

Highlights of Japan

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Join us to Japan!

Experience the elegance and contrasts of Japan on a journey that blends ancient tradition with cutting-edge modern life. Explore Kyoto's historic streets and ancient temples, Nara's spiritual heritage and deer parks, and Hiroshima's moving legacy and story of resilience. Visit the serene island of Miyajima for a stunning view of the floating gate and continue by bullet train to Tokyo, where quiet shrines stand beside sleek skyscrapers.

With unforgettable excursions, comfortable hotels, and a thoughtful mix of guided time and independent exploration, this tour offers a rich and balanced immersion into Japanese culture. From tranquil gardens to bustling markets, every stop reveals a new layer of beauty and cultural depth.

Itinerary overview

- Day 1**
Departure Flight
- Board your international flight from the USA to your destination, where your tour begins.
- Day 2**
Welcome to Japan
- Arrive in Japan, transfer to Kyoto, and enjoy a welcome dinner as you settle into your journey.
- Day 3**
Kyoto: Back in Time
- Explore Kyoto's temples, traditional streets, and vibrant Nishiki Market, then enjoy a free evening to dine and explore at your own pace.
- Day 4**
Sacred Paths of Nara
- Visit Nara's temples and deer park, take part in a tea ceremony, and explore Kyoto's Gion District and traditional stage arts.
- Day 5**
Historical Hiroshima
- Travel to Hiroshima by bullet train, immerse yourself in its history with a visit to the Peace Memorial Park & Museum, and enjoy a local dinner.
- Day 6**
Island of Miyajima
- Explore Miyajima's sacred shrines, scenic ropeway views, and see the "floating" orange gate.
- Day 7**
Tokyo Twilight
- Travel to Tokyo by bullet train, ascend the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for panoramic views at sunset, and explore Shinjuku.
- Day 8**
Tokyo Flavors
- Explore gardens, temples, and old Tokyo streets, make your own sushi, and end the day with sweeping views from Tokyo Skytree.
- Day 9**
Tokyo Farewell
- Enjoy a free day in Tokyo or join an optional trip to Kamakura. End the tour with a festive farewell dinner at a local izakaya.

Day 10
Return Flights

Transfer to the airport, reflecting on unforgettable memories of your tour as you travel back to the USA.

Tour Inclusions

- Round-trip flights from USA to destination with return.
- Tour Manager from arrival to departure day
- Private high-quality motor coach for transfers and excursions
- Transportation for all scheduled activities
- One lunch and 3 dinners, quality three-course meals and a drink
 - One cooking classes
- Central hotels with a full, warm breakfast (4 stars quality)
- Local Expert Guides for guided sightseeing in Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo
- Smartphone app for all travelers and private tour web page
- Entrances/Excursion included to:
 - Fushimi Inari Taisha and Yama – Kyoto
 - Kiyomizu-dera – Kyoto
 - Todaiji Temple and Buddha – Nara
 - Kasugataisha Shrine
 - Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park
 - Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum – VR googles
 - Miyajima Island and Ropeway Gondola
 - Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden – Tokyo
 - Sensoji Temple - Tokyo
 - Gov Metropolitan Building - Tokyo
 - Tokyo Sky Tree - Tokyo

Other:

- 10 Days
- Minimum 29 travelers

Prepare for tour: <https://rb.gy/8twszo>

Money on tour: <https://rb.gy/8twszo>

Rates & Enrollment

Starting rates, depending on season and departure hub

All rates are per person

DOUBLE / TWIN ROOM RATE: \$5,667

2 PERSONS SHARING ONE ROOM (SEPARATE BEDS OR KING SIZE CHOICE AT ENROLLMENT)

SINGLE ROOM RATE: \$6,667

1 PERSON IN PRIVATE ROOM

Above rates may have a supplement added depending on your departure airport hub and travel season. Supplements and optional extras can be added to a standard tour.

Minimum Travelers: If the group does not reach the minimum required amount of travelers, it may be cancelled, in which case all travelers are refunded in full, including the enrolment fee. Cancellation of the tour will be decided in consultation with the Group Leader.

Enrollment:

Tour Page: [www.lingo-tours.com/\[HOJ\]](http://www.lingo-tours.com/[HOJ])

T&C: www.lingo-tours.com/termsandconditions/

- \$150 REGISTRATION PAYMENT – Due upon enrollment.
- \$500 PAYMENT – Due within 30 days of your registration online.
- ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – Ten (10) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 20% PAID BY – Eight (8) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 30% PAID BY – Seven (7) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 40% PAID BY – Six (6) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 50% PAID BY – Five (5) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 75% PAID BY – Four (4) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE 85% PAID BY – Three (3) months prior to your tour departure date.
- TOUR MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY – Two (2) months prior to your tour departure date.

Day 1

Departure Flight



Board your international flight from the USA to your destination, where your tour begins.

Departure Flight

Our adventure begins as you board your international flight from the USA to your first destination on tour. Get ready to explore the world and its dynamic sights, where history, culture, and modern charm come together seamlessly. Iconic landmarks, bustling streets, and rich heritage await, promising unforgettable experiences. Sit back, relax, and prepare for the journey ahead!



Inflight Meals



Overnight Flight

Day 2

Welcome to Japan



Arrive in Japan, transfer to Kyoto, and enjoy a welcome dinner as you settle into your journey.

Welcome to Japan

Arrive in Osaka and meet your Tour Manager, who will accompany you throughout your journey in Japan. Board your private coach to Kyoto, where your Tour Manager will share cultural insights, safety guidelines, and helpful tips for adjusting to the rhythm of daily life in Japan. Watch the urban landscape shift as you make your way into the historical heart of the country.

After settling into your Kyoto hotel, regroup for a warm welcome dinner in a local restaurant. Enjoy your first taste of Japanese cuisine in good company, trying regional specialties and seasonal flavors. It's the perfect way to start the tour—relaxed, well-fed, and immersed in the hospitality Japan is known for.



Welcome Dinner



4 Star Hotel

Day 3

Kyoto: Back in Time



Explore Kyoto's temples, traditional streets, and vibrant Nishiki Market, then enjoy a free evening to dine and explore at your own pace.

Kyoto: Back in Time

Begin your immersion into Kyoto with a guided half-day tour led by a local expert. Ride comfortably through the city's scenic streets before stepping into the serenity of Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Perched on a hillside, this 1,200-year-old wooden structure offers sweeping views over tiled rooftops and gardens below. Continue your journey with a walk through Fushimi-Inari and later through the atmospheric lanes of the Higashiyama District, lined with tea shops, artisan stalls, and traditional wooden homes.

Later, immerse yourself in the local food culture at Nishiki Market. With more than 100 stalls and shops packed into this narrow arcade, it's a feast for the senses—perfect for browsing, tasting, and learning about regional specialties. The evening is free for you to enjoy Kyoto your way. Stroll Kyoto's peaceful streets or sip tea in a peaceful setting. Whether you seek elegance, comfort, or adventure, Kyoto at night is yours to discover.



Breakfast



4 Star Hotel

Day 4

Sacred Paths of Nara



Visit Nara's temples and deer park, take part in a tea ceremony, and explore Kyoto's Gion District and traditional stage arts.

Sacred Paths of Nara

Begin your day with a scenic journey to Nara, famed for its spiritual landmarks and gentle deer. Visit Todaiji Temple, home to the world's largest bronze Buddha, and stroll through the expansive grounds of Nara Park. Here, sacred deer freely roam between shrines and temple halls. You may even try feeding them with rice crackers—a charming and quintessential Nara experience.

Return to Kyoto and explore the Gion District, where the elegance of Kyoto's geisha culture comes to life. At your own time, feel free to enjoy a stage performance featuring geisha arts and other Japanese traditions like dance, music, and storytelling—all supported by an English guide program. In the evening, enjoy your free time and take the chance to explore Kyoto's lantern-lit alleys.



Breakfast



4 Star Hotel

Day 5

Historical Hiroshima



Travel to Hiroshima by bullet train, immerse yourself in its history with a visit to the Peace Memorial Park & Museum, and enjoy a local dinner.

Historical Hiroshima

This morning, board the shinkansen for a fast and comfortable ride to Hiroshima, a city whose name carries both tragedy and transformation. Upon arrival, visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum, where exhibits provide a sobering yet essential window into the events of 1945 and the lasting effects of the atomic bomb. An optional English audio guide offers personal insights and survivor testimonies.

You'll also visit a powerful virtual exhibit that reveals Hiroshima's before-and-after landscape, offering space for reflection. Later, walk through the Peace Park with your Tour Manager to view its monuments, including the Atomic Bomb Dome and the Children's Peace Monument. This is a day of deep learning and emotional impact. In the evening, regroup with your fellow travelers for a thoughtful and restorative dinner—an opportunity to share experiences and process the significance of the day in good company.



Breakfast & Dinner



4 Star Hotel

Day 6

Island of Miyajima



Explore Miyajima's sacred shrines, scenic ropeway views, and see the "floating" orange gate.

Island of Miyajima

Spend the day exploring the tranquil beauty of Miyajima Island, a spiritual haven where sacred shrines meet mountain trails and friendly deer roam freely. Your visit begins with the majestic Itsukushima Shrine and its iconic torii gate—a centuries-old structure that, during high tide, appears to float on the surrounding waters. This sight is one of Japan's officially designated "Three Views" and a photographer's dream.

Take the ropeway to the top of Mount Misen for sweeping views across the Seto Inland Sea. From there, you may hike down through forested trails or return by cable car—either way, the journey offers a deep sense of peace and connection to nature. After returning to Hiroshima, the evening is at leisure. Dine on Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki, visit a cozy izakaya, or enjoy a quiet walk along the Motoyasu River. Your Tour Manager will offer suggestions based on your pace and preferences.



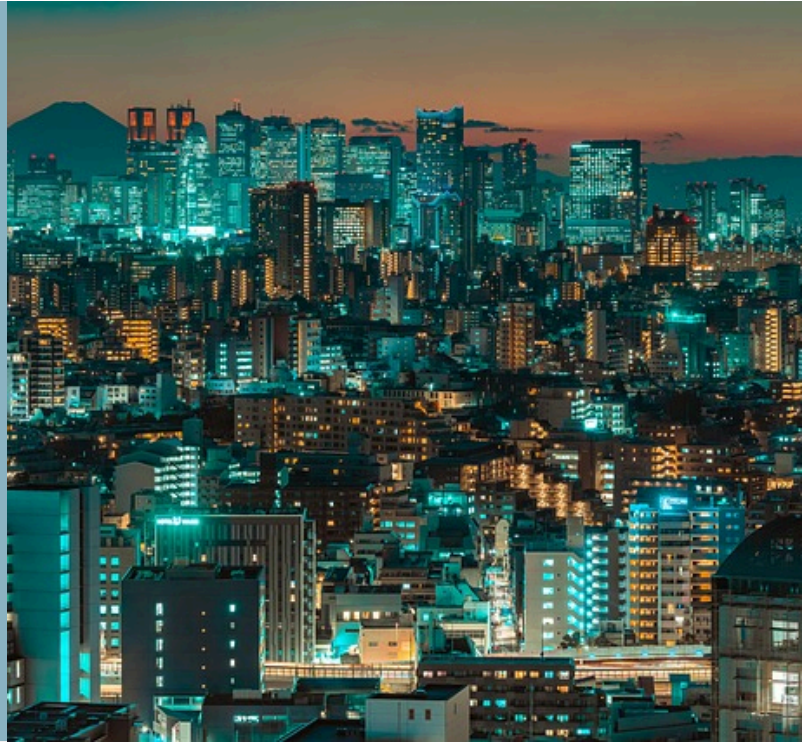
Breakfast



4 Star Hotel

Day 7

Tokyo Twilight



Travel to Tokyo by bullet train, ascend the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building for panoramic views at sunset, and explore Shinjuku.

Tokyo Twilight

Board the Shinkansen and enjoy a scenic ride through the Japanese countryside as you speed toward Tokyo—Japan’s fast-paced, ever-evolving capital. After the 4-hour journey, check in and prepare for an unforgettable evening that begins with a sky-high view. As dusk settles, ascend the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building and witness the city stretch endlessly in every direction. Watch the skyline shift as the sun sets behind distant mountains and neon lights begin to glow.

Then explore Shinjuku, one of Tokyo’s liveliest districts. Walk through the famous alleys of Golden Gai, known for their tiny bars, lantern-lit facades, and local energy. The evening is yours to enjoy as you like. Your Tour Manager will provide recommendations based on your interests—whether you’re craving culinary discovery or a quiet corner to watch the city go by.



Breakfast



4 Star Hotel

Day 8

Tokyo Flavors



Explore gardens, temples, and old Tokyo streets, make your own sushi, and end the day with sweeping views from Tokyo Skytree.

Tokyo Flavors

Begin your second day in Tokyo with a peaceful start: a visit to Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden. Wander through its tranquil paths and admire the variety of cherry trees and landscaped grounds—a serene retreat in the heart of the city. Then head to Asakusa, where Tokyo’s traditional past comes to life. Explore charming streets lined with craft shops and food stalls, and visit Sensoji Temple, one of the city’s most beloved and vibrant Buddhist sites.

Next, dive into Japanese cuisine with a hands-on sushi-making experience. Under the guidance of a certified instructor, learn to prepare and roll your own sushi creations using simple tools and time-honored techniques. Cap off your day with a visit to Tokyo Skytree, Japan’s tallest structure. Soar up to take in the glittering metropolis from above and marvel at the engineering and beauty of modern Tokyo.



Breakfast



4 Star Hotel

Day 9

Tokyo Farewell



Enjoy a free day in Tokyo or join an optional trip to Kamakura. End the tour with a festive farewell dinner at a local izakaya.

Tokyo Farewell

Make the most of your final full day in Japan with a choice of how you spend it. For those staying in Tokyo, explore at your own pace—perhaps visiting futuristic exhibitions like TeamLab Planets, discovering modern art at the Mori Tower Museum, or diving into pop culture districts like Harajuku or Akihabara. From high-end fashion to themed cafés, Tokyo offers something for every interest.

Alternatively, opt in for a guided day trip to Kamakura, a peaceful coastal town known for its historic temples and gardens. Visit the iconic Great Buddha and explore Hase Kannon Temple's hillside views and tranquil grounds. After returning to Tokyo, reunite with your group for a festive farewell dinner at a lively izakaya—a traditional Japanese pub. Celebrate your journey, share your favorite memories, and toast to new friendships and unforgettable experiences across this captivating country.



Breakfast & Dinner



4 Star Hotel

Day 10

Return Flights



Transfer to the airport, reflecting on unforgettable memories of your tour as you travel back to the USA.

Return Flights

On your final day, you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA, reflecting on the incredible journey you've just experienced. You'll carry with you memories of stunning landmarks and unforgettable moments. This adventure through fascinating destinations will stay with you long after your flight home. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you again on another unforgettable journey. Thank you for traveling with Lingo Tours.



Breakfast & Inflight Meals



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