



## Highlights of Japan | 7 Nights / 8 Days

### **Day 1 : Tour begins in Tokyo**

Our tour starts in Tokyo, the modern-day capital of Japan. After checking in to our hotel which will be our base for the next two nights, we will enjoy an included dinner with the rest of the group and our Tour Leader.

### **Day 2 : Explore Tokyo's neon streets and peaceful gardens**

Over one-quarter of the Japanese population live within a 50 km radius of the centre of Tokyo, making it the most populous metropolitan area in the world. The result is a bustling and exciting city - the economic powerhouse of Asia. However, scratching its neon-clad surface reveals a city bursting with history and tradition. A morning stroll to Tokyo's oldest temple, Asakusa, will introduce us to Tokyo's unique culture. We then board a boat for a short journey along the Sumida River. Gaining a totally different perspective of the city, we drift past high rise apartments, secluded gardens and busy warehouses. Arriving in the heart of the city near Hamarikyu Gardens, you may wish to visit the Meiji shrine and Shinjuku area, where the latest electronic gadgets dazzle from glowing shop-fronts.

### **Day 3 : Travel on the bullet train to Kanazawa**

No trip to Japan would be complete without a journey on a high speed train and this morning we leave Tokyo and board the Shinkansen. The bullet trains are known for the extremely punctual service, comfortable carriages and the lack of noise as you travel at speeds of up to 300 kilometres per hour. Our destination is Kanazawa, until 150 years ago the 4th largest city in Japan. The city has shunned mass industrialisation and retains the charm of winding back streets, delicate tea shops and the beautiful autumn maples and spring cherry blossoms of Kenrokuen Gardens. Once ruled by the Maeda Clan, one of the most powerful Samurai families in Japan, the city has several traditional samurai districts which we will explore. Tonight we are accommodated in a traditional inn, known as a ryokan, where we sleep on comfortable, folding futon mattresses laid on top of woven tatami mats. Rooms are twin share and because most ryokans are very small it is not possible to offer a single room. Bathrooms are usually shared as rooms are not typically en suite. During our stay, we learn about local etiquette, such as when to take off our shoes and



the pleasures of taking a Japanese bath, all of which helps enhance our stay in this traditional establishment.

#### **Day 4 : Take the train to Kyoto**

After breakfast we make our way back to the train station for the journey to Kyoto. Kyoto is regarded as Japan's loveliest city, with more than 2000 temples and shrines, many set in perfectly manicured landscaped gardens. We base ourselves in Kyoto for the next four nights to allow ample opportunity to explore the highlights. We will start with a visit to Nijo Castle. Built in 1603 as a Shogun palace, it is a great example of the sumptuous setting in which the Shogun would have held audiences with his samurai warriors.

#### **Day 5 : Explore Kyoto's temples and gardens**

We spend today visiting some of the cities many temples. We start with the Ryoan-ji Temple with its beautiful Zen gardens and famous rock garden. The exact history of the gardens is unknown but it is thought the temple was converted from an aristocrat's villa in 1450. Whilst in the gardens try testing out the theory that at least one of the rocks is hidden from every vantage point. We then explore the famous Golden Pavilion. The temple is a three storey building with the top two tiers covered in gold leaf. Set in a lake the building appears to float on the water and the reflections, coupled with the background of forest make it worthy of its place on many Japanese postcards. We'll enjoy a traditional tea ceremony too, and there is also time to stroll along Kyoto's charming streets and tree-lined canal, simply soaking up its unique atmosphere.

#### **Day 6 : Visit Hiroshima and Miyajima**

An early morning train takes us to Hiroshima, where we will spend the morning exploring this thought-provoking city in our own time. Completely destroyed on 6th August 1945, when it was the target of the first atomic bomb to be used in wartime, Hiroshima has literally risen from the ashes, and is now a thriving, friendly city. We visit the Peace Memorial Park and the well-presented museum on the site of the 1945 A-bomb hypocentre. Whilst serving as poignant reminders of the nuclear holocaust, their over-whelming message is of hope that such horrors will never reoccur. Travel around the city is easy, thanks to the provision of colourful street trams, brought in from all over Japan after the war. Just off the



coast of Hiroshima is the tiny island of Miyajima. The relaxed feel of this island is enhanced by the deer that roam freely through the streets. As we arrive on the ferry we can take in the famous view of the floating torii gate. Considered to be one of the most beautiful sights in Japan, these red gates appear to float on the water with the hills of the island forming a spectacular backdrop. We take time to explore some of the island's many shrines before we take the ferry back to the mainland.

#### **Day 7 : Discover Himeji's ancient castle**

Today we travel to the city of Himeji in Hyogo Prefecture. The city is known for its original castle. Known as the 'White Egret' owing to the brilliant white walls and winged roof, the castle is unlike others in the country having escaped damage by war, earthquake or fires which often destroy these traditional wooden structures. Listed as a World Heritage Site, the castle complex is made up of over 80 buildings and an impressive spiral maze leading up to the entrance which deterred intruders and allowed residents to open fire if the visitors were unwelcome. Close to the castle are Koko-en Gardens where we can try green tea and wander through the relaxing bamboo groves.

#### **Day 8 : Tour ends in Kyoto**

Our tour ends after breakfast this morning

#### **Inclusion :**

- All Transfers, Sightseeing and intercity travel using A/c Vehicle as per the itinerary.\*
- All expenses related to driver and the vehicle i.e. Fuel, DA, Tolls, Parking charges, Vehicle permits and Taxes, etc.
- All must-see sightseeing as per the itinerary specified

#### **Exclusion :**

- Any Train/ Air/ Bus fares, Travel Insurance, Visa (if required), etc.
- All monument entry fees, guide charges, tips, camera fees, Joy rides, etc.
- Tips and Porterage
- Any services not mentioned in the inclusion list



## Our Scope of Services:

We are holiday organizers only. We inspect and select the services to be provided to you. However, we do not own, operate or control any airline, shipping company, coach or coach company, hotel, transport, restaurant, kitchen caravan or any other facility or provider etc. that is engaged to provide you services during the course of your tour. Therefore, please carefully note that:

- you will need to adhere to the conditions, rules and regulations of each service provider. For instance, you will need to check the baggage rules of the airline, you will need to check the hotel rules to check what the mealtimes are, at which you should make yourself available. The company is not responsible / liable for the consequences if you breach such rules and regulations.
- If you cause any injury or damage affecting the service provider, then you may be liable to the service provider and if the service provider recovers any monies from us for such injury or damages, we shall separately charge you for the same.
- We cannot be held responsible / liable for any delay, deficiency, injury, death, loss or damage etc. occasioned due to act or default of such service providers, their employees or agents.

## Payment Policy:

- Reservation amount has to be paid upfront for us to start confirming your package.
- Full flight amount (if flights included) and any non-refundable hotel amount has to be paid within 3 days of booking.
- Balance payment (if any) needs to be completed 21 days prior to travel.
- For travel in less than 21 days from booking, complete payment must be received within 24 hours of booking.
- You can pay using credit cards, debit cards, net banking, PayPal, NEFT, IMPS, RTGS, SWIFT or deposit cash Rs 1,99,000/- in adherence to Income Tax ACT.
- We charge non-refundable **financing fees for overdue amounts**:
  - Financing charges: 1% per day of pending amount, compounding per day
  - Processing charges for financing: 5% per week of pending amount or INR 10,000 per week, whichever is lower; from 2nd week.
- We reserve the right to cancel your trip without notice after due date. Any cancellation costs will be borne by you.
- If the above-mentioned payment terms are not followed Ayush Tours & Travels will not be held responsible for any change made in the package itinerary due to non-availability of flights, Hotels, Ferry etc.
- There might be an increase in total package cost offered at the time of bookings in case the payments are not received by Ayush Tours & Travels as per the terms mentioned and the extra cost need to be borne by the guest.

## Airline Cancellation Policy:



- Cancellation will be as per the airlines cancellation policy
- Refund will be done within 30 Workings days post deduction of cancellation charges by airlines (as per airline cancellation policy) and service charge of 25% on total value by Ayush Tours & Travels.

### **Hotel Cancellation Policy:**

- Date of booking to 31 days before travel the cancellation charges will be 25% of the tour cost
- 30 to 16 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 50% of the tour cost
- 15 to 8 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 75% of the tour cost
- 0 to 7 days before travel - cancellation charges will be 100% of the tour cost. No refund shall be given
- **Please Note:** Cancellation policy is subject to change. It depends on the hotel policy.
- In peak season (example: long weekends, festival season, summer vacation etc.) most of the hotels charge 100% cancellation.
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### **Useful Tips before Booking:**

- If your flights involve a combination of different airlines, you may have to collect your luggage on arrival at the connecting hub and register it again while checking in for the return journey to your origin.
- For queries regarding cancellations and refunds, please refer to our Cancellation Policy.
- Disputes, if any, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Jaipur.
- We reserve the right to issue a full refund in case we believe that we are unable to fulfil the services for any technical reasons.

### **Terms And Conditions:**

- All rates are valid on departure dates mentioned. Ayush Tours & Travels reserves the right to change departure dates given the airline seat availability changes.
- The rates are valid for minimum 02 adults travelling together at all times. A Single room booking can be processed if accompanied with another Single room booking and/or a Twin room booking.
- The Foreign Exchange rate is volatile / dynamic and the same may fluctuate at the time of final payment
- As per RBI guidelines, the Foreign exchange component of your tour towards your land portion can only be processed 120 days prior to your travel.
- The rates are not valid on block out dates.
- Surcharges as and when applicable will be advised and passengers would be requested to pay the same
- Surcharges could be over and above the total package price quoted to the passengers at the time of booking.
- Some flights depart from India on a previous date and arrive at the destination the next day of departure and likewise for the return flight to India.
- Guests are requested to check with sales staff before booking their onwards/ connecting flights.
- The rates are subject to availability of hotel accommodation and sightseeing tours at the time of booking. We reserve the right to use an alternate hotel accommodation of an equal or higher standard. If we source a more expensive alternative, we reserve the right to re-quote based on the higher rates.
- Prices are not valid during Trade Fair periods.
- Rates are valid for Indian Passport holders only.



- International Check in time is 1400 hours / Check out time is 1100 hours, early check in and checkout is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.
- Transfers wherever included are without night surcharges.
- No refunds either in part or in full will be made for any unutilized service.
- All the sightseeing tours and excursions are organized by local companies. The timings and days of operation are subject to alteration. Changes if any will be intimated at the time of booking.
- Sightseeing's tours are strictly based on whether conditions and also local service providers have rights to cancel the sightseeing tours without prior notice.
- While Ayush Tours & Tarvels takes extreme care to ensure all your sightseeing and excursions are not on holidays / closed dates but due to the itinerary / sudden changes it sometimes becomes unavoidable. Ayush Tours & Travels will make every possible attempt to arrange for alternate sightseeing and excursions on such days. However, no refund will be provided as such events are beyond our control
- Rates subject to change without prior notice and also for clients travelling during weekends.
- Offer if any can be withdrawn at any point without prior notice.
- Bookings once confirmed are subject to cancellation charges which shall be advised at that time. • Services of Tour Manager are not included in this package.
- Ayush Tours & Travels is not responsible for any change in the price due to factors not in the control of the organization.
- As a practice all international hotels charge a security deposit via credit card or cash, at the time of checkin for each room. The amount will vary according to the hotel and is refunded back to the clients upon check-out. Debit cards should not be offered as it will be charged immediately and refunded only after 2-3 weeks. If any additional services or mini bar or any other service is utilized at the hotel, the hotel reserves the right to charge the same on this security deposit provided by the client. Ayush Tours & Travels would not be responsible for these transactions and these are solely between the hotels and the clients