


**MOST
POPULAR**

Cherry Blossom & Garden 15 Days

Tokyo, Hakone, Kawaguchiko, Mt. Fuji, Kyoto & Osaka

Introduction

This is our most wanted trip! Our 15 day Garden tour brings you to Tokyo, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Takayama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima and Osaka letting you discover Japan from all aspects. On this fabulous tour, you will explore some traditional Japanese gardens during the Cherry Blossom season, marvelling at this wonderful burst of nature, visiting some of the iconic historical sights of Japan and experience the authentic Japanese culture and world heritage. This is the most popular programme among all other Japanese tours and we guarantee you a memorable tour of a lifetime.

\$ Price (Fully Inclusive, Twin Share)

From \$7,480 per person	 Departing Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane Flying Qantas Airways
From \$7,680 per person	 Departing Perth and Adelaide Flying Cathay Pacific. Adelaide passenger may involve additional domestic add on at extra cost
 Single Room Supplement	 Land Only Including Tipping (12 Nights)
From \$1,495 pp	From \$6,580 pp

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Day 01 Australia - Tokyo

Board your overnight flight to Tokyo

Day 02: Tokyo

Arrive Tokyo. After immigration and customs clearance, you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to check in at Metropolitan Hotel or similar. The remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 03: Tokyo Sightseeing (B.L.D)

After breakfast, you leave the hotel for a sightseeing tour of Tokyo. Driving through the National Diet Building and Tokyo Sky Tree. Stop at Imperial Palace and double Bridge for Photo taking. Visit Ueno park, the best place to enjoy cherry blossom. After a Japanese lunch, Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple and Nakamise

Shopping Street. The legend has it that fishermen brothers discovered an image of Kannon (the goddess of mercy) in the Sumida River around 1370 years ago and they were inspired to enshrine it. Its symbol is a large red paper lantern that bears the word 'Kaminari-mon' or a thunder gate. Next, enjoy a Sumida River Cruise, Enjoy the boat ride from Asakusa to Odaiba. The river was the most important waterway for the development of Tokyo. A

Japanese style welcome dinner will be served tonight.

Day 04: Tokyo (B)

After breakfast, free at your leisure and enjoy Tokyo at your own pace. You can try to hop on the advanced local train to Shinjuku or Ginza area for shopping. Book an optional excursion to Nikko city or simply immerse yourself in the city.

Day 05: Tokyo - Hakone - Kawaguchiko (B,L,D)

Visit Koishikawa Botanical Garden, a spacious botanical garden maintained by the University of Tokyo, featuring many tree and plant species, as well as a small Japanese landscape garden, particularly nice during the cherry blossom season. Afterwards travel to Hakone by coach. Visit the Peace Park, Owakutani Hot spring, and enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi. We will be staying hot spring resort tonight where you can enjoy complimentary hot spring bath after dinner.

Day 06: Kawaguchiko - Mt.Fuji - Takayama (B, L, D)

Start your trip to Mt. Fuji. Climb up to the 5th station by coach, about 2,300 meters above sea level. Visit the Fuji Visitor Centre to have better knowledge of this iconic mountain. After lunch, proceed to Takayama for 2 nights stay at Ryu Resort or similar.

Day 07: Takayama (B,L,D)

After breakfast, a full day tour in Takayama including a visit to Takayama – Jinya, Festival Floats Exhibition Hall, Kusakab Folkcraft Museum and Kamisannomachi Street.

Day 08: Takayama - Shirakawago - Kanazawa (B,L)

Travel to world heritage listed Shirakawago, famous for the traditional gasshouzukurri farmhouse of more than 250 years old. Head to Kanazawa and visit Kenroku-en Garden and Kanazawa Museum, Your tour also includes a visit to Samurai house and walking through the old district. Overnight in Kanazawa.

Day 09: Kanazawa - Kyoto (B, D)

Proceed to Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital, where you will visit Heian Jingu Shrine. It is the home of perhaps the world's most authentic and exquisite Japanese Garden, as well as the celebrated Golden Pavilion. Enjoy the Kimono show at Nishijin Showroom, Visit a promenade called Path of Philosophers. You can also try an optional Kimono-wearing experience and tour of Machiya Houses. After dinner enjoy a pleasant walk through the Gion district, a popular nightspot where tourists can experience the authentic local life. Check in Kyoto Tokyu hotel or similar for 2 nights stay.

Day 10: Kyoto - Nara - Kyoto (B,L)

After breakfast you will leave the hotel for a sightseeing tour of Kyoto and Nara. Visit

Nijo Castle which was built in the early 17th century. Ninomaru-goten, renovated in 1626, is renowned as a priceless example of the architectural style of that period. Also visit the famous Kiyomizu Dera Temple. Tea ceremony will be organised to experience traditional Japanese culture! After lunch, proceed to Nara and visit Todaiji Temple, the Daibutsuden (Great Buddha Hall), which is one of the world's largest wooden buildings and one of the best-known temples in Japan. It enshrines a gigantic bronze statue of Buddha. Next you will visit a deer park where the deer roam freely, lending a pastoral atmosphere to the park. Visitors may feed or pet them (special food is sold in the park grounds). Back to Kyoto in the afternoon and visit the iconic Fushimi Inari shrine. This evening enjoy your free time in this ancient capital city!

Day 11: Kyoto - Hiroshima (B,D)

After breakfast and baggage collection (your baggage will be shipped separately to your hotel in Osaka, Please prepare an overnight bag) Depart Kyoto on JR Bullet Train NOZOMI and arrive at Hiroshima in less than 2 hours. On arrival, you will visit Miyajima and the Itsukushima Shrine with a ferry ride. Miyajima Island is the popular name of Itsukushima Island situated in Miyajima Town south-western Hiroshima. It is a scenic sight in which the mountains, sea and red shrine buildings blend in harmony, the entire island is designated as a historic site. After dinner, check in at Grand Prince Hotel Hiroshima or similar for overnight stay.

Day 12: Hiroshima - Himeiji - Osaka (B,L)

After breakfast visit Peace Memorial Park. The Atomic Bomb Dome is the symbol of Hiroshima, the city that advocates peace in the world. Transfer to Himeiji by bullet train. After a Japanese set lunch, visit Himeiji Castle, one of the ancient and famous castles in Japan. Transfer back to Osaka and check into Sheraton Miyako Hotel Osaka for 2 nights stay.

Day 13: Osaka - Kobe - Osaka (B,L,D)

Breakfast is at the hotel, leave for Himeiji Castle, one of the ancient and famous castles in Japan. After lunch transfer to Kobe. Visit the Old Sake Breweries Museum. The Nada area has many breweries. There were three reasons for the development of Sake brewing in the 18th century that made the name of Nada known throughout Japan. One was the discovery of Miya-Mizu, excellent water quality for making Sake; two, the production of high-quality rice, an ingredient in Sake; and three, a convenient location for transportation by sea. Lunch today will be at a local restaurant. Next you will wander along the Kobe port side and enjoy shopping in China Town- Moto-machi, a lively town perfect for shopping, gourmet food and nightspots in the centre of Kobe. Under Kobe Station is a maze of shopping streets and, above ground, a big shopping arcade. A

unique event is the Shunsetsu-matsuri Festival at Nankin-machi that celebrates Chinese New Year at the end of January or in early February. Nankin-machi has many Asian shops and Asian restaurants. Enjoy your farewell dinner before your transfer back to your hotel!

Day 14: Osaka-Australia (B)

You are free at leisure after breakfast until transfer from hotel to airport for your flight to Australia

Day 15: Australia

Arrive Australia in the morning. Your unforgettable Japan tour ends.

Inclusions

- Return international economy class airfares
- Current Airline Fuel levy - Subject to Change
- Australia and Japan departure taxes
- Tipping for guide and driver
- Most of meals as indicated
- Deluxe accommodation w/ buffet breakfast
- All transportation, daily tours and admission fees
- Bullet train tickets and luggage transport
- Professional English speaking guides
- Daily mineral water
- A MW Tours travel wallet

Exclusions

- Travel insurance
- Personal expenditures such as laundry, drinks.
- Land only package does not include arrival and departure transfers

📅 Departure Dates

2018 Dates		Surcharge	
Mar	25/03 - 08/04	\$	/

2019 Dates		Surcharge	
Mar	24/03 - 07/04	\$	400
Apr	05/04 - 19/04	\$	400

Moderate Paced



Our Moderate Paced tours may include longer drives, longer periods on foot and some climbing of stairs.