

# Highlights of Japan

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## The Land of The Rising Sun

Discover the fascinating blend of tradition and innovation on this student tour through Japan. Explore Kyoto's ancient temples and authentic atmosphere, Nara's peaceful parks, and Hiroshima's powerful history. Sail to Miyajima Island to see the floating orange gate, then speed by bullet train to Tokyo, where pop culture and centuries-old shrines exist side by side.

With daily group dinners and cooking classes, you'll experience the flavors, stories, and contrasts that make Japan unforgettable. This tour offers the perfect balance of cultural learning, hands-on experiences, and fun with friends. Whether admiring cherry blossoms or neon skylines, your journey across Japan will be packed with memories, meaning, and discovery.

## 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, streets, and markets on a guided tour —ending with dinner and a taste of traditional Japan.

**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 before dinner.

**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, Daily dinners, quality three-course meals and a drink
  - 1 cooking classes
- Central hotels with a full, warm breakfast (3-4 star quality)
- Local Expert Guides for guided sightseeing in 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

#### **STUDENT ROOM RATE: \$5,547**

3 PERSONS SHARING ONE ROOM (SEPARATE BEDS)

#### **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. Adults cannot enroll in a student room. Students can upgrade to twin room. A family of 3 can request a triple room at a discount. 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:**

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**T&C:** [www.lingo-tours.com/termsandconditions/](http://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



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## Welcome to Japan

Arrive in Japan and meet your Tour Manager, who will serve as your guide and support throughout the trip. As you board your private coach toward Kyoto, learn about Japanese customs, safety tips, and what to expect in the days ahead. The journey is your first real glimpse of Japan—spot neon signs, rice fields, and distant temples as you roll toward your hotel.

After check-in, it's time to come together for a welcome dinner. Try your first authentic Japanese dishes while getting to know your fellow travelers. Practice basic phrases, try chopsticks, and toast to the start of an exciting cultural adventure. Whether it's your first trip abroad or your fifth, this is a night to remember.



Welcome Dinner



3-4 Star Hotel

Day 3

# Kyoto: Back in Time



Explore Kyoto's temples, streets, and markets on a guided tour—ending with dinner and a taste of traditional Japan.

## 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 through the atmospheric lanes of the Higashiyama District, lined with tea shops, artisan stalls, and traditional wooden homes. We make a stop at Fushimi-Inari as well before returning in to Kyoto center again.

Next, visit Nishiki Market—Kyoto's culinary heart. Explore stalls selling local delicacies, handmade sweets, and regional pickles. This bustling indoor street invites you to sample, browse, and soak up the city's culinary pulse. After time to rest and refresh, rejoin the group for dinner and reflect on your rich day. Kyoto reveals itself slowly and gracefully—through its flavors, its rituals, and its timeless streets.



Breakfast & Dinner



3-4 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

Travel to Nara, Japan's first capital, where ancient temples meet gentle wildlife. Explore the grounds of Nara Park and stand before the towering Great Buddha inside Todaiji Temple. As you walk through the area, encounter the city's famous deer—friendly (and sometimes pushy) locals who may eat senbei crackers straight from your hand. Don't forget your camera!

Later, return to Kyoto, step into the Gion District, Kyoto's geisha neighborhood, where on your own time, see real geisha perform alongside other cultural acts like dance, music, and comic storytelling—with English translations to help you follow along. After a full day of temples, enjoy dinner together as a group and reflect on your immersion into Japan's living heritage.



**Breakfast & Dinner**



**3-4 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**



**3-4 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.

Ride the ropeway up Mount Misen for panoramic island and sea views. For the adventurous, a hike back down offers stunning scenery and a chance to connect with the natural beauty of the island. The day invites reflection, exploration, and incredible photos. After returning to Hiroshima in the evening, enjoy a group dinner together, sharing highlights from one of the most photogenic and peaceful places on the tour.



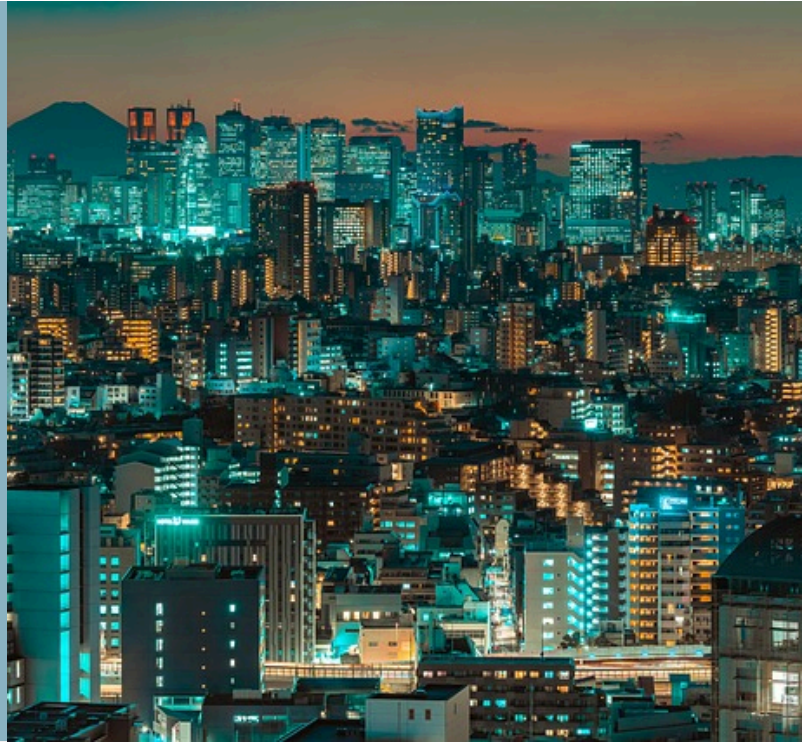
**Breakfast & Dinner**



**3-4 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 before dinner.

## 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.

After taking in the view, explore the vibrant Shinjuku district on foot. Walk through Golden Gai, a famous maze of narrow alleys lined with tiny, atmospheric bars and eateries that capture Tokyo’s after-dark character. In the evening, come together for a traditional Japanese dinner as a group—perfect for reflecting on the contrast between the peaceful countryside of the morning and the electric energy of Tokyo by night.



**Breakfast & Dinner**



**3-4 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. In the evening, enjoy a group dinner to reflect on this unforgettable day.



**Breakfast & Dinner**



**3-4 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



3-4 Star Hotel

Day 10

# Return Flights



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## 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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