

# Japan Golden Route with Qantas Flights 10 Days

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

Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Mount Fuji, Hakone, Kamakura, Tokyo

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## Highlights:

- Pray for your fortune at the beautiful **Heian Jingu Shrine**
- Feed the gentle sika deer at **Nara Park**, established around 700 years ago
- Race to Mount Fuji on a high speed **Shinkansen bullet train**
- Drink from clear springs at the foothills of **Mount Fuji**, Japan's highest mountain
- Loosen your muscles overnight at a **traditional hot spring hotel (onsen)**
- Explore the bustling capital **Tokyo**, with its boisterous night life & hearty street food

We would love for our customers to experience Japanese culture and history along with its modern sights, smells, and sounds. We will spend one night on the tour in a traditional Japanese hotel, sleeping on rice straw mats called *tatami*. You will also visit restaurants on this tour where it is customary to remove your shoes and sit at low tables called *kotatsu*. It's all part of the Japanese experience!

From the end of March through early April, when the cherry blossoms (*sakura*) are in full bloom, people gather in parks to welcome spring in a Japanese tradition known as *hanami* (flower viewing).

From the end of October through early November is the best season of the year for viewing vibrant crimson maple leaves in Japan. You can feel the fragile beauty of the changing seasons from observing nature. The fiery red is a true spectacle.

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

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## Departure Dates

2018			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
<del>14 Mar</del>	<del>04 Apr**</del>	<del>09 May</del>	From <b>\$2999</b> STRICTLY LIMITED AVAILABILITY, PLEASE CALL	\$800
<del>28 Mar**</del>	<del>18 Apr*</del>	<del>23 May</del> <b>Limited Seats Left!</b>		

## Package Inclusions:

- Economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney or Melbourne flying Qantas (international long haul flights only, subject to availability)
- 8 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double occupancy). NOTE: If you are joining the Authentic Japan tour, this will be 7 nights.
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Coach transportation
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Admissions to scenic attractions

- English speaking tour guide(s) service

### Package Exclusions:

- Tipping and gratuities prepaid in Australia: \$140
- Bullet train fee from Kyoto to Mount Fuji (including coach luggage transfer service from hotel to hotel) prepaid in Australia: \$180
- Optional recommended programs
- Optional tour extensions
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

### Price Guide:

- **Note:** Qantas flights may be via Sydney or other connecting cities, international long haul sectors only.
- **\* Peak Season Surcharge:** \$300
- **\*\* Cherry Blossom Season Surcharge:** \$500 – Please note: Cherry Blossoms are highly seasonal and subject to climatic conditions. These are historically the best times to view the blooms, but we can't guarantee they will flower on these dates
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300, Perth \$600 (interstate flights may be via a connecting city, in both directions)
- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge:** From \$250 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **If staying behind, upgrade final night group accommodation to hotel in Tokyo CBD:** From \$250/twin room (subject to availability), transfer to airport is not included
- **Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation:** From \$350/twin room/night (subject to availability)
- **Triple Share:** Not available
- **Child Price:** Same as adult
- **Visa:** Australian passport holders are exempt for a stay of up to 90 days
- **Business Class Upgrade:** Contact us for a quotation
- **Please Note:** Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 2 weeks before departure and involve transits

(~) International long haul sectors only.

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.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

### Discover Taiwan 10 Days 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.

## 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.

## Optional Programs

For more optional activities and tours, please click here.

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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

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Osaka	Kansai Airport Washington Hotel	★★★★★ local rating or similar
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Kyoto	Kyoto Shin Hankyu Hotel (off peak only)	★★★★★ local rating or similar
Mount Fuji	Yamanakako Sun Plaza Hotel	★★★★★ local rating or similar
Atami	Atami New Fujiya Hotel (tatami bedding)	★★★★★ local rating or similar
Tokyo	Tokyo Dome Hotel	★★★★★ local rating or similar

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## Testimonials

We are just back from our 11 Day Golden Tour of Japan. From the time we landed at Kansai International Airport, Osaka, until our departure from Narita airport, Tokyo, it was a very well organised tour. We had an excellent tour guide in Ms Yumi Obanata. As she took us through the mainland of Japan from Osaka, through Kyoto, Nara, Mount Fuji, Hakone, Shizuoka, Kamakura, to Tokyo, she vividly suffused us with Japan's history, and the pride Japanese society has in its religious fervour, language, and culture. She was a fantastic lady, very knowledgeable and caring looking after the tour group needs.

The route was very scenic with rural, mountainous, and city landscapes. Mount Fuji, the heart and soul of Japan, we saw stood out in full glory with a shrine dedicated to Goddess Mt. Fuji for her blessings. The hotels were excellent. We enjoyed a Japanese traditional onsen, which is a Japanese hot spring bathing facility, and a traditional Japanese dining experience in one of these hotels. The ambience was both warm and unique.

Overall, we had a wonderful time and thank you for the excellent organization of this tour. We would recommend Nexus to all our friends and we are very grateful for the experience of visiting Japan in May. The weather was fine throughout and we did not miss seeing the beautiful cherry blossoms. We look forward to our next Nexus trip.

(Dr G. Gnanasampanthan. June 19, 2017)

## Day 1: Australia ✈ Osaka

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

**Note:** *Flights on Chinese carriers will depart one day earlier.*

## Day 2: Osaka 🚆 Nara 🚆 Osaka (B, L, D)

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 wild 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 🚆 Kyoto (B, L, D)

**Nijo Castle**, the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa Shogunate and **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 architectural styles of Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Cap off your day at **Heian Jingu Shrine**, and enjoy the magnificent traditional gardens and huge torii gate.

## Day 4: Kyoto 🚆 Mount Fuji (B, L, D)

Today, visit **Togetsu Bridge**, the landmark of Western Kyoto's Arashiyama District for over four hundred years. Explore **Sagano Bamboo Forest** on the outskirts of Kyoto, where towering green stalks of the famously versatile plant sway in the wind, creaking eerily as they collide and twist, leaves rustling. After lunch, travel onwards to Mount Fuji by **bullet train** (Max. speed 320km/h).

## Day 5: Mount Fuji 🚆 Hakone 🚆 Shizuoka (B, L, 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 the locals. Later visit **Mount Fuji's 5th Station**, which is above the clouds, to view its enormous summit if weather permits. (Alternatively visit **Gotemba Peace Park** to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, and **Hakone Checkpoint**, which used to be an important checkpoint on the highway connecting Kyoto to Tokyo in the Edo period. Take a **cruise on Lake Ashi**, and savour the numerous delights of nature. Today's last stop is **Owakudani Valley**, an active volcanic zone with hot springs and hot spring rivers.

## Day 6: Shizuoka 🚆 Kamakura 🚆 Tokyo (B, L, D)

Today, visit a **Japanese Beer Factory** to taste one of most popular Japanese beers. Also travel to Kamakura and visit **Daibutsu**, the 'great Buddha' which is the second tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan, surpassed only by the statue in Nara's Todaiji Temple. After, explore **Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine** which was established by fist Shogun (general) in the Kamakura period which stands alone due to its vivid colouration.

## Day 7: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You may spend a day in Tokyo **Disneyland** or **DisneySea** (admission \$120), or you can join the **Nikko Day Tour**. Or 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 (B, L, D)

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**. Relax on a **Sumida River Cruise**. Your last stop today is **Tokyo Tower**, before heading to your hotel. The next morning after breakfast you will be transferred to Narita Airport or to Haneda Airport.

## Day 9: Tokyo ✈ Australia (B)

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

NOTE: If you are joining the Authentic Japan Tour Extension, you will travel to Nikko today (this is equivalent to day 3 of the Authentic Japan tour).

## Day 10: 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 in 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](#).

## Optional Pre-Tour Extension

### Hiroshima 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 the torii

gate.

- Visit the Atomic Bomb Dome and Museum to learn about the history of Hiroshima.

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

## Optional Post-Tour Extension

### Discover Taiwan 7 Nights

**From \$1,199 pp. twin share**

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

A country of stunning beauty and jaw-dropping natural landscapes, Taiwan was the chosen location for the filming of the 2013 Oscar winning blockbuster, "Life of Pi", directed by Ang Lee. As one of the most diverse destinations in Asia, Taiwan has increasingly been attracting travellers from all over the world, showcasing not only its spectacular scenic landscapes, but also a thriving folk culture, museums bursting with treasures – including the best of imperial China, its bustling night markets – famous for their delicious xiaochi (literally "small eats"), and the latest in high-tech gadgets.

Tour Highlights:

- Visit Taipei 101, the world's sixth tallest building
- Stroll through the famous bustling Night Markets of Taiwan
- Cruise along Sun Moon Lake and experience its tranquil beauty
- Explore the largest Buddhist monastery in Taiwan, Foguangshan Monastery
- Immerse yourself in the natural splendour of Taroko National Park

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