



EXCLUSIVE TOUR

CLASSIC CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR 2027

Monday 29th March - Sunday 11th April 2027

From \$12,990 Per Person Twin Share



TOUR DESCRIPTION



13 Nights / 14 Days

Begins: Monday 29 March 2027 in Tokyo
Ends: Sunday 11th April 2027 in Tokyo



\$12,990pp - Twin Share
(Single Supplement - \$2,500)

Inclusions



Daily Breakfast, 10 Lunches
& 4 Dinners



13 nights in
quality accommodations



Tour Leader & Local
Japanese guides



Transfers, trains, tours and entrance
fees listed on the tour



Forwarding of one
item of luggage on 2 occasions

Exclusions: International or domestic airfares / Entrance fees, meals & beverages not shown in itinerary

Highlights

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

Highlight! Gaze upon **Mt Fuji** from your room in Hakone and experience a traditional kaiseki dinner

Highlight! Experience the speed and efficiency of Japan's shinkansen in the comfort of the **1st Class Green carriage!**

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

Highlight! Learn about each area with our expert **local guides** who were born and raised in the areas they guide you.

Highlight! Take part in a unique **sword forging** experience.

Highlight! See the famous Miyako Odori **Geisha performance** in Kyoto.



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

29th March - 11th April 2027

1 TOKYO Arrival

Arrive at Tokyo's Narita or Haneda International Airport. After clearing customs, you'll be met by a meet n' greet assistant who will escort you to a shared shuttle bus to your hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel, your Japan Holidays' Tour Leader, Juliane Suzuki, will be there to greet you and help settle you in. Juliane will remain with you for the entire tour.

Accommodation: Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel Tokyo (3 nights)

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2 Full Day TOKYO

Today we have a Full Day Tour of Tokyo with our local expert guide to show us all the must-see sights and some hidden gems as well. We use public transport today, so bring your walking shoes, as we will get our steps in today!!

This evening Japan Holidays will host a **Welcome Dinner** at a local restaurant.

Kamakura

3 KAMAKURA DAY TOUR

Today we visit the ancient Capital of Kamakura for a Full Day Tour. We visit the historical sites and a serene bamboo grove to revitalise ourselves with an authentic cup of warm Matcha with traditional Japanese sweets. After lunch, we have some time to walk the local shopping street for some great souvenirs before we visit the Great Buddha and then make our way back to Tokyo in the comfort of our private bus.

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4 TOKYO to HAKONE

This morning we travel to the hot springs town of Hakone, via **bullet train**, where we will have 2 nights to enjoy the area and gaze upon the iconic **Mt Fuji**. Our Ryokan is situated right on Lake Ashi, giving you a view of the magnificent mountain from your room! After dropping our bags, we will walk in the footsteps of merchants, lords and princesses along the Old Cedar path in Hakone, which is part of the route that connected Kyoto & Tokyo (Edo) during the Edo period. We will also visit Hakone Shrine and there will be time to shop for local souvenirs as well. Tonight, we enjoy a traditional Kaiseki dinner.

Accommodation: Ryokan Ryuguden, Lake Ashi Hakone (2 nights)

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Cedar Avenue

Mt Fuji from your room

5 HAKONE DAY TOUR

Mount Fuji can be elusive and some people visit Japan many times without catching a glimpse of her beauty. Your room at Ryuguden has a lake view and on a good day, you can also see Mt Fuji from Ryuguden. Our chartered bus will take us up to Owakudani, which last erupted some 3,000 years ago. We will enjoy a cable car ride, walk in the footsteps of feudal lords along the old Cedar route with its massive oaks trees and enjoy a demonstration from a master craftsman showing us how Hakone's famous 'wooden puzzle boxes' are made. Another wonderful opportunity to purchase some truly unique Japanese souvenirs (and yes, you can take them back into Australia).

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6 HAKONE TO KYOTO

Today we farewell Hakone and head to Kyoto on one **2hr** bullet train ride. We have some free time before we enjoy the spectacular **Miyako Odori Geisha Performance** late this afternoon.

Accommodation: Hotel Intergate Shijo Shinmachi (4 nights)

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7 KURASHIKI & OKAYAMA

Travelling south via bullet train today, we visit Kurashiki and Okayama. Known for its historical quarter with centuries-old buildings and beautiful canals, Kurashiki is where we will spend the morning, followed by an afternoon in nearby Okayama at the famous Korakuen gardens and Okayama Castle.

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Kurashiki & Okayama



8 SHIGARAKI

We escape the crowds today via chartered bus into the countryside to Shigaraki, which is Japan's oldest pottery producing area and the birthplace of the tea ceremony in Japan. We visit a tea plantation and learn how Japan's first organic green tea plantation was born. A visit to the Miho museum followed by the unique kilns of Shigaraki and some essential shopping time before heading back to Kyoto.

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Shigaraki - a rural escape



9 KYOTO

Our Day Tour of Kyoto by private bus includes all the must-see locations in Kyoto from the iconic temples of **Kiyomizudera** and the Golden pavilion of **Kinkakuji** to the beautifully preserved streets around Ninenzaka and the tranquil rock garden of Ryoanji. All surrounded by magnificent cherry blossoms, it's truly a beautiful day!!

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Kyoto



10 KYOTO to TAKAYAMA

We travel by bullet train and chartered coach to Seki, known as the City of Blades because this is where knives and swords have been made for over 800 years. We take part in a sword forging experience and you'll have the opportunity to buy some great knives from the manufacturer!! We arrive in Takayama early afternoon, where we have time to explore.

Accommodation: Takayama Associa Hotel (2 nights)

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Seki - City of Blades



11 TAKAYAMA

Our guide will meet us around 9am and we have a leisurely morning exploring Takayama, known as 'little kyoto.' The afternoon is free to explore yourselves.

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Takayama - "little Kyoto"



12 TAKAYAMA to KANAZAWA

This morning we will visit the morning markets, then travel via chartered bus to Kanazawa visiting the World Heritage Village of **Shirakawa-go**, famous for its unique Gassho-zukuri styled farmhouses. After lunch we visit the quieter Gokayama and try our hands at traditional paper 'washi' making before going to Kanazawa.

Accommodation: Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel (2 nights)

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Shirakawa-go



13 KANAZAWA

Our guide will take us on a tour of the must see sights in Kanazawa via chartered bus. Enjoy a relaxing day exploring historical Kanazawa Castle precinct, the enchanting Kenrokuen Garden, Higashi-chaya Geisha district and a quiet zen temple. One of the finest landscape gardens in Japan, Kenrokuen will be bursting with Cherry Blossoms for spectacular photos!

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Washi-paper making



14 KANAZAWA - Departure Day

Departure day - After breakfast, we make our way back to **Tokyo** for your flight home. We ride in the luxurious **Gran Class Carriage!**

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End of Tour....

Sayonara!