



Arashiyama bamboo forest, Kyoto



Geisha

Japan's Cultural Treasures

Japan: Tokyo, Hakone, Kanazawa, Kyoto

15 days starting from **\$7,295**

including international airfare from Los Angeles

Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: MARCH 17, 2025

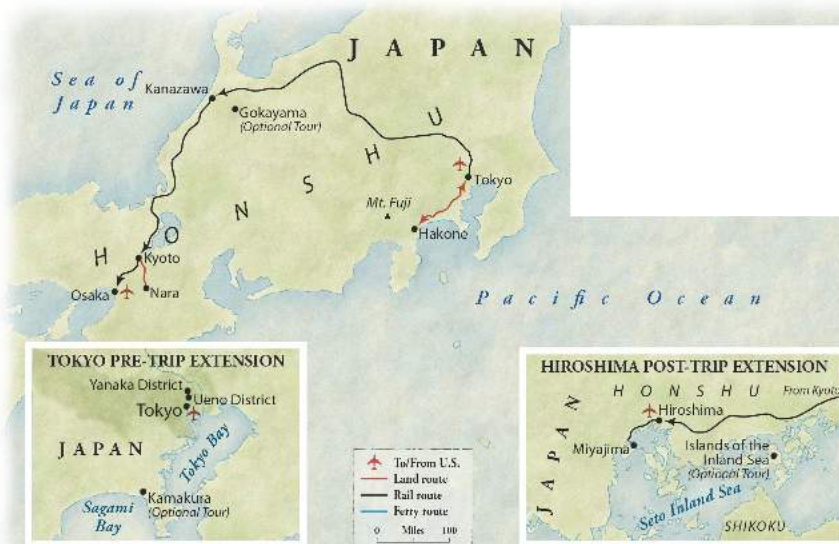
Return Date: MARCH 31, 2025

Activity Level:

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Moderate

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.



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Tokyo: Ancient & Modern Traditions

PRE-TRIP: 3 nights from **\$995**

Hiroshima: City of Peace

POST-TRIP: 3 nights from **\$1,695**

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CODE WHEN BOOKING

G5-28708

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.

DAY 3 • Tokyo • Meet former sumo wrestler

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.

DAY 4 • Tokyo • Taiko drumming experience • Asakusa

Take the world-renown Tokyo subway to visit a *taiko* studio. *Taiko* are traditional drums that have been used throughout Japan's history—from setting the beat for marching armies to adding a tempo to boisterous festivals. Here, we will learn the art of traditional Japanese drums from a drum master. Then, travel to the district of Asakusa, and stroll down streets lined with shops. Tonight, our Welcome Dinner will feature traditional Japanese foods such as sashimi and tempura.

IT'S INCLUDED

- 13 nights accommodation
- 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
- 29 meals—13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 7 dinners
- 13 small group activities
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers

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

Travel to Hakone, stopping for *A Day in the Life* of the rural town of Ashigara. We will learn about the customs of the town and take part in a cooking lesson with local residents. For lunch, we'll roll up our sleeves for a traditional Japanese cooking lesson and prepare our very own rice balls. Later, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. You might stop in at a sake brewery, or pay your respects at the town's temple.

DAY 6 • Hakone • Boat ride on Lake Ashi • Wood workshop • Controversial Topic: Unraveling the mystery of the Japanese geisha

This morning, embark on a boat ride on Lake Ashi, a scenic crater lake situated along a wall of the Mount Hakone caldera. Then, visit a woodcraft shop to learn how the intricate, wooden inlaid pieces are produced. Afterward, meet the madam of a local geisha house to discuss the **Controversial Topic** of the mysterious world of these highly-skilled performance artists.

DAY 7 • Hakone • Overland to Tokyo • Bullet train to Kanazawa

We'll drive to Tokyo, where we'll ride the *shinkansen* (bullet train) to Kanazawa. At 200 mph, it remains among the fastest trains in the world.



Kabukicho district, Tokyo



Golden Pavilion, Kyoto

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.

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.

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. Some of our hosts are accomplished tea ceremony masters, are skilled in Japanese calligraphy, cultivate *bonsai* trees, or fold *origami*. 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.

DAY 11 • Kyoto • Arashiyama Bamboo Grove • Kinkakuji • Nijo Castle

Explore the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove before we visit Kinkakuji, the Temple of the Golden Pavilion. Then, visit Nijo Castle this afternoon.

DAY 12 • Kyoto • Nara • Matcha tea experience

Explore Nara, visiting Todaiji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to an awe-inspiring, 52-foot Buddha statue. You may even meet the tame and friendly “bowing” deer that roam here. 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.

DAY 13 • Kyoto • Zen Temple

Head to Senkoji Temple to practice Zen meditation with a monk.

DAY 14 • Kyoto • Fushimi Inari Shrine • Meet a sushi chef

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine this morning, one of Japan’s most iconic sites. Comprised of a winding path of 10,000 vermillion *torii* (gates), the shrine snakes its way up a heavily forested mountain. Then, take part in a sushi-making lesson.

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 NEW! *Osaka to Hiroshima by Bullet Train* post-trip extension will transfer to Osaka via private motorcoach.



Tokyo

Tokyo: Ancient & Modern Traditions

3 nights pre-trip from **\$995** Only **\$365** per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

IT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights accommodation
- 6 meals—3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner
- 2 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers



Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima, Japan

Hiroshima: City of Peace

3 nights post-trip from **\$1,695** Only **\$532** per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

IT'S INCLUDED

- Bullet train transfers from Kyoto to Hiroshima
- 3 nights accommodation
- 6 meals—3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners
- 3 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers (by public transportation)



Cherry blossoms, Mount Fuji

2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

Date MAR 17, 2025
Return MAR 31, 2025

Small Group Adventure only	\$5,695
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AIR ADD-ON

Los Angeles	\$1,600
San Francisco	\$1,750

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$500 Deposit per person.

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

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

1-800-955-1925

DATES, PRICES, ITINERARIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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based on a trip price of \$6,500 per person

Months That You Pay in Full Prior to Your Final Payment Due Date (90 days prior to your departure date)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Good Buy Plan Savings Per Person:	Good Buy Savings Per Couple:
15 months or more	10% off	\$650	\$1,300
14 months prior	9% off	\$585	\$1,170
13 months prior	8% off	\$520	\$1,040
12 months prior	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780
10 months prior	5% off	\$325	\$650
9 months prior	4% off	\$260	\$520
8 months prior	3% off	\$195	\$390
Within 120 days	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings are calculated based on total reservation cost.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to \$18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see www.oattravel.com/tc for details. See www.oattravel.com/disclaimers for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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