

Tour Sample 6

12 Nights, Highlights of Central Japan



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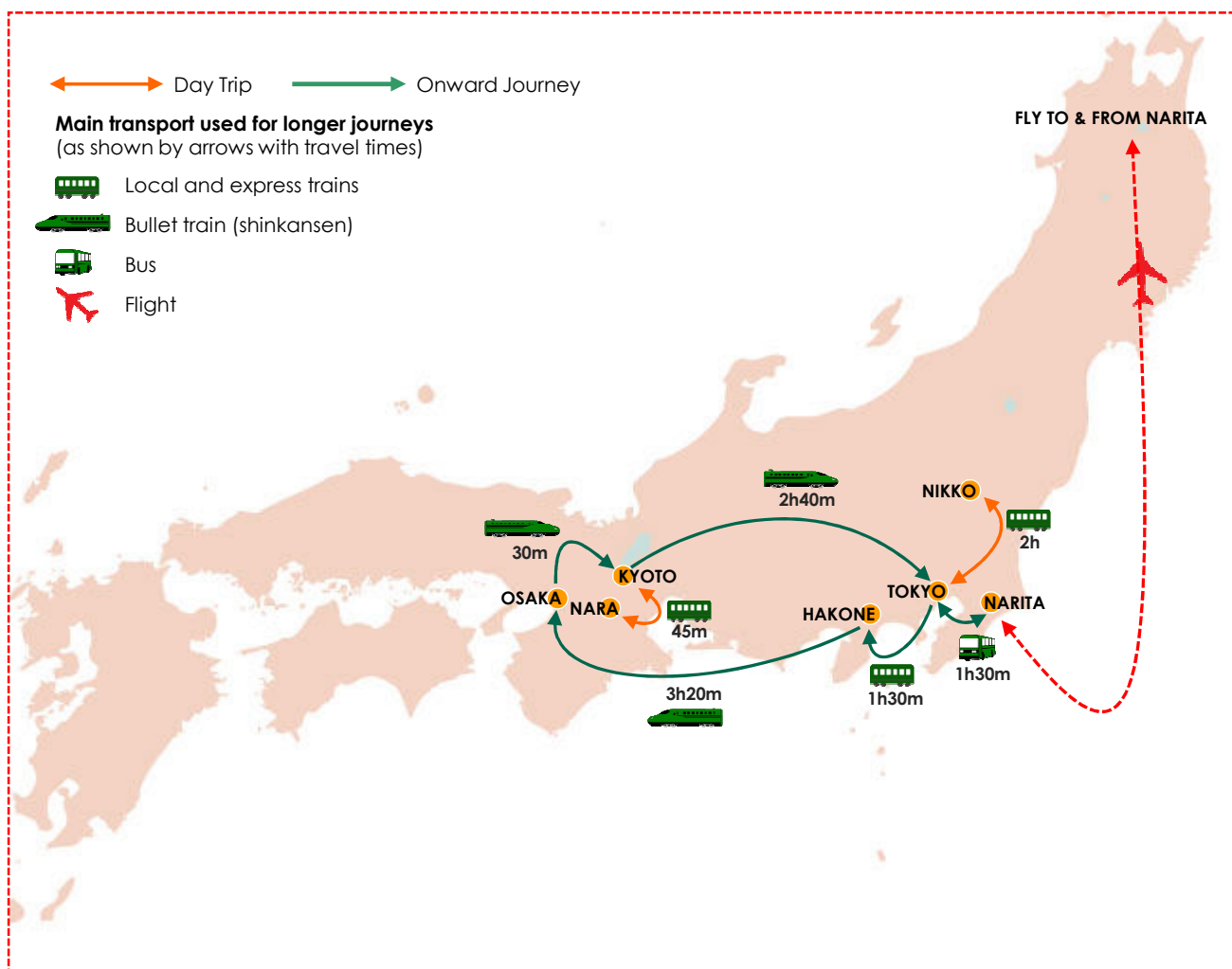
- **Route to include:** Tokyo, Nikko, Hakone, Osaka, Kyoto & Nara
- **Accommodation:** 12 nights (hotel 10 nights, ryokan 2 nights)

In a Nutshell

You'll be heading off for a 12 night tour of some of Japan's highlights.

You'll be visiting both Tokyo & Kyoto, allowing you to really get a feel for both the ancient and modern sides of this fascinating country.

You'll also be travelling on the amazing Bullet trains and will have the chance to experience traditional hospitality at its best by staying in a ryokan.





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Day	Suggested Schedule	Special Arrangements	Transport	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1 27th Feb Thu	ARRIVAL You will be met on arrival at Narita Airport and assisted to your hotel in Shinjuku by Limousine bus and taxi. 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 Airport to hotel by limousine bus with assistance Orientation	Limousine bus	Shinjuku Prince Hotel TOKYO Double Room 'B'	-
Day 2 28th Feb Fri	TOKYO Start the day with a visit to the Ghibli museum in western Tokyo (Mitaka station on the Chuo line) Spend the afternoon at the lush and quiet of Shinjuku Gyoen Gardens before venturing into the bustling Shinjuku Station area. Famous for shopping and nightlife, as well as unparalleled people watching, Shinjuku Station is the busiest station in the world, and is surrounded by department stores, restaurants, and <i>izakaya</i> .	Ghibli Museum Visit	Local transport	Shinjuku Prince Hotel TOKYO Double Room 'B'	B
Day 3 1st Mar Sat	NIKKO DAY TRIP Take a day trip north from Tokyo to Nikko. We recommend a visit to the intricately carved Tōshō-gū Shrine complex, and the Rinnō-ji Temple, which dates from the eight century and houses three important Buddhist deities. The Futarasan Shrine is the third of Nikkō's main sights.	Tobu World Heritage Pass	Train	Shinjuku Prince Hotel TOKYO Double Room 'B'	B
Day 4 2nd Mar Sun	TOKYO – HAKONE Take the train from Shinjuku to Hakone in the hills surrounding Mount Fuji. We suggest you visit the excellent Hakone Open Air Museum, which houses an impressive array of international sculpture. In the evening, settle down to some serious relaxation, and perhaps try one of the nearby public onsen baths – an amazingly relaxing experience once you've let the hot water soak away any initial shyness!	Hakone Free Pass	Train	Lalaca Ryokan HAKONE Japanese Style Room	B&D
Day 5 3rd Mar Mon	HAKONE 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 fascinating geothermic Great Boiling Valley and from Lake Ashi. If you're feeling energetic, the old cobbled Tōkaidō Road to Hakone-Yumoto can be walked in full in an afternoon, or you can choose to return across the lake.	Hakone Free Pass	Hakone transport	Lalaca Ryokan HAKONE Japanese Style Room	B&D
Day 6 4th Mar Tue	HAKONE – OSAKA Take the train to Odawara where you will board the bullet train for Osaka. After checking in to your hotel head out to the Dōtonbori entertainment district, where you can experience Osaka's famous food and entertainment culture.	Hakone Free Pass	Train, Bullet train	Cross Hotel OSAKA Double Room	B
Day 7 5th Mar Wed	OSAKA Spend a full day soaking up the atmosphere in Namba, Osaka's heart. Start at the downtown district of Sennichimae Doguyasuji, which specializes in fascinating restaurant equipment and accessories, before moving on to cosmopolitan Amerika-mura, with its busy and fashionable clothing stores.	-	Local transport	Cross Hotel OSAKA Double Room	B
Day 8 6th Mar Thu	OSAKA – KYOTO Take either the rapid or bullet train to Kyoto, Japan's old capital city. After checking in to your hotel take a visit to the famous Golden Pavilion, which has a lovely strolling garden, and then to Ryōan-ji for Japan's most famous Zen garden.	-	Bullet train	Citadines Karasuma Hotel KYOTO Studio Double	B
Day 9 7th Mar Fri	KYOTO Start the day in Gion, where you should be able to catch sight of some of Kyoto's apprentice geisha on their way to lessons. From there, head on to Yasaka-jinja Shrine and into Maruyama Park, where the path will lead you past Kōdai-ji Temple and on to Kiyomizu Temple, which looks out over the city from the hillside. There is plenty to explore!	-	Local transport	Citadines Karasuma Hotel KYOTO Studio Double	B

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Day 10 8th Mar Sat	NARA DAY TRIP A day trip to Nara for the impressive giant bronze Buddha – Japan's largest – housed in the famous all-wood Tōdai-ji temple. Walk through Nara-kōen Park, which is home to very friendly local deer who will follow you hoping for tasty treats! The Kasuga Taisha Shrine, which dates from Nara's time as the capital of Japan, is also located in the park and is well worth a visit. We also recommend visiting the lovely Isui-en Strolling Gardens, where you can watch the carp and wander amongst the plum, cherry, and maple trees.	-	Train	Citadines Karasuma Hotel KYOTO Studio Double	B
Day 11 9th Mar Sun	KYOTO Start the day by strolling along the Philosopher's Path, which follows a cherry-lined canal for two miles between two of Kyoto's most significant temples, Ginkaku-ji and Nanzenji. In the west of Kyoto, Arashiyama is most famous for its bamboo groves and river bridge. While walking is an excellent option, you can also hire bicycles and explore further afield – Sagano is particularly delightful.	-	Local transport	Citadines Karasuma Hotel KYOTO Studio Double	B
Day 12 10th Mar Mon	KYOTO – TOKYO Take one last bullet train, to Tokyo, for your last night in Japan. As today is your last in Tokyo, we suggest you take the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping. We recommend the Ginza for unique souvenirs, Akihabara is great for electrical gadgets, and Kappa-bashi has all the kitchen goods you could want.	-	Bullet train	Shinjuku Prince Hotel TOKYO Double Room 'B'	B
Day 13 11th Mar Tue	DEPARTURE Take a short taxi ride to Shinjuku station and then the Limousine bus on to Narita International Airport for your flight home.	Hotel to Airport by limousine bus	Limousine bus	-	B

Price Includes

- Standard class rail pass for 7 days
- Accommodation and meals as shown
- Special services (transfers, private tours, tickets, etc. as shown)
- 24-hour telephone assistance in Japan
- Personalised information pack

Not Included:

- Flights to and from Japan
- Meals not shown on schedule
- Local transport (unscheduled trips on private railways, metro in Tokyo, etc.)
- Entrance fees (except those covered under 'special arrangements')
- Additional beverages at Ryokan
- Incidental hotel fees (telephone, minibar, etc.)