

JAPAN: History

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Flight from home to **Osaka Japan**.

Day 2: Upon arrival met your assistant for your transfer to you to Kyoto and to your hotel.

Day 3: A full day exploration of the ancient city of **Kyoto**. Visit Nijo Castle built in 1603 as the residence of Tokugawa the first shogun of the Edo government. See **The Golden Pavilion**, a famous 14-16th century structure of the Muromachi period. Visit the **Kyoto Imperial Palace** which served as a palace until the capital moved to Tokyo. After lunch visit the Heian Shrine built to commemorate the 1100 anniversary of the founding of Kyoto, Sanjusangendo, a national treasure with 1030 Buddhist statues in the main hall and the Kiyomizu Temple the broad wooden veranda of the main hall on the cliff top provides the best panoramic view of the Kyoto City.



Day 4: From Kyoto station take the Nozomi line to **Hiroshima** and then to **Miyajima** Island. See the **Itsukushima Shrine** built in 593 with its famed floating tori gate. Ferry back to **Miyajikaguchi** and visit **Peace Memorial Park**. See a Bomb Dome symbolizing its wish for everlasting peace and the ruins of Industrial Promotion Hall that has been preserved to just as it was when bombed.

Day 5: Today visit **Todaiji Temple with the Great Buddha**. Take a walk through Nara Park with over 100 tame deer roaming the park. Visit the Kasuga Shrine whose foundations were built in 710 with 3000 lanterns lining the road east from the second tori gate.

Day 6: Depart Kyoto and take the Kodama Line to go to **Tokyo**. Upon arrival explore the city on your own.

Day 7: Full day city tour including the **Meiji Shinto Shrine**, a shrine dedicated to Meiji and his wife, the shrine spreads over 70,000 square meters covered by a forest of 120,000 trees of 365 species. See the Imperial Palace East Garden, Asakusa Kannon Temple and Nakamise Shopping Arcade, a 300 meter approach to Sensoji Temple one of the oldest shopping streets in Japan. After lunch stroll along the Odaiba Area or experience the **Tokyo Bay Cruise**.



Day 8: Today enjoy a day tour to **Nikko** starting with visiting Nikko Toshogu Shrine. Drive through Irohazaka to Lake Chuzenji formed by a natural dam of lava from the crater of Mt Nantai. Then visit **Kegon Waterfall** one of the largest waterfalls in Japan measuring 96.3 meters in height.

Day 9: Start your **Mt Fuji** tour from the Fuji Visitor Center for your comprehensive information on Mt Fuji, its history, geographic features, distribution of plants and animals, its 5 lakes and a variety of art works associated with Mt Fuji. After lunch enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi. Later board the Mt Komagatake Aerial Cableway which takes you to the top of Mount Komagatake and enjoy a panoramic view of Mt Fuji, Lake Ashi, Mt Futago and the mountains of the distant Izu Peninsula.



Day 10: Today, you depart on your flight home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to Osaka, return from Tokyo
- All Transportation - as per itinerary
- English Speaking Assistants - as per itinerary
- 8 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 8 Breakfasts
- 4 dinners
- All guides (assistants) as per itinerary

