



TRAVEL PROGRAM

Japan

January 13 - 25, 2025

Tokyo • Hakone • Kyoto •
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The Joyce Travel Program is excited to invite you on an unforgettable trip across Japan. This exquisite 13-day, 12-night journey will begin in Tokyo and proceed west toward Osaka. Travelers will enjoy cultural, culinary, and natural highlights throughout their visit, learning about the rich variety of traditions Japan has to offer. Additional dance rehearsals and performances will be added to the itinerary as possible.

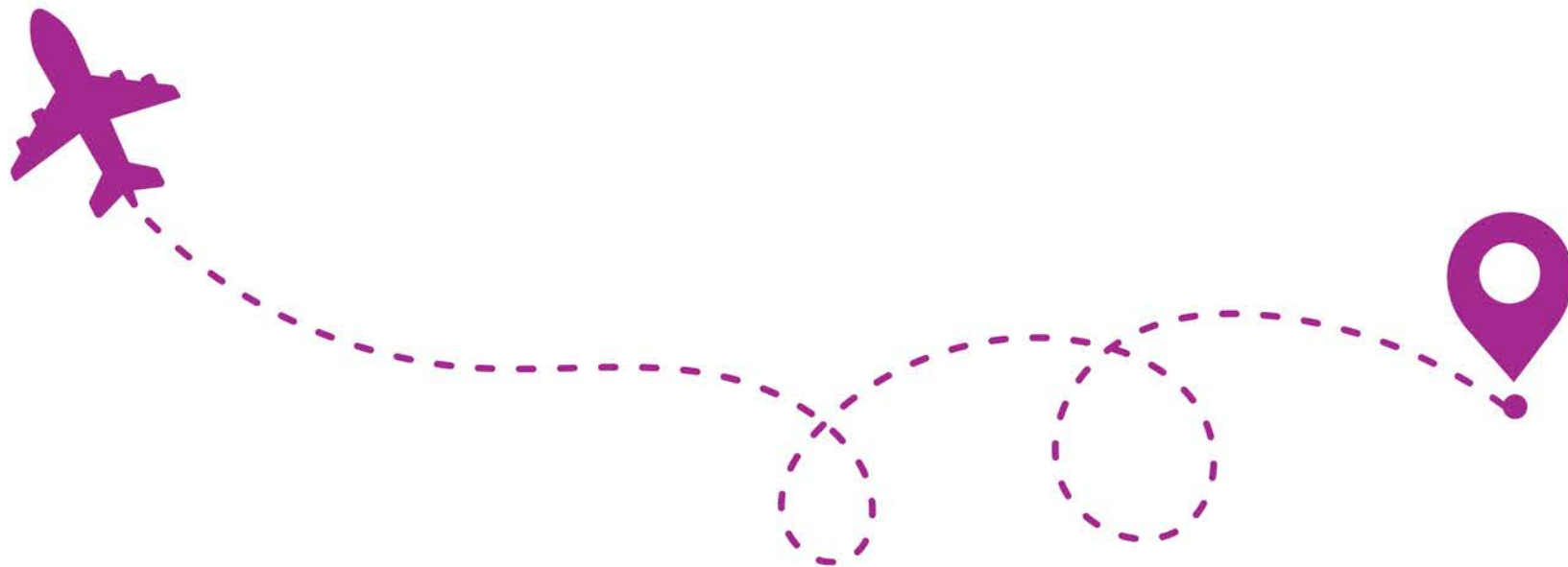


Day 1: Tokyo

January 13, 2025

- Arrival day
- Upon arrival at Tokyo Airport, make your way through immigration and baggage collection to the arrival hall.
- International flights and ground transportation to the hotel are not included.

Accommodation: Four Seasons at Otemachi





Day 2: Tokyo

January 14, 2025

- Explore Tokyo's Shitamachi area.
- Visit the stunning Buddhist, Senso-ji Temple in Asakusa with a majestic gate called Kaminarimon.
- Take in inspiring views from the observation deck at Tokyo Skytree, while enjoying lunch at Musahi 634.
- Attend an afternoon Sumo wrestling tournament at Kokugikan arena.
- Enjoy a private shabu shabu dinner at Higashiyama served by Kimono clad staff.

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Day 3: Tokyo

January 15, 2025

- Experience the iconic Tsukiji Outer Market known for its incredible variety of fresh seafood.
- Learn the intricate techniques and traditions while making your own sushi.
- Visit the Hamarikyū Gardens.
- Explore the Ginza shopping area.
- Enjoy a teppanyaki dinner at Mon Cher Ton Ton.

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Day 4: Tokyo

January 16, 2025

- Visit the massive torii gate at Meiji Shrine, the largest wooden gate in Japan.
- Walk along the peaceful path through a forest of over 100,000 trees.
- Tour the trendy and fashionable Harajuku neighborhood.
- For lunch, enjoy Okonomiyaki, a savory pancake known as “Japanese pizza” at Sakura-tei.
- Visit Nezu Museum, a contemporary temple for traditional art and home to a stunning private garden.
- In the evening, enjoy some free time on your own.

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Day 5: Hakone

January 17, 2025

- Take in the sights during a 90-minute drive to Hakone, located in the shadows of Mount Fuji.
- Visit the Hakone Open Air Museum, offering a diverse collection of outdoor sculptures and indoor art installations.
- Savor a multi course kaiseki style dinner at your private ryokan, a traditional Japanese Inn.

Accommodation: Ten-Yu Ryokan



Day 6: Hakone

January 18, 2025

- Take in breathtaking views at Owakudani, a volcanic valley known for its hot springs and steaming fumaroles.
- Ride a cable car down the mountains to Hakone Shire on the shores of Lake Ashi.
- Enjoy lunch and stunning views at Hakone Hotel.
- Browse local arts and crafts in Hakone Yumoto.
- Enjoy another multi course kaiseki style dinner at your private ryokan.

Accommodation: Ten-Yu Ryokan





Day 7: Kyoto

January 19, 2025

- Travel by train to Kyoto, a two-hour journey.
- Take in a traditional tea-house style lunch at Rigoletto in the Gion Geisha district.
- Visit Kiyomizu Temple.
- Step back in time while exploring the Higashiyama district.
- Enjoy dinner while taking in performances by Geisha and Maiko at “Tempura Endo Yasaka.”

Accommodation: Dusit Thani



Day 8: Kyoto

January 20, 2025

- Visit Nijo Castle built in 1603 as the residence of the first shogun of Edo.
- Tour Nishiki Market, a traditional food market that dates back 1200 years.
- Taste local sake at Matsui Sake Brewery founded in 1726.
- Enjoy a relaxing evening on your own.



Accommodation: Dusit Thani



Day 9: Nara

January 21, 2025

- Visit the Fushimi Inari shrine famous for its thousands of torii gates that form a covered path.
- Stroll through Nara home to a population of sacred deer.
- Enjoy a French lunch served on traditional stoneware called "Shigaraki-yaki" at Omiya.
- Explore Tōdai-ji, one of the most iconic temples in Japan housing a gigantic bronze statue of Buddha.
- Visit Kasuga Taisha shrine, dedicated to Shintoism lined by thousands of stone lanterns called "tōrō."
- Dinner at Sodoh, the former private residence of Takeuchi Seiho, a pioneer of modern Japanese painting.

Accommodation: Dusit Thani



Day 10: Kyoto

January 22, 2025

- Visit Daitokuji Temple, a renowned Zen Buddhist temple that dates back to the 14th century.
- Partake in a traditional tea ceremony called “chado” or “sado” led by the temple’s head monk.
- Explore Kyoto on your own with a free afternoon and evening.

Accommodation: Dusit Thani





Day 11: Osaka

January 23, 2025

- Take a one-hour drive to Sakai City in Osaka.
- Visit Wada Shoten, a historic tool making shop to see the traditional process of knife making and sharpening.
- Craftsman will carve your name into a knife which you will be able to take home with you.
- Enjoy dinner prepared on a traditional charcoal grill at “Robatayaki Mizukakechaya” nestled in the heart of Osaka.



Accommodation: Conrad Osaka



Day 12: Osaka

January 24, 2025

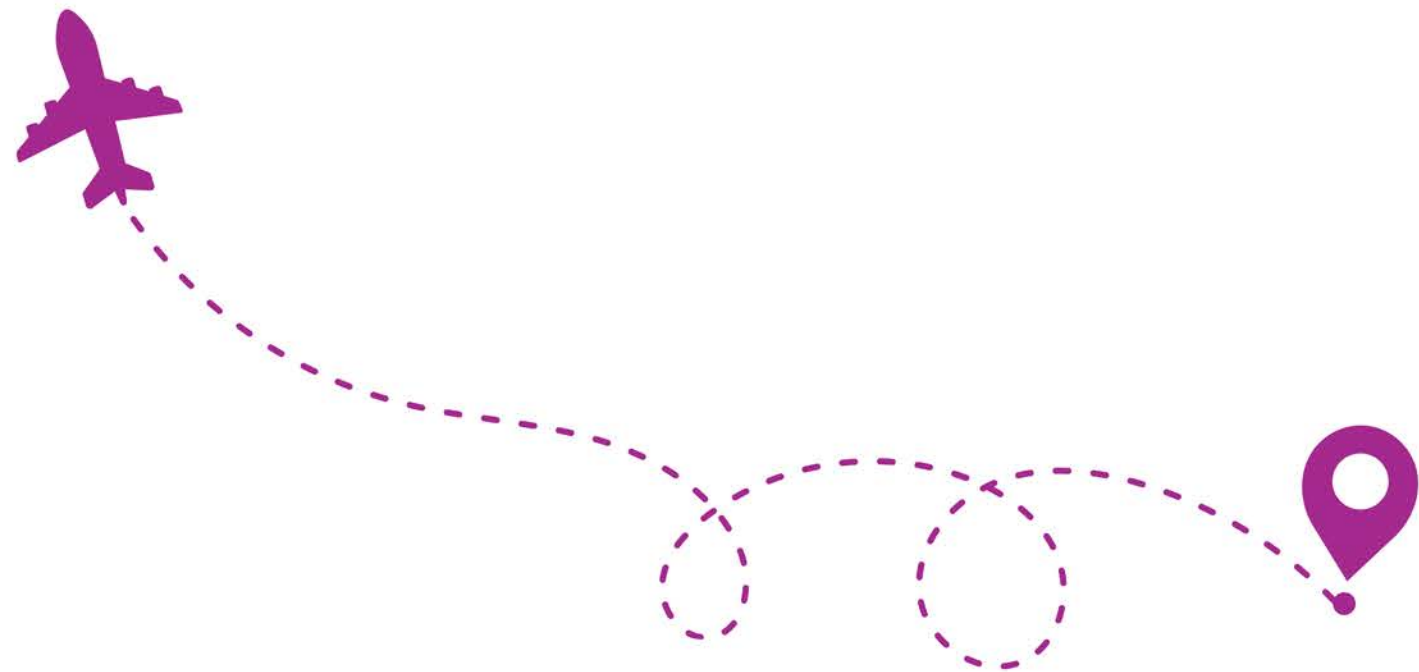
- Tour Osaka-jo castle surrounded by a wide mote.
- Stroll down Dotonbori Street lined with a wide array of restaurants, shops, and entertainment.
- Stop to enjoy local specialties including Takoyaki and other local favorites along the way.
- Enjoy a traditional style kaiseki dinner in a private room at Korinbo.

Accommodation: Conrad Osaka

Day 13: Osaka

January 25, 2025

- Check out of the hotel and transfer to airport for your departure flight.
- International flights and ground transportation to the airport is not included.



Inclusions:

- Breakfast at each accommodation
- All entrance fees for activities included in this itinerary
- A dedicated local travel director
- Meals specified in this itinerary (excluding some alcoholic beverages)
- First (green) class fare on trains as mentioned in the itinerary



Exclusions:

- International flights to and from Japan
- Ground transportation to/from airports
- Visa or immigration fees
- Meals not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary
- Luggage handling
- Travel insurance is not provided and is strongly encouraged for all participants
- Personal expenses such as additional alcoholic beverages, laundry, and telephone service.



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Pricing per Person

- Double occupancy \$15,350 p/p
- Single supplement \$4,290

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