

15 Days Itinerary

Sample Itinerary: 14-Night Golden Route

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Orientation
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| Day 2 | Full-day private tour of Tokyo with local transport
Evening at leisure in Tokyo |
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Transfer · Private car to station
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Day 11	Day at leisure in Kyoto
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Day 1

Airport meeting

After clearing immigration, you will be met by a member of staff and escorted to your private car.

Transfer · Private car to hotel

Departure Location
Airport

Arrival Location
Prince Gallery Hotel

Notes

You will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo by private car.



Orientation

In order for your holiday to be as enjoyable and stress-free as possible, we have included a private and personalised orientation session, where you will be given everything you need to travel confidently in Japan.

One of our English-speaking staff members will meet you in the lobby of your hotel and will go through your itinerary with you, day by day, and answer any questions you may have. You'll also receive your "welcome pack" of additional information, such as tourist maps of each destination, suggested walking routes, and detailed information on any special activities you may have booked, as well as a Japanese phrase sheet, which should help you travel in Japan more easily!



The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho

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3:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

4 Nights

Kioicho is a town embraced in luscious greenery and a rich history, where Japanese traditions and Western culture intertwine. It's here, in Tokyo's most dignified neighbourhood, that The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho welcomes guests. It is a hotel that marries lush nature and artistic designs with cutting-edge functions in a sophisticated manner, accompanied by the top floor views as magnificent as paintings. The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho offers a personalised environment like never before, delivering comfort that's customised to the needs of each guest in an exquisite atmosphere via the latest and seamless services.

Room Selection

Room Category

Club Deluxe King

Room Description

42 sqm. Ample natural light from oversized windows and a refined palette of gold, orange, umber, and cream underscore the space's sleek but inviting ambience. Crowned by a cream leather headboard, the plump bed invites you to take in a favourite program on the 55-inch 4K-resolution television. King Club Rooms boast a generous cushioned window seat, with glass side table, overlooking the city. A contemporary wood writing desk and chair provide an ideal space for work or study. Separated by glass doors and encased in grey marble, the bathroom extends the space's open atmosphere. A glass-enclosed wet room features a deep soaking bathtub as well as a rainforest shower with handheld wand and bench. Plush robes and signature Luxury Collection bath amenities elevate the experience. Guests of our Club Rooms enjoy access to our Club Lounge.

- Breakfast included

Day 2



Full-day private tour of Tokyo with local transport

Spend the day exploring some of Tokyo's highlights with your guide.

Start your day at the Hamarikyu Garden. Located right by Tokyo Bay, it features tidal seawater ponds, as well as a tea house on an island, where visitors can take a rest and enjoy the scenery. The traditionally styled garden stands in stark contrast to the skyscrapers of the next door Shiodome district. From there you can take a boat along the Sumida River to Asakusa to see Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest and most famous Buddhist temple.

From Asakusa head to Kappabashi, Tokyo's restaurant-supply district, a wonderful area for souvenir shopping for all things cooking-related. Convincingly realistic plastic replicas of Japanese foods, the likes of which you may have seen displayed in restaurant windows, can also be found here.

- Guided
- Transport: Local transport



Evening at leisure in Tokyo

If you are still feeling energetic this evening, we suggest a visit to Tokyo Skytree, one of the tallest structures in the world. From the top you can enjoy stunning views of the metropolis below as the day turns into night.

- Unguided

Day 3



Half-day private tour of Tokyo with local transport

Spend this morning exploring Tokyo with your guide.

Start your day at Meiji Jingu, Tokyo's most important shrine, situated in a large, forest-area in amongst the bustling city. From here you'll venture over to the trendy nearby districts of Harajuku and Omotesando: the former is the centre of Japanese teen culture, bursting with life, and the latter boasts more buildings by great modern architects than anywhere else.

- Guided
- Transport: Local transport



Afternoon at leisure in Tokyo

Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Perhaps explore Shibuya, one of Tokyo's busiest, most colourful districts, and home to the famous 'Shibuya Crossing.' The area has many great arcades where you can try Japanese-style games and make some memories in the amazing 'purikura' photo booths.

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 izakaya. You could then end the day trying out one of the most famous Japanese pastimes, karaoke. There is no shortage of karaoke venues in the city, and it's easy to simply walk in and request a private room to sing the night away!

- Unguided

Day 4



Activity: Ninja & Samurai Dual Experience

Today you will enjoy a workshop in Ninjutsu with members of a genuine ninja clan who can trace their roots back to 1583. During the session you will learn about some of the history of Ninjas and also the spiritual side of Ninja, including meditation and ancestor veneration. You will also have the chance to study and handle a variety of distinctive Ninja weapons, and practice Ninja techniques such as stealthy steps.

Then, change into your Hakama outfit for the Samurai session, in which you will have a sword experience, and learn about the concept of the 'inner eye.'

- Unguided
- Duration: Approx. 2 hrs



Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Begin by enjoying a stroll around the Imperial Palace Gardens. The East Gardens - the only part of the palace generally open to the public - is both large and varied. As it is famous for cherry blossoms, azalea, irises and pine, it is lovely at any season.

Then head to the next door Ginza area, renowned for its upmarket shopping and dining, as well as for being an entertainment district. Here you'll find numerous department stores, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, night clubs and cafes. There are many notable stores in the area. For department stores, we recommend Matsuya, which also houses an exhibition floor; or Mitsukoshi, whose history dates back to 1673. Tokyu Plaza Ginza offers tourists tax-free shopping, and also boasts an open-air roof top, which offers great views over the city.

As the day turns into evening, head to nearby Akihabara, also known as Akiba, a district that is famous for its many electronics shops. In more recent years, Akihabara has gained recognition as the centre of Japan's otaku (diehard fan) culture, and many shops and establishments devoted to anime and manga are now dispersed among the electronic stores in the district. In the evening the area is buzzing with people and many of the stores are open well into the later hours. Here is a great place to grab some food as there are plenty of options to choose from!

- Unguided

Day 5

Same-day luggage transfer: Tokyo - Hakone

To allow you to travel comfortably, your luggage will be sent on to Hakone ahead of you. Take your luggage to the hotel reception by 07:30 this morning, and it will be delivered to your next hotel by 19:00.

Transfer · Private car to station

Departure Location
Prince Gallery Hotel

Arrival Location
Tokyo Station

Notes

- This morning you will be transferred to the station by private car ready to board your train to Hakone.

Rail · Ticket: Tokyo Station to Odawara Station

Departure Location

Tokyo Station

Arrival Location

Odawara Station

Train Type

Japan Rail Shinkansen

Notes

- Green (First) Class tickets.
- Take the bullet train to Odawara Station in Hakone.



Half-day private tour of Hakone with private car

Your guide for the afternoon will meet you on arrival at the station. First, head to the Open Air Museum, which houses an impressive array of international art and sculpture, including over 300 works by Picasso alone. Hakone offers more for art lovers and the Pola Museum of Art in nearby Sengokuhara features a wide range of artworks by both Japanese and Western artists, set in a forest of 300 year old beech trees and housed in a glass and concrete construction designed to blend in with the surrounding nature.

- Guided
- Transport: Private car



Hakone Byakudan

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3:00 PM

Check In

11:00 AM

Check Out

2 Nights

The embodiment of beautiful Japanese tradition, Byakudan lives up to its name, enticing and inspiring guests with the use and delicate scent of byakudan (which translates as “white sandalwood”).

Enjoy this stylish and serene hot-spring hotel with fine Japanese cuisine which uses freshly sourced seasonal ingredients.

The ryokan has 16 rooms, all featuring private baths, and stunning views over the mountains, and is conveniently located only 2km from Kowakidani Station and 3km from the Hakone Open-Air Museum.

Room Selection

Room Category

Jin

Room Description

With the largest open-air bath in Byakudan, we offer the room featuring delicate but daring Japanese style decoration and the bedroom with our hospitality in its every aspect. The rooms are equipped with large sofas for the ultimate relaxation, and the decks are also equipped with relaxing sofas, chairs, and loungers. From the edge of the deck you can view the slope of Mt. Nyoigatake for Daimonji-yaki and Sagami Bay in the background, and this relaxing 110 square meter suite type room is the largest in Byakudan.

- Breakfast and dinner included

Day 6



Full-day private tour of Hakone with local transport

Spend today exploring with your guide. Set out on 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. If you're feeling energetic, the old cobbled Tokaido Road to Hakone-Yumoto can be walked in full in an afternoon, or you can choose to return by boat across the lake.

- Guided
- Transport: Local transport

Day 7

Same-day luggage transfer: Hakone - Kyoto

To allow you to travel comfortably, your luggage will be sent on to Kyoto ahead of you. Take your luggage to the hotel reception by 07:30 this morning, and it will be delivered to your next hotel by 19:00.

Transfer · Private car to station

Departure Location
Byakudan

Arrival Location
Odawara Station

Notes

- This morning you will be transferred back to Odawara Station ready to board your train to Kyoto.

Rail · Ticket: Odawara Station to Kyoto Station

Departure Location
Odawara Station

Arrival Location
Kyoto Station

Train Type
Japan Rail Shinkansen

Notes

- Green (First) Class tickets.
- Take the bullet train to Kyoto.



Half-day private tour of Kyoto with local transport

Accompanied by your guide, who will meet you on arrival, begin your afternoon at Kiyomizu temple, which looks out over the city from the hillside. From there, continue down the slope, past Kodai-ji temple to Yasaka-jinja Shrine and into Maruyama Park. Finish your tour in Gion where you can often catch a glimpse of Kyoto's apprentice Geisha on their way to their evening appointments.

- Guided
- Transport: Local transport



Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto
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3:00 PM
Check In

12:00 PM
Check Out

5 Nights

Opened in late 2016 in the scenic temple district of Eastern Kyoto, the Four Seasons Kyoto is one of the city's most luxurious hotels. Centred around an 800-year old ikeniwa (pool garden), the hotel offers guests a tranquil atmosphere in which to relax.

Room Selection

Room Category

Premier Room - Garden View

Room Description

Showcasing floor-to-ceiling views of the Shakusuien Pond Garden, our Garden-View Rooms provide access to the breathtaking “four seasons” beauty of Kyoto throughout the whole year. Witness the changing colours of the trees, the vibrant summer flowers or the snow-kissed winter landscape from your sitting room, which features a sofa, coffee table and marble-topped desk.

Building off traditional minimalist Japanese design, the bedroom’s relaxing interiors feature clean lines with little clutter. In the bathroom, a deep soaking tub sits below a window that looks out into the bedroom for natural light. Deluxe Garden-View Rooms make your stay in Kyoto effortless with convenient technological touches, including remote-controlled curtains, an iPad to access Hotel services, and a 140-centimetre (55-inch) flat-screen TV in the living area as well as an in-mirror TV in the bathroom.

- Breakfast included

Day 8



Full-day private tour of Kyoto with private car

With your guide, spend the day seeing some of the highlights of Kyoto.

Start the day by visiting some of the iconic sights in the North West of the city. You'll be seeing the stunning Golden Pavilion and Ryoan-ji Zen Garden before visiting the nearby Ninna-ji Temple, which houses one of Kyoto's loveliest gardens.

Spend the afternoon exploring Arashiyama, an area in the West of the city. The famous bridge here has been depicted for centuries in woodblock paintings. The area has an old-timey atmosphere, and is a popular spot for kimono wearing in the Spring and Autumn.

The area is also famous for its bamboo grove, located right by the stunning UNESCO Tenryu-ji Temple. It is here that you can see the picture-postcard view of the green towers of bamboo swaying in the breeze.

- Guided
- Transport: Private car



Activity: Tea ceremony with kimono session and traditional lunch

Make your way to a traditional machiya townhouse, where you will first have a tour of the machiya before being dressed in kimono for your Tea Ceremony, perhaps the most enigmatic of the traditional arts. This will be followed by a light, Kyoto style lunch.

- Unguided
- Approx. 2 hrs duration
- Light lunch included



Afternoon at leisure in Kyoto

Spend the afternoon exploring independently at leisure. We suggest a visit to nearby Nishiki Market, a long, narrow covered street packed with shops selling local specialities which is sometimes referred to as Kyoto's kitchen. Barrels of fresh and pickled vegetables spill out into the street, and the air is fragrant with the savoury smell of grilling *sembei* crackers and steaming fish dumplings. Many of the shops offer free samples, and the Nishiki Market is a wonderful way to stock up on very Japanese picnic supplies for lunch.

Next, we recommend heading to Nishijin Textile Centre, where you can learn about the fascinating process behind the manufacturing of the kimono. In addition, there are daily kimono shows, displaying the beauty and potential of this beautiful garment.

Perhaps finish your day with a visit to the nearby Nijo Castle, UNESCO Site and former home of the Shogun. On exploring the beautifully decorated interior, you can walk on the 'nightingale floors', so-called because the design of the floorboards causes them to squeak when stepped upon - almost like a chirp. End your visit with a stroll around the lush gardens.

- Unguided

Day 10

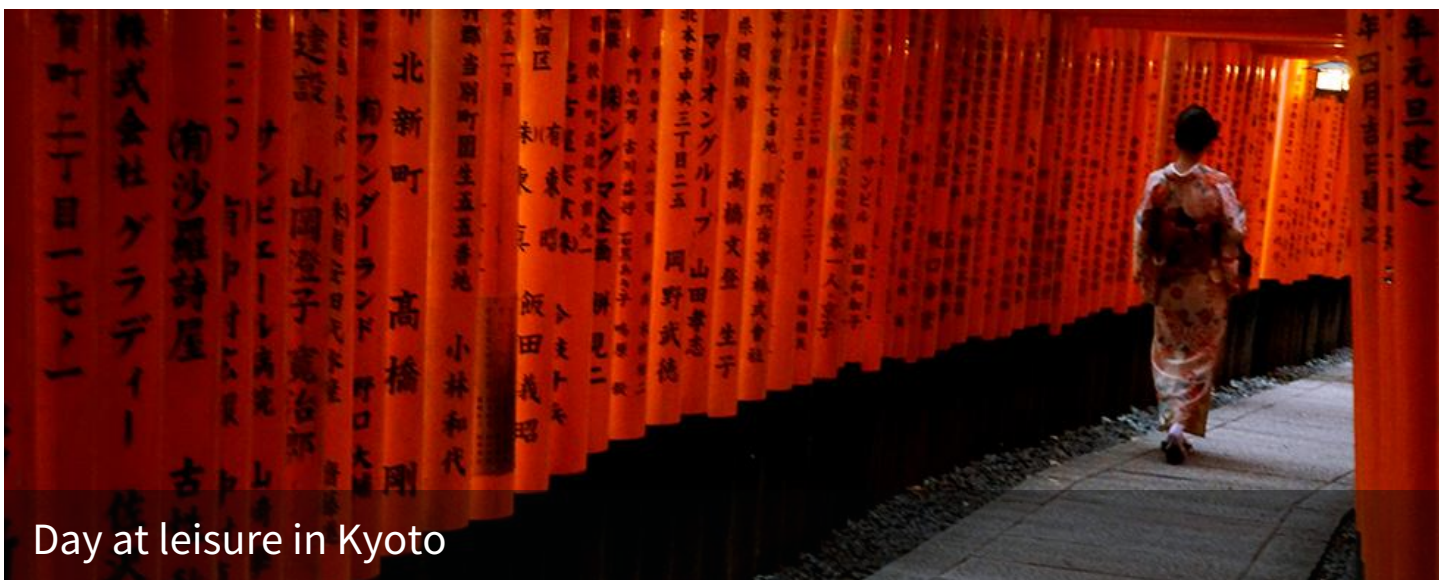


Day at leisure in Nara

Spend the day exploring independently at leisure. We suggest visiting Nara - a great place to escape from modern Japan. See the impressive giant bronze Buddha - Japan's largest - housed in the famous all-wood Todai-ji temple. Then enjoy a walk through Nara-koen 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. Spend the afternoon enjoying the particularly beautiful Isuien, a very pretty Japanese garden close to Todai-ji Temple which dates back to the mid 17th century.

- Unguided

Day 11



Day at leisure in Kyoto

Spend the day exploring independently at leisure.

We recommend enjoying a stroll along the Philosopher's Path which follows a tree-lined canal for two miles between two of Kyoto's most significant temples, Ginkaku-ji and Nanzen-ji Temple. There are many other lovely (and less frequented) temples and peaceful Zen gardens just off the path, ready for you to discover.

End the day with a visit to Fushimi Inari Shrine, most noted for its 'tunnels' of red torii gates leading up the hill behind the main shrine. This is a perfect place to stretch your legs and work up an appetite for Kyoto's famous cuisine!

- Unguided

Day 12

Overnight luggage transfer: Kyoto - Osaka

To allow you to travel comfortably your luggage will be sent from Kyoto to Osaka overnight. We suggest packing a small overnight bag as you will be without the bulk of your luggage for your stay in Hiroshima.

Transfer · Private car to station

Departure Location

Four Seasons Kyoto

Arrival Location

Kyoto Station

Notes

- This morning you will be transferred to Kyoto Station by private car.

Rail · Ticket: Kyoto Station to Hiroshima Station

Departure Location

Kyoto Station

Arrival Location

Hiroshima Station

Train Type

Japan Rail Shinkansen

Notes

- Green (First) Class tickets.
- Take the bullet train to Hiroshima.



Half-day private tour of Hiroshima with private car

Your guide and driver will meet you on arrival and take you for your half-day private tour.

Visit Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Museum. This is likely to be most moving part of your holiday to Japan. The spacious park is full of memorials dedicated to those who lost their lives on August the 6th 1945, as well as those who later succumbed to diseases, and is also home to the famous Atomic Bomb Dome. The paper cranes found everywhere represent solidarity with these victims and an on-going prayer for world peace. The Peace Memorial Museum is in two buildings within the park, and while visiting it can be an upsetting and unsettling experience for many, it should not be missed.

At the end of your visit you will be transferred to your accommodation on the island of Miyajima. This journey will involve a short ferry crossing.

- Guided
- Transport: Private car



Kurayado Iroha Ryokan

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4:00 PM

Check In

11:00 AM

Check Out

2 Nights

Kurayado Iroha ryokan faces the Seto Inland Sea. The charming ryokan offers superb ocean views from its large windows, and the spacious rooms (a mix of Japanese and contemporary styles) give a sense of calm and cosiness.

There is an open air bath located on the roof of the building from where guests can enjoy a panoramic view over the sea and the Island of Honshu.

Room Selection

Room Category

Ocean View Room

Room Description

Enjoy breath-taking views of the Seto Inland Sea, the floating torii gate and the sky. You might be especially enchanted with the scenery of the sunset of Miyajima Strait. The spacious 55-square-meter room is designed in the traditional taste of Japan but is also equipped with contemporary facilities.

The room offers high-speed internet, a deep soaking tub, a coffee machine and two beds with plush down duvets and smooth cotton linens.

- Breakfast and dinner included



Day at leisure on Miyajima

Today spend some time exploring the sacred island of Miyajima, which is lovely to visit at any season.

See Itsukushima Shrine and its famous 'Floating' Torii, the 5 Tier Pagoda and Daisho-in Temple. Cable car to the peak of Mt Misen for stunning views across the island studded Inland Sea. Deer are traditionally believed to be messengers of the gods and wander the island freely.

- Unguided

Day 14

Transfer · Private car to station

Departure Location
Kurayado Iroha

Arrival Location
Hiroshima Station

Notes

- This morning you will be transferred back to Hiroshima Station by private car. This journey involves a ferry crossing.

Rail · Ticket: Hiroshima Station to Shin-Osaka Station

Departure Location
Hiroshima Station

Arrival Location
Shin-Osaka Station

Train Type
Japan Rail Shinkansen

Notes

- Green (First) Class tickets.
- Take the bullet train to Osaka.

Transfer · Private car to hotel

Departure Location
Shin-Osaka Station

Arrival Location
Conrad Osaka

Notes

- Upon arrival in Osaka, your driver will meet you and transfer you to your

hotel.

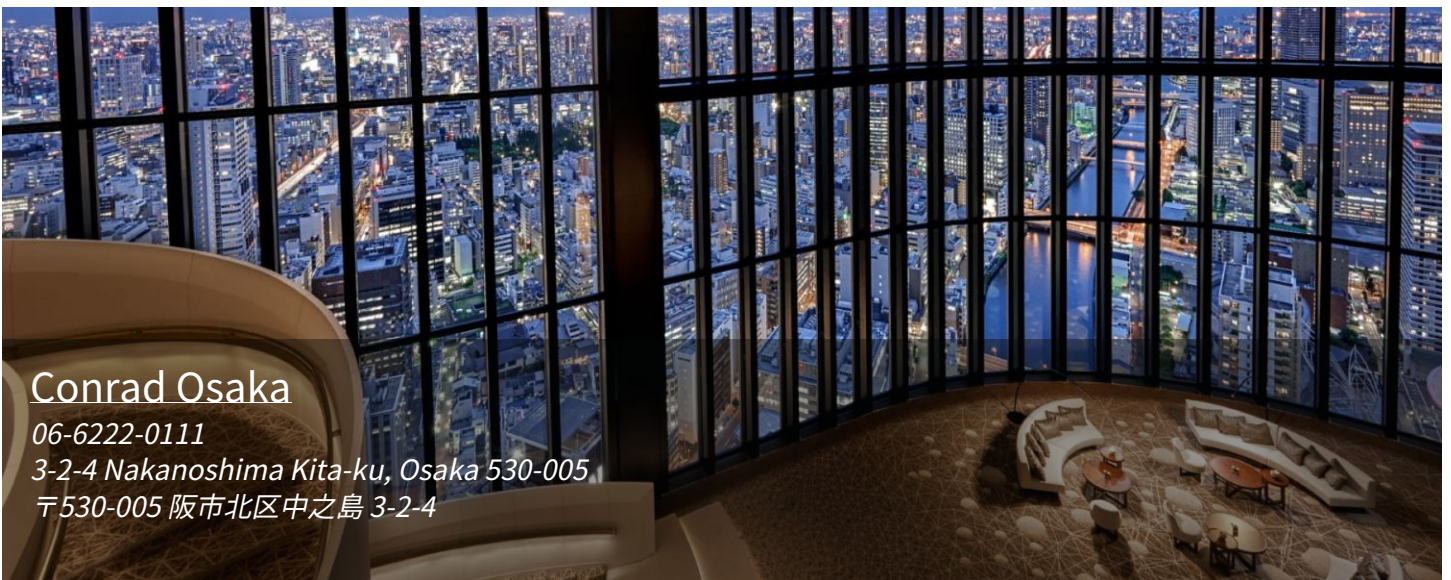


Afternoon at leisure in Osaka

Spend the afternoon exploring Osaka at leisure. We suggest strolling around the Kita area, where we recommend seeing the city from above by visiting the observatory at the Shin Umeda City Building, and below, in the underground shopping malls and arcades.

Later on, head on to the Dotonbori entertainment district, where you can experience Osaka's famous food and entertainment culture. Osaka is particularly famous for *okonomiyaki*, often referred to as a savoury Japanese pancake, which is definitely worth trying! Make sure to snap some pictures of the neon signs and huge adornments decorating the restaurants along the street, as well as the famous Glico Man sign!

- Unguided



Conrad Osaka

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3:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

1 Night

Conrad Osaka is located in the West tower of the Nakanoshima Festival complex which also houses an art museum a concert hall and a plethora of shopping and dining options. Nested from 33rd to 40th floor Conrad Osaka offers magnificent city views with stylish design and easy access for both business and leisure guests.

Room Selection

Room Category

Executive King Room

Room Description

This modern room, with traditional Japanese accents, offers more space and stunning views of the city and the river from floor-to-ceiling windows. Enjoy access to the Executive Lounge with a range of benefits including complimentary breakfast, afternoon tea, and evening cocktails.

Stay comfortable with the black-out curtains, inviting king bed, bathrobe and bath slippers. Refresh in the elegant five-point bathroom, with double vanities, bathtub and separate shower. Extra amenities include complimentary mineral water and newspaper.

- Breakfast included

Day 15

Transfer · Private car to airport

Departure Location

Conrad Osaka

Arrival Location

Kansai International Airport

Notes

- You will be transferred to KIX Airport by private car in good time for your flight home.