

THE RISING SUN OF JAPAN

OCTOBER 11 - 24, 2019

14 DAYS

Breakfast - B Dinner - D

OCTOBER 11

Arrive in Tokyo at around afternoon, transfer to hotel via JR trains. Rest, dine, and recover from jet lag. ***Stay in Tokyo for 4 nights.***

OCTOBER 12

Start your morning by hopping onto a rickshaw to Tokyo's largest temple, Senso-ji. Have lunch before enjoying the panorama view of Tokyo's SkyTree. Visit the glitzy Ginza boulevard. Have an orientation meeting and welcome dinner near the hotel. ***B, D***

OCTOBER 13

Head over to the world's largest fish market in Tsukiji. Meet the famous loyal dog Hachiko in Shibuya and cross the world's busiest pedestrian crossing. Check out the bustle at Shinjuku, the busiest train station in the world. Have dinner at a Deaf-owned restaurant, Fusao, near Shinjuku. ***B***

OCTOBER 14

Visit Meisei Gakuen to meet and observe young Deaf pupils. After lunch, go to Ryogoku to see the Edo-Tokyo museum to learn all about the history in Tokyo. Use the free time in the evening to do some shopping. ***B***

OCTOBER 15

Take the shinkansen to Kanazawa. Let a local Deaf guide show you the wonders of one of Japan's top gardens, Kenrokuen. Amble through the streets of Higashi-Chaya district and ponder what it was like living in Japan 150 years ago. ***Stay in Kanazawa for 2 nights. B***

OCTOBER 16

Board on early morning train to mountainous Hida region to Shirakawago, a beautiful folk village, to see unique wooden houses built to withstand the harsh winters. Go back to Kanazawa to do some independent sightseeing and shopping. ***B***

OCTOBER 17

Take a limited express train straight to Kyoto, and go to Arashiyama to visit a Deaf research center, and tour the area to see and feel the mystique of the bamboo forest. Learn about the Japanese version of dragons by visiting the giant dragon mural in the UNESCO World Heritage Site Tenryu-ji. Become in peace by watching the serene landscape around Tenryu-ji. ***Stay in Kyoto for 3 nights. B, D***

OCTOBER 18 . . .

Get up early in the morning to see the thousand red torii in Fushimi before the morning tourist rush. Then go to Higashiyama to see the famous Kiyomizu-dera temple. Do some shopping in the area and experience the traditional Tea Ceremony. Tour the Gion district at night to hunt for geisha sightings. **B**

OCTOBER 19 . . .

Take the train straight to Nara, about 50 km south of Kyoto. Bow to the deer, which are free to roam around the Nara Park, and some of them will bow back. Be in awe of the giant and magnificent Buddha Statue in Todaiji. Take another train and weave through a valley to Iga, where ninjas used to train. See the wooden building full of hidden doors and traps for ninjas to defend themselves with. Enjoy the ninja show and try throwing shuriken! If you do good enough, you get a prize! Return to Kyoto for the night. **B**

OCTOBER 20 . . .

Shinkansen to Hiroshima. After lunch, visit the Peace Memorial Building and learn how much the locals suffered during and after the A-bomb. Chow down the famous Okonomiyaki, the soul food of Hiroshima. **Stay in Hiroshima for 2 nights.** **B, D**

OCTOBER 21 . . .

Take the morning ferry to see the scenic Miyajima Island, as known as the Island of Gods. See the iconic giant red torii “floating” on the lake during low and high tides. Take your time to amble around the island to discover many secrets it is hiding. **B**

OCTOBER 22 . . .

Take the shinkansen to Odawara, and then switch to a train to Hakone-Yumoto. Stay at a traditional Japanese inn, called a ryokan, and experience a Japanese-style dinner. Bathe in a hot springs. **Stay in Hakone for 2 nights.** **B, D**

OCTOBER 23 . . .

Go on a full-day tour around the mountains of Hakone, seeing the sulphur fumes of Owakudani, perhaps eat their black eggs! Wonder at the mind-bending art of Hakone Open-Air Museum. Marvel at the grandeur of Mt. Fuji by Lake Ashi, weather permitting. Have farewell dinner at Hakone-Yumoto. **B, D**

OCTOBER 24 . . .

Board on early morning train with connections to Narita International Airport for your afternoon return flight to your home destination. **B**

JAPAN TOUR PRICE

\$3750.00 per person/double occupancy

\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space on a first come, first serve basis.

Final payment is due on or before **July 1, 2019**

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

Small tour group size. Maximum - 12 persons.

Total of 13 nights in moderately priced hotels.

Meals included: Breakfast - 13, Dinner - 5

Services of a deaf group leaders on call 24 hours a day.

Services of local deaf guide(s).

All transportation expenses connected with the tour itinerary.

All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.

All tips connected with the tour itinerary.

Informative travel preparation packet.

Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.

\$100 credit off your next full tour with Hands On Travel.

IMPORTANT POINTS:

Average price for lunch & dinner meals range from \$20 to \$50.

International airfares at the start and end of the tour are not included.

We highly recommend purchasing trip cancellation/interruption insurance.

All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included.

Inclement weather may not allow us to see Mt. Fuji clearly.

It is essential to consult the HOT terms and conditions before booking.

Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.

TOUR PROTECTION:

Hands On Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. To learn more about how to help protect you and your trip investment, visit the following link: <http://www.handsontvl.com/resources/protection/>.