



## Discover Japan – 14 nights - 15 days

Day	Destination
2 nights	Tokyo
1 night	Kawaguchiko
2 nights	Kyoto
1 night	Nagano
1 night	Ikaho
1 night	Sendai
1 night	Morioka
1 night	Hakodate
2 nights	Sappora
1 night	Ferry Tomakomai Sendai
1 night	Aizuwakamatsu
	Tokyo

### Day 1: DAY 1: TOKYO

Welcome to Japan! After completing customs procedures, you'll be transferred to your hotel by shared shuttle bus. The **rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure**. In the afternoon, you'll receive details about the start of your tour.

## Day 2: DAY 2: TOKYO

In the morning, we'll take a **long guided tour**—about seven hours—through this simply stunning city! Its vibrant energy and cutting-edge neighborhoods coexist with areas full of peace and tranquility.

We'll make a short stop at **Zojoji Temple** to capture the most beautiful view of the **Tokyo Tower**. You'll notice hundreds upon hundreds of Jizo statues, stone-carved deities considered guardians of children, adorned with knitted hats, bibs, and pinwheels.

Next, we'll head to the famous **Shibuya Crossing**, which we will see from the bus. It is known as the busiest intersection in the world. Then we'll visit **Meiji Shrine**, dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife.



(The iconic Shibuya Crossing in Tokyo is one of the busiest pedestrian intersections in the world and a must-visit attraction in Japan.)

Then we'll head to **Tokyo Skytree (admission included up to the Tembo Deck at 350 meters high)**, Japan's tallest structure, where we'll enjoy an unmatched panoramic view of the city.

We'll end our visit in **Asakusa**, where we'll explore Sensoji Temple and the famous Nakamise Street. Afterwards, we'll return to the hotel, passing by the Akihabara district, the "Electric City", known as the center of Japanese manga and anime culture, and the Ginza district.

We'll meet our guide in the hotel lobby and take the **subway (tickets included)** to the **Shinjuku** area. From there, we'll enjoy a walk through this lively district before heading to a local restaurant for **dinner (included)**. We'll return to the hotel by subway, accompanied by our guide.

**Note:** The order of visits may vary based on the time of admission to Tokyo Skytree. In case of bad weather or other exceptional circumstances, access to Tokyo Skytree may be limited. In that case, an alternative visit to another iconic city viewpoint will be offered.

## Day 3: DAY 3: TOKYO - MOUNT FUJI - KAWAGUCHIKO

We travel toward the beautiful Mount Fuji area, enjoying the scenic landscapes along our route. Our first stop is **Arakurayama Sengen Park**, famous for its beautiful pagodas and for offering some of the most iconic and breathtaking views of Mount Fuji.



(Chureito Pagoda at Arakurayama Sengen Park offers one of the most breathtaking panoramic views of Mount Fuji in Japan.)

We then continue to **KAWAGUCHIKO**, an idyllic town of charming houses, flowers, and mountains beside a stunning lake. Upon arrival, we'll **visit the Fuji Sengen Shrine**, a magical place surrounded by tall trees — traditionally the starting point of the pilgrimage up Mount Fuji. We'll take a moment to give thanks at the shrine for the opportunity to visit such a spiritually rich and enchanting site.

Afterward, we'll enjoy a pleasant **boat ride on Lake Kawaguchiko**, then begin our ascent toward Mount Fuji via the road that leads to the "Fifth Station." Driving through spectacular forests and landscapes, we'll reach an altitude of 2,305 meters (7,562 feet).

**Note:** In winter, the route to the Fifth Station is often closed due to snow or weather conditions; during those times, we'll go as far as we're permitted.

We'll return to Kawaguchiko and stay overnight at a Ryokan (traditional Japanese inn), where you can relax and enjoy the Onsen (public hot spring bath). **Dinner included.**

**Note:** In the planned Ryokan, some rooms are Japanese-style with tatami mats, while others are Western-style. Occasionally, accommodation may be provided in a Western-style hotel instead.

#### **Day 4: DAY 4: KAWAGUCHIKO - IYASHI NO SATO NENBA - TOYOTA - KYOTO**

In the morning, we'll follow a scenic road that winds around picturesque lakes to visit **Iyashi no Sato Nenba**, a small village that was destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as an open-air museum. Its traditional houses have been converted into arts and crafts shops, restaurants, and cultural exhibits, offering a glimpse into Japan's past.



(Shiraito Falls is a stunning natural attraction in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, renowned for its delicate curtain-like waterfalls and tranquil scenery.)

Next, we'll visit the breathtaking **Shiraito Falls**, one of Japan's most stunning natural attractions, with cascading water that spans a height of 20 meters.

From there, we'll continue to **Nagoya**, where we'll visit the **Toyota Museum** (admission included), a must-see destination for car enthusiasts and those curious about automotive innovation.

Finally, we'll proceed to **Kyoto** for our overnight stay.

## Day 5: DAY 5: KYOTO

We'll spend the entire day exploring **Kyoto**, Japan's capital from 794 to 1868, and home to the Imperial Court. Remarkably, Kyoto was the only major Japanese city spared from bombing during World War II, allowing it to retain its rich artistic heritage. Notably, the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at limiting greenhouse gas emissions, was signed here in 1997.



(The iconic Togetsukyo Bridge in Kyoto's Arashiyama district shines beautifully against illuminated seasonal forests and the calm Katsura River.)

We'll include a visit to Kyoto's most iconic landmarks. Our tour will begin in **Arashiyama**, where we'll admire the **Togetsukyo Bridge**, or "Bridge over the Moon." This spot offers a breathtaking panorama of the surrounding landscape.

We'll then visit the **Tenryuji Temple**, one of Kyoto's "five great Zen temples" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a serene walk through its **mystical bamboo forest**.

Next, we'll explore the magnificent **Fushimi Inari Shrine**; the **Imperial Palace**; and the **Kinkakuji Temple**, also known as the "Golden Pavilion," surrounded by its spectacular gardens. (The order of the visits may vary.)

After the tour, you can enjoy some time to stroll through **Gion**, Kyoto's vibrant traditional district, known for its lively atmosphere and geishas.

## Day 6: DAY 6: KYOTO - TSUMAGO - MATSUMOTO - NAGANO

We'll set out for **Tsumago**, enjoying the charming countryside scenery along the way. This small village, known for its wooden houses, is considered one of the prettiest places in Japan. You'll have free time to explore, and **lunch** will be included.



(Historic Matsumoto Castle framed by vibrant autumn foliage in the heart of Nagano Prefecture, Japan.)

Next, we'll continue to **Matsumoto**, a lively tourist city where we'll visit the impressive **16th-century castle**, famously known as "The Crow." Afterward, you'll have free time to explore this bustling city at your own pace. Our journey will then take us to **Nagano**, where we'll spend the night.

## Day 7: DAY 7: NAGANO - MONKEY PARK - KUSATSU - IKAHO

In **NAGANO**, we'll visit **Zenko-ji Temple**, a famous pilgrimage site that houses Japan's first Buddhist image. Our travelers will also take part in the **Gomakuyo ceremony**, a traditional ritual meant to attract good fortune.



(Buddhist monks conduct the sacred Goma Kuyo fire ritual, a spiritual purification ceremony rooted in Japanese Esoteric Buddhism.)

Afterwards, we'll venture into the stunning Japanese Alps, traveling through majestic mountain scenery to the Jigokudani Monkey Park. We'll take a walk through the forested trails, rivers, and hot springs where colonies of Japanese macaques live and **bathe in the warm waters**.

We'll then continue through beautiful high-mountain landscapes (reaching an altitude of 2,172 meters / 7,126 feet) and pass by semi-active volcanoes. Our next stop is **KUSATSU**, a charming hot-spring town whose lively central square is full of activity. We'll take a pleasant stroll through the city park, which features open-air onsen (hot springs). Free time for lunch.

Our journey continues to **IKAHO**, another picturesque hot-spring town. We'll stroll through its old center, famous for its traditional stone stairways. We'll stay overnight in a Ryokan (traditional Japanese inn), where we recommend enjoying the hot-spring baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

**Note:** In autumn, depending on the availability of food in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys can be unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu may also be canceled due to weather conditions from November to April.

## Day 8: DAY 8: IKAHO - NIKKO - SENDAI

We'll continue our journey to **Nikko**, a captivating town where we'll visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple**, famed for its "room with the sound of a dragon." We'll also explore the serene **Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum**, a tranquil site that radiates peace. Afterward, we'll take a stroll along the **Kanmangafuchi Abyss**, where hundreds of Jizo statues quietly watch over the river.



(The iconic stone Jizo statues at Kanmangafuchi Abyss create one of Nikko's most peaceful and spiritual walking trails.)

You'll then have **free time to explore the town** center before we proceed to **Sendai**, a vibrant and modern city with over one million inhabitants. Here, you'll have the opportunity to discover the bustling streets and enjoy dinner in its lively city center.

## Day 9: Day 9: SENDAI - MATSUSHIMA - HIRAIZUMI - MORIOKA

We'll depart for the marvelous city of **Matsushima**, located on the "**Thousand Islands**" Bay in the Pacific Ocean, considered one of the most beautiful destinations in **Japan**. Upon arrival, we'll visit a magnificent **tea house** overlooking the sea, where we'll enjoy a cup of traditional tea as our guide shares fascinating insights about the city.



(A peaceful tea house overlooking Matsushima Bay, one of Japan's most scenic coastal landscapes.)

Then, we'll embark on a **50-minute cruise** and enjoy some lunch on board. After our tour will continue to **Hiraizumi**, where we'll visit its historic temples, starting with the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Takkoku no Iwaya, carved into the rock in 801. We'll then explore the magnificent Buddhist temples of Chusonji and enjoy a peaceful moment in the gardens of Motsuji Temple, where passengers can participate in a **Zen** ceremony (admission included). conclude the day in **Morioka**, the charming capital of **Iwate Province**, where we'll settle into our hotel and enjoy some free time to explore.

## Day 10: Day 10: MORIOKA - HIROSAKI - AOMORI - HAKODATE

We'll travel through a region of stunning landscapes to **Hirosaki**. From the outside, we will see its castle, located in a beautiful park where more than 2,500 cherry trees bloom in spring.

We'll then continue to **Aomori**, the provincial capital on Mutsu Bay. Here, we'll visit the **Nebuta Museum** to learn about Japan's vibrant festival traditions, reminiscent of carnival celebrations, featuring beautifully painted and illuminated floats. **Lunch will be included** at a local restaurant.



(The striking Nebuta Museum Wa Rasse showcases the vibrant traditions of Aomori's famous Nebuta Festival.)

Afterward, we'll board a **ferry to cross to the island of Hokkaido**, enjoying a scenic journey of just over three and a half hours. Upon arrival in **Hakodate**, free time to explore its charming historic district, where we can admire the influence of different cultures, including the Russian Orthodox Church and other Christian churches.

## Day 11: Day 11: HAKODATE - ONUMA - NOBORIBETSU - SAPPORO

In the morning, we'll visit the lively and bustling fish market, a fascinating glimpse into local culture. We'll also go up **Goryokaku Tower**, where we'll enjoy breathtaking panoramic views and appreciate the star-shaped design of Hakodate's historic fortress. Afterward, you'll have free time to explore the castle area before we continue to **Onuma**.



(Panoramic view of Goryokaku Tower, one of Hakodate's most iconic landmarks in southern Hokkaido, Japan.)

In this magnificent natural setting, dotted with countless small islands, you'll have free time to take a boat ride or stroll along scenic walking trails. **Lunch will be included** at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we'll journey along the coastline to **Noboribetsu**, an awe-inspiring volcanic landscape. We'll walk among the steam vents of Jigokudani (Hell Valley), where we'll admire the misty waters of Lake Oyunuma.

Later, we'll continue to **Sapporo**, arriving in the evening at this beautiful northern capital of Japan.

## Day 12: DAY 12: SAPPORO

We'll go on a **city tour** with stops at the iconic **Clock Tower** and **Goryokaku Tower** located in Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan, and the beautiful park-lined avenue dominated by the towering **Sapporo TV Tower**. We'll also visit the stunning **Hokkaido Jingu Shinto shrine**, where we'll take part in a **Kito**, a **traditional ceremonial prayer** to express gratitude for our journey.



(The serene Hill of the Buddha (Atama Daibutsu) at Makomanai Takino Cemetery in Sapporo, Hokkaido.)

On the outskirts of Sapporo, we'll visit the **Hill of Buddha**, a striking example of avant-garde architecture inaugurated in 2015. This lavender-covered hilltop is home to a massive Buddha statue, and within the complex, we'll also see replicas of the famous Moai statues from Easter Island.

Our journey continues to **Otaru**, a charming town reminiscent of Europe, with lively shopping streets, a historic canal, and quaint museums. **Lunch will be included** at a local restaurant.

We'll return to Sapporo around 3:30 p.m. The rest of the afternoon will be free for you to explore at your leisure.

## Day 13: DAY 13: SAPPORO - TOYAKO ONSEN - MOUNT USU - FERRY TOMAKOMAI SENDAI

We'll head south on the island of Hokkaido. Our first stop will be at the **Upopoy Museum (admission included)**, whose name means "singing together in a group" in the Ainu language. This museum is a symbolic space dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and revitalizing the culture of the Ainu people, an Indigenous group of Eskimo origin.



(Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park, celebrating Ainu culture and heritage in Shiraoi, Hokkaido, Japan.)

After that, we'll head to the resort town of **TOYAKO**, located at the foot of an impressive volcano and on the shore of a beautiful lake that fills an ancient crater. You'll have time to stroll along the lakeside. We'll **visit the Volcanology Museum**, which recalls the eruptions that have occurred in this region. Then we'll take the cable car to the summit of Mount Usu, where you'll have time to walk through the volcanic landscape and enjoy magnificent views. **Lunch is included at a local restaurant.** We'll continue to **TOMAKOMAI**, where we'll board a **modern overnight ferry**. Accommodation in double cabins with private bathrooms. **Dinner included.** Overnight sailing across the Pacific Ocean.

## **Day 14: DAY 14: FERRY TOMAKOMAI SENDAI - SENDAI - YAMADERA - AIZUWAKAMATSU**

We'll arrive at Sendai Port around 10:00 a.m. and head to **Yamadera**, a stunning **temple complex** founded over 1,000 years ago. Nestled in the mountains and surrounded by towering trees, this sacred site offers a truly magical atmosphere.



(The historic H?jusan Risshakuji Temple overlooking the scenic mountains of Yamadera, Japan.)

**Lunch will be included.** We'll have time to explore before continuing to **Yonezawa**, one of the main sake-producing regions. Here, we'll visit the **Sake Museum**, which features a small distillery. Our journey will then take us through beautiful landscapes to **Aizuwakamatsu**, where we'll stay overnight.

## **Day 15: DAY 15: AIZUWAKAMATSU - OUCHIJUKU - TOKYO**

In **AIZUWAKAMATSU**, we'll visit the **Samurai Mansion**, a historic residence where we'll learn about the legendary samurai warriors and their way of life. Afterward, we'll take a stroll through the castle garden, from where we'll be able to see the castle in the distance, standing out with its red roof tiles. Next, we'll head to **limoriyama**, home to sculptures donated by Mussolini and a site that tells the story of the city's young martyrs.



(Historic samurai architecture at Aizu)

Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan.)

Our journey continues to **OUCHI-JUKU**, a picturesque village known for its traditional thatched-roof houses. Here, we'll have time for lunch before traveling to the impressive Oya Museum, located in former stone quarries. In the evening, we'll return to **TOKYO**, arriving at the end of the day.

Our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories. Please **check your flight time** in case you require an additional night. While the departure transfer to the airport is not included, our guide will provide recommendations for the best public transportation options to suit your journey.

## Highlights

This **15-day journey through Japan** offers an immersive exploration of the country's culture, nature, and modern cities, starting in Tokyo, with highlights such as Senso-ji Temple and Tokyo Skytree. Discover the beauty of Mount Fuji and Lake Kawaguchiko, then explore historic Kyoto with its temples and shrines. Continue through the Japanese Alps to Nagano, visit the famous snow monkeys, and travel north to Sendai and Matsushima Bay. Journey to Sapporo via Hakodate, experiencing Hokkaido's natural beauty, before returning to Tokyo via traditional villages—offering a perfect blend of tradition, landscapes, and unique cultural experiences across Japan.

**Price in INR (EUR 4,611) (RoE: 1 EUR = 112.1 INR)**

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## Departure Dates

**Departure Dates:**

**Saturday in April, May, June, July, August, September, and October**

**Months**

**Apr 26**

**May 23**

**Jun 20**

**Jul 18**

Aug 29

Sep 26

Oct 26

## Tour Includes

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with an English-speaking guide, basic travel insurance, a hotel, and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto, Sapporo
- **Excursion:** Otaru and the Hill of Buddha in Sapporo
- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake, Cruise in Matshushima
- **Evening transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo, the traditional neighborhood of Gion in Kyoto
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple, Tokyo Skytree (up to the Tembo Deck) in Tokyo, Arakurayama Sengen Park in Monte Fuji, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko, Village Museum in Iyashi No Sato Nemba, Toyota Museum, Tenryu-ji Temple, Arashiyama bamboo forest, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko, Traditional tea in Matshushima, Chusonji Temple, Zen practice in Montsuiji, Takkoku no Iwaya Temple in Hiraizumi, Nebuta Museum in Aomori, Goryokaku Tower in Hakodate, Hill of Buddha, Sanctuary of Hokkaido Jingu and Kito prayer session in Sapporo, Ainu Museum in Upopoy, Volcanology museum in Toyako Onsen, Complex of temples in Yamadera, Sake Museum in Yonezawa, Samurai Mansion Aizu Bukeyashiki in Aizuwakamatsu, Former stone quarries of the Oya Museum
- **Ferry:** Aomori/Hakodate (Hokkaido Island), Tomakomai – Sendai
- **Funicular:** Summit of the Usu Volcano
- **8 Lunch included in:** Kawaguchiko, Tsumago, Matsushima, Aomori, Onuma, Sapporo, Mount Usu, Yamadera
- **3 dinners included in:** Tokyo, Ikaho, Ferry Tomakomai Sendai

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