



COMPLETE JAPAN | 14D

From \$4390

Travel from Tokyo to Kyoto for an epic discovery of Japan's most fascinating highlights. Explore magical mountain retreats in Takayama and Shirakawa-go, dip into onsen hot springs in the shadow of Mount Fuji, witness dazzling Edo period architecture in Kyoto and soak up the contemporary energy of Hiroshima - the perfect greatest-hits itinerary with plenty of independent exploration.

ITINERARY

Day 1-4: Arrive in ultra-modern Tokyo, Japan's glittering capital, where traditional Buddhist temples co-exist with thriving contemporary culture. Journey closer to magnificent Mount Fuji with a visit to Hakone to relax in the onsen hot springs.

Day 5-8: Discover the secluded mountains around Takayama and stay in a traditional home in the stunning Shirakawa-go village. Head to the seaside city of Kanazawa to get a first-hand look at the country's history in the Geisha and Samurai districts.

Day 9-14: Explore the tragic history and modern art culture of cosmopolitan Hiroshima before catching the famous bullet train to Kyoto. Visit the Nijo Castle, famous gardens of Ryoan-ji and take in panoramic views of the city at the Kiyomizu Temple.

WHY TRAVEL JAPAN WITH BUFFALO TOURS?

- Flexible touring options from fully guided to partial or self-guided (with comprehensive maps, itineraries, directions and tickets delivered to your hotel)
- Destination experts on the ground to ensure a seamless holiday
- Buffalo operated tours with a focus on interactive experiences that highlight local traditions and people



Japan has 4 distinct seasons that influence the weather, the country and travel plans considerably.

Spring

- Pleasantly warm and very little rain.
- Cherry Blossom Season between March and April- a truly special reason to visit.
- Can be overwhelmingly busy and more expensive.

Summer

- Tsuyu, or monsoon season, in June.
- Hot and humid weather.
- Summer festivals fill cities with dancing, beer gardens and plenty of evening entertainment.

Autumn

- Temperature and humidity drops in September.
- By November leaves are turning red, gold and yellow.
- Less busy but no less spectacular than during spring.

Winter

- The north east and Hokkaido experience heavy snows and are great for skiing.
- Fewer tourists, except in Takayama as the area looks especially beautiful in winter.

UNIQUE TOURING EXPERIENCES



Gion Kimono Tour

From \$228

Explore the Gion district of Kyoto in the most local way you can; in a traditional Kimono! Get dressed up with a Kimono stylist and wander the charming streets of Gion, learning about the mysterious traditions of the Geisha world. The pictures you take here may be the best of your whole trip!



Morning Bento Class

From \$230

Take part in a morning Bento Cooking Class to learn about this classic lunch favourite. Focus on typical Japanese dishes such as sushi, tempura and miso soup. This is a great way to learn about the cultural background of the Japanese "Bento" and take a few tips home too.



Pop Culture Tokyo

From \$207

Begin your journey through modern day Japan at the world-famous Shibuya crossing in this busy shopping district. Continue onto Harajuku to witness every kind of fashion sub-culture you can imagine. Wander through the neon streets and stop by anime and manga shops, and the uniquely Japanese maid cafes.



Asakusa and Sensoji Temple Walk

From \$143

Explore Asakusa, a popular site outside of Tokyo that retains an old-world charm. Discover the history of the Edo period with visits to one of the oldest shopping arcades and Buddhist temples in the country. Wrap up your day of exploring at Kappabashi Kitchen Street.



Osaka Castle and Aqualiner

From \$86

On this half day tour, visit Osaka Castle and learn about the Tokugawa Shogunate that ruled Japan for almost 300 years. Then take the Aqualiner for a short cruise to get a different perspective of Osaka from the rivers and canals.



The Zen of Temples And Tea

From \$226

From Yasaka Shrine next to Gion make your way through the preserved Higashiyama Temple District. Take part in a Japanese tea ceremony in a traditional home before visiting a neighboring Zen temple garden with original tea houses.