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## GRAND DISCOVERY OF JAPAN – 12 DAYS September 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2026

### Day One: Toronto – Tokyo

Today we're whisked off to Pearson airport to board our international flight from Toronto to Tokyo.

### Day 2: Tokyo Arrival

Upon arriving at Narita Airport, you'll be met by your tour guide in the arrivals hall. We'll be transferred to our hotel. After check-in, enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure to rest or explore the city.

### Day 3: Tokyo

Today, explore some of Tokyo's most iconic landmarks. Begin at Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple, and stroll down the vibrant Nakamise shopping street lined with traditional crafts and snacks. You may also choose the **optional Kimono Rental (US\$55/person)** and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street in Japan's beautiful national dress. Visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Your next stop today is the Tokyo Metro, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of enormous Tokyo city. **(B.)**

### Day 4: Tokyo

Spend today free at your leisure. Alternatively, you may join our **optional Modern Tokyo Exploration Tour (USD \$119/person)**. This tour begins with a photo stop outside the Imperial Palace, offering views of this historic residence of Japan's Emperor, as the inner grounds are not open to the public. Next, stroll along the vibrant entertainment district of Odaiba, admire the engineering marvel of Rainbow Bridge, and explore DiverCity Tokyo Plaza to see the iconic towering Gundam statue.

Continue to the world-famous Tsukiji Fish Market, where you can explore lively stalls and sample fresh seafood or local delicacies at your own expense.

Afterward, Experience the iconic Shibuya Crossing, the busiest pedestrian intersection in the world. Later, enjoy free time in the vibrant Shinjuku district, known for its dynamic entertainment, shopping, and dining scene. Afterward, transfer back to the hotel. **(B.)**

### Day 5: Tokyo - Mt.Fuji

Today, begin with a visit to Gotemba Peace Park, where you can take in a breathtaking panoramic view of Mount Fuji. Continue to Oshino Hakkai, a tranquil village famous for its eight natural spring ponds, formed from melted snow that has filtered through the porous lava layers of Mount Fuji—resulting in crystal-clear water revered for its purity. Next, stroll through the vibrant Oishi Park, known for its colorful seasonal flowers set against the majestic backdrop of Mt. Fuji. In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing cruise on Lake Kawaguchi, a crater lake celebrated for its picture-perfect views of Mount Fuji. End the day with a rich cultural experience and buffet dinner at our welcoming hot spring hotel. **(B.D.)**



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### **Day 6: Mt. Fuji - Kyoto**

After breakfast, transfer to Shin-Fuji Station and ride the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. In the afternoon, you may join a guided walking tour to explore Kyoto's highlights. Travel via public transportation to Gion, the city's most famous geisha district, and continue to Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka, two beautifully preserved historical streets lined with traditional wooden shops and tea houses. Stroll along these charming lanes leading up to the iconic Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, as the tour involves moderate walking. Afterward, you may choose to follow the tour guide to the hotel or enjoy some free time to explore the area at your own pace and make your own way back to the hotel. **(B.)**

### **Day 7: Kyoto**

Spend today free at your own leisure. Alternatively, You may join the **optional Kansai Culture Tour (USD \$139/person)**. This tour consists of a visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, a mesmerizing grove of thousands of tall bamboo plants. A paved walkway runs through the middle of both sections, forming the famous "Bamboo Alley," one of Kyoto's most photographed sights.

In the afternoon, visit Nishiki Market, known as Kyoto's Kitchen, where you can stroll through lively stalls offering local snacks, traditional sweets, pickles, and unique Kyoto specialties. Enjoy free time for lunch, with plenty of options ranging from casual street food to local restaurants at your own pace.

Then, we will visit one of the most sacred and impressive destinations – Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine and walk through the famous vermilion Torii Gates, the most picturesque location on tour, and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street.

Then, witness a Matcha tea demonstration and enjoy a tasting of tea This cultural encounter offers you a taste of Japan's cherished tea heritage. Then return to your comfortable vehicle for the relaxing journey back to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure on your own.

**(B.)**

### **Day 8: Kyoto - Nara - Osaka**

Today, travel to Nara to visit Nara Park and Todaiji Temple, home to the Great Buddha.

This morning, you will move to Nara, now known as Nara remains full of iconic sites. Then see Todai-ji Temple, one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples, constructed in the 8th century. Wander through Nara Park, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling to Osaka. Visit the Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century, before being dropped off at Dotonbori, which exemplifies Osaka's vibrant food culture. **(B.)**



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### **Day 9: Osaka - Kobe**

Start the day with a visit to the Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum, where you'll explore the traditional sake brewing process through historical exhibits and life-sized displays. Enjoy a complimentary tasting of freshly brewed sake at the end of your tour.

Continue to the Kobe Port Tower Observation Deck, offering stunning panoramic views of Kobe's harbor, cityscape, and surrounding mountains.

Then head to Kobe Harborland, a vibrant waterfront area filled with shops, restaurants, and cafés. Stroll along the boardwalk or relax while enjoying views of the sea and city skyline. You may join the **optional special Kobe Beef dinner and taste the famous Kobe Beef(USD\$148)**.

### **Day 10: Himeji – Kurashiki – Hiroshima**

This morning, visit the majestic Himeji Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Japan's most iconic and best-preserved feudal-era fortress. Admire its elegant white facade and explore the impressive wooden interiors and defensive structures.

Next, travel to the picturesque Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter — one of Japan's most beautiful and well-preserved old towns. Stroll through its charming streets lined with Edo-period architecture, willow-draped canals, and beautifully restored white-walled merchant houses. Enjoy free time to soak in the nostalgic atmosphere, browse artisan boutiques, and relax at one of the many stylish cafés tucked away in this scenic village. In the late afternoon, continue to Hiroshima and check in for an overnight stay. **(B.)**

### **Day 11: Hiroshima & Miyajima**

Spend the day immersed in both history and natural beauty. Start at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, a somber yet powerful site dedicated to the victims of the atomic bombing. Visit the Atomic Bomb Dome, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that stands as a stark symbol of peace and resilience.

Later, take a scenic ferry ride to Miyajima Island, home to the famous Itsukushima Shrine, renowned for its iconic “floating” torii gate that appears to rise from the sea during high tide. Explore the shrine and enjoy free time to wander the island's quaint streets, filled with shops and local specialties. **(B.)**

### **Day 12: Hiroshima – Toronto**

After breakfast, a group transfer will depart at 08:00 A.M from Hotel to Hiroshima Airport for your return flight via Tokyo (HND airport) to Toronto. Upon arrival in Toronto we'll take our limousine service back to our homes, carrying with us a lifetime of memories of this fascinating and ancient culture!

**WELCOME HOME!**

**B = Breakfast**

**D = Dinner**