

Tour Sample 5

12 Nights, Tokyo & Hakone with Okinawa beach resort



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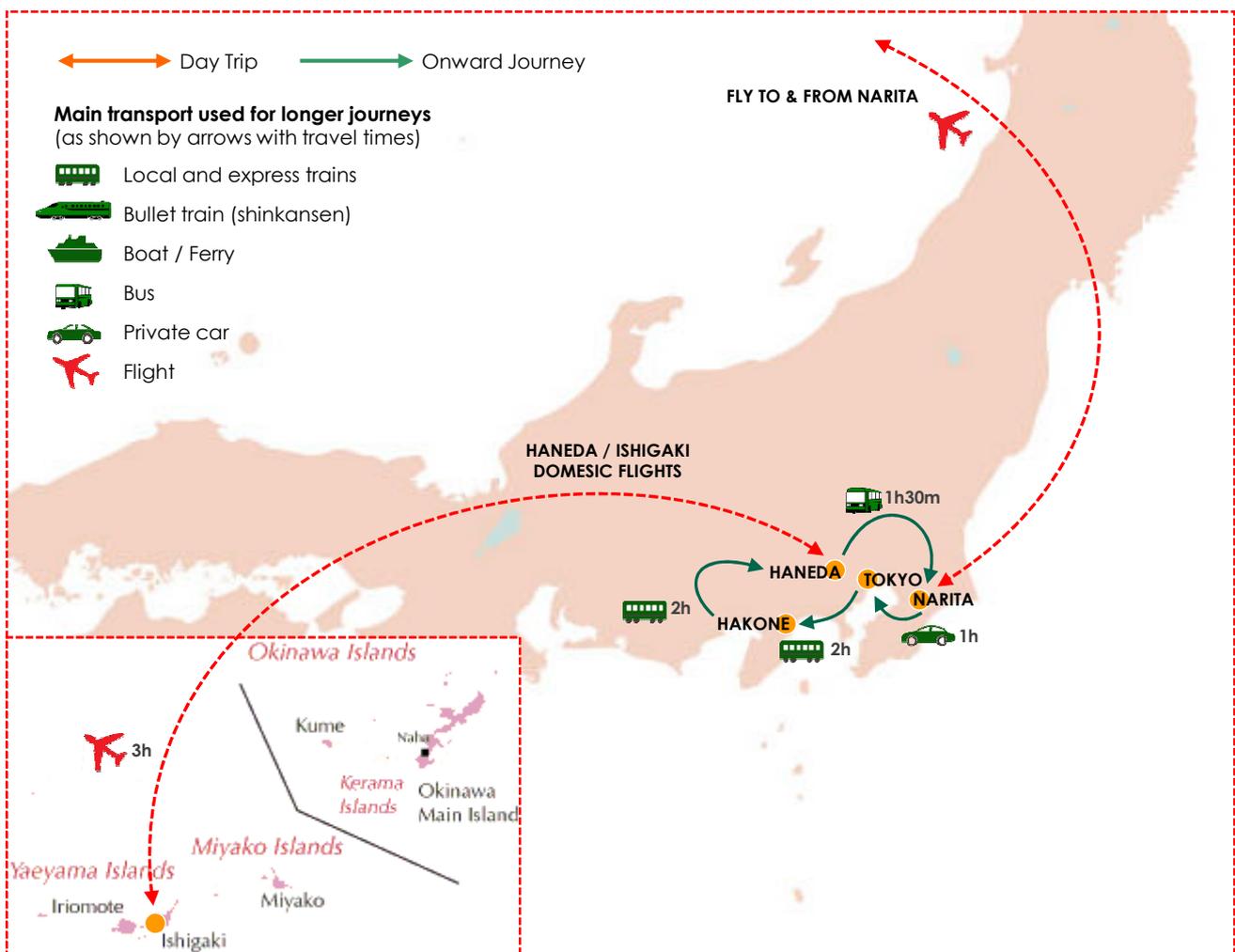
- **Route to include:** Tokyo, Hakone, Ishigaki
- **Accommodation:** 12 nights (hotel 5 nights, ryokan 7 nights)

In a Nutshell

You'll start in Tokyo, where among other things you will have a guided tour and sushi making session at the the bustling Tsukiji fish markets.

Next you will move on to Hakone in the hills surrounding Mount Fuji, where you can enjoy the beautiful outdoor environment in the daytime and the traditional luxury of a top-class Japanese ryokan in the evenings.

The last part of your trip will take you to Ishigaki island in Okinawa. Here you can relax in the tropical climate, enjoy the beaches and the beautiful blue sea, and learn a little about the unique local culture.





Tour Itinerary

Day	Suggested Schedule	Special Arrangements	Transport	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1 8th May Thu	<p>ARRIVAL (TOKYO) Your flight will arrive at Narita International (BA0005, 09:05). You will be met when you come out from customs, and then driven by private car directly to your hotel in Tokyo. After lunch a member of staff from our Tokyo office will meet you in your hotel lobby for your orientation session. This is a chance to ask questions, iron out any last minute issues, and exchange any necessary documents such as train tickets. Spend the rest of the day either relaxing after your flight or exploring Tokyo at your leisure.</p>	Airport meeting, Airport to hotel by private car, Orientation	International flight, Private car	Peninsula Hotel TOKYO Deluxe Park View Room	-
Day 2 9th May Fri	<p>TOKYO Start early today for a guided tour of the Tsukiji fish markets. You will be met by a Tsukiji representative after breakfast at your hotel, from where you can take a taxi to the markets for the tour's 09:00 start. Your tour will include both the Inner and Outer markets, and will end with a sushi making session where you will make your own lunch using some of the freshest fish imaginable. From there, stroll to nearby Hamarikyu Gardens, then take the 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 paradise of Akihabara.</p>	Tsukiji market tour with sushi making session	Local transport	Peninsula Hotel TOKYO Deluxe Park View Room	B
Day 3 10th May Sat	<p>TOKYO Take advantage of expert local knowledge with a full-day privately guided sightseeing tour of Tokyo's highlights. Start off by exploring the Imperial Palace East Gardens. The nearby Ginza has wonderful department stores and art galleries to visit, as well as some excellent upmarket cafés and restaurants. 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 izakaya.</p>	Full day private tour	Local transport	Peninsula Hotel TOKYO Deluxe Park View Room	B
Day 4 11th May Sun	<p>TOKYO Take today at your own pace, and do your own thing. As today is your last full day in Tokyo, you may want to 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.</p>	-	Local transport	Peninsula Hotel TOKYO Deluxe Park View Room	B
Day 5 12th May Mon	<p>TOKYO – HAKONE Take the train from Shinjuku station south-west, 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.</p>	Hakone Free Pass	Train	Ginyu Ryokan HAKONE "Sora" Room	B&D
Day 6 13th May Tue	<p>HAKONE 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. 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 by boat across the lake.</p>	Hakone Free Pass	Hakone transport	Ginyu Ryokan HAKONE "Sora" Room	B&D
Day 7 14th May Wed	<p>HAKONE By now you should have a decent grasp of the nearby landscape, so we suggest you pick up a map from your Ryokan and use this last day in Hakone to do some hiking and/or running in the local area. Hakone is crisscrossed with numerous walking trails and other paths, so you should have no problem finding something pleasant and interesting off the main tourist routes. Don't try to climb Mount Fuji though – it's further away and bigger than it looks!</p>	Hakone Free Pass	Local transport	Ginyu Ryokan HAKONE "Sora" Room	B&D

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Day 8 15th May Thu	HAKONE – ISHIGAKI You will be met at your ryokan this morning and will be taken by private car directly to Haneda airport in time for your domestic flight (JTA73, 14:15), which will take you south-west from the main Japanese islands to Ishigaki in Okinawa. You will be staying in one of the four villas at the newly opened (March 2013) Jusandi, a small but very luxurious resort on the north shore of Ishigaki with a beautiful private beach. Jusandi is 15 minutes from Ishigaki airport by taxi.	Hakone to Haneda by private car, Domestic flight to Ishigaki	Train, Bullet train, Domestic flight	Jusandi Villa ISHIGAKI 1 Bedroom Villa	B&D
Day 9 16th May Fri	ISHIGAKI Take the next three days on this island paradise to relax, enjoy the sun and the sea, and stretch your legs outdoors. There is a good selection of snorkelling, scuba diving and other water sports on offer – start by enquiring in reception at Jusandi, but don't be afraid to explore on your own too! In addition to its fantastic beaches, Ishigaki boasts various areas of breathtaking natural beauty. A guided kayak tour along the Fukido river (not far from Jusandi) is one way to see more, or you could head off independently and take advantage of the island's numerous walking trails. If you start to feel a bit isolated on the north coast, head to Ishigaki city on the south of the island. Here you will find a wider selection of restaurants and shops, and visiting places like the Yaeyama Museum or the Miyara Dunchi will give you a flavour of the local history and culture.	-	Local transport	Jusandi Villa ISHIGAKI 1 Bedroom Villa	B&D
Day 10 17th May Sat	ISHIGAKI <i>See Day 9 description.</i>	-	Local transport	Jusandi Villa ISHIGAKI 1 Bedroom Villa	B&D
Day 11 18th May Sun	ISHIGAKI <i>See Day 9 description.</i>	-	Local transport	Jusandi Villa ISHIGAKI 1 Bedroom Villa	B&D
Day 12 19th May Mon	ISHIGAKI – NARITA You will need a slightly early start to catch your flight back to Tokyo (JTA70, 10:35). After arrival at Haneda take the limousine airport bus over to Narita International. If you feel up to it in the afternoon, we highly recommend a stroll through the town to Narita's impressive temple. There are also some good craft shops for last minute shopping.	Domestic flight to Tokyo (Haneda), Haneda to Narita by limousine bus	Domestic flight, Limousine bus	Hilton Hotel NARITA Twin Room	B
Day 13 20th May Tue	DEPARTURE After an early breakfast take the 15-minute shuttle bus ride to the airport for your flight home (BA0006, 10:50).	-	International flight	-	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.)
- 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.)

