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Small Group Tour

Overview



Tour starts: Tokyo 10th October 2019 - **Tour ends:** Tokyo 17th October 2019

Min. 10 – Max. 20 people

Tour price: £2750 per person

Single supplement: £495 per person which guarantees a single room at all hotel & ryokan stays

Places visited



Hikone



Kyoto



Otsu



Awara Onsen



Nara



Osaka



Kanazawa



Tokyo

Accommodation



Biwako Hotel
Otsu, Lake Biwa



Haiya Ryokan
Awara Onsen



Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel
Kanazawa



Hotel Niwa
Tokyo

Highlights



Traditional Ryokan stay & Kaiseki dinner



Stroll the famous Kenrokuen gardens in Kanazawa



Private dinner with Maiko entertainment in Kyoto



Insider walking tour of Tokyo



Street food tour of Osaka



Ride the Bullet Train



Private Zazen meditation session in a 17th century temple

and much more!

Tour Itinerary

10 October

Meet your tour leader at the convention hotel. Leave Tokyo by Shinkansen (AKA the Bullet train), visit one of Japan's original Edo period castles in the town of Hikone and neighbouring Genkyuen garden. We will head to the impressive Sagawa Art Museum before enjoying an overnight stay on the shores of Lake Biwa, away from Kyoto crowds.

11 October

Head to the cultural capital of Kyoto and admire some of the must-see sights: the Golden Pavilion and the Zen garden of Ryoanji Temple. Make your own temaki sushi, enjoy kimono wearing and tea ceremony and a private dinner with Maiko (apprentice Geisha) before heading back to Lake Biwa for the night.

12 October

Travel nearby to the ancient capital of Nara, home to sacred deer and the impressive Great Buddha at Todaiji temple before heading to the bright lights of Osaka for a street food tour with an Insider expert. You will be able to eat your way around the city known as 'Kansai's Kitchen' before we head back to Lake Biwa.

13 October

Escape the crowds and immerse yourself in a journey through the mountains to the traditional hot spring town of Awara Onsen. After visiting ancient castle town ruins and trying zen meditation, stay at a traditional Ryokan inn, feast on a multicourse Kaiseki dinner and relax in hot spring baths.

14 October

After a leisurely morning in the local area we will make our way over to the Japan Sea Coast city of Kanazawa. We have the opportunity to stroll the historic samurai districts and try traditional gold leaf workshops before heading back to the hotel for free time.

15 October

There will be a chance to explore downtown freely before heading to Kenrokuen - one of Japan's most beautiful gardens. After a walking tour around Kanazawa in the afternoon, top the night off with dinner and a traditional arts private performance.

16 October

Shoot on the Shinkansen back to the Tokyo Metropolis where we will get the chance to join the exclusive Inside Circle city tour exploring other lesser known, but very interesting areas of the city. Your Insider will take you for a farewell dinner where you will get to unwind like a local.

17 October

For those of you heading off today, we will be arranging your private car transfers back to Toyko's Haneda or Narita Airport.

Other

What's Included

- ✓ Full time services of a Senior IJT Tour Leader
- ✓ Selected local guides, entrance fees & cultural experiences outlined in the itinerary
- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation, breakfast every day and a number of included meals
- ✓ All transport across destinations
- ✓ Airport transfer at the end of the tour

NOT Included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Entrance fees unless otherwise specified
- ✗ Any local transportation unless covered by the itinerary
- ✗ Baggage handling and luggage forwarding unless otherwise specified



Fitness on tour

Even when not using public transport, sightseeing in Japan often involves walking between sights, climbing up steps in temples and being 'on the go' for much of the day. To enjoy this tour you should be of moderate fitness, able to walk and climb stairs without difficulty and able to maintain a pace that is comfortable for the majority of the group



Dietary requirements

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes. However, please be aware that restaurants or ryokan (Japanese-style inns) will not always be able to alter their menus to fully exclude specific allergens or to cater for strict dietary requirements.

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