

14 Day Journey through Japan – May/June 2017

Introductory Offer: A\$7,000.00 pp twin share Small group: 5 people max (minimum 2)
Single supplement A\$350.00 Flights to and from Japan NOT included

INCLUSIONS: 14 days in Japan fully escorted by Miki Komatsu

5 nights in Kyoto Old capital still living with old Japanese beauty everywhere. Special visits to both of the large famous monthly markets that have been going for centuries

3 nights in Tokyo Mixture of old and new, one of the most exciting cities in the world to explore

2 nights in Hakone Staying in ryokan(Japanese style inn) with onsen(hot spring bath), exploring spectacular scenic national park with views of Mt Fuji and volcanic activity

1 night in Koyasan Spiritual mountain where we stay in a temple with vegetarian meals

1 night in Nara Biggest statue of Buddha in Japan in the 1st capital of Japan from 8th Century

1 night in a rural village Staying in an old Japanese straw-thatch roofed house off the beaten track

Free time 3 x half days in Kyoto, 1.5 days in Tokyo

Price includes 13 nights accommodation as above, 4 dinners & 4 breakfasts at Japanese style accommodation, all entry fees and transportation during tour (including bullet trains)

May 21 Sun 11:30am Meet in the lobby of The PalaceSide Hotel, Kyoto
Day 1 Meeting at hotel café (lunch available) / Check-in for 5 nights stay
 Afternoon Tour
 - Toji Temple Market "Kobo-san"
 - Kiyomizudera Temple and Ninen-zaka & Sannen-zaka walks

May 22 Mon Late start All Day Tour
Day 2 - Nishiki-koji Food Market
 - Ginkakuji Temple (Silver Pavilion)
 - Heian Jingu Shrine OR Honen-in Temple
 - Tetsugaku-no-michi (Path of Philosophy), just a brief intro
 - Gion area (Hanamikoji Street) and Pontocho by crossing Kamo River

May 23 Tue Half Day Morning Tour
Day 3 - Sanjusangendo Temple
 - Fushimi Inari Shrine & Torii walk

May 24 Wed Half Day Afternoon Tour
Day 4 - Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)
 - Ryoanji Temple (rock garden temple)
 - Arashiyama bamboo path

May 25 Thu Half Day Morning Tour
Day 5 - Nijo Castle
 - Kitano Tenmangu Shrine Market "Tenjin-san"

May 26 Fri - Check-out, early morning departure
Day 6 - A few hours drive through beautiful mountainous area
 - Arrive to an off-the-beaten-track village with straw-thatch roofed houses
 - Walk around to explore this remote village in rural setting
 - Japanese dinner at our straw-thatch roofed guesthouse

May 27 Sat - Breakfast at our guesthouse before departure
Day 7 - Drive along mountain roads and motorways to Nara
 - Todaiji Temple with the largest statue of Buddha in Japan
 - Nara Koen (famous deer park), check-in to a hotel in Nara

- May 28 Sun
Day 8
- Check-out, drive to Koya-san, a sacred mountain with many Buddhist temples
 - Explore a few temples in the village
 - Tour to Oku-no-in, Shingon sect founder Kukai's memorial hall in forested cemetery
 - Check-in to our temple accommodation
 - Special dinner (Japanese vegetarian temple meal, prepared & cooked by the monks)
- May 29 Mon
Day 9
- Breakfast (Japanese vegetarian temple meal), Check-out
 - Drive down the sacred mountain, motorway to catch Shinkansen (bullet train)
 - Up into Hakone's mountainous area from Odawara, by switchback train to Gora
 - Check into ryokan, Japanese style accommodation with onsen (hot spring bath)
 - Dinner at our ryokan (Japanese dinner), enjoy onsen at your leisure
- May 30 Tue
Day 10
- Breakfast at our ryokan, followed by all day tour of Hakone
 - Cable car with a stop to visit Hakone Museum of Art with beautiful moss garden
 - Ropeway (gondola), experience Owaku-dani, a valley of boiling sulphur springs
 - Weather permitting, enjoy view of Mt Fuji on the way
 - Boat across Ashi-no-ko Lake, with another view of Mt Fuji (weather permitting)
 - Hakone Checkpoint from Old Tokaido Hwy, from Shogunate days of 17th-19th Century
 - Dinner at our ryokan, enjoy onsen at your leisure
- May 31 Wed
Day 11
- Breakfast at our ryokan, check-out
 - Down the mountain on switch back train to Odawara to catch bullet train to Tokyo
 - Walk through Tokyo Station, largest railway station in Japan
 - Check-in to our hotel for 3 nights, and stroll Ginza, the established centre of Tokyo
- June 1 Thu
Day 12
- Explore Tokyo on foot (all day)
- Subway to Sensoji, temple in Asakusa that's been the Tokyoites favourite for centuries
 - Kappa-bashi Street of restaurant supply shops(OR Akihabara electronics area)
 - The Imperial Palace East Garden by subway
 - subway to Roppongi, one of the sophisticated and nightlife centres in Tokyo
- June 2 Fri
Day 13
- Half Day Morning Tour
- early morning taxi to Tsukiji Fish Market, the largest in the world
 - subway to Nezu Museum(Japanese & East Asian Art), an urban oasis Japanese style
 - walk Omotesando(sophisticated avenue) to Harajuku, with a few options to follow
- June 3 Sat
Day 14
- Check-out, leaving luggage at hotel until the end of the day
- All day free; Miki is happy to assist you on the last day in Tokyo

If staying on in Tokyo, the following OPTIONAL TOUR(s) are available at extra cost:

- Day 15 (& 16)
- Shinkansen to Utsunomiya and rent a car to Mashiko, country town of pottery,
 - visiting a few potters studios with kilns
- And / Or to Nikko
- Toshogu Shrine, the great shogun Tokugawa's mausoleum
 - Iroha-zaka, hairpin driveway up the hill to Kegon Waterfall
 - Drive along Lake Chuzenji to Ryuzu Waterfall

PAYMENT: 50% deposit required on booking and remaining 50% must be paid before 5th of May 2017

INSURANCE: Please arrange your own travel insurance About Miki: mikinobukomatsu.com

Bookings and enquiries

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