

Japan – Tokyo, Kyoto & Day Trips (7 Days)

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Explore Japan's blend of futuristic cityscapes, traditional temples, and serene natural beauty, with day trips to Nara and Mount Fuji.

Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival & Explore Tokyo (Shibuya & Shinjuku)

- Arrive at Tokyo Haneda Airport (HND) or Narita Airport (NRT), take taxi or airport limousine bus to Hotel Grand Nikko Tokyo (~30–60 min depending on airport).
 - Explore Shibuya: Shibuya Crossing, Hachiko Statue, shopping streets.
 - Shinjuku: Omoide Yokocho, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building observatory.
 - Dinner at Omoide Yokocho izakaya or Sushi Zanmai.
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Day 2 – Tokyo Highlights & Asakusa

- Visit Senso-ji Temple, Nakamise Shopping Street.
 - Explore Ueno Park, Tokyo National Museum, Ameyoko Market.
 - Lunch at local ramen shop.
 - Evening: Ginza district – luxury shopping, Kabukiza Theatre (optional).
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Day 3 – Day Trip to Nikko

- Take JR train from Tokyo to Nikko (~2 hours).
 - Visit Toshogu Shrine, Shinkyo Bridge, Kegon Falls.
 - Return to Tokyo in the evening.
 - Dinner at local restaurant near hotel.
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Day 4 – Tokyo to Hakone / Mount Fuji Region

- Take Romancecar or Shinkansen to Hakone (~1.5–2 hours).
 - Explore Lake Ashi – cruise & views of Mt. Fuji.
 - Hakone Open-Air Museum visit.
 - Overnight in Hakone ryokan with onsen (hot spring) experience.
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Day 5 – Kyoto Arrival & Temple Exploration

- Shinkansen from Odawara/Hakone to Kyoto (~2 hours).
 - Visit Fushimi Inari Taisha, Kiyomizu-dera, Gion district.
 - Lunch at Nishiki Market.
 - Evening stroll along the Kamogawa River.
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Day 6 – Kyoto & Nara Day Trip

- Morning: Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Tenryu-ji Temple.
 - Afternoon: Train to Nara (~45 min). Visit Todai-ji Temple, Nara Deer Park.
 - Return to Kyoto for dinner.
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Day 7 – Departure from Kyoto / Osaka

- Check out from hotel.
- Take Shinkansen or local train to Kansai International Airport (KIX) – ~1.5 hours from Kyoto.
- Domestic or international flights from KIX or Osaka Itami Airport (ITM).

Practical Travel Info

- Main Stations: Tokyo Station, Shinjuku, Kyoto Station.
 - Airports: Tokyo Narita (NRT) & Haneda (HND), Kansai International Airport (KIX).
 - Transport: Japan Rail Pass recommended; metro and buses efficient in cities.
 - Local Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY).
 - Voltage/Plug: Type A/B, 100V.
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Travel Tips & Essentials

- Comfortable walking shoes — temples and historic streets involve steps.
- Pre-book Shinkansen tickets or activate JR Pass before arrival.
- Carry cash: many smaller shops do not accept cards.
- Pack layers: temperatures vary between cities and altitudes.
- Learn basic Japanese greetings and phrases for smooth travel.



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Japan – Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto, Osaka & Hiroshima (12 Days)

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Experience Japan's dynamic cities, serene temples, natural beauty, and cultural treasures, with day trips to Nara, Mount Fuji, and Hiroshima.

Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival & Tokyo (Shibuya & Shinjuku)

- Arrive at Tokyo Haneda Airport (HND) or Narita Airport (NRT), take taxi or airport limousine bus to Hotel Grand Nikko Tokyo (~30–60 min).
 - Explore Shibuya Crossing, Hachiko Statue, and shopping streets.
 - Visit Shinjuku: Omoide Yokocho, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building observatory.
 - Dinner at Omoide Yokocho izakaya or Sushi Zanmai.
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Day 2 – Tokyo Highlights & Asakusa

- Visit Senso-ji Temple, Nakamise Shopping Street.
 - Explore Ueno Park and Tokyo National Museum.
 - Lunch at local ramen or sushi restaurant.
 - Evening: Ginza district for shopping or optional Kabukiza Theatre.
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Day 3 – Day Trip to Nikko

- JR train from Tokyo to Nikko (~2 hours).
 - Visit Toshogu Shrine, Shinkyo Bridge, and Kegon Falls.
 - Return to Tokyo by evening.
 - Dinner near hotel.
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Day 4 – Tokyo to Hakone / Mount Fuji Region

- Romancecar or Shinkansen to Hakone (~1.5–2 hours).
 - Lake Ashi cruise with Mt. Fuji views.
 - Hakone Open-Air Museum visit.
 - Overnight in Hakone ryokan with onsen experience.
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Day 5 – Hakone to Kyoto

- Shinkansen from Odawara/Hakone to Kyoto (~2 hours).
 - Afternoon: Fushimi Inari Taisha and Kiyomizu-dera Temple.
 - Evening stroll in Gion district.
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Day 6 – Kyoto Temples & Gardens

- Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Tenryu-ji Temple.
 - Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) and Ryoan-ji Zen Garden.
 - Lunch at Nishiki Market.
 - Evening: Pontocho alley for traditional dining.
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Day 7 – Nara Day Trip

- Train from Kyoto to Nara (~45 min).
- Visit Todai-ji Temple, Nara Deer Park, and Kasuga Taisha.
- Return to Kyoto for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 8 – Kyoto to Osaka & Explore

- Shinkansen or local train to Osaka (~30 min).
- Visit Osaka Castle, Dotonbori district, and Kuromon Ichiba Market.
- Evening: Umeda Sky Building or rooftop view for city lights.

Day 9 – Osaka to Hiroshima & Miyajima Day Trip

- Shinkansen to Hiroshima (~2 hours).
- Visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum.
- Ferry to Miyajima Island: Itsukushima Shrine and Torii gate.
- Return to Hiroshima or Osaka for overnight stay.

Day 10 – Osaka Leisure & Optional Day Trip

- Option 1: Himeji Castle & Kobe sightseeing (~1–2 hours each by train).
- Option 2: Universal Studios Japan or Osaka Aquarium.
- Evening return to Osaka for dinner.

Day 11 – Osaka to Tokyo / Leisure Day

- Shinkansen back to Tokyo (~2.5–3 hours).
- Free day for shopping in Harajuku, Shibuya, or Akihabara.
- Evening: Optional night cruise on the Sumida River.

Day 12 – Departure from Tokyo

- Check out from hotel.
 - Airport transfer: Haneda Airport (HND) ~30 min, Narita Airport (NRT) ~60–90 min by taxi or airport bus.
 - Departure flight in the afternoon.
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Travel Tips & Essentials

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- Pre-book Shinkansen tickets or activate JR Pass.
- Carry cash — small shops often don't accept cards.
- Pack layers — temperatures vary between cities, mountains, and coast.
- Basic Japanese greetings and phrases enhance local interactions.

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