

Topdeck

JAPAN HIGHLIGHTS



TRIP CODE:

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Japan is an epic mix of the traditional and the ultra-modern. Robot bars, too-big-for-the-bowl udon, a Buddhist prayer service and the Hiroshima Peace Museum are just some activities that will introduce you to The Land of the Rising Sun.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hotel



Nights



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package.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Visit the Senso ji Temple
- + Walk the Shibuya crossing
- + Visit Akihabara
- + Visit Harajuku
- + Visit the Itsukushima Shrine
- + Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum
- + Visit a sake brewery
- + Visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Full day city tour
- + Train ticket
- + Visit the Hida folk village
- + Visit morning riverside markets
- + Half-day tour of Takayama
- + Visit a sake brewery
- + Ferry to Miyajima
- + Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum
- + Traditional Buddhist dinner
- + Visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine
- + Kyoto city tour

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Kyoto
Asia

Trip currencies

- + Japan - JPY

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
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DAY 1 | TOKYO, JAPAN

You're in Tokyo, baby! Meet the group and dive into a full day city tour. Spot the Senso-ji Temple and wander along the nearby 500-year-old Nakamise shopping street selling mochi (sticky rice cakes) and geta (wooden shoes). There's also Akihabara for the anime fans and the fashionable Shinjuku and Harajuku districts to explore. Don't forget to walk the famous Shibuya crossing or see the Meiji Shrine while you're at it. Phew! What. A. Day. Hungry? Thought so. Bond with your trip mates over dinner. It's gonna be an awesome 12 days!



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Full day city tour

DAY 2 | TOKYO

Today is a free day in Tokyo. Stuck for ideas? Hop across the unique patchwork of districts that makes up Tokyo's cityscape and, for a taste of tradition, visit the Imperial Palace and its surrounding gardens. In the evening, wander the futuristic neon-lit streets or spend your night in Shinjuku - there are endless restaurants, bars, clubs and karaoke joints here.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 3 | TOKYO

Today, why not take a visit to the happiest place on earth: Tokyo Disneyland (optional). Be sure to leave space in your suitcase for all of the Disney merchandise! Wanna go out with the group later? Take the option to visit the Robot Restaurant. Yes, it's a thing.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Visit Tokyo Disneyland
+ Visit the Robot Restaurant

DAY 4 | TOKYO TO TAKAYAMA

This morning pack your bags 'cos we're travelling on the bullet train to the beautiful Japanese Alps. You'll visit the Hida folk village when you get there. Why not finish off the day with an optional foodie activity? There's Hida beef on the menu if you want it.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Train ticket
+ Visit the Hida folk village



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Hida beef dinner

DAY 5 | TAKAYAMA

Start off the day at the morning riverside markets. Then, get your walking shoes on 'cos we'll be ticking off Takayama Jin'ya (a former government outpost) and visiting a sake brewery to try some of the famous Japanese rice wine. Tonight, be sure to check out the local onsen where you can relax in the hot springs. Aaaaand relax...



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit morning riverside markets
- + Half-day tour of Takayama
- + Visit a sake brewery

DAY 6 | TAKAYAMA TO HIROSHIMA VIA MIYAJIMA

Jump on a ferry to Miyajima to see the island's wild deer - cute! You can also check out the Itsukushima Shrine. A sunset at this spot is just the ticket to round off the day, so keep your phones charged for some pretty snaps.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Ferry to Miyajima

DAY 7 | HIROSHIMA TO OSAKA

Before leaving Hiroshima, visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum where you can learn about the atomic bombing during World War II. Later, we're headed to Osaka. You'll get the chance to experience traditional, vegetarian Buddhist cuisine at our accommodation tonight. Yum!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum
- + Traditional Buddhist dinner

DAY 8 | OSAKA TO KYOTO

We're making tracks to Japan's traditional capital, Kyoto. Kyoto is home to over 2,000 temples and shrines, and today you'll pay a visit to the beautiful Fushimi Inari Shrine.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine

DAY 9 | KYOTO

Start off with a guided tour of Kyoto. Tick off the Kinkakuji Golden Pavilion before moving on to the sprawling Arashiyama bamboo forest and the Togetsu-kyo bridge to find your zen place (and your next Instagram post). Fancy yourself a foodie? You're in luck, as we'll pop by the Nishiki Market next. In the afternoon, it's off to Nijo Castle and the Heian Shrine before finishing up with a quick visit to the Gion district. What a day!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Kyoto city tour

DAY 10 | KYOTO

A free day to explore, whoo! You could always go on a day trip to Nara for more cute deer, beautiful nature and majestic temples. Later, you can dress up as a maiko or samurai (optional). Want more? Kyoto's got a big student population, so why not get amongst the fun when day turns to night at a local bar?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Dress as a maiko or samurai

DAY 11 | KYOTO

Final day to pack in all that Kyoto has to offer. Quick, tick off the rest of the stuff on your Kyoto bucket list! Tonight, there's a group dinner to round off the trip. We won't blame you for getting emotional...



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 12 | KYOTO

After breakfast it's sayonara to the Land of the Rising Sun. Swap numbers and plan that next adventure together.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

Meals

We aim to make sure that breakfasts are included every morning in the accommodation (except on the first morning). They are usually 'continental breakfasts', which are typical in most countries. A typical breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, cheese and a range of spreads, with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in Asia. Though, on some occasions, there may be some hot food available as well. Please bear in mind that food varies across each country we visit in Asia.

Included evening meals are in local restaurants or in the included accommodation. In most cases, table water is provided with the meals and if you wish to purchase additional drinks you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements, we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make note of your requirements in the Topdeck app when you check in (refer below). Please be aware that although we will do everything in our power, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we eat in will be able to cater to all of your dietary needs, particularly in Asia. Also, we cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!