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Cultural Treasures of Japan

October 21 – November 4, 2026



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15 Days • 19 Meals: 13 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Mt Fuji, Shirakawa-go, Nijo Castle, Hiroshima Peace Memorial, Miyajima Island; Tokyo, Senso-ji Temple Hakone, Lake Ashi Cruise, Matsumoto Castle, Takayama, Chanting, Meditation & Private Tea Ceremony with a Monk, Kaiseki Dinner, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Bullet Train, Maiko Show

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 – 5 Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo
- Day 6 Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone
- Days 7, 8 Tokyu Stay Hida-Takayama Musubi no Yu, Takayama
- Days 9, 10 Hotel Nikko Kanazawa, Kanazawa
- Days 11 – 14 Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 Overnight Flight
Explore ancient and modern Japanese culture firsthand. Discover peaceful temples and technological marvels set against unimaginable natural beauty.

Day 2: Thursday, October 22, 2026 Arrive Tokyo, Japan
Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Begin in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long-kept. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Day 3: Friday, October 23, 2026 Tokyo, Japan Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins. weTravel will help those who would like some options. (B)

Day 4: Saturday, October 24, 2026 Tokyo Amid a lush forest outside of Tokyo, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Feel the excitement start

to build as you pass by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Imperial Palace. Later, walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world, where modern landscape meets rich history. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Sunday, October 25, 2026 Tokyo Begin the day exploring Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. Visit the famous Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, the colorful temple known for the red chochin (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate, with a city tour of Tokyo. Explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade and feel the energy of the oldest shopping street in Japan. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. (B)

Day 6: Monday, October 26, 2026 Tokyo - Hakone Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago, when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view* of Mt. Fuji. Next, take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise where you'll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" because of its striking black exterior. Later, you'll step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan's 200-year-old sake breweries. Afterward, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat – traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 Takayama The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive during a guided walk in the town's historic district. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old open air market with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town's traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. Here, **it's your choice!** Choose to glimpse into the past at the 19th-century Takayama Jinya, a former government building **-OR-** visit the Matsuri Yatai Kaikan and view intricate, traditional, hand-carved floats used in festivals. This afternoon, relish some free time to continue your exploration of Takayama on your own. (B)

Day 9: Thursday, October 29, 2026 Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa Today, embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its gassho-zukuri-style houses - thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making since the 16th century. Visit the Omicho fish market, and then onto the beauty of Japan's most stunning gardens, where more than 25 acres of absolute beauty awaits you at Kenroku-En - Garden of Six Qualities. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant serving regional specialties. (B, D)

Day 10: Friday, October 30, 2026 Kanazawa Today, dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson in decorating your own lacquer box! Visit the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district, before



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venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa's dynamic culture. Today breakfast will be included. (B)

Day 11: Saturday, October 31, 2026 Kanazawa - Kyoto Today, Kyoto awaits! On arrival, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. Here, delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess. Try your hand at making sushi and learn to fold intricate origami shapes. (B, D)

Day 12: Sunday, November 1, 2026 Kyoto Early this morning, visit Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the spectacular rows of orange torii (made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*) that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto's connection with its past is strong; you won't need to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. Visit the home of the first Shogun, Nijo Castle (UNESCO), and see intricate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden. Enjoy the remainder of your day to explore more of Kyoto at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Monday, November 2, 2026 Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto All aboard the Shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Afterwards,

head into Hiroshima city to visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO). Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. As this long and moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train. (B)

Day 14: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 Kyoto This morning, spend time with a monk at Koshoji Temple,** where you'll have the opportunity to chant and mediate with them. Afterwards, take part in the ancient art of the tea ceremony and learn about its importance in Japanese culture. Take this rare opportunity to learn from and speak to the monk about their daily life. This afternoon, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special farewell dinner and maiko show. (B, D)

Day 15: Wednesday, November 4, 2026 Kyoto - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 23, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A

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moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

**The visit to Koshoji Temple will require travelers to remove their shoes. During the meditation, travelers will sit on the floor. Those who cannot sit on the floor will be provided with a chair.

The day we visit Hiroshima from Kyoto will be your longest touring day with an early morning departure before 8:00 a.m. and an evening return to the hotel after 8:00 p.m.

Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require travelers to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days.

*The view of Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway is weather dependent.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

In the case of extreme summer heat and humidity, walking tours may be shortened, rescheduled, or replaced with alternative activities to ensure traveler comfort and safety.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

This tour provides authentic dining experiences. Vegan, vegetarian, and even gluten-free diets are uncommon in Japan and not widely catered to.

If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 16, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 23, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until March 23, 2026.

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