



Easy Tours Japan

Fully Escorted Luxury Travel for the Discerning Retired Traveller
Japan Cultural Tour
13 – 25 February 2027

12 Nights – 13 Days

Twin Room per person: \$7600

Single Room per person: \$8150

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking, and comfortable shoes are recommended. Transport will include private buses, Shinkansen (Bullet Train), boat, and local public transport.

Now including Tokyo and Mt Fuji and all breakfast and dinners

Your fully escorted tour includes:

Tour Escort:

Your dedicated Tour Escort, John, will accompany you every day of the tour, guiding you through the rich history and culture of Tokyo, Kyoto, Himeji, and Hiroshima. You'll visit the charming city of Nara, where you'll explore iconic attractions such as Nara Park and the breathtaking Todai-ji Temple, home to the Hall of the Great Buddha. Experience the beauty of Arashiyama as you tour its scenic landscapes and ride a traditional rickshaw through the enchanting Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. Throughout your journey, you'll visit historic temples and shrines, savor exquisite Japanese cuisine, and immerse yourself in the authentic essence of Japan—all under the expert guidance of your Tour Escort, John.

Transport included in your tour:

- Return economy airfares Brisbane – Japan with Jetstar, including meals and entertainment
- Chartered coach on arrival in Japan to your Tokyo accommodation
- All Shinkansen (Bullet Train) travel
- Suica Card (Japanese Go Card) pre-loaded with Japanese Yen for local, fully escorted, rail travel
- Takkyubin large suitcase transfer so you do not have to carry your large suitcase from city to city

Accommodation included in your tour:

- 3 nights accommodation in a 4 Star hotel, Tokyo
- 6 nights accommodation in a 4 Star hotel, Kyoto, located next to the Kyoto train station
- 2 nights in a 4 Star hotel, Hiroshima Bay

Meals included in your tour:

- **Breakfast: included every day**
- **Lunch: x 2**
- **Dinner: included every evening, including 2 traditional Japanese dinners**

Experiences included in the Tour:

- Tour the amazing Tokyo Skytree, the tallest tower in the world and tallest structure in Japan
- Enjoy a one-day tour to Mt Fuji, a beautiful and sacred place for the Japanese people
- Experience a day tour of Tokyo visiting the Senso-ji Temple / Nakamise-dori (or Nakamise Shopping Street)
- Traditional Kyoto Tea Ceremony with Maiko (Trainee Geisha)
- Tour of Kyoto Tower, viewing the expanse of Kyoto and surrounds.
- Sekka Shibori scarf class
- Sushi making class
- Return Miyajima Ropeway tickets
- Tour of Kyoto's most famous temple, Kiyomizu-dera
- Private Limousine Bus and English-speaking guide to tour Kinkaku-ji Temple, Ryoanji Rock Garden Nijo Castle, and Gion, followed by a delicious traditional Japanese dinner
- Full-day Nara tour
- Return boat transfer from Miyajima Island to your Hiroshima Bay hotel
- Boat ride on the beautiful Katsura River at Arashiyama
- Rickshaw Tour of the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest
- Tour the mystic and amazing Sanjusangendo Temple
- Tour of Hiroshima Peace Park and Hiroshima Atomic Dome and Peace Museum

Entrance Fees to the following Temples, Shrines, and Temples included in the Tour:

- Kiyomizu-dera
- Sanjusangendo Temple
- Ryoan-ji Rock Garden and Temple
- Nijo Castle
- Kinkaku-ji – The Golden Pavilion
- Himeji Castle
- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
- Tenryuji Temple

Included in your Tour with free entry:

- Nishiki Market tour
- Heian-Jingu Shrine Torii Gate
- Chionin Temple Gate
- Fushimi Inara-Taisha Shrine
- Arashiyama Kimono Forest
- Arashiyama Bamboo Grove
- Togetsukyo Bridge and Katsura River
- Gion historical and shopping district
- Miyajima Island, including the giant floating Torii Gate, Gojunoto the Five-Storied Pagoda, and the Omotesando Shopping Arcade

Your Flights – JETSTAR

13 Feb. 2027 Brisbane – Tokyo (Direct Flight) Depart 10:30 am on JQ9, Arrive Tokyo Narita at 06:25pm

24 Feb. 2027 Depart Osaka, Kansai (Direct Flight) JQ24 at 09:45pm

25 Feb 2027 Land- Brisbane at 07:35am

Day 1. Saturday - 13 February 2027 (Tokyo)

Konnichiwa and welcome to Japan.

On arrival in Tokyo, you will be welcomed by your Tour Escort, John, and your **private Limousine Bus**; to take you directly to your Tokyo hotel.

On arrival at your hotel you will be welcomed with a delicious sushi box, and enjoy a restful night in the comfort of your hotel, ensuring you're refreshed and ready to embark on an unforgettable Japanese cultural journey.

Day 2. Sunday - 14 February 2027 (Tokyo)

You'll begin your day with a delicious, included breakfast. Your first stop is **Tokyo Skytree**, the tallest structure in Japan and the third tallest tower in the world. Take in breathtaking panoramic views of the city, a perfect way to acclimatise yourself to Tokyo. We will then head to **Asakusa**, a historic district that captures the essence of traditional Japan. Stroll through its charming streets, explore the iconic Senso-ji Temple, and soak in the vibrant atmosphere of **Nakamise Shopping Street**.

After your day of exploring Tokyo you will head enjoy a delicious included dinner.

Day 3. Monday - 15 February 2027 (Tokyo)

Start your day with a delightful, included breakfast. Today promises adventure and breathtaking sights as you set off on your private tour to witness the majestic **Mt. Fuji**. Rising to an impressive 3,776 meters, it is Japan's tallest and most revered peak. For centuries, Mt. Fuji has been a sacred symbol, deeply influencing Japanese culture and perceptions of nature. Gazing upon its awe-inspiring beauty is an unforgettable experience—one that will leave a lasting impression for years to come. On your return to the hotel you will enjoy a delicious included Japanese dinner.

Day 4. Tuesday - 16 February 2027 (Hiroshima)

After enjoying breakfast, you will board the Shinkansen for a scenic journey to **Hiroshima**. Please note that your large suitcase will be sent ahead to Kyoto, so be sure to pack an overnight bag for your two-night stay in Hiroshima. Upon arrival, you will spend the afternoon exploring the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**, a profoundly moving experience that offers insight into the city's history and resilience. In the evening, you will check into your beautiful hotel overlooking **Hiroshima Bay**, where you will unwind and savour a traditional Japanese dinner, immersing yourself in the local culture and flavours.

Day 5. Wednesday - 17 February 2027 (Hiroshima / Miyajima Island)

After enjoying your included breakfast, we will have a leisurely island day. As a group, we will journey by boat to the breathtaking **Miyajima Island**, renowned for its stunning scenery and cultural landmarks.

For lunch, embark on your own culinary adventure—Miyajima is famous for its fresh oysters and delicious seafood, offering a variety of local flavours to discover.

On arrival at the island we will make our way to the amazingly beautiful **Miyajima Ropeway and ride to the top of Mount Misen**. Here you will have unsurpassed views of Miyajima Island and Hiroshima Bay.

While on the island, you can visit iconic sites such as the sacred Itsukushima Shrine and its magnificent floating Torii Gate, the elegant Five-Storied Pagoda (Gojunoto), the bustling **Omotesando Shopping Arcade**.

After a day of exploration, you may return to the mainland at your own pace. In the evening, enjoy an included Japanese buffet dinner, enjoying the seasonal foods of Hiroshima.

Day 6. Thursday - 18 February 2027 (Himeji / Kyoto)

After enjoying a delicious breakfast, you will take a taxi to Hiroshima Station for your Shinkansen journey to the beautiful and historic city of Kyoto.

Along the way, we will make a short stop to explore the breathtaking **Himeji Castle**, a masterpiece of early 17th-century Japanese architecture. Known as "**The White Heron**" for its elegant, soaring design, Himeji Castle stands as the finest surviving example of traditional Japanese castle craftsmanship.

Following your visit, you will continue your journey to Kyoto, where you can unwind at your hotel before enjoying a thoughtfully prepared evening meal, marking the perfect end to a perfect day. Tonight, you will also be reunited with your large suitcase.

Following dinner at your hotel, we will embark on a tour of beautiful Kyoto Station. The station is a visual paradise of light and entertainment for the night time traveller.

Day 7. Friday - 19 February 2027 (Kyoto)

You'll start the day with a delicious included breakfast before setting off on an enriching journey through Kyoto. Our morning begins with a short taxi ride to the awe-inspiring **Kiyomizu-dera Temple**. Here, your Tour Escort, John, will guide you through the temple's fascinating history and breathtaking architecture.

After exploring Kiyomizu-dera, you will stroll down the charming Teapot Lane, a vibrant shopping street lined with traditional stores and enticing market stalls. Take your time to browse unique souvenirs and savour delectable Japanese treats from the local restaurants.

Next, you make your way to the imposing **Chion-in Temple Gate**. This temple gate is the largest temple gate in Japan.

We will then travel in the afternoon to experience a private Sekka Shibori scarf class and visit the **Sekka Shibori Scarf Museum**. During this hands-on workshop, you'll learn the traditional Japanese art of dyeing, using the intricate sekka shibori technique to create your very own silk scarf. By the end of the class, you'll have a beautiful, personalized piece to take home as a special memento of your time in Japan.

To conclude our day's adventures, we'll return to our hotel at Kyoto Station via the Kyoto subway system, using your included transport card. This journey offers a chance to experience the rhythm and energy of local life in Kyoto.

Tonight, enjoy an included okonomiyaki dinner at a local restaurant. Afterward, for those eager to explore further, John will lead an evening walk through Kyoto Station food shopping floors, these floors offer a sweet and savoury insight into the life and eating habits of local Kyoto people.

Day 8. Saturday - 20 February 2027 (Kyoto)

After enjoying your included breakfast, get ready for an exciting day exploring Kyoto with your Tour Escort, John, as your guide.

We begin our journey with a taxi ride to **Sanjusangendo (Rengeo-in) Temple**, home to 1,001 breathtaking statues of Kannon, the Goddess of Mercy. Dating back to 1164, this awe-inspiring temple offers a profound and serene experience. As a sign of respect, you will be required to remove your shoes before entering, and photography inside the temple is not permitted.

After departing Sanjusangendo, you will travel via taxi to a traditional Japanese tea house to experience an authentic **Kyoto-style Tea Ceremony**—an unforgettable highlight of your journey.

Following the Tea Ceremony, we will take a short walk to the subway for a quick 10-minute ride to the iconic Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine. Here, you can immerse yourself in the beauty of the famous vermilion Torii gates that form a mesmerizing pathway behind the main shrine. You may choose to take a short stroll through the gates or explore the lively market area surrounding the shrine, where you can sample delicious Japanese street food or enjoy lunch at one of the many charming local restaurants.

After our time at **Fushimi Inari Taisha**, we'll take a quick 10-minute train ride back to Kyoto Station. Upon arrival, John will guide you through the highlights of this impressive station.

We'll return to our hotel in the afternoon, allowing some time to relax before dinner.

Tonight, enjoy a dinner at a traditional Izakaya (Japanese Pub). These pubs are not how we imagine pubs, they are fun places to try traditional Japanese food and drink.

For those who wish to explore further after dinner, John will lead a walk to The Cube Shopping Centre, a modern and diverse shopping destination within Kyoto Station, offering something for everyone.

For those feeling adventurous after dinner, John will offer an optional return visit to **Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine**, where you can experience the shrine's iconic vermilion Torii gates in a beautiful and eerie nighttime setting—a truly unforgettable way to end your day.

Day 9. Sunday - 21 February 2027 (Kyoto)

After enjoying your included breakfast, you will embark on a wonderful day of exploration, traveling with your Tour Escort, John, to the stunning Arashiyama district—one of Kyoto's most picturesque and beloved destinations. Upon arrival, you will experience the enchanting **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove** in a truly special way—on a traditional **Japanese rickshaw ride**. As you glide through the towering bamboo forest, your rickshaw driver will take stunning photos of you in the private section of the grove, capturing memories of this serene and magical setting. The gentle rustling of the bamboo in the wind creates an atmosphere unlike any other, making this a uniquely Japanese experience.

After your rickshaw ride, we will take a leisurely walk to the historic **Togetsukyo Bridge**, which spans the magnificent Katsura River. This scenic spot offers fantastic photo opportunities and is frequently featured in period films due to its timeless beauty.

For lunch, you'll have the freedom to choose from the many wonderful restaurants and street food stalls along Arashiyama's bustling main street, where you can sample local specialties and browse charming gift shops.

Following lunch, you will embark on a **scenic boat ride along the Katsura River**, a relaxing and enjoyable experience that allows you to take in the breathtaking natural beauty of Arashiyama from the water.

After a day of exploration, John will return you to Kyoto Station and your hotel, allowing you time to relax before dinner.

Tonight, dinner will be held at the Kyoto Tower Buffet Restaurant at 06:00pm. Following dinner we will ride the elevators to the top of Kyoto Tower to view this beautiful city at night.

Day 10. Monday - 22 February 2027 (Kyoto)

After enjoying your included breakfast, you'll set off on a captivating journey through Kyoto's history and cultural landmarks with your Tour Escort, John. Traveling by private bus with an English-speaking Japanese tour guide, you'll explore some of the city's most iconic sights.

Our day begins at the dazzling **Kinkakuji Temple (The Golden Pavilion)**. Covered in brilliant gold leaf and mirrored in a tranquil reflecting pond, this breathtaking structure is one of Kyoto's most iconic landmarks and offers an unforgettable photo opportunity.

Next, we visit the serene **Ryoanji Temple**, home to Japan's most famous Zen rock garden. This minimalist yet deeply symbolic arrangement of raked gravel and 15 enigmatic stones invites quiet contemplation and inner reflection.

Our final temple stop is the impressive **Nijo Castle**, an architectural treasure known for its grand interiors and unique "nightingale floors," which chirp softly underfoot to warn of approaching intruders—a clever security feature from the samurai era.

After a morning rich in cultural discovery, you'll enjoy a delicious **included lunch** before we head to **Gion**, Kyoto's historic Geisha district. As you wander through its narrow, lantern-lit streets, John will share fascinating insights into the traditions and mystique of this unique neighborhood. With a bit of luck, you might even spot a **Geisha / Geiko** or **Maiko** (apprentice Geisha) heading to an evening engagement.

We'll end this unforgettable day with an **included dinner** at a traditional Japanese restaurant, where you'll savor authentic Kyoto cuisine. Afterward, John will accompany you back to your hotel via subway, using your **included Suica Card**. This day offers a perfect blend of beauty, tradition, and cultural immersion—highlighting some of Kyoto's most treasured experiences!

Day 11. Tuesday - 23 February 2027 (Kyoto)

After a delicious breakfast, we will travel by local train to the historic city of **Nara**.

Today promises to be an unforgettable experience. You will visit iconic attractions such as the serene Nara Park, the awe-inspiring Todai-ji Temple, and the magnificent **Hall of the Great Buddha**.

Known as Japan's cultural heart, Nara is a living treasure, rich in history and beauty. Your guide, John will lead you through the tranquil temples and sacred shrines, sharing fascinating stories along the way. As you wander through lush gardens, you'll also have the chance to interact with the friendly, free-roaming deer that call Nara Park home. For lunch, you'll have the freedom to choose your own culinary adventure, with recommendations for both traditional Japanese dishes and Western-style options. After lunch you will stroll around **Nara Old Town**, a beautiful and historic section of Nara.

In the late afternoon, you'll return to your hotel to unwind prior to dinner.

Tonight, enjoy an included **Yakiniku dinner, a traditional Japanese "grilled meat" cuisine**. Get ready for a fun and interactive dining experience—you'll be provided with fresh cuts of meat and will grill them yourself on a burner built into your table.

Day 12. Wednesday - 24 February 2027 (Kyoto)

Today marks your final day in Japan. After a delicious breakfast, you'll head to the vibrant **Nishiki Market**, often referred to as the "Kitchen of Kyoto." Operating since the early 1300s, this bustling market offers an array of traditional Japanese food items to sample, from fresh seafood to pickled delicacies. As you stroll through the market, you'll also find unique shops selling everything from finely crafted knives and bowls to beautiful chopsticks – the perfect souvenirs to remember your time in Japan.

For lunch, you'll take part in a hands-on **Sushi Class**, where you'll learn the art of crafting delicious sushi — a fun and valuable skill to take home with you to Australia.

In the afternoon, you'll board your bus at 5:00 PM, departing from your hotel for Kansai Airport. From here, you'll begin your journey home to Brisbane, filled with unforgettable memories from your time in Japan.

Day 13. Thursday - 25 February 2027 – Land Brisbane