



JAPAN TOUR 2024

6 Nights 7 Days

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Japan is something phenomenon, most luxurious sight on earth. Immerse yourself in an incredible journey covering Tokyo, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka- Bullet train Shinkansen

Day 1 : Cochin – TOKYO

(Your air ticket starts from Cochin. Your air ticket can be from any where, we can organize it with difference of cost.) Assemble @ Kochi International Airport for your chosen Airlines Flight departs for Japan via the hub city as there is no direct flight to **Japan** as of now.

Day 2 : Arrival TOKYO

Welcome to Japan, the Land of the Rising Sun.

Arrive at **Narita International Airport, Tokyo**, the Capital city. Japan is an island country in East Asia, situated in the northwest Pacific Ocean, and is bordered on the west by the Sea of Japan, the East China Sea, the Philippine Sea, and Taiwan in the south. **Marco Polo**, the Italian trader, and explorer introduced this beautiful country to the Western world during the 13th century. It is formed from about 6,852 islands. The country has the highest literacy rate in the world and the people of Japan are best known for maintaining a better and healthier lifestyle with peace all the way. Japan has more than 100 active volcanoes.

Tokyo the busiest capital, mixes temples. the ultramodern and the traditional, from neon-lit skyscrapers to historic On arrival, the local English-speaking guide will greet you and transfer you to the hotel. International Standard Check-in at the hotel is after 3 pm or subject to room-conditioned availability. If time permits based on your airline ticket and arrival time in Tokyo, we take you to visit the **Akihabara** shopping street or Ginza area. Return to hotel, checkin & Free for rest & leisure. breakfast and lunch in flight Evening dinner. Overnight hotel.

Hotel East 21 Tokyo or similar

Day 3 : TOKYO - Skytree Tower - Sightseeing

Continental breakfast at the hotel. Today begin your memorable journey through Japan with a local guide

Asakusa Sensō-ji Kanon Temple (Historic temple to the goddess of mercy) very popular Buddhist temple, built in the 7th century. It features Tokyo's biggest souvenir market and **Kaminarimon Gate** with a huge red chochin lantern. Adjacent to the temple is a five-story pagoda, a Shinto shrine, the Asakusa Shrine, and Nakamise shopping street. Here we can see many women in Japanese traditional Kimono.

Visit Tokyo Skytree, the Landmark of Tokyo



This is a huge television broadcasting tower and the World's tallest freestanding broadcasting tower with an observation deck boasting 360- degree views. It is the centerpiece of the Tokyo Sky Tree Tower in the **Sumida City Ward** with a height of 634 meters. It is the tallest structure in Japan and the second tallest in the world at the time of its completion.

You will get a chance to get a birds-eye view of Tokyo city from **Tokyo Skytree**. After lunch view the Tokyo Tower (Photo stop only) Standing 333 meters high in the center of Tokyo, is the world's tallest, self-supported steel tower and 13 meters taller than its model, the Eiffel Tower. It is the second-tallest structure in Japan.

The structure is an Eiffel Tower-inspired lattice tower that is painted white and international orange to comply with safety regulations. A symbol of Japan's post-war rebirth as a major economic power, **Tokyo Tower** was the country's tallest structure from its completion in 1958 until 2012.

Visit the **Imperial Palace** (photo stop only), literally the Imperial Residence of the Emperor of Japan, with a large park area, including the **Fukiage Palace**, where the Emperor has his living quarters, the main palace where the various ceremonies and receptions take place, residences of the Imperial family, Museum and administrative offices. Continue the journey to visit the National Diet of Japan meet, Sessions of the House of Representatives

take place in the south wing, and sessions of the House of Councillors in the north wing. Diet means Japanese Parliament.

In the evening time permitting visit **Odaiba** - the Artificial Island in Japan. Accessed via the **Rainbow Bridge** or the futuristic Yurikamome train, Odaiba is a high-tech entertainment hub on an artificial island in Tokyo Bay. Also see Shibuya crossing.

Meals: Indian lunch & Dinner.

Day 4 : Mt. Fuji & Hakone - Odawara, Bullet train Shinkansen

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and proceed with the local English speaking guide to **Lake Kawaguchi**- or **Ashi** - the most tourist attractive place in Japan.

Visitors can enjoy the stunning scenery and stroll down the promenade next to the lake. During the spring season, **Lake Kawaguchi** is surrounded by the combination of dazzling pink cherry blossoms, the clear water of Lake Kawaguchi, and the iconic Mt. Fuji in the background creating a serene scenery.



Lake Kawaguchi or Lake Ashi cruise

Lake Kawaguchi is one of the five lakes of Mt. Fuji -A great place for photography! Every photo that you take is a great picture of Mt. Fuji. This is the most classic location for viewing the scene of Mt. Fuji. You have a cruise on Lake Kawaguchi, and if the weather is good, you can observe the picturesque scene of Mt. Fuji reflected in the water

Thrilling experience in Mt.Fuji Panoramic Rope way

The Mt. Fuji Panorama Ropeway is used by many tourists as a way to climb up to **Mt. Tenjyoyama** from Lake Kawaguchi. From inside the gondola, you can enjoy a beautiful view of Lake Kawaguchi below. Tenjyoyama is a famous spot where you can see the spectacular view of Mt. Fuji and Lake Kawaguchi from the front.

You can enjoy a panoramic view of Mt. Fuji and its skirts, as well as popular spots such as the Tenjo Bell, Usagi Jinja (Rabbit Shrine), and throw the “Kawara”, where you can enjoy sightseeing to the fullest. With this tour, participants will get to experience every major aspect of the Mt. Fuji and surrounding area.

The famous scenery from "Oishi Park" of Lake Kawaguchi and Mt. Fuji in the background, Oshino Hakkai (Springs from Mt.Fuji) will surely provide a breathtaking and memorable view.

Enjoy the scenic view of Mt. Fuji from 5th station



We visit the famous **Mount Fuji mountain** in Japan. Fuji is an active volcano about 100 kilometres southwest of Tokyo is considered as the holiest and tallest mountain in Japan at 3,776 meters & is the major tourist site in Japan, for both Japanese and foreign tourists.

Mount Fuji has been a sacred site for practices of Shinto since 7th century and commonly called “Fuji-san”. A pilgrimage site for centuries, it's considered one of Japan's 3 sacred mountains. We take you to **Mt.Fuji** 5th station in for scenic view of Mt. Fuji. The Fujinomiya 5th Station is the second most popular stations on Mount Fuji, at 2400 meters above sea level, is the highest motorable road of Mount Fuji.

From here you will get a panoramic view of the mountain. Mt. Fuji attracts hikers and climbers from the world over, and most of them start their ascents at the 5th station, halfway up the mountain. Transfer to Odawara railway station and by bullet train Shinkansen to Hiroshima. Upon arrival transfer to hotel Grand Prince Hiroshima or similar. Indian Lunch & Dinner. (Today You will have either lunch or dinner organized locally) Time permitting Hiroshima Sight Seeing

Day 5 : Hiroshima sight seeing - Miyajima Island tour

After Breakfast at hotel, we proceed by coach for sight seeing of Hiroshima . **Hiroshima**, a modern city on Japan's Honshu Island, was largely destroyed by an atomic bomb during World War II. Visit **Hiroshima Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Dome** and feel emotionally stirred by the Museum, in which intriguing exhibitions speak eloquently of the atomic bomb dropped on the city 6 August 1945. This building, which was once an exhibition hall, is the only structure near the explosion's center that survived in any capacity.

The surviving skeleton has been maintained as it was left by the bombing and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996. Close to ground zero, it is miraculous that anything survived a blast that was equivalent to dropping 15,000 tons of TNT.

The blast disintegrated everything within one mile radius of its center, and caused destruction in a five mile area – essentially 2/3 of the city. Over 70,000 people were killed instantly, and another 70,000 suffered fatal injuries from the radiation and we will see Genbaku Dome, one of the few buildings that was left standing near ground zero..

Before the war, this area was described as the lively shopping and entertainment center of Hiroshima. The park has many memorials, monuments and sculptures, but the centerpiece is the monument that covers a cenotaph inscribed with the names of all those that died from the nuclear bombing. Behind the cenotaph memorial is the Peace Flame which has burned continuously since 1964 and will not be extinguished until all threat of nuclear bombing has been eliminated.

Children's Peace Monument

Later we visit the **Children's Peace Monument**. It was built with the contributions from 3200 Japanese schools and nine countries. At its base is a plaque that reads: "This is our cry, this is our prayer: for building peace in this world". The monument is dedicated to all the children that died as a result of the bombing. The story behind the design of the Children's Peace Monument is even more touching.

The artwork depicts a young girl holding a crane and is inspired by the true story of Sadako Sasaki. **Sadako** was merely two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, living just over a mile away from ground zero. Although she and her parents survived the blast, Sadako developed leukemia at the age of twelve due to the radiation from the atomic bomb.

In the hospital Sadako learned of the Japanese legend that promised that a wish would be granted to anyone that folded 1000 paper origami cranes. Her wish was for a world without nuclear weapons. One version of the story says that she only managed to make 644 paper cranes before she died on Oct. 12, 1955. The story goes on to say that her classmates went on to make 1000 paper cranes which were buried with her. Today, many come to this monument to donate paper cranes as a continuing symbol for the desire for peace.

Continue your journey, A boat leaves from Motoujina Pier and will reach Miyajima Island to visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a World Heritage site, is located, along with the Virgin Forest of Mt. Misen, and numerous preserved shrines, temples and historical monuments, and floating red Torii. Admire the five-story pagoda. Miyajima Island has long been regarded as an Island of Gods on the beautiful Seto Inland Sea. (red shrine gateway standing in the sea). It is most famous, which at high tide seems to float on the water. The sight is ranked as one of Japan's three best views.

People strongly believe that it's the "home of God".

Later depart for Osaka, upon arrival, transfer to hotel . Lunch and dinner at local Indian restaurant.

Day 6 : Full-day Kyoto and Nara tour from Osaka

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit Tadoji Temple and Nara Deer Park

We will proceed to Nara by coach. Nara is a spectacularly picturesque city that is second only to Kyoto for the richness. Here we visited **Todaiji Temple & Nara Park**. Nara Park is a public park located in the city of Nara, Japan, at the foot of Mount Wakakusa.

Established in 1880 it is one of the oldest parks in Japan.

The park is one of the "Places of Scenic Beauty". While the official size of the park is about 1,240 acres, the area includes the grounds of **Tōdai-ji**, and **Kōfuku-ji**, which are either on the edge or surrounded by Nara Park. Just go to Todai-ji temple and the entrance is filled with deer trying to come and lick you. After lunch, we Depart for the Kyoto Tour. Visit Mount Yoshino.

Visit Kinkaku-Ji Golden Pavilion- officially named Rokuon-ji, is a Zen Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan. It is one of the most popular buildings in Kyoto, attracting many visitors annually.

We later visit Fushimi Inari - taisha is the head shrine of the kami Inari, located in Fushimi-ku, Kyoto, Kyoto Prefecture, Japan.

you may spend the good time available for your spend in Kyoto/Osaka before returning to a hotel in Osaka for rest and relaxation. Overnight hotel - Art Hotel Osaka Bay Tower or Similar.

Today lunch & dinner provided at Indian and local restaurants as is available.



Day 7 : Osaka - optional Universal Studio/ Shopping

Breakfast at the hotel.

Osaka Castle Park

We visit **Osaka Castle** the popular tourist destination for both domestic and international travelers. Osaka Castle, completed in 1586, was built by famed Japanese warrior and politician Toyotomi Hideyoshi and was, at the time, the largest castle in Japan (Photostop only). Highlights include the five-story, 42-meter-tall main tower containing a great museum with exhibits related to the history of the castle. A municipal park stands on the site of Osaka Castle. or optional full day visit to Universal Studio - or free time for shopping. Lunch on your own. Dinner at the restaurant.

Day 8 : Depart To Osaka Airport –Return

After breakfast at your hotel, with bags packed check out of the hotel, and transfer to **Kansai, Osaka International Airport** for your return flight to Cochin or your hometown as per the ticket with you.

Late night hours or next morning hours arrival at Cochin.

Tour Cost

Tour Cost: (Based on a group of 35 full paying passengers on the tour)

USD 2200 +Rs.1,20,000/- (Book 3 months prior to departure at USD 2000 + Rs.1,00,000/-)

Single supplement USD 650

Air ticket calculated as of November 1, 2023.

Child Rate' Policy as below:

- Children aged above 11 years with bed 100% of tour fare of adult
- Children aged between 5 to less than 11 years with bed 90% and without bed 75% of tour cost of adult Children aged between 2 to less than 5 years 50% of the tour cost of adults.
- An infant is FOC between 0-2 years – FREE, but Airticket and visa are payable.
- Children above 2 years require full adult INR payment. For all children, INR amount remains the same.

COST INCLUDES:

- Air ticket in economy class group basis
- Hotel accommodation 6 nights in 3*/ 4* hotels. (check-in time 15:00, checkout time 11:00)
- Remittance charges
- Transportation by deluxe coach & Bullet Train Tokyo to Hiroshima or Odavara One Way Ordinary Class tickets
- Luggage Transfer 1 Suitcase per person Tokyo to Osaka - 1 time
- Overseas Mediclaim Insurance: Up to 60 years is included.
- Water Bottle : Bottle of mineral water per person per day 500 ml x2
- Guide : English speaking Guide (ESG) - 1 Guide
- Transfers : All transfers on private basis are included.
- Entrance Fee : All entrances mentioned in the attached Itinerary are included
- Tips : Driver and guide tips are included.
- Maximum work time allotted for the Vehicle in Japan is 10 hours, starting and ending at the vehicle office parking.
- Tour Leader from GnS.
- One time visa application fees/incidental charges included & anything extra must be paid by the passengers on the spot.
- Meal included as given in the itinerary:

COST EXCLUDES:

- Airticket other than from Cochin
- Meals not mentioned above as included.
- Single-room charge and personal accident insurance.
- Anything not mentioned in the cost included section. TCS extra.
- Japanese food at extra cost.

CANCELLATIONS POLICY

Special Note:

1. Please note that sightseeing may be changed or removed during booking slots after finalization. A sudden change of schedule is not allowed during the tour as per the itinerary.
2. Maximum work time allotted for the Vehicle in Japan is 10 hours from the Vehicle office parking to back to the same Vehicle office parking.
3. A sudden change of schedule will lead to MISSING or CANCELLATION of some of the sightseeing locations during the tour as per the itinerary.
4. If the guests are late for any reason & and do not follow a timeline as set in the itinerary, then, we cannot guarantee to cover all sightseeing locations & no fee refund.
5. Due to BAD WEATHER, EARTHQUAKE, HEAVY RAIN, and HEAVY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC JAMS, if we miss out on visiting some of the sightseeing locations or are unable to take the ride or entry or any other paid service, in that case, there will be NO refund/ reimbursement of the money for the entrance charges or any other cost incurred during the movement of the tour for not reaching sightseeing location on time or unable to see the view of sightseeing locations."

AIRLINE & VISA

Return Economy Airfare & Single-entry Japanese, visa cost included. Visa granting is the sole discretion of the respective Consulates, and our role is to assist you in the submission of a visa and guide you with the formalities. We will not be having any responsibility if the visa gets rejected or delayed and, in that case, the visa fees and other expenses like advance for hotel booking, Insurance, and ticket charges are not refundable. The visa fee will not be refunded at any circumstances.

MEALS

Continental buffet breakfast at hotels. Lunch and Dinner will be in Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Indian buffet restaurants and you will get a chance to experience variety of international foods.

HOTELS

All hotels will be of premium 4-star standards. Multi Axle air-conditioned coaches in all cities for transfers and sightseeing.

TOUR ESCORT

Professional, friendly, caring and well experienced Tour manager will accompany the tour and the service of the local tour guides will be provided in all cities. (If the group size is more than 25 full paid persons). If less than 25 persons, the local English speaking guide will accompany you throughout the tour , no hassles.

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

The tour cost doesn't include any expenses of personal nature like telephone charges, tips, portorage, laundry expenses, beverages, mini-bars at hotel rooms, alcoholic beverages, TCS (Tax collected at source), Finance Act 2023 has inserted a new sub-section (1G) in TCS (Tax collected at source) under section 206C of the Income Tax act, 1961 to collect Tax out of foreign remittance transactions under Liberalized Remittance Scheme as well as the amount received from the buyer by a seller for sale of an 'Overseas Tour Program Package' w.e.f October 1, 2023. As per RBI guidelines an additional 20% TCS on invoice value is applicable for those passengers having PAN and anything that is not mentioned in the itinerary.

PLEASE NOTE

Advance payment will be Rs.25,000 only and Rs.95,000 towards the airticket and visa to be paid at the time of booking. The balance amount should be settled before 30 days of departure. The advance amount will not be refunded under any circumstances.

GnS will not be liable, in case any passenger with a granted visa, is denied travel by the Emigration Authorities in the respective countries. In that case, all the damages should be borne by the passenger. The rate is calculated in such a way that 25 people are traveling in one vehicle and if the number of people decreases, the rates also will be different.

The rates are based on current ROE 1 DOLLAR = INR 83 and the rate of exchange prevailing on the day of payment will be applicable to the package. For single passengers traveling on the trip have to share a room in a single accommodation at extra cost. Any gradation of room category will be extra.

Tour tariff is based on departure from Cochin unless specifically mentioned. Tourists also can board from places other than Cochin for their interest, then the rates also will be different.

Any private transfers taken to move from one place to another in different vehicles and any add-on sightseeing/ sightseeing done twice /activities along with transfers other than mentioned in the tour itinerary will also be extra. Standard Check in hotels are 1400 hrs. and check-out timings are 1200 hrs., which may vary as per local rules.

Please be reminded that all special requests like early check-in, smoking, non-smoking, views, floors, king, twin, adjoining, and/or interconnecting rooms are strictly subject to availability upon arrival and cannot be guaranteed prior. For meal plans, the menu will be on a fixed plan/ buffet basis and not on an A-la-Carte basis. MAP and AP Meal plans do not include Evening snacks and cold drinks/liquor, Soups, or Desserts.

For orders on an A-la-Carte basis, guests are requested to make direct payments for additional items. For early morning check out breakfast may be limited to simple bread and butter/jam with tea/ coffee/ juice. Consumption and serving of alcohol in hotels/rooms is subject to the hotel's rules and regulations. GnS Leisure Travels reserves the right to postpone or cancel any of the tours advertised, without assigning any reason. And the next departure date will be informed, In this case, no compensation claim will be entertained. Due to certain unavoidable circumstances, the company reserves the right to change/modify/vary and alter the tour itinerary.

In such changes, compensations or claims for a refund by the passengers will not be entertained by the company for limitation and also for the non-availability of certain services with entry tickets, restaurants, sightseeing, etc. even though it is included in the tour itinerary. Unused services for transfers, tours & hotel accommodation are not refundable under any circumstances.

The tariff of the tour is calculated as per the prevailing rates at the time of quoting it and the Company reserves the right to change the tariff in special event /modification/alteration/change/variation in the said rates before the date of departure. The company takes care to select hotels and book the same on behalf of tourists at convenient locations subject to availability. In case of non-availability of rooms in the same hotel, the company has the right to split the accommodation in different hotels.

Air-conditioning, central heating, and other facilities are provided by the hotels depending upon various factors including weather / climatic conditions, local systems, tour type, etc.

As a Travel House / Tour Operator, the company does not have any control over hotels, transport, or any other facilities, provided by third parties. The company is not responsible for the delays or deficiencies in the services provided by outside agencies. Also please note that the company does not have any control over the schedules of opening and closing timings of the tourist attractions.

If any cost arises due to natural calamities like landslides, road blockage, political disturbances, etc. Anything not specifically mentioned in the 'Tour Includes' Column will be applicable

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