

Visions of Japan with Hiroshima

April 13–April 26, 2025

12 Night Professionally Escorted Tour

Hosted by Candy & Nestor



The Carefree Travel Package Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from Modesto (other locations may be available)
- Roundtrip Airfare from San Francisco
- 12 Night Professionally Escorted Globus Tour
- Meals and Sightseeing as described on the day-by-day itinerary
- Baggage Assistance, Taxes and Transfers
- Pre-Tour Meet & Greet
- A Carefree Travel Host traveling with you!



Package Rates:

\$ 9867 per person, double occupancy
\$ 11,382 Single Occupancy

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Travel Insurance is highly recommended!

Ask about Group Travel Insurance

Passport Required!

VACATION OVERVIEW

Forget everything your mother taught you about table manners. In Japan, it's perfectly acceptable to slurp! Get ready to joyously drink in traditional hot sake, green tea, big brothy noodle bowls and the delicious views from neon-lit Tokyo to historic Kyoto. Peaks, palaces, pavilions, and pagodas provide picture-perfect backdrops for your photos, but don't expect to stand still for very long on this enthralling tour of Japan. A hands-on calligraphy class, a special kimono fitting, an interactive cooking demonstration, and a gold-leaf design class—where you'll make your own keepsake bento box—are all part of the fun. Browse the produce at a Takayama farmer's market, stroll through Kanazawa's famous Kenroku-en gardens and experience the thrill of a ride on the famous bullet train. Prepare to be floored in more ways than one!

A 2-night stay in the serene city of Hiroshima is a peaceful ending to your tour of Japan. Hop on the bullet train from Kyoto to Hiroshima to be further moved by dramatic gardens, sacred shrines, and the many touching memorials to the lives lost in the World War II atomic bombing.

ITINERARY

April 14, DAY 1 ARRIVE IN TOKYO, JAPAN

Konnichiwa Japan Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Hotel check-in is available mid-afternoon.

April 15, DAY 2 TOKYO

Monumental Metropolis Start with a visit to Meiji Shrine, a magnificent 20th-century Shinto monument set in a man-made forest. At an artist's studio, learn to write like a local during a calligraphy lesson with a master calligrapher, have the opportunity to try on a traditional kimono, and partake in a tea ceremony. After lunch, visit the Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest tower. Last stop is the Asakusa Kannon Temple and Nakamise shopping arcade. Tonight, join your travel companions at a welcome dinner hosted by your Tour Director.

LOCAL FAVORITE

TEA TRADITIONS Participate in a tea ceremony, the ancient tradition and wonderfully choreographed ritual of preparing and serving Japanese green tea.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

SKY HIGH At Tokyo Skytree, ascend to Sorakara Point, on floor 450 at some 450 meters or 1500 feet, it is the highest point visitors can explore. Here you'll have stunning panoramic views over the city and, on a clear day, Mount Fuji.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

April 16, DAY 3 TOKYO. MOUNT FUJI EXCURSION

Soaring Heights & Sweeping Views Drive south along the coast to Kamakura to see the 750-year-old Great Buddha. Continue to Hakone where you'll take a cable-car ride for panoramic views of spectacular Mount Fuji, Japan's highest mountain. After lunch, cruise on Lake Ashi for more views of this beautiful area. Conclude the day with a thrilling shinkansen (bullet train) ride back to Tokyo!

Breakfast Lunch

April 17, DAY 4 TOKYO

Wondrous Wandering Enjoy a full day at your leisure to explore the city.

FREE TIME TIPS

EXPLORE MORE Tokyo has something for everyone so visit one of the city's unique neighborhoods like Ginza or Shibuya districts, dine at the street food markets, or catch a game at the Tokyo Dome. This and more options throughout your tour are available for purchase with MyGlobus.

Breakfast

April 18, DAY 5 TOKYO—MATSUMOTO—TAKAYAMA

City to Farm to Table Journey to Matsumoto, gateway to the ruggedly beautiful Japanese Alps. Visit a local wasabi farm and Matsumoto Castle, a National Treasure of Japan dating back to the 16th Century. Tonight, enjoy a wonderful Japanese-style dinner at your hotel.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

WHY WASABI Take a private tour of a wasabi farm to learn more about how it's grown and the importance of wasabi in Japanese culture and cuisine. Eat lunch at the farm and sample wasabi ice cream.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

April 19, DAY 6 TAKAYAMA

Takayama Treasures Today begins at the morning market, where farmers display locally grown fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Visit Takayama Jinya, a former government office during the Edo Period from 1692-1868. This well-preserved building is a national historic site and the only remaining building of its kind in Japan. End with a fun sake tasting.

LOCAL FAVORITE

FOR SAKE'S SAKE Go sake tasting in the San-Machi Suji historic district—famous for lacquerware shops and sake breweries, and identified by the “sugidama,” balls made of cedar branches that adorn the entrances.

FREE TIME TIPS

EXPLORE MORE After included sightseeing, the balance of the day is at leisure, providing you with time to explore the narrow streets where merchants buy and sell as they have for 300 years. Transfers between town and your resort will run every two hours.

Breakfast

April 20, DAY 7 TAKAYAMA–SHIRAKAWA–KANAZAWA

Enchanting Valleys & Tranquil Gardens This morning, enjoy a drive through the mountainous Shokawa Valley to Shirakawa; a remote region of Japan home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Here explore the unique Gassho-Zukuri-style (joined hands) thatched houses that can be found only here. Continue to the scenic town of Kanazawa, situated between the mountains and the Sea of Japan. Explore Kenroku-en Garden and take part in a gold leaf class, where you'll learn about this ancient craft and make your own bento box.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PERFECTION OF TRANQUILITY Kenroku-en is one of Japan's three great gardens and dates from the 1670s. Translated to English the name means “Garden of Six Qualities,” referring to the six essential attributes that make up a perfect garden: spaciousness, tranquility, artifice, antiquity, water, and magnificent views. One of the garden's most stunning attractions is Kasumigaike pond with its island called Horai, which is meant to symbolize long life and eternal prosperity.

Breakfast, Lunch

April 21, DAY 8 KANAZAWA–KYOTO

Sushi, Shrines & Temples This morning, drive south to Kyoto. On arrival, participate in a Japanese cooking class for lunch. Then, you'll visit two of the city's most important sites: Fushimi Inari Shrine and Kiyomizu Temple. This evening, you have the option to stay in a traditional Japanese ryokan (additional expense and pre-booking required).

LOCAL FAVORITE

TURNING JAPANESE, I REALLY THINK SO Japan is known for its cuisine, which is deeply engrained into the culture. What better way to gain insights into the local way of life than through your stomach? Participate in a special cooking class under the instruction of a local chef to learn how to make miso soup, teriyaki chicken, and makizushi, more commonly known as a sushi roll.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

SENSATIONAL SHRINES While in Kyoto one must take a step back in time to explore this historic former capital and its important wooden shrines and temples. Explore Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for the thousands of brightly hued Torii Gate. Afterward, continue to the Higashiyama District to visit Kiyomizu Temple, the “Pure Water Temple,” with stunning views over Kyoto. Along the way, walk through the busy streets, where shops and restaurants have been catering to pilgrims for centuries.

Breakfast Lunch

April 22, DAY 9 KYOTO

Golden Gift This morning starts with a visit to stunning Kinkakuji, the Temple of the Gold Pavilion. Next, visit Yuzen Handmade Corner to learn about the Yuzen dyeing technique used to decorate kimonos by painting dye directly on the cloth. Make your own souvenir using this traditional method. End the day at Sanjusajendo Temple, famous for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy. Flanking the main statue are 1,000 more life-sized statues, covered in gold leaf, with 40 arms believed to have the power to save 25 worlds!

FREE TIME TIPS

EXPLORE MORE Join your Tour Director for a walking tour through Gion or visit more of Kyoto's historic temples. This and many more options throughout your tour are available for purchase with MyGlobus.

Breakfast

April 23, DAY 10 KYOTO–NARA EXCURSION

Living Large, No Giant Travel to nearby Nara to visit Kasuga Shrine and Todaiji Temple, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Tonight, your Tour Director hosts a farewell dinner to celebrate your discovery of Japan.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

NARA GIANTS Travel to Nara Park, one of the largest in Japan, and famous for its free-roaming deer amid its shrines and temples. Kasuga Shrine, the most celebrated in Nara, is a Shinto shrine with some 3,000 stone and bronze lanterns. On the opposite end of the park is Todaiji Temple, one of Japan's most significant temples. Originally built in 752 AD and again after a fire in 1692, the temple is only two-thirds its original size yet remains one of the world's largest wooden buildings. The Daibutsu (Giant Buddha) inside the main hall is made of copper and bronze, weighs 250 tons and is 49 feet tall.

Breakfast Dinner

April 24, DAY 11 KYOTO–HIROSHIMA

A Need for Speed Board one of Japan's famous shinkansen (bullet train) bound for historic Hiroshima. Join your Local guide for a visit to the 400-year-old Shukkei-en Garden, where natural landscapes are represented in miniature form.

Breakfast

April 25, DAY 12 HIROSHIMA

Give Peace a Chance Explore the highlights of Hiroshima with your Local Guide.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS Start your guided tour of Hiroshima at Peace Memorial Park and see the Peace Memorial, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has been preserved just as it was on August 6, 1945, immediately after the bombing. You will also visit the Memorial Museum and Memorial Hall, which commemorate the lives lost that day. Then, travel by the Ferry from Peace Memorial Park to Miyajima Island. Here, visit Itsukushima Shrine, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its floating Torii Gate and enjoy free time for lunch and to explore the many shops.

Breakfast

April 26, DAY 13 HIROSHIMA

Say it Ain't Sayonara Your tour ends with breakfast this morning.



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