



## TOPDECKER, meet Asia

You could spend another week stuck in traffic, slugging it out at work or sitting through another episode of Love Island...

OR

you could spend 7 jam-packed days stuffing yourself on culinary delights in Osaka, exploring the ultra-modern Tokyo, getting high (in cable car) at Hakone and belting out karaoke in Kyoto. It's up to you.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



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package.

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## HI, AND THANKS FOR CHOOSING TO HOLIDAY WITH TOPDECK!

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

**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
- + Day trip to Hakone
- + Visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine
- + Kyoto city tour
- + Osaka city tour

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Full-day city tour
- + Day trip to Hakone
- + Train ticket
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## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Tokyo  
Japan

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Osaka  
Japan

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- + Japan - JPY

# YOUR ITINERARY

## 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. What. A. Day. Hungry? Thought so. Bond with your trip mates over dinner.



### MEALS:

+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Full-day city tour

## DAY 2 | TOKYO WITH MT FUJI, HAKONE DAY TRIP

Konichiwa Hakone! Swap the hustle and bustle of Tokyo for the natural beauty of Hakone. This place has beautiful views across Lake Ashinoko and amazing backdrops of the sacred Mount Fuji. It's not hard to see why Mount Fuji is loved by the Japanese and all who visit it, inspiring countless poets and artists. Before the day is up, visit the Hakone Shrine and the famous red torii (gate) overlooking Lake Ashi. Wow.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Day trip to Hakone

## DAY 3 | TOKYO

Free day in Tokyo! Start ticking off the hot spots in this epic place. Why not try your hand at sushi making or hop across the unique patchwork of districts that make 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. Wanna go out with the group? Take the option to visit the Robot Restaurant tonight. Yes, it's a thing.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Learn to make Sushi from:  
8824 JPY

+ Visit the Robot Restaurant  
from: 9,000 JPY

## DAY 4 | TOKYO TO KYOTO

This morning, pack your bags and get ready to travel at 300 km/h on the train before arriving in the futuristic station of Kyoto. Japan's traditional capital, Kyoto is home to over 2,000 temples and shrines, and we'll be paying a visit to the beautiful Fushimi Inari Shrine. Later, dress up as a maiko or a samurai (optional).



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Train ticket

+ Visit the Fushimi Inari  
Shrine



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Dress as a maiko or samurai  
from: 9,600 JPY - 11,500 JPY

## DAY 5 | KYOTO

We're off on a guided tour. Start off at the Kinkakuji Golden Pavilion and Ryoan-ji Temple. After lunch, travel to the Heian Shrine before ending with a quick visit to the Gion district. If you find you have spare time today, be sure to get out of town and visit the pretty Arashiyama bamboo forest to find your zen place (and your next Instagram post).



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Kyoto city tour

## DAY 6 | KYOTO TO OSAKA

Hop on the train to Osaka. We've got an intro tour to the city starting with the majestic Osaka Castle. Later, why not make your way to the top of the Umeda Sky Building to feel the wind in your hair and to get epic #views over the city? When the sun goes down, Osaka comes alive, and the city's all yours after a farewell dinner. Let's go!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Osaka city tour

## DAY 7 | OSAKA

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



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ On this trip you'll be travelling like a local... by train! This means a bit of walking between stations and hotels so we recommend packing light with a backpack or small case.

# TIPPING

## NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

# TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own

Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

### TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

### ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

### CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

### BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

### MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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## PASSENGER SAFETY

### NIGHTS OUT

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.

## RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

## DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

**REMEMBER** – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

## HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

## OTHER INFORMATION

# INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit [www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance](http://www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance).

# PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

# WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it! (As long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is.)

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen

- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



**THAT'S IT!**