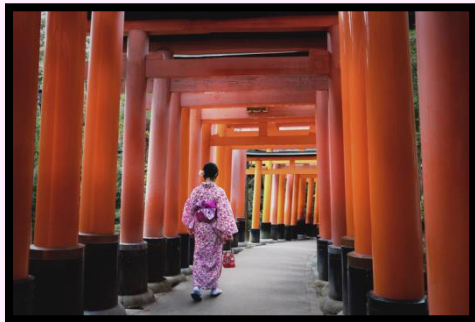


Girls On Tour – Autumn Leaves in Japan - 21 days



Sunday 3 Nov 2019 – DEPART FOR TOKYO 4 nights

Meet & greet at airport and transfer to Tokyo Hotel.

Mon 4 Nov – TOKYO

Sightseeing today of some of the major tourism parts of Tokyo including Metropolitan building for aerial view of the city, Asukusa Kannon and Nakamise Street, Imperial Palace and Meiji Shrine and the Oriental Bazaar of Omotase. Tonight a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Tue 5 Nov – TOKYO

Departing this morning on The Romance Train for a full day excursion to the Hakone Region. Enjoy views of Mt Fuji (weather permitting), enjoy a cruise on Lake Ashi and explore the Hakone Ropeway including a ride on the cable car. (B)

Wed 6 Nov - TOKYO

A free day today to explore the capital of Japan at your leisure. (B)

Thu 7 Nov - NAGANO 2 nights

Today we travel to Nagano by Bullet Train where we will visit the Zenkoji Temple and food markets before



enjoying the afternoon to explore. (B)

Fri 8 Nov – SNOW MONKEYS

An exciting day as we travel to Yamanouchi to visit Jigokudani Monkey Park where the wild monkeys bathe in the park's natural hot springs. (B)

Sat 9 Nov - MATSUMOTO 2 nights

Today we journey to the picturesque castle town of Matsumoto with its 400 year old castle nestled between the Japanese Alps and Utsukushigahara Heights. The region is famous for delicious apples and soba (buckwheat noodles) and the birthplace of the contemporary artist Yayoi Kusama as well as Suzuki music.

Sun 10 Nov – MATSUMOTO

Today we travel by train to Hotaka to explore the largest Wasabi Farm in



Japan and get the chance to try Wasabi Ice Cream! In the afternoon we will visit Matsumoto Castle and Yohashirajinja Shrine and some traditional streets. (B)

Mon 11 Nov – TAKAYAMA 2 nights

During the next 2 days we will explore the 18th century ambiance of this delightful area of Japan. Known for its handicraft techniques including lacquerware, carving and dyeing we will explore workshops and morning markets of this intriguing area. The historic streets preserve the atmosphere of the old Edo era town dating back to the early 17th century and the old buildings now house stores,

restaurants, snack shops and galleries but maintain the 'old town'



feel. (B)

Tue 12 Nov - TAKAYAMA

More exploring and wandering through the ancient streets of Takayama today visiting Kokubungi Temple which was rebuilt in 1615 after the original was burnt down during civil wars. The huge 1200 year old ginkgo tree in the precincts has been designated a National Monument. (B)

Wed 13 Nov – KANAZAWA 3 nights

Today we travel by bus to Kanazawa via the UNESCO Heritage listed village of Shirakawa-go in the Japanese Alps. The traditional farmhouses here are famous for their steep thatched roofs and the colours here in autumn are breathtaking. (B)

Thu 14 Nov – KANAZAWA

During our stay in Kanazawa we will



Tokyo, Hakone, Mt Fuji, Nagano, Yudanaka, Jigokudania Monkey Park, Matsumoto, Takayama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, Shirakawa-go, Osaka and more.



visit the Kenrokuen Gardens including the castle, Seisonkaku built by the 13th Lord of the Maeda family, the Samurai Houses, Kutani pottery shops and the Omicho Markets which consist of 200 small shops selling mostly food in the narrow covered alleys. (B)

Fri 15 Nov – KANAZAWA

Today is a day of craft and culture. We will try our hand at Indigo dyeing and then at gold leaf imprinting followed by making sweets in the 400 year old sweets store finished off by a traditional tea ceremony. (B)

Sat 16 Nov - KYOTO 5 nights

We travel by bullet train to Kyoto today where we will enjoy a

INCLUSIONS

- Return international flights ex Brisbane - Economy class
- Transfers, ferries as shown including luggage transfer Matsumoto to Kyoto.
- All transport in air-conditioned coaches
- Breakfast daily. Other meals as shown.
- Cooking class in Kyoto
- All entries and touring as shown on itinerary.
- Professional guides and GOT escort
- Tea Ceremony & Kimono Dressing
- 14 day Rail Pass for Bullet Train.

EXCLUSIONS

- Tips and gratuities
- Airline taxes approx \$250
- Personal items, travel insurance
- Anything not specified above

Cost - \$11,777pp twin share + approx Taxes \$250 @ 31/10/18 (subject to change).

Single supplement \$TBA

** based on minimum group of 10 and subject to currency fluctuations*

wonderful cooking class before a relaxing night. (B)

Sun 17 Nov – KYOTO

A private guided tour today of Kyoto visiting the 'must see' places including the Golden Pavilion, Kinkakuji, the Philosophers path and Silver Pavilion and Gardens and in the evening the famous Gion District. (B)

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Mon 18 Nov – NARA

Travelling by rail this morning to the historic town of Nara we will enjoy a walking tour which includes a visit to the Nara Deer Park, the Todaji Temple and Kasuga Shrine. A chance today to dress in traditional Yakata style Kimono and enjoy a Tea Ceremony. (B)

Tue 19 Nov - KYOTO

Today you have a free day to explore Kyoto further or relax and enjoy your surrounds before our excursion to Hiroshima tomorrow. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Wed 20 Nov - HIROSHIMA

We travel by rail today to Hiroshima for a full day tour including the Peace Memorial Park with visits to Ground Zero, Miyajima Island, Itsukushima Shrine and Daishoin Temple before returning to Kyoto. (B)

Thu 21 Nov - OSAKA 2 nights

Our first visit today is the imposing Osaka Castle which played a major role in the unification of Japan in the 16th century. Next a Tonbori river cruise followed by some retail therapy in the Tenjinbashisuji shopping street, the longest shopping street in Japan. A chance here to try the famous udon noodles. (B)

Fri 22 Nov - OSAKA

Today is yours to explore Osaka further or do some last minute shopping. In the evening we will



gather for a farewell dinner together to share stories and remember our Japan adventures. (B,D)

Saturday 23 November, 2019 DEPART FOR HOME

This morning is at leisure to get any last minute souvenirs or last minute



photos before our transfer to the airport for our homeward flight. (B)

NOTE: *Your Girls On Tour escort for this tour will be Lea Schloss.*

