

Osaka

## Splendid Classic JAPAN

12 Days / 11 Nights

*With 6852 islands, Japan is a land covered with 70% of mountains, over 200 of them being volcanoes. Our Japan tour displays an iconic land that has beautifully blended traditions with modern life, co-existing together. Known as the Land of the Rising Sun, Japan is known for out-of-the-box fashion trends and also for its culinary experiments which can be lived along. Even though Japan is a relatively small country, the depth of its culture and colour is immeasurable. The lively ambience of this country is noteworthy. The high-tech amenities and anime culture have made an insuperable part of Japan's identity! Notice this remarkable drift in the culture along with our Japan tour.*

**Highlights:** Tokyo • Mount Fuji • Hakone • Shizuoka • Nagoya • Miyajima Island • Hiroshima • Kobe • Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park • Jain Temple Kobe

### Day 1: LONDON - TOKYO

We set for a great and memorable holiday with "CITIBOND's – Splendid Japan Tour." Japan truly is unlike any other country on earth. In an era of globalization, Japan manages to maintain a completely foreign feel that we as travellers thrive upon. From its rich culture to its futuristic and high-tech cities, to its orderly ways, Japan is a destination that you have to visit to experience.

### Day 2: TOKYO (D)

Arrive at Narita International Airport. After clearing customs & immigration, proceed to check in at the Hotel in Tokyo. Tokyo - is Japan's capital and the world's most populous metropolis cosmopolitan city with a blend of High tech & culture. Tokyo dazzles with its traditional culture and passion for everything. The city is always changing in fun, unpredictable ways and creates new styles by mixing modernity and tradition more than anyone sight. Check-in, Free time to get fresh and relax. Dinner at a local Restaurant. Overnight at a Hotel in Tokyo.

### Day 3: TOKYO (B/L/D)

After breakfast this morning you will depart for a full day tour of Tokyo. You will visit to The Tokyo Sky Tree, the second-tallest structure in Japan. The tower was built in 1958 and has been visited by over 150 million people to date. Take in the specular

view from the observation deck! Thereafter visit the Asakusa District which is situated along the west bank of the Sumida-Gawa River, and enjoy the cruise which provides a seamless and enjoyable way to experience Tokyo's sights from the water. Whether you're traveling between Asakusa and Odaiba or exploring local landmarks, these cruises offer a laid-back sightseeing adventure. Later, enjoy the Imperial Palace Lovely Palace in beautiful grounds and their lovely gardens and Meiji Jingu a shrine dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Lunch/Dinner at Local Restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Tokyo.

### Day 4: TOKYO - MT. FUJI - HAKONE - MATSUMOTO (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we leave for Mt. Fuji, Japan's highest mountain at 3776 meters. The coach will head up to the 5th Station along the Subaru Line, at 2,300 meters above sea level (weather permitting). At this height, you will be amazed by the spectacular, breathtaking views from above the clouds. Free time for lunch at 5th Station or grab some snacks and eat in a coach. You will then head towards Hakone which is a city in Japan that lies within the borders of the Fuji-Hakone-Izu national park in the Ashigarashimo District of Kanagawa Prefecture.



After you have arrived at the Hakone area, visit Owakudani Valley and feel the volcanic activity this place is famous for boiled eggs using the hot spring's water. The Hakone boat cruise is one of the must-experience activities while in Hakone. Take in Hakone's beautiful scenery on a cruise around Lake Ashi. Lunch/Dinner at Local Restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in the Matsumoto.

### Day 5: MATSUMOTO - ALPINE ROUTE - TOYAMA (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will leave for Matsumoto and take an Alpine Route which is a unique and spectacular route through the Northern Japan Alps it was completed in 1971, and the route connects Toyama City in Toyama Prefecture with Omachi Town in Nagano Prefecture. Lunch/Dinner at Local Restaurant Overnight in Toyama.

### Day 6: TOYAMA - KANAZAWA (B/L/D)

This morning after breakfast you will visit Kenrokuen-Gardens in Kanazawa is justifiably classified as one of Japan's "three most beautiful landscape gardens". Opened to the public in 1871, Kenrokuen features a variety of flowering trees that provide the garden with a different look for each season you will proceed to Kanazawa Park Castle, from 1583 to the end of the Edo Period, Kanazawa Castle was the seat

of the powerful Maeda Clan, lords of Kaga, a feudal domain ranking second only to the Tokugawa possessions in terms of size and wealth. Later visit to Nagamachi, it was a samurai district located at the foot of the former Kanazawa Castle, where samurai and their families used to reside. One of the main attractions of the district is the centrally located Nomura-ke, a restored samurai residence displaying the lifestyle and artifacts of the era when samurai were prosperous. In contrast is the Shinise Kinenkan Museum, a restored pharmacy displaying the lives of the merchant class which rose in prosperity as the samurai declined followed by Omicho Market, Kanazawa's largest fresh food market since the Edo Period (1603-1868). Lunch & Dinner at Local Restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Kanazawa.

### Day 7: KANAZAWA - TAKAYAMA (B/L/D)

Today after breakfast at the hotel, you will be visiting Takayama (Sanmachi) & Takayama Jinya which is a great spot, the old streets in Takayama are lovely. Later, you will proceed to Harada Brewery, Harada Sake Brewery was established at the end of the Edo Period (1855). It has been producing sake for more than two hundred years. At the directly managed stores, you can enjoy paid tasting (450 yen) and seasonal sake (200 yen). There are also plenty of sweets made with sake Lunch/Dinner at Local Restaurant Overnight at the hotel in Takayama.

### Day 8: TAKAYAMA - KYOTO (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, today you will be visiting Fushimi Inari, Fushimi Inari-taisha is the head shrine of the kami Inari, located in Fushimi-ku, Kyoto, Kyoto Prefecture, Japan. The shrine sits at the base of a mountain. Then, you will be proceeding to Kinkaku-ji Temple is known as "the Golden Pavilion" for a very special reason – its top two stories are covered in gold leaf. Its shining surface reflects into the kyoko-chi, or Mirror Pond. Stationed at the foot of Kinugasa Hill, the temple grounds are wooded and present a lovely place for strolling and meditation Later, visit Arashiyama(Bamboo Forest) Bamboo Forest, Arashiyama Bamboo Grove or Sagano Bamboo Forest, is a natural forest of bamboo in Arashiyama, Kyoto, Japan. Lunch & Dinner in the local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Kyoto.

### Day 9: KYOTO - NARA - KYOTO (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will proceed to NARA PARK. Nara Park is a large park in central Nara. Established in 1880, it is the location of many of Nara's main attractions including Todaiji Temple, Kasuga Taisha, Kofukuji, and the Nara National Museum. It is also home to hundreds of freely roaming deer. Todaiji Temple is one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. The temple was constructed in 752 as the head temple of all provincial Buddhist temples in Japan. Later enjoy Tea Ceremony in Ryozen Kannon,

Ryozen Kannon is at the foot of Ryozen Mountain which is one of the Higashiyama thirty-six Mountains. You can have a Tea ceremony and Zazen meditation experiences near the large white Kannon statue while enjoying the beautiful mountains with the changing seasons and Kiyomizudera (Kiyomizu Temple literally "Pure Water Temple") is one of the most celebrated temples of Japan. The temple was added to the list of UNESCO world heritage sites. You will also be visiting Gion Corner, Kyoto's most famous geisha district, located around Shijo Avenue between Yasaka Shrine in the east and the Kamo River in the west. Lunch and at the local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Kyoto.

### Day 10: KYOTO - OSAKA (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the Hotel. After Breakfast check out and transfer to Osaka. Upon arrival head for Osaka Sightseeing. Osaka - is Japan's second-largest metropolitan area after Tokyo. It has been the economic powerhouse of the Kansai Region for many centuries. Osaka was formerly known as Naniwa. Visit Osaka Castle (Outside view) - The castle is one of Japan's most famous landmarks and it played a major role in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century. Osaka Castle was built in the latter half of the 16th century. It is the country's pride, a great symbol of Japan, and it took around 16 years to fully construct. The area surrounding Osaka Castle has a lot to talk about the vast and rich Japanese history. It is surrounded by a moat and a park with plum, peach, and cherry blossom trees. After lunch Visit, Umeda Sky Building "Floating Garden Observatory", located close to Osaka and Umeda stations in Osaka's Kita area, is a famous skyscraper and sightseeing destination. Visitors can not only enjoy a view but also the building's unique architecture and the Floating Garden Observatory located on its highest floor. Later in the evening enjoy Free time for Shopping at Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori. Shop for High-end stuff & at a very reasonable price. have dinner at a local restaurant, transfer to the hotel & checkin. Overnight at a hotel in Osaka.

### Day 11: OSAKA - HIROSHIMA - OSAKA (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the Hotel. After Breakfast drop at Shin-Osaka station & transfer to Hiroshima by Bullet Train (Shinkansen) - Japan's High-tech Train. The highest speed is 300kph. Visit Miyajima is a small island less than an hour outside the city of Hiroshima. It is most famous for its giant torii gate, which at high tide seems to float on the water. While officially named Itsukushima, the island is more commonly referred to as Miyajima. The shrine's main buildings are built over water. Arrive Hiroshima - the capital of Hiroshima Prefecture, and, the largest island of Japan. Visit the It is best known as the first city in history to be targeted by a nuclear weapon when the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) dropped an atomic bomb on it at 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, near the end of

World War II. Visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum - is a large-scale park & was established in 1949 after the Pacific War ended and is visited by countless visitors as a symbol of peace. Atomic Bomb Dome - One of the only structures that weren't completely leveled, the A-Bomb Dome, was once the Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall. It has been preserved untouched, and though fenced off from the public, is in clear view and illuminated at night. It was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1996. The Memorial Mound contains the cremated ashes of 70,000 unidentified victims. Upon arrival at Osaka have dinner at a local restaurant & transfer to the hotel. Overnight at hotel in Osaka.

### Day 12: OSAKA - LONDON (B)

And just like that our fabulous journey of our "Citibond's - Classic Japan Tour" comes to an end, sooner than we would have liked. With our bags neatly packed and our souvenirs all stacked up, with wonderful memories of the trip and renewed plans of another visit, we head to the airport to board our flight back home.

Departure dates		
Departure	Number of days	Price per person
18-Jun-24	12 days / 11 nights	from £4399
9-Sep-24	12 days / 11 nights	from £4399
15-Oct-24	11 days / 10 nights	from £4399
19-Nov-24	11 days / 10 nights	from £4399

#### What's Included in Your Tour?

- All Air Fares and Airport Taxes
- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tour duration includes two nights overnight travel
- All Transfer by Chartered Coach as mentioned in the itinerary
- Admissions as mentioned in the itinerary
- 2nd Class of Bullet trains
- English-speaking guide as mentioned in the itinerary

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