ITINERARY

Air Included Japan Grand Traverse - Mountains & Seas Hidden Gems 12Days/10Nights

DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DURATION
TORONTO	Tokyo	12 Days / 10 Nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1

Day 1 Toronto – Overnight Flight to Tokyo of Japan

Your journey to Japan begins today as you depart from Toronto and board your international flight bound for Tokyo. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the onboard services as you travel across the Pacific Ocean.

As you fly toward the Land of the Rising Sun, anticipate the unforgettable experiences that await—from vibrant cities and historic temples to breathtaking natural landscapes and rich cultural traditions. Overnight onboard as you make your way to Japan for the start of your Honshu adventure.

Hotel: **Overnight in flght**

Day 2

Day 2 - Welcome to Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo, Japan's *dynamic capital and gateway to your Honshu adventure.*

Upon arrival, meet your local representative and transfer by private vehicle to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure, allowing you to relax after your international flight and adjust to the local time zone.

If time permits, take a leisurely stroll around the surrounding neighborhood, *discover nearby shops and cafés, or simply unwind and prepare for the exciting journey ahead.*

Meals: On Your Own
Accommodation: Tokyo

Meals: **No meal included** Hotel: **Hotel Villa Fontaine Grand Tokyo-Tamachi,Tmarkcity hotel tokyoOmori or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 3

Day 3 - Classic Tokyo Highlights

After breakfast, begin your exploration of Tokyo with a visit to the historic Senso-ji Temple, the city's oldest and most famous Buddhist temple.

Stroll along Nakamise Shopping Street, a vibrant avenue lined with traditional shops offering local snacks, souvenirs, and handcrafted goods, providing a glimpse into Tokyo's rich cultural heritage.

Continue to the *Imperial Palace outer grounds, where you can admire the elegant gardens, historic stone walls, and iconic Nijubashi Bridge surrounding the residence of Japan's Imperial Family.*

Next, experience the sophisticated atmosphere of Ginza, Tokyo's *premier shopping and entertainment district, renowned for its luxury boutiques, department stores, and modern architecture.*

Conclude the day at *Tokyo Tower, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks* . Ascend to the observation deck for spectacular panoramic views of Tokyo's sprawling skyline, especially enchanting as the city lights begin to illuminate the evening.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Tokyo

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Hotel Villa Fontaine Grand Tokyo-Tamachi,Tmarkcity hotel tokyoOmori or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 4

Day 4 - Tokyo at Leisure

Today is yours to explore Tokyo at your own pace.

After breakfast, enjoy a full day of leisure to discover the city according to your personal interests and travel style.

You may choose to indulge in world-class shopping, explore trendy cafés and local neighborhoods, visit renowned museums and art galleries, or experience Tokyo's famous anime, gaming, and pop culture districts.

Depending on the season, beautiful gardens and parks also offer a peaceful escape from the city's energetic atmosphere.

Optional sightseeing tours and cultural experiences are available for those wishing to further explore Tokyo's unique blend of tradition and innovation.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Tokyo

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Hotel Villa Fontaine Grand Tokyo-Tamachi,Tmarkcity hotel tokyoOmori or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 5

Day 5 - Mt. Fuji & Hakone Region

After breakfast, depart Tokyo and journey toward the breathtaking *Mt. Fuji region, home to some of Japan's most iconic scenery.*

Your first stop is **Oshino Hakka**i, a picturesque village famous for its crystal-clear spring ponds, traditional thatched-roof houses, and spectacular views of Mt. Fuji.

Continue to Oishi Park on the shores of Lake Kawaguchiko, one of the Fuji Five Lakes. Depending on the season, enjoy vibrant flower displays set against the stunning backdrop of Japan's most celebrated mountain. *On clear days, the panoramic views of Mt. Fuji reflected in the lake create unforgettable photo opportunities.*

Later, transfer to your hotel in the Mt. Fuji *onsen area and experience one of Japan's most cherished traditions—a relaxing hot spring bath.* Surrounded by peaceful natural scenery, unwind and rejuvenate as you prepare for the next stage of your journey through Honshu.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Mt. Fuji Onsen Area

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Isawa View Hotel,Hotel Hanal sawa or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 6

Day 6 - Hakone Scenic Area → Kyoto

After breakfast, continue exploring the Hakone region, known for its dramatic volcanic landscapes and natural beauty. Visit Owakudani Valley, an active geothermal area famous for its steaming vents, sulfur springs, and unique volcanic scenery. *Enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and, on clear days, distant views of Mt. Fuji.*

Proceed to the Lake Ashi area, *where tranquil waters and picturesque surroundings create one of Japan's most iconic scenic settings* . You may enjoy a short sightseeing cruise or admire the famous views of Mt. Fuji and Hakone's lush landscapes from the lakeshore.

In the afternoon, transfer to *Odawara Station* and board the Shinkansen bullet train bound for Kyoto. Experience Japan's renowned high-speed rail system as you travel smoothly across the country.

Upon arrival in Kyoto, meet your local driver and transfer to your hotel for check-in. *The evening is at leisure to rest and prepare for the cultural discoveries ahead in Japan's ancient capital.*

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Kyoto

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Ariston Hotel Kyoto Jujo,Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 7

Day 7 - Kyoto Heritage Experience

After breakfast, begin a full-day exploration of Kyoto's *timeless cultural treasures.* Start with a visit to Kiyomizu-dera Temple, one of Japan's most celebrated UNESCO World Heritage Sites, known for its wooden stage offering sweeping views over the city and surrounding hills.

Continue to the historic streets of Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka, *beautifully preserved slopes lined with traditional wooden townhouses, teahouses, and artisan shops that capture the charm of old Kyoto.*

Next, proceed to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district, where traditional teahouses, lantern-lit streets, and elegant architecture preserve the atmosphere of Japan's refined cultural heritage.

In the afternoon, visit the iconic Fushimi Inari Taisha, *renowned worldwide for its thousands of vermilion torii gates forming atmospheric pathways up the sacred Mount Inari.*

Return to the hotel after a day immersed in Kyoto's spiritual and historical beauty.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Kyoto

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Ariston Hotel Kyoto Jujo,Miyako Hotel Kyoto Hachijo or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 8

Day 8 - Nara Discovery → Osaka

After breakfast, depart Kyoto and travel to Nara, *Japan's first permanent capital and a city rich in history and cultural heritage.*

Begin your visit at Nara Park, *home to hundreds of free-roaming deer that have become a symbol of the city* . Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere as you interact with these friendly animals amidst beautiful parkland and historic surroundings.

Continue to the exterior of Todai-ji Temple, *one of Japan's most significant Buddhist landmarks,* renowned for its impressive architecture and historical importance. Then visit Kasuga Taisha, a revered Shinto shrine famous for its distinctive lanterns and tranquil forest setting.

In the afternoon, travel to Osaka, Japan's *vibrant commercial and culinary capital.* Explore Shinsaibashi, one of the city's most popular shopping districts, featuring a lively mix of boutiques, department stores, and local shops.

Conclude the day in the energetic *Dotonbori area, where dazzling neon lights, giant animated signboards,* and an exciting street atmosphere showcase the dynamic spirit of Osaka. Enjoy time to stroll, shop, and experience one of Japan's most iconic entertainment districts.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Osaka

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Welina Hotel Premier Nakanoshima West,WelinaHotelPremierNakanoshimaEast or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 9

Day 9 - Kobe Port City Experience

After breakfast, depart Osaka and travel to Kobe, *one of Japan's most attractive port cities*, renowned for its international atmosphere, scenic waterfront, and rich cultural heritage.

Begin your exploration at Meriken Park and the Kobe Harbor area, where modern architecture, waterfront promenades, and picturesque views of the bay showcase the city's maritime character. *Enjoy a leisurely walk while taking in the beautiful harbor scenery.*

Continue to the historic Kitano Ijinkan district, a charming neighborhood known for its well-preserved Western-style residences built by foreign merchants and diplomats during the late 19th century. *The elegant architecture and peaceful streets offer a glimpse into Kobe's unique international history.*

Next, visit Nankinmachi Chinatown, *one of Japan's largest and most vibrant Chinatowns.* Stroll through its colorful streets filled with shops, restaurants, and local specialties, reflecting the city's multicultural heritage.

In the evening, experience one of Japan's most celebrated night views from the Mt. Maya or Mt. Rokko area, depending on weather and operating conditions. From the mountaintop observation points, admire the breathtaking panorama of Kobe, Osaka Bay, *and the glittering city lights below.*

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Kobe

Meals: **Breakfast** | Hotel: **The Royal Park Canvas - Kobe Sannomiya or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 10

Day 10 - Himeji → Kurashiki → Hiroshima

After breakfast, depart Kobe and journey westward to Himeji, *home to Japan's most magnificent feudal castle*. Visit Himeji Castle, *a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the finest surviving original castles in Japan.* Renowned for its elegant white exterior and impressive defensive architecture, the castle is often referred to as the "White Heron Castle."

Next, stroll through the beautiful Koko-en Garden, *a collection of traditional Japanese gardens featuring tranquil ponds, waterfalls, teahouses, and meticulously landscaped grounds that complement the grandeur of Himeji Castle.*

Continue to the charming Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter, *one of Japan's best-preserved merchant districts.* Wander along picturesque canals lined with willow trees, white-walled storehouses, and traditional buildings that reflect the prosperity of the Edo period. The district's timeless atmosphere offers a glimpse into Japan's rich cultural and commercial history.

Later in the day, travel to Hiroshima and check in to your hotel. The evening is at leisure to relax or explore the city at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hiroshima

Meals: **Breakfast** | Hotel: **Mitsui Garden Hotel Hiroshima,Oriental Hotel Hiroshima or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 11

Day 11 - Hiroshima & Miyajima Island

After breakfast, begin the day with a visit to Hiroshima *Peace Memorial Park, a moving tribute to peace and remembrance.* Explore the park's monuments and memorials dedicated to the victims of the atomic bombing, and gain deeper insight into this important chapter of history at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

Later, travel to the picturesque Miyajima Island, widely regarded as one of Japan's most scenic destinations. *Visit the historic Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its striking architecture and harmonious setting along the coast.*

Witness the island's most famous landmark—*the iconic floating torii gate*—which appears to rise gracefully from the sea during high tide, creating one of Japan's most celebrated views. Enjoy time to explore the island's charming streets, traditional atmosphere, and beautiful natural surroundings.

In the afternoon, return to Hiroshima, where the remainder of the evening is at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hiroshima

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Mitsui Garden Hotel Hiroshima,Oriental Hotel Hiroshima or similar 4 star hotel**

Day 12

Day 12 - Departure from Hiroshima

After breakfast, enjoy some free time before your scheduled transfer to Hiroshima Airport for your onward flight.

As your journey across Honshu comes to an end, take with you unforgettable memories of Japan's vibrant cities, ancient temples, majestic castles, scenic landscapes, and rich cultural heritage. From the bustling streets of Tokyo and the beauty of Mt. Fuji to the historic treasures of Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Himeji, and Hiroshima, this tour offers a comprehensive introduction to the timeless charm of Japan.

Thank you for traveling with us, and we look forward to welcoming you on another adventure in the future.

Meals: Breakfast

Meals: **Breakfast**

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

COST INCLUDES

- ✓ ROUND TRIP AIR TICKET INCLUDED, FROM TORONTO
- ✓ ** If you need to depart from another city, please contact us
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Stay in carefully selected 4 star hotels 10 nights as listed in the itinerary, including one memorable night at a traditional onsen (hot spring) hotel in the Mt. Fuji area.
- ✓ Shinkansen Experience
- ✓ One-way Shinkansen (bullet train) ticket from the Mt. Fuji/Odawara region to Kyoto (non-reserved seating), providing a comfortable and authentic Japanese rail experience.
- ✓ Private Transportation
- ✓ Comprehensive private air-conditioned motor coach transportation services throughout the tour, including:
- ✓ One airport pick-up service in Tokyo upon arrival
- ✓ Meals as per Itinerary (11 Breakfast & 1 Onsen Hotel Dinner)
- ✓ One airport transfer service in Hiroshima upon departure
- ✓ Eight full-day private charter vehicle services for sightseeing
- ✓ One private transfer from Kyoto Shinkansen Station to the hotel
- ✓ Language Support
- ✓ Tour arrangements and assistance are available in Japanese, or English, based on guests' requirements and preferences.
- ✓ Professional Travel Planning
- ✓ A carefully designed itinerary combining Japan's most iconic cultural, historical, and scenic destinations, ensuring a seamless and enriching travel experience across Honshu.

COST EXCLUDES

- ✗ Japan visa if need.
- ✗ personal expenses.
- ✗ meals not mentioned, drinks and optional activities.
- ✗ Driver / guide overtime, extra transfers or route changes not included in the confirmed arrangement.
- ✗ Tour Guide/Driver Gratuities of USD $16 per person per day.
- ✗ Entrance / activity tickets: Tokyo Tower 350m Observatory JPY 1,500 pp(10usd); Hakone Ropeway Sounzan–Togendai one-way JPY 2,000 pp(13usd); Todai-ji interior JPY 700 pp(5usd); Himeji Castle JPY 2,500 pp(16usd/pp); Koko-en Garden JPY 400 pp(3 usd/pp); Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum JPY 200 pp(2usd/pp); Miyajima ferry JPY 2,200 pp.(15usd/pp), Pay upon site.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

- **Valid Passport** — must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date
- **Required Visas** — verify visa requirements for your destination and nationality before travel
- **Travel Insurance Certificate** — trip cancellation and out-of-country medical coverage (strongly recommended)
- **Credit Card & Cash** — for personal expenses and emergencies
- **Medications** — in original packaging with prescriptions, plus a copy stored separately

IMPORTANT TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Entry Requirements: Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure all documents are valid and in order.

Local Conditions: Living standards and practices at the destination, and the standards and conditions with respect to utilities, services, and accommodation, may differ from those found in Canada.

Airport Arrival: Please arrive at the airport at least **3 hours before** international departures and **2 hours before** domestic departures. Reconfirm onward flights with the airline at least 72 hours in advance.

Government Travel Advice: Check Global Affairs Canada at **travel.gc.ca** for the latest travel advisories for your destination.