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## 2025 JAPAN 12 DAY TOUR – CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME TOUR

### **Day One:**

Today our limousine service will pick us up from our homes and transfer us to Pearson International Airport where we'll board our flight to Tokyo. Relax on your overnight flight to Tokyo.

### **Day 2: Tokyo**

Upon arrival at Tokyo airport, you will meet our representative with the name board at the airport exit. Private transfer to hotel. After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

### **Day 3: Tokyo**

After breakfast, start your day in Tokyo Metro Building observatory and enjoy a panoramic view of Tokyo. Visit Meiji Shrine in the morning, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Immerse yourself in the energetic chaos of Shibuya Crossing and enjoy some free time for lunch. Later, stroll through the Sensoji Temple (Asakusa Kannon Temple), one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples.

Then walk along the famous 820-ft long Nakamise shopping street where you can explore the lines of stalls selling different Japanese-styled goods and souvenirs. You may also choose the optional Kimono Rental (CAD\$85) and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street in Japan's beautiful national dress. This evening we will enjoy a Kaiseki dinner. Kaiseki is a traditional Japanese multi-course meal. It generally consists of a sequence of light dishes and is often served at high-class Japanese restaurants. (B, D)

### **Day 4: Tokyo – Kamakura & Yokohama**

Today, we embark on a journey to Kamakura and Yokohama, two of Japan's most enchanting cities. Your adventure begins with convenient pickup from your Tokyo hotel, followed by a scenic coach ride southwest to Kamakura. This picturesque seaside town, nestled among lush forested hills along Sagami Bay, is celebrated for its stunning Buddhist temples, serene Shinto shrines, and rich historical heritage. Later we'll continue to Yokohama, Japan's second-largest city, where modernity meets tradition. Discover the tranquil beauty of Sankeien Garden, a traditional Japanese landscape that showcases seasonal flora and historic architecture. Next, visit the iconic Red Brick Warehouse, a former customs building that has been transformed into a vibrant hub of stylish shops and eateries. Conclude your day with a leisurely stroll through the scenic Yamashita Park, where you can enjoy views of the waterfront, and immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of Chinatown, the largest in Japan. After day tour, back to Tokyo overnight. (B)



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### **Day 5: Tokyo – Mt. Fuji**

Today, visit Gotemba Peace Park to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji. Oshino Hakkai, known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Afterwards, and Sengenjinja Shrine. Enjoy the picturesque view of Mount Fuji from a distance onboard the cruise on Lake Kawaguchi, a crater lake famous for its views of the famous peak. Afterwards, Finish the day with a true cultural experience in our hot spring hotel. Dress in Yukata bath robes and enjoy a traditional dinner. **(B, D)**

### **Day 6: Mt. Fuji – Matsumoto - Azumino**

This morning, transfer to Matsumoto. Today we will visit the Matsumoto castle, one of the most beautiful and complete original castles in Japan. Known as the "Crow Castle" due to its black exterior, it is a flatland castle (hirajiro), built on a plain rather than a hill or mountain. Afterwards, visit Daiowasabi Farm, one of the largest wasabi farms in the country, and situated in the rural area of Azumino, known for its clear spring water from the Northern Alps, which is ideal for wasabi cultivation. Overnight in Azumino. **(B, D)**

### **Day 7: Azumino - Shirakawago - Takayama**

This morning, transfer to Shirakawago. Visit Shirakawago village is declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1995, they are famous for their traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which are more than 250 years old. Continue our trip to Takayama, visit Takayama Matsuri Yatai Kaikan, which is a museum and exhibition hall devoted to the unique and spectacular floats of the Takayama Festival. Proceed to hotel and overnight Takayama. **(B)**

### **Day 8: Takayama - Nagoya**

Start your day in Takayama Morning Market, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of here where local vendors showcase fresh produce, handmade crafts, and regional specialties. Visit Takayama Jinya, a historic government building that offers a fascinating glimpse into the region's administrative past and traditional architecture. Stroll through the charming streets of Takayama Old Town, where you can enjoy lunch at a cozy spot, savoring local dishes and specialties amidst well-preserved wooden buildings. After your time in Takayama, continue your journey to Nagoya. **(B)**



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### **Day 9: Nagoya – Kyoto (Shinkansen experience)**

This morning, visit Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology. Here you will learn about the history of Toyota which started out as a textile machinery manufacturer and how it became a successful mass exporter and manufacturer of automotive technology, including robots. Experience a modern marvel by riding the Shinkansen (bullet train) from Nagoya to Kyoto station. Kyoto was Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868. Countless temples, shrines, and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today. Visit to the iconic Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its thousands of vibrant red torii gates that wind their way up the sacred Mount Inari. **(B)**

### **Day 10: Kyoto - Osaka**

Today, embark on the Kansai Culture Tour, beginning with a visit to the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, a mesmerizing forest of thousands of tall bamboo plants. A paved walkway runs through the middle, forming the famous "Bamboo Alley," one of Kyoto's most photographed sights. Enjoy a traditional Japanese lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, visit the Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine, one of the most sacred and impressive destinations. Walk through the iconic vermilion Torii Gates, exploring the picturesque ancient streets and capturing great photo opportunities. In the afternoon, experience a unique tea ceremony with nerikiri, making your travel truly memorable. Continued to Osaka and stay overnight. **(B, L)**

### **Day 11: Osaka – Nara - Osaka**

This morning, depart from the hotel and head to Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momoyama period in the sixteenth century. After exploring the castle, proceed to Dotonbori, a district filled with towering neon signs and restaurants serving local specialties. Enjoy some free time for lunch and explore this vibrant area. Later, continue to Todai-ji to visit the Great Buddha Hall and interact with the deer in Nara Park. Finally, return to the hotel and relax after a day of sightseeing. **(B, L)**

### **Day 12: Osaka - Toronto**

Free at leisure in the morning. This afternoon we transfer to the airport to board our back to Canada. Upon arrival in Toronto we'll take our limousine service back to our homes! **(B)**

**WELCOME HOME! B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**