



# TOURS FOR GIRLS









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## JAPAN: LAND OF THE RISING SUN

11 days | Tokyo | Kamakura | Hakone | Odawara | Kyoto; Hiroshima | Himeji | Osaka

Treat your troop to the treasures of Japan past and present, from the bustling streets of Tokyo to the ancient temples of Kyoto. Stroll through sacred shrines, see the Great Buddha in Kamakura, and catch a glimpse of majestic Mount Fuji. Engross yourself in the STEM-filled world of Akihabara. Feast on an authentic tempura dinner, and enjoy a special overnight stay at a traditional Japanese ryokan, an amazing cultural and learning experience for every girl.

### EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 2 tours led by your Tour Director
-  **Activity level:** Light; moderate walking (about 3 hours daily) and light hiking suitable for most fitness levels; nothing too challenging
-  **Entrances:** Meiji Shinto Shrine; Asakusa Kannon Temple; Hachimangu Shrine; Lake Ashi cruise; Mount Komagatake Ropeway; Nijo Castle; Golden Pavilion; Nara; Itsukushima Shrine; Peace Memorial Museum; Himeji Castle
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Bullet train; 9 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast and dinner daily
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*These tours give girls the confidence to work toward a significant goal and the courage to try new things while traveling. They return with character and want to make their world a better place.*

Kim H., Group Leader



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#### DAY 1: FLY OVERNIGHT TO JAPAN

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#### DAY 2: TOKYO

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Tokyo, city of contrasts. During your stay, you'll encounter the Imperial Palace's stately grandeur close to stories-tall jumbotrons, bound to wow even the most seasoned city-dwellers.

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#### DAY 3: TOKYO

- Take an expertly guided tour of Tokyo: Ginza District; Imperial Palace Plaza; Shinjuku District.
- Visit the Meiji Shinto Shrine, where quiet and stillness reign inside the elaborate Inner Garden, an oasis in the middle of the city.
- Visit Asakusa Kannon 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.
- Enjoy a sumo-style hot pot dinner in the Sumo District of Tokyo and learn more about the age-old Japanese art of sumo.

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#### DAY 4: TOKYO

- Spend the day exploring Tokyo or [add an excursion to Tokyo Disney Resort.](#)

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#### DAY 5: TOKYO | KAMAKURA | FUJI-HAKONE-IZU REGION

- Travel to Kamakura.
- Visit the Hachimangu Shrine.
- See the Great Buddha.
- Continue on to the the Hakone-Atami area. Boasting botanical gardens, an open-air museum, and spectacular views of Mt. Fuji, Hakone welcomes tens of millions of visitors every year. Enjoy a boat cruise on sparkling Lake Ashi and a cable car ride up Mount Komagatake. During your stay, enjoy the simplicity of your surroundings and sleep on a futon atop tatami-matted floors—remember to remove your shoes before you enter.

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#### DAY 6: FUJI-HAKONE-IZU REGION | KYOTO

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

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**DAY 7: KYOTO**

- 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 Nijo Castle, wander through the Japanese cypress halls that the powerful Tokugawa shogunate called home.
- Visit the tranquil Golden Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple painted in delicate gold leaf.
- Take a tour of Arashiyama Bamboo Forest.

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**DAY 8: KYOTO | NARA | OSAKA**

- Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, located near the base of the Inari mountain. Originally constructed to honor the god of rice, the elaborate complex features stone foxes, the known messengers of Inari.
- Travel to Nara and take a guided tour. Visit the Todaiji Temple and see the Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha.
- Continue to Osaka.

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**DAY 9: OSAKA | HIROSHIMA**

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

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**DAY 10: HIROSHIMA | OSAKA**

- Visit Himeji Castle.
- Return to Osaka.

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**DAY 11: DEPART FOR HOME**

Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

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

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



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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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