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

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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, the beautiful colourful Cherry Blossoms and some of the famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Japan and experience the exotic oriental lifestyle of Japanese people.

Day 01, 29 MAR: SYDNEY/MELBOURNE – SHANGHAI MU 736, 29 MAR. SYDNEY – SHANGHAI (PVG) 21:30/05:00 (31 MAR.) MU 738, 29 MAR. MELBOURNE – SHANGHAI (PVG) 12:00/19:50 (All the flights are subject to airline's final confirmation.)

Both Sydney and Melbourne passengers depart to Tokyo Narita Airport via Shanghai. Sydney passengers will depart in the evening and Melbourne passengers will depart at noon and stay one night in Shanghai.

# Day 02, 30 MAR: SHANGHAI- TOKYO (D) MU 727, 30 MAR. SHANGHAI (PVG) - NARITA (NRT) 07:55/12:00

In the morning, Sydney passengers will connect your flight in Shanghai, continue flying to Narita, Tokyo and arrive in Tokyo, the capital of Japan at noon. And Melbourne passengers will be transferred to airport in the morning for your connection flight together with Sydney passengers to Narita, Tokyo. You are met by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel. You will have a welcoming dinner in your hotel restaurant tonight.

Accommodation: Sheraton Chiba Hotel\*\*\* or similar

Day 03, 31 APR: NARITA – NIKKO – TOKYO (B.L)



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 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 04, 01 APR: TOKYO SIGHTSEEING (B.L.D)

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

Accommodation: Tobu Levant Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

#### Day 05, 02 APR: 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: Highland Resort Hotel & Spa\*\*\*\* or similar

### Day 06, 03 APR: FUJIKAWAGUCHIKO – TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWAGO GASSHO VILLAGE – NARA (B.L.D)

We will travel to Yakayama and 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: Hotel Nikko Nara\*\*\* or similar

Day 07, 04 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, 05 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, 06 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: Kurashiki Seiya Kojima Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

#### Day 10, 07 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: Holiday Inn Express Osaka Namba\*\*\*\* or similar

Day 11, 08 APR: OSAKA – SHANGHAI– SYDNEY/MELBOURNE (B)

MU 748, 08 APR. OSAKA (KIX) – SHANGHAI (PVG) 16:30/18:30

MU 561, 08 APR. SHANGHAI (PVG) – SYDNEY 20:20/09:00 (09 APR.)

MU 737, 08 APR. SHANGHAI (PVG) – MELBOURNE 20:15/09:00 (09 APR.)





#### Cherry Blossoms tour ends.

## (All the flights are subject to airline's final confirmation.)

You are at leisure until check-out. And then you are transferred to airport for your flights to Sydney or Melbourne via Shanghai. You will fly overnight.

## Day 12, 09 APR: SYDNEY OR MELBOURNE ARRIVAL

Arrive in Sydney or Melbourne, Australia this morning. Your unforgettable Japan

Departure Date: 29 March 2026

**Tour price:** \$5,130 per person, twin or double share

Single supplement: \$1,180

#### **Tour price includes:**

- 1. China Eastern Airlines economy class air-fare Sydney or Melbourne Shanghai Narita //Osaka Shanghai Sydney or Melbourne;
- 2. Airport tax and fuel surcharge;
- 3. Ten-night twin-shared accommodation at 4-star hotels mentioned in the itinerary or similar in Japan (one night accommodation at 4-star hotel in Shanghai airport for Melbourne customers);
- 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;
- 7. Transfers and transport all through;
- 8. Gratuities to guide and driver;
- 9. 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.

