

11 Day Tour | Aromas Of Japan with Flights

Osaka - Himeji - Hiroshima - Takamatsu - Kobe - Kyoto - Nagoya - Mt Fuji - Tokyo

From **\$6,299** Typically \$6,999 ✈ pp twin share



Return International Economy class flights with Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific

Visit the UNESCO world heritage site in Hiroshima and Mt Fuji

Experience amazing cuisine and witness a Geisha Performance

Bottle of Sake and BONUS welcome gift on arrival!

Description



Embarking on a food tour in Japan is an unforgettable experience that tantalizes your taste buds and immerses you in the country's rich culinary traditions.

From vibrant street markets to Michelin-starred restaurants, Japan offers a diverse range of flavors and regional specialties that cater to all palates. Whether you're a fan of sushi, ramen, tempura, or the myriad of other delicious dishes, Japan has something to satisfy every craving.

No food tour in Japan would be complete without a visit to Hiroshima, a city renowned for its mouthwatering Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki. This savory pancake-like dish is made with layers of batter, cabbage, meat, seafood, and topped with a variety of ingredients, such as fried eggs, scallions, and bonito flakes. The Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki is cooked right in front of you on a teppan grill, creating a unique dining experience where you can watch the skilled chefs craft this delectable treat.

While in Hiroshima, it is essential to pay a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. These landmarks serve as poignant reminders of the devastating atomic bombing that occurred during World War II. Walking through the park and witnessing the A-Bomb Dome, a UNESCO World Heritage site, evokes a profound sense of reflection and resilience.

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Another must-see destination in Japan is Mount Fuji, the iconic and majestic volcano that stands at the heart of the country. Aspiring adventurers can hike or take a bus to the fifth station, where the ascent to the summit begins. The climb offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes, including the picturesque Fuji Five Lakes region. If hiking isn't your preference, you can still marvel at the beauty of Mount Fuji from various vantage points, such as the shores of Lake Kawaguchi or the observation decks of nearby buildings.

During your time near Mount Fuji, make sure to savor the local delicacies. Fuji cuisine, known as Fujisanzoku, features fresh ingredients sourced from the region's fertile soil and pristine waters. Indulge in dishes like houtou, a hearty noodle soup with vegetables and meat, or try yoshida no udon, thick wheat noodles served with a soy-based broth. Don't forget to sample the exquisite hoto noodles, a specialty of Yamanashi Prefecture, which is a comforting combination of flat udon noodles, miso broth, and vegetables.

A food tour in Japan combined with visits to Hiroshima and Mount Fuji offers an enchanting blend of gastronomic delights, historical significance, and natural beauty. It allows you to immerse yourself in the country's cultural tapestry while savoring the diverse flavors that make Japanese cuisine so renowned. From the somber reminders of Hiroshima's past to the awe-inspiring views of Mount Fuji, this journey through Japan promises to be a feast for both the senses and the soul.

Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ Osaka

Welcome to Osaka! On arrival at the airport you will be picked up and transfered to the hotel.

You will receive a bottle of Sake and cups set on arrival as a welcome gift.

Osaka is a large port city and commercial center on the Japanese island of Honshu. It's known for its modern architecture, nightlife and hearty street food. The 16th-century shogunate Osaka Castle, which has undergone several restorations, is its main historical landmark. It's surrounded by a moat and park with plum, peach and cherry-blossom trees. Sumiyoshi-taisha is among Japan's oldest Shinto shrines.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Accommodation: Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi

Day 2

Osaka 🚶 Himeji 🚶 Hiroshima

Today after breakfast you will make your way to visit Himeji Castle, often called 'the White Heron Castle' due to its elegant design. Himeji Castle is one of Japan's last remaining original medieval castles. You will then continue on your way to the city of Hiroshima.

Hiroshima, a modern city on Japan's Honshu Island, was largely destroyed by an atomic bomb during World War II. Today, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park commemorates the 1945 event. In the park are the ruins of Genbaku Dome, one of the few buildings that was left standing near ground zero. Other prominent sites include Shukkei-en, a formal Japanese garden, and Hiroshima Castle, a fortress surrounded by a moat and a park.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima

Day 3

Hiroshima

Today after breakfast you will visit the Peace Memorial Park and Atomic Bomb Dome, two of the main commemoration monuments dedicated to the victims of the atomic bomb used in WWII. Today you will also experience the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima, where you can see the floating tori gate on the water at high tide.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Hiroshima Oyster and Hiroshima Style Okonomiyaki (Japanese pancake) for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima

Day 4

Hiroshima 🚶 Takamatsu 🚶 Kobe

Today after breakfast you will make your way to Takamatsu, a Kagawa city famous for its Udon. Here you will learn from the Udon master on how to make real Japanese Udon. You will need to roll up your sleeves to make some Udon and enjoy your own udon for lunch.

You will then continue on to Ritsurin Garden, built by the local feudal lords during the early Edo Period. Considered one of the best gardens in Japan. You then continue the journey to the city of Kobe.

Kobe is a city on Osaka Bay in central Japan. It is known for its signature marbled beef and scenic setting of mountains framing the harbor. The Ikuta Shrine, dating to the 3rd century, is among Japan's oldest Shinto shrines. Antique cable cars connect Kobe to Mt. Rokko, which offers panoramic views over the port. Beyond the Mount Rokko hills are the outdoor hot springs of Arima Onsen.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Udon Making/eating for Lunch and Kobe Harborland – Fisherman's market Saefood Buffet Dinner

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Kobe Portopia Hotel

Day 5

Kobe 🚶 Osaka

Today after breakfast you will visit the district of Kitancho in Kobe. It is known for its Western-style mansions built for merchants and diplomats in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Kobe Beef @Steakland Kobekan and Sake Tasting at Hakutsuru Sake Brewery, one of the oldest sake producers in Japan from the Nada district of Kobe.

Later in the day you will make your way to Osaka. In the evening, you will have free time to explore Shinsaibashi for local foods, eg. Takoyaki.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel it Osaka Shinmachi

Day 6

Osaka 🚶 Kyoto

Today after breakfast you will be able to experience Uji Green Tea tasting at Takumi-no Yakata. Along the picturesque scene of Ujigawa.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Bento/Teishoku for lunch.

You will visit Byodoin, with the Japanese 10 yen coin showing Phoenix Hall, the main building in Byodoin. Rengeoin Sanjusangendo, the temple's main hall is a stunning example of Japanese architecture, with a long and narrow wooden structure that measures 120 meters in length and contains 33 bays. Visitors can see 1,001 statues of the goddess Kannon inside the hall.

Kyoto, once the capital of Japan, is a city on the island of Honshu. It's famous for its numerous classical Buddhist temples, as well as gardens, imperial palaces, Shinto shrines and traditional wooden houses. It's also known for formal traditions such as kaiseki dining, consisting of multiple courses of precise dishes, and geisha, female entertainers often found in the Gion district.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Kyoto Tokyu Hotel

Day 7

Kyoto

Today after breakfast you will begin sightseeing in Kyoto. Visit Kinkakuji, otherwise known as the Golden Pavilion. Continue on to Arashiyama and visit Togetsu Bridge and Bamboo Grove, one of Kyoto's top sights.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Fine Dining - Kaiseki Ryori and Geisha Performance.

Also today you will visit Gion, famous for its traditional architecture, lantern-lit alleyways, and charming tea houses. Before the day is through you will stop by Fushimi Inari, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Kyoto Tokyu Hotel

Day 8

Kyoto 🚶 Nagoya

Today after breakfast you will start the journey to Nagoya. Visit Noritake Museum. Noritake is a leading Nagoya-based company in the ceramics industry, with a history of over 100 years.

Nagoya, capital of Japan's Aichi Prefecture, is a manufacturing and shipping hub in central Honshu. The city's Naka ward is home to museums and pachinko (gambling machine) parlors. Naka also includes the Sakae entertainment district, with attractions like the Sky-Boat Ferris wheel, which is attached to a mall. In northern Naka is Nagoya Castle, a partly reconstructed 1612 royal home displaying Edo-era artifacts.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Nagoya-style eel is known for its unique flavour and texture as well as Nagoya Tebasaki.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: The Strings Hotel Nagoya

Day 9

Nagoya 🚗 Mt Fuji

After breakfast you will make the journey to Mt Fuji. Visit Oishi Park, on the shores of Lake Kawaguchi, well known for its serene, flower-lined walking path and its spectacular view of Mount Fuji.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Oshino Hakkai (lunch at own expense).

If the weather permits you will attempt a visit to Mt Fuji 5th station, which is 2300m above sea level.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: HOTEL MYSTAYS Fuji Onsen Resort

Day 10

Mt Fuji 🚗 Tokyo

Today you depart Mt Fuji en route for Tokyo. On arrival visit Tokyo Tower, with stunning panoramic views of the city. Experience Shibuya Crossing first hand, one of the busiest intersections in the world! You will walk through Tsukiji Outer Market, where you can encounter all kinds of traditional Japanese foods. Explore a mixture of wholesale and retail shops in Asakusa. Visit Sensoji and Nakamise-dori (a traditional shopping street).

Tokyo, Japan's busy capital, mixes the ultramodern and the traditional, from neon-lit skyscrapers to historic temples. The opulent Meiji Shinto Shrine is known for its towering gate and surrounding woods. The Imperial Palace sits amid large public gardens. The city's many museums offer exhibits ranging from classical art (in the Tokyo National Museum) to a reconstructed kabuki theater (in the Edo-Tokyo Museum).

Tonight you will have your farewell dinner.

Food Local Specialty Experience - Chanko Nabe (Sumo Wrestler Hot Pot) at Hananomai Ryogoku.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Tokyo Dome Hotel

Day 11

Tokyo ✈ Australia

Today after breakfast, check out from the hotel and depending on your departure flight time, continue to explore the city before your arranged airport transfer picks you up.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return International Economy flights flying with Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific from Sydney or Melbourne
- Ten nights in 4-star hotel accommodation
- Bottle of Sake on arrival + Bonus Welcome Gift
- Professional tour guide throughout
- Dedicated coach transportation
- Hassle-free return airport transfers
- In-depth sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All monument entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Highlights, from Local Specialties to Fine Dining

1. Fine Dining: Kaiseki Ryori (multi-course Japanese Fine Dining) + Geisha Performance
2. Kobe Beef @Steakland Kobekan
3. Sake Tasting @Hakutsuru Sake Brewery
4. Green Tea Matcha Tasting @Uji Takumi-no Yakata
5. Hands-on experience: Udon Making @Takamatsu
6. Farewell Dinner - Chanko Nabe (Sumo Wrestler Hot Pot)
7. Local Specialties including:

- *Hiroshima Oyster*
- *Hiroshima style Okonomiyaki*
- *Bento/Teishoku*
- *Nagoya-style eel*
- *Nagoya Tebasaki*
- *Seafood Buffet Dinner*

Optional add-ons and tour extensions

Add on an extension to your amazing Japan trip! Available at check-out.

Ancient South Korea Adventure: 7 Days | From \$2499pp*

Inclusions:

- Flights
- 6 nights 4-star twin share accommodation
- Enjoy six breakfasts, five lunches and two dinners
- Professional tour guide throughout
- Dedicated coach transportation
- All monument entrance fees as per the itinerary

Take Off to Taiwan: 7 Days | From \$2699pp*

Inclusions:

- Flights
- 6 nights twin share accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Professional tour guide throughout
- Dedicated coach transportation
- Hassle-free airport transfers
- All monument entrance fees as per the itinerary

Sightseeing and experiences including:

- Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall
- Taroko National Park
- Sun Moon Lake
- The Dragon and Tiger Pagodas

Okinawa Islands Experience: 5 Days | From \$1159pp*

Inclusions:

- 4 nights hotel accommodation
- Daily Breakfast
- Domestic flight from Osaka to Naha one way
- 2 Guided Day tours
- Return ferry ticket from Naha to Tokashiki Island

- Monument entrance fees as per the itinerary

**Some dates may be subject to a peak-season surcharge.*

Exclusions

- Travel insurance (Mandatory)
- Optional recommended programs or tour extensions
- Any meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenditure
- Tips and Gratuities

Group Size: Minimum 10 guests with a maximum of 20.

Staying earlier/later: Please note a \$400pp twin share fee will apply for any guests choosing to arrive or stay later on this program.

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