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## Itinerary Details

### Japan - Cherry Blossom 2023 & 2024

6Nights 7Days



## **Day 1 : Welcome to Tokyo - Japan's busy capital.**

Welcome to Tokyo - Japan's busy capital. Tokyo is an immaculate amalgam of the ultramodern and the traditional, home to the neon-lit skyscrapers and historic temples. On arrival get transferred to your conveniently located hotel. (Check-in after 15:00). Rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city on your own. Overnight in Tokyo. (Dinner)

Dinner

## **Day 2 : Explore the city of Tokyo on a guided city tour.**

Enjoy a full day guided city tour of Tokyo. Start at Japan's tallest structure - Tokyo Skytree, standing 634 meters high. The tower is the regions primary television and radio broadcast site. Enjoy the splendid panoramic view of the city from its Observatory deck. Proceed to Asakusa Sensoji Temple - an ancient Buddhist temple which is one of the most significant landmarks in Tokyo. Indulge in some souvenir shopping at Nakamise shopping Street. The bustling street is 250-meter-long and is occupied with colorful souvenir and other essentials shops. Visit the Imperial Palace, the primary residence of the Emperor of Japan. Like an island of respite at the heart of Tokyo, the Imperial Palace is surrounded by parks and gardens offering a getaway from the busy city. View the two bridges that form an entrance to the inner palace grounds. Visit the Tsukiji Hogan-ji. Sometimes archaically romanised as Hongwan-ji, it is a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist temple located in the Tsukiji district of Tokyo. Its architecture is a curious fusion of influences, though the elaborate stone facade most noticeably suggests the shapes and styles of traditional Indian structures. After relishing the local lunch move to the Tama Cemetery. The Tama Cemetery is filled with history and is a fantastic place for photography. The Cemetery, opened in 1923, is the largest among the eight Tokyo cemeteries and covers 1,280,237 square meters. Redwoods and trees adorn the location. Spring cherry blossoms and autumn foliage accompany the gravesites of many famous historical figures. This was the first cemetery in Japan to imitate the forest cemeteries of other countries. Visit the Tokyo Tower – the self-supported steel tower. It is a communications and observation tower in the Shiba-Koen district of Minato. At 333 meters it is the second-tallest structure in Japan. The structure is an Eiffel Tower-inspired lattice tower that is painted white and international orange to comply with air safety regulations. Overnight in Tokyo. (Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## **Day 3 : Enjoy a day trip to Mt. Fuji. Experience adventure at the Komagatake ropeway and Revel in a scenic boat cruise on the pristine Lake Ashi. Enjoy a ride on the Hi-speed train from Tokyo to Hiroshima.**

Today enjoy a trip to Mt. Fuji, the highest and most famous mountain in Japan. It rises 3,776 meters above the sea level. It is considered as one of the most beautiful conical volcanoes in the world and the base of Mt. Fuji forms almost a perfect circle stretching 35 to 40 km from east to west and north to south. The volcano has been inactive for over 250 years and can be accessed up to the 5th station of Mt. Fuji by bus. Proceed to Hakone a mountainous town known for its hot springs resorts and views of the iconic volcano Mount Fuji. Experience thrill at the Komagatake Ropeway. It leads from the shore of Lake Ashinoko to near the Komagatake peak of Mount Hakone. Panoramic views of Lake Ashinoko and Mount Fuji can be appreciated from the ropeway's upper station. Later, enjoy a leisurely boat ride around the exquisite Lake Ashi. Proceed to the Railway Station to board a Hi-speed Bullet train to Hiroshima. Overnight in Hiroshima. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) Note: Due to limited baggage space on the Bullet train... proceed only with a Hand Baggage with overnight requirements. The check-in baggage will be transported directly to Osaka hotel by a baggage truck.

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

## **Day 4 : On a city tour of Hiroshima, visit the impressive Miyajima Island. Visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. Enjoy a ride on the Hi-speed train from Hiroshima to Osaka.**

Proceed to Miyajima also known as Itsukushima, a small island in Hiroshima Bay by Ferry. It marks the entrance to the Itsukushima Shrine, which was built initially in the 12th century. The Shrine is also known for its "floating"



wooden Torii gate, unique for being built over water, seemingly floating in the sea during high tide. The presence of a Torii at the entrance is usually the simplest way to identify Shinto Shrines, and a small Torii icon represents them on Japanese Maps. Proceed on a tour of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. It is dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city in the world to suffer a nuclear attack and to the memories of the bomb's direct and indirect victims. The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is visited by thousands of people each year. See the Atomic Bomb Dome. The A-Bomb Dome is the skeletal ruins of the former Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall. It is the building closest to the hypocentre of the nuclear bomb that remained at least partially standing. It was left how it was after the bombing in memory of the casualties. This has been designated as the World Heritage site. The Children's Peace Monument is a statue dedicated to the memory of the children who died as a result of the bombing. There is a statue is of a girl with outstretched arms with a folded paper crane rising above her. The statue is based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki, a young girl who died from radiation from the bomb. Near the center of the park is a concrete, saddle-shaped monument that covers a Cenotaph holding the names of all of the people killed by the bomb. The Memorial Cenotaph was one of the first memorial monuments built on an open field on August 6, 1952. The arch shape represents a shelter for the souls of the victims. Take a High-speed Bullet train to Osaka. Overnight in Osaka. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 5 : Enjoy a guided city tour and visit the historic Osaka Castle.**

Enjoy a ride on the Hi-speed Bullet train as you travel to Osaka. On arrival proceed on an orientation tour of the city of Osaka. Proceed to Nara to visit the Todaiji Temple - a Buddhist temple complex, that was once, one of the mighty Seven Great Temples. It's Great Buddha Hall, houses the world's most massive wooden statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Deer are regarded as messengers of the Gods in the Shinto religion, visit the Nara Deer Park to see the deer roam the grounds freely. The Nara Deer Park located at the foot of Mount Wakakusa was established in 1880 and over 1,200 wild Sika deer freely stroll around the park that stretches over to about 502 hectares. Visit the Umeda Sky Building, one of the city's iconic landmarks. On the top is the Floating Garden Observatory, from where you can view Osaka's cityscape from a height of 170 meters. Proceed to the historic Osaka Castle. The Osaka Castle was built in 1583 but went through a number of reconstruction bouts, the latest being in 1997. The castle now stands with a modern interior in a museum like the style. Learn about the history of the castle and the ruling of Hideyoshi through displays and artifacts in the castle museum. The castle tower is surrounded by secondary citadels, gates, turrets, impressive stone walls, and moats. Later, enjoy some free time, street shopping around Shinsaibashi street. Shinsaibashi is the oldest and busiest shopping destination in Osaka, which runs about 600 meters in length. Overnight in Osaka. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 6 : Enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Kyoto.**

Today we proceed on a full day tour of Kyoto. Start the journey by visiting the Fushimi Inari Shrine. This intriguing shrine was dedicated to the god of rice and sake by the Hata clan in the 8th century. As the role of agriculture diminished, deities were enrolled to ensure prosperity in business enterprises. The enchanted, seemingly unending path of over 5000 vibrant orange torii gates that wind through the hills behind Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine makes it one of the most famous shrines in Japan. See the Kiyomizudera temple. - An independent Buddhist temple in eastern Kyoto. The temple is part of the Historical Monuments of Ancient Kyoto and a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the Nishiki Market. It is a marketplace in downtown Kyoto, located on a road one block north and parallel to Shij? Street. Rich with history and tradition, the market is renowned as the place to obtain many of Kyoto's famous foods and goods. See the Kinkakuji - a Zen Buddhist temple. It is one of the most popular buildings in Japan. It is designated as a National Special Historic Site, a National Special Landscape and is one of 17 locations making up the Historical Monuments of Ancient Kyoto which are World Heritage Sites. Overnight in Osaka. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

### **Day 7 : Depart and fly back.**

A wonderful Holiday into this dreamland of Japan gracefully ends. Check out by 11:00 and depart for the Airport



(on your own) for your return / onward flight. (Breakfast)

Breakfast

## Highlights

- Comprehensive and seamlessly planned tour at an honest price.
- Get acquainted with the city of Tokyo on your guided city tour.
- Enjoy a bird's eye view of the city from the Tokyo Skytree Tower.
- Visit Tokyo's oldest temple - Sensoji in Asakusa.
- Spend some leisure time at the Nakamise Shopping Street.
- See the Imperial Palace and the Tsukiji Hogan-ji.
- Visit the iconic Tama Cemetery.
- Get awed at the second tallest tower in the world – the Tokyo Tower.
- Visit Mt. Fuji – the largest volcano in the center of Japan.
- Enjoy the Panoramic view from the Komagatake Ropeway.
- Enjoy a scenic boat cruise on the beautiful Lake Ashi.
- Experience a High-speed train journey between Tokyo and Hiroshima.
- Visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum Park.
- Explore the impressive monuments of Miyajima Island.
- Take a High-speed train journey between Hiroshima and Osaka.
- Visit Umeda Sky Building, a spectacular high rise building in Osaka with Floating Garden Observatory.
- Visit Japan's most famous landmarks - Osaka Castle.
- Enjoy a day trip to Kyoto.
- Explore the city of Osaka on an orientation tour of the city.
- Service of Multilingual & Knowledgeable Tour Manager accompanying you throughout the tour.