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20TH CENTURY JAPAN

9 or 12 days | Tokyo | Yokohama | Hiroshima | Osaka | Extension to South Korea

In the final days of World War II, Japan was the target of the world's first atomic weapons. The bombing of Hiroshima—along with decades of militarization and imperialism—have shaped Japan and its shift from military to technological might. Immerse yourself in a country devoted to rewriting its legacy as one of the world's leaders in international peacekeeping and technological innovation while exploring the imperialistic roots that led to these changes in national identity.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (3 with extension)



Entrances: Meiji Shinto Shrine; Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum; Sky Garden; Hikawa Maru; Hiroshima Peace Park and Museum; Mazda Museum; ferry to Miyajima Island; Miyajima Park; Itsukushima Shrine; Osaka Castle; karaoke; Dotonbori street food tasting; with extension: N Seoul Tower; Gyeongbokgung Palace; Korean cooking class; Bukchon Hanok Village; Hyundai Motorstudio



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; internal flight with extension; comfortable motorcoach; bullet train; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); breakfast and dinner daily



Atomic Dome in Hiroshima



See firsthand how modern technology
meets Japan's imperialistic roots

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



Via Twitter



Learn from your Tour Director and expert local guides



Osaka Castle



Traditional bento dinner while traveling



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Tokyo

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.
- Enjoy free time for lunch in the Harajuku shopping district.
- 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.

Day 4: Tokyo

- Visit the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, which features a number of historic buildings that have been relocated from Tokyo to the museum grounds to ensure their cultural significance isn't lost to the ever-evolving city.
- Enjoy free time to explore more of Tokyo or [participate in a traditional tea ceremony](#).

Day 5: Yokohama | Hiroshima

- Travel to Yokohama.
- Enjoy 360-degree panoramic views at Sky Garden, the highest observation deck in Yokohama.
- Tour Yamashita Park with your Tour Director.
- Visit the Hikawa Maru, an ocean liner turned World War II hospital ship that is now a museum.
- Board a bullet train, a perfect example of post-war Japanese innovation, and travel to Hiroshima.
- Savor a bento dinner, the classic traveling food of Japan.

Day 6: Hiroshima

- Tour Hiroshima with an expert local guide.
- Visit Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial Museum for a solemn reflection on the events that ultimately ended World War II.
- Explore Hiroshima on your own.

Day 7: Hiroshima

- Visit the Mazda Museum (*if closed, groups tour the JMSDF Kure Museum instead*).
- Travel by ferry to Miyajima Island.
- Visit Miyajima Park and Itsukushima Shrine, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the three daughters of the god of seas and storms.

Day 8: Osaka

- Travel to Osaka by bullet train.
- Visit Osaka Castle, a fully-restored castle constructed in 1597.
- Enjoy karaoke in your group's own private room.
- Spend time seeing more of Osaka or [learn to play a taiko drum](#).
- For dinner, you'll have time to wander through Dotonbori Canal Street, a 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

[3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION](#)

Day 9: Tokyo | Seoul

- Travel to Seoul, a modern city that stays close to its ancient roots.
- View the gorgeous Seoul landscape, including Namsan Mountain, from N Seoul Tower.

Day 10: Seoul

- Enjoy Tour Director-led sightseeing of Seoul, and see the Blue House (the residence and office of the President of South Korea) and the Gyeongbokgung Palace, where you'll witness a guard-changing ceremony.
- Prepare a traditional Korean meal during a cooking class.
- Explore the narrow alleys and hanoks of the 600-year-old Bukchon Hanok Village.
- Visit Hyundai Motorstudio to see Hyundai's cutting-edge car models and get a peek into the future of mobility.

Day 11: Seoul

- Enjoy a free day in Seoul or [take a full-day tour of Korea's Demilitarized Zone](#).

Day 12: Depart for home

This 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



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2. _____
3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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