

IMPRESSIONS OF JAPAN

OSAKA - KYOTO - NARA - NAGOYA - MOUNT FUJI - TOKYO



2020 - 9 DAYS FROM NZD

\$3899  
per person twin-share

Starting your tour of Japan in Osaka, you'll visit Kyoto and Nara – famous for their well-preserved ancient castles, temples, and monuments. In Nagoya, visit Inuyama Castle, and explore the 1200 shops and restaurants of Osu Shopping Street. Japan's stunning natural endowments are on the itinerary too, in the form of sacred Mount Fuji and the surrounding region. Your trip wraps up with time free in Tokyo, for sightseeing or shopping.

Image : Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto





HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover **Osaka**, with a day free at leisure
- In **Nara**, visit the **Great Eastern Temple with its Great Buddha Hall** – the world's largest wooden building
- Feed the gentle sika deer at **Nara Park**
- Visit Nagoya's Inuyama Castle, and explore **Osu Shopping Street's 1200 shops**
- Drink from clear springs at the foothills of **Mount Fuji**
- Enjoy free time in **Tokyo**

Day 1: Depart for Osaka

Fly to Osaka via a connecting city. Note: some flights may depart the next day.

Day 2: Arrive in Osaka

On arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour representative and transferred to your hotel.

Day 3: Osaka Kyoto Nara Osaka (B)

This morning, travel to Kyoto and visit **Fushimi Inari Shrine** and **Nijo Castle** before heading to Nara. Visit **Todaiji (Great Eastern Temple)**, with its Great Buddha Hall – the world's largest wooden building. This impressive building houses the world's largest (15m) bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka.

Day 4: Osaka (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You can join an optional **Osaka Day Tour** (NZD\$275). Please see optional programs for more information.

Day 5: Osaka Nagoya (B)

This morning, head to Nagoya and visit **Inuyama Castle**. Then, head to **Atsuta Shinto Shrine** (covering 200,000 square meters and established almost 2000 years ago) before enjoying some time for shopping at the **Osu Kannon Shopping Quarter**. Transfer to your hotel in the evening.

Day 6: Nagoya Mount Fuji Tokyo (B)

Today, visit **Oshino Hakkai**, known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Next, visit **Hakone Shinto Shrine**. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest. Finally, visit **Owakudani** – 'Great Boiling Valley' is a valley formed by the explosion of Hakone volcano more than 300 years ago, and contains hot springs and steaming sulphur vents – visitors usually eat eggs cooked in the boiling, sulphurous waters. At the end of the day we head to Tokyo.

Note: Due to volcanic activity, visit to Owakudani may be replaced by an alternative attraction.

Day 7: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at leisure. You may join our **Tokyo Day Tour** (NZD\$275) **OR Tokyo Disneyland OR DisneySea** (NZD\$140). *Note: All activities are not guided and transportation is self-arranged.*

Day 8: Depart Tokyo (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport.

Day 9: Arrive Home

Note: Some flights may arrive a day before.

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION South Korea 6 Nights

fr NZD\$2099 single supplement NZD\$610; includes + Flight between Seoul and Osaka (local carrier) + 6 nights 3-star (local rating) hotel accommodation (twin-share) + 6 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L) & 2 dinners (D) + Round trip airport & transfers + Entrance fees to scenic attractions + English-speaking tour guide Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$80, peak season surcharge fr NZD\$250, school holiday surcharge fr NZD\$450

Day 1: Depart for Seoul

Fly to Seoul via a connecting city. *Note: Some flights may depart the next day.*

Day 2: Arrive in Seoul

You will be greeted warmly at the airport by your tour representative and transferred to your hotel.

Day 3: Seoul Andong Daegu (B, L)

Visit the traditional village, Andong, which features traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty period (1392-1897). In Daegu, take a stroll in **Dongseongno Shopping District**, a major fashion retail district. Enjoy magnificent views by taking a **cable car to Palgongsan Natural Park**.

Day 4: Daegu Gyeongju (B, L)

Today we explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs, and monuments of Gyeongju, the capital of the ancient Silla Kingdom (57 BC – 935 AD). Visit **Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Royal Tumuli Park, Gyeongju National Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple**.

Images:

1. Tokyo City Skyline,
2. Gamcheon Culture Village,
3. Changdeokgung Palace
4. Nara Park,
5. Todaiji,
6. Kenting National Park,
7. Oryukdo Skywalk,
8. Tamsui Old Street,
9. Oshino Hakkai,
10. Sun Moon Lake.

Day 5: Gyeongju Busan (B, L, D)

In Busan, we visit **Haedong Yonggungsa Temple** and overlooking the ocean. Next, you will have an opportunity to view the waves while looking down through the transparent floor of the 15 metre high **Oryukdo Skywalk**, which is set over a 35 meter-high coastal cliff. Travel to **Gamcheon Culture Village** situated on the foothills of a coastal mountain. Stop at one of Korea's largest markets, **Nampo Dong Gukje Market**. Then visit **Nurimaru APEC House**, a memorial hall located near Haeundae Beach.

Day 6: Busan Seoul (B, L)

Visit **Changdeokgung Palace**, one of the 'Five Grand Palaces' built by the Kings of the Jeoson Dynasty, and Insadong, a street full of traditional Korean antique and art shops, restaurants and tea houses. Continue to **Cheonggyecheon Stream** and admire this urban oasis before visiting **Myeongdong**, one of Seoul's main commercial districts.

Day 7: Seoul DMZ Seoul (B, L, D)

Visit **North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel**, located within the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. View North Korean territory, including the Propaganda Village, People's School, and Gaeseong City – the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom – from the Dora Observation Platform. Also visit **Freedom Park**, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. North Hall contains displays of North Korean lifestyle, and the Exhibition Hall houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War. Later, try on a hanbok, the traditional attire of the Korean people at **Namsan Hanbok Culture Experience Centre** before experiencing the city's best night view at **Namsan Tower**.

Day 8: Seoul Osaka (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Incheon Airport. *Note: Baggage allowance for this sector is 1 piece max weight 15 kg per person.*





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POST-TOUR EXTENSION Taiwan 7 Nights

fr NZD\$2099; single supplement NZD\$800; includes
+ Economy class flights (Tokyo to Taipei)
+ 7 nights hotel 3-star (local rating)
accommodation (twin-share)
+ 7 breakfasts (B)
+ Round trip airport & transfers
+ Entrance fees to scenic attractions
+ English-speaking tour guide
Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$90 and shoulder
seasonal surcharge fr NZD\$250, peak seasonal
surcharge fr NZD\$450

Day 8: Tokyo ✈ Taipei

Fly to Taipei via a connecting city.

Day 9: Taipei (B)

Today's highlight is a visit to the **Presidential Building** (outside) and **Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall**. Next, we visit **Tamsui**, a laid back waterfront town on the northern part of Taipei city. Enjoy lunch today at **Tamsui Old Street**, where you can feast on many **Taiwanese snacks**. Visit **Lin An Tai Historical House and Museum**. In the evening, explore the bustling night life of Taipei. Then proceed to colourful **Huashi Night Market**.

Day 10: Taipei 🚠 Sun Moon Lake (B)

Travel to **Sun Moon Lake**, situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of central Taiwan for a view of **Xuanguang Temple & Lulu Island** as you relax on the lake's tranquil waters. Then, take Sun Moon Lake Ropeway to the **Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village** and observe Taiwanese traditional indigenous lifestyles.

Day 11: Sun Moon Lake 🚠 Fo Guang Shan 🚠 Kaohsiung (B)

After breakfast, we will head to an Oolong Tea Farm before continuing south towards **Kaohsiung** and **Fo Guang Shan Buddha Memorial Centre** (BMC). Completed in 2011, BMC has enshrined a relic of the Buddha given by Tibetan Lama Kunga Dorje Rinpoche, since the beginning of construction in 2001. We will be spending most of our day at this place to enjoy the serene atmosphere and explore the entire area at our leisure. Then, learn how to make **Pineapple Tarts at the popular Vigor Pineapple Factory**. Later we will enter Kaohsiung City and explore **Pier 2 Art Central**, where 25 former warehouses have been converted into a thriving arts precinct.

Day 12: Kaohsiung 🚠 Kenting 🚠 Taitung (B)

Visit to **Kenting National Park**, Taiwan's first nationally recognised park and undoubtedly one of the most spectacular landscapes you will see. Be awestruck by the vastness of the natural reserve and stand on the southernmost tip of the island at **Maopitou** and **Longpan Park**, also known as 'The Light of East Asia'. This afternoon, head to **Kenting Main Street** in the heart of Kenting, an area bustling with locals, tourists and vendors. Spend lunchtime discovering the numerous stalls and restaurants offering a variety of local snacks and cuisines. Travel up the scenic **Southern Link Highway** to Taitung County.



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Day 13: Taitung 🚠 Taroko 🚠 Hualien (B)

The highlight today is a visit to the **East Coast National Scenic Area**, known as Taiwan's 'last unspoiled land'. Weathering and erosion have produced a wide range of breathtaking landforms here which can only be appreciated first-hand. Stop at **Siao-ye-liou**, **San-sien-tai** (Three Immortals Island), **Shi-ti-ping** (Stone Steps) and take in the spectacular views. Proceed to **Taroko National Park**. Encompassing Taroko Gorge, Swallow Grotto, and Shakadong Trail, the park covers over 120,000 hectares and rises from sea level in the east to heights of over 3700m further west. The aquamarine Liwu River cuts through the centre, forging deep slit valleys before joining the sea.

Day 14: Hualien 🚠 Taipei (B)

Visit a **Marble Factory** on the way back to Taipei. Then visit a local scenic town, **Shifen**. Shifen provides a nice glimpse of Taiwan's beautiful natural scenery.

Day 15: Depart Taipei (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home via a connecting city.

Day 16: Arrive home

OPTIONAL PACKAGES: NZD\$109/package, or NZD\$290 for 3 packages

Package A: Qijin Old Street (Day 11) + Round trip Qijin Seaside Park ferry (Day 11) + Hualien Dongdamen night market (Day 13) + Taipei 101 observation deck (Day 14)

Package B: Taiwanese-style roasted chicken dinner (Day 10) + Taitung Japanese dinner (Day 12) + Traditional Hualien cuisine (Day 13)

Package C: A traditional Taiwanese dinner, Xiaolong Bao (Day 9) + Taiwanese buffet Shabu Shabu hotpot (Day 11) + Shifen sky lantern (Day 14, 2 people per lantern); Takao hotpot (Day 14)

2020 DEPARTURES

🌸 20 Mar*** 08 May 03 Jun** 🌸 06 Nov*
🌸 27 Mar*** 22 May 25 Sep** 🌸 13 Nov*
🌸 03 Apr*** 05 Jun 09 Oct
🌸 10 Apr*** 19 Jun 23 Oct

🌸***Cherry blossom surcharge: NZD\$550
**School holiday surcharge: NZD\$450
🌸Crimson leaf season surcharge: NZD\$350
Single supplement: NZD\$1000

✈ DEPARTURE OPTIONS

· AKL: Airfare included

⊕ INCLUSIONS

+ Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes
+ 6 nights 3-star (local rating) hotel accomm.
+ 6 breakfasts (B)
+ Coach transportation & transfers
+ Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
+ English-speaking tour guide(s)

⊗ EXCLUSIONS

· Prepaid tipping: NZD\$90
· Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

✈ AIR UPGRADES (NZD long haul int'l sectors)

· Economy class: Cathay Pacific, Qantas fr \$550
· Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr \$2400
· Business class: China Southern fr \$3300, Singapore Airlines fr \$4750, Cathay Pacific fr \$5850

🕒 EXTEND YOUR STAY (NZD)

· Early arrival/stay behind fare difference: fr \$280
· Hotel w/breakfast : fr \$390/twin-room/night

🚗 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Osaka Airport Kanku Joytel Hotel
Osaka IP City Hotel Osaka
Nagoya Loisir hotel Toyohashi
Tokyo MOXY Tokyo Kinshicho

🎈 OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)

Osaka Day Tour \$275
Tokyo Day Tour \$275
Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket \$140
Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket \$140
Universal Studios Osaka \$145



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All prices are per person twin-share in NZD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Hotel locations can be within or outside itinerary cities and may not be centrally located. Double-bedded rooms are not guaranteed. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Late March to early April is historically the best time to view cherry blossoms and early November to see crimson leaves, but is not guaranteed as they are highly seasonal and subject to climatic conditions. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spent in flight and is subject to flight schedule. Final itineraries and flight info may not be available until within 2 weeks before departure. Booking conditions apply, refer to website for latest information. ver31JUL2019



Tokyo Day Tour NZD\$275

First stop on this tour is Asakusa Kannon Temple. Afterwards visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Proceed to the fashion district Harajuku and Shibuya, an affluent and trendy shopping hotspot. Then proceed to Tokyo Tower, where you will observe the amazing city of Tokyo from up above. Then, relax on a Tokyo bay cruise en route to the beautiful and serene landscaped Hamarikyu Garden beside Tokyo Bay. **Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Under 15 pax the tour will be by public transport, over 15 pax will be by coach.**

Osaka Day Tour NZD\$275

Visit Osaka Castle which was built in 1583 as the intended capital of Japan, before the capital was moved to Edo (now known as Tokyo). Walk through the majestic castle while learning from the exhibit detailing life in old Osaka. From there, walk to the nearby river boat dock to board the Osaka River Cruise for a cruise around Nakanoshima. Explore Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori, the vast restaurant districts, with eateries offering a variety of Japan's most famous street foods. Then travel down to Umeda Skybuilding, where you will get a sweeping view of Osaka. Tour finishes in Osaka. **Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Under 15 pax the tour will be by public transport, over 15 pax will be by coach.**

Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket NZD\$140

Tokyo Disneyland is a 115-acre (47 ha) theme park, near Tokyo. Its main gate is directly adjacent to both Maihama Station and Tokyo Disneyland Station. The park has seven themed areas: the World Bazaar; the four classic Disneylands: Adventureland, Westernland, Fantasyland and Tomorrowland; and two mini-lands: Critter Country and Mickey's Toontown. Many of the games and rides in these areas mirror those in the original Disneyland as they are based on American Disney films and fantasies.

Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket NZD\$140

Tokyo DisneySea is a 176-acre (71.22 ha) theme park at the Tokyo Disney Resort. In 2002 Tokyo DisneySea won a Thea Award from the Themed Entertainment Association for the concept, design, and construction of the theme park. Tokyo DisneySea also won the 2012-2015 Theme Park Insider Awards "Best theme park". There are seven uniquely themed areas or "ports of call". The entrance to the park is Mediterranean Harbour, which opens up to six additional nautically-themed ports: American Waterfront, Lost River Delta, Port Discovery, Mermaid Lagoon, Arabian Coast, and Mysterious Island.

Universal Studios Japan NZD\$145

Universal Studios Japan in Osaka is a fun-filled destination for anyone to enjoy. Each area is uniquely themed and offers extraordinary experiences that impress and inspire the guests' emotions. Enjoy a wide variety of entertainment offerings from the exciting ride attractions themed after blockbuster Hollywood movies to the shows performed by popular characters. The theme park has a total of 8 sections: Hollywood, New York, San Francisco, Jurassic Park, Amity Village, Universal Wonderland, Waterworld, and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. **Note: Entry date needs to be nominated at time of booking.**

Note: Transportation is not included for optional programs & are subject to availability. Hotels may not be centrally located.

Images: 11. Tokyo DisneySea, 12. Asakusa, 13. Osaka Castle, 14. Nurimaru APEC House, 15. Universal Studios Japan, 16. Bulguksa Temple, 17. Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory.



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