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THE JOURNEY

Tour Japan, Day by Day

Tour Japan Experience a unique and inspiring pilgrimage to Japan, exploring the history of Christianity in Asia and the powerful witness of the Japanese Martyrs. This fully-guided journey blends faith, culture, and reflection across sacred Christian sites. Depart the USA, Canada or other parts of th...

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DAYS	DESTINATION	REGION

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

DAY 01

Tokyo - Arrival and Senso-ji Temple

01

Arrive in Tokyo, Japan’s bustling capital. After settling into your accommodation, head to Senso-ji Temple, the oldest temple in Tokyo. Nestled in Asakusa, Senso-ji is a vibrant hub of culture and spirituality. Stroll through the iconic Kaminarimon Gate and follow the bustling Nakamise shopping street filled with traditional snacks and souvenirs. Explore the temple grounds and admire the beautiful architecture. As the evening draws near, enjoy dinner at a local izakaya, where you can savor authentic Japanese cuisine amidst the lively atmosphere of the city.

DAY 2

DAY 02

Tokyo - Tokyo Tower and Shibuya

02

Begin your day with a visit to the iconic Tokyo Tower, one of Japan’s most recognizable landmarks. Take the elevator to the observation deck for stunning panoramic views of the sprawling cityscape. Afterward, venture to Shibuya, a district known for its vibrant energy and famous Shibuya Crossing, one of the busiest pedestrian intersections in the world. Explore the local shops, cafes, and experience the unique blend of modernity and tradition. As the day winds down, consider dining at a sushi restaurant or trying some ramen in this lively area, a perfect way to end your first full day in Tokyo.

DAY 3

DAY 03

Kyoto - Fushimi Inari Taisha

03

Travel to Kyoto, the historic heart of Japan. Your first stop is the breathtaking Fushimi Inari Taisha, renowned for its thousands of vermillion torii gates that create stunning paths up the sacred Mount Inari. Spend the day hiking through these gates, exploring the serene surroundings and the numerous shrines along the way. The hike can take a couple of hours, depending on how far you wish to go. In the evening, relax and enjoy a traditional kaiseki dinner, experiencing the delicate flavors of Japanese cuisine in one of Kyoto's many fine dining establishments.

DAY 4

Kyoto - Gion District and Nijo Castle

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Continue your exploration of Kyoto by visiting the historic Gion District, famous for its traditional wooden machiya houses and geisha culture. Stroll through the charming streets, and you might catch a glimpse of a geisha or maiko on their way to an engagement. After immersing yourself in this cultural experience, head to Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Discover its beautiful gardens and impressive architecture, reflecting the power of the shogunate during Japan's feudal era. Conclude your day with a serene evening walk along the Philosopher’s Path, a picturesque canal-side walkway lined with cherry trees.

DAY 5

Hiroshima - Peace Memorial Park

05

Travel to Hiroshima, a city that has risen from the ashes of tragedy. Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, dedicated to the victims of the atomic bomb. The park features poignant memorials, including the Atomic Bomb Dome, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the museum to learn about the events of August 6, 1945, and the aftermath of the bombing. The park is a place of reflection and peace, reminding visitors of the importance of promoting harmony. After your visit, take a moment to relax in the park’s serene environment before enjoying local cuisine, such as Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki.

DAY 6

Hiroshima - Day Trip to Miyajima Island

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Take a day trip to Miyajima Island, known for its iconic floating torii gate at Itsukushima Shrine. Accessible by ferry, the island offers stunning views of Mount Misen and vibrant nature. Spend your day exploring the shrine and the surrounding area, where you can hike to the top of Mount Misen for breathtaking views of the Seto Inland Sea. Observe the friendly deer that roam the streets freely. After a day of adventure, return to Hiroshima and enjoy a relaxing dinner at a local izakaya, reflecting on your day’s experiences.

DAY 7

Osaka - Dotonbori and Culinary Delights

07

Travel to Osaka, known for its vibrant food scene. Begin your exploration at Dotonbori, a bustling district filled with neon lights, street food stalls, and entertainment. Sample local delicacies such as takoyaki and okonomiyaki while taking in the lively atmosphere. Dotonbori’s famous Glico Man sign is a perfect photo opportunity. Continue to explore the area, perhaps visiting a themed café or enjoying the local nightlife. As the night falls, consider savoring a meal at a traditional izakaya, immersing yourself in Osaka’s rich culinary culture.

DAY 8

Himeji - Himeji Castle

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Travel to Himeji to visit the magnificent Himeji Castle, one of Japan’s most beautiful and well-preserved castles. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the castle showcases stunning architecture and intricate gardens. Explore the castle grounds, take in the breathtaking views from the top, and learn about its historical significance. Spend the afternoon strolling through Kokoen Garden, adjacent to the castle, where you can relax amidst beautiful landscapes. After a day of exploration, enjoy a meal at a local restaurant, perhaps trying some Himeji specialties.

DAY 9

DAY 09

Mount Fuji - Day Trip

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Embark on a day trip to Mount Fuji, Japan’s tallest peak and an iconic symbol of the nation. Depending on the season, you can either hike the trails or explore the surrounding area, including the Five Lakes and the scenic Hakone region. Capture stunning photographs of the mountain and enjoy breathtaking views from various vantage points. Consider visiting the Fuji Five Lakes for a chance to see the mountain reflected in the serene waters. After a fulfilling day in nature, return to your accommodation and enjoy a quiet evening reflecting on your experiences.

DAY 10

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Okinawa - Beaches and Relaxation

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Fly to Okinawa, renowned for its stunning beaches and crystal-clear waters. Upon arrival, head to one of the famous beaches such as Naminoue or Emerald Beach to unwind and soak up the sun. Enjoy various water activities such as snorkeling or paddleboarding in the vibrant coral reefs. Spend the day relaxing on the beach, savoring fresh seafood at a beachside restaurant, and indulging in the laid-back island culture. As the sun sets, take a leisurely stroll along the shore and enjoy the tranquil beauty of the Okinawan sunset.

DAY 11

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Okinawa - Marine Activities

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Continue your stay in Okinawa by engaging in marine activities. Consider taking a boat tour to explore nearby islands, go diving to discover hidden underwater treasures, or try your hand at kayaking in the calm waters. The vibrant marine life and beautiful coral reefs make Okinawa a paradise for water enthusiasts. After a day filled with adventure, unwind at your hotel or enjoy a sunset beach barbecue, relishing the flavors of Okinawan cuisine. Experience the unique blend of cultures and traditions that Okinawa has to offer.

DAY 12

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Okinawa - Departure

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Enjoy your last day in Okinawa with some final moments of relaxation. Spend the morning at the beach or visiting local shops for souvenirs to take home. Consider indulging in a traditional Okinawan breakfast to savor the local flavors one last time. Depending on your flight schedule, you might have a chance to visit a nearby historical site or enjoy a leisurely stroll along the shore. As your journey comes to an end, reflect on the incredible experiences and memories created during your trip to Japan. Depart from Okinawa with a heart full of joy and a mind filled with stories to share.

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