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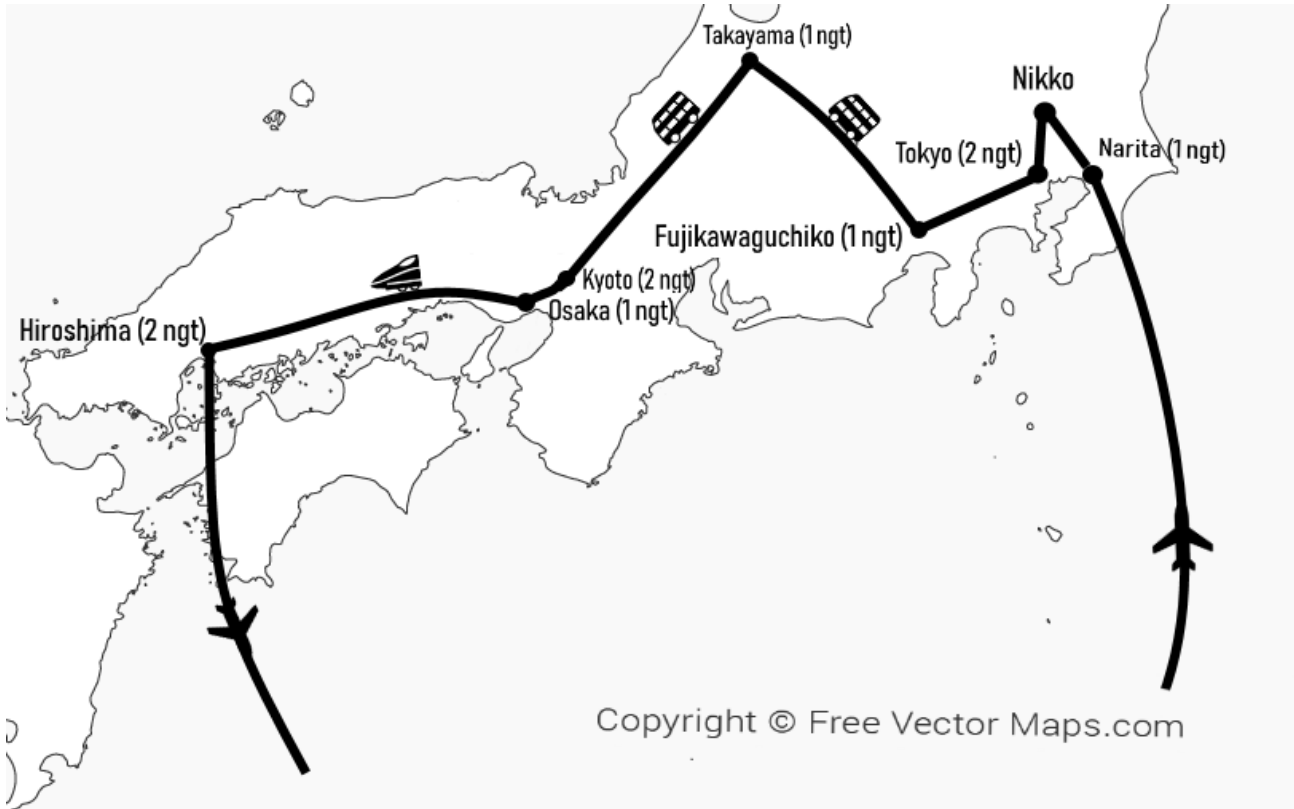
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12 Day Japan Cherry Blossoms Tour (Tour Code: JBT)



Japan is not only a modern, highly developed economy in Asia, but also a land of striking scenic beauties. Its greenness and its mountains, which cover nearly three-quarters of the country, will impress first time visitors. Our tour will take you to the must-seeing hot spots in Japan including Tokyo, Nikko, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, Fujikawaguchiko, Takayama, Shirakawago, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, Okayama and Osaka, letting you witness the beautiful landscapes and some of the famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Japan and experience the exotic oriental lifestyle of Japanese people.

Day 01, 27 MAR: SYDNEY/MELBOURNE – HONG KONG – HANEDA – TOKYO

CX110, 27 Mar. Sydney – Hong Kong 08:50 /15:25

CX134, 27 Mar. Melbourne – Hong Kong 08:50 / 15:05

CX542, 27 Mar. Hong Kong – Tokyo (HND) 16:20 /21:15

Both Sydney and Melbourne passengers depart to Tokyo Haneda Airport via Hong Kong in the morning and arrive in Tokyo, the capital of Japan in the evening. You are met by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel. You will have a welcoming dinner in your hotel restaurant tonight.

Accommodation: TBA

Day 02, 28 MAR: TOKYO – NIKKO – TOKYO (B.L.D)

Today you will travel to Nikko, a small city at the entrance to Nikko National Park. Visit Toshogu Shrine, Japan's most lavishly decorated shrine complex and mausoleum of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate. Nikko has been a centre of Shinto and Buddhist mountain worship for many centuries, and Nikko National Park continues to offer scenic, mountainous landscapes, lakes, waterfalls, hot springs, wild monkeys and hiking trails. You will visit Kegon Water Falls and Lake Chuzenji. Stay overnight in Tokyo.

Accommodation: Tobu Levant Hotel or similar

Day 03, 29 MAR: TOKYO SIGHTSEEING (B.L.D)

Today's tour includes Edo Museum, Asakusa Temple, a very popular Buddhist temple, built in the 7th century, Imperial Palace, home of the Imperial Family, which only opens to public on 23rd December and 2nd January each year, Ginza, Tokyo brand name shopping area, same as New York 5th Avenue and Shinjuku area.

Accommodation: Tobu Levant Hotel or similar

Day 04, 30 MAR: TOKYO – HAKONE – MT. FUJI – FUJIKAWAGUCHIKO (B.L.D)

Travel to Hakone by coach. Visit the Peace Park, Owakutani Hot Spring and have a cruise on Lake Ashi. Visit Mt. Fuji. Climb up to the 5th station by coach, about 2300 meters above the sea level. Visit the Visitor Centre. Enjoy a hot spring in your hotel in the evening.

Accommodation: Motosu View Hotel or similar

Day 05, 31 MAR: ISAWA – LAKE SUWA– TAKAYAMA (B.L.D)

Proceed to visit Lake Suwa. Afterwards we drive towards Takayama where we will visit Takayama Old Town. The Old Town of Takayama still stands on the east side of the Miyagawa River flowing through Takayama, and in the middle of it is Sanmachi, where Edo period houses remain. This district was designated as an area of important traditional buildings by the Japanese Government (Nationally Recognized Historical Building Preservation Area). The highlight of the trip is the Historical Government House (Takayama Jinya). The building served as The Tokugawa government's administrative building of Hida Province for 177 years (1692-1868). Of the 60 local government offices that were once spread throughout Japan, this is the only one still in existence.

Note: please prepare an overnight bag tonight; your big luggage will be sent to Hiroshima by bus tomorrow morning, so you will need to use the overnight bag tomorrow night.

Accommodation: Takayama Hotel or similar

Day 06, 01 APR: TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWAGO GASSHO VILLAGE – NARA (B.L.D)

We will start with the visit to the Historic Villages of Shirakawa-gō and Gokayama, one of Japan's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Shirakawa-gō (White River Old District) is located in the village of Shirakawa. These villages are well known for their houses constructed in architectural style known as gassho-zukuri ("prayer-hands construction") style, which is characterized by a thatched and steeply slanting roof resembling two hands joined in prayer. The design is exceptionally strong and combined with the unique properties of the thatching, allowed the houses to withstand and shed the weight of the region's heavy snowfalls in winter. Afterwards we will proceed to Nara.

Note: Overnight bag will be used tonight.

Accommodation: Nara Washington Plaza hotel or similar

Day 07, 02 APR: NARA – KYOTO – HIROSHIMA (B.L.D)

In the morning, you will visit Nara Deer Park, Todai Temple and Heian Shrine. Afterwards you will visit the Golden Pavilion and enjoy the Kimono show at Nishinjin showroom. Later we will travel on a Bullet Train from Kyoto to Hiroshima.

Accommodation: Hiroshima Rihga Royal Hotel or similar

Day 08, 03 APR: HIROSHIMA – MIYAJIMA – HIROSHIMA (B.L.D)

After breakfast you will leave the hotel for a sightseeing tour of Hiroshima and Miyajima. You will visit the Itsukushima Shrine located on Itsukushima Island (Miyajima). Miyajima Island is the popular name of Itsukushima Island situated in Miyajima Town southwestern Hiroshima. It is a scenic sight in which the mountains, sea and red shrine buildings blend in harmony, and the entire island is designated as a historic site. It is one of the three most beautiful sites in Japan, along with Matsushima in Miyagi and Amanohashidate in Kyoto. Next, visit Peace Memorial Park. The Genbaku Dome (The Atomic Bomb Dome) is the symbol of Hiroshima, the city that advocates peace in the world. It is located in Hiroshima and faces Hiroshima Bay in the Seto Inland Sea. It was originally the Hiroshima Industrial Promotion Hall built in 1915. While all structures vanished in the atomic bomb explosion, only this building miraculously remained standing after the atomic bombing of 6 August 1945.

Accommodation: Hiroshima Rihga Royal Hotel or similar

Day 09, 04 APR: HIROSHIMA – OKAYAMA (B.L.D)

After breakfast, you are transferred to Kurashiki, is one of the largest industrial towns in Western Japan, as well as a sightseeing city that preserves the atmosphere of olden day Japan. You will visit Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter, which is a symbolic area of the town.

Accommodation: Okayama Hotel or Kobe area hotel or similar

Day 10, 05 APR: OKAYAMA – KOBE – OSAKA (B.L.D)

After breakfast, you are transferred to Kobe. Visit Old Sake Breweries Museum, and drive to Osaka. Upon arrival at Osaka, visit Osaka Castle and Shinzaibashi shopping area.

Accommodation: Star Gate Hotel or similar

Day 11, 06 APR: OSAKA – HONG KONG– AUSTRALIA (B)

For Sydney Passengers

CX569, 06 Apr. Osaka (KIX) – Hong Kong 18:30/21:45

CX101, 06 Apr. Hong Kong – Sydney 23:55/10:50 (07 Apr.)

For Melbourne Passengers

CX569, 06 Apr. Osaka – Hong Kong 18:30/21:45

CX105, 07 Apr. Hong Kong – Melbourne (MEL) 00:10/11:10

After breakfast, you are free until transfer to airport for your flight homewards to Australia via Hong Kong.

Day 12, 07 APR: AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Australia today. Your unforgettable Japan Cherry Blossom tour ends.

Tour price: \$5,610 per person, twin or double share

Single supplement: \$1,080

Tour price includes:

1. Cathay Pacific Airways return economy class air-fare Sydney or Melbourne – Hong Kong – Narita//Kansai – Hong Kong – Sydney or Melbourne;
2. Airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$490, subject to change. Flight schedule, subject to change);
3. Ten-night twin-shared accommodation at 4-star hotels mentioned in the itinerary or similar in Japan;
4. Meals as listed in the itinerary (Buffet breakfasts at hotels, Japanese, Chinese or Western lunches and dinners at local restaurants or hotel restaurants);
5. Sightseeing tours with admission as stated in the itinerary;
6. Bullet train ticket Kyoto – Hiroshima in Japan;
1. Gratuities to guide and driver (\$120 per person for whole trip);
7. Transfers and transport all through;
8. Professional English-speaking guide in Japan.

Tour price excludes:

1. Travel insurance;
2. Any meals or services not mentioned in the itinerary;
3. Beverage and personal expenses.