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JAPAN
TRAVEL

the private collection

Essential Japan

Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka in nine days, with Nara taken as a day from Kyoto, and a Tour Director *beside* you every day.

NINE DAYS · \$21,500 PER PERSON

Prices are per person.

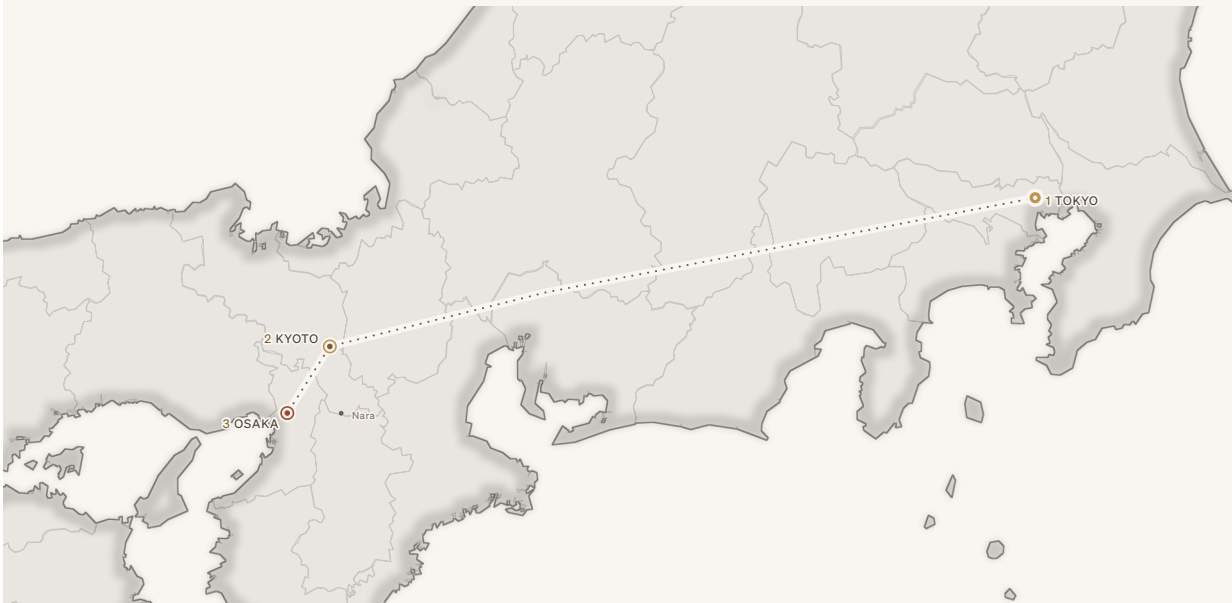


The Yasaka pagoda above Higashiyama, Kyoto, at dusk

From Tokyo to *Osaka*

Essential Japan is the journey for a first visit, and for the return visit that wants the three great cities done properly. You have three nights in Tokyo, three in Kyoto and two in Osaka, joined by the Shinkansen in the Green Car, with a private chauffeur at the airport at both ends and your luggage sent ahead between hotels.

Nara is taken as a day from Kyoto, paired with Fushimi Inari on the same road south, so the journey covers every sight a first visit asks for without adding a night. Two evenings in Kyoto are left open, with your Tour Director's recommendations booked on request.



THE ROUTE BY NIGHT, TOKYO, KYOTO, OSAKA

TOKYO THREE NIGHTS	Nihonbashi, the merchant quarter from whose bridge every road in Japan was once measured.
KYOTO THREE NIGHTS	Gion, the geiko district below the eastern hills, with Kiyomizu-dera a short walk above it.
OSAKA TWO NIGHTS	Beside the castle park, in the city the Edo period called the kitchen of the nation.

Nine *days*

Because you choose the dates, we arrange the order of the days around them: several of these places keep a regular closing day (the Imperial Palace East Gardens close on Mondays and Fridays), and the sequence is set so that each is open on the day you visit.

DAY 1 TOKYO	A private chauffeur meets you at Narita or Haneda and takes you and your luggage to your hotel in Nihonbashi. Your Tour Director joins you that evening for the welcome dinner.
DAY 2 TOKYO	Late in the morning you walk the Tsukiji Outer Market with your Tour Director, eating as you go, from rolled omelette to the tuna cut at the counter. In the afternoon the Imperial Palace East Gardens, laid out within the inner citadel of Edo Castle, then Ginza in the late afternoon, and a sushi counter for dinner.
DAY 3 TOKYO	Senso-ji and the lanes of Asakusa, with a visit to a craft studio in the district; then Meiji Jingu, whose forest of a hundred thousand trees, planted by hand a century ago, is now taken for ancient woodland. Shibuya Crossing in the early evening, three thousand people to a green light, and an izakaya for dinner.
DAY 4 KYOTO	The Green Car of the Shinkansen to Kyoto, a little over two hours. An afternoon on foot in Higashiyama: Kiyomizu-dera on its wooden stage above the valley, then down the stone lanes of Sannenzaka and Ninenzaka to your hotel in Gion. Gion with your Tour Director as the lanterns are lit; the evening is yours.
DAY 5 KYOTO	Kinkaku-ji, its two upper storeys leafed in gold above the pond, then the bamboo grove at Arashiyama. In the afternoon a private tea ceremony, and kaiseki for dinner.
DAY 6 KYOTO	Fushimi Inari, where the vermilion gates climb the hill behind the shrine, then on to Nara: Todai-ji, whose Great Buddha Hall is among the largest wooden buildings in the world, and the deer park around it. Lunch in Nara, and on the way back a sake tasting in Fushimi, the brewing district on Kyoto's southern edge, built on its soft spring water. Dinner is left open, with your Tour Director's recommendations.
DAY 7 OSAKA	Nishiki Market on foot with your Tour Director, tasting as you go along the covered street Kyoto has shopped in for four centuries, then the Green Car to Osaka, a quarter of an hour away. Osaka Castle, a short walk from your hotel, in the afternoon: Hideyoshi's fortress, its keep rebuilt in 1931 on the Tokugawa walls. Dotonbori, the canal street cut in 1615, on foot with your Tour Director in the evening, and a sushi counter for dinner.
DAY 8 OSAKA	Kuromon Market late in the morning, lunching from stall to stall through the covered arcade that has supplied the city's kitchens since the Edo period; the afternoon at ease. A farewell dinner of wagyu teppanyaki at the hotel.
DAY 9 DEPARTURE	Breakfast, and a private chauffeur to Kansai or Itami for your flight.

what is included

What the price *covers*

EIGHT NIGHTS	Mitsui Garden Hotel Nihonbashi Premier*, Tokyo, three nights Hotel The Celestine Kyoto Gion*, Kyoto, three nights Hotel New Otani Osaka*, Osaka, two nights
MEALS	Breakfast every day. Six dinners: the welcome dinner, a sushi counter in Tokyo, an izakaya evening, kaiseki in Kyoto, a sushi counter in Osaka and the farewell teppanyaki. Three lunches, at Tsukiji, in Nara and at Kuromon, and the tastings at Nishiki.
TRAVEL	A private chauffeur at the airport on arrival and on departure. The Green Car on the Shinkansen from Tokyo to Kyoto and from Kyoto to Osaka. A private car and driver on the days in Tokyo, Kyoto and Nara that the rail cannot do. Luggage sent ahead between hotels.
EXPERIENCES	A private tea ceremony in Kyoto. A sake tasting in Fushimi. A craft studio visit in Asakusa. The market walks at Tsukiji, Nishiki and Kuromon with your Tour Director. Every entry on the plan.
YOUR TOUR DIRECTOR	A Tour Director with you every day, from the welcome dinner to the last morning, fluent in Japanese and English, so that every reservation, check-in and conversation on the ground is handled on our side.
THE EXTENSION HIROSHIMA AND MIYAJIMA	Three days, \$7,200 per person. The last day of the journey becomes a travel day: the Green Car from Osaka to Hiroshima in about ninety minutes, and the afternoon given to the Peace Memorial Park and Museum. The next day is Miyajima: the ferry across, Itsukushima Shrine and its great torii standing in the water, and the lanes of the island, with lunch and dinner. On the third day, Shukkei-en, the garden laid out for the Asano lords in 1620, then the afternoon at ease and a farewell dinner. On the fourth morning a private chauffeur takes you to Hiroshima Airport, or the Green Car takes you to Osaka or Tokyo for your flight. Three nights at Hotel Granvia Hiroshima*, breakfast every day, and the meals named here. With the extension, Essential Japan is twelve days.

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The *price*

\$21,500 per person

One price, for a guest travelling alone or for two sharing a room. The journey is for one guest, a couple, or a party of up to four in two rooms. Prices are per person.

BOOKING

A deposit confirms your dates; the balance is due 95 days before you travel.

The journey is taken on dates of your choosing. Tell us when you would like to travel, and we confirm your dates with you and advise on the flights that land you right for the welcome dinner.

Tipping is not customary in Japan. In restaurants and hotels the service is in the bill. A gratuity for your Tour Director at the end is standard practice and welcomed.

Your enquiry

Write to us at bookings@luxuryjapantravel.com with the dates you have in mind, or enquire from the journey's page at luxuryjapantravel.com/private-collection/essential-japan. We reply in person.

Each journey of The Private Collection is taken as it is designed here. A guest who would like a journey shaped around them is welcome on the Custom Tour of Japan.

With our compliments,

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Senso-ji, Asakusa, at night