



SMALL GROUP
Maximum of
24 Travelers

**LAND
JOURNEY**

Japan

Land of Cultural Treasures

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ From Buddhist temples to Shinto shrines and ancestral castles, **explore a host of inspiring, sacred structures.**
- ▶ Soak up exquisite panoramas at **Mount Fuji**, a spiritual and physical symbol recognized around the world.
- ▶ Travel around Japan on the **lightning-fast Shinkansen** (bullet train), an example of Japanese engineering prowess.
- ▶ Uncover captivating history and culture during visits to **Tokyo's Edo-Tokyo Museum and Sensō-ji temple.**
- ▶ Take part in a time-honored tradition at a **Japanese tea ceremony.**
- ▶ Stroll through the **Imperial Palace and Kenroku-en gardens** while learning about elegant Japanese garden design.
- ▶ Admire the impressive skill, choreography and energy of a **Taiko drumming group.**
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**

Mount Fuji



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Tokyo, Japan, at the deluxe Imperial Hotel Tokyo.
- **2 nights** in Hakone at the deluxe Hakone Setsugetsuka.
- **2 nights** in Kanazawa at the deluxe Hotel Nikko Kanazawa.
- **3 nights** in Kyoto at the deluxe Nikko Princess Kyoto.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome Reception.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Tokyo and transfer↻ to hotel
- Day 3** Tokyo
- Day 4** Tokyo
- Day 5** Mount Fuji | Hakone
- Day 6** Lake Ashi | Hakone
- Day 7** Kanazawa
- Day 8** Kanazawa
- Day 9** Komatsu | Kyoto
- Day 10** Kyoto
- Day 11** Kyoto
- Day 12** Transfer↻ to Osaka airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈Flights and ↻transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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Discovery

AHI Connects: Japanese Tea Ceremony. A Japanese tea ceremony represents respect and harmony and is an integral part of Japanese heritage. Join a tea ceremony today and learn about this significant cultural tradition.

AHI Connects: Taiko Drumming. Learn about this dynamic form of drumming that typically involves large drums and choreographed movements.

Tokyo. See Tokyo's sights, including visits to Sensō-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, the Edo-Tokyo Museum for insight into Tokyo's history and culture, and the gardens at the Imperial Palace. Continue with a drive through the Ginza district, the city's shopping and entertainment zone.

Tokyo Skytree. Take in city views from Japan's tallest structure, the Tokyo Skytree, which soars over 2,000 feet.

Mount Fuji. Journey to Mount Fuji, an iconic symbol of Japan, and stop at the Fuji Visitor Center and the Fujinomiya 5th Station where most climbers begin their ascent up the mountain. Plus, enjoy a visit to the Fujisan World Heritage Center, designed by architect Shigeru Ban.

Hakone. Located at the base of Mount Hakone, this pretty city is known for its natural hot springs. Enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Ashinoko; then travel 3,115 feet into the sky on Japan's highest aerial tramway to revel in scenic panoramas.

Higashi Chaya-gai. This well-preserved historic area, originally established for the merchant classes and wealthy samurai, features charming *machiya*, or traditional wooden townhouses. Observe several operating *chaya*, the specially constructed teahouses where geisha entertain guests.

Kanazawa. Visit the Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before continuing on to the D.T. Suzuki Museum and the Nomura Clan Samurai Home.

Komatsu. Yunokuni no Mori is a craft village where visitors can encounter and try their hand at genuine Japanese handi-crafts, such as lacquerware and gold leaf application. Together, we'll learn about the fine art of Japanese paper making.

Kyoto's Temples. Spend two days exploring some of Kyoto's most historic and magnificent landmarks: the Heian Shrine, the Sanjūsangen-dō temple, the Kiyomizu-dera Temple, Nijō Castle and the richly decorated Kinkaku-ji. We'll also learn to make typical Japanese sweets.

Enrichment

- ▶ **A to Zen of Japanese Gardens and Temples**
- ▶ **Modern Japan**

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Fujisan, Sacred Place and Source of Artistic Inspiration
2. Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto



Tokyo

Electives

We've designed an engaging extension to take you further afield.

Hiroshima Two-Night Extension. Enhance your experience in Japan with two nights in Hiroshima. At the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, visit the Peace Memorial Museum and the Atomic Bomb Dome, a tangible link to Hiroshima's past. Plus, enjoy the beauty of the mythical Itsukushima Shrine. A train journey to Hiroshima is included.

Electives are available at an additional cost.

Accommodations

- Imperial Hotel Tokyo**
- Hakone Setsugetsuka**
- Hotel Nikko Kanazawa**
- Nikko Princess Kyoto**



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AHI Sustainability Promise

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

Environmental Impact | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

Social Impact | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

Economic Impact | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, "shoulder seasons."

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our **personalized air program** features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

DATES & PRICES

March 31 – April 11, 2022

From Price \$7,545

Special Savings \$250

Special Price **\$7,295**

VAT is an additional \$495 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,650 (limited availability).