

MB TRAVEL TOUR

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Day 01	10 Mar 2019(Sun) Arrive Tokyo
Day 02	11 Mar 2019(Mon) Tokyo Full Day Private Tour
Day 03	12 Mar 2019(Tue) Tokyo - Full Day Private Tour
Day 04	13 Mar 2019(Wed) Tokyo - Free Day
Day 05	14 Mar 2019(Thu) Tokyo - Kyoto
Day 06	15 Mar 2019(Fri) Kyoto - Full Day Private Tour
Day 07	16 Mar 2019(Sat) Depart Kyoto



Day 01: 10 Mar (Sun)

ARRIVE TOKYO

Tokyo Night View

Upon arriving at your destination, be greeted by an airport representative, who will show you to the coach. Once all the passengers are allocated for, set off into the city. Relax as you watch the bustle from your window before arriving at your accommodation. Check in and settle in after your lengthy journey.

Meals: N/A

Hotel: Shiba Park Hotel (Annex Double/Twin Room)

Day 02: 11 Mar (Mon)

TOKYO FULL DAY PRIVATE TOUR

Tokyo Skytree

Meet your guide at your hotel and hop on public transit to Meiji Shrine, your first stop. Dedicated to the deified spirits of the former Emperor and his wife, Meiji Shrine is one of the most famous Shinto shrines in Japan. Enter through the 12 metre high Torii gate into the tranquil grounds, where you'll wash your hands as per Shinto ritual of cleansing before entering this sacred space. Observe Shinto rituals and prayers as you walk through the area, connecting with the traditions of this unique culture.

Dive headfirst into the pulsating centre of Tokyo's youth culture, exploring some of Tokyo's latest trends and fashions in Shibuya, one of the most famous shopping locations in Tokyo. This district is teeming with funky and subversive fashion, as well as some of the best entertainment in town. Take in the hectic pace of Tokyo as you attempt to cross the world famous "scramble" crossroad.

Next, visit Kokyo Gaien, the plaza gardens outside the Imperial Palace. Home of the imperial Japanese family, see this classic Japanese castle surrounded by a moat and beautiful simplistic greenery. Snap a photo in front of the charming Meganebashi (or spectacles) bridge, which has a distinctive European flare.

Then, head to Asakusa District. A jolt to the senses, leave behind the ultra-modern bustle to discover the quiet side streets of this traditionally styled district. Asakusa was an entertainment district in the Edo era, but lost its role in the modern era. Nowadays, it is home to charming shops and restaurants, not to mention the oldest temple in the city, Sensoji. Enter this 7th Century Buddhist temple by passing through the Thunder Gate, indicated by a massive red lantern. Walk along Nakamise Street, a centuries old

souvenir street of 96 shop stalls, do some shopping for that perfect souvenir or pick up a local delicacy as there's plenty of scrumptious snacks too. Take in the atmosphere of the temple, and be sure to look up at the beautiful ceiling murals.

Finally, finish your day with an incredible panorama of the city, at the Tokyo Skytree. The height of the Tokyo Skytree was originally specified at approximately 610m in the original project. However, it was planned from the beginning to be the world's tallest free-standing broadcasting tower. After careful discussion and research on high-rise buildings that are being built around the world, it was finally decided on 634m, to become the tallest free-standing broadcasting tower in the world. Take in the landscape of the city you've gotten to explore, before heading back to your hotel.

****Note: In preparation for Meiji Shrine's 100th anniversary in 2020, renovation works are carried out on some of the shrine's buildings from spring 2016 to October 2019. Efforts are made to keep the impact on visitors very low****

Private Tour Inclusions:

- private Russian-speaking guide for 8 hours
- public transportation
- entrance fee for all locations in bold

Pick up: Tokyo Hotel at 9:00am (subject to change).

Drop off: Tokyo Hotel at 5:00pm

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Shiba Park Hotel (Annex Double/Twin Room)



Day 03: 12 Mar (Tue)

TOKYO - FULL DAY PRIVATE TOUR

Lake Ashi And Mount Fuji

This morning get ready to depart to Hakone National Park for a day of fresh air and sightseeing at one of Japan's most iconic parks in the shadow of Mt. Fuji. Throughout the tour you will have a chance to take a glimpse at this awe-inspiring mountain, but please bear in mind that it needs to be a clear day. Meet your guide at your hotel before transferring to Shinjuku Station where you'll hop on the 'Romance Car', for an hour and a half long journey into Hakone. Transfer to Gora station, before riding in a cablecar to the Hakone Ropeway.

Now, soar above the active volcanic site, Owakudani, which translates to the Great Boiling Valley. Watch the steam rising from the mountain, as thermal water grazes just under the rocky façade at extraordinarily hot temperatures. Stop amongst the steamy rocks, and see if you can spot Mt. Fuji in the distance before trying kuro-tamago, or a black egg. Boiled in the sulfuric hot springs each egg turns black as its cooked; it's rumored that eating it will add several years to your life. Descend the mountain via ropeway to Togendai, where you'll board a pirate ship and sail across Lake Ashi. A crater formed by a volcano nearly three-thousand years ago, these charming waters offer beautiful views of the enveloping mountains and even Mt. Fuji on a clear day. Finally, it's time to bid farewell to Hakone, so hope on a bus to Odawara to catch your bullet train back to Tokyo.

Private Tour Inclusions:

- private English-speaking guide for 9 hours
- public transportation

Pick up: Tokyo Hotel at 09:00am (subject to change).

Drop off: Tokyo Hotel at 6:00pm

Train Hakone 2 Day Free Pass from Odawara

Train Limited Express From Shinjuku Station To Hakone-Yumoto Station (with Hakone Free Pass)

Train Shinkansen from Odawara to Tokyo Station Ordinary Car Reserved Seat or
v.vMeals: Breakfast
Hotel: Shiba Park Hotel (Annex Double/Twin Room)



Day 04: 13 Mar (Wed)

TOKYO - FREE DAY

The Great Buddha Of Kamakura

Take advantage of Japan's fantastic public transportation to travel further afield to Nikko, Kamakura or Yokohama.

Head into the mountains of Nikko to discover the natural wonders of Japan alongside world-heritage shrines and temples. Combine Nikko with a trip to the Kawaji hot springs to truly get away from it all.

Kamakura, just 1 hour south of Tokyo, is the ancient city of the samurai and boasts not only mountains, but a beautiful coastline too.

For a taste of smaller city life venture south to Yokohama to spend time by the bay and explore Japan's largest china town.

Today is a free day and there are no services organised

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Shiba Park Hotel (Annex Double/Twin Room)

Day 05: 14 Mar (Thu)

TOKYO – KYOTO

Kyoto Station

Travel in comfort on Japan's fast and efficient high speed rail network. The trains travel at speeds of up to 300km/hr and cover the 513km distance to Kyoto in approximately 2.3 hours.

*Trains tickets are subject to availability and may affect the duration of the journey. This information will be confirmed at time of booking

Train Shinkansen Nozomi Tokyo to Kyoto Ordinary Car Reserved Seat

Fushimi Inari Shrine

On arrival in Kyoto, the rest of your day is free.

An easy trip to make is Fushimi Inari Shrine, only two stops and 5 minutes from Kyoto Station on the JR Nara Line.

Fushimi Inari Shrine, which was used in the movie Memoirs of a Geisha, is home to over 10,000 red tori gates. They form a path up the mountain behind the temple making a spectacular place for photos.

This is a free afternoon and there are no services organised

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Citadines Kyoto Karasuma Gojo (Studio Double/Twin Room)

Day 06: 15 Mar (Fri)

KYOTO - FULL DAY PRIVATE TOUR

Kinkakuji Golden Pavilion

See the highlights of Kyoto on this unique day tour of its classic cultural treasures. Delve into Japan's history, starting off at the glittering Kinkakuji Temple. Known also as the Golden Pavilion, this estate was built as a retirement villa for the Shogun. Its grounds are lush and expansive, and this beautiful wooden structure has been coated in gold

leaf. After the Shogun's death, Kinkakuji was made a Buddhist temple, so take a tranquil and contemplative walk through the gardens. Admire the shining pavilion perched on the lake before hoping on transit to your next destination, Nijo Castle.

Built by the first Shogun of the Edo period in 1603, Nijo Castle is one of the most famous and ornate castles in the country. It perfectly embodies palaces of the feudal era, and is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Surrounded by stunning gardens, the castle is full of spectacular architectural details, from beautifully painted sliding doors to lush, detailed carvings from floor to ceiling. Furthermore, listen to the 'chirping' floors as you walk, they were designed this way as an additional security measure of the castle.

Next, head to Heian Shrine, a marvellous shrine complex, that's a bit younger than other historic sites of Kyoto. Despite its youth, Heian Shrine is breathtaking. Enter through a massive red torii gate into spacious grounds. Admire the beautiful structure with its bright vermilion columns and complimentary jade tiled roofs, surrounded by cherry trees. Wander these spectacular grounds, before heading to your last stop Kiyomizudera Temple.

Another of Kyoto's World Heritage Sites and most impressive preserved areas, it's also known as the Pure Water Temple. First, take in the majestic views from the 13 metre high veranda, before further exploring the grounds. Take a sip from one of the three streams of fresh mountain water, which will grant you fortune in love, studies or elongate your life, but don't drink from all 3 as that's considered greedy! Finally, return to your hotel for the evening.

****Note: Kiyomizudera's main hall is covered up from February 2017 to March 2020 for the renovation of its roof. Visitors will be able to enter the main hall during the renovations****

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Drop off: Kyoto Hotel at 5:00pm

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Citadines Kyoto Karasuma Gojo (Studio Double/Twin Room)

Day 07: 16 Mar (Sat)

DEPART KYOTO

Farewell Japan

Now, it's time to leave the city behind and continue on your journey. Check out of your accommodation and await pick up from the shuttle. Sit back and watch the city whiz by on your way out to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast

LAND PRICE PER PERSON:

Tour includes:

- A welcome pack with all information and contact details handled to the traveler upon arrival at the airport or at your first accommodation (depending on your booking arrangements)
- Accommodation at selected hotels
- Check-in time is 3.00PM and check-out time is 11.00AM. Early or late service is subject to availability with surcharge.
- Meals as mentioned
- English speaking guide where indicated
- Tours and transfers by air-conditioned vehicle where indicated
- Sightseeing fees and permits during guided time

- **Local standard (regular car) train and tickets and bus tickets as mentioned in itinerary**

- **Flights as program (Economy Class)**

- **Service charge and current government VAT tax**

Airport transfers – based on shuttles

Tour excludes:

- **Please make sure you have 6 months passport validity.**

- **Early/late check in/out service at hotels (surcharge if request**

- **Charge if available for extra services such as but not limited to excess luggage for transfers (usually 1 piece of standard size luggage is allowed.**

- **Tips and gratuities**

- **Services and meals not mentioned in itinerary**

- **All drinks, including water, soft drink and alcohol on all included or optional excursion**

- **Laundry, telephone calls and expenditure of a personal nature**

- **Travel Insurance**