

MYSTICAL JAPAN: TEMPLES, TRADITIONS AND TRANQUILITY

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive deep into Japanese culture through immersive experiences like a Ninja and Samurai lesson, traditional arts workshops, and Zen meditation sessions.
- Marvel at the breathtaking natural beauty of Japan, from the iconic Mount Fuji and volcanic landscapes of Hakone to the serene forests of Koyasan.
- Explore sacred sites such as temples, shrines, and traditional Japanese gardens, gaining insight into the country's spiritual heritage and practices.
- Indulge in the diverse flavors of Japan, from fresh seafood at Tsukiji Outer Market to traditional Buddhist monk cuisine (Shojin Ryori) in Koyasan.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Tokyo

Upon arrival at Tokyo Narita or Haneda Airport, breeze through customs and meet your designated driver just outside the exit gate, easily identifiable by the "All Japan Tours" sign. Enjoy a private car transfer to your accommodation, where you'll have the rest of the day to unwind at your leisure.

DAY 2

Tokyo Exploration

Embark on a full-day exploration of Tokyo's vibrant sights. Begin with a visit to the bustling Tsukiji Outer Market, indulging in fresh seafood and culinary delights. Wander through the serene Hamarikyu landscape garden and cruise along the Sumida River for stunning skyline views. Delve into the rich history of Asakusa Sensoji Temple, then channel your inner warrior with a Ninja and Samurai lesson, learning about Japan's formidable Edo-era warriors.

DAY 3

Tokyo to Mount Takao Excursion

Today, venture to the serene landscapes of Mount Takao via public transit. Explore the tranquil Yakuoin Temple before embarking on a refreshing hike to the mountaintop, adorned with statues of protective deities. Rejuvenate with a relaxing soak at Keio Takaosan Onsen Gokurakuyu hot spring bathhouse before returning to Tokyo.

DAY 4

Tokyo to Hakone Discovery

Experience Japan's natural beauty with a journey to Hakone. Revel in awe-inspiring views of Mount Fuji and cruise across Lake Ashi. Soar above the landscape on the Hakone Ropeway and explore the volcanic wonders of Owakudani.

DAY 5

Leisure and Yoga Retreat in Hakone

Indulge in a revitalizing yoga session amidst Hakone's serene surroundings. Spend the afternoon at leisure, soaking in the tranquil ambiance of your surroundings.

DAY 6

Hakone to Kyoto Journey

Travel to Kyoto via bullet train, marveling at the seamless journey. Upon arrival, soak up the local atmosphere and cultural heritage of Kyoto at your own pace.

DAY 7

Kyoto Cultural Delights

Explore Kyoto's culinary scene at Nishiki Market before mastering the art of Japanese cooking in a fun-filled cooking class. Engage in traditional arts at a wooden townhouse and unwind at your hotel.

DAY 8

Architectural Marvels of Kyoto

Discover Kyoto's architectural wonders at Nijo Castle and the shimmering Golden Pavilion. Wander through the enchanting Arashiyama bamboo grove before returning to your hotel.

DAY 9

Spiritual Journey in Kyoto

Embark on a spiritual journey at Kiyomizu Temple and wander through the historic streets of Ninen-zaka and Sannen-zaka. Immerse yourself in Zen meditation and participate in a traditional Green Tea Ceremony before exploring the Gion Geisha District.

DAY 10

Kyoto to Koyasan Retreat

Journey to the sacred temple grounds of Koyasan and experience the tranquility of Shingon Buddhism. Participate in a sutra copying session and savor a vegetarian-friendly dinner before a nighttime stroll through the Okunoin graveyard.

DAY 11

Nature Immersion in Koyasan

Engage in morning prayers and embark on a forest therapy tour, connecting with nature's healing energy. Enjoy a peaceful evening amidst the serene surroundings of Koyasan.

DAY 12

Koyasan to Osaka Discovery

Partake in morning prayers with the monks before exploring the sacred sites of Okunoin and Kongobuji Temple. Discover the serene beauty of Danjo Garan before transferring to your hotel in Osaka.

DAY 13

Departure from Osaka

After breakfast, enjoy leisure time before your departure. Meet your driver at the hotel for a transfer to the airport, bidding farewell to the enchanting wonders of Japan.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.

