

Highlights of Japan 9 Days Flying Qantas

~~\$3,799.00~~ **\$2,999.00**

Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Nagoya, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Tokyo

This tour offers a great way to take in the cultural heritage of Japan. You'll start with three nights based in Osaka, exploring that city as well as Nara and Kyoto – cities famous for their well-preserved ancient temples and monuments. Travelling east to Nagoya, you'll learn about the modern transformation of Japan into a manufacturing powerhouse, at the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology. Back to nature and culture, the tour then visits scenic Hakone and sacred Mount Fuji, before two days in Tokyo for sightseeing, shopping, or your choice of a diverse range of optional activities.

Highlights:

- Explore the bustling capital **Tokyo** and experience traditional Japanese culture and heritage
- Explore the modern city **Osaka**, with its boisterous nightlife & hearty street food
- Pray for your fortunes at the beautiful **Heian Jingu Shrine**
- Feed the gentle sika deer at **Nara Park**
- Drink from clear springs at the foothills of **Mount Fuji**
- Enjoy planned activities and free time in **Tokyo**

From June to August, it is the best time to view fresh spring greens and enjoy the warm climate.

The end of Oct through early Nov is the best time to see crimson leaves in Autumn.

Late March to early April is historically the best time to view cherry blossoms, but we can't guarantee that they will flower on these dates as they are highly seasonal and subject to climatic conditions.

In stock

Category: Japan Tags: Disney Collection, Kyoto, Mount Fuji, Nara, Nara Park, Osaka

Guaranteed Departure Dates

2018			Package Per Person	Single Supplement
21 Mar [△]	18 Apr [△]	20 Aug [#]	From \$2,999	\$700
28 Mar [△]	09 May [△]	10 Oct ^{*△}		
04 Apr [△]	18 Jul [△]	07 Nov [△]		
^ = South Korea or Hiroshima pre-tour extensions are available # = Hokkaido Cruise post-tour extension is available			Limited time!	

Package Inclusions:

- Economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney, Melbourne, or Brisbane flying Qantas
- 7 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated
- Bullet train from Osaka to Kyoto
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Admissions to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s)

Package Exclusions:

- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Tipping prepaid in Australia: AUD\$140
- Personal expenses

Price Guide:

- **** Cherry Blossom Season Surcharge:** \$500
- *** Peak Season Surcharge:** From \$300
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$350, Perth \$600 (flights may be via Sydney)
- **Business Class Upgrade:** Contact us for a quotation
- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind Surcharge:** From \$250 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation:** From \$350/twin room/night (subject to availability)
- **Please Note:** Triple share is subject to availability
- **Please Note:** Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 2 weeks before departure and involve transits

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all

Booking Conditions.

Tour Extensions

Hokkaido Cruise 8 Nights from \$1,799

Yokohama, Kushiro, Korsakov, Otaru, Hakodate

Embark upon an eight night cruise around Japan's Northern-most island, Hokkaido. Enjoy incredible landscapes, abundant wildlife, and the freshest sushi in the world, with visits ashore to enjoy the architecture, museums, food, and views of some of Japan's less-visited cities.

For details, tap the image above or [click here](#).

Enchanting South Korea 6 Nights from \$1,499

Seoul, Andong, Daegu, Gyeongju, Busan

South Korea is a high-tech, trend-setting nation with a reverent, old soul. Boasting picturesque landscapes, a rich cultural history, delicious local cuisine, the latest technological advances, fashion trends and more, a visit to 'the Land of Morning Calm' should be on every traveller's list.

For details, tap the image above or [click here](#).

Hiroshima 3 Days from \$720

The tour will be either self-guided or a group tour depending on the size of group.

Hiroshima is a popular city in Japan famous for the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Sites – Itsukushima Shrine and Atomic Bomb Dome.

For details, tap the image above or [click here](#).

Available Stopovers

Hong Kong Stopover from \$389

Once a sleepy fishing village, Hong Kong has developed into one of the premier financial powerhouses of the Far East. It is a city which boldly blends modernity with Chinese heritage and British colonial influence. A safe, well organised, fast paced shopping paradise, it also offers up some unmatched cuisine experiences.

For details, tap the image above or [click here](#).

Japan Tour Optional Programs

For more optional activities and tours, please [click here](#).

Tokyo Day Tour

\$250

This tour will take you to visit Asakusa, Meiji Jingu Shrine, Harajuku, Shibuya, Tokyo Tower and experience a Tokyo bay cruise.

Japan's capital, Tokyo, is packed with so much to see and do. First stop on this tour is Asakusa Kannon Temple, one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular temples.

Afterwards visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Proceed to the fashion district Harajuku and Shibuya, an affluent and trendy shopping hotspot. Then proceed to Tokyo Tower, where you will observe the amazing city of Tokyo from up above. Then, relax on a Tokyo bay cruise en route to the beautiful and serene landscaped Hamarikyu Garden beside Tokyo Bay.

Note: this tour is subject to minimum numbers

Osaka Day Tour**\$250**

This optional tour will take you to Osaka Castle which was built in 1583 as the intended capital of Japan, before the capital was moved to Edo (now known as Tokyo). Walk through the majestic castle while learning from the exhibit detailing life in old Osaka. From there, walk to the nearby river boat dock to board the Osaka River Cruise for a cruise around Nakanoshima. Explore Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori, the vast restaurant districts, with eateries offering a variety of Japan's most famous street foods. Then travel down to Umeda Skybuilding, where you will get a sweeping view of Osaka. Tour finishes in Osaka.

Note: this tour is subject to minimum numbers.

Hotel Accommodation

Osaka	Kansai Airport Washington Hotel	★★★★★ or similar
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Nagoya	Tokyu Rei Hotel	★★★★★ or similar
Mount Fuji	Yamanokako Sun Plaza Hotel	★★★★★ or similar
Tokyo	Tokyo Dome Hotel	★★★★★ or similar

Day 1: Australia ✈️ Osaka

Take an international flight from Australia to Osaka via a connecting city. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to the airport hotel.

Day 2: Osaka 🚆 Nara 🚆 Osaka (B)

This morning, travel to **Nara** and visit **Todaiji** (Great Eastern Temple), with its Great Buddha Hall – the world’s largest wooden building. This impressive building houses the world’s largest (15m) bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 tame sika deer roam free, before travelling to **Osaka**. Visit **Osaka Castle**, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century, before being dropped off at **Dōtonbori**, which exemplifies Osaka’s vibrant food culture.

Day 3: Osaka (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You may spend the day visiting one of the most spectacular Japanese aquariums, **Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan**; or taking a day trip to **Hyogo** to visit **Himeji Castle**, a unique enormous Japanese castle decorated in white. An optional day tour is available for some departure dates. Please check the attached optional program information.

Day 4: Osaka 🚆 Kyoto 🚆 Nagoya (B)

This morning, travel to **Kyoto** by bullet train to visit **Heian Jingu Shinto Shrine**. Next, visit **Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion**, a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Travel to **Nagoya** to visit **Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology**. Here you will learn about the history of Toyota as a textile machinery manufacturer and how it became a successful mass exporter and manufacturer of automotive technology, including robots.

Day 5: Nagoya 🚆 Hakone 🚆 Mt. Fuji (B, D)

Today, visit **Oshino Hakkai**. Known as the ‘springs of Mount Fuji’, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Afterwards, visit **Gotemba Peace Park** to capture a breathtaking view of **Mount Fuji**, and **Hakone Shrine**. Standing at the foot of **Mount Hakone** along the shores of **Lake Ashi**, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest.

Day 6: Mount Fuji 🚆 Tokyo (B)

Visit **Meiji Shrine** in the morning, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Later, stroll through the **Asakusa Kannon Temple**, one of Tokyo’s most colourful and popular temples, and browse for souvenirs at **Nakamise Shopping Street**. Your last stop today is **Tokyo Tower**, to enjoy a panoramic view of enormous Tokyo city.

Day 7: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at your leisure. You may spend a day in **Tokyo Disneyland** or **DisneySea** (admission \$120) or you can join the **Nikko Day Tour** (\$250). Alternatively, you can join our wide range of optional programs (**tea ceremony**, **pottery-making experience**, **golden joinery**, **kimono photo shoot**, **cooking class**, **Robot Restaurant**). Activities are

not guided and transportation is self-arranged.

Day 8: Tokyo ✈ Australia (B)

Today, transfer to the airport to board your flight via a connecting city to Australia.

Day 9: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

Optional Pre-Tour Extension

Enchanting South Korea 6 Nights

From \$1,499 pp. twin share

Seoul, Mount Seorak, Andong, Gyeongju

Immerse yourself on an incredible journey covering two fascinating countries, Japan and South Korea. Discover South Korea's capital city, Seoul. Seoul is Korea's financial, political, commercial, and cultural centre with over 600 years of history. Travellers can explore the many archaeological sites and temples before enjoying the beautiful natural landscapes this country has to offer.

Tour Highlights:

- Stroll through the Changdeokgung Palace grounds
- Gaze into North Korean territory at the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)
- Immerse yourself in the bustling crowds of Myeongdong
- Explore the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, Gyeongju
- Experience the serenity of Seokguram Grotto

For details, please click [here](#).

Day 1: Australia ✈ Seoul

Fly to Seoul via a connecting city.

Day 2: Seoul

Arrive in Seoul. You will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Day 3: Seoul 🚠 Mount Seorak (B, L, D)

Designated a UNESCO Biosphere Preservation District in 1982 due to the many rare species found in the national park, **Seoraksan National Park** is Korea's most famous national park. This morning, tour **Shinheungsa Temple** and take the cable car to **Gwonkeumseong Fortress** to experience the beautiful natural landscapes on offer. Continue to **Sokcho Fishing Village** this afternoon.

Day 4: Mount Seorak 🚠 Andong 🚠 Gyeongju (B, L)

This morning visit the traditional **village of Andong**, with its well preserved traditional houses and unique mask dancing performance. Later, travel to **Gatbawi Shrine**.

Day 5: Gyeongju (B, L)

Today, explore the many archaeological sites and temples, **royal tombs** and **monuments of Gyeongju**, the capital of the ancient **Shilla Kingdom**. Visit **Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory**, **Royal Tumuli Park**, **Gyeongju National Museum**, **Bulguksa Temple**, and **Seokguram Grotto Temple**.

Day 6: Gyeongju 🚗 Seoul (B, L)

This morning, visit **Changdeokgung Palace**, one of the “Five Grand Palaces” built by the Kings of the Jeoson Dynasty and **Insadong**, a street full of traditional Korean antique and craft shops and tea houses. Continue to **Cheonggyecheon Stream** and admire its unique beauty, before visiting **Myeongdong**, one of Seoul’s main commercial districts. Then visit a Korean Ginseng Centre to learn about Ginseng, which has been used for thousands of years to improve people’s overall health. This evening, experience the city’s best night view at **Namsan Tower**.

Day 7: Seoul (B, L, D)

Visit **North Korea’s 3rd Infiltration Tunnel**, located within the **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)** a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. An entire infantry division can move through the tunnel in an hour. View North Korean territory including the **Propaganda Village**, **People’s School** and **Gaeseong City**, the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom from the **Dora Observation Platform**. Also visit **Freedom Park**, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. **North Hall** contains displays of North Korean lifestyle, and the **Exhibition Hall** houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War.

Day 8: Seoul ✈️ Osaka (B)

Take a direct flight from Seoul to Osaka. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at your own leisure. Note: The baggage allowance for this flight is 1 piece max weight 15kg per person.

Optional Pre-Tour Extension

Hiroshima self-Guided Pre-Extension 2 Nights

From \$720 pp. twin share

Hiroshima is a popular city in Japan famous for the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Sites – Itsukushima Shrine and Atomic Bomb Dome.

Tour Highlights:

- Take a cruise to Itsukushima Shrine best known for its “floating torii” on the sea, the gate to Itsukushima. The beautiful torii gate stands in the water when it is high tide. When it is low tide, you may walk through torii gate.
- Visit the Atomic Bomb Dome and Museum to learn the history of Hiroshima.

For details, please click [here](#).

Day 1: Australia ✈️ Osaka

Fly to Osaka via a connecting city.

Day 2: Osaka

Arrive in Osaka and take a shuttle bus to your hotel.

Day 3: Osaka 🚆 Hiroshima (B)

This morning proceed to Osaka Station for a bullet train to Hiroshima and spend the rest of the afternoon at your own leisure.

Day 4: Hiroshima 🚆 Osaka (B)

Today you will be exploring **Itsukushima Shrine** in the morning. Travel to Hiroshima **Atomic Bomb Dome**, one of the only remaining buildings after the explosion. Then visit the **Atomic Bomb Museum** followed by the **Memorial Peace Park**. Travel back to Osaka to join your core tour.

Optional Post-Tour Extension

Hokkaido Cruise 8 Nights – 2017

From \$1,999 pp. twin share

Day 9: Tokyo (Yokohama) 🚢 Hokkaido (B)

Spend this morning free until your transfer to Yokohama Cruise Terminal. Embarkation of **Diamond Princess** is at 5pm.

Day 10: At sea (B,L,D – Onboard Meals)

Cruising to Kushiro aboard the **Diamond Princess**.

Day 11: Kushiro (B,L,D – Onboard Meals)

Cruise to Kushiro, arriving at 7am. Explore **Fisherman Town** and try the freshest seafood. Also, an optional tour is available to Kushiro Wetland; Japan's largest Marshland, to spot Japanese Cranes. Departs at 2pm. Optional tours are available.

Day 12: Shiretoko Peninsula (scenic cruising) (B,L,D – Onboard Meals)

Capture breathtaking views of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Shiretoko Peninsula, with an unspoiled landscape of rocky cliffs, snowy summits of the vast mountain ranges, and beautiful cascades.

Day 13: Korsakov, Russia (B,L,D – Onboard Meals)

Cruise to Korsakov arriving at 6am. Korsakov is an administrative centre of Korsakovsky District of Russia once it was colonised by Japan. Explore the museums and beautiful architecture with a mix of Russian and Japanese influences. Departs at 6pm. Tender required, wheelchair access limited at this port. Optional tours are available.

Day 14: Otaru (B,L,D – Onboard Meals)

Cruise to Otaru arriving at 6pm. Discover one of the biggest cities in Hokkaido. Stroll along the Otaru Canal, tasting

fine Sushi and discovering traditional Japanese architecture. Departs at 9pm. Optional tours are available.

Day 15: Hakodate (B,L,D – Onboard Meals)

Cruise to Hakodate arriving at 8am. Hakodate offers you one of the most magnificent night views in Japan. Take a ropeway to reach the summit of Mt Hakodate to enjoy the panoramic view. Departs at 11pm.

Day 16: At sea (B,L,D – Onboard Meals)

Cruising aboard the Diamond Princess.

Day 17: Tokyo (Yokohama) ✈ Australia

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Day 18: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

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From \$1,999 pp. twin share

Discover the natural beauty of Hokkaido while cruising on the Diamond Princess

Leaving from Yokohama, you will visit the commercial fishing town Kushiro in eastern Hokkaido, with an optional tour of the local wetlands to see Japanese Cranes. From there, take in the scenery of the World Heritage Shiretoko Peninsula, and then sail on to Korsakov – a former Japanese colony at the southern end of Russia's largest Island, Sakhalin.

The cruise then returns to Japan to visit Otaru and Hakodate cities, where you can enjoy the view from Mount Hakodate.

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