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## THE RISING SUN OF JAPAN

October 2 - 15, 2021

14 DAYS

*Come visit this Far Eastern island, where tradition meets technology to create one of the world's most unique nations. Zigzag around the metropolitan area of Tokyo to taste its savory cuisine and immerse yourself in the nightlife of Shibuya and Shinjuku. Head west to Kanazawa and Kyoto, where over a thousand years of history and culture reside. Continue on to Hiroshima to contemplate the horrors of war, and to eat the city's soul food: okonomiyaki. Finish basking in a hot spring in the mountains of Hakone, while collecting your thoughts before Mt. Fuji.*

*Breakfast - B Dinner - D*

### OCTOBER 2 . . .

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.* B, D

### OCTOBER 3 . . .

Start your morning by hopping onto a rickshaw to Tokyo's largest temple, Senso-ji. Visit the glitzy Ginza boulevard. Have an orientation meeting and welcome dinner near the hotel. B

### OCTOBER 4 . . .

Head over to the world's largest fish market in Toyosu. 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 5 . . .

Visit Meisei Gakuen, the only bi-bi school for the Deaf in Japan, to meet and observe young Deaf pupils signing Japanese Sign Language. 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 6 . . .

Take the shinkansen to Kanazawa. Allow the wonders of one of Japan's top gardens, Kenrokuen, to calm your soul. Amble through the streets of Higashi-Chaya district and ponder what it was like living in Japan under the shogunate 200 years ago. *Stay in Kanazawa for 2 nights.* [B](#)

#### OCTOBER 7 . . .

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 8 . . .

Take a limited express train straight to Kyoto, and go to Arashiyama to visit a Deaf research center, and tour the area to experience the mystique of a 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](#)

#### OCTOBER 9 . . .

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. Rent a kimono and walk through cobblestoned streets. 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 10 . . .

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. Use the afternoon time off to buy artisan gifts or visit more stunning temples.

#### OCTOBER 11 . . .

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](#)

#### OCTOBER 12 . . .

Take the morning ferry to see the scenic Miyajima Island, 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 treasures hiding. [B](#)

#### OCTOBER 13 . . .

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](#)

OCTOBER 14 . . .

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](#)

OCTOBER 15 . . .

Board on early morning train with connections to Narita International Airport for your afternoon return flight to your home destination. [B](#), [D](#)

## JAPAN TOUR PRICE

\$3,750 per person/double occupancy (for a group of 8+)

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

The remaining balance must be paid in full no later than 90 days before the start of the tour.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

- Small tour group size.
- Total of 13 nights in moderately priced hotels all guaranteed by Hands On Travel, with private bathrooms and breakfast included.
- Welcome and farewell dinners.
- Services of a deaf group leader 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.
- 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:

- Airfares at the start and end of the tour are not included.
- All lunches and dinners not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included.
- It is essential to consult the HOT terms and conditions before booking.
- There is a lot of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is required.
- Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.
- For more information, please contact Tour Manager Martin Dale-Hench at [martin@handson.travel](mailto:martin@handson.travel)

### 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: <https://www.handson.travel/resources/protection/>.