

## Essence Of Japan

### Escorted Group Tours

6 Nights/7 Days



- Visit Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Okayama and Osaka
- Get a unique perspective on Tokyo on a tour of the city's top must see sights
- Take in spectacular views of Mt Fuji when you visit the mountain and surrounding areas
- Soar above the stunning scenery of Hakone National Park, Owakudani Valley and Lake Ashi in an aerial tram
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage-listed highlights such as Kinkakuji Temple and Todai-ji Temple
- Get schooled in the movements and artistry of a traditional Japanese tea ceremony in Kyoto
- Travel by a bullet train (Shinkansen) from Kyoto to Okayama
- Gaze in wonder at the UNESCO-listed Genbaku Dome, the only original structure left standing in the area of Hiroshima
- Experience the serenity of the Okayama Korakuen Garden
- Discover the best sights of Osaka
- All inclusive package
- Free time for shopping
- Services of an experienced Intersight Holidays Tour Manager from Cochin

### Itinerary

Day  
1

#### Arrive into Tokyo

We assemble at the Kochi International Airport to board your flight to Tokyo.

After we finish the immigration formalities we drive you to your hotel. After the long journey you can freshen up and relax in your hotel room.

Overnight at your hotel in Tokyo (Dinner)

**Day  
2**

## City Tour of Tokyo

Today after a sumptuous American breakfast, enjoy a full day guided city tour of Tokyo. Start your tour with a visit to Sky Tree first observatory. A unique opportunity to view the city of Tokyo from a height of 350mts from the observation deck of Tokyo Sky Tree, the tallest tower in the world.

Later visit the Asa Kusa District known for its renowned Sensoji temple, a very popular Buddhist Temple which was constructed in the 7th century. You also have some free time at the famous Nakamise Shopping Arcade where you get a chance to try local snacks and buy Japanese souvenirs. Also visit the Odaiba Venus Fort/Palate Town Rainbow bridge statue of Liberty, Toyota Show room.

The tour continues to the Shinjuku Gyoen Park. It is one of the most beautiful Japanese gardens in Tokyo. A vast park, it has different garden sections: a Japanese garden with two ponds connected by a small river, a formal French garden with roses en masse and an English Landscape garden.

Later drive pass the Imperial Palace, visit the shrine dedicated to the Guardian Deity of Land – Hei Shrine and Ginza shopping street (photo stop)

Overnight at your hotel in Tokyo (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**Day  
3**

## Visit Mt. Fuji

Today after an American breakfast at the hotel, check out and proceed to one of the highlights of your tour - a visit to Mt. Fuji. Visit the Mount Fuji 5th station (weather permitting). Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan and often considered the symbol of the country. Enjoy your Indian Lunch.

Continue to Hakone. Later pass by Lake Ashi. Here you get a chance to enjoy the picturesque view of Mt. Fuji on a clear day.

Then visit Owakudani Boiling Valley with one-way cable car (weather permitting). Later drive to Nagoya.

Overnight at your hotel in Nagoya (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**Day  
4**

## Nara Kyoto Tour

After breakfast, checkout of the hotel and proceed on a full day visit to Nara and Kyoto.

Nara was the first capital of Japan. Visit the Todai-ji temple, which houses the largest Buddha statue in Japan and the Nara Deer Park, which is home to hundreds of freely roaming deers. Considered in Shinto to be messengers of the Gods, Nara's nearly 1200 deers have become a symbol of the city and have been designated a natural treasure.

Experience the traditions of Japan with a tea ceremony in Kyoto and learn the origins of this ancient practice. Over the course of your ceremony experience you'll witness the methodical steps behind Japanese tea preparation. Receive a lesson in proper sitting posture, and then observe your instructor as they prepare the tea from matcha, a powdered tea mixture used since the 12th century when the Japanese monk named Eisai introduced the mixture from China.

Tour continues to the Kinkakuji Temple. It is perhaps the most widely-recognized image of Kyoto. Seen reflected in the adjoining "mirror pond" with its small islands of rock and pine, Kinkaku-ji Temple, "The Golden Pavilion," is a breathtaking must-see.

Next travel by the hi-tech Japanese Bullet Train from Kyoto to reach Okayama.

After dinner transfer to Hotel

Overnight at your hotel in Okayama (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**(NOTE - Today morning one bag per person will be couriered to Osaka, so kindly carry a small handbag for 2 nights in Okayama)**

## Day 5 Hiroshima

After breakfast, visit the A-Bomb Dome, the symbol of Hiroshima and the only building to remain standing after the atomic explosion. See the Peace Memorial Park with its Museum and number of monuments of peace including the Flame of Peace, Flocks of Doves and the Children's Memorial. The Cenotaph with its arched tomb is a tribute to those who died because of the bombing.

After lunch proceed to one of the top 3 most beautiful garden of Japan and the Crown Jewel of Okayama – Korakuen Garden, where 300 years of history come live. Stroll through the garden - arranged to take in water from the river, which then runs via a zigzag brook into a pond and down in a waterfall.

Overnight at your hotel in Okayama (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## Day 6 Onto Osaka - Osaka City Tour

Have breakfast at the hotel. We continue our journey to Osaka, Japan's second largest metropolitan area after Tokyo.

Enroute drive through the Kitano town in Kobe, which contains a number of western-style residences called Ijinkan. Proceed to Osaka.

Tour continues to Osaka Castle. Once the largest castle in Japan when originally built in the 1580s, this castle has an observation platform with city views and a history museum that uses holograms, 3D pictures and other technologies to describe the history of the castle and the period during which it was built.

Later shop to your heart's content at Shinsaibashi - the largest shopping area in Osaka where many boutiques and specialty shops are gathered, attracting local people and visitors. Shops of all kinds and for all ages line the street, a roofed arcade 600 meters long.

After dinner transfer to Hotel for check in.

Overnight at your hotel in Osaka (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## Day 7 Return Home with Wonderful Memories

After a continental breakfast, checkout of the hotel and proceed to the airport for your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your tour with Intersight !!!