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BEAUTY OF JAPAN

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THE OFFER

A land of delicate beauty and centuries-old tradition, Japan is one of the world's most alluring travel destinations. From the neon jungle of Osaka to the serenity of Mount Fuji, this trip is a perfect introduction to the unique sights, sounds, flavours and culture of this exotic country.

Discover the very best of Japan on this 12 day package visiting Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima and so much more. Wander the scenic gardens of Osaka Castle; enjoy a boat ride to the island of Miyajima in Hiroshima; visit the famous Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion in Kyoto; shop 'til you drop in the dazzling Shinsaibashi district of Osaka; experience a taste of 17th-century Japan in Narai-juku village; explore the neon metropolis of Tokyo at leisure; and so much more! This dazzling 12 day package includes return flights, accommodation, meals, guides and more. If Japan has been sitting atop your bucket list for a while now, make this the year you finally tick it off.

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Australia - Osaka, Japan

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth for Osaka, Japan (via Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing or Vietnam). Fly with China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Air China or Vietnam Airlines to name a few (subject to availability).

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Arrive in Osaka

Upon arrival at Osaka Airport you will be greeted and transferred to the hotel. The second largest city in Japan, Osaka has the nickname 'Tenka no Daidokoro' (the Nation's Kitchen) thanks to its reputation as a gourmand's paradise, so be sure to try some local cuisine.

Overnight: Osaka Hotel

Meals included: None

Day 3 Osaka - Kurashiki - Fukuyama (approx. 235km day)

Today travel towards the city of Fukuyama. En-route, stop in a region known for its sake production just outside the city of Kobe, where you will visit the famous Hakutsuru Sake Brewery and learn how traditional Japanese Sake is made. Afterwards continue to the town of Kurashiki and visit the Bikan Historical Quarter. With its scenic canals lined with weeping willows, Edo-period gardens and historic merchant houses, the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter offers an authentic taste of old Japan in one of the oldest merchant towns. Travel on to Fukuyama and enjoy the night at leisure.

Overnight: Fukuyama Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Fukuyama - Hiroshima - Fukuyama (approx. 200km day)

After breakfast, travel to Miyajimaguchi and take a short cruise over to Miyajima Island, where you will see the famous

Itsukushima Shrine - a UNESCO World Heritage site that, at high tide, appears to be floating on water. After Miyajima, travel to Hiroshima. Here you will visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to take a stroll through the beautiful park, see the strings of paper cranes representing peace, and see the Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome), the only original structure left standing in the area. You will also visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, featuring exhibitions of items related to the atomic bomb and advocating for world peace and the abolishment of nuclear weapons. This afternoon transfer back to Fukuyama for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Fukuyama Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Fukuyama - Osaka (approx. 240km day)

This morning you will depart Fukuyama and journey back to Osaka. Upon arrival in Osaka, stop to explore the Osaka Castle Garden. Surrounded by greenery, the garden commands a splendid view of the castle tower and the stone wall surrounding the moat. The castle is one of Japan's most famous landmarks and it played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century. Later today, enjoy some free time in Shinsaibashi, the prime shopping area in Osaka before transferring back to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Osaka Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Osaka - Kyoto - Nagoya (approx. 180km day)

Today depart Osaka and head to Nagoya. On the way visit the amazing Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) a UNESCO Heritage Listed Site and perfect spot to snap an iconic Kyoto photo. Afterwards visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The trails lead into the wooded forest of the sacred



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Mount Inari, which stands at 233m and belongs to the shrine grounds, and is well-known thanks to its inclusion in the film 'Memoirs of a Geisha'. In the afternoon continue onwards to Nagoya where you will enjoy an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Nagoya Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Nagoya - Narai-juku - Matsumoto (approx. 206km day)

This morning visit Atsuta Jingu shrine in Nagoya, one of Shinto's most important shrines. It enshrines the Sun Goddess Amaterasu and stores the sacred sword Kusanagi, which is one of the three imperial regalia. Please note, however, that the sword is never displayed to the public. This afternoon visit Narai-juku, an old town taking you back hundreds of years to 17th century Japan and Tsumagoi Village. Continue onto Matsumoto and check into the hotel.

Overnight: Matsumoto Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Matsumoto - Mt Fuji - Lake Ashi - Yokohama (approx. 240km day)

Today, leave Matsumoto and drive to Mt Fuji's 5th Station. Located 2300m above sea level, it offers a vantage point for Mt Fuji and the surrounding lakes (weather permitting). The 5th Station also features shrines, torii gates and souvenir shops. Afterwards continue onwards to Lake Ashi, nearby in Hakone National Park, to admire the scenery as you take a short cruise across the lake. The waters are overlooked by surrounding mountains, including Mt Fuji and Mt Komagatake. This evening arrive in Yokohama, check into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Yokohama Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Yokohama - Tokyo (approx. 45km day)

This morning after breakfast travel to Tokyo. See the best of Tokyo today as you visit some of the city's main shrines and shopping areas. First, you will visit the Meiji Shrine, a key Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Then drive past the Japanese House of Parliament to the Imperial Palace East Garden. This idyllic outdoor space, home to a traditional Japanese garden, tea pavilion, stone walls and a moat, is situated within the complex of an Edo-era castle. Continue to Nakamise Shopping Street and Asakusa Kannon (Sensoji) Temple, one of Japan's most important Buddhist sites. Explore the neon-tinged streets of the Ginza district, a premier shopping destination of department stores and cinemas. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Tokyo Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Tokyo Free Day

Today enjoy a free day to explore the vibrant metropolis that is Tokyo.

Overnight: Tokyo Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Tokyo, Japan - Australia

Enjoy some free time this morning before you are transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 12 Arrive in Australia



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the rich history, culture and natural wonders of Japan
- Learn how sake is made at the famous Hakutsuru Sake Brewery
- Experience old Japan in Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- Witness the sacred Itsukushima Shrine at Miyajima
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Genbaku Dome
- See Osaka Castle, one of Japan's most famous landmarks
- Go shopping in Osaka's Shinsaibashi district at leisure
- Visit Kyoto's famed Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion
- Admire the vermilion torii gates at Fushimi-Inari Shrine
- Visit Atsuta Jingu shrine in Nagoya, one of Shinto's most important shrines
- Experience a taste of 17th century Japan in Narai-juku
- Take in stunning views from Mt Fuji's 5th Station
- Enjoy a short cruise on Lake Ashi in Hakone National Park
- Visit Meiji Shrine and Nakamise Street on a guided tour of Tokyo
- Enjoy a day free at leisure in the vibrant metropolis of Tokyo

FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) from SYD/MEL/BNE/*ADL/*PER

ACCOMMODATION

- 9 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Local English-speaking guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by A/C private vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers



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BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 5th September 2019.

Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$1150 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripAdeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

Please note: dates/months with a * incur a Cherry Blossom Season surcharge of \$500 per person.

Please note: Cherry Blossom Season can be relatively short and highly seasonal, with the blooming period lasting approx.

14 days. Strong wind and rain can cut the blooming season even shorter. Due to this, we cannot guarantee flowering cherry blossoms will be seen. However, historically these are the best times to view this phenomenon.

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth.

Interstate Surcharges

*Adelaide or *Perth: \$300 per person.

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Air China or Vietnam Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please Note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive Early

Not available.

Stay Behind

Not available.

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Not available.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

- Osaka: The Premium Hotel In Rinku / Karaksa Spring Hotel Kansai Air Gate OR Izumisano Center Hotel
- Fukuyama: Fukuyama Castle Hotel / APA Hotel / Fukuyama Plaza Hotel OR Fukuyama Oriental Hotel
- Osaka: Osaka Castle Hotel / Osaka Joytel Hotel OR Sarasa Hotel Nipponbashi
- Nagoya: Best Western / Mielparque Hotel / Hotel Wing International OR Hotel MyStays
- Matsumoto: Route Inn / Hotel New Station / Hotel Montagne Matsumoto

OR Ace Inn

- Yokohama: Hotel Wing International / Best Western / 8Hotel / Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel OR Hotel MyStays
- Tokyo: Hotel Villa Fontaine / Comfort Hotel Tokyo Higashi Kanda / The B Akasaka OR Hotel Sun Route Ariake

Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 16, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an Australian Passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Mandatory gratuities/tipping \$10 per person/day
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel



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Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Climate & Average Temperature:

Summer: June to August

Japanese summer begins in June and it becomes hot and humid from July onward. Summer is when many interesting festivals and other events are held all over the country.

Clothing: light clothes (cardigans and other similar kinds are handy, since indoors are mostly air-conditioned.)

Autumn: September to November
Autumn always brings such freshness with a light breeze and cool temperature after the hot and humid summer. The Autumn colours are very beautiful across the country.

Clothing: light jackets, light sweaters and other similar kinds of tops.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not

allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

Gratuities:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The mandatory tip for the tour leader and driver is \$10 AUD per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

A tourist visa for Japan is not required if traveling on an Australian Passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

· 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

· 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

· Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

· Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.



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· Changes within 14 days of departure
\$500.00 per person + any additional
charges applied by the airline/ cruise
company/ other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

· If the incorrect name has been advised
to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per
person + any additional charges applied
by the airline/cruise company/other
travel provider will apply.



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