

9 DAY CULTURAL ODYSSEY

2 FOR 1 JAPAN

\$3999

FOR
TWO
PEOPLE

TYPICALLY \$7999

OSAKA • TOKYO • KYOTO • MT FUJI

THE OFFER

There's nowhere quite like Japan - a land where ancient traditions and teachings continue to play a role in modern life. On this nine-day two-for-one package visiting Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and beyond, it's now easier than ever to experience this awe-inspiring destination for yourself - and a friend!

Discover the incredible dining scene of Osaka, a city aptly nicknamed 'the nation's kitchen'; wander through the centuries old streets of historic Kyoto, the beautifully preserved former capital of Japan; journey into the mountains and visit UNESCO listed Shirakawa-go and Gokayama, two charming villages recognised for their rice fields and traditional Gassho-style farm houses; delve into the Edo period of Japan's history at Takayama Jinya; admire stunning views of Mt Fuji from Fuji's 5th Station, and more! With return international flights for two people, six nights hotel accommodation, daily breakfast and more, this tantalising package is the perfect taster for magical Japan.

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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, Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways, Philippine Airlines or Vietnam Airlines (subject to availability). Please note that some customers may be required to stay overnight in Guangzhou or Shanghai due to flight scheduling and airlines will provide overnight accommodation and airport transfers.

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. Be sure to try local delicacies such as Takoyaki, a popular deep-fried snack made with wheat-flour batter and octopus, or Okonomiyaki, a grilled savoury pancake.

Overnight: Toyoko Inn Osaka Abeno Tennoji, Osaka Castle Hotel or similar, Osaka

Meals included: None

Day 3 Osaka Free Day

Enjoy a free day in Osaka to explore this historic city at your own pace.

Overnight: Toyoko Inn Osaka Abeno Tennoji, Osaka Castle Hotel or similar, Osaka

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Osaka – Kyoto – Gifu

This morning, depart Osaka for Kyoto. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore the ancient capital, or take the opportunity to join an optional tour of Kyoto (not included). The bus will depart from downtown Kyoto at 4:00pm to travel onwards to Gifu.

Optional Tour: Kyoto Tour – 8,000 Yen (approx. \$100 AUD) per person

The tour includes a stop at Fushimi Inari Shrine, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. It's famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The tour continues with a visit to Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a Zen temple in northern Kyoto which has gold leaf covered floors on the top two floors. The last stop of the tour is to witness a Kimono Fashion Show where beautiful women wearing varieties of kimono and obi (sash) appear on stage with Japanese music.

Overnight: Quintessa Hotel Ogaki, Comfort Hotel Gifu or similar, Gifu

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Gifu – Takayama – Shirakawa – Matsumoto/Suwa

This morning you will visit the historic villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. Located in a mountainous region that was cut off from the rest of the world for a long period of time, these villages, with their Gassho-style houses, survived on the cultivation of mulberry trees and the rearing of silkworms. Both are examples of a traditional way of life that is perfectly adapted to the environment and the people's social and economic circumstances. Enjoy a walk among the incredible houses.

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Afterwards travel to Takayama Jinya, a former government outpost established to bring the Hida Province under the direct control of the Edo Bakufu. Next, travel to the hotel in Matsumoto/Suwa area.

Overnight: Route Inn Matsumoto, Route Inn Suwa Inter or similar, Masumoto/Suwa
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Matsumoto/Suwa - Mt Fuji - Yokohama

After breakfast, 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 enjoy a short cruise across the lake. The waters are overlooked by surrounding mountains, including Mt Fuji and Mt Komagatake. Arrive in Yokohama this evening, check into the hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Hokke Club Fujisawa, Hotel Wing International, Comfort Hotel, Best Western or similar, Yokohama Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Yokohama - Tokyo Area

This morning you will drive to Tokyo and arrive at the hotel at approximately 11am. The standard hotel check in time is 3pm so you can store your luggage at the front desk and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore Tokyo at your own pace. Alternatively, you can take the opportunity to join an optional Tokyo sightseeing tour (not included).

Optional Tour: Tokyo Tour - 10,000 Yen (approx. \$120 AUD) per person

First you will visit Tsukiji Outer Market, where you can encounter many kinds of traditional Japanese cuisine. Next, visit the stunning Meiji Shrine - a Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Walk among the serene gardens that surround the shrine as you listen to more details about its importance from your guide. Last enjoy the sweeping views of this vast city at the Observations deck at the famous Tokyo Tower, the landmark of Tokyo (entry included).

Overnight: APA Hotel Tokyo Bay Makuhari, Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar, Tokyo Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Tokyo - Australia

Today transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Australia.

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Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 9 Arrive in Australia

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the rich history and culture of Japan

Explore the vibrant metropolis of Tokyo at leisure

Discover Osaka's fantastic food and shopping at leisure

Visit the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go

Explore the remote mountain village of Gokayama

Take in stunning views from Mt Fuji's 5th Station

Explore Kyoto with a morning and afternoon at leisure

Visit the former government outpost of Takayama Jinya

Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Ashi in Hakone National Park

FLIGHTS

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

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Local English-speaking tour leader

Airline taxes and surcharges

All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary

TRANSPORT

Transportation by A/C private vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

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 in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

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

This travel offer is priced for two people based on twin share.

Please note: 1 voucher is valid for 2 people. When processing your order, please double check the number of vouchers you are purchasing is what you require.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a full priced voucher must be purchased.

Departure Dates (2019)

Please see the TripADeal website for

current departure dates.

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth

Interstate Surcharges

*Adelaide or *Perth: \$600 for two people

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

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

Please note:

- The maximum baggage allowance is 20kgs.
- 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 in Tokyo

\$600 for two people, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Please note stay behind is not valid for departures between the 15th June – 5th August 2019 and after the 20th September 2019

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Not available.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

- Osaka: Toyoko Inn Osaka Abeno Tennoji, Osaka Castle Hotel or similar
- Gifu: Quintessa Hotel Ogaki, Comfort Hotel Gifu or similar
- Matsumoto/Suwa Area: Route Inn Matsumoto, Route Inn Suwa Inter or similar
- Yokohama Area: Hotel Hokke Club Fujisawa, Hotel Wing International, Comfort Hotel, Best Western or similar
- Tokyo Area: APA Hotel Tokyo Bay Makuhari, Hotel Mystays Tachikawa or similar

Please note: Accommodation/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 (subject to availability).

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).



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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 30, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 4: Kyoto Sightseeing Tour – 8000 Yen (approx. \$100 AUD)

Day 7: Tokyo Sightseeing Tour – 10,000 Yen (approx. \$120 AUD)

Please note:

- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

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 AUD per person per day where tour transfer services are provided (this will include day of arrival and departure).
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Tokyo

May:

May is a beautiful month in the city. The days are longer, with the sun rising about 4:30am and staying up until almost 7pm by May 31. You can expect temperatures during the day to be around 20 to 21°C, with 132mm falling over 16 days this month.

August:

While it's still sweltering hot in August, with the average high temperature increasing to 29°C, the sun returns, putting the city in a festive mood once again. Average Max Temperature: 29°C. Average Precipitation: 147mm

September:

September ushers in fall, which means the gradual decline of humidity and heat, but this month is also the darkest and wettest, with an average of 209mm of rainfall. Temperatures don't start dropping significantly until late September. Though the average high temperature is 26°C., it's not uncommon for temperatures to rise as high as 33°C during the first few weeks of the month.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners



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the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

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.

OTHER

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 basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

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 where tour or transfer services are provided, which will be collected whilst on tour (this will include day of arrival and departure).

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 travelling on an Australian passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

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

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Please note: Due to limited availability, passenger name and date changes are strictly prohibited for this offer. This overrides the Schedule of Fees in our standard Terms & Conditions. No refunds will be issued once offer has been purchased.