

Tour Sample 2

10 Nights, Japan's Golden Route



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Quote Details

- Route to include: Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto & Hakone
- Accommodation: 10 nights (hotel 9 nights, ryokan 1 night)

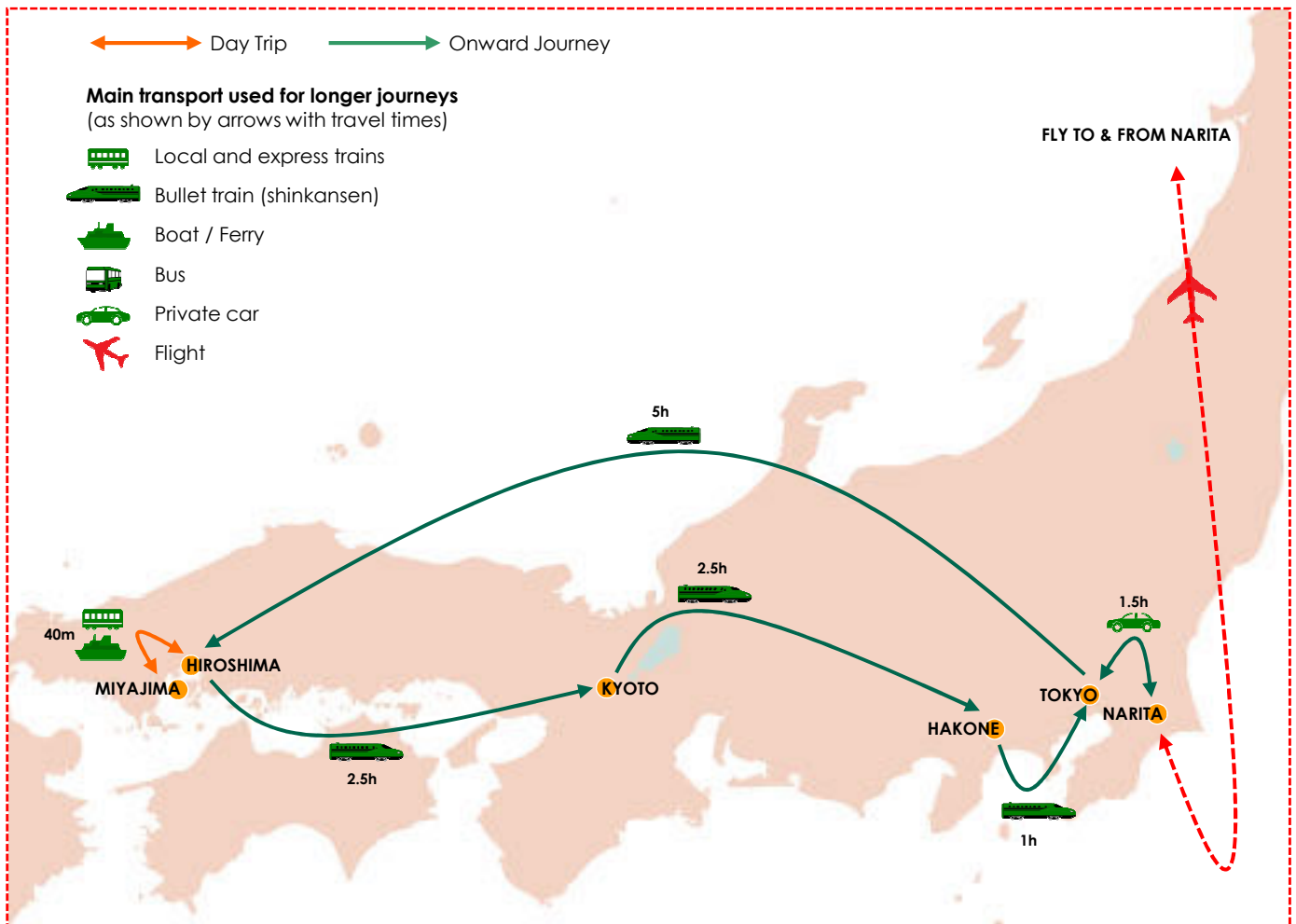
In a Nutshell

You'll be heading off for a 10 night tour of Japan, seeing many of the iconic sights and staying in some wonderful accommodation.

Your trip will be enhanced by private tours with knowledgeable local guides and you'll have the opportunity to stay in a ryokan with your own private hot spring bath on the balcony and travel on the famous Bullet trains.

You'll also enjoy a tour of the fascinating Tsukiji Market, which will end with a lunch of the freshest sushi and sashimi imaginable!

All in all, an amazing adventure awaits!





Tour Itinerary

Day	Suggested Schedule	Special Arrangements	Transport	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1 24th July Wed	ARRIVAL Your flight arrives at Narita International Airport. After clearing immigration, you'll be met and driven to your hotel in Tokyo. Following a chance to freshen up after your flight, to give you everything you need to travel confidently in Japan – from walking maps to phrase sheets to good advice – one of our Tokyo staff members will meet you in the lobby of your hotel for your orientation session.	Airport Meeting Orientation Airport to hotel by private car	Private car	Mandarin Oriental TOKYO Deluxe room	-
Day 2 25th July Thu	TOKYO Start the day with a tour of the fascinating Tsukiji Fish Market. Your tour will include both the Inner and Outer markets and will end with a lunch of the freshest sushi imaginable. After lunch you will enjoy a half day private tour, starting at nearby Hamarikyu Gardens, then on by waterbus along the Sumida River to Asakusa for the Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest and most important temple. End the day by exploring the electronics and gadgets paradise of Akihabara.	Tsukiji Market Small Group Tour Half-day private tour	Local transport	Mandarin Oriental TOKYO Deluxe room	BL
Day 3 26th July Fri	TOKYO After breakfast your guide will meet you and take you off for a half day private tour. Start at the Meiji-jingū (Tokyo's most important shrine), where we highly recommend the Inner Gardens. Strolling through the trendy nearby districts of Harajuku, Omotesando, and Shibuya makes an interesting contrast to the traditional shrine, and allows you to really get a taste of modern Tokyo. Spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring at your own pace.	Half-day private tour	Local transport	Mandarin Oriental TOKYO Deluxe room	B
Day 4 27th July Sat	TOKYO - HIROSHIMA Make your way to Tokyo station and set off west on the Bullet train to Hiroshima. Your guide will meet you on arrival and get you checked into your hotel, then you'll set out to visit the moving Peace Park and Memorial Dome. If time allows, we also recommend visiting Hiroshima Castle and the lovely Shukkeien Gardens.	Half-day private tour	Bullet train	Sheraton HIROSHIMA Deluxe King	B
Day 5 28th July Sun	HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA You'll be met after breakfast and taken off for a half day tour to the sacred island of Miyajima. You'll see Itsukushima Shrine and its famous 'floating' torii gate, the five-tiered Pagoda, and Daisho-in Temple. To finish take the cable car (or hike) to the peak of Mount Misen for stunning views across the island studded Inland Sea. Spend the afternoon exploring more of the island at leisure.	Half-day private tour	Local transport	Sheraton HIROSHIMA Deluxe King	B
Day 6 29th July Mon	HIROSHIMA – KYOTO After breakfast set off on the Bullet train to Kyoto. You'll be met on arrival and taken to see some of the famous sights in the North West of the city. You'll be visiting the iconic Golden Pavilion and Ryoanji Zen Garden before ending the day at nearby Ninnaji Temple, which houses one of Kyoto's loveliest gardens.	Half-day private tour	Bullet train	Hyatt Regency KYOTO Guestroom	B
Day 7 30th July Tue	KYOTO After breakfast, you will meet your guide and go to Gion, where you should be able to catch sight of some of Kyoto's apprentice geisha on their way to lessons. From there, you will be taken on to Yasaka-jinja Shrine and into Maruyama Park. The path will lead you past Kōdai-ji Temple and on to Kiyomizu Temple, which looks out over the city from the hillside. Spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring at your own pace.	Half-day private tour	Local transport	Hyatt Regency KYOTO Guestroom	B
Day 8 31st July Wed	KYOTO A day at leisure to explore at your own pace. We suggest visiting Nishiki Market, known as the 'kitchen of Kyoto' for its incredible array of local specialities. Also worth visiting is Nijo castle in the centre of Kyoto. It's the former home of the Shogun and famed for its lovely garden and 'nightingale' floors. In the west of Kyoto is Arashiyama and you may like to spend some time here exploring the beautiful bamboo groves. Alternatively, you may prefer to spend the day visiting nearby Nara, Japan's ancient capital and famous for Todaiji temple and its Great Buddha. From Nara you can return to Kyoto via Fushimi Inari shrine, noted for its stunning 'tunnels' of red torii gates.	-	Local transport	Hyatt Regency KYOTO Guestroom	B

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Day 9 1st August Thu	KYOTO - HAKONE Take the bullet train and connecting mountain train to Hakone in the hills surrounding Mount Fuji. Enjoy the onsen baths, peaceful views of the forested hills, and the spectacular kaiseki cuisine which is one of the main joys of ryokan accommodation. After checking in to your ryokan, we suggest that you spend the afternoon visiting the excellent Open Air Museum, which houses an impressive array of international art including over 300 works by Picasso alone..	Hakone Free Pass	Local transport, Bullet train	Setsugetsuka HAKONE Japanese style with outdoor hot spring bath	BD
Day 10 2nd August Fri	HAKONE – TOKYO After breakfast, set out to take the circular tour of the Hakone area, by mountain train, funicular railway, cable car, and boat. Weather permitting there are great views of Mount Fuji from the cable car and from Lake Ashi. In the afternoon, take the bullet train back to Tokyo and enjoy your last evening in Japan.	-	Local transport, Bullet train	Mandarin Oriental TOKYO Deluxe room	B
Day 11 3rd August Sat	DEPARTURE You will be transferred back to Narita airport for your flight home.	Hotel to airport by private car	Private car	-	B

Price Includes

- Standard class rail pass for 7 days
- Accommodation and meals as shown in itinerary
- Special arrangements as shown in itinerary (transfers, private tours, tickets, etc.)
- 6 Half day private tours
- All entry fees for private tours
- All transport for private tours (using taxis and public transport unless otherwise described)
- 24-hour telephone assistance in Japan
- Personalised information pack

Not Included

- Flights to and from Japan
- Meals not shown on schedule
- Transport not during private tours or covered by an included rail pass (unplanned rail trips, metro in Tokyo, taxis, etc.)
- Entrance fees (except during private tours)
- Additional beverages at Ryokan
- Incidental hotel fees (telephone, minibar, etc.)

