# DISCOVER JAPAN

PHT ESCORTED JOURNEY | 25 OCT 2025







13 DAYS | FROM ADELAIDE | Departs 25 Oct 2025

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#### What to expect

Japan may be the very definition of a cultural crossroad, a country at the cutting edge of modern technology, that still reveres and honours its ancient past. Explore both sides of Japan on this journey that moves seamlessly from modern Tokyo one minute, to the natural beauty of Mount Fuji and surrounds. Brave the Shibuya crossing, before viewing the organised chaos from above. Travel between cities on the efficient Shinkansen bullet trains. Explore the city of Kyoto, the ancient capital which retains many of its historic temples, tea making and classical gardens. Explore the culinary delights of Japan, making Soba noodles, visiting a Sake brewery, a foodie tour in Osaka, and a farewell Teppanyaki dinner. With such a diverse collection of experiences, this tour is sure to delight and excite!

#### **Tour Inclusions**

- Return international flights (including taxes) from Adelaide with Singapore Airlines in economy class
- 11 nights superior hotel accommodation
- Transportation in a private air-conditioned vehicle
- Travel on Shinkansen bullet trains with luggage forwarding services
- Sightseeing as per itinerary with applicable entry fees
- 22 meals
- Escorted from Adelaide by Anne Ford
- Services of a local professional English speaking driver / guides
- Pre-departure function in Adelaide and tour documentation

#### **Fitness Levels**

A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour. Tours will involve getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights, sometimes on uneven ground, and climbing some steps. On several days there will be sightseeing on foot for extended periods of time.

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TWIN SHARE \$12,199\*

SOLO TRAVELER \$14,499\*

\*Prices based on per person, twin share ex. Adelaide

## Personally Escorted by Anne Ford



## **BONUS**

Choose from one of the following offers





#### **DAY 1** | 25 OCT 2025, SATURDAY

#### **Depart Adelaide**

#### Stav: Paradox Merchant Court \*

Travel from Adelaide to Singapore. On arrival be met with a transfer to Clarke Quay for an overnight stay.

#### DAY 2 | 26 OCT 2025, SUNDAY Singapore to Tokyo

#### Stay: Sunshine City Prince—3 nights\*

This morning be transferred to the airport from the hotel. Arrive in Tokyo midafternoon and be transferred to the hotel to check-in. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening with the group. (B, D)

## DAY 3 | 27 OCT 2025, MONDAY Tokyo

Begin exploring a small part of this fascinating city by coach tour. Stroll through the Imperial Palace East Garden before travelling to the Asakusa District, which has kept a vibe of an older Tokyo with street food stalls and traditional craft shops. Stop at the Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist Temple, before ascending the Tokyo Skytree, the third tallest building in the world, for views over the city. Later cruise on the Sumida River on a Himiko boat to Odaiba district. You will be on your feet for 4-5 hours during your tour in Tokyo. Return to hotel by private coach. (B, L)

## DAY 4 | 28 OCT 2025, TUESDAY Tokyo

Spend a relaxing morning wandering around the classical landscapes of the Hamarikyu Gardens and exploring the Shinto Meiji Shrine, located in a green forest within the city. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before braving the Shibuya 'Scramble' Crossing, considered to be the world's busiest pedestrian crossing. After experiencing from the ground level, ascend the Shibuya Sky Observation Deck to calmly watch it all unfold. Return to the hotel by private coach with the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

#### DAY 5 | 29 OCT 2025, WEDNESDAY Tokyo to Mount Fuji

#### Stay: Fuji view Kawaguchiko\*

Today all main luggage will be forwarded to the hotel in Kyoto and will be available the next day. All necessities for an overnight stay will need to be carried. Travel two hours to the foothills at the base of Mt Fuji and the Fuji Five Lakes, formed by past volcanic eruptions. Ascent to Fuji's 5th station (if weather permits) for spectacular mountain views. After lunch visit the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view elaborate dyed silk creations, before visiting the western shores of Lake Sato and Iyashi no Sato Historical Village, famous for its thatched roof houses. Later be transferred by private coach to Mishima hotel to check in before enolying a group dinner organised at the hotel. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 6 | 30 OCT 2025, THURSDAY Mount Fuji to Kyoto

#### Stav: Keihan Kvoto Ekiminami – 3 nights\*

After breakfast, be transferred by private coach to Oshino Hakkai, a scenic area of ponds full of crystal-clear spring water created by melting snow from Mount Fuji. Get involved with making traditional Soba Noodles, enjoy the soba noodles made along with other side dishes for lunch. After lunch be transferred by private coach to Mishima Station to board a bullet train to Kyoto, once the capital of Japan for a thousand years. Upon arriving at Kyoto rail station, it is a short walk to the hotel for check-in where luggage will be awaiting collection. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant a short walk from the hotel. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 7 | 31 OCT 2025, FRIDAY Kvoto

Enjoy exploring Kyoto today by private coach, the first stop will be enjoying a moming stroll through Sagano Bamboo Forest. Crafted from wood, this historic Togetsu-kyo Bridge has stood as a distinguished landmark in the Arashiyama District. After lunch at a local restaurant enjoy a traditional tea ceremony before heading to the Gekkeikan Sake brewery, founded in 1637, and learn about the historical techniques used to make this national brew. The last stop will be visiting the Fushimi Shrine with its thousands of torii gates. The group will walk up part of the mountain and the incline allows a steady paced walk. The Shrine stretches up Mount Inari (233 metres high). Return to hotel by private coach. (B, L)



## DAY 8 | 1 NOV 2025, SATURDAY Kyoto

The exploration of Kyoto continues by private coach this morning with a visit to what was formally known as Rokuonji, a Zen temple Kinkakuji in northern Kyoto. Following lunch at a local restaurant, the group will be transferred to Kiyomizu Temple, In 1994, the temple was added to the list of UNESCO world heritage sites and is best known for its wooden stage that juts out from its main hall above the hillside. Explore Higashiyama District, which has preserved the look and feel of feudal-era Japan in a wood built historic quarter of narrow lanes with traditional shops, tea houses and restaurants. Enjoy a tea ceremony in a private temple before returning to the hotel by private coach. (B, L)

#### **DAY 9 | 2 NOV 2025, SUNDAY**

#### Kyoto to Hiroshima

#### Stay: Granvia Hotel Hiroshima\*

Today all main luggage will be forwarded to the hotel in Osaka and will be available the next day. All necessities for an overnight stay will need to be carried. After breakfast, walk to the rail station and board a bullet train to Hiroshima. On arrival in Hiroshima hop on a ferry to Miyajima Island to view the Itsukushima shrine, a giant torii gate that looks to float on the water at high tide. Explore the traditional market town on foot. After lunch visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, dedicated to the devastation suffered by the city at the end of World War 2. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant just a short walk from the hotel this evening, (B, L, D)



#### DAY 10 | 3 NOV 2025, MONDAY Hiroshima to Osaka

#### Stay: Citadines Namba Osaka - 2 nights\*

Travel by private coach to Himeji. The transfer will take approximately three and a half hours. On arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the beautiful Himeji castle and Koko-en Garden. The Himeji Castle was originally built in 1333 and upgraded over the following centuries. The well-preserved site is regarded as the finest surviving castle of its type in Japan and was declared a UNESCO Heritage site in 1993. Later continue to Osaka by private coach to the hotel where luggage will be awaiting collection. (B, L)

### DAY 11 | 4 NOV 2025, TUESDAY

Begin exploring Osaka with a visit to the Osaka Castle, known for its sweeping views over the city from its hilltop perch. The castle was built between 1583 and 1585 and played a crucial role in the unification of Japan in the 16th century. Continue to the Umeda Sky Building, one of the tallest and most recognizable landmarks in the city, with is Floating Observatory offering panoramic views of the city. Later enjoy lunch around the vibrant Dotonbori district, Osaka's premier entertainment and pleasure district. The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure. Later this evening enjoy a farewell Teppanyaki dinner. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 12 | 5 NOV 2025, WEDNESDAY Depart Osaka

After breakfast, take a private transfer to Kansai Airport and begin the journey to Adelaide via Singapore. (B)

#### DAY 13 | 6 NOV 2025, THURSDAY Arrive in Adelaide this morning

Arrive home.

\*or similar (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner





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