

# Tour Sample 1

7 Nights, Japan's Ancient & Modern capitals



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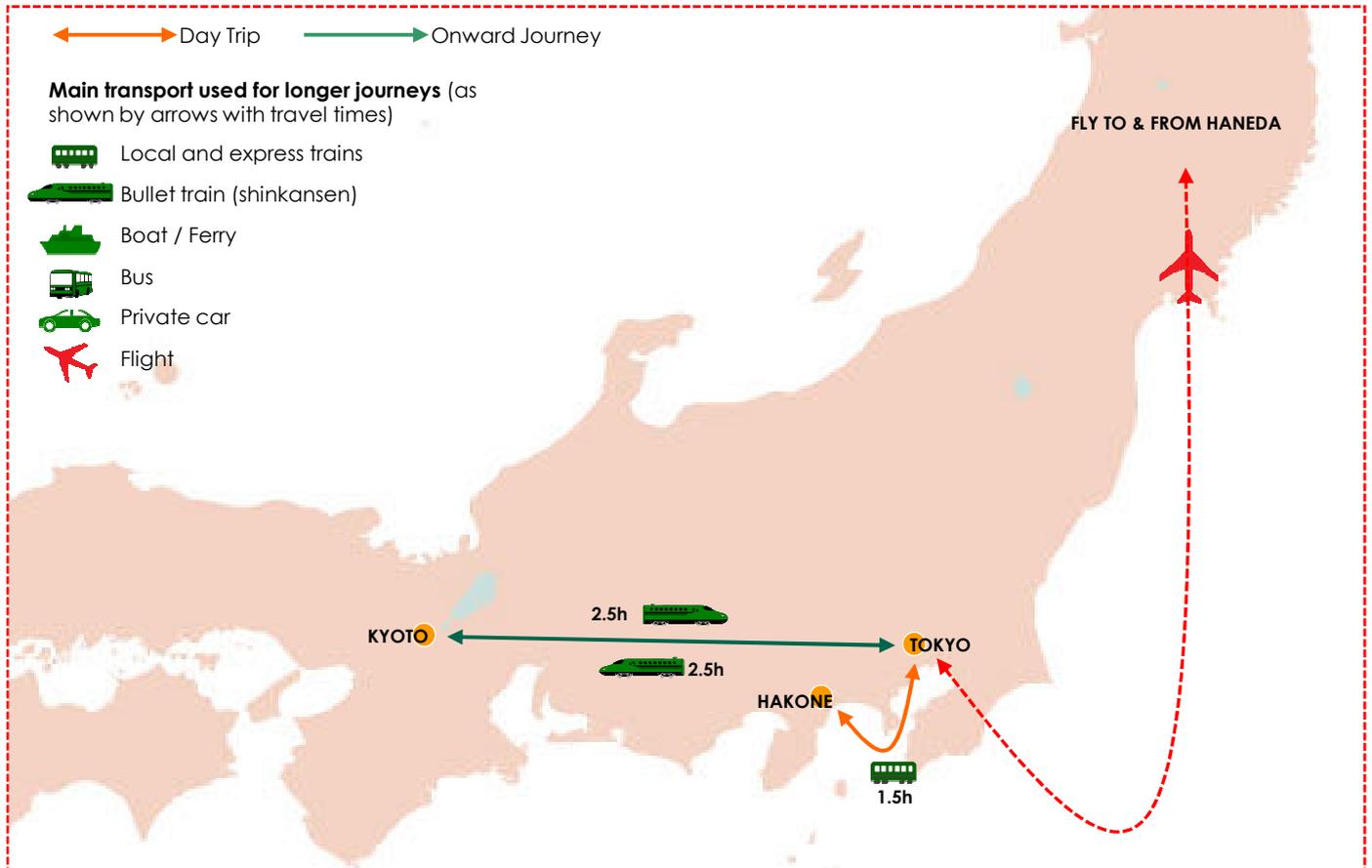
- Route to include: Tokyo & Kyoto
- Accommodation: 7 nights (hotel 6 nights, ryokan 1 night)

## In a Nutshell

After your international flight, begin your adventure with a four night stay in Tokyo, which includes modern districts such as Harajuku and Akihabara, but you'll also get off the beaten track a little and venture through the "shitamachi"; a part of the city where the glorious past of the Edo culture still lives on.

Travel on Japan's iconic Bullet Train to Kyoto the ex-capital of Japan, a marvellous cornucopia of Japanese culture, history and tradition to be explored.

You will spend one night amidst the elegant surroundings of a restored traditional ryokan. It is a lovely place to stroll around in the evening and work up an appetite for a sumptuous kaiseki meal, with dozens of tiny dishes beautifully served at the ryokan. After your overnight sojourn in Kyoto, you will return to Tokyo for another 2 nights, during which time you'll take a day trip to the hot springs resort of Hakone.





# Tour Itinerary

Day	Suggested Schedule	Special Arrangements	Transport	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1 18th July Thursday	Your flight AA135 is scheduled to land at 22:15 at Haneda International Airport. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel by private car.	Airport Meeting, Private car,	Private car	Grand Hyatt TOKYO Twin (42m2)	-
Day 2 19th July Friday	This morning one of our Tokyo staff members will meet you in the hotel lobby for your private orientation session to give you everything you need to travel confidently in Japan – from walking maps to phrase sheets to good advice. Later, you will be met by your guide for a private city tour. Start in Akihabara, the neon-filled electronics district. The shops selling adorable and often bizarre merchandise related to manga comics and anime cartoons also abound, and this is the land of maid cafés, where you can enjoy refreshments in the fawning company of waitresses dressed up as French maids or princesses. Then, enjoy walking through 'old' Tokyo around Nezu and Yanaka, once occupied by merchants, craftsmen, kabuki actors and other commoners. It was here that almost all of what we know as Edo culture the architecture, the music and the woodblock prints was created. Explore the narrow lanes of Yamanaka where one can still find the traditional wooden houses with their old tile roofs, open laundry platforms and sliding front gates. This evening enjoy a fabulous sushi dinner at Jiro Roppongi!	Orientation, Full day private tour	Local transport	Grand Hyatt TOKYO Twin (42m2)	B
Day 3 20th July Saturday	This morning, you will have a guided visit to the Tsukiji fish markets. Tsukiji is one of the most fascinating markets in the world, and though its popularity as a tourist destination is well deserved, the frenetic workings of the market remain a mystery to the majority of visitors. Your tour will allow you to experience the market and learn about this remarkable place first-hand and with expert explanation from your guide – one of only a handful of guides with in depth knowledge of Tokyo's central wholesale markets at Tsukiji. A lunch of the freshest sushi and sashimi imaginable is included. After the Tsukiji tour, explore the metropolis at your own pace. We recommend a boat up the Sumida River to Asakusa, the old-fashioned, bustling neighbourhood surrounding Senso-ji Tokyo's largest Buddhist Temple.	Tsukiji Market Small Group Tour	Local transport	Grand Hyatt TOKYO Twin (42m2)	BL
Day 4 21st July Sunday	Today, spend sometime 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. At the end of the day, we recommend going to 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 cafes, bars, restaurants and department stores.	-	Local transport	Grand Hyatt TOKYO Twin (42m2)	B
Day 5 22nd July Monday	Today you will take an early bullet train to Kyoto. On arrival at Kyoto station, you will be met by your half-day guide and visit some of Kyoto's highlights including a kimono shop for the beautiful fabrics. First you will move to a traditional machiya townhouse to experience the tea ceremony and kimono dress up. In the evening, transfer to the west of Kyoto to enjoy a tranquil stay, as well as Japanese hospitality with fantastic meals.	Bullet train tickets, Half-day private tour, Cultural experience	Bullet train, Local transport	Hoshinoya KYOTO Shizuku Japanese (60m2)	BD

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Day 6 23rd July Tuesday	<p>After breakfast, we recommend spending some time in the nearby Arashiyama area, which is most famous for its bamboo groves and river bridge. Later, make your way back to Kyoto station and return to Tokyo on the Bullet train.</p> <p>In Tokyo, a good place to spend some time this afternoon is the ultra modern Odaiba, known for its twinkling lights and wonderful shopping and entertainment. High on the list of activities here is the one hundred and fifteen metre Ferris wheel, which is one of the world's largest and an excellent way to look out over Tokyo. Also check out Sega Joypolis, one of Japan's largest game centres, the Museum of Science &amp; Emerging Innovation and Oedo Onsen, a hot springs theme park complex.</p>	Bullet train tickets	Bullet train, Local transport	Grand Hyatt TOKYO Twin (42m2)	B
Day 7 24th July Wednesday	<p>As today is your last day in Japan, why not taking the final day trip to Hakone in the hills surrounding Mount Fuji. 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.</p> <p>We recommend spending in the Hakone Open-air Museum of Contemporary Art where you can admire pieces of some of the world's giants in modern and contemporary art (Miro, Rodin, Moore, Picasso and others) against a background of mountains. We also highly recommend taking advantage of the hot spring foot bath to rejuvenate your tired feet there.</p> <p>For your final evening meal, perhaps try the fabulous Ninja Restaurant in Akasaka. It's a little expensive, but it's sure to make a delicious and memorable finale to your trip!</p>	Hakone Free Passes	Express train, Local transport	Grand Hyatt TOKYO Twin (42m2)	B
Day 8 25th July Thurs	You will need to leave fairly early to catch your flight today (due to depart at 6:55), so a private car has been arranged to pick you up from your hotel and take you directly to Haneda International.	Hotel to airport by private car	Private car	-	B

## Price Includes

- Accommodation and meals as shown in itinerary
- Special arrangements as shown in itinerary (transfers, private tours, tickets, etc.)
- 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.)

