



Tailor-Made Japan Journey



# Our Travel Style

Our global network of local experts deliver the types of experiences that can't be Googled. Immersive trips that enable you to explore authentic local culture in a sustainable, experience-rich way. We love the highlights, but the real magic for us happens well away from a beaten path, the real life experiences you won't find in a search engine.

## Comfort: a little more... comfortable

We've smoothed away some of adventure travel's rougher edges to craft a style of travel that has a few more pleasantries included. Enjoy a more relaxed pace of travel, inviting accommodation, more included activities and many meals along the way.



### Accommodation

Comfortable hotels at a 3-to-4-star level, with private amenities and often plenty of local character. Some itineraries also feature homestays or unique accommodation.

### Transport

Primarily uses private transport, sustainable where possible. Local transport is occasionally used when it adds to the experience, like hopping on the back of a camel in the Sahara.

### Inclusions

We've taken the hassle out of travelling, by including many of the activities, meals and an arrival transfer from the airport (if specified in your inclusions). Your experienced local leader or guide will also have plenty of tips for how best to fill your free time.

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## 11 days / 10 nights

## About Your Trip

### Start Location

Tokyo, Japan

### Finish Location

Osaka, Japan

### Accommodation

9 nights Hotel

1 night Ryokan

### Rooming Requirements

Twin Share

### Included Meals

Breakfast x 10

Dinner x 4

### Transport

Private coach, Bullet train, local train, bus, subway, ferry, as mentioned in the itinerary.

### Leader/Guide

English Speaking Leader throughout

### Included Activities

Per Daily itinerary

### Entrance/Admission Fees

Where applicable with included activities

### Airport Transfers

Arrival and departure transfers are included on an individual basis

Flight details are required 50 days prior

### Support

24-hour support from our local office

### Exclusions

- International Flights
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities

## Why choose Intrepid?

Our business is global, but our expertise is local, with innovative products operated by our experienced teams in-destination. Each year we create and deliver incredible travel experiences in more than 90 countries.

All our local leaders are trained in first aid and crisis management, and our hotels, vehicles, and activities are audited regularly to ensure they meet international standards. We operate with full public liability insurance and OH&S policies and have rigid risk mitigation and emergency procedures, so your product is delivered safely.



### Who we are

For over 30 years we've been taking travellers around the globe, on small group tours with like-minded Intrepid people.



### Safe travels

We're with you every step of the way through our value chain - from our suppliers, to our on ground operations and leaders.



### Certified B Corp

When we became certified as the world's largest travel B Corp in 2018, it was not only our official pledge to be a responsible business, but also a promise to be the best travel company for the world.

## About your Tour Leader

### Tour leader

On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our tour leaders. The aim of the tour leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible.

Your leader will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We aim to support local guides who have specialised knowledge of the regions we visit. If you were interested in delving deeper into the local culture at a specific site or location then your leader can recommend a local guide service in most of the main destinations of your trip.

# Tailor-Made Japan Journey Itinerary

**Day 1 / 16.05 OR 30.05 2027**

**Destination: Arrival – Tokyo**

**Meals Included: Dinner**

Welcome to Japan! Your journey begins in Tokyo, a dynamic city where tradition and modern life blend seamlessly. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met by your tour leader, who will accompany you throughout the journey. Together, you will transfer by private coach to your hotel, ensuring a smooth and comfortable start to the trip. After check-in, there will be some time to relax or explore the surrounding area at your own pace.

In the evening, at 18:00h, join your tour leader and fellow travelers for a welcome meeting, where you will receive an overview of the itinerary and important information for the days ahead.

Afterwards, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant, a great opportunity to get to know the group and begin experiencing Japanese cuisine.

## **Arrival Transfer**

· Included – Private transfer by coach from airport to hotel

## **Included Activity**

· Tokyo – Welcome Meeting (18:00)  
· Tokyo – Welcome Dinner

## **Accommodation**

Hotel

**Day 2 / 17.05 OR 31.05 2027**

**Destination: Tokyo**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Today enjoy a full day exploring Tokyo's most iconic districts, travelling comfortably by private mid-size coach. Begin the morning in Asakusa, one of Tokyo's most historic areas. Visit Senso-ji Temple, the oldest Buddhist temple in the city, and walk along Nakamise Street, where you can browse traditional snacks, souvenirs and local crafts while experiencing the atmosphere of old Tokyo.

Continue to Meiji Jingu Shrine, a peaceful Shinto shrine set within a forested park in the heart of the city, offering a striking contrast to the surrounding urban environment.

Afterwards, head to Harajuku and explore Takeshita Street, known for its colourful shops, youth fashion and lively street culture.

There will be time for lunch (own arrangements) during the day.

In the afternoon, continue to Shibuya for a guided walking tour of one of Tokyo's most dynamic districts. Experience the famous Shibuya Crossing, visit the Hachiko Statue and explore the surrounding streets and shopping areas.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. The evening is free to enjoy Tokyo at your own pace.

## **Include Activities**

· Tokyo – Senso-ji Temple & Nakamise Street visit  
· Tokyo – Meiji Jingu Shrine visit

- Tokyo – Harajuku (Takeshita Street) walk
- Tokyo – Shibuya walking tour

### **Transportation**

- Private transportation – Private mid-size coach (full day)

### **Accommodation**

Hotel

**Day 3 / 18.05 OR 01.06 2027**

**Destination: Tokyo**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Today continue exploring Tokyo, travelling comfortably by private mid-size coach.

Begin the morning with a unique cultural experience: a visit to a sumo stable to observe a sumo practice session. This is a rare opportunity to witness the training of professional sumo wrestlers up close and gain insight into the discipline, rituals and daily life of Japan's national sport.

After the visit, continue to Ameyokocho Market, a lively street market located near Ueno, known for its vibrant atmosphere and variety of shops selling food, clothing and local goods.

There will be time for lunch (own arrangements) during the day.

In the afternoon, head to the Ginza district, one of Tokyo's most famous areas for shopping and modern city life. Enjoy a walk through its wide streets, lined with department stores, boutiques and cafés.

Later, continue to Odaiba, a waterfront area known for its futuristic atmosphere and views of Tokyo Bay. Take time to explore the area and enjoy the open spaces and modern architecture.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. The evening is free to relax or continue exploring at your own pace.

### **Included Activities**

- Tokyo – Sumo stable morning practice visit
- Tokyo – Ameyokocho Market visit
- Tokyo – Ginza walking tour
- Tokyo – Odaiba visit

### **Transportation**

- Private transportation – Private mid-size coach (full day)

### **Accommodation**

Hotel

**Day 4 / 19.05 OR 02.06 2027**

**Destination: Tokyo - Hakone**

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast, depart Tokyo by private coach and travel to Hakone, a scenic area within Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park known for its mountains, lakes and hot springs.

Upon arrival, begin your exploration of Hakone. Start with a cruise on Lake Ashi, a scenic lake formed in the crater of an ancient volcano. From the water, enjoy views of the surrounding landscape and, on clear days, Mount Fuji in the distance.

Continue with the Hakone Ropeway, offering panoramic views as you travel over the volcanic valley of Owakudani, known for its active sulphur vents and unique landscape.

There will be time for lunch (own arrangements) during the day.

In the late afternoon, proceed to your ryokan and check in.

This evening, enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner featuring seasonal dishes. After dinner, take the opportunity to relax in the onsen (hot spring baths), an essential part of the Japanese ryokan experience.

### **Included Activities**

- Hakone – Lake Ashi cruise
- Hakone – Ropeway experience (Owakudani area)
- Hakone – Traditional ryokan dinner

### **Transportation**

- Private transportation – Private coach (Tokyo to Hakone and sightseeing)
- Local transportation – Boat and ropeway

### **Special Information**

We will send your suitcases on to Kyoto today. You will need a small overnight bag for your one night in Hakone as you will not have access to your luggage again until arrival in Kyoto. One suitcase per person is included; if you wish to send additional luggage, the cost is around JPY3000 per bag paid locally.

### **Accommodation**

Ryokan

**Day 5 / 20.05 OR 03.06 2027**

**Destination: Hakone - Kyoto**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

After breakfast, depart your ryokan and travel by private coach to Odawara Station.

From Odawara, board the shinkansen (green car) to Kyoto, enjoying a comfortable and efficient journey across Japan.

Upon arrival in Kyoto, proceed to your hotel to check in and leave your luggage before beginning the afternoon visits.

In the afternoon, explore the historic Gion district with your tour leader. Known for its preserved wooden machiya houses and traditional atmosphere, Gion is one of Kyoto's most iconic neighborhoods.

Continue to Yasaka Jinja Shrine, a vibrant Shinto shrine located at the eastern end of the district and an important cultural landmark.

The evening is free to explore Kyoto at your own pace. You may wish to enjoy dinner in the area, with recommendations available from your tour leader.

### **Included Activities**

- Kyoto – Gion District walking tour

- Kyoto – Yasaka Jinja Shrine visit

### Transportation

- Private transportation – Coach (Hakone to Odawara)
- Public transportation – Shinkansen (green car) Odawara to Kyoto

### Accommodation

Hotel

**Day 6 / 21.05 OR 04.06 2027**

**Destination: Kyoto**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Today enjoy a full day exploring Kyoto's most iconic sights, travelling comfortably by private mid-size coach. Begin the morning in Arashiyama, located on the western outskirts of Kyoto. Visit Tenryu-ji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its beautiful Zen gardens. Continue with a walk through the famous Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, one of the city's most recognisable landscapes.

There will be time for lunch (own arrangements) during the day.

In the afternoon, continue to Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), one of Kyoto's most famous landmarks, known for its striking gold-leaf exterior reflected in the surrounding pond.

Later, visit Kiyomizu-dera, one of the city's most celebrated temples, offering panoramic views over Kyoto. From here, enjoy a walk through the historic Higashiyama district, including traditional streets such as Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka, lined with preserved wooden houses, shops and cafés.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

### Included Activities

- Kyoto – Tenryu-ji Temple visit
- Kyoto – Arashiyama Bamboo Grove walk
- Kyoto – Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) visit
- Kyoto – Kiyomizu-dera visit
- Kyoto – Higashiyama Old Streets walk

### Transportation

- Private transportation – Private mid-size coach (full day) Public Transport

### Accommodation

Hotel

**Day 7 / 22.05 OR 05.06 2027**

**Destination: Kyoto**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Today continue exploring Kyoto, travelling by private mid-size coach in the morning.

Begin with a visit to Fushimi Inari Taisha, one of Japan's most iconic shrines, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates forming scenic pathways up the mountainside. Take time to walk through the atmospheric trails and enjoy the unique setting.

Continue to Nishiki Market, often referred to as “Kyoto’s Kitchen.” Here, you will have free time to explore the lively market street and enjoy lunch (own arrangements), with a wide variety of local specialties available.

In the afternoon, take part in a private Japanese tea ceremony. This traditional experience offers a deeper understanding of Japanese culture, focusing on the art, etiquette and philosophy behind the preparation of matcha green tea. During the ceremony, you will learn about the precise movements and rituals involved, while enjoying tea and seasonal sweets in a calm and refined setting.

After the ceremony, the rest of the day is free to explore at your own pace. You may wish to walk through the Teramachi and Kawaramachi areas, known for their shopping streets, cafés and local atmosphere.

#### **Included Activities**

- Kyoto – Fushimi Inari Taisha visit
- Kyoto – Nishiki Market visit
- Kyoto – Private tea ceremony experience

#### **Transportation**

- Private transportation – Private mid-size coach (morning)

#### **Accommodation**

Hotel

**Day 8 / 23.05 OR 06.06 2027**

**Destination: Kyoto - Hiroshima**

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast, depart Kyoto and travel by shinkansen (green car) to Hiroshima.

Upon arrival, proceed to the city centre and begin your visit to Hiroshima’s most significant historical sites. Start with the Peace Memorial Park and the A-Bomb Dome, powerful symbols of the city’s history and its message of peace.

Continue to the Peace Memorial Museum, where exhibits provide a deeper understanding of the events of August 1945 and Hiroshima’s recovery.

There will be time for lunch (own arrangements) during the day.

In the evening, enjoy a traditional Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki dinner, one of the city’s most famous dishes.

Prepared on a hot teppan grill, this savoury pancake combines layers of cabbage, noodles and various ingredients, offering a unique and authentic local experience.

#### **Included Activities**

- Hiroshima – Peace Memorial Park & A-Bomb Dome
- Hiroshima – Peace Memorial Museum
- Hiroshima – Okonomiyaki Dinner

#### **Transportation**

- Public transportation – Shinkansen (green car) Kyoto to Hiroshima
- Local transportation – As required within Hiroshima

#### **Special Information**

We will send your suitcases on to Osaka today. You will need a small overnight bag for your two nights in Hiroshima as you will not have access to your luggage again until arrival in Osaka. One suitcase per person is included; if you wish to send additional luggage, the cost is around JPY3000 per bag paid locally.

## Accommodation

Hotel

**Day 9 / 24.05 OR 07.06 2027**

**Destination: Kyoto - Miyajima Day Tour**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Today take a day trip to Miyajima Island, one of Japan's most scenic and culturally significant destinations.

Travel by local train to Miyajimaguchi and continue by ferry to the island.

Upon arrival, visit Itsukushima Shrine, famous for its iconic "floating" torii gate, which appears to rise from the sea at high tide. Take time to explore the shrine complex and enjoy the surrounding scenery.

Continue to Daisho-in Temple, a peaceful and atmospheric temple complex located on the slopes of Mount Misen, offering a quieter and more reflective experience compared to the main shrine area.

There will be time for lunch (own arrangements) and to explore the island at your own pace.

In the afternoon, return to Hiroshima by ferry and train. The rest of the evening is free to relax or explore the city.

## Included Activities

- Miyajima – Itsukushima Shrine and floating torii visit
- Miyajima – Daisho-in Temple visit

## Transportation

- Public transportation – Train, tram, ferry

## Accommodation

Hotel

**Day 10 / 25.05 OR 08.06 2027**

**Destination: Hiroshima – Osaka - Nara Day Trip**

**Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast, depart Hiroshima and travel by shinkansen (green car) to Shin-Osaka Station.

Upon arrival, meet your private mid-size coach and depart directly for Nara.

In Nara, visit Nara Park, a large open area famous for its free-roaming deer, considered sacred in Shinto belief. Continue to Todai-ji Temple, one of Japan's most important temples and home to the Great Buddha, an impressive bronze statue housed in one of the largest wooden buildings in the world.

There will be time for lunch (own arrangements) in the Nara area.

In the afternoon, return to Osaka by private coach. If time permits, make a brief stop at Osaka Castle (outside view) to take photos and enjoy views of this iconic landmark.

Later, continue to the lively Dotonbori district. Known for its bright neon lights, canal-side atmosphere and energetic streets, this area is one of Osaka's most famous entertainment and food districts. Enjoy a walking tour through the area with your tour leader.

In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, a great opportunity to celebrate the end of your journey through Japan with the group.

After dinner, return to the hotel.

#### **Included Activities**

- Nara – Nara Park visit
- Nara – Todai-ji Temple visit
- Osaka – Osaka Castle (photo stop, outside view – if time permits)
- Osaka – Dotonbori walking tour
- Osaka – Farewell dinner

#### **Transportation**

- Public transportation – Shinkansen (green car) Hiroshima to Osaka
- Private transportation – Private mid-size coach (full day)

#### **Accommodation**

Hotel

**Day 11 / 26.05 OR 09.06 2027**

**Destination: Osaka - Departure**

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Today your journey in Japan comes to an end. After breakfast, check out of your hotel and prepare for departure. A private transfer will be arranged to take you from your hotel to the airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable end to your trip according to your flight schedule.

#### **Departure Transfer**

- Included – Private transfer by coach from hotel to airport

# Important Information

- The quote and accommodation will be subject to availability at the time of booking
- Most travellers are surprised at how much distance they end up covering just exploring places on foot! Make sure your shoes are comfy and you are fit enough to spend most of each day on your feet.
- This trip travels primarily on public transport, as it is so efficient and convenient in Japan. Fast trains are used to move between cities, as well as some private and public buses. Be aware when packing for this trip that you will need to be able to carry your luggage on and off public transport, and to and from accommodations. In order to make travel on public transport easier, on some days we will forward your large luggage to our next destination, packing an overnight bag for that night's stay.
- This itinerary includes a stay in a Japanese ryokan (traditional inn). Rooms are decorated in traditional Japanese style with en suite shower facilities.
- Be prepared to pack light and smart for this trip as you'll be required to carry your own luggage between train stations and to hotels, which can include going up and down multiple flights of stairs in crowded areas.
  - It is essential you pack light and compact for rail travel in Japan. From May 2020 there will be size restrictions for luggage on Shinkansen trains. Luggage over 160–250 cm may require an additional USD 10 oversize luggage fee per train journey. Luggage over 251 cm will NOT be permitted on the Shinkansen trains at all. Please notify your tour leader at your welcome meeting if your luggage is over 160–250 cm so they can make the necessary arrangements.
- A 14-day Japan Rail Pass is included in the price of your trip (validated on Day 2). For those planning to stay longer in Japan, a Japan Rail Pass extension, valid for 21-days, is available for purchase. Japan Rail Passes are only available for purchase outside of Japan. It is therefore necessary to purchase them before the tour begins.
- Due to the rapid increase in tourism in Japan and the lead up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, it has been necessary to go outside our traditional sources tour leaders. As a result our passionate, professional and trained tour leaders may be local Japanese or long-term foreign residents in Japan.

## JAPAN'S VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Japanese visa waiver is now in suspension until further notice. You'll need to apply for a tourist visa with Japanese consulate no less than 30 days before your trip to allow for possible delays. For detailed requirements, please check your local travel advisory and Japanese consulate directly.

You will be required to submit 2 documents along with your visa application form:

- ERFS certificate

- an explanatory document including tour itinerary, tour agent contact and tour leader's letter of employment etc.

(This document is subject to being waived depending on your nationality)

Intrepid is able to provide you with these documents upon request. Please request them with your booking agent and provide correct passport details and your email. Intrepid will be able to return these documents within 3 business days.

You will also be required to sign a government required agreement form. Please request this form with your booking agent and return a signed form no later than two weeks before your departure. You will also need to take a signed printed copy of it to be checked at boarding as part of the entry requirements.

# Package Price

Individual deposit of \$400 is required in order to secure your spot on a departure. After that, final payment is due by 70 days prior to departure.

## Pricing per person (twin share basis)

## Price per person

Price Per Person - twin share basis

\$5,230.00

## Additional Services

## Price Per product

Single Supplement

\$1,245.00

Single Supplement is compulsory for all single rooms

# Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all our trips for those travelling internationally. We require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation. If you are travelling within your home country or region please confirm before travel that you are entitled to access the public medical system easily should an accident occur. We strongly recommend all travellers have a policy that also covers COVID-19, personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage or personal effects. For international trips, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance and the insurance company's 24-hour emergency contact number has been sighted by your leader. For more information about insurance requirements, check the Essential Trip Information for your specific trip.

## Booking Conditions

By booking this Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made Adventure, you agree to the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/booking-intrepid/booking-conditions> and any deviations specified below that apply to your Tailor-Made booking as set out below.

If you are making a booking on behalf of a group, you must ensure each traveller has read and agrees to our Booking Conditions before making the booking.

- You must provide a travellers' name list and details including name as per passport, passport number and expiration date, nationality, DOB, gender, rooming requirements, dietary requirements, medical concerns at least 60 days prior to departure of the trip.
- All rates are per person, based on indicated numbers travelling together as one movement. Any changes to the group size at any time before or after confirmation of services will require the trip to be repriced.
- The details set out in your proposal are a quotation only. The pricing and itinerary are subject to availability of accommodation, transport, leaders, and other suppliers at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend and requote itinerary if such suppliers are not available.
- By making your payment, you are agreeing to the most recent itinerary and price quote. All revisions will be subject to requote and additional approval.
- A contract will exist when we accept your deposit.
- If we, or a third-party operator, is required to make amendments to your original proposal, subsequent pricing may become applicable to your booking.
- Any changes to the itinerary made by you AFTER services have been confirmed will require a revised quote and may be subject to an additional charge (as levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines). No additional changes are permitted within 30 days prior to departure.
- Hotels listed in the quote are indicative only and are subject to change. If the hotel listed in the quote is unavailable, we will confirm an alternative hotel of similar standard.
- If complimentary transfers are included, (on a group basis) they are only applicable if going to accommodation booked through us. Please advise flight arrival details (flight number and arrival time) at least 30 days prior to departure if you wish to have this transfer provided. There is no guarantee we can arrange this transfer if we receive these details within 30 days of departure.
- Some Tailor-Made tours, such as our Tailor-Made Australia trips, may have cancellation terms that deviate from those set out in the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions. Your Tailor-Made consultant will advise you of the cancellation conditions that apply to your booking prior to you paying your deposit.
- You acknowledge that you are choosing to travel at a time where you may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure your safety and may require you to follow additional safety protocols before and during your trip. Depending on the most recent health information available to us, we may require you to comply with mandatory health policies, including the need for proof of vaccination or medical tests. More information can be found on our Covid-19 Customer Information page [here](#). Please note that these policy requirements are subject to change following advice from relevant authorities.