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JAPAN: LAND OF THE RISING SUN

9 or 11 days | Japan

Japan has had many identities through the centuries; its story is a fascinating one. Tokyo is the modern-day center of pop culture and business, while Kyoto remains the most traditional of the big cities. The country has unsurpassed natural beauty—see it from the window of the high-speed shinkansen train and in the majestic lakes and mountains of Hakone National Park.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (3 with extension)
-  **Entrances:** Meiji Shinto Shrine; Asakusa Kannon Temple; Lake Hakone cruise; Mount Komagatake cable car; Nijo Castle; Kimono show; Gold Pavilion; Inari Taisha Shrine; Osaka Castle; *With extension: Istukushima Shrine; Peace Memorial Museum; Himeji Castle*
-  **weShare**, our project-based learning program that combines an online platform with global experiences.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Bullet train; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension); Breakfast and dinner daily



Asakusa Kannon Temple



Shinto Shrine

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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

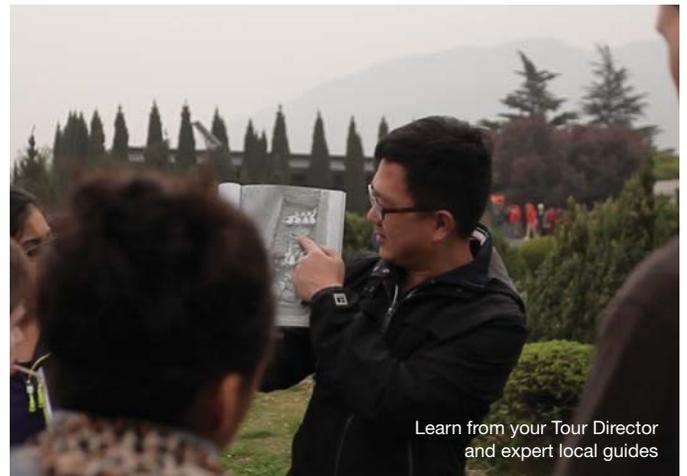
When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Japan

Day 2: Tokyo

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Tokyo, city of contrasts. During your stay you'll encounter the Imperial Palace's stately grandeur close to stories-tall jumbotrons, bound to wow even the most seasoned city-dwellers. See Harajuku's young denizens blaze a path for fashion lovers everywhere in this inimitable shopping district. Counteract the bustle of Tokyo's streets with a visit to the Meiji Shinto Shrine. Quiet and stillness reign inside the elaborate Inner Garden, a wooded oasis in the middle of the city. Make your way to the largest Buddhist temple, Asakusa Kannon. Here, restaurants, theaters and cinemas surround a five-story pagoda—a perfect symbol of Tokyo's enduring past and ultramodern future.

Day 3: Tokyo

- Take an expertly guided tour of Tokyo: Harajuku shopping district; Imperial Palace Plaza
- Visit the Meiji Shinto Shrine
- Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple
- Enjoy a tempura dinner

Day 4: Tokyo

- Time to see more of Tokyo or
 - Visit Nikko: Toshugu Shrine; Kegon Waterfall; Lake Chuzenji

Day 5: Kamakura | Hakone

- Travel to Kamakura
- See the Great Buddha
- Continue on to Hakone. Boasting botanical gardens, an open-air museum and spectacular views of Mt. Fuji, Hakone welcomes tens of millions of visitors every year. Your stay includes a boat cruise on the sparkling Lake Ashi and a cable car ride up Mount Komagatake. Experience true Japanese hospitality when you spend the night in a traditional inn, or ryokan. During your stay, enjoy the simplicity of your surroundings and sleep on a futon atop tatami-matted floors—remember to remove your shoes before you enter.
- Spend the night in a traditional Japanese ryokan

Day 6: Hakone | Kyoto

- Tour Hakone National Park
- Take a cruise on Lake Hakone
- Ride a cable car up Mount Komagatake
- Travel by bullet train to Kyoto, a city that conjures up images of sunlit walks around tiered pagodas and quiet lakes lined with cherry blossom trees. Experience this scenery firsthand on your visit to the tranquil Gold Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple painted in delicate gold leaf. As the national capital for over a millennium, Kyoto offers you a unique glimpse into the history of Imperial Japan. Long rows of iconic vermilion torii (gates) lead to the inner shrine of Fushimi-Inari Taisha, located near the base of the Inari mountain. Originally constructed to honor the god of rice, you can still see stone foxes, known messengers of Inari, standing throughout the elaborate complex. On your visit to Nijo castle, wander through the Japanese cypress halls that the powerful Tokugawa shogunate called home.

Day 7: Kyoto

- Take an expertly guided tour of Kyoto
- Visit Nijo Castle
- Enjoy a kimono show
- Visit the Gold Pavilion
- Time to see more of Kyoto or
 - Visit Nara: Todaiji Temple; Deer Park; Kasuga Shrine

Day 8: Kyoto | Osaka

- Visit Inari Taisha Shrine
- Travel to Osaka
- Visit Osaka Castle
- Enjoy an okonomiyaki dinner

Day 9: Depart for home

• 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 9: Osaka | Hiroshima

- Travel by bullet train to Hiroshima
- Take an excursion to Miyajima Park
- Visit Istukushima Shrine
- Take an expertly guided tour of Hiroshima
- Visit the Peace Memorial Museum

Day 10: Osaka

- Visit Himeji Castle
- Return to Osaka

Day 11: Depart for home

The Land of the Rising Sun was an amazing trip! I highly recommend it to everyone! We saw and experienced so many things. Japan is a beautiful country with very welcoming people. Looking forward to my next EF Tour!

– JENNIFER, GROUP LEADER

 Via Facebook

This was the best trip I have ever been on. Japan was absolutely beautiful and so very clean. The dining experiences were fascinating and something I would like to dive into again. Although if you like sushi, then the food is way better than what I thought. The shopping in Kyoto and Tokyo were fantastic (I wish I took more money with me). Everything in Japan is just so... so...efficient!

– SAMANTHA, TRAVELER

 Tour review

TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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As a parent I am very grateful that I was able to give this opportunity to my child. It was worth every penny to see her smiling face in the pictures on the trip. Encourage your child to embrace the moment; be open to new cultures, foods, and just a new way of life and looking at things.

—KATHLEEN, DAUGHTER TRAVELED APRIL 2013



Tour review

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