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Japan Culture, History & Geography Trip

Sep 27, 2024 - Oct 9, 2024

September 27 - Friday



DEPARTURE 12:19 AM - New Zealand Standard Time **Depart from Auckland International Airport (AKL)**

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL GATE

Malaysia Airlines MH 132 I 6

Please make your way to Auckland airport to check in for your flight at least 2.5 hours prior to departure.



Auckland International Airport (AKL) Manukau, AUCKLAND, NZ +64 9-275 0789



ARRIVAL 8:11 AM - Malaysia Time Arrive at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL

Malaysia Airlines MH 132 1



Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) Jalan CTA 2, Sepang, SELANGOR, MY, 64000 +60 3-8776 2000



DEPARTURE 10:09 AM - Malaysia Time **Depart from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL)**

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL GATE

Malaysia Airlines MH 70 1 C1



Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) Jalan CTA 2, Sepang, SELANGOR, MY, 64000 +60 3-8776 2000



ARRIVAL 6:22 PM - Japan Standard Time Arrive at 成田国際空港(Narita International Airport)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL

Malaysia Airlines MH 70 2



成田国際空港(Narita International Airport)

古込1-1,成田市,千葉県,日本,282-8601 +81 476-34-8000



Day 1 - Tokyo Welcome to Japan!

On arrival please collect your luggage and make your way to the exit gate where you will meet your tour guide holding a sign with the school's logo. You will then be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo. Your guide is Ms. Barbara +81 70-3190-7070

If you don't see your tour guide at the airport, please try calling her number or call the emergency contact: Ms. Miharu Katsume 81-90-4669-4291

Toyoko Inn Ikebukuro

2-50-5, Ikebukuro Toshima-ku,

Tokyo 171-0014

Tel: (+81) 3-5960-1045

Ideally situated in the centre of Tokyo, Toyoko Inn Tokyo Ikebukuro Kita-guchi No.1 features air-conditioned rooms with free WiFi and private parking. The property is around less than 1 km from Ikebukuro Station, a 8-minute walk from Metropolitan Plaza and less than 1 km from Nishi-Ikebukuro Park. Wacca Ikebukuro is 700 metres away and Ikebukuro Suiten-gu Shrine is 600 metres from the hotel.







September 28 - Saturday



Day 2 - Tokyo Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 9:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign

After breakfast, you will meet your guide in the hotel lobby before we travel to Asakusa Sensoji Temple, in Tokyo's Asakusa district. Enter by way of the Kaminarimon "Thunder Gate," in which hangs an enormous red paper lantern. Don't forget to look up to see the dragon sculpture under the lantern!

Walk through the Nakamise District – a street lined with shops selling traditional goods of all kinds, which forms the traditional approach to Sensoji Temple.

Next, we will enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken. This pristine nature spot is densely forested with over 350 types of trees and is a place of calm amid turbulent Tokyo.

We proceed from there to Shibuya, known for the Shibuya "Scramble Crossing" which, at the right signal, floods the intersection with oncoming businesspeople, shoppers, and travelers, converging from all directions in a great rush of people that somehow feels both hectic and orderly.







September 29 - Sunday



Day 3 - Tokyo

Start Day 3 with breakfast at the hotel with the rest of the day free for leisure.









September 30 - Monday



Day 4 - Tokyo Disneyland

Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 9:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign.

This morning starts with breakfast at the hotel before meeting your guide in the hotel lobby before making your way to Disneyland via public transport.

Travel to the Tokyo Disney Resort to experience the patented Disney-brand magic and charm of Tokyo Disneyland. Within the 7 different lands to explore, including World Bazaar, Tomorrowland, Adventureland, Fantasyland, Westernland, Critter Country, and Toontown, there are various rides, attractions, parades, shops, and photo opportunities with Disney characters to please children and Disney fans of any age.









October 1 - Tuesday



Day 5 - Kyoto

Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 9:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign.

Notes: We will courier your big baggage from Tokyo to your hotel in Hiroshima (included for up to one piece of baggage per person). Please pack your essentials for 3 nights in a small bag to carry with you.

After breakfast at the hotel you will transfer to Tokyo Station with the guide by local train and board the bullet train to Kyoto (Ordinary class bullet train tickets included).

TRAIN SCHEDULE: 1100-1315 TOKYO - KYOTO SHINKANSEN NOZOMI #137

Upon arrival, meet your local guide at the TRAIN EXIT (on the platform) and transfer to your hotel by subway. Free for leisure in the afternoon.

Hotel Mystays Kyoto

Shijo 52 Kasaboko-cho, Aburakoji Higashi Iru, Shijo Dori, Shimogyo,

Kyoto, 600-8494

Tel: (+81) 75-283-3939

Recommended by the Michelin Guide, Hotel MyStays Kyoto-Shijo is centrally located in Kyoto and is a 6-minute walk from Shijo Subway Station. It offers rooms with free WiFi and wired internet, a restaurant and self-service laundry facilities. Hotel MyStays Kyoto-Shijo is just a 15-minute walk away from Nijo Castle. World Heritage Site Kiyomizu-dera Temple and the Heian-Jingu Shrine are both a 15-minute bus ride away.



October 2 - Wednesday



Day 6 - Kyoto

Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 9:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign.

After breakfast at the hotel you will head off to explore Kyoto. Today, we view one of Kyoto's most coveted sights – the elegant Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion). The temple's shimmering golden walls can be seen reflected in the Mirror Pond below, but don't miss the dainty phoenix ornament sitting on the roof!

Next, we explore Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site from Japan's feudal era, and former residence of the Tokugawa shogun. While you walk around the stately Edo-period buildings, listen for the chirping of the "nightingale" floors. Leading up to the temple is Ninenzaka, with streets are filled with preserved buildings that retain the character of the Edo period. Many of the buildings now contain shops selling souvenirs and Kyoto-specific wares.

Next, we visit Kiyomizu Temple, also known as the Temple of Pure Water. The temple is a celebrated landmark famed for its iconic three-story pagoda, large wooden stage, and trio of sacred springs which each confers a different blessing.

We will end our day in the Gion Geisha District, a heritage district where stone-paved streets are lined with exclusive ochaya (teahouses). While admiring the old-fashioned buildings, the fortunate visitor may spot Geisha or Maiko (Geisha apprentices) walking between these establishments.



October 3 - Thursday



Day 7 - KyotoStart your day with breakfast at the hotel. The day is yours to explore Kyoto.



October 4 - Friday



Day 8 - Hiroshima

Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 10:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign.

After breakfast you will transfer to Kyoto Station with your guide by subway and board the bullet train to Hiroshima (Ordinary class bullet train tickets included).

TRAIN SCHEDULE: 1102-1242 KYOTO - HIROSHIMA SHINKANSEN NOZOMI #63

Upon arrival, meet your local guide at TRAIN EXIT (on the platform) and transfer to your hotel by tram. Free for leisure in the afternoon.

Hotel Kuretakeso

Hiroshima-otemachi 3 Chome-7-3 Otemachi, Naka Ward,

Hiroshima, 730-0051,

Japan Tel: (+81) 82-241-5511

Set in Hiroshima, Hotel Kuretakeso Hiroshima Otemachi is located a 1-minute walk from Chuden-Mae Station. The hotel is also a 12-minute walk away from Atomic Bomb Dome and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Free WiFi is available throughout the property. International Conference Center Hiroshima is less than 1 km from Hotel Kuretakeso Hiroshima Otemachi, while Hiroshima Museum of Arts is a 17-minute walk from the property. Hiroshima Airport is a 60-minute drive away.









October 5 - Saturday



Day 9 - Miyajima and Hiroshima Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 9:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign.

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel then, we visit Miyajima Island and its most famous landmark – Itsukushima Shrine. Cunningly built to stand partly out into Hiroshima Bay, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is most famous for its "floating" torii shrine gate, which appears to hover over the water at high tide. The view through the gate at high tide is considered one of the "Three Scenic Views of Japan".

Then, we visit the austere, stately Peace Memorial Park, which is by far the most significant feature of Hiroshima. The Peace Park consists of the Peace Memorial Museum, an awe-inspiring Cenotaph for the victims, and other small monuments. The Museum, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Kenzo Tange, details the history of Hiroshima leading up to the day of detonation, the events of the day, and the suffering that resulted from it. It ends in a hope for a peaceful world, free of nuclear weapons.







October 6 - Sunday



Day 10- Osaka

Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 10:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign.

Notes: We will courier your big baggage from Hiroshima to your hotel in Osaka (included for up to one piece of baggage per person). Please pack your essentials for 1 night in a small bag to carry with you.

After breakfast transfer to Hiroshima Station with the guide by tram and board the bullet train to Osaka (Ordinary class bullet train tickets included).

TRAIN SCHEDULE: 1103-1228 HIROSHIMA - SHIN-OSAKA SHINKANSEN NOZOMI #92

Upon arrival, meet your local guide at the TRAIN EXIT (on the platform) and transfer to your hotel by subway. Free for leisure in the afternoon.

Hotel Keihan Temmabashi

1 Chome-2-10 Tanimachi, Chuo Ward,

Osaka, 540-0012,

Japan Tel: (+81) 6-6945-0321

Hotel Keihan Tenmabashi is 200 metres from Tenmabashi Subway Station. Guests stay in air-conditioned rooms with a flat-screen TV, a fridge and a bathtub. The hotel has massage services. Free WiFi is available throughout the property. Osaka Castle is 1.5 km from the hotel, and Universal Studios Japan is a 30-minute drive. The Umeda area is a 12-minute train ride from the nearby Tenmabashi Station.









October 7 - Monday



Day 11 - Universal Studios

Meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby at 9:00 AM with "All Japan Tours" as the sign.

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel then, train & subway with private guide to visit the exciting worlds and characters found in various films from Universal Studios (and other studio partners) at the Universal Studios Japan theme park. There are regions and/or attractions connected to popular film, anime, and game franchises, including Harry Potter, Minions, Super Mario, Jaws, Spiderman, and more.







October 8 - Tuesday



Day 12 In Japan

After breakfast, your tour officially ends when you will be transferred to the airport to start your journey home.

Departing at 09:10AM on CX 597.



DEPARTURE 9:01 AM - Japan Standard Time

Depart from 関西国際空港 (Kansai International Airport - KIX/RJBB)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL GATE Cathay Pacific CX 597 1 19



関西国際空港 (Kansai International Airport - KIX/RJBB)

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ARRIVAL 11:48 AM - Hong Kong Standard Time

Arrive at Hong Kong International Airport 香港國際機場 (HKG)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL

Cathay Pacific CX 597 1



Hong Kong International Airport 香港國際機場 (HKG)

1 Cheong Hong Rd., 香港, 香港

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DEPARTURE 2:43 PM - Hong Kong Standard Time

Depart from Hong Kong International Airport 香港國際機場 (HKG)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL GATE

Malaysia Airlines MH 73 1 60



Hong Kong International Airport 香港國際機場 (HKG)

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ARRIVAL 6:48 PM - Malaysia Time

Arrive at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL

Malaysia Airlines MH 73 1



Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL)

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DEPARTURE 9:23 PM - Malaysia Time

Depart from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL GATE
Malaysia Airlines MH 145 1 C27



Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL)

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ARRIVAL 12:25 PM - New Zealand Daylight Time **Arrive at Auckland International Airport (AKL)**

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER TERMINAL

Malaysia Airlines MH 145 I



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