CUCRA UC Retirees Travel presents ...

Japan’s Cultural Treasures
Small Group Adventure
Japan: Tokyo, Hakone, Kanazawa, Kyoto

15 days from $5395
Includes international airfare from San Francisco
See page 4 for Los Angeles Pricing
14 days from $4095
Without international airfare
Single Supplement: FREE

Itinerary Summary

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Maximize your Discoveries & Value

Post Trip:
Hiroshima $1595

Departure #1: March 27, 2023 & #2: March 8, 2023

It’s Included

- Explore in a small group of 8-16 travelers (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
- 27 meals—13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 5 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.

Lotte City Hotel Kinshicho or similar

**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.

B,L—Lotte City Hotel Kinshicho or similar

**DAY 4 • Tokyo • Taiko drumming experience • Asakusa • Controversial Topic: Female sushi chefs**
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. After, enjoy lunch at a women-owned and operated sushi restaurant and learn about the Controversial Topic of gender discrimination in the world of sushi chefs.

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

**DAY 5 • Hakone • A Day in the Life of Minamiashigara Village**
Travel to Hakone, stopping for A Day in the Life of a Minamiashigara Village. 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 Rekutore Hakone Gora or similar

**DAY 6 • Hakone • Wood workshop • Meet local fisherman at 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.

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

**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.

B,D—Hotel Kanazawa or similar

**DAY 8 • Kanazawa • Kenrokuen Garden • Controversial Topic: Nuclear energy • Gold leaf factory • Omicho Market**
Visit the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, then meet with a Fukushima evacuee for a Controversial Topic about their experience of the 2011 nuclear disaster. After, walk the Higashi Chaya District, known for its teahouses. Finally, visit a local gold leaf company for a hands-on lesson before we visit the 300-year-old Omicho Market.

B,L—Hotel Kanazawa or similar

**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

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**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/jpn2023](http://www.oattravel.com/jpn2023)
DAY 10 • Kanazawa • Home-Hosted Visit: Tea with a local family • 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—Aranvert Hotel or similar

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—Aranvert Hotel or similar

DAY 12 • Kyoto • Nara • Matcha tea experience
Explore Nara, visiting Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Then, visit a local a tea company for a matcha tea-making demonstration and a hands-on experience of grinding your own green tea using a mill stone.
B,L—Aranvert Hotel or similar

DAY 13 • Kyoto • Buddhist Temple • Sushi-making in Kameoka
Head to Senkoji Temple. Try Zen meditation and have a tea ceremony. Then, embark on a boat ride to Togetsu Bridge, followed by a visit to Heki-tei, a house where samurai once lived and trained, to learn to make sushi.
B,L—Aranvert Hotel or similar

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.
B,D—Aranvert Hotel or similar

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.
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Discover
the ancient legacies of Japan …

**Kanazawa**
Between the 16th and 18th centuries, Kanazawa was a prosperous castle town, and it has been one of Japan’s cultural centers ever since. It is famous today for its unique architecture, exquisite Kaga-style handcrafts, and the Kenrokuken Garden, one of the most beautiful in Japan. The Nagamachi quarter features several former samurai homes still standing on winding streets. The 300-year-old Omicho Market, known locally as Kanazawa’s Kitchen, is a very busy gathering place. We’ll join right in with the locals during a stroll through this popular market stocked with row upon row of fresh vegetables, fruit, and fish offered for sale to households and private restaurants.

**Hakone**
A popular retreat for Japanese locals, Hakone is an area of steaming hot springs and dramatic lava formations of the Owakudani Valley, formed 3,000 years ago by the last eruption of Mount Hakone. Our discoveries during our stay in this region of natural beauty include a visit to a local village and a scenic boat cruise along placid Ashinoko Lake, where clear weather often delivers breathtaking views of nearby Mount Fuji, longtime inspiration for Japanese paintings, poetry, and song.

**Tokyo**
Tokyo is in many ways more than a single city. Its distinct districts and styles set it apart from most other world-class destinations—and within Tokyo are several large areas that qualify as cities on their own. But a visit here provides a chance to see at least parts of perhaps the world’s busiest and most complex metropolitan area. With the help of our local Trip Experience Leader, our small group of 8-16 travelers (average of 13) will capture a glimpse of Tokyo’s fascinating culture when we connect with a former sumo wrestler to learn about Japan’s traditional sport and dive into Japan’s history during a visit to a taiko studio to learn about these traditional drums.

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### 2023 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

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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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**Here’s how you’ll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan:**

Based on a trip price of $6500 per person

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