



Day 1: Fly to Japan

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Japan

Day 2: Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo: Welcome to Tokyo, the largest metropolitan area in the world. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore on your own.

Day 3: Tokyo

Sightseeing tour of Tokyo: The sights, sounds and smells of the largest city in Japan come at you from all directions, but your local guide will put it all in perspective. Begin with a visit to the Imperial Palace, residence of the Imperial Family, with its gigantic stone walls, a spacious plaza and a large garden open to the public. Pass through Harajuku, the trendy district popular among younger locals, and continue on to fashion-forward Shibuya and Shinjuku, home to the busiest train station in the world. Later, visit the Meiji Shinto Shrine and its elaborate wooded Inner Garden.

Asakusa: This afternoon, unwind in entertainment-heavy Asakusa. The 7th-century Asakusa Kannon Temple, dedicated to the Goddess of Mercy, is a five-story pagoda surrounded by shops, restaurants, theaters and cinemas.

Tempura dinner: Tempura, one of the better-known Japanese culinary delights, consists of fresh seafood and vegetables dipped in batter and cooked in vegetable and sesame oil. Enjoy this regional delicacy at an included tempura dinner.

Day 4: Tokyo

Tokyo Stock Exchange: Visit the world's second-largest stock exchange for an insider's look into the stock market as it affects the international economy.

Sony Building in Ginza: The Sony Building opened in 1966 as an information base for Sony products and services, where guests could experience the latest in technology. Over 5.6 million people visit the Sony Building a year to explore its showrooms, shops and restaurants.

Lecture at a local university: This afternoon, attend a business-themed lecture at a Tokyo university.

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Business visit: Tokyo boasts the largest metropolitan economy in the world and is considered one of the world's three finance "command centers," along with New York City and London. 50 of the Fortune Global 500 companies and the world's second largest exchange are based here. Get an up-close look at a leading Tokyo business when you visit an area brewery today.

Bullet train to Nagoya: On the world-famous bullet train, you'll reach speeds of 180 miles per hour as you whisk across the Japanese countryside. Come to a stop at Nagoya, the largest port for international trade in Japan and the home of some of the world's top companies and car manufacturing plants.

Day 6: Nagoya

Sightseeing tour of Nagoya: This morning, get a comprehensive look into modern and historic Nagoya as you explore the city with a local guide. Start at Nagoya's newest landmark, the JR Central Towers. This impressive building complex houses everything from beauty salons to department stores to restaurant space, and the view from the top floor is second to none. Next, experience the ancient wonders of Nagoya with visits to some of its most important shrines. Cap off your tour with a visit to the breathtaking Nagoya Castle, decorated with turrets and golden dolphins and, in the spring, draped in fragrant cherry blossom trees.

Business visit: Home to such giants as Toyota and Mitsubishi, Nagoya is a major player in the global automotive industry. See what drives the world's largest auto manufacturer with a visit to the Toyota plant.

Day 7: Kyoto

Travel to Kyoto: Continue to Kyoto, once the imperial capital of Japan and now considered to be the cultural center of the country. With over 1600 Buddhist temples, hundreds of shrines and other historic monuments, Kyoto is an UNESCO World Heritage destination.

Guided sightseeing of Kyoto: Kyoto's past becomes your present as you explore the city with a local guide. Begin at Nijo Castle, a structure built almost entirely out of Japanese cypress. Next you will visit the Kiyomizu Temple, which dates back to A.D. 798 and provides spectacular views of the city and surrounding valley. Beneath its main hall you'll find the Otawa waterfall, where you can collect and drink the waters for their supposed therapeutic properties. Your tour concludes at the stunning Kinkaku-ji Temple—also known as the Golden Pavilion.

Day 8: Kyoto

Free time in Kyoto: Enjoy a free day to discover Kyoto on your own.

➦ **Nara:** Alternatively, opt to join a half-day excursion to Nara, one of Japan's ancient capitals. Visit the Todai-ji Temple and see the Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha. Then walk through the wooded Nara Park, also known as "Deer Park" thanks to its many four-legged inhabitants. Just outside the park, you will visit Kasuga Shrine, one of the country's most famous Shinto shrines.

Day 9: Osaka

Travel to Osaka: Depart Kyoto for Osaka, the industrial and commercial center of western Japan.

Sightseeing tour of Osaka: Explore the entertainment area around Dotonbori Bridge to see its famous giant mechanical crab, and visit both the traditional and modern business districts, which are located near the historic Osaka Castle.

Umeda Sky Building: An endless parade of skyscrapers defines the landscape in Osaka, but none is more distinctive than the Umeda Sky Building. Cross the famed atrium by skywalk on your visit.

Business visit: Traditionally considered to be the country's commercial center, Osaka is home to several major companies, including Panasonic, Sharp and Sanyo. Gain insight into the local business environment on a visit to a leading business.

Okonomiyaki dinner: Enjoy these Japanese-style savory pancakes, which can be filled with meat, vegetables or cheese.

Day 10: Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.