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| **10/11/2019 (Sun)** | **Arrival + Introduction of Kyoto** | | **Day1** |
| Welcome to Japan! Today you will begin a journey to create lifetime memories.  Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel to rest before enjoying a special performance over dinner.  Sights Visited:  Arrive at Kansai Airport with separate arrivals.  After entry procedures, meet your private transfer driver and drive to Kyoto (approx. 1.5 - 2 hours depending on traffic).  Transfer to the hotel. *Sightseeing will be adjusted according to arrival time.* Enjoy a performance by a Shakuhachi player over a welcome dinner. | | | |
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| **11/11/2019 (Mon)** | **Classic Kyoto + Gallery Dinner** | | **Day2** |
| Today you will be exposed to the fundamentals of Japanese aesthetics, Zen, architecture, and horticulture through visits to some of Kyoto’s most renowned sights such as the distinguished stone garden at the spectacular Golden Pavilion and the mighty Shogun’s Castle. You’ll also get the chance to walk along some of Kyoto’s most picturesque streets, perhaps catching a glimpse of a geisha making her way to work in the beautiful district of Gion.  Sights Visited:  Sightseeing in Kyoto, visit: – Nijo Castle, the Shogun’s castle  Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant  After the tea ceremony, continue sightseeing in Kyoto. Visit: – Daitokuji Temple – Kinkakuji Temple, the Golden Pavilion  In the evening, enjoy a performance of ethnic music and dance from different prefectures of Japan at a privatized world-renowned museum and dinner.  After dinner, transfer to the hotel (end of bus service). | | | |
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| **12/11/2019 (Tue)** | **Kyoto’s Temples - A Private Glimpse** | | **Day3** |
| Kyoto is a city that for hundreds of years has been an island of tradition in the swirling whirlpool of progress. Kyoto has seventeen World Heritage Sites, boasting the most properties in one city, each being a representative masterpiece of the era in which it was constructed. Over these days, you will encounter the history, cultural aesthetics, religion, and daily tales that make up the Japanese story. You may discover echoes of the past rippling through the everyday life of the locals.  Sights Visited:  In the morning, visit a special temple in Kyoto for a unique abbot-led tour of one of the oldest Zen temples in Kyoto, and participate a Zen meditation session.  After your meditation, temple visit and talk with the monk you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.  After lunch, meet with the grandson of one of Japan’s most famous garden designers and a famous designer himself. Enjoy a private tour of some of the gardens this designer’s grandfather designed, as well as some of his own.  In the evening, transfer to the hotel. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant | | | |
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| **13/11/2019 (Wed)** | **Eastern Kyoto + Gallery Visits** | | **Day4** |
| Experience the significance of Kyoto’s east side, known as the Eastern Mountain (Higashiyama) district. Serene and dotted with temples, the day will take you to one of Kyoto’s most photogenic slopes, known for its winding streets filled with small, specialized shops and cafés set against the backdrop of Kyoto’s eastern mountains.  Sights Visited:  Enjoy a morning dedicated to visiting Kyoto’s traditional crafts, visiting craftsmen such as pottery, textiles, innovative paper design, paper lanterns and other traditional arts.  Lunch at a local restaurant.  Exclusive abbot-led experience closed to the public visit to a section of one of Kyoto’s most famous temples, to have an inside glimpse into the historic beauty of Buddhism.  After the temple, we’ll walk through one of the most beautiful walking streets in Kyoto  In the evening a cocktail awaits us at an art gallery with a curator-led tour of the gallery followed by dinner in a local restaurant.  Transfer to the hotel. | | | |
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| **14-15/11/2019 (Thu)** | **Ryokan experience and Hakone Day Excursion** | | **Day5** |
| Today, you will travel out to our Ryokan, a traditional Japanese hotel following a visit to Hakone the Day after. Hakone is known as the scenic, nature-filled backyard of Tokyo. It is also a nature reserve and hot springs haven with great museums as well as the possibility to enjoy one of the best views of sacred Mt. Fuji. We’ll visit the main sights in the area including the famous Open-Air Museum, known for the use of natural backdrops for its sculptures. We’ll conclude the day with a spectacular visit in the Kymono Museum and the Atami Art museum and gallery.  Sights Visited:  Transfer to Kyoto Station via private coach.  Take a bullet train from Kyoto Station to Odawara Station.  Meet your coach driver at Odawara Station and transfer to the Hakone area.  In these days we are going to spend a full day of “Art and nature”: – Hakone Chokokunomori Open-Air Museum Built in 1969, the Hakone museum was the first in Japan to celebrate art in nature. The open-air museum addresses itself to all the art and outdoor lovers by combining the two in impressive art exhibitions. The museum is filled with sculptures of contemporary and modern art from Japan and overseas, spread across five different exhibitions as well as the Picasso pavilion (that contains itself about 300 pieces of his work). The iconic “symphonic sculpture” takes the form of a glass tour on which one can walk up and appreciate the view of the museum from the observatory deck. The museum is also renowned for being impressive in every season, with the variety of Japanese flora reflecting on the art differently during the year. The Open-Air museum is really one of a kind and leaves the viewer with a wide scope to the imagination.   We’ll have lunch at a local restaurant.  Continue with a mind-blowing visit to the Kimono exhibition and Atami Museum of Art.  Our Ryokan is Hamamatsu area, surrounded by beautiful nature.  In the evenings we’ll all dress up with our traditional “Yukata” for our Kaiseki traditional dinners.  Enjoy a traditional Japanese performance of Taiko (Japanese drum) while you dine, at your accommodation. | | | |
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| **16/11/2019 (Fri)** | **The Emerging Neighborhoods of Tokyo** | | **Day6** |
| Today you will explore Tokyo, the heart of modern Japan. You will spend the day discovering the main sights, from historic neighborhoods and ancient temples to modern pop-culture and electronic wonders, getting a thorough introduction of the city. You will learn more about the city’s history at various museums and special areas. Exploring Tokyo at night will reveal yet another fantastic side of the city, with the neon signs brightening the sky along with thousands of lively restaurants and bars and colorful entertainment districts waiting for you to explore.  Sights Visited:  In the morning transfer to Tokyo (approx. 3.5 hour drive). Enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery on the way.  Arrival in Tokyo, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.  After lunch, visit: – Daikanyama This area, Daikanyama, is known to be Japan’s Brooklyn. It’s one of those places, hidden from the hustle and bustle of the capital and a place to rejuvenate in, walking through its tree lined streets of relaxed vibes. Here you’ll find modernity and comfort blend together and a row of hip café’s, beautiful boutiques, high end fashion shops and the perfect places for culinary adventures.  – Shimokitazawa Between the happening districts of Shibuya and Shinjuku, are these set of little streets, which have been described as bohemian, hippy, artsy and even hipster. Once upon a time this area used to be a farming village, then later a dense residential area. Today, Shimokitazawa has become a thriving music and arts community. By morning walk through the vintage shops, the cozy book stores, the trendy café’s; by night walk toward s its southern area which has plenty of crafty bars, live houses and theatres. Barely passable by cars, this unique neighborhood has the coolest thrift shops and second-hand vintage stores in Tokyo to walk and wander into, leaving with some very unique shopping.    In the evening, transfer to your accommodation (end of bus service).  Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. | | | |
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| **17/11/2019 (Sat)** | **Tokyo Art** | | **Day7** |
| This day is for art lovers and we will take you to some of the leading modern and contemporary art museums in Tokyo, and places of art renowned even throughout Japan. You will have close encounters with traditional art, modern design, and contemporary art in one of the biggest artistic centers of the world.  We start the day joining an art specialist guide to tour some of Tokyo’s famous art museums and galleries, such as: – Museums and Galleries in Roppongi – Curator-led visit to one of the most important museums in Tokyo, Mori Museum, including special reception in a members-only club at the Mori,  Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.  – 21 21 Design Sight  Roppongi has been sprawling with art scenes in the last decade. Art enthusiasts explore the area to discover little and large artistic spaces. 21 21 Design shift is one of them. Architecturally shaped to resemble long irregular glassy triangles. Designed by Tadai Anso an architect and Issey Miyake, a fashion designer. Set in the grass in the midst of Tokyo’s urban sky rising jungle, this museum was built with the vision to redirect the eyes to commonality. The structure incorporates lots of sunlight, and gallery spaces, to treat the eyes to several retrospectives, illustrating everyday life things and events. Celebrating the joy of the littler things in life, visit this unique museum 21 21 Design Shift, in Roppongi.   – The National Art Center Amidst the high-rise scale of urban heights known as Roppongi hills, are three landmark museums trace the core of Roppongi’s artistic endeavor, materializing as Tokyo’s Art Triangle. These brilliant skyrise buildings, each over 50 floors each, are a combined creative project of the minds of young architects, built to create a community and space to cater to work, life, play, hobbies and shopping.  The second of these museums is the National Art Center. A vast exhibition space, one of the largest in Japan. Unique in concept, its curtain walls made of glass, rising to the sky, themed to resemble a forest. Hence 50 different species of trees are incorporated into this glassy museum. It is an “empty museum”, a unique concept that features impermanent, revolving exhibitions which come and go through the year. A whimsical space, and a must visit for any art-lover.   *Sightseeing will be adjusted to exhibitions on this day.*  In the evening, transfer to your accommodation (end of bus service).  Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant (subject to confirmation). | | | |
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| **18/11/2019 (Sun)** | **Architecture Tour + Garden Performance** | | **Day8** |
| This day, with your architect guide will focus on architecture and the city. Observe the constructed environment, hear about the main events that formed it, and come to appreciate how cultural phenomena and historical affairs have imbued buildings and urban sites with meaning. Allow yourself to be given rich information, and practical tools for a broader understanding of Tokyo.  In the morning visit: - Meiji Shrine & Park for weddings Densely forested, cut with a winding walking path leading up to a hundred-meter-high torii gate made of thousand-year-old cypress trees. This is the grand Meiji Shrine, located in the midst of Tokyo’s hustle bustle urban jungle, dedicated to the souls of Emperor Mutsuhito and Empress Shoken. Japan’s most famous Shinto shrine. This grand shrine is built purely of copper and cypress, an oasis in the midst of Tokyo’s rushing spirit. The shrine itself has had a tumultuous history, where it was destroyed by the second world war, but rebuilt to resonate its original design by 1958, shortly thereafter. Highly populated by tourists, people in prayer, during festivals, New Year’s Day, spring and fall, and even all year round, goes to show the respect and admiration people have for this monumental shrine, and Japan’s chrysanthemum lineage. Surrounding Meiji shrine is a grassy green landscape filled with a hundred and fifty species of iris flowers, said to have been designed by the Emperor himself for his Empress. 365 tree species safeguard this sacred shrine, and in the winter, it is visited by flocks of mandarin ducks. Prettiest in June, a favorable visit, with a surprising burst of flora and fauna in Tokyo.   - Harajuku Tokyo’s zenith of young colors and attitude, Harajuku is the cat-walk street of fashionistas. Built with contemporary architecture, boutiques, cool cafes, extreme teenage culture, fast food it beats to a whole other street rhythm. Situated between Tokyo’s busiest districts of Shinjuku and Shibuya, it draws thousands of people there every day. Each visit explores a whole world of never seen before new age ‘kawaii’, with energetic youngsters in cosplay costumes. Harajuku’s symbol, Takeshita street, 400 meters long, is the epitome and essence of this hip-hop pop-popping place.  - Omotesando A fresh new breather from Tokyo’s otherwise high-powered energetic streets, Omotesando. Near both Harajuku and Shibuya, this high tree-lined street which leads up to Meiji Shrine, and known as the older, wealthier version of Harajuku. It targets elder fashionistas, and its conscious architecture has invited in natural elements, with boutiques and shops being abundant in nature. It also has a distinctive brand of youthful fashion too. A pleasant, photogenic, wide street to spend time window shopping, strolling, eating and drinking and treating yourself to some retail therapy.    Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.  The afternoon will be dedicated to a tour with an architect. The tour will focus on architecture and the city.   Walk along and visit approximately 20 destinations such as: - Nihonbashi, the Bridge of Japan, where the Tokyo City began - Including Shiodome, where construction for the 2020 Olympic games is currently visible  In the evening, transfer to your accommodation. | | | |
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| **18/11/2019 (Mon)** | **Departure** | | **Day9** |
| A coach will transfer you to Narita Airport for your departing flight home.  Today will conclude a primary introduction to the fascinating people and places of Japan, and we are certain you will leave with enduring memories and impressions of your personal, in-depth encounter with the Land of the Rising Sun.  Transfer by coach to Narita Airport   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | Based on 25 passengers in a bus | Based on 30 passengers in a bus | Based on 35 passengers in a bus | | The price per person in a double room | $8,655 | $8,555 | $8,455 | | Single supplement | $2,900 | $2,900 | $2,900 |   Based on:  4 nights at the Thousand Hotel Kyoto:  <https://www.keihanhotels-resorts.co.jp/the-thousand-kyoto/rooms/>  The price per room per night is 56000 yen = 500 usd approximately  2 night at the ryokan Katsuragi kitanomaru – Hamamatsu:  <https://www.yamaharesort.co.jp/katsuragi-kitanomaru/en/>  The price per room per night 66000 Yen = 600 usd Approximately.  3 nights at the Conrad Tokyo Hotel:  <https://conradhotels3.hilton.com/en/hotels/japan/conrad-tokyo-TYOCICI/index.html?WT.mc_id=zELWAKN0APAC1CI2DMH3LocalSearch4DGGenericx6TYOCICI> The price per room per night is 117000 yen = 1050 usd approximately.  **Price includes:**  Hotels:  3 nights at the Thousand hotel Kyoto.  2 nights at the Katsuragi Kitanomaru hotel in Hamamatsu  3 nights at the Conrad hotel in Tokyo  Meals & Drinks:  Full board throughout the itin include farewell dinner in the last evening  Entrance fees and sightseeing:  According to the above itin.  Guides + Services:  2 private guides for 8-9 hours a day .  2 private assistant guides for 8-9 hours a day.  Tips:  Drivers, local guides, hotels porters and restaurants tips are included.  Frees:  6 frees in economy class in the tour.  **Price exclude:**  Flights:  Flights for the passengers.  Private expenses:  Any private expenses for example single supplement.  Insurance:  Health, luggage, travel Insurance.  Inspection:  Inspection for 3 pax in economy class flights.  Special production:   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Service |  | Cost |  | Price in usd | | Productions: | Kyoto | 10/11/19 -Koto Shakuhachi performance over welcome dinner |  | 457 usd | |  |  | 11/11/19 – Music Performance at Museum |  | 107 usd | |  |  | 12/11/19 – Zen Meditation and private temple tour |  | 20 usd | |  |  | 12/11/19 – Kyoto Garden private tour |  | 11 usd | |  |  | 12/11/19 – Noh and Butoh workshop |  | 54 usd | |  |  | 13/11/19-craftsmen visit |  | 9 usd | |  |  | 13/11/19-private temple tour |  | 13 usd | |  |  | 13/11/19 – Art gallery tour and cocktails |  | 45 usd | |  |  | 13/11/19 – Geisha dinner with one Geisha |  | 117 usd | |  | Hamamatsu | 14/11/19 – Taiko performance |  | 20 usd | |  | Tokyo | 16/11/19 – Tokyo art tour with 2 guides |  | 20 usd | |  |  | 17/11/19 – Tokyo Architecture tour 2 guides |  | 20 usd |   **Payments conditions:**  - Upon registration immediate payment of 2,500 usd.  - The balance due will be split into 3 payments:  One on the 1st August  Second on the 1st September  Third on the 1st October  **Cancelations fee policy:**   * From registration, until the 15/07/19 no cancelation fees. * Any cancelation from the 16/07/19 until the 01/09/19 1700 usd per person. * Any cancelation from the 02/09/19 until 15/10/19 will require 50% cancelation fee. * Any cancelation from the 16/10/19 until departure date will require 100% cancelation fee.   Registration will be done by sending e-mail of registration form to Ornit Zur Arie:  [ornitz@geotours.com](mailto:ornitz@geotours.com)  Tel no: 972-3-5639001 | | | |
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