

Tokyo: The City Experience

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Day 1: Fly overnight to Japan

Day 2: Tokyo

Meet your Tour Director at the airport

Receive your included Tokyo Museum Grutt Pass, which gives you free or discounted admission to museums around Tokyo

Enjoy dinner in Tokyo

Day 3: Tokyo

See the Imperial Plaza and Metropolitan Government Building

Take a guided tour of Tokyo

With your expert local guide you will see:

- Harajuku shopping district, the trendy district popular among younger locals
- Shibuya district, home to the famed Shibuya crosswalk that has upwards of 3,000 people crossing at a time
- Shinjuku district, a large entertainment and business area

Visit the Meiji Shrine and its elaborate wooded Inner Garden

Spend a half day exploring Tokyo on your own

Day 4: Tokyo

Explore Ueno Park, a space with many museums and shrines, on your own

Take part in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and try matcha tea

Visit the Tokyo National Museum, Japan's largest art museum

Day 5: Tokyo • Mount Fuji • Lake Ashi

Take a day trip to Mount Fuji and Lake Ashi

Visit the Fujisan World Heritage Center

Explore Mount Fuji's 5th station on your own, a stop atop Mt. Fuji that offers breathtaking views

Visit Hakone National Park, known for its hot springs, lakes, historic sites, and close-up views of majestic Mount Fuji

Enjoy a boat cruise on Lake Ashi and soak in views of Mt. Fuji

Ride a cable car up Mount Komagatake

Day 6: Tokyo

Spend a full day exploring Tokyo on your own

Day 7: Tokyo

Take a tour of the Tsukiji Fish Market, the biggest wholesale fish and seafood market

Attend a sushi-making class

Enjoy a sushi lunch

Spend a half day exploring Tokyo on your own

Enjoy dinner in Tokyo

Day 8: Depart for home

Optional extension:

Day 8: Tokyo • Kyoto

Travel by bullet train to Kyoto

Tour Kyoto with an expert local guide and learn about the history and culture of the city

Visit Nijo Castle, a structure built almost entirely out of Japanese cypress

Visit the Gold Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are covered in gold leaf

Enjoy dinner in Kyoto

Day 9: Kyoto

Add this in depth excursion: Nara

Today, join a half day excursion to Nara, one of Japan's ancient capitals. Visit the Todaji Temple and see the Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha. Then walk through the wooded Nara Park, also known by the nickname of "Deer Park" because of its man four legged inhabitant. Just outside the park, you will visit Kasuga Shrine, one of the most famous Shinto shrines in the country. Twice a year, some 3,000 lanterns are lit here simultaneously during the Lantern Festival. Please note: comfortable walking shoes are recommended.)

Visit Gion Corner to experience a Japanese kyo-mai dance performed by maiko dancers

Enjoy dinner in Kyoto

Day 10: Depart for home