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Japan is evolving at a rapid pace. Yet despite its technological advancement, spirituality and tradition still play an integral role in daily life. A land of delicate beauty, both natural and man-made, every inch of this graceful nation is worth exploring. From the glittering metropolis of Tokyo to the serene bamboo forest of Sagano, this trip will be the ultimate taste of Japan.

The Offer

The cultural wonders of Japan are yours to discover on this incredible 14 day bullet train tour of Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagano, Hiroshima and more.

Begin in the neon metropolis of Tokyo; see sumos practicing at a traditional sumo stable (from June to mid September), take a cruise on the meandering Sumida River, and visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. Witness the famed snow monkeys bathing in the waters of Jigokudani hot springs, and marvel at the historic Matsumoto Castle. Explore the UNESCO listed folk village Shirakawa-go, known for its A-frame thatched houses, plus visit Nagamachi samurai village in Kanazawa. In Kyoto, a visit to the stunning Kinkaku-ji golden pavilion and Sagano bamboo forest will be genuine highlights.

With return international flights, 11 nights accommodation, return airport transfers and English-speaking guides, this package has everything needed for the trip of a lifetime.

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The Itinerary

14 DAY ULTIMATE JAPAN

Day 1: Australia via Guangzhou - Tokyo, Japan (In-Flight meals)

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On arrival into Tokyo you will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Once checked in you will be introduced to your Tour Manager for the next 10 days. In the evening there is an optional Food Tour of Tokyo (not included).

Overnight: Hotel Villa Fontaine, Tokyo

Day 3: Tokyo Sightseeing Tour - Asakusa - Harajuku (B)

After an early breakfast, your guide and Tour Manager will take you on a tour using the efficient inner-city public transit system. First, visit the Sumo Stable to watch the morning practice of this famous sport. Afterwards, stroll through the peaceful Hamamiyu Garden, the former private garden of an Edo Period Lord. Here you will stop for a Japanese green tea, followed by a short cruise along the Sumida river to see the Tokyo from different angle.

Next, head over to Asakusa - home of the grand temple of Senso-ji. This bright red temple is central to an area famous for kimono, geisha, performing arts and old-fashioned souvenirs for more than 300 years. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the Meiji Emperor, and the most popular place in the city for weddings and end-of-year "Hatsu-mode." You will be shown the traditions associated with visiting such a shrine.

Continue the journey to Harajuku and Omote-Sando, also known as Tokyo's Champs-Elysee. This broad, tree lined avenue features a multitude of fashion flagship stores designed by internationally renowned architects within a short distance.

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Overnight: Hotel Villa Fontaine, Tokyo

Day 4: Tokyo to Nagano (Bullet train experience) - Snow Monkey Park (B)

This morning embark on the first bullet train experience to Nagano. Once in Nagano, take a public bus to the Jigokudani Snow Monkey Park. There is a gentle 30-minute walk to get in to the park (moderate fitness required). The Jigokudani Monkey Park offers visitors the unique experience of seeing wild monkeys bathing in a natural hot spring. The park is inhabited by Japanese Macaques, also known as Snow Monkeys. On the way back, your Tour Manager will organise a walk through a small Onsen (hot spring) town. You can pay directly if you wish to take part in one of the onsen experience. Tonight stay in a traditional Japanese Ryokan.

Overnight: Onyado Hishiya Torazo, Nagano

Day 5: Zenkoji temple - Nagano to Matsumoto (Bullet train experience) (B)

Early start after breakfast, to visit Zenkoji temple. Afterwards, jump aboard another bullet train to Matsumoto. In the afternoon, visit the imposing Matsumoto castle at



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your own leisure (entrance not included 600 Yen). If the time permits also visit a famous wasabi farm and learn how this spicy paste is grown in the field.

Overnight: Tokyu REI Hotel, Matsumoto

Day 6: Matsumoto to Takayama (Bullet train experience) – Takayama Walking Tour (B)

Today journey by bullet train to Takayama. In the afternoon, head out on a walking tour of the old town and visit a sake brewery. The freshest sake is the best - find out for yourself how it's made, and what it tastes like. Tonight stay at a traditional Ryokan.

Overnight: Hida Gasshoen, Takayama

Day 7: Takayama - Miyagawa farmer's market – Shirakawa-go (B)

In the morning, visit the Miyagawa farmer's market on foot. Visit the floats museum, which displays an array of unique and colourful floats used in the festivals of the area. In the afternoon visit the local folk village Shirakawa-go; a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight: Hida Gasshoen, Takayama

Day 8: Takayama to Kanazawa (Bullet train experience) – Kanazawa Sightseeing Tour (B)

Today, transfer to the train station for another bullet train experience to Kanazawa. Kanazawa was inhabited by samurai, which was the centre of culture in the east for much of the 17th century. Take a sightseeing bus tour of the whole area including Nagamachi Samurai District, visit the Kenroku Garden, a spacious and well-decorated garden of waterfalls and curiosities, and visit the Kanazawa Castle and see where the elite governed the area. Kanazawa is also famous for gold leaf products - find their signature in everything from accessories to clothing,

housewares to food.

Overnight: Garden Hotel, Kanazawa

Day 9: Kanazawa to Hiroshima (Bullet train experience) (B)

After breakfast board another bullet train to Hiroshima. Hiroshima is a city not only made world-famous in the aftermath of the Second World but also the stunning vibrancy and culture, which has re-grown itself from the ashes. Along with the tranquil Peace Park and Museum in the centre of the city, which reminds us of humanity's recent past, you'll find shopping centres, teahouses, museums and sports fields branching out all around.

Overnight: Chisun Hotel, Hiroshima

Day 10: Hiroshima Free Day (B)

Spend the whole day at leisure in Hiroshima. Suggestions would be to visit the Mazda Car Factory, Miyajima Island; one of the most scenic spots in Japan. Miyajima is also populated by the friendliest of deer - sweet creatures that will eat from your hand. Visit the temples and hike (or take a cable car) to the top of Misen Mountain for a taste of monk life.

Overnight: Chisun Hotel, Hiroshima

Day 11: Hiroshima to Kyoto (Bullet train experience) (B)

Jump back on the bullet train today over to Kyoto and check into hotel. Enjoy a leisurely walk through Gion, where you may get a glimpse of a traditional Geisha, walking through the narrow alleys.

Overnight: Ryokan Heianbo, Kyoto

Day 12: Kyoto highlights tour (B)

Utilizing the efficient Kyoto's subway or bus and a knowledgeable private guide, start with the grand Nijo Castle, a sprawling, breath-taking example of comfortable



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luxury in Japanese nature. Then visit Ryōan-ji, famous for its UNESCO-protected World Heritage zen gardens and temple.

Afterward, visit Kinkakuji (golden temple) the location of many films. This pavilion, which is completely coated in gold, was originally built as a summer house for a shogun. Transfer to Sagano, and start walking through the lush bamboo grove, admiring the amazing views of the mountains and valleys. It is around 3km gentle walk. Head to Tenryu-Ji temple, which dates to 1339 and it still stands in the original design. Next, continue to the Jajakko- Ju temple, nestled in the wooded hill. Finish your walk by crossing over the famous Togetsukyo bridge, overlooking at the stunning views of the Hozu River.

Overnight: Ryokan Heianbo, Kyoto

Day 13: Kyoto, Japan - Australia (B, In-Flight Meals)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home, after one trip-of-a-lifetime!

Day 14: Arrive in Australia

16 DAY JAPAN with MOUNT FUJI EXTENSION (Pre-Tour Only)

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Day 2: Welcome to Japan (No Meals)

On arrival into Tokyo you will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Villa Fontaine, Tokyo

Day 3: Mount Fuji Day Tour (B,L)

Visit Lake Kawaguchi, one of the Fuji Five Lakes, enjoy the natural reflecting pool for Mt Fuji. Visit Oshino Hakkai "Oshino Eight Ponds" and enjoy walking around traditional Japanese rural landscape. Take a photo with a real life Ninja at Oshino Ninja Village and enjoy a traditional lunch. Travel up to Fuji 5th Station for spectacular views before heading back to Tokyo.

Overnight: Hotel Villa Fontaine, Tokyo

Day 4: (Day 2 of 14 Day Package) (B)

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What You Get

FLIGHTS

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

ACCOMMODATION

- 11 nights accommodation in hotels and traditional ryokans

DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Tokyo, Matsumoto, Takayama, Kanazawa, Hiroshima, Kyoto and more
- See the historic Meiji Shrine in Tokyo
- Visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple
- Watch sumos practice wrestling at a traditional Sumo Stable
- Enjoy Japanese green tea at Hamarikyū Gardens
- Take a short cruise along the Sumida River
- Stroll through Omotesando, Tokyo's 'Champs-Elysee'
- Witness wild snow monkeys bathing in Jigokudani hot springs
- Visit the seventh century Zenkō-ji Buddhist temple in Nagano
- Marvel at the historic Matsumoto Castle; a National Treasure of Japan
- Visit a sake brewery in Takayama and sample the local tippie
- Wander through the vibrant Miyagawa Morning Markets

- Explore the UNESCO listed folk village Shirakawa-go
- Visit Nagamachi samurai village in Kanazawa
- Spend at day at leisure in historic Hiroshima
- Explore the UNESCO listed Ryōan-ji zen temple and gardens
- Visit Kinkaku-ji Golden Temple and Nijo Castle in a tour of Kyoto
- See Geishas in Kyoto's famous Gion district
- Admire the spectacular Sagano bamboo forest

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Professional English-speaking tour manager and local guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Travel by bullet train through Japan; enjoy up to 6 trips
- Transportation by A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers

16 Day Ultimate Japan with Mount Fuji Extension

- all of the above plus the following;
- Two nights hotel accommodation
- Enjoy three additional meals
- Full day Mount Fuji day tour
- All transfers

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BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive your Travel Voucher via email. This email will direct you to an Online Booking Form. You must return your booking form within 7 days of purchase

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Online Booking Form. Any change requested after submitting your Online Booking 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 TripADeal's standard Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Fine Print

Please Note: all additional charges are payable direct to TripADeal (unless otherwise stated)

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Voucher valid until the 1st September 2017

Voucher valid for one person based on twin share

Single Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies

- 14 Day Ultimate Japan: \$1500
- 16 Day Ultimate Japan: \$1800

Departure Dates (2017)

- June: 20 (SOLD OUT)
- July: 25
- August: 22
- September: 1
- *October: 17
- *November: 3

Please Note: If departing on the 16 Day Ultimate Japan with Mount Fuji Extension your departure date is 2 days before.

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Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or *Perth

Interstate Surcharges

*Perth: \$500 per person/voucher

FLIGHTS

Airline(s) Used

China Southern Airways or China Eastern Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability)

Arrive Early in Tokyo, Japan

\$300 per person/voucher 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

Stay Behind in Kyoto, Japan

\$300 per person/voucher 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

Flight Upgrades

- Premium Economy: not available
- Business Class: \$3200 per person
- upgrades are subject to request only
- availability and pricing will be confirmed once your booking form is returned to TripADeal
- short haul and domestic sectors are not guaranteed in premium or business class; subject to aircraft configuration

ACCOMMODATION



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Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

- Tokyo: Hotel Villa Fontaine
- Nagano: Onyado Hishiya Torazo
- Matsumoto: Tokyu REI Hotel
- Takayama: Hida Gasshoen
- Kanazawa: Garden Hotel
- Hiroshima: Chisun Hotel
- Kyoto: Ryokan Heianbo

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

- Tokyo (Pre Tour): \$210 per room including breakfast
- Kyoto (Post Tour): \$220 per room including breakfast

Please note: extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people

Child Policy

- No child discounts apply; a full priced voucher must be purchased for all children travelling with their parents
- Strictly valid for Children 12 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 (western style) OR Tatami floor Mats - Japanese thick mat style bedding in Takayama and Kyoto (subject to availability)

Adjoining Rooms

Not available

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 15, maximum group size 25 per coach

Optional Tours / Activities

TOKYO:

Tokyo Foodie Tour: JPY 8500 (Approx. \$100 AUD):

Explore the back street of Tokyo like a locals do in the evening. Dining and drinking is part of the every day life of many Tokyoties. There are many hidden local restaurants, known as Izakayas. Menus are mostly in Japanese and staffs speaks only Japanese. You will visit couple of these hidden Izakayas during this foodie exploration and not only learn about the local delicacy, enjoy it to your appetite.

Menu: Yakitori, tofu, sashimi, locally braised chicken, fresh vegetables cooked in Japanese style and pickles to spice it up. 2 alcoholic drinks (beer or sake or sochu)/ non alcoholic drinks is included.

HIROSHIMA:

Geisha Dinner: JPY 19,000 (Approx. \$220 AUD)

Enjoy the evening watching the beauty of apprentice Geisha, famously known as Maiko at the heart of Kyoto-Gion. Apprentice Geisha performs along the tunes of traditional Japanese music. You will have the opportunity to interact during the drinking game during the show. Furthermore, indulge in a multi-course of Japanese kaiseki (set) cuisine. This session is for 2 hours, a great way to end the day. Such a great experience to gain the fascinating insight into ancient Japanese customs as you converse with apprentice Geisha, you will be tempted to take pictures for a memory.

Price: JPY19,000, per person

Included: Performance, Local set Dinner (Kaiseki meal), non alcoholic beverages

KYOTO:

Samurai Kembu Class: JPY 9,000 (Approx. \$105 AUD)

In this lesson you will wear the traditional custom and can learn about, and practice, some aspects of the etiquette of samurai classes as well as practice basic kembu, including how to use the Japanese sword and variety of moves with the sword. You can also experience how to use the folding fan if you wish. The lesson last for approximately 2 hours.

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 specified
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate



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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 TripADeal travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be

made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

Sumo Practice at a traditional Sumo Stable
The Sumo Practice is only available between June to mid September. Dates indicated in 'important information' with a * will not include the Sumo practice as it is out of season. Even though Sumo Practice watch is not available, you will have an opportunity to visit the sumo ring with the retired sumo wrestler, he will then explain about the practice, rituals and his past experience. Afterwards, take a 15 minute walk to the Tokyo sky tree and take elevator to the observation deck to see the 360 degree view of the Tokyo city. If the time permits, visit the sumo museum before lunch time.

Baggage Handling Service

Baggage handling: During the train journeys, it is not advisable to carry a BIG suitcase as there is nowhere to store the luggage in train and the stoppage time of train is short-2 min (average in each station), so it is very inconvenient to check in and out with big luggage.

We advise customers to forward their luggage to the next destination via the luggage transfer system and carry a light backpack.

Baggage handling services are available in each hotel reception. The tour manager will assist in filling out details. It take 24 hours for the luggage to be transferred to next destination. Cost is about JPY 1,200- JPY 1,500 per suitcase (Approx. \$15-\$17 AUD). This service is very efficient and widely used in Japan by the locals and many travellers.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)
 - Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
 - Recommended gratuities/tipping at approx. JPY 865 per person/day (Approx. \$10 AUD)
 - Optional activities/tours
 - Personal expenses
 - Baggage forwarding service: JPY 1,200-JPY 1,500 per suitcase (Approx. \$15-\$17 AUD) payable to hotel / on tour
 - Travel insurance (Mandatory)
- *** Please Note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised with TripADeal.

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 a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or Travel Voucher reissue

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



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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

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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