



JAPAN 2024

MARCH 26 - APRIL 5

Explore the best of Japan, including Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara and Hiroshima. Explore the old - temples, castles, and traditional culture - and the new - technology, art, and the city life. Bow to the sacred deer in Nara. Bathe in a traditional “onsen,” Japanese hot springs. Eat a wide variety of Japanese dishes. Ride the “shinkansen,” the bullet trains of Japan. Learn about the eras of war and peace in Japan.

MARCH 26 . . .

Arrival in Tokyo. Transfer to a hotel in Asakusa, Tokyo, and rest for the night. *Stay in Tokyo for 4 nights.*

MARCH 27 . . .

Explore Asakusa and Tokyo’s largest temple, Senso-ji, and learn about the difference between Buddhism and Shintoism. Visit Ueno Park to see some *sakura*, Japan’s famed cherry blossoms. Go up Tokyo SkyTree for a commanding view of the metropolis.

MARCH 28 . . .

Meet Deaf students at Meisei Gakuen, Japan’s only bi-bi school for the Deaf, in Shinagawa. Eat lunch near ritzy Ginza. See how the young people dress up at the trendy Shibuya and Harajuku. Visit Fusao, a Deaf-owned restaurant.

MARCH 29 . . .

Go to Edo-Tokyo Museum to learn about the city’s history in-depth. Eat what sumo wrestlers eat: a stew called *chankonabe*. Free time in the afternoon to explore the city and shop.

MARCH 30 . . .

Bullet train to Kyoto. Meet a deaf local and go to Highashiyama, the old part of the old capital of Japan. Make your own chopsticks. *Stay in Kyoto for 4 nights.*

MARCH 31 . . .

With a local deaf guide, go to Kinkakuji, the Golden Pavilion. Take a ride to Arashiyama and dress up in a kimono and walk through the bamboo forest. Bathe in an onsen to cap the day.

APRIL 1 . . .

Day trip to Nara to see the Great Buddha and the world’s largest wooden structure, Todaiji. Bow to the free-roaming deer in the area, considered sacred to Shinto.

APRIL 2 • • •

Bullet train to Himeji. Witness the largest of Japan's 13 original castles remaining. Learn about medieval Japan and the warring states of Japan. Return to Kyoto and visit a location of your choice, such as the International Manga Museum.

APRIL 3 • • •

Bullet train to Hiroshima. Learn about the A-Bomb and the devastation the city endured in 1945. Eat *okonomiyaki*, Hiroshima's soul food. *Stay in Hiroshima for 2 nights.*

APRIL 4 • • •

Take a ferry to a picturesque holy island, Miyajima, which has an important part in Japanese history and culture. Take your time to explore this gorgeous small island. Have a farewell dinner in Hiroshima.

APRIL 5 • • •

Bullet train to Tokyo and go to the airport for departure back to the USA.

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\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space.

\$3,300 per person if paid in full by December 15, 2023. \$3,500 per person if paid in full between December 16, 2023 & January 15, 2024.

The registrants will be invoiced separately for the international roundtrip airfare.

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11 DAYS

GROUP of 22 to 26

TOUR LEADER: Martin Dale-Hench

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if you have any questions about the tour itinerary or invoice.

WHAT'S INCLUDED??

- 10 nights in 2-star or 3-star accommodations.
- 16 meals: Breakfast (10), Lunch (4), Dinner (2)
- Services of a deaf Tour Leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and/or hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Travel insurance.
- Most tips, except for your Tour Leader.
- Informative travel preparation packet.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- International airfares.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- EXTRA COST which will be added to the invoice.
 - \$1,200 for international flight from/to USA
- No visa needed for Japan.
- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions: Educational Tours.
<https://handson.travel/resources/terms-edu>
- Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.