

Exclusive Fully escorted 13 Day Discover Japan Departing 4th May to 16 May 2017.

May is one of the best times for visiting Japan as vegetation has become lush, the temperatures are still comfortable and tourist spots tend to be pleasantly uncrowded. Experience Japan with us.

- Home Pick up/Drop Off*
- Fully Escorted by helloworld Laurieton
- Return travel to/from Sydney
- Return Economy Airfares Tokyo
- (Applicable Government/Departure / Security Taxes
- All touring & meals as per Itinerary
- Local Japanese Guide throughout
- All tipping included throughout
- B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner
- 3.5 to 4 Star ensuite accommodation throughout Japan including breakfast
- 4 Nights Shinagawa Prince Hotel Tokyo



- 2 Nights Accommodation Hida Washington Hotel Plaza Takayama
- 3 Nights Kyoto Tokyu Hotel
- 1 Night Hiroshima Oriental Hotel
- Visit Mt Fuji & Lake Ashi
- Nikko UNESCO heritage listed
- Traditional Nagoya & Takayama
- Japan Rail / Bullet Train
- Explore Kyoto & its UNESCO sites
- Arashiyama & Yakatabune Cruise
- Hiroshima, 'tori' gate, Miyajima Island, Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum

****Business Class flight upgrades available upon application****



Also Included....

- ✓ Chanko Nabe which is a sumo wrestler traditional meal
 - ✓ Famous Hida Beef Dinner
- ✓ Traditional meal with Maiko performance
- ✓ All inclusive / no hidden extra's

\$5999-00 per person
Single Supplement \$1099-00
Small Group Departure



**Exclusive
RESERVATIONS
Tracy, Gil or Karen at
helloworld LAURIETON
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Shop 2/74 Bold Street,**

Exclusions:

- Items of a personal nature (e.g. room service, phone calls, drinks, additional meals, optional excursions, etc)
- Current Passports
- Travel insurance is not included and is compulsory for this tour.
- **Please Note:** A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour. Payment of a deposit indicates that you accept all the Terms and Conditions of this Tour as per brochure & confirmation letter.

PAYMENT:

A non refundable deposit of \$2500-00 per person including airfares is required to confirm booking. Final payment will fall due no later than the Friday 3rd February, 2017.

Travel Insurance is compulsory for this tour.

CONDITIONS: helloworld:

- Advises the airline reserves the right to amend their schedule and airfares without notice
- Minimum group numbers apply to operate tour. Home pick up subject to distance. See in store for full details.
- Advises price is effective for the dates specified but maybe subject to change without notice.
- Passengers require a current Passport with minimum 6 months validity for arrival into Japan
- Advises non-Australian Passport holders to check re-entry Visa requirements
- Reserves the right to vary the itinerary in anyway at anytime deemed necessary
- Accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings & suggests that suitable insurance be effected for protection of the same
- Accepts no responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport/touring companies used as part of the tour.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - 04MAY2017- Home to Sydney (D)

Today you will be picked up from home and we make our way to Sydney for our overnight flight to Tokyo.

Day 2 - 05MAY 2017 - Arrival into Tokyo

We arrive into Tokyo early this morning and make our way to our hotel where we have organised early check-in of our hotel rooms. The remainder of the day & evening is free for you to relax and explore this fabulous hotel and its location.

ACCOMMODATION: 4 Nights Shinagawa Prince Hotel

Day 3 - 06 MAY 2017 (B) - Sightseeing around bustling Tokyo!

Today we will meet in the lobby at 8:30am after breakfast to meet our tour escort who is staying with us for the duration of the tour. From there, we will head off on a 1/2 day sightseeing tour of Tokyo visiting the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo Tower, Sensoji Temple and Nakamise Shopping Street finishing at lunch time to give us the afternoon & evening free at leisure.

Day 4 - 07 MAY 2017 (B, L, D) - Mt Fuji

Today we will take a coach tour to Mt Fuji visitors centre and fifth station. From here we will enjoy lunch and some time in Hakone doing the Mt Komagatake Ropeway and a cruise along Lake Ashi (weather permitting). Let's hope weather permits a fantastic view of Mt Fuji today as it can only be seen 30% of the year. Most of our tour guides can safely say they have only seen Mt Fuji 100% once or twice a year! Make sure you seize any opportunity to try Hakone Maple Honey cakes! Once we get back to Tokyo, we will make it easy by having lunch & dinner included at a local restaurant tonight.

Day 5 - 08 MAY 2017 (B, L, D) - Nikko

Nikko region north of Tokyo is a very historically significant area. This area is now UNESCO heritage listed. We will have a spiritual experience at Nikko Toshugo Shrine, view the 97 metre high Kegon Falls and the stunning vistas of Lake Chuzenji. We will depart by coach again today at about 9am and spend the whole day in the Nikko region. Both lunch and dinner are included today at local restaurants.

** Tonight we will pack a small suitcase to take with us for our 2 Nights In Takayama (hand luggage size) as our luggage will be transferred from Tokyo & meet us upon arrival at Kyoto**

Day 6 - 09 MAY 2017 (B, D) - Our first Shinkansen experience from Tokyo to Takayama!

Today we will begin day one of our Japan Rail Pass and we will travel from Tokyo to traditional Takayama via Nagoya. We will stop in Nagoya for lunch at your own expense and if you feel up to it, explore Nagoya Castle, the Science Museum or a spot of shopping. After settling into our accommodation in Takayama, we will head out for a meal of famous Hida Beef together.

ACCOMMODATION: 2 Nights Hida Washington Hotel Plaza

Day 7 - 10 MAY 2017 (B) - Exploring traditional Takayama!

Today we will head off on a half day tour around Takayama. We will depart after breakfast and visit the float museum (housing the famous floats from Takayama festival) and the Takayama Jinya, which can be best described in English as the ancient local council. At about lunch time, we will be disembarking in the traditional area of Takayama village to give everyone an opportunity to have a stroll around the small shops and restaurants and watch the world go by over a green tea. Tonight is free for you to experience this beautiful area.

Day 8 - 11 MAY 2017 (B, D) - Takayama to Kyoto by Bullet Train

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to Takayama and head back to Nagoya to make our way on to Kyoto, the old capital of Japan (794 - 1868) housing 20% of Japan's UNESCO sights. Tonight we will enjoy a traditional meal together with a Maiko performance (apprentice Geisha/Geiko in training) as a welcome to Kyoto.

ACCOMMODATION: 3 Nights Kyoto Tokyu Hotel

Day 9 - 12 MAY 2017 (B, L) - A full day around Kyoto!

Today we will travel around some of the highlights of Kyoto by Bus including two of its most famous UNESCO sights. We will see the Golden Pavilion in all of its glory, Kiyomizudera (Floating Water Temple) in Higashiyama which it's amazing array of shops cascading down the mountain from the temple, Kyoto Imperial Palace, Nijo Castle with its nightingale squeaking floor and Sanjusangendo Temple and its glorious statues of Buddha. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and tonight dinner is at your leisure.

Day 10 - 13 MAY 2017 (B, D) - Arashiyama morning

Located just 15 minutes from Kyoto by train, this is a very peaceful end to our time in Kyoto. We will take a Yakatabune cruise along the river and enjoy the beautiful landscapes of Cherry trees and bamboo groves. We will keep the afternoon free for relaxing over coffee and cake or souvenir shopping and then head out again in the evening for another meal at a local restaurant.

Day 11 - 14 MAY 2017 (B, D)

Our last Shinkansen experience today from Kyoto to Hiroshima

Today travel by train to Hiroshima. On arrival take a short tram trip to the edge of the Seto Sea, here board a ferry for a 10 minute passage to Miyajima Island. This tranquil island is home of Itsukushima Shrine, partly comprised of an off shore red 'tori' gate - one of Japan's most famous and photographed sites. In ancient times access to holy Miyajima Island was through this 'floating gate: you will arrive more conventionally, gliding into the ferry terminal. Take some free time to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this pretty island, mingle with the wild deer and sample some Japanese snack food. Departing this unique setting we board the direct ferry for the trip back to the mainland to the Peace memorial Museum, dedicated to the events of 1945 and the aim of a war-free world. A visit to this exceptional museum is a sobering, yet educational experience. You will also see the famous Peace Memorial park and a poignant cenotaph inscribed with all the known victims of the Hiroshima bomb and the eerie A-Bomb Dome, a tragic city-symbol, left standing in a ruinous state after more than 60 years. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner with the group to celebrate our journey in Japan

ACCOMMODATION: 1 Night Hiroshima Oriental Hotel

DAY 12 - 15 MAY 2017 (B, D) - Depart Hiroshima

After breakfast, check out of your room and enjoy a free morning before our early afternoon transfer to the airport and homeward bound.

DAY 13 - 16 MAY 2017 (B) - Sydney to home

This morning we arrive into Sydney then make our way home after a wonderful Japanese experience.

****Ask about extending your stay in Japan, we have plenty of options available to enhance your Japanese Experience****



CONDITIONS:-

Payment of your deposit is acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as per Tour Brochure & your confirmation letter.

All bookings are subject to cancellation fees as outlined below: Deposits & airfares are non-refundable from the time of payment, then the following additional fees apply.

Upon payment Deposits & Airfares are non-refundable then
Up to 95 Days prior to departure 50% of total tour cost + above
Then 94-45 Days 75% of total tour cost + above
Then 44-0 Days 100% cancellation fees apply.

Airfares: All flight bookings are subject to the conditions set out by the participating airline(s). You will be advised at the time of booking of the final ticketing date for your reservation and the cost of any amendment or cancellation fees. Taxes are subject to daily change and as such, will be reconfirmed on the date of ticketing and your invoice will be revised accordingly.

Overseas Associates: Our associates overseas are not permitted to bind helloworld Laurieton in any matter. Should a problem not be satisfactorily resolved locally, clients are required to contact us immediately.

Our Brochure/Itinerary: Every effort is made to ensure descriptions and details are correct at the time of printing. The Client/s recognizes and accepts that subsequent changes can occur. It is important to reconfirm brochure/travel details at the time of reservation. Printed JUL16

Itinerary change: helloworld Laurieton and/or servants and/or ticket agents may change an itinerary/schedule to achieve sensible parallel to an originally planned tour where local conditions or changed circumstances warrant same. Such changes could occur either prior to departure or during travel. Any change in cost is chargeable to the client.

Documentation: Documentation will be issued two to three weeks prior to commencement date of helloworld Laurieton services unless alternative arrangements have been made. It is the client's responsibility to check all air tickets and vouchers immediately upon receipt.

Visa Requirements: It is the client's responsibility to ensure that they are carrying all the necessary visas and paperwork at the time of travel. All passports must have a minimum of 6 months validity from date of return. Please ensure you contact the relevant consulate/authority prior to travel as visa, entry and passport requirements are subject to change.

Travel Insurance: It is a requirement that everyone travelling on this trip has a adequate Travel Insurance. helloworld Laurieton can advise you on a policy that will best suit your requirements.

Please also note if you have NOT taken out Travel Insurance with us, there will be a \$110-00 fee per person should you have a claim and require a letter from us regarding your Travel arrangements.

Client Responsibility: You should familiarise yourself with any health and visa requirements that may be applicable in the areas that you intend visiting, and you shall be responsible for all entry, exit, health and other documents required by law, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transited. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are carrying a valid passport at all times. Passport, visa and vaccination requirements are not our responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to your failure to comply with the above. It remains your responsibility to ensure that these documents are in order and to meet any additional costs incurred as a result of failure to comply with such requirements. You accept that you may be travelling through areas of political or climatic instability, high altitude and remote areas without proper medical services, and accept the associated risks. The making of a booking constitutes your acceptance of all booking terms and conditions as described herein and forms the basis of your contract with helloworld Laurieton.

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- Accepts no responsibility or liability for damage or loss of personal belongings & suggests that suitable insurance be effected for protection of the same which is compulsory
- Accepts no responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other companies used as part of the tour including insolvency or bankruptcy of the companies used.

Exclusions:

- Meals not state in the detailed itinerary
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. room service, phone calls, drinks etc)
- Optional Excursions
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