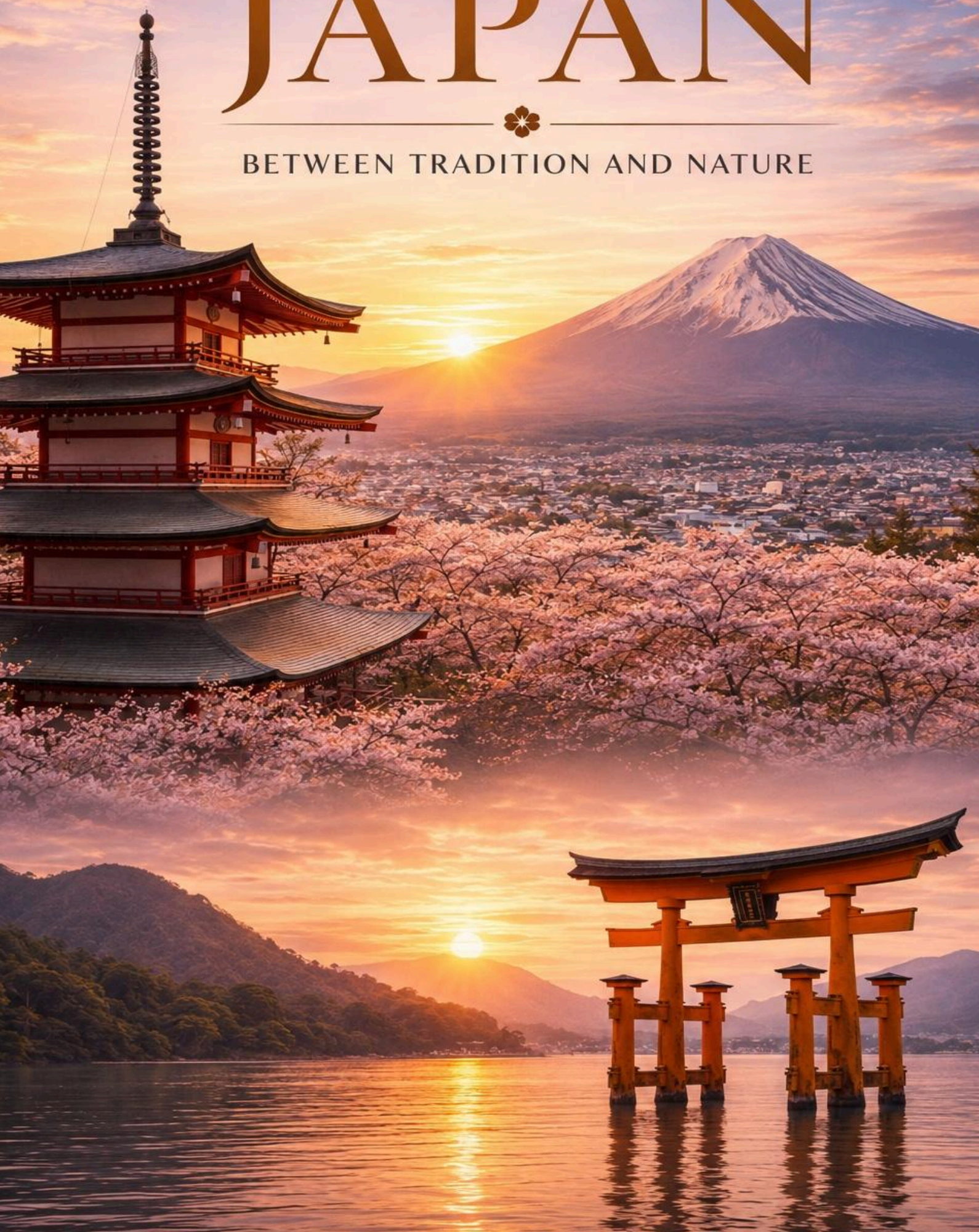


JAPAN



BETWEEN TRADITION AND NATURE





JAPAN AT YOUR OWN PACE: ADVENTURE, CALM & MEMORIES THAT LAST FOR YEARS.

The complete journey is priced at **£ 3890** per person, departing from London.

Price per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement available upon request. This quotation does not include any flight reservation hold. Prices are subject to change at the time of booking.*

Travelling through Japan is not simply about visiting places — it is about experiencing the perfect balance between tradition and modernity, between the serenity and the vibrant energy of its cities.

Throughout this journey, you will explore **Osaka, Kyoto, Koyasan, Kanazawa, Takayama and Tokyo**, discovering each destination at your own pace, without rushing and with time to truly enjoy every moment.

Because, honestly, organising a trip to Japan independently can quickly become a maze of trains, schedules and endless decisions that often take away part of the magic of the experience.

That is why we take care of everything: every transfer, every detail and every day has been carefully designed to flow naturally and effortlessly.





The experience that awaits you

As the years go by, one comes to realise that life is not filled with things, but with moments.

With those experiences that leave a lasting impression. Material possessions fade from memory; meaningful moments remain.

This journey through Japan has been designed with that idea in mind.

It is not simply a list of places to visit, but a sequence of experiences intended to evoke emotion.

Over the course of 15 days, you will enjoy moments of tranquillity, wonder and genuine connection with a country that blends the ancient and the modern with a truly unique sense of harmony.

Each stage of the journey has a purpose.

And above all, the greatest purpose is this: that this trip becomes one of those moments that give meaning to the passage of time.



DAY 1 – LONDON TO OSAKA

Breakfast and departure from London on a scheduled flight to Osaka, with one stop en route.

Overnight on board.

DAY 2 – OSAKA | EVENING DISCOVERY

Arrival in Osaka at 12:30 (This timing may vary depending on the flight selected) and private transfer to the **Hotel Keihan Yodoyabashi**, where you will spend three nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

Osaka has a heartbeat all of its own — a city that never truly seems to sleep and that welcomes those who explore it with open arms. Its streets are filled with irresistible aromas: the savoury scent of takoyaki sizzling on the griddles, the rich fragrance of freshly prepared okonomiyaki, and the delicate perfume of seasonal flowers in its parks, a reminder that even within this vibrant metropolis there are pockets of tranquillity.

The people of Osaka radiate a wonderfully infectious energy. Laughter drifts through the narrow alleyways, greetings feel like warm embraces, and a genuine sense of hospitality turns even the briefest encounter into a lasting memory.



DAY 3 – OSAKA | GUIDED TOUR

Breakfast, and at the scheduled time we begin a private tour of Osaka.

We will make our way to **Hideyoshi Castle**, where we will admire the façade of this iconic fortress, originally built in the 16th century and later rebuilt after the Second World War. It offers some of the finest views over the city.

We will then continue to the **Shinsekai district**, one of the most distinctive areas in Japan, where you can explore traditional street food stalls and see what was once the largest bathhouse in Asia. You will also be able to admire the striking **Tsūtenkaku Tower**, a 103-metre-high steel structure that has become a symbol of the area.

A full day discovering Osaka, including **Dōtonbori** and the famous **Namba district**, where neon lights, lively streets and vibrant atmosphere reflect the true essence of the city.



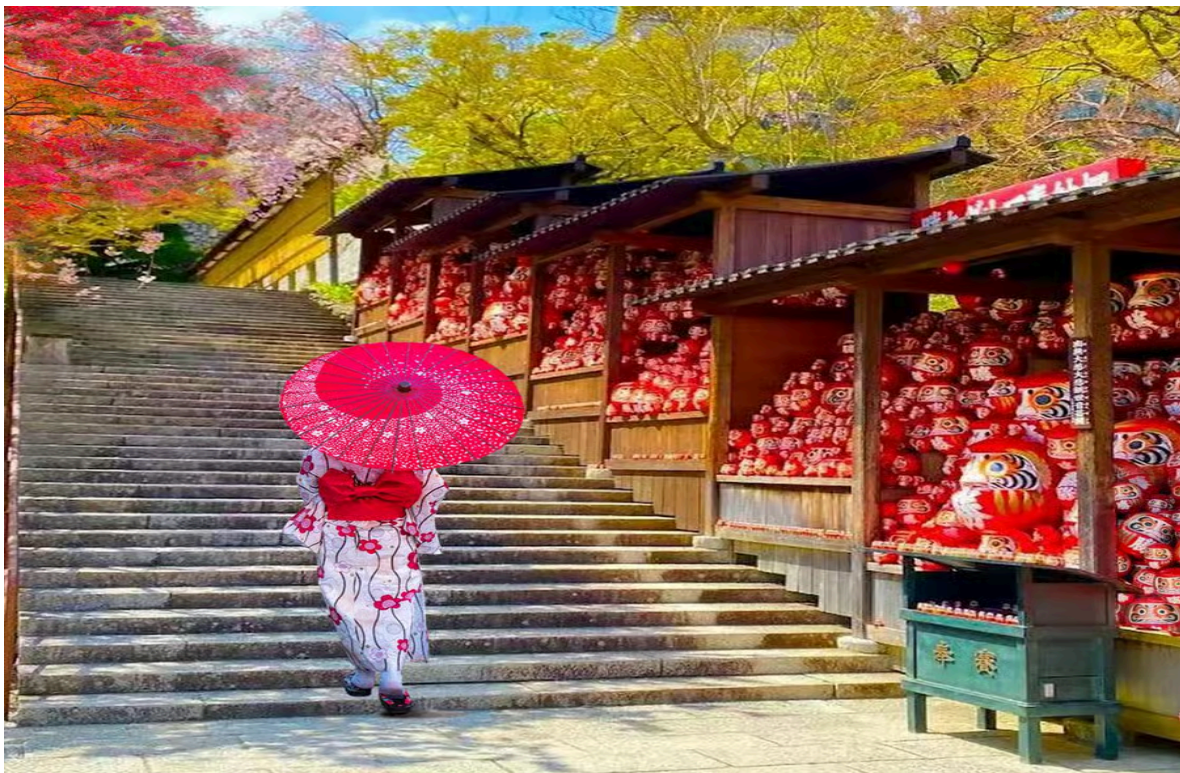


DAY 4 – OSAKA | MINO GUIDED EXCURSION

Are you ready for the adventure?

Upon arrival at **Minoh Kayano Station**, we will take a bus that will bring us, in just 20 minutes, to **Katsuo-ji Temple**. This beautiful Buddhist temple is renowned for its *daruma* charms, which in Japanese tradition are considered talismans of good luck. What do you think of these distinctive little figurines?

In addition, the temple is the perfect place to relax and take in its serene surroundings, filled with trees, streams, ponds and elegant bridges. Here we will spend approximately two hours exploring its gardens, while we share stories about its history and its cultural significance.





After our visit to **Katsuo-ji**, we will take a taxi to the famous **Minoh Waterfall**. In front of us, we will find a 33-metre-high cascade, one of the most impressive natural sights in the area and an ideal spot for photographs.

After exploring the waterfall and enjoying the surrounding nature, you will have some free time to have lunch at your own pace. Refreshed and re-energised, we will then begin a 2-kilometre walking route along a picturesque trail surrounded by lush vegetation, leading us to **Hankyu Minoh Station** — a perfect opportunity to continue enjoying the beautiful landscapes of this park.

Once in Minoh, we will take the train back to Osaka, where we will conclude this seven-hour excursion.





DAY 5 – OSAKA | GUIDED EXCURSION TO HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Breakfast at the hotel, and today we will gain a deeper understanding of the tragic historical event that defines this city as we walk through the **Peace Memorial Park**, a place filled with tributes to the victims of the atomic bomb.

On 6 August 1945, the world stood still when the first nuclear bomb struck Hiroshima. During our visit, we will see the only building that remained standing after the explosion: the **Atomic Bomb Dome**. The current condition of the structure offers a powerful sense of the scale of the devastation.

Within the Peace Park, we will also find the **Children's Peace Monument**. Do you know who Sadako was, the girl represented by the statue? As we leave the park, we will reveal her story and explain why she is depicted holding an origami crane.

From Hiroshima Station, we will take a train to our next destination: **Miyajima**. We will then board a ferry to the so-called "Island of the Gods". Once there, you will be able to admire the famous red torii gate rising from the sea, as well as the many Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples that make this area so unique. A true expression of Japanese tradition.

After lunch, we will visit the **Itsukushima Shrine** and the **Daigan-ji Buddhist complex**, before continuing on to **Daishō-in Temple**, the most impressive temple on Miyajima Island.



DAY 6 – OSAKA | GUIDED EXCURSION TO KOYASAN

Breakfast, and departure by train towards our next stop, **Koyasan**.

Today you will experience the most spiritual side of Japan.

This is a place that feels suspended between heaven and earth — a sanctuary where the soul finds silence and time slows down. Set among mountains covered in ancient cedar trees, this sacred enclave resonates with a timeless sense of peace, shaped by centuries of prayer and meditation.





Walking along its paths feels like stepping into another world: the air is filled with the scent of incense and damp wood, and the sound of the wind through the trees resembles a whisper from the monks who have lived here for over a thousand years. **Okunoin**, with its thousands of moss-covered gravestones, does not evoke fear, but rather a profound sense of serenity — as if each stone holds a silent blessing.

At night, when the stone lanterns are lit, Koyasan is bathed in a soft, golden glow. In those moments, one feels not alone: as though something greater, ancient and compassionate is gently surrounding you. It is a place where the heart quiets, the mind opens, and the spirit is reminded of what is essential.

Accommodation at the Buddhist temple lodging **Sanmaiin**, or similar, on a half-board basis.

In Koyasan, you do not simply visit a temple — you touch eternity.





DAY 7 – OSAKA | EVENING VISIT TO KYOTO

Breakfast and departure by train to Kyoto.

Kyoto is a city that seems to breathe history and poetry in every corner. Walking through its streets feels like travelling back in time: the sound of temple bells blends with the whisper of the wind moving through the cherry trees, while the scent of incense drifts through the air like an ancient sigh.

Here, the past is not a distant memory but a living presence. Geisha glide silently through the cobbled streets of Gion, gardens transform into living canvases of colour with each season, and temples reflect the serenity that only centuries of tradition can bestow.

Arrival and accommodation at the **Keihan Hachijoguchi Hotel** for four nights on a bed and breakfast basis.





DAY 8 – KYOTO | GUIDED TOUR

Breakfast, and we begin exploring Kyoto to the fullest. Not only that, but we will do so like true locals, combining walking routes with public transport.

Our first stop will be **Nijō Castle**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Did you know that this palace was built by the Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu for his visits to the city? We are sure you will love it!





Next, we will visit **Kinkaku-ji Temple**. Also known as the “Golden Pavilion” due to its striking golden colour, it was originally built by the Shogun Ashikaga as his retirement villa.

To fully appreciate its beauty, we will take a walk through the surrounding gardens — a serene green space where you will feel completely at peace.



We will then continue to the **Silver Pavilion (Ginkaku-ji)**, located in a truly spectacular setting.

Did you know...? Kyoto is home to more than 2,000 temples and shrines, making it one of the most important cultural and spiritual centres in Japan.



DAY 9 – KYOTO | GUIDED EXCURSION TO NARA & FUSHIMI INARI

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a day to enjoy **Fushimi Inari** and the small city of **Nara**.

Nara is the capital of Nara Prefecture in Japan, located in the south-central region of Honshu. The city is home to important temples and works of art dating back to the 8th century, when it served as Japan's capital.

In **Nara Park**, deer roam freely, and the **Tōdai-ji Temple** can be found. The **Daibutsu**, a 15-metre bronze Buddha housed in Tōdai-ji, is displayed inside a vast wooden hall.

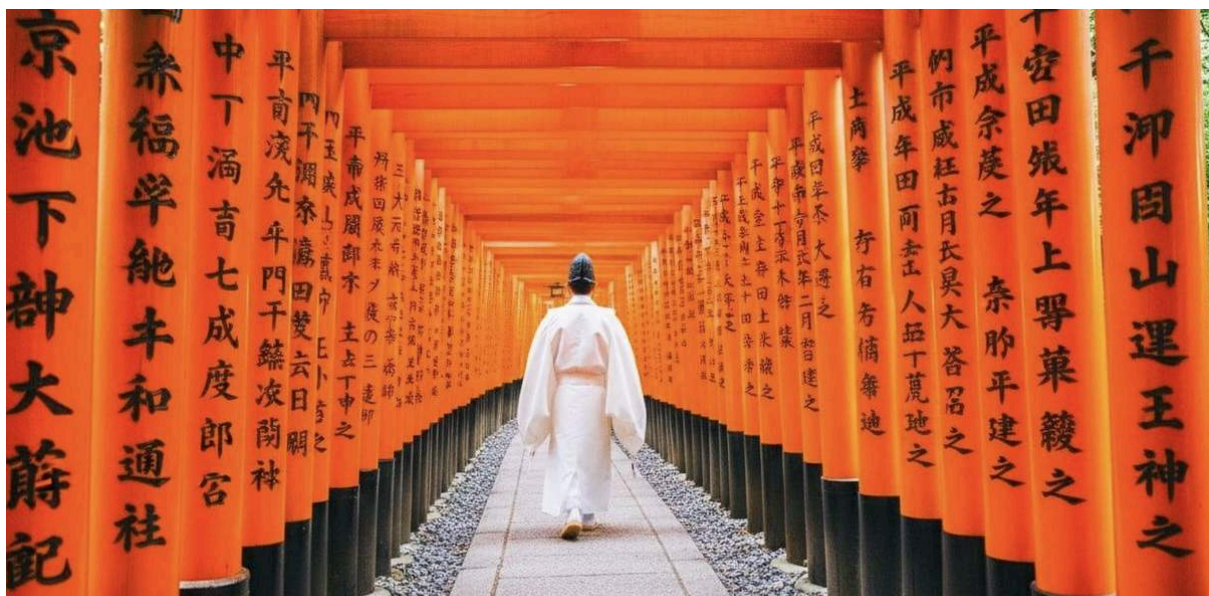
On the eastern side of the park stands the Shinto shrine **Kasuga Taisha**, which dates back to 768 and is renowned for its more than 3,000 lanterns.





After our visit to Nara, we will transfer to **Fushimi Inari** to explore this remarkable shrine.

We will take time to walk through its iconic pathways of thousands of vermillion torii gates, ascending the wooded slopes of Mount Inari. This sacred site offers a unique atmosphere, where nature and spirituality intertwine, creating one of the most memorable experiences in Kyoto.





DAY 10 – KYOTO | PRIVATE GUIDED EXCURSION TO KURAMA & KIBUNE – KYOTO

Breakfast and a full day to enjoy one of the most special and lesser-known areas of Japan.

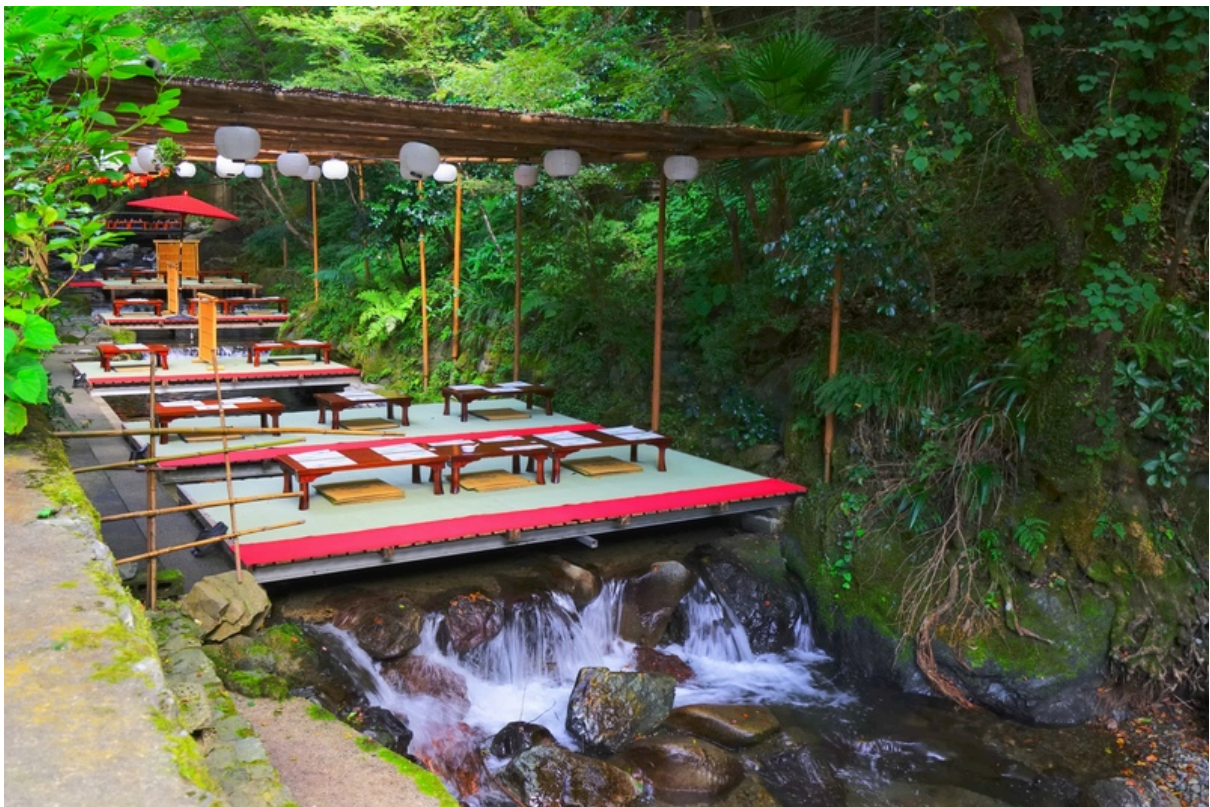
We will begin the day by taking the train to **Kurama**, a small and charming mountain village located north of Kyoto, where nature, spirituality and Japanese tradition blend in perfect harmony. Surrounded by dense cedar forests and wrapped in a mystical atmosphere, it feels like a place suspended in time, far removed from the bustle of the city.





Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided visit of the area, including **Kurama-dera Temple**, the most famous temple in the region, set on the mountainside.

It is reached via a pleasant walk through ancient forests and offers magnificent views over the surrounding mountains. Kurama-dera is considered one of the most spiritual and tranquil temples in the Kyoto region.





After our visit to Kurama, we will continue to **Kibune**, a small hidden valley nestled between the mountains north of Kyoto, where water, stone and forest seem to coexist in perfect silence.

It is a place where the river sets the rhythm of life, and nature embraces everything with an almost sacred sense of calm.

We will stop for lunch at one of the many riverside restaurants, one of the most beautiful experiences in the area.

After lunch, we will continue our visit of the region and explore the **Shinto shrines** located throughout Kibune.





DAY 11 – KYOTO | TRANSFER TO KANAZAWA & CITY TOUR

Breakfast and we continue our journey by bullet train towards our next feudal city: **Kanazawa**.

Walking through Kanazawa feels like stepping into a living painting: the canals reflect the old samurai districts, while mud and bamboo walls seem to breathe centuries of history. The **Kenrokuen Garden** — one of the most beautiful in all of Japan — unfolds a perfect harmony of water, stones and trees that change with the seasons.

In its workshops, artisans still work with gold leaf with almost spiritual precision, and in its streets, the echo of footsteps seems to tell stories from times gone by.





In the afternoon, we will enjoy a guided tour of Kanazawa, concluding with a truly unique experience: dinner in the company of authentic geisha.



Arrival in Kanazawa and accommodation at the **Tokyu Stay Kanazawa Hotel**, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Dinner included.



DAY 12 – KANAZAWA | TRANSFER TO TAKAYAMA & EVENING VISIT

Breakfast, and in the morning we will continue our visit of Kanazawa, allowing time to complete our exploration of the city.

At the indicated time, we will depart by train towards **Takayama**.

Takayama is a hidden gem nestled in the mountains of Japan, where time seems to move more slowly. Its traditional wooden streets, lanterns glowing at sunset, and the aroma of freshly brewed sake create a warm and nostalgic atmosphere. Walking through its old town feels like stepping into a postcard of the most authentic Japan: calm, elegant, and filled with small details that captivate the senses.



Surrounded by nature and crossed by crystal-clear rivers, Takayama combines the serenity of the Japanese Alps with a rich cultural heritage. Its morning markets, silent temples and centuries-old houses reflect a simple yet deeply Japanese beauty.



Arrival and accommodation at the traditional **Machiya Ryokan**.

After dropping off your luggage, we will head out for an evening visit of Takayama.



Did you know...?

The **Takayama Festival**, held in spring and autumn, is considered one of the three most beautiful festivals in Japan thanks to its stunningly decorated floats.



DAY 13 – TAKAYAMA | GUIDED EXCURSION TO SHIRAKAWA-GO – TAKAYAMA

Breakfast, and we will begin our tour at the **Jinya-mae and Miyagawa markets**, two of the oldest and largest in Japan. With more than 60 stalls, you will find vegetables, fruit, sweets, handicrafts and unique souvenirs. You will be fascinated by the freshness and variety of their products.

We will then explore the old town of Takayama, walking along the famous **Sannomachi Street**. This area is well known for its traditional sake breweries, charming cafés and craft shops. Its houses, with architecture dating back to Japan's feudal era, will transport you to the past, allowing you to feel history in every corner.

After exploring Takayama for around an hour and a half and enjoying its delicious gastronomy, we will return to the station to take a public bus towards the village of **Shirakawa-go**. During the almost one-hour journey, we will enjoy breathtaking views of the Japanese Alps — so don't forget your camera!



Upon arrival in **Shirakawa-go**, we will enjoy a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed village.

From the **Ogimachi Castle observation point**, we will take in spectacular panoramic views of the traditional **Gasshō-zukuri** farmhouses, designed to withstand the region's heavy snowfall. During the visit, we will also enter one of these historic houses to learn more about their unique architecture and way of life.





DAY 14 – TAKAYAMA | TRANSFER TO TOKYO & EVENING VISIT

Breakfast and departure to Tokyo, where we will stay at the **Hotel Musse Ginza**, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Tokyo is a whirlwind of light, sound and life that never stops — a city that seems to pulse to the rhythm of millions of hearts at once. Every street, every neon sign, every train that glides with surgical precision conveys an intense and contagious energy, as if the city itself were breathing deeply and inviting you to become part of its rhythm.





DAY 15 – TOKYO | GUIDED CITY TOUR

Breakfast and we begin our day discovering one of the largest cities in the world.

We will explore Tokyo's most important temples, its most traditional district, and its most modern areas. A perfect introduction to Japan's greatest megalopolis.

In **Harajuku**, we will visit the **Meiji Shinto Shrine**, built to commemorate the Emperor who passed away in 1912. The shrine was destroyed in 1945 during the American air raids and rebuilt in 1946. The vast surrounding park is a place of serenity and calm in the heart of the city.





Using public transport, we will travel several centuries forward and arrive in **Shinjuku**, the most modern district of the city. Along the way, you will feel the pulse of everyday life in the Japanese capital.

Once in Shinjuku, we will take in panoramic views of **Tokyo Tower**, the **Skytree**, the forest surrounding **Meiji Shrine**, and, on clear days, even **Mount Fuji**.



We will also explore **Omoide Yokocho**, a narrow alley that transports us back to the 1950s, and discover **Kabukichō**, Tokyo's famous entertainment district, known for its vibrant nightlife.

We will continue on to **Akihabara**, the city's most "geek" and technologically driven neighbourhood, and the district of **Asakusa**, which still preserves the atmosphere of old Tokyo, offering a glimpse into the city's traditional past.



DAY 16 - TOKYO | FREE DAY

Breakfast.

Free day to enjoy shopping or take a walk in **Odaiba**, an artificial island located in Tokyo Bay and connected to the city by the iconic Rainbow Bridge.

We recommend an early start to visit the **Toyosu Fish Market**, the modern successor to the famous Tsukiji market. It is located in the Odaiba district. From any JR Yamanote Line station, such as Tokyo Station, you can reach **Shimbashi Station**. From there, take the elevated Yurikamome Line to **Shijō-mae Station**. The Toyosu buildings are directly connected to the nearby station via a covered walkway.

Despite its name, the market is actually closer to Shijō-mae Station than to Toyosu Station.

The Toyosu Fish Market continues the tradition of the tuna auctions that made Tsukiji world-famous, supplying an abundance of fresh fish for sushi and other dishes. In these unique events, giant bluefin tuna are often auctioned for thousands of euros each.

Nearby, you will also find **teamLab Planets**, an immersive digital art museum offering a truly unique sensory experience.



DAY 17 – TOKYO TO LODON

Breakfast and at the scheduled time, transfer to the airport for your flight back to London..



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London
 - Cabin and checked baggage allowance
 - Private airport–hotel–airport transfers
 - Accommodation in Japan on a bed and breakfast basis
 - Accommodation in Koyasan on a half-board basis
 - Special dinner in Kanazawa
 - Cultural activity in Kanazawa
 - Guided tours as indicated with a English-speaking guide
- (Temple and castle entrance fees not included, payable locally.*

*Total approx. **£39 per person**)*

- English-speaking guide throughout the entire itinerary
 - Double room accommodation
 - Reserved-seat train journeys between cities:
(Osaka–Hiroshima, Osaka–Koyasan, Koyasan–Kyoto,
Kyoto–Kanazawa, Kanazawa–Takayama, Takayama–Tokyo)
 - City sightseeing on foot and by public transport
- (Metro costs not included, approx. **£43 per person** total,
payable locally)*
- Bus transfer from Takayama to Shirakawa-go



- Taxes and fuel surcharges
- Full day-by-day travel itinerary and documentation
- 24-hour assistance service
- Travel insurance (optional upgrade with cancellation cover available – **£95 per person**)
- Airport taxes and airline fuel surcharges