

## Impressions of Japan 9 Days

~~\$2,999.00~~ **\$2,399.00**

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

### Highlights:

- Discover **Osaka**, with a day free at leisure and a selection of optional activities
- In **Nara**, visit the **Great Eastern Temple with its Great Buddha Hall** – the world's largest wooden building
- Feed the gentle sika deer at **Nara Park**
- Visit **Nagoya's Inuyama Castle**, and explore **Osu Shopping Street's 1200 shops and restaurants**
- Drink from clear springs at the foothills of **Mount Fuji**
- Enjoy optional activities or free time in **Tokyo**

Starting your tour of Japan in Osaka, you'll visit Kyoto and Nara – famous for their well-preserved ancient castles, temples, and monuments. In Nagoya, visit Inuyama Castle, and explore the 1200 shops and restaurants of Osu Shopping Street. Japan's stunning natural endowments are on the itinerary too, in the form of sacred Mount Fuji and the surrounding region. Your trip wraps up with time free in Tokyo, for sightseeing, shopping, or your choice of a diverse range of optional activities.

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.

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

### Departure Dates

2018			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
<del>22 Aug</del>	<del>10 Oct</del>	14 Nov	from <b>\$2,399</b>	\$900
<del>05 Sep</del>	<del>17 Oct</del>			
<del>12 Sep</del>	<del>07 Nov</del>			
2019			from <del>\$2,999</del> <b>\$2,399</b>	
20 Mar**	22 May	21 Aug*		
27 Mar**	05 Jun	28 Aug		
03 Apr**	19 Jun	04 Sep		
10 Apr*	10 Jul	06 Nov*		
17 Apr*	24 Jul	13 Nov*		
08 May	07 Aug			
* = Peak Season Surcharge: \$300				
** = Cherry Blossom Season Surcharge: \$500				

### Package Inclusions:

- Economy airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges from Sydney or Melbourne with a full service Chinese (eg. China Eastern/Southern, Air China, China Airlines) or other Asian carrier (e.g. Vietnam/Thai/Malaysia Air)
- 6 nights 3 to 4 star locally rated hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Admissions to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s)

### Package Exclusions:

- Tipping: \$80
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses

### Price Guide:

- **Airline Upgrade<sup>^</sup>:** Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, All Nippon Airways, or Japan Airlines (Sydney departure only) from \$500 subject to availability & applicable fare difference
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300, Perth \$600 (flights may be via Sydney)
- **Premium Economy Upgrade:** Cathay Pacific from \$2200 subject to availability
- **Business Class Upgrade:** China Southern Airlines from \$3000, Singapore Airlines from \$4300, Cathay Pacific from \$5300 subject to availability
- **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 not available
- **Please Note:** Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 2 weeks before departure and may involve up to 2 transits per leg

<sup>^</sup> = International long haul sectors only.

Please note: Cherry blossoms and crimson leaves are highly seasonal and subject to climate conditions. These are historically the best times to view the blooms, but we can't guarantee they will flower on these dates.

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

### 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.

*Note: This cannot be combined with the Hiroshima extension*

For details, tap the image above or click here.

### Discover Taiwan 7 nights from \$1,499

*Taipei, Nantou, Taichung, Kaohsiung, Kenting, Taitung, Hualien, Taroko*

A country of stunning beauty and jaw-dropping natural landscapes, Taiwan has increasingly attracted travellers from all over the world, showcasing not only its spectacular scenic landscapes, but also a thriving folk culture, museums bursting with treasures, and bustling night markets.

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.

## Stopover Packages

### 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.

## Optional Programs

For more optional activities and tours, please click here.

Tokyo Day Tour	<p>\$250</p> <p>This tour will take you to visit Asakusa, Meiji Jingu Shrine, Harajuku, Shibuya, Tokyo Tower and experience a Tokyo bay cruise.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Note: this tour is subject to minimum numbers</p>
Osaka Day Tour	<p>\$250</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Note: this tour is subject to minimum numbers.</p>

## Hotel Accommodation

Osaka Airport	Bellevue Garden Kansai Airport or similar
Osaka	Hotel Alexander Namba or similar
Nagoya	Loisir hotel Toyohashi or similar
Tokyo	Hotel Rose Garden Shinjuku or similar

## Day 1: Australia ✈ Osaka

Take an international flight from Australia to Osaka via a connecting city.

## Day 2: ✈ Osaka

Arrive in **Osaka**. Your friendly tour guide will be waiting at the airport to transfer you to the airport hotel.

## Day 3: Osaka 🚆 Kyoto 🚆 Nara 🚆 Osaka (B)

This morning, travel to Kyoto and visit **Fushimi Inari Shrine and Nijo Castle** before heading to **Nara**. 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 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka.

## Day 4: 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 (pictured), an enormous and unique castle decorated in white. An optional day tour is available for some departure dates. Please see optional programs for more information.

## Day 5: Osaka 🚆 Nagoya (B)

This morning, head to **Nagoya** and visit **Inuyama Castle**. Then, head to **Atsuta Shinto Shrine** (covering 200,000 square meters and established almost 2000 years ago) before enjoying some time for shopping in the **Osu Kannon Shopping Quarter**. Transfer to your hotel in the evening.

## Day 6: Nagoya 🚆 Mount Fuji 🚆 Tokyo (B)

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 Shinto Shrine**. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest. Finally, visit **Owakudani** – ‘Great Boiling Valley’ is a valley formed by the explosion of Hakone volcano more than 300 years ago, and contains hot springs and steaming sulphur vents – visitors usually eat eggs cooked in the boiling, sulphurous waters. At the end of the day we head to Tokyo.

## Day 7: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at leisure. You may wish to visit **Tokyo Disneyland or DisneySea** (admission \$120) or 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. NOTE: All activities are not guided and transportation is self-arranged.

## Day 8: Tokyo ✈ Australia (B)

Spend today free at leisure before transferring to the airport for your flight home.

## Day 9: ✈ Australia

Arrive home today.

### Optional Pre-Tour Extension

#### Enchanting South Korea 6 Nights

From \$1,499 pp. twin share

Seoul, Andong, Daegu, Gyeongju, Busan

Asia's third-largest economy and the country which brought the world 'Gangnam Style', South Korea is a high-tech, trend-setting nation with a reverent, old soul. With tranquil national parks boasting picturesque landscapes, a rich cultural history, delicious local cuisine, a bounty of the latest technological advances, fashions and more, a visit to 'the Land of Morning Calm' should be on every traveller's list. The capital, Seoul, is a fast-paced cosmopolitan centre with an appetite for fashion, pop culture, and the latest in high-tech gadgets. Yet just an hour away from the cityscape, travellers can find themselves enjoying the peace and tranquillity of various national parks, encompassing gorgeous hiking trails and dense mountain landscapes. With ancient cultural traditions also retaining a strong presence throughout the country, travellers seeking a cultural experience are sure to be satisfied. Friendly people, delicious food, and delightful contrasts between the modern and the traditional ensure that the indomitable spirit of South Korea will encapsulate and inspire travellers from all walks.

#### Tour Highlights:

- Stroll through 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
- Encounter South Korea's picturesque port city and the site of brave resistance during the Korean War – Busan

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 🚗 Andong 🚗 Daegu (B, L)

Visit the traditional village, **Andong**, which features **traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty** period (1392-1897). In Daegu, take a stroll in **Dongseongno Shopping District**, a major fashion retail district. The streets are packed with hundreds of stores full of personality that reflect the city's fast-paced fashion trends. Enjoy magnificent views by taking a cable car to **Palgongsan Natural Park**.

### Day 4: Daegu 🚗 Gyeongju (B, L)

Today we explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs, and monuments of **Gyeongju**, the capital of the ancient Silla Kingdom (57 BC – 935 AD). Visit **Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory**, **Royal Tumuli Park**,

Gyeongju National Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple.

## Day 5: Gyeongju 🚗 Busan (B, L, D)

In Busan, we visit **Haedong Yonggungsa Temple**, situated on the coast of the north-eastern portion of the city and overlooking the ocean. Afterwards, you will have an opportunity to view the waves while looking down through the transparent floor of the 15 metre high **Oryukdo Skywalk**, which is set over a 35 meter-high coastal cliff. Travel to **Gamcheon Culture Village** situated on the foothills of a coastal mountain and nicknamed 'Machu Picchu of Busan'. You will be thrilled by the many alleys cutting through this village, vibrantly decorated with murals and sculptures created by the local residents. Stop at one of Korea's largest markets, **Nampo Dong Gukje Market** for a wide variety of goods at affordable prices. Then visit **Nurimaru APEC House**, a memorial hall and prestigious international conference hall located near Haeundae Beach, offering visitors spectacular views of the nearby natural landscape.

## Day 6: Busan 🚗 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 art shops, restaurants and tea houses. Continue to **Cheonggyecheon Stream** and admire this urban oasis before visiting **Myeongdong**, one of Seoul's main commercial districts.

## Day 7: Seoul 🚗 DMZ 🚗 Seoul (B, L, D)

Visit **North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel**, located within the **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)**, a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. In the event of an invasion from the North, an entire infantry division could have 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. Later, try on a hanbok, the traditional attire of the Korean people at **Namsan Hanbok Culture Experience Centre** before experiencing the city's best night view at Namsan Tower.

## 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

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Fly to Osaka via a connecting city.

## Day 2: Osaka

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

## Day 3: Osaka 🚌 Himeji 🚌 Hiroshima (B)

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This morning, travel to **Himeji**, and visit the largest surviving example of a traditional Japanese castle. Comprising 83 buildings, the white roof of this UNESCO-registered complex is said to evoke the wings of a heron taking flight – hence the popular name for Himeji Castle; ‘**Shirasagi-jō**’ – **White Heron Castle**. In 1945 an American firebomb was dropped into the top floor of the keep, but didn't ignite, and the castle was renovated in 1956. Himeji Castle is the most visited in Japan, and the site offers some wonderful views of surrounding Himeji city. After lunch, transfer to **Hiroshima**, where we will visit the **Atomic Bomb Dome** – at the epicentre of the thermonuclear explosion that devastated the city and killed 90,000–146,000 people – half of these on the day of the bombing. Then, visit the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**, which documents the human and material cost of the event.

## Day 4: Hiroshima 🚌 Miyajima 🚌 Osaka (B)

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Transfer to **Miyajima** – ‘**Shrine Island**’ – and visit **Itsukushima Shrine**, established in 1168. This beautiful Shinto shrine is famed for its ‘floating’ torii gate in the bay facing the shrine. Then, transfer to **Osaka** and to your hotel for the evening at leisure.