

# JAPAN TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

Booking in advance as part of a Pleasant Holidays package ensures you don't miss out on popular experiences, especially during peak travel when they sell out quickly. All tours include a national government licensed English-speaking guide. *Tours are shared unless indicated as Private.* 

#### **TOURS FROM TOKYO**

Half- & Full-Day Bus Tours of Tokyo – Tour efficiently around the Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace, and Asakusa, three of Tokyo's most popular sightseeing spots. Full day tours include a matcha green tea experience and Tokyo Bay cruise.

**Mt. Fuji & Arakurayama Sengen Park by Bus with Lunch** – Spend a day touring on a bus around the popular Mt. Fuji/Kawaguchiko area. Also visit the Arakurayama Sengen Park, climb up 398 steps and behold the Chureito Pagoda, the symbol of Sengen Park. Enjoy a traditional Japanese-style meal.

Ghibli Museum & Ghibli Film Appreciation Bus Tour – This hugely popular bus tour includes special entry to the advance-reservation-only Ghibli Museum.

Full-Day Express Kyoto Tour from Tokyo – Travel to Kyoto by Shinkansen and visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, Sanjusangen-do Temple, and Kiyomizu-dera Temple.

Full-Day Mt. Fuji/Hakone with Lunch & Return by Shinkansen – Visit the 5th Station, the highest point accessible on Mt. Fuji's iconic peak. Visit Hakone to experience a lake cruise, cable car ride and Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park.

**Full-Day Nikko World Heritage Walking Tour with Lunch** – A sacred place for Japan's mountain worship, Nikko is home to the "Shrines and Temples of Nikko," a registered World Heritage Site. On this tour, walk around sites such as Nikko Toshogu Shrine and Kanmangafuchi Abyss and ride a limited express train.

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# **TOURS FROM TOKYO (continued)**

**Jigokudani Snow Monkey Park & Miso Production Tour** – Travel by Shinkansen to Nagano and see the miso production process. Tour the Jigokudani Monkey Park, which is known for wild Japanese macaques soaking in hot springs during the cold season.

**Grand Sumo Tournament Viewing Tour with Light Snack & Cheering Goods** – Watch sumo, Japan's national sport, from comfortable reserved seating. Snack and gift included. Enjoy a unique experience not possible by just watching matches on TV. Available in January, May and September.

# TOURS FROM KYOTO

**Private** Half-Day Tour of Kyoto by Taxi with Guide – Travel in a chartered vehicle with an interpreter. Possible sites include Nishi Honganji, Sanjusangen-do, Heian Shrine, Daitoku-ji, Ryoan-ji, Kinkaku-ji, Nanzen-ji and Ginkaku-ji.

**Private** Full-Day Kyoto & Nara Tour by Taxi with Guide – Travel in a chartered vehicle with an interpreter. Possible sites include Kiyomizu-dera, Sannen-zaka, Kodai-ji, Yoshimine dera, Sanjusangen-do, Heian Shrine, Daitoku-ji, Ryoan-ji, Kinkaku-ji, Nanzen-ji and Ginkaku-ji.

**Morning Kyoto Back Street Cycling Tour** – Cycle through the back streets of Kyoto on this morning tour. Discover a new side of the city that can't be seen on bus tours or walking tours. Enjoy sightseeing in areas including Miyagawacho and Gion, steeped in the traditional atmosphere of Kyoto.

**Kyoto Morning & Afternoon Tours –** Possible sites include Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, Sanjusangen-do and Kiyomizu-dera.

**Nara Afternoon Tour –** Visit two World Heritage Sites in Nara: Todai-ji Temple and Kasuga Taisha Shrine, and Nara Park on this half-day afternoon course.

**Full-Day Kyoto & Nara Tour with Lunch –** This tour takes customers on a sightseeing course around the two ancient cities of Kyoto and Nara in just a day. The tour visits popular sightseeing spots Nijo Castle, Kinkaku-ji Temple, Kyoto Imperial Palace, Todai-ji Temple, Nara Park, and Kasuga Taisha Shrine including World Heritage Sites that have been protected and nurtured by the people of Kyoto and Nara since ancient times. Includes Western-style lunch.

**Uji: Tea Ceremony & Walking Tour (Seasonal: Not operating December - February) –** Visit the picturesque area around Uji Bridge and World Heritage Site Byodo-in Temple. Experience an authentic tea ceremony in one of Japan's tea plantation areas.

**Full-Day Uji & Nara Tour (Seasonal: Not operating December - February) –** Visit the picturesque area around Uji Bridge and World Heritage Site Byodo-in Temple. Experience an authentic tea ceremony in one of Japan's tea plantation areas. Enjoy a delicious lunch in the Kyoto Station area. In the afternoon, take a bus to the World Heritage Sites of Todai-ji Temple and Kasuga Taisha Shrine in Nara.

**Tea Ceremony Experience & Nishiki Market Walking Tour** – Visit Kennin-ji Temple, the oldest Zen temple in Kyoto. Walk around Gion and experience an authentic tea ceremony at Fukujuen. Walk around Nishiki Market, often described as Kyoto's kitchen.

**Kyoto Traditional Arts Night Tour (Seasonal: Not operating December - February) –** At Gion Corner, enjoy some of Japan's performing arts such as a traditional Kyoto dance, tea ceremony, flower arrangement, koto music, bugaku (court dance and music), kyogen (comic theater), bunraku (puppet theatre), or a noh play. This tour offers a special candlelight tea experience in the courtyard of the ryokan. Relish a Zen-style dinner focused on vegetarian cuisine.

## **TOURS FROM KYOTO (continued)**

**Kyoto Sagano Bamboo Grove & Arashiyama Walking Tour –** Walk through the famous Sagano Bamboo Grove and enjoy the view from Jojakko-ji Temple of the beautiful foliage of Arashiyama. Then visit the World Heritage Site of Tenryu-ji Temple before boarding a Yakatabune boat for a short cruise along the Katsura River.

**Full-Day Hiroshima & Miyajima Tour -** Enjoy a comfortable Shinkansen ride between Kyoto and Hiroshima. Visit the World Heritage Sites of Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima and Hiroshima's Atomic Bomb Dome. At the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum's Main Building, learn more about the situation and life in Hiroshima after the bombing and gain a deeper understanding of the importance of peace.

**Full-Day Osaka Walking Tour & Cruise** – See Osaka, the commercial center of western Japan, on this wonderful one-day round-trip tour departing from Kyoto. Enjoy panoramic views of the city at the Floating Garden Observatory at the top of the Umeda Sky Building and marvel at Osaka Castle's grandeur. Take a riverboat cruise for a breathtaking view of Japan's water city.

### **TOURS FROM HIROSHIMA**

**Full-Day Hiroshima & Miyajima Tour –** Visit the World Heritage Sites of Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima and Hiroshima's Atomic Bomb Dome.

### TOURS FROM OSAKA

**Private** Half-Day Osaka Tour by Taxi with Guide – Travel in a chartered vehicle with an interpreter. Possible sites include Osaka Castle, Dotonbori, Tempozan Marketplace, Floating Garden Observatory and Kuromon Ichiba Market.

**Osaka Afternoon Walking Tour** – Enjoy seeing Osaka's famous sightseeing spots and iconic sights on a leisurely afternoon.

**Osaka Afternoon Walking & Soul Food Experience –** Visit Sumiyoshi Taisha, a shrine with an ancient origin, central to the religion of the people of Osaka. Tour an area brimming with old-town atmosphere while riding Osaka's only street tram. Enjoy flashy signs and energetic scenes in Shinsekai with the iconic Tsutenkaku Tower visible. For lunch, make takoyaki, a staple of Osaka's food culture.

Full-Day Osaka Walking Tour & Cruise – Visit some of Osaka's iconic sights on a walking tour before taking a riverboat cruise with breathtaking views of Japan's water city.

**Full-Day Hiroshima & Miyajima Tour –** Travel by train to Hiroshima from Osaka. Visit the World Heritage Sites of Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima and Hiroshima's Atomic Bomb Dome.

**Full-Day Nara & Kyoto Tour** – Travel by Shinkansen to Kyoto then by bus to Nara. The tour visits popular sightseeing spots (Nijo Castle, Kinkaku-ji Temple, Kyoto Imperial Palace, Todai-ji Temple, Nara Park and Kasuga Taisha Shrine) including World Heritage Sites protected and nurtured by the people of Kyoto and Nara since ancient times.

**Nara Afternoon Tour** – Travel to Nara by train and bus. Visit Todai-ji Temple and Kasuga Taisha Shrine and Nara Park on this half-day afternoon course.

**Kyoto Full-Day, Morning & Afternoon Tours –** Travel to Kyoto by Shinkansen and visit visit Nijo Castle, Kinkaku-ji Temple, Kyoto Imperial Palace, Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, Sanjusangen-do Temple and Kiyomizu-dera Temple.

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