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# JAPAN: LAND OF THE RISING SUN

9 or 11 days | Tokyo | Fuji-Hakone-Izu region | Kansai region | Extension to Hiroshima

Japan has had many identities through the centuries, and its story is a fascinating one. Tokyo is the modern-day center of pop culture and business, while Kyoto remains the most traditional of the big cities. The country is filled with natural beauty—see it from the window of the high-speed Shinkansen train and in the majestic lakes and mountains of Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park.

## EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Meiji Shinto Shrine; Asakusa Kannon Temple; sumo-style hot pot dinner; Hachimangu Shrine; Hakone Open-Air Museum; Mount Komagatake ropeway; Nijō Castle; Golden Pavilion; Nishijin Textile Center; Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine; Todaiji Temple; Daibutsu; Dotonbori street food tasting; *with extension:* Itsukushima Shrine; Peace Memorial Museum; Himeji Castle
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; bullet train; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (*9 with extension*); breakfast and dinner daily





*Anyone can see the world.*

# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

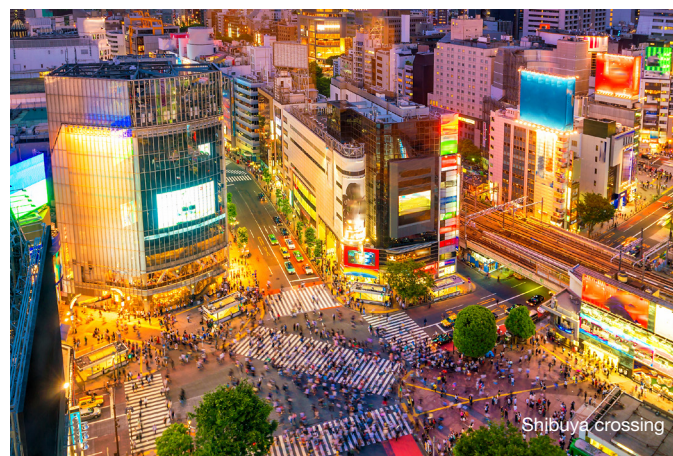
When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

*@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday*

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



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Shibuya crossing



The Daibutsu



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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly to Japan

#### Day 2: Tokyo

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Tokyo, a city of contrasts.

#### Day 3: Tokyo

- Take an expert-led tour of Tokyo including the Imperial Palace Plaza grounds, Harajuku shopping district, and the Metropolitan Government Building.
- Counteract the bustle of Tokyo's streets with a visit to the Meiji Shinto Shrine. Quiet and stillness reign inside its elaborate Inner Garden, a wooded oasis in the middle of the city.
- Take a walking tour of Shibuya, a major commercial and finance center with a famously crowded pedestrian crossing.
- Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple, the city's oldest Buddhist temple. Here, restaurants, theaters, and cinemas surround a five-story pagoda—a perfect symbol of Tokyo's enduring past and ultramodern future.
- Take a tour of Akihabara Electric Town.
- Enjoy a sumo-style hot pot dinner.

#### Day 4: Tokyo

- Enjoy free time to explore Tokyo or  
➔ visit the Joypolis indoor theme park.

#### Day 5: Tokyo | Kamakura | Fuji-Hakone-Izu region

- Travel to Kamakura.
- Visit the Hachimangu Shrine.
- See the Great Buddha.
- Continue on to the Fuji-Hakone-Izu region, an area known for its crater lakes, sulfur springs, and awe-inspiring views of Mount Fuji.

#### Day 6: Fuji-Hakone-Izu region | Kansai region

- Travel to Owakudani.
- Visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum, a space where sculpture and nature blend together.
- Ride a cable car up Mount Komagatake (*weather permitting*).
- Stop for a photo at Odawara Castle.
- Travel to Odawara Station.
- Travel by bullet train to Kyoto, a city that conjures images of sunlit walks around tiered pagodas and quiet lakes lined with cherry blossom trees.

#### Day 7: Kansai region

- Take an expert-led tour of Kyoto. As the national capital for over a millennium, Kyoto offers you a unique glimpse into the history of Imperial Japan.
- On your visit to Nijō Castle, wander through the Japanese cypress halls where the powerful *Tokugawa shogunate* kept a second home.
- Visit the tranquil Golden Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple painted in delicate gold leaf.
- Take a tour of Arashiyama, known for its shrines and temples—and, most of all, its incredible Bamboo Forest.
- Learn about the ancient techniques used to make kimonos at the Nishijin Textile Center.

#### Day 8: Kansai region

- Visit the Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine, located near the base of Mount Inari. Originally constructed to honor the Shinto god of rice, the elaborate complex welcomes visitors through thousands of red torii gates.
- Travel to Nara and take a guided tour. Visit the Todaiji Temple, see the Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha, say hello to the area's famous and friendly deer in Nara Park, and visit Kasuga-taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine.
- Continue on to Osaka and explore the famous Dotonbori, a street along a canal known for its bustling neon cityscape, on a sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director.
- For dinner, you'll have time to wander through this bustling area full of vendors selling traditional Japanese street food like takoyaki (a fried dough ball with octopus inside), taiyaki (a fish-shaped pastry), okonomiyaki (a savory pancake), and more.

#### Day 9: Depart for home

### ➔ 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 9: Kansai region | Hiroshima

- Travel by bullet train to Hiroshima.
- Take an excursion to Miyajima Park.
- Visit Itsukushima Shrine.
- Visit Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial Museum.

#### Day 10: Hiroshima | Kansai region

- Visit Himeji Castle.
- Return to Osaka.

#### Day 11: Depart for home

*The Land of the Rising Sun was an amazing trip! I highly recommend it to everyone! We saw and experienced so many things. Japan is a beautiful country with very welcoming people. Looking forward to my next EF tour!*

– JENNIFER, GROUP LEADER



*This was the best trip I have ever been on. Japan was absolutely beautiful and so very clean. The dining experiences were fascinating and something I would like to dive into again. The shopping in Kyoto and Tokyo was fantastic. Everything in Japan is just so...so...efficient!*

– SAMANTHA, TRAVELER



### TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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