

Japan's Cultural Treasures

Small Group Adventure

Japan: Tokyo, Hakone, Kanazawa, Kyoto

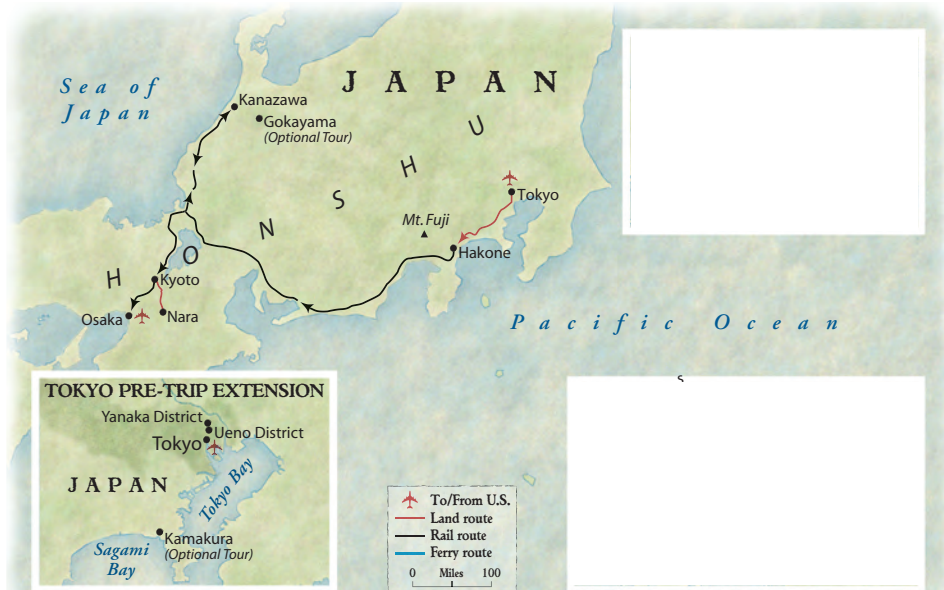
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Single Supplement: FREE



DEPARTURE DATE: September 4, 2024

Itinerary Summary

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Tokyo, Japan
2-4	Tokyo
5-6	Hakone
7-9	Kanazawa
10-14	Kyoto
15	Return to U.S.

It's Included

- Explore in a small group of 16 travelers maximum (average group size of 13)
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation, including 3 rail transfers on bullet and local trains
- Accommodations for 13 nights
- 29 meals—13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 7 dinners
- 13 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure

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Itinerary

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. on your overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan.

DAY 2 • Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo. An O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and assist with the transfer to your hotel. There, meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers, including those who took the optional *Tokyo: Ancient & Modern Traditions* pre-trip extension.

Shizutetsu Hotel Prezio Tokyo Tamachi

DAY 3 • Tokyo • Meet former sumo wrestler • Shinjuku

Visit a restaurant owned by a former sumo wrestler, and enjoy an interactive demonstration of this iconic sport. Then, engage in a conversation with a former wrestler who will share their experience with us—an exclusive O.A.T. feature.

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DAY 4 • Tokyo • Taiko drumming experience • Asakusa

Take the subway to visit a *taiko* (traditional Japanese drums) studio, and learn about these instruments with a drum master. Then, travel to the Asakusa area, and stroll down streets lined with shops.

B,D—Lotte City Hotel Kinshicho or similar

DAY 5 • Hakone • A Day in the Life of Ashigara Village

Travel to Hakone, stopping for *A Day in the Life* of a wasabi farm. Visit a community farm before joining a local family for lunch. Later, head to a local karate studio, or *dōjō*, for a demonstration from a karate master. Then, visit a local children's nursery.

B,L,D—TKP Hotel & Resort Rektore Hakone Gora or similar

DAY 6 • Hakone • Wood workshop • Boat ride on Lake Ashi

Get to know a local fisherman and understand the importance of this industry in Hakone. Then, visit a woodcraft shop to see intricate, wooden inlaid pieces and learn how they're produced. Afterward, eat lunch at a geisha house and watch a traditional geisha performance.

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DAY 7 • Bullet train • Express train to Kanazawa

Ride the *shinkansen* (bullet train), boarding in Odawara for the first leg of the journey. At 200 mph, it remains among the fastest trains in the world. Later, take a limited express train to Kanazawa, enjoying a view of Japan's rolling countryside and modern cityscapes.

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DAY 8 • Kanazawa • Kenrokuen Garden • Visit Omicho Market

Visit the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, then walk the Higashi Chaya District, known for its teahouses. Next, visit the 300-year-old Omicho Market. Finally, visit a local gold leaf company for a hands-on lesson.

B,L—Hotel Kanazawa or similar

Activity Level: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ MODERATE

Pacing: 4 locations in 14 days with 3 train rides and one overland drive of 4.5 hours

Physical requirements: You must be able to walk up to 5 miles unassisted each day over city streets, through gardens and markets, and within temples and shrines in which the ground may be uneven and stairways may lack handrails. Luggage porters are unavailable at hotels and on trains.

Flight time: Travel time will be 10-21 hours and will most likely have one to three connections

View all physical requirements at www.oattravel.com/jpn



DAY 9 • Kanazawa • Optional Gokayama tour

Enjoy free time to explore Kanazawa on your own, or join a full-day optional excursion to Gokayama—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This village in the remote Chubu Mountains is renowned for its distinctive *gassho-zukuri*-style homes with steeply pitched thatched roofs.

B—Hotel Kanazawa or similar

DAY 10 • Kanazawa • Home-Hosted Visit: Tea with a local family • Train to Kyoto

Enjoy a **Home-Hosted Visit** with a local family, sitting down for tea and a firsthand glimpse of Japanese life. After, ride the rails to Kyoto, Japan's ancient imperial capital. This city remains an important cultural center today, and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

B,L,D—Hotel Vista Premio Kyoto

DAY 11 • Kyoto • Arashiyama Bamboo Grove • Kinkakuji • Controversial Topic: Ethnic Korean discrimination

Explore the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove before we visit Kinkakuji, the Temple of the Golden Pavilion. Then, venture to the

outskirts of Kyoto for a **Controversial Topic** about the discrimination faced by ethnic minority Koreans living in Japan.

B,L—Hotel Vista Premio Kyoto

DAY 12 • Kyoto • Nara • Matcha tea experience

Explore Nara, visiting Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Then, visit a local tea company for a matcha tea-making demonstration and a hands-on experience of grinding your own green tea using a mill stone.

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DAY 13 • Kyoto • Buddhist Temple • Sushi-making lesson

Head to Senkoji Temple. Try Zen meditation and have a tea ceremony. Then, embark on a boat ride to Togetsu Bridge, followed by lessons in sushi-making and *Ikebana*—the art of flower arrangement.

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DAY 14 • Kyoto • Ninja martial arts studio • GCF visit: Kyoto's YWCA • Controversial Topic: Empowering single mothers

Visit a local ninja martial arts studio, and sit in on the students' practice. Then, visit Kyoto's YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association)—a **NEW Grand Circle Foundation** site—which offers community services to meet the needs of women, children, and foreign residents in Japan. Here, learn about the **Controversial Topic** of the increased divorce rate in Japan and its impact on single mothers.

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DAY 15 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport in Osaka for your flight home. Travelers taking our optional *Hiroshima: City of Peace* post-trip extension will transfer to Hiroshima by bullet train today, while travelers taking our optional *Osaka to Hiroshima by Bullet Train* post-trip extension will transfer to Osaka via private motorcoach.

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2024 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

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AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco	\$1700
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Deposit: \$350 per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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