



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Signature Japan 2019

9 days from **\$16,295** was \$16,795

Private Journey

OFFER

Save \$500 per person, or book four or more guests and save \$1,000 per person. Available on select departures.

Immerse yourself in the wonders of Japan, as you ride a bullet train past majestic Mount Fuji and experience life in a traditional *ryokan* before arriving in picturesque Kyoto, on this revealing independent journey.

A&K Advantages

Gain an in-depth perspective on Japanese culture with stays in Tokyo, Hakone, Osaka and Kyoto, exploring diverse neighborhoods and bustling markets on foot

Travel at 175 mph on a bullet train along the classic stretch past majestic Mount Fuji

Experience the beauty of the flowering cherry tree, or *sakura*, when you travel in late March or early April

Be among the few to stay at Gôra Kadan, one of the country's most exclusive *ryokans* (traditional inns)

Visit Kyoto's meticulously manicured Golden Pavilion

Capture the spirit of Japan with the art of the tea ceremony in Kyoto

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE TOKYO, JAPAN

Arrive in Tokyo, Japan's exciting capital. Transfer to your hotel, located in the upscale Roppongi district.

The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo

DAY 2 TOKYO | TSUKIJI FISH MARKET

Visit the Tsukiji Fish Market, a bustling hub of Japanese daily life and the source of most Tokyo inhabitants' seafood. Next, visit the Shitamachi Museum to view historical reproductions of the living spaces of artisans and merchants who once occupied Tokyo's lowlands, and learn about their remarkable culture. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then pass by Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo's answer to Times Square, to watch the downright mesmerizing multi-directional foot traffic. Proceed to Tokyo's vibrant Harajuku district, where the city's youth gather to see and be seen, sporting colorful, eclectic fashions. Also visit Omotesando Street, an elegant row of upscale shops offering chic ambience and dazzling façades. Finish your day at the Samurai Museum, where you learn about the customs of this elite warrior class and get an up-close look at an authentic collection of their exotic armor and weaponry, before returning to your hotel.

The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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DAY 3 TOKYO | LIFE OF A SAMURAI

Today, visit Asakusa Kannon Temple, also known as Sensō-ji, to admire its pagoda-style architecture and learn about its history, which dates to the seventh century. Later, pause in the tiny shops of Nakamise-dori. The colorful pagoda-style temple was completed in 645 and is dedicated to Kannon, the goddess of mercy in several East Asian spiritual traditions. Finish your day with a photo stop at the Imperial Palace Plaza before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure to explore Tokyo on your own.

The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 HAKONE | TRADITIONAL RYOKAN

Travel to Hakone, among Japan's most popular hot-spring destinations, and view the forested slopes of Hakone National Park, an area encompassing coastlines, mountains, lakes and more than 1,000 volcanic islands. Board an aerial tram rising above the wooded slopes for inspiring views of Mount Fuji. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before strolling the grassy hillsides of Hakone's Open Air Museum. Admire the impressive contemporary sculptures and artwork on display, including masterpieces by Henry Moore and Rodin. The museum also features one of the world's finest Picasso exhibits, presenting visitors with some 300 works by the cubist master. Tonight, enjoy unparalleled service at Gōra Kadan, an exclusive *ryokan* (traditional inn).

Gōra Kadan | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 OSAKA | BULLET TRAIN & DOTONBORI DELICACIES

After breakfast at your *ryokan*, head to the Okada Museum of Art to view its stunning collection of paintings, ceramics, lacquerware and bronzes from Japan, Korea and China. Then, Ride Like a Local by bullet train to Osaka. Historically known as a merchant city, it is today renowned as Japan's undisputed culinary capital, where diners indulge in everything from octopus dumplings to Okonomi-yaki — a battered, grilled concoction of chopped cabbage, meat or seafood, and seaweed, topped with mayonnaise. This evening, enjoy a wonderful foodie tour in the Dotonbori district, sampling dishes from the brilliantly lighted and culinarily creative restaurants that line the street.

The St. Regis Osaka | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6 NARA | INSIGHTS INTO A PROFOUNDLY SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

Travel early this morning to ancient Nara, Japan's first capital. Visit Todai-ji, a temple complex and UNESCO World Heritage Site that contains the largest bronze Buddha statue in Japan. Continue to Nara Park, home to hundreds of tame deer, venerated here as divine spirits, which you have the opportunity feed by hand. Complete your Nara excursion with a visit to celebrated Kasuga Taisha Shinto Shrine.

The St. Regis Osaka | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7 KYOTO | THE GOLDEN PAVILION & BAMBOO GROVE

Travel to Kyoto early this morning to contemplate the iconic Zen rock garden at Ryoan-ji and glittering Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion). Covered in gold leaf that casts a shimmering reflection in the tranquil pond beside it, the temple exhibits three different styles of architecture — shinden, samurai and zen — one on each floor. After lunch, explore the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, strolling along a winding path as sunlight filters down through towering bamboo shoots, considered by many a healing experience. Proceed to nearby Tenryū-ji Temple and its wonderful gardens before continuing to your hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 KYOTO | TRADITIONAL HOME OF A BELOVED ARTIST

This morning, visit Shogunzaka Temple for stunning views of Kyoto, and then continue to the home and studio of the late Kawai Kanjiro, one of Kyoto's most famous potters. In Kanjiro's beautiful home, view his own creations as well as his personal collection of ceramics, sculptures and wood carvings. Proceed to a local temple, where you experience the art of the tea ceremony, noting its refined sense of hospitality and etiquette, which date to the time of the samurai.

Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 KYOTO/OSAKA, DEPART

Transfer to Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport, both located just outside of Osaka, for your international flight home.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
Jul 05 - Jul 13, 2019	\$16,295 (was \$16,795)	\$4,395	Call for Availability
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Aug 23 - Aug 31, 2019	\$16,295 (was \$16,795)	\$4,395	Call for Availability
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Sep 06 - Sep 14, 2019	\$16,295 (was \$16,795)	\$4,395	Call for Availability
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Sep 20 - Sep 28, 2019	\$17,895 (was \$18,395)	\$5,395	Call for Availability
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Oct 04 - Oct 12, 2019	\$17,895 (was \$18,395)	\$5,395	Available
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Oct 19 - Oct 27, 2019	\$17,895 (was \$18,395)	\$5,395	Available
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Oct 25 - Nov 02, 2019	\$17,895 (was \$18,395)	\$5,395	Available
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Nov 08 - Nov 16, 2019	\$17,895 (was \$18,395)	\$5,395	Available
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Nov 15 - Nov 23, 2019	\$17,895 (was \$18,395)	\$5,395	Available
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Journey Details

Start of sightseeing: 8:30 a.m. on Day 2.

End of sightseeing: 1:00 p.m. on Day 8.

No minimum age.

Solo traveller prices are available upon request.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).