Where you're going

JAPAN IN A WEEK

8 DAYS

Ditch the ordinary and dive into Japan's electric energy. From Tokyo's neon-lit streets and ancient temples to Kyoto's serene zen gardens, iconic torii gates and the chance to spot a Geisha, before soaking up Osaka's food scene and nightlife - this trip packs a lot into one week in Japan. Think bullet trains, robot cafes and street food that hits different. With plenty of free time, make the trip fully yours.

Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE TOKYO

Tokyo

Konnichiwa, Tokyo! Welcome to this dazzling orchestra of light, sound and intersecting subway lines. Meet your crew, get the trip vibes flowing, then your evening's yours.

Itinerary

DAY 2

TOKYO

Tokyo

Today we'll get ready to uncover Tokyo (on the metro!). We'll kick off with the ancient Buddhist temple of Asakusa Senso-ji & the famous Meiji Jingu shrine. And then, we'll take part in a locally guided tour to discover the wild fashion of Harajuku & the shopping district of Nakamise Street, and take to the streets of Shibuya for an attempt to cross the busiest pedestrian crossing in the world.

Included Experiences

- Immerse yourself in Tokyo vibes by stepping into this live video game of a city and see Nakamise Street, Sensoji Temple, Meiji Shrine, Harajuku and the Shibuya Crossing.

Itinerary

DAY 3

TOKYO

Tokyo

Today’s yours to do Tokyo your way (just remember to top up your transport card before you head out). Dive into everything the city does best, from neon streets and anime hubs to museums, parks, and food spots. There’s a couple of optional experiences on offer too. First up, a robot café where robots deliver your drinks and each table has an avatar you can chat with, piloted by people with disabilities who can’t work in a traditional setting. Then tonight (since it’s our last evening in Tokyo), it’s the perfect time to check out a Maid Café in Akihabara, Tokyo's tech paradise.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dine on Food Served by Robots (MAKE TRAVEL MATTER ® Experience) -

Step into a cafe where robots help serve your meal (with friendly human waitstaff on hand to guide the experience and chat with the group). The twist? The robots are remotely operated by people who might not otherwise be able to work in a cafe. It's equal parts futuristic and feel-good.

Price: 7,200.00 JPY

Visit a Japanese Maid Cafe -

Ever wanted to check out a cosplay restaurant? Then the Maidreamin Cafe is the place for you! You'll get entry passes for 2 hours with unlimited drinks, two maid shows and even get a chance to take pics in the cafe.

Price: 9,400.00 JPY

Itinerary

DAY 4

TOKYO TO KYOTO

Tokyo

Today it's time to take that famous example of Japanese efficiency, the aptly named bullet train.

Kyoto

Our train will whizz us past the iconic Mount Fuji, of which we'll hopefully grab a glimpse before heading to Kinkaku-ji and Fushimi Inari Shrine. With no time to waste, we'll hop on our private coach for a sightseeing tour, exploring this glorious showcase of ancient Japan.

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Visit Kinkaku-Ji
- Visit Fushimi Inari

Itinerary

DAY 5

KYOTO

Kyoto

Today is yours to walk the sublime gardens, explore mystical temples and marvel at the architecture of this unforgettable city. We recommend taking the opportunity for a half-day trip to Nara, where you'll find the towering 8th century Great Buddha, as well as numerous examples of beautiful shrines and temples, alongside the roaming, slightly cheeky deer.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Half-Day Trip to Nara -

Take a short train ride out to the scenic countryside of Nara with your local guide & pay homage to one of the architectural wonders of Japanese workmanship, the Todaiji Temple. The largest wooden temple in Japan is a sight to behold in itself but situated in amongst rolling hills & a short walk from the famous Kasuga Shrine, it's a day worth spending outside of the City. You'll also get a chance to meet the locals... more miniature deer for your Insta feed!

Price: 6,800.00 JPY

Itinerary

DAY 6

KYOTO

Kyoto

There is still so much to see in Kyoto. Don a kimono and check out the bamboo forest, take some photos at the iconic Yasaka Pagoda or spot Geishas in the Gion district. If you're into tea, don't forget to sign up for the optional traditional tea ceremony and enjoy a cup of matcha tea.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Find Peace at a Traditional Tea Ceremony -

Tea ceremonies are a prime example of the intricacies and elegance of Japanese culture. Create your own perfectly curated cup of matcha tea while you learn the rich history of this ancient art.

Price: 6,500.00 JPY

Itinerary

DAY 7

KYOTO TO OSAKA

Kyoto

It's just a short trip on the metro to Osaka this morning...

Osaka

Aaand we have the whole day to explore this wonderful city. Wanna check out Osaka's most iconic sights? Then join us for an optional walking tour.

Meals

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Discover Secret Spots & Local Treasures -

Join a 3-hour walking tour through Osaka’s big hitters and low-key local corners. We’ll tick off Osaka Castle and Dotonbori, then follow our guide to the kind of lesser-known spots you’d probably only stroll straight past.

Price: 6,500.00 JPY

Itinerary

DAY 8

OSAKA

Osaka

And just like that, the trip’s a wrap. Grab some brekkie, say your goodbyes, and soak up the final feels. Sticking around in Osaka? Lucky you - there’s still time to dive into this city’s epic food, culture, and you can’t forget Universal Studios. See ya soon!

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Breakfast

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