



Legendary Japan

EASY DIRECT FLIGHT

OCT 12-29, 2024

"More than any other city, Tokyo demonstrates that 'city' is a verb and not a noun." – Toshiko

THE SHADOW OF MT. FUJI

We stay a stone's throw from Mt. Fuji in a traditional **Japanese Ryokan Hotel**. We travel up the scenic **Hakone Ropeway** to view this iconic mountain first hand. Visit **Lake Kawaguchi** and then enjoy a **Kaiseki Tasting Dinner** and maybe a soak in the **onsen (Hot spring)**. You're in the heart of the Japanese Alps.

KANAZAWA FROZEN IN TIME

From historic geisha districts and Edo Period architecture to traditional handicrafts, we stay in the western region famous for its Samurai roots. We explore **Takayama morning market**, the **wooden houses of Gassho-Zururi Minkaen** and the **Samuri District of Nagamachi**. We even **try our hand at Gold Leaf**, this area is famous for the craft.

STAY IN TAKAYAMA

Visit famous Matsumoto Castle

IN THE HEART OF TOKYO

We explore Tokyo over **3 Nights**, enjoying the **Tsukiji Outer Market**, **Imperial Palace**, **Asakusa Temple** and **Nakamise Shopping District**. We will experience firsthand the art of **Sushi-making**, before visiting an incredible **Borderless sensory experience** you will never forget.

STUNNING ANCIENT KYOTO

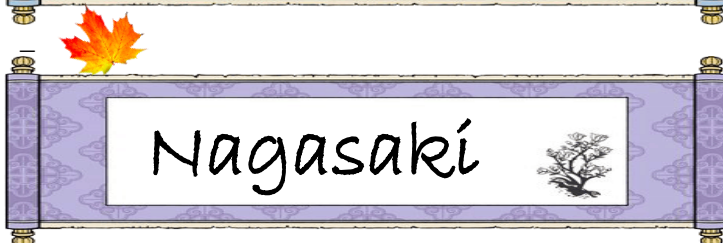
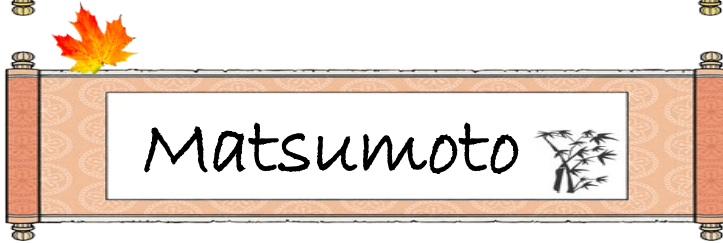
Kyoto is old Japan writ large: atmospheric temples, sublime gardens, traditional teahouses and geisha scurrying to secret liaisons. We experience a **Tea Ceremony with a Maiko**, explore the **Geisha District**, visit the beautiful **Bamboo Forest** and enjoy a lesson in **Sake with tastings**. Our visit is during the **Jidai Matsuri Festival**, a great chance to **wear a Kimono for the day** with reserved seats at the festivities.

HISTORIC & THRIVING HIROSHIMA

We visit vibrant Hiroshima and explore the **dramatic history that ended WW2** with the Atom Bomb. We travel on the **world-famous bullet train** to reach the city and once there explore **Memorial & Deer Park**, **Miyajima Island** and even learn how to make **Okonomiyaki Japanese Pancakes**.

STAY IN NAGASAKI & TAKACHIHO

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3 Nights Tokyo (東京) is Japan's capital and the world's most populous metropolis. It is also one of Japan's 47 prefectures. Prior to 1868, Tokyo was known as Edo, a small castle town. We explore the city's most famous sites.

1 Night Matsumoto is the gateway to Japan's Alps and home to its oldest Shogunate castle, built in the 1500s. We experience a stop-over in a Japanese Ryokan Hot Springs Hotel with traditional Japanese stylings.

1 Night Takayama is a city in the mountainous Hida region of Gifu Prefecture. Takayama retains a traditional touch, like few Japanese cities have today, and is famous for carpentry from the feudal ages.

2 Nights Kanazawa's unchallenged main attraction is Kenrokuen, one of Japan's three best landscape gardens, but considered the most beautiful. This old castle town & its Nagamachi samurai district are remarkable.

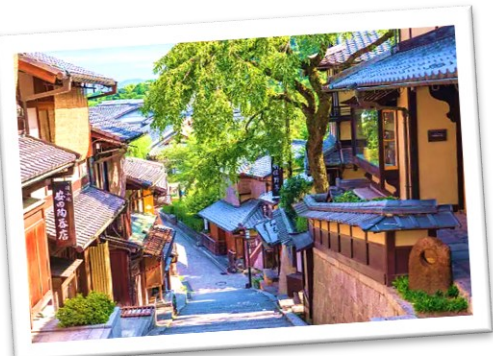
3 Nights Kyoto, Japan's capital for 1,000 years and the Emperor's residence from 794 until 1868, it survived history nearly unscathed and is a priceless collection of temples and shrines. Jidai Matsuri festival, here we come!

2 Nights Infamous for the site of the bombing in WW2, **Hiroshima** has grown into a vibrant and fascinating city, the very heart being the Peace Memorial Park. Great food, fun nightlife and beautiful blue Hiroshima Bay.

1 Night Takachiho is a town in northern Miyazaki Prefecture that is steeped in Japanese mythology. Takachiho is known as a "power spot," a place of profound religious importance and natural beauty.

2 Nights Its rich history, culture and location around a narrow inlet make **Nagasaki** one of Japan's most intriguing cities. The Portuguese and Dutch influences give Nagasaki a very interesting contrast.

1 Night Fukuoka is closer to Seoul than to Tokyo. It was selected in the "Food" category as "Best in Travel 2023" by Lonely Planet. The famous Japanese Wagyu Beef is a must try for us here as well as other specialties too.



Over the course of 16 Days, you will be immersed in the culture of Japan and experience stunning locations from the mountains to the sea. Delight in wonderful hands-on cultural experiences, amazing music and wonderful food as we explore Japan.



Stays in 9 Cities / Towns Across 16 Days



City Hotels, Boutique Hotels & Japanese Inn



Stunning Musical and Cultural Performances



Many Hands-on Japanese Experiences



Attend incredible Jidai Matsuri Festival with Seating



Wear a Kimono for a day in Kyoto (Festival)



Ride on Famous Bullet Train to Hiroshima



Dozens of Stunning Top Historical Site Visits



31 Included Meals Including Cultural Dining



Ride the Mt. Fuji Ropeway (Cable Car)



Soak at a Ryokan (Japanese-Style Hotel)



Experience a Japanese Tea Ceremony by a Maiko



Fully Escorted by Mark & Vicki Stewart



Flights to Japan

Our scheduled group flight routing will be direct from **Los Angeles to Tokyo**. This 9.5-hour flight is shorter than LAX to London or Paris. The flight home is a quick regional flight in Japan, followed by the same flight home.



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\$8,899 pp / + Airfare

Group Flights: \$1,199 per seat Economy (Approximate)

Direct Flight LAX to Tokyo / Return Fukuoka to Tokyo – Tokyo to LAX

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DEPOSIT \$750 pp

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