

Sample Tour 7

12 Nights, Highlights of Central Japan with skiing



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Quote Details

- **Route to include:** Tokyo, Kyoto, Takayama, Matsumoto & Naeba Ski Resort
- **Accommodation:** 12 nights (hotel 11 nights, ryokan 1 night)

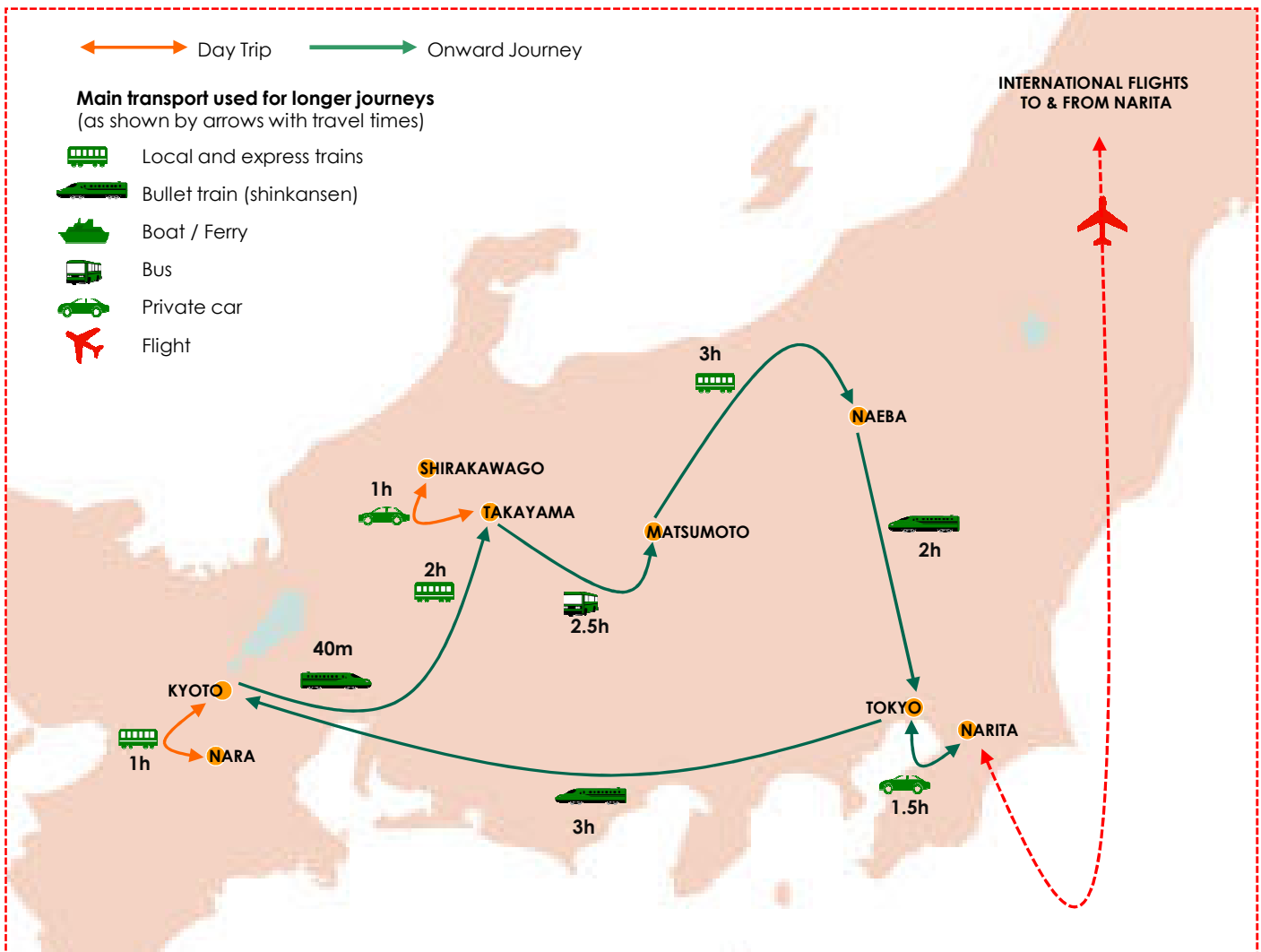
In a Nutshell

You'll be heading off for a 12 night trip to Japan, combining some of the country's cultural highlights with the chance to experience skiing, Japanese style!

Your trip will be enhanced by private tours with knowledgeable local guides and, includes a visit to Tsukiji Market, where you'll enjoy a sushi lesson and lunch of the freshest fish imaginable!

You'll be travelling on the famous Bullet trains and will have the chance to experience traditional Japanese hospitality with a stay in a ryokan.

All in all, an amazing adventure awaits!





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Day	Suggested Schedule	Special Arrangements	Transport	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	<p>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. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.</p>	Airport Meeting Orientation	Private car	Palace Hotel TOKYO Balcony King	-
Day 2	<p>TOKYO Start the day with a private tour of the fascinating Tsukiji Fish Market. Your tour will include both the Inner and Outer markets and will end with a private sushi lesson, then lunch of the freshest fish 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.</p>	Tsukiji Market Private Tour Half-day private tour	Local transport	Palace Hotel TOKYO Balcony King	BL
Day 3	<p>TOKYO - 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.</p>	Half-day private tour with private car	Bullet train Private car	Hyatt Regency KYOTO Deluxe room	B
Day 4	<p>KYOTO A day at leisure to explore at your own pace. We suggest starting the day at the nearby Sanjusangendo temple, which houses 1000 statues of the goddess Kannon. From there, head on to Gion, where you should be able to catch sight of some of Kyoto's apprentice geisha on their way to lessons. From Gion, continue 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.</p>	-	Local transport	Hyatt Regency KYOTO Deluxe room	B
Day 5	<p>KYOTO – NARA - KYOTO Take a day trip out of Kyoto to 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.</p>	-	Local trains	Hyatt Regency KYOTO Deluxe room	B
Day 6	<p>KYOTO – TAKAYAMA Set off on the Bullet train from Kyoto and head east to Nagoya, where you'll change to the Express train to Takayama. Check into your hotel then spend the afternoon exploring the charming old town. You'll see the San Machi Suji district of old merchants' houses and the many sake breweries, which are identified by the cedar balls hanging outside.</p>	-	Bullet train Express train	Hotel Associa TAKAYAMA Twin	B
Day 7	<p>TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWAGO – TAKAYAMA Your guide will meet you after breakfast and you will be taken off for a half day tour to see the beautifully preserved World Heritage site of Shirakawa-gō, famous for steeply thatched gasshō-zukuri houses. The largest village in the area is Ogimachi, which has a good look-out over the town. Many of the houses are open to the public as museums. Return to Takayama after lunch and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.</p>	Half-day private tour with private car	Private car	Hotel Associa TAKAYAMA Twin	B
Day 8	<p>TAKAYAMA – MATSUMOTO Set off by coach across the foothills of the Japan Alps to Matsumoto. On arrival, make your way to your ryokan to leave your cases, then set out to see the stunning castle – one of Japan's finest. Return to your ryokan to luxuriate in your own private hot spring bath then enjoy a truly sumptuous kaiseki dinner this evening.</p>	Coach to Matsumoto	Coach	Myojinkan MATSUMOTO Iyashi room with private hot spring bath	BD

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Day 9	MATSUMOTO – NAEBA Take the train to Echigo-Yuzawa, from where you'll continue to Naeba by shuttle bus. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the powder snow on the slopes.	Lift pass Half day skiwear & ski rental	Express train	Naeba Prince Hotel NAEBA Twin	B
Day 10	NAEBA Spend the day skiing.	Lift pass skiwear & ski rental	Local transport	Naeba Prince Hotel NAEBA Twin	B
Day 11	NAEBA Spend the day skiing.	Lift pass skiwear & ski rental	Local transport	Naeba Prince Hotel NAEBA Twin	B
Day 12	NAEBA – TOKYO Take the shuttle bus to Echigo-Yuzawa, then board the Bullet train back to Tokyo. Spend your final afternoon and evening at leisure.		Bullet train	Palace Hotel TOKYO Balcony King	B
Day 13	You will be transferred back to Narita Airport for your flight home.	Hotel to airport by private car	Private car	Palace Hotel TOKYO Balcony King	B

Price Includes

- Accommodation and meals as shown in itinerary
- Standard 14 day railpasses
- 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.)

