

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Japan Explorer 13D/12N

Cultural

13 Days / 1 Country

Japan

Departure city: **Tokyo, Japan**

End city: **Osaka, Japan**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the iconic & majestic Mt. Fuji
- Explore the shrines & temples of Kyoto
- Enjoy free time in Tokyo, Hiroshima, & Osaka

Enjoy this spectacular 13-day trip through Japan starting in Tokyo. Travel on bullet trains to the cities of Hakone, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Osaka, discovering Japanese countryside and urban culture along the way.

MAP



What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 12

- 12 nights accommodation in hostels, 3-star or 4-star hotels
 - 3N Kyoto
- -3N Tokyo
 - 2N Hiroshima
- -1N Hakone
 - 3N Osaka



Transport: 10

- railway pass
 - Roundtrip train Kyoto to Nara can be arranged at no extra cost
- Tokyo airport pick-up
 - Kyoto to Hiroshima by bullet train
- 14-Day Japanese railway pass, valid for all transfers between cities:
 - Hiroshima to Osaka by bullet trains
- -Hakone to Kyoto by bullet train
 - Osaka to Tokyo by bullet train



Meals: 13

- 12 Breakfast(s), 1 Lunch(es),



Guides:

- English-speaking guide during tours

What is not included

- *Transfers to/from train stations
- *Optional activities
- *Other meals/drinks
- *Tips
- *Meals for dormitory accommodation
- *Travel insurance
- *Personal expenses
- *Visa fees

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Itinerary

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan

Tokyo Airport Pick-Up

Upon arrival at the airport in Tokyo you will be picked up and transferred to your accommodation for check-in. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to relax, explore, and get settled in. Overnight in Tokyo.

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan

Tokyo Free Day

Enjoy a free day on your own in the world's biggest city! You can get up early and visit one of Tokyo's fascinating markets. Or you can sleep in and treat yourself to tea at a cat cafe or go to Shibuya to experience the world's busiest pedestrian crossing. You can also visit Senso-ji and Meiji, Tokyo's most famous buddhist temple and shinto shrine, respectively, or head to the peaceful and beautiful Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden. Overnight in Tokyo.

Day 3: Tokyo, Japan

Tokyo Free Day

On your second free day in Tokyo you can continue exploring this amazing city. Explore its interesting museums, go shopping in Akihabara, try its specialties, and visit its beautiful temples.

Day 4: Tokyo-Hakone, Japan

Bus Transfer to Hakone - Mt. Fuji Excursion (L)

After check-out you will get picked up for your bus transfer to the Hakone Area. Hakone is the gateway to Mt. Fuji and its surrounding national park, famous for its wonderful onsen (natural hot springs) and beautiful natural landscapes. Visit the Fuji Visitor Centre and the famous Mt. Fuji 5th Station, the gateway to the iconic mountain and the perfect place to view its stoic slopes. After lunch, take a boat cruise on the picturesque Lake Ashi and visit the Mt. Komagatake Ropeway that will carry you from the shores of the lake to the top of Mt. Komagatake for an amazing view of the breathtaking Hakone region, majestic Mt. Fuji, and the bucolic Japanese countryside. Today's visit ends in Odawara, please make your way to your accommodation. Overnight in Hakone.

Day 5: Hakone-Kyoto, Japan

Train Transfer to Kyoto

Rise early and make your own way to the Odawara station, where you will catch a high-speed bullet train to Kyoto, the cultural capital and stronghold of Geisha tradition in Japan. Check into your accommodation and enjoy the rest of the afternoon in this picturesque town at your leisure. Overnight in Kyoto.

Day 6: Kyoto, Japan

Half-Day Kyoto Tour

You will have a free morning to explore Kyoto before making your way to Kyoto station, the meeting point for your half-day city tour. Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine and continue to Sanjusangendo Temple with 1001 armed Kannon Goddess statues (the Goddess of Mercy). Finally, visit the Kiyomizu-dera temple situated on Mt. Otowa with an impressive veranda standing 13-metres in height and built without any nails. Awe at the breathtaking view and if you're lucky to be visiting in fall you will see the beautiful cherry blossoms in full bloom. Have dinner on your own tonight and overnight in Kyoto.

Day 7: Kyoto, Japan

Kyoto Free Day or Self-Guided Day Trip to Nara

Start early and go on a self-guided exploration of Kyoto. Relax, take a leisurely stroll and be sure to sample all the food. Or if you wish, you could plan a visit to Nara (transport included). Overnight Kyoto.

*Note: Today is a free day, you have the choice of spending a free day in Kyoto or going on a self-guided day trip to Nara. The transportation to and from Nara is included in the price of your JR pass, but it may be full if you do not book in advance.

Day 8: Kyoto-Hiroshima, Japan

Train Transfer to Hiroshima

Check-out of your accommodation and make your own way to Kyoto Station for your bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival check in to your accommodation and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Overnight in Hiroshima.

Day 9: Hiroshima, Japan

Hiroshima Free Day

Today you can explore the beautiful and historic Hiroshima on your own. Visit the stunning Peace Memorial Park and its museum to pay respects to the victims of the World War II atomic bomb, stroll the city streets, see the beautiful Shukkei-en Garden, or tour the gorgeous Hiroshima Castle. Overnight in Hiroshima.

Day 10: Hiroshima-Osaka, Japan

Transfer to Osaka

After checking out from your accommodation please make your own way to Hiroshima Station for your bullet train to Osaka. Upon arrival check in to your accommodation and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Overnight in Osaka.

Day 11: Osaka, Japan

Osaka Free Day

You will have two days to experience the casual atmosphere of Osaka on your own. You can visit the stunning and historic Osaka castle, try the region's famous street food. You can also go explore Dotonbori, famous for its eccentric atmosphere, huge neon signs, and high-energy nightlife. Overnight in Osaka.

Day 12: Osaka, Japan

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Day 13: Osaka-Tokyo, Japan

End of trip

All good things must end. Check out of your accommodation and enjoy your last morning in Japan at your leisure. Make your own way to Osaka Station for SIC bus to Osaka Kansai Airport We you safe travels for the rest of your journey.

