

# **Discover Hidden Japan & Golden Route** Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto, Kurashiki, Tokushima, Iya Valley, Osaka (11 days / 10 nights)

Explore the extraordinary world, Tokushima with the picturesque Iya Valley - one of the most unexplored areas of Japan. Starting in the dynamic city of Tokyo, a modern city that preserves its traditional foundations, this itinerary also visits Hakone with Mt. Fuji view, Kyoto, the spiritual home of Japanese tradition, Kurashiki, a beautifully preserved historical town, and the majesty of Osaka Castle.

This is a tailor-made travel program and we can craft your personalized itinerary designed based on your interests.

#### Day 1: Narita Airport » Tokyo Stay at hotel in Tokyo

## Day 2: Tokyo

Attractions in Tokyo
Imperial Place Plaza
Asakusa Kannon Temple/Nakamise

Shopping Street • Tokyo SkyTree • Edo Tokyo Museum Stay at hotel in Tokyo

## Day 3: Tokyo

Attractions in Tokyo • Tsukiji Market • Team Lab • Meiji Jingu Shrine • Harajuku / Shibuya Stay at hotel in Tokyo

#### Day 4: Tokyo » Hakone » Kyoto Attractions in Hakone

- Mt. Komagatake Ropeway
- Lake Ashi Cruise with Mt. Fuji view
  Open-Air Museum
- Stay at hotel or ryokan in Kyoto

#### Day 5: Kyoto Attractions in Kyoto

Kyoto Imperial Palace 
 Nishiki Market

• Kiyomizu Temple • Gion district Stay at hotel or ryokan in Kyoto

# Day 6: Kyoto

- Fushimi Inari Shrine Golden Pavilion
- <Arashivama area>
- Togetsukyo Bridge
   Arashiyama Bamboo Grove
   Tenryuji Temple
- Stay at hotel or ryokan in Kyoto

## Day 7: Kyoto » Kurashiki » Tokushima

Attractions in Kurashiki

- Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- Kurashiki Canal Traditional Boat Crusing
   Ohara Museum of art
   Stay at hotel in Tokushima

# Day 8: Tokushima

Attractions in Kurashiki

- · Uzu-no-michi Walkway
- Otsuka Museum of Art
- Matsuura Sake Brewery Stay at hotel in Tokushima

Day 9: Tokushima » Iya Valley Attractions in Iya Valley



- Hashikura Temple (Meditation)
- Iya Valley Vine Bridge in the Iya Valley
- Oboke Gorge Sightseeing Cruise Boat Stay at ryokan in Iya Hot Springs

# Day 10: Iya Valley » Osaka

Attractions in Osaka • Osaka Castle • Dotonbori district • Shinsekai Stay at hotel in Osaka

# Day 11: Osaka » Kansai Airport



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# **HIGHLIGHTS:**

## Asakusa Kannon Temple / Nakamise Shopping Street

For a glimpse into Tokyo's past, the Asakusa district is the place. The many narrow back streets, lined with old buildings and shops, sell traditional items from kimono to hand-made combs.

## **Tokyo Skytree**

Boasting a height of 634m, making it the world's highest stand-alone communication tower, Tokyo Skytree opened in May 2012 and has already become a major symbol of Tokyo.

#### **Hakone Ropeway**

The ropeway will take you to the top of Mt. Komagatake, commanding a view of Mt. Fuji, Lake Ashi,

## Lake Ashi Cruise with Mt. Fuji view

One can cruise around beautiful Alke Ashi, typical caldera lake formed between the outer crater ridge and inner volcanoes. Lake Ashi is also well known for the inverted reflection of Mt. Fuji over the water which is seen on clear days.

# **Gion district**

The traditional townhouses, known as machiya, line the streets of Gion. Many of these former residences have been transformed into restaurants, shops, and other businesses. You might even glimpse a real geisha in training, known as a maiko.

#### **Fushimi Inari Shrine**

The head of all of Japan's Inari shrines. The seemingly endless path of vibrant range torii gate leading up Mt Inari makes for an impressive setting and is one of the most famous images of Japan.

# **Golden Pavilion**

The spectacular gold temple that glitters right next to the mirror pond.

#### Arashiyama Bamboo Grove

One of Kyoto's most photographed and recognizable sights, and a walk through it will be one of your most lasting impressions of this city.

## Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter

This townscape, known for the characteristically Japanese white walls of its residences and the willow trees lining the banks of the Kurashiki River, has earned recognition as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings.

#### Uzu-no-michi Walkway

The Naruto Strait has the best eddying current in the world, producing whirlpools up to 20 meters in diameter. A walkway over the strait allows visitors to see the whirlpools below through a transparent floor.

#### Matsuura Sake Brewery

The sake brewery that lines this street is 200 years old and still follows traditional production methods. Tours of the brewery is available by reservation.

#### Iya Valley

The lya Valley's location deep in the mountains of Shikoku has kept it far off the beaten path, rewarding those who come with unspoiled natural scenery, narrow river gorges, rustic vine bridge and relaxing hot springs.

#### Vine Bridge in the Iya Valley

Located in an area of steep gorges filled with rushing water, the bridges, traditionally made by weaving together wisteria vines, once served as common and important lifelines for people in the remote and mountainous lya Valley.

## **Oboke Gorge Sightseeing Cruise Boat**

Over 200 million years, the torrent of the Yoshino River carved out this gorge full of gigantic and intriguingly shaped cliffs and boulders. Taking a cruise boat, which travels down the gorge at a leisurely pace, is one of the highlights of Oboke-Koboke sightseeing.

## **Osaka Castle**

A monumental fortification constructed, upon the order of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, to be the strongest and most beautiful castle in Japan.

#### **Dotonbori district**

Osaka's hotspot for tourists and reveler alike, Dotonbori is filled with towering neon signs, clubs, bars, and restaurants serving up local specialities.

