 Full Day KAMAKURA

Your guide takes you to the scenic south coast by train. Use your day pass to hop on and off along the way to lovely Enoshima Island. Enjoy a walk here in the hilly forest, or visit one of many shrines dedicated to Benten, goddess of wealth and knowledge. The final stop is at Kamakura, where the towering Buddha - Daibatsu - gazes over the city's temples and traditional gardens. Dinner is on your own, with recommendations upon your request.

Note: Your suitcase will be forwarded to Kyoto this evening, so pack some essentials for the next few days.

5 TOKYO - TAKAYAMA

We travel by high-speed shinkansen to the timeless mountain town of Hida-Takayama. Renowned for its timber that was widely used in feudal times, Takayama is a rare treasure with a preserved old town. Explore the museums, scenic castle and temple walks, and the open-air folk village. We'll be staying at a 150-year-old traditional ryokan tonight, where you'll enjoy a sumptuous, multi-course kaiseki dinner.

Accommodation: Ryokan Tanabe, Takayama

6 TAKAYAMA - KANAZAWA

Today, you travel back in time - a few thousand years! - to the ancient, isolated village of **Shirakawa-go**. Nestled in steep, thick forest, this UNESCO Heritage site features unique, "gassho zukuri"-roofed houses, which resemble hands joined in prayer. Nearby, historic hot-springs in Hirase offer a postcard-perfect setting for the spring waters renowned for promoting beautiful skin. We continue on to Kanazawa after exploring this picturesque area.

Accommodation: Kanazawa Intergate Hotel, Kanazawa (2 nights)

Tokyo



Lake Ashi

Lake Ashinoko was formed in the caldera of Mount Hakone after the volcano's last eruption 3000 years ago.



Kamakura



Shinkansen (Bullet train)



 Experience the speed and efficiency of Japan's shinkansen as you reach far-flung destinations in mere hours, enjoying the countryside and autumn foliage at its peak.

Shirakawa-go UNESCO World Heritage sites



7 KANAZAWA

Day tour of Kanazawa - Enjoy a relaxing day exploring historical **Kanazawa Castle** and the enchanting **Kenrokuen Garden** nearby. The Edo-era castle was the seat of power second only to the Tokugawa in its day. Several museums, crafts and gardens surround the castle, and you can also stroll the adjacent renowned Kenrokuen Garden. One of the finest landscape gardens in Japan, Kenrokuen will be the perfect spot with the autumn foliage for spectacular photos!

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Kenrokuen Garden

Kenroku-en, one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan displays the six attributes of a perfect garden.



8 KYOTO Free Day

After a buffet breakfast, we'll take a bullet train to Kyoto and check in to our accommodation. You'll have the rest of the day to explore this fascinating city. Your guide can provide recommendations, or you can check out several options: you can spend hours in the sprawling **Nishiki Food Market** with several blocks of tempting stalls selling exotic foods, textiles, housewares and unique gift items; take an evening stroll in the romantic **Gion Geisha District**, or perhaps you'd enjoy Kyoto Station's bustling, multi-story mall with endless opportunities for gift shopping and food courts.

Accommodation: Intergate Shijo Shinmachi Hotel, Kyoto (4 nights)

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Nishiki Market

Nishiki Market is a narrow, five block long shopping street lined by more than one hundred shops and restaurants.



9 MIYAJIMA & HIROSHIMA

We travel to Hiroshima via **bullet train** early in the morning for our **Miyajima & Hiroshima Day Tour** - You'll take a scenic ferry to Miyajima Island, with its iconic, "floating" torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine. You'll also view the stunning, vermilion Five Storey Pagoda and lovely foliage at the Daishoin Temple. Today's lunch will be the famous Hiroshima-style Okonomiyaki. We then head over to Hiroshima's world-renowned Peace Memorial Park and visit to Ground Zero. The museum here explores the advent of the nuclear bomb and its explosive impact.

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Miyajima



10 KYOTO Day Tour

Private Day Tour of Kyoto - Wear comfortable shoes to explore Kyoto's most famous sites today. Your English-speaking guide will take you on a full day's tour of: the UNESCO site - **Nijojo Castle** - with its impressive palace architecture and singing "nightingale" floors; the shimmering **Golden Pavilion**, with its Zen temple and tranquil grounds; **Kyoto's Imperial Palace** and gardens, which used to house the Imperial Family; **Heian Jingu Shrine**, dedicated to Kyoto's first and last emperors; and finishing off the day of history and culture at **Kiyomizudera**, with its spectacular view of Kyoto and sacred water rituals for long life and love.

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Kyoto



11 NARA

Day Tour of Nara - Nara was established in the 8th century, when powerful Buddhists challenged the government's control. The city brims with historical treasures, temples, and parks. You'll tour Todaji Temple with its imposing architecture and enormous bronze Buddha, the celebrated Shinto Kasuga Shrine, dedicated to the deity who protects the city, and Nara Park, filled with wild deer, which are revered in Nara.

Tonight, we return to Kyoto to enjoy a **farewell dinner** in Pontocho - one of the city's most atmospheric dining areas and a well-known geisha district.

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Nara



12 KYOTO - Departure Day

After breakfast, your guide will assist you with your transfers for further travel in Japan or your flight home.

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