



Discover Hidden Japan 11 Nights / 12 Days

Tour Itinerary

Day 1

TOKYO

Welcome to Japan! After completing customs procedures, you'll be transferred to your hotel by shared shuttle bus. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. In the afternoon, you'll receive details about the start of your tour.

Day 2

TOKYO

In the morning, we'll enjoy an extensive **guided tour** of this truly mesmerizing city, lasting approximately five hours. Tokyo's vibrant energy and cutting-edge neighborhoods coexist beautifully with its tranquil, serene spaces.

We'll begin with a brief stop at **Zojoji Temple**, where you'll capture one of the most iconic views of the **Tokyo Tower**. The temple grounds are adorned with hundreds of Jizo statues, intricately carved stone figures believed to be protectors of children, dressed in colorful knit caps, bibs, and windmills.

Next, we'll head to the famous **Shibuya Crossing**, often hailed as the busiest intersection in the world, followed by a visit to the **Meiji Shrine**, dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife.

Our journey will continue by bus along the elegant Omotesando Avenue. We'll then see the most picturesque parts of the Imperial Palace and its gardens and stop to admire the iconic **Nijubashi Bridge**.

As we proceed, we'll pass through the vibrant **Akihabara district**, also known as the "Electric Town," a hub for Japanese manga and anime culture. We'll also drive past the Kokugikan, Japan's renowned sumo wrestling arena.

We'll conclude our tour in Asakusa, visiting the historic Sensoji Temple and the famous Nakamise Street.

Lunch will be included at a local restaurant. Afterward, we'll return to the hotel.

At **6:30 p.m.**, we'll meet our guide in the hotel lobby and take



the **metro** (tickets included) to the lively **Shinjuku district**. Here, we'll enjoy a stroll through its bustling streets, renowned for their vibrant nightlife, as we head to a local restaurant for **dinner** (included). Afterward, we'll return to the hotel by metro, accompanied by our guide.

Day 3

TOKYO - MOUNT FUJI - KAWAGUCHIKO

We'll journey to the stunning Mount Fuji area, traveling through picturesque landscapes along the way.

Our first stop will be the **Arakurayama Sengen Park**, home to beautiful pagodas and offering the most iconic views of Mount Fuji. From here, we'll continue to **Kawaguchiko**, a charming town surrounded by mountains, vibrant flowers, and its namesake lake. Upon arrival, we'll visit the **Fuji Sengen Shrine**, a serene site nestled among towering trees, which marks the traditional starting point for pilgrimages up Mount Fuji. During our visit, we'll take a moment to express gratitude for experiencing such a magical place.

The tour will also include a delightful **boat ride on Lake Kawaguchiko**, where you can soak in the area's tranquil beauty. After, we'll ascend **Mount Fuji** via the scenic road to the Fifth Station, at 2,305 meters, surrounded by breathtaking forests and vistas.

Note: In winter, the ascent to Mount Fuji may be closed due to snow or adverse weather conditions. During this season, we will go as far as permitted.

We'll return to Kawaguchiko, with time to enjoy a leisurely stroll along the lake. Tonight, we'll stay in a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn, where you can relax in the onsen (public bath). **Dinner will be included.**

Note: At the planned ryokan, some rooms feature traditional Japanese-style tatami mats, while others are Western-style. Occasionally, accommodation may be arranged in a Western-style hotel.

Day 4

KAWAGUCHIKO - IYASHI NO SATO NENBA - TOYOTA - KYOTO

In the morning, we'll follow a scenic road that winds around picturesque lakes to visit **Iyashi no Sato Nenba**, a small village that was destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as an open-air museum. Its traditional houses have been converted into arts and crafts shops, restaurants, and cultural exhibits, offering a glimpse



into Japan's past.

Next, we'll visit the breathtaking **Shiraito Falls**, one of Japan's most stunning natural attractions, with cascading water that spans a height of 20 meters.

From there, we'll continue to **Nagoya**, where we'll visit the **Toyota Museum** (admission included), a must-see destination for car enthusiasts and those curious about automotive innovation.

Finally, we'll proceed to **Kyoto** for our overnight stay.

Day 5

KYOTO

We'll spend the entire day exploring **Kyoto**, Japan's capital from 794 to 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. Remarkably, Kyoto was the only major Japanese city spared from bombing during World War II, allowing it to retain its rich artistic heritage. Notably, the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at limiting greenhouse gas emissions, was signed here in 1997.

We'll include a visit to Kyoto's most iconic landmarks. Our tour will begin in **Arashiyama**, where we'll admire the Togetsukyo Bridge, or "Bridge over the Moon." This spot offers a breathtaking panorama of the surrounding landscape.

We'll then visit the **Tenryuji Temple**, one of Kyoto's "five great Zen temples" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a serene walk through its **mystical bamboo forest**.

Next, we'll explore the magnificent **Fushimi Inari Shrine**; the **Imperial Palace**; and the **Kinkakuji Temple**, also known as the "Golden Pavilion," surrounded by its spectacular gardens. (The order of the visits may vary.)

After the tour, you can enjoy some time to stroll through **Gion**, Kyoto's vibrant traditional district, known for its lively atmosphere and geishas.

Day 6

KYOTO - EIHEI-JI - KATSUYAMA-DINOSAUR MUSEUM - KATSUYAMA - KANAZAWA

We'll start our day with breakfast before departing along one of the largest lakes in **Japan**. Our first stop will be at **Shirahige Ginra**, a small shrine located by the lake. We'll then head to **Eiheiji**, a temple-monastery founded in 1244 and a central hub of Zen Buddhism



in **Japan** (admission included). Its surroundings, architecture, gardens, and spiritual ambiance make it a key training center for monks who practice Zazen meditation and follow a strict daily diet. Next, in **Katsuyama**, we'll visit three key sites. First, the **Dinosaur Museum**, located at the largest dinosaur fossil site in **Japan**, where you'll have free time for lunch and to explore its educational exhibits featuring over 40 dinosaur skeletons. Then, we'll visit the **Great Buddha of Echizen** and its grand temple, along with a five-story **pagoda**, which we can climb to enjoy panoramic views. We'll arrive in **Kanazawa** by evening.

Day 7

KANAZAWA

We'll spend a full day in **Kanazawa**, beginning with a guided city tour in the morning. This city, which once rivaled **Kyoto** and **Tokyo**, was spared from destruction during World War II air raids. We'll visit the castle area, with its impressive walls, and take a stroll through the historic Nagamachi neighborhood, where samurai and their families once lived. This area preserves its historical atmosphere with remaining residences, earthen walls, private entrance gates, narrow alleys, and water canals. We'll also include admission to **Kenrokuen**, one of the three most beautiful gardens in **Japan**. The tour will end at **Omicho**, a lively traditional market with many options for lunch. The afternoon will be free for you to explore.

Day 8

KANAZAWA - AINOKURA - SHIRAKAWA - HIDA VILLAGE - TAKAYAMA

Today, we'll journey through beautiful mountain landscapes, forests, and traditional villages as we explore the **Gokayama** and **Shirakawago** regions. These villages have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and their traditional houses, with steeply sloped roofs, are known as "praying hands" for their resemblance to monks' hands joined in prayer—designed to withstand heavy winter snowfalls. We'll stop in **Ainokura**, a charming small village, and in **Shirakawa-go Ogimachi**, a larger, more popular village. There will be time to stroll and enjoy lunch. Afterward, we'll continue to **Takayama**, where we'll visit the **Hida Folk Village Museum**, nestled in a peaceful setting. This open-air museum features over 30 traditional houses from the Edo Period (1603-1868), relocated from their original sites to form this museum in 1971. The buildings showcase tools and utensils used in everyday life in the past. We'll then have free time to explore the old town, with its wooden houses and traditional shops.



Day 9

TAKAYAMA - HIDA FURUKAWA - MATSUMOTO - NAGANO

After breakfast, we'll depart for **Hida Furukawa**, where we'll stroll through its charming old town. The city's festival has been declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, known for its large drums and beautifully decorated floats. We'll include admission to the **museum**, which showcases the festival's floats, costumes, and drums. We'll then continue our journey across the **Japanese Alps**, renowned for their snow-covered landscapes for much of the year. Upon arrival in **Matsumoto**, we'll visit the city's **impressive castle**, known as the "Crow Castle" due to its black color, dating back to the 16th century. Afterward, you'll have free time to enjoy lunch and explore the town. In the afternoon, we'll head to Nagano for accommodation.

Day 10

NAGANO - MONKEY PARK - KUSATSU - IKAHO

In **Nagano**, we'll visit the **Zenko-ji**, a revered pilgrimage site housing the first Buddhist image brought to Japan. The **Gomakuyo ceremony**, included in your journey, will bring blessings and good fortune. Next, we'll travel to the stunning Japanese Alps, venturing into the mountains to visit the **Jigokudani Monkey Park**. Here, you'll enjoy lunch, followed by a serene stroll through forests, rivers, and hot springs, where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe.

We'll then ascend to breathtaking high mountain scenery, reaching altitudes of 2,172 meters, and pass semi-active volcanoes. Our journey will continue to **Kusatsu**, a charming spa town with a lively main square. We'll take a leisurely walk through the city park, home to an open-air onsen. Afterward, we'll proceed to **Ikaho**, a picturesque spa town where we'll wander its historic center, famed for its stair-stepped streets. Tonight, we'll stay at a **ryokan**, a traditional Japanese-style hotel, where you'll enjoy its baths and a **traditional Japanese dinner** will be included.

Note: During autumn, the movement of monkeys can be unpredictable depending on mountain fruit availability. If the macaques do not descend, the park may be closed. Additionally, the visit to Kusatsu may be canceled due to weather conditions from November to April.

Day 11

IKAHO - NIKKO - TOKYO

We'll continue our journey to **Nikko**, a fantastic town where we'll visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu** Temple, known for its famous "room with the sound of a dragon." We'll also explore the **Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum**, a serene and awe-inspiring site. Afterward, we'll take a



stroll along the Kanmangafuchi Abyss, where hundreds of Jizo statues silently watch over the riverbanks. You'll have free time to explore the town center before we head back to **Tokyo**, arriving at approximately 06:30 p.m.

Day 12 TOKYO

After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.

Included in the price

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance, hotel and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kanazawa
- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake
- **Evening transfer:** Shinjuku, Traditional quarter of Gion
- **Ticket admission:**
 - Metro
 - Zojoji Temple
 - Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple
 - Arakurayama Sengen Park
 - Village Museum
 - Toyota Museum
 - Tenryu-ji Temple
 - Arashiyama bamboo forest in Kyoto,
 - Fushimi Inari,
 - Imperial Palace
 - Kinkakuji Temple
 - Shirahige Ginra Shrine and Temple-monastery of Eihei-ji
 - Dinosaur Museum
 - Great Buddha and Echizen Pagoda
 - Heisenji Hakusan Shinto Shrine
 - Kenrokuen Garden
 - Small village
 - Village of Shirakawa-go Oguimachi
 - Hida Folk Village Museum
 - Museum
 - Castle
 - Zenko-ji Temple
 - Gomakuyo ceremony
 - Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano
 - Nikko Toshogu Shrine



- Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko
- **2 Lunch included in:** Tokyo, Nagano
- **3 dinner included in:** Tokyo, Kawaguchiko, Ikaho

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