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# The Garden Trust Japan Trip Spring 2018

## Price details

Passengers	Price Per Person
12	£4,704
13	£4,521
14	£4,365
15	£4,231
<b>Single Supplement:</b> £ 672.00 per person (subject to room availability)	

The above price is inclusive of a full time InsideJapan Tour Guide for the duration of the tour

All of the accommodation included within this itinerary is subject to availability. Where hotels are not available, accommodation of a similar price and location will be used.

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A deposit of £300 per person will be required to secure a place on this trip.



## Itinerary in brief

	<i>Location</i>	<i>Day to Day Detail</i>	<i>Accommodation</i>
Day 1	Kyoto	Shared Shuttle Bus from Kansai Airport to Kyoto Hotel  Met at Hotel by full time IJT Local Tour Leader for 14 days.	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 2	Kyoto	Private minibus for Miho Museum trip  Miho Museum  Celebratory Dinner	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 3	Nara	Private minibus for Nara sightseeing  Heijo Palace (To-in Teien and Imperial Villa Garden Archaeological Garden), Isuien Garden, Todaiji Temple, Nandaimon Gate and Nara Deer Park  Lunch at local restaurant	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 4	Kyoto	Private minibus for Kyoto sightseeing  Shigemori Mirei Garden and Museum, Tofukuji Temple  Lunch at local restaurant (Japanese Set)	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 5	Kyoto	Private minibus for Kyoto sightseeing  Tenryuji temple garden, Ryonaji garden, Daitokuji temple complex with lunch at Izusen restaurant (vegetarian meal) and if possible pass by Shinsensen fragment garden to look at the Chinese bridge	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 6	Kyoto	Private minibus for Kyoto sightseeing  Byodo-in, Genji Museum and Daigo-ji Temple  Picnic lunch on the river	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 7	Kyoto	Private minibus for Kyoto sightseeing  Toji Antique Market, Matsuo Taisha, Saiho-ji and Kinkakuji	Royal Park The Kyoto.



Day 8	Kyoto	Day at leisure	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 9	Kyoto	Private minibus for Kyoto sightseeing  Imperial Palace Garden, Heian Shrine and Ginkakuji	Royal Park The Kyoto.
Day 10	Okayama	Luggage forwarding to Hiroshima Hotel  Taxi from hotel to Kyoto Station  Bullet Train from Kyoto to Okayama  Private coach for sightseeing and transfer to Hiroshima  Korakuen Garden  Achi Shrine	Granvia Hiroshima.
Day 11	Hiroshima & Miyajima	Train from Hiroshima to Miyajima-Guchi  Ferry from Miyajima-Guchi to Miyajima  Miyajima Sightseeing: Mount Misen Ropeway and Itsukushima Shrine  Ferry from Miyajima to Miyajima-Guchi  Train from Miyajima-Guchi to Hiroshima	Granvia Hiroshima.
Day 12	Hiroshima & Himeji	Luggage forwarding to Osaka hotel  Private minibus for Hiroshima sightseeing  Hiroshima Sightseeing: Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Memorial Park and Shukkeien Garden  Bullet train from Hiroshima to Himeji	Nikko Hotel Himeji.
Day 13	Himeji & Osaka	Himeji Sightseeing: Himeji Castle and Gardens  Lunch at local restaurant  Trains from Himeji to Osaka  Celebratory Dinner	Cross Hotel Osaka.
Day 14	Osaka	Shared Shuttle Bus from Kyoto to Osaka Kansai Airport	



## Detailed day-by-day

### Day 1

#### Shared shuttle bus from Kansai International airport to Kyoto Hotel

The taxi shuttle bus holds up to 9 passengers and will wait for other customers before heading off to Kyoto. Journey time to Kyoto will be in the region of 1h45.

#### Met at Kansai International Hotel by full time IJT Local Tour Leader for 14 days



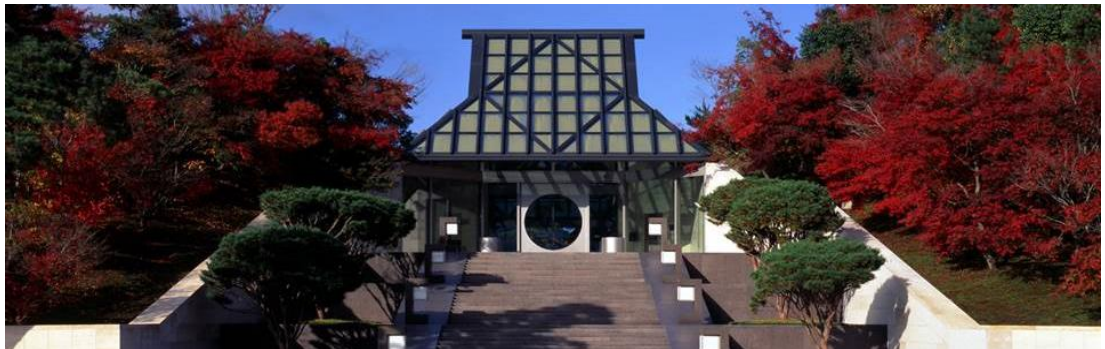
**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

### Day 2

#### Private minibus for Miho Museum visit

You will be met at your hotel this morning by a private minibus for your day trip to the Miho Museum. The journey to the museum takes around 50 minutes.

#### Miho Museum



The Miho Museum was founded in 1997 by Mihoko Koyama: Toyobo textile company heiress, founder of the Shinji Shumeikai spiritual movement, and one of Japan's richest women. It is after Koyama that the museum is named, and most of its exhibits belong to her own private collection.

Located some way outside of Kyoto in the hills of Shiga Prefecture, the Miho Museum is as famous for its unusual architecture as for its impressive collection of historical artefacts. The building was designed by I.M. Pei, the world-renowned Chinese-American architect responsible for the glass-and-steel pyramid at the Louvre, and is widely accepted to be one of his best designs.

In terms of exhibits, the museum has two distinct wings. In the south wing are ancient treasures from Egypt, Western Asia, Greece, Rome, China and the Islamic world; in the north wing are Japanese painting and artefacts.

## Celebratory Dinner



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

### Day 3

#### Private minibus for Nara day trip

You will be met at your hotel for your day trip to Nara. The journey from Kyoto to Nara is around an hour.

**Heijo Palace (To-in Teien and Imperial Villa Garden Archeological Garden), Isuien Garden, Todaiji Temple, Nandaimon Gate and Nara Deer Park**



#### Heijo Palace

Once the centre of government for the entire country, Heijo Palace Site is now a quiet, rural spot. After the capital was moved in 784 the palace was abandoned and its grounds used for nothing more than farming rice. This lack of development in the area has meant that archaeological research, historical reconstructions and museums have been relatively easy to complete in more recent times. Visitors to the site today will find reconstructions of the huge Former Audience Hall (Daigokuden), the Suzaku Gate (Suzakumon), and the East Palace Garden (Toin Teien) standing alongside museums. Surviving foundations from some of the palace's other buildings can also be seen in some areas.

#### Isuien Garden

The best garden in Nara is located in a quiet backstreet near Todaiji. Isuien Garden is a strolling landscape garden that employs the Japanese technique of borrowed scenery to add to its already beautiful atmosphere, creating views with Mt. Kasuga and Mt. Wakakusa in the background. Within the garden are a number of teahouses and a museum housing a collection of pottery, seals, mirrors and other artefacts from ancient China and Korea.

#### Todaiji Temple, Nandaimon Gate and Nara Deer Park

Walk north down Nara park's central avenue and you will come to the imposing Nan-Daimon gate, which dates all the way back to 1199 and is home to two great wooden statues (called Nio) which guard the temple. Beyond the gate is Todai-ji, Nara's most famous site. It is also known as the hall of the great Buddha and is (despite the current building being only two-thirds the size of the original) the biggest wooden structure in the world. The present building dates from 1706, and the Buddha within is 16 metres tall and weighs 550 tons. Each curl on his head is about the size of a human head, and he is big enough to hold twenty 10-year-old children standing on his outstretched palm.



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## Lunch at local restaurant



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

### Day 4

## Private minibus for visit to Shigemori Mirei Garden and Tofukuji Temple

You will be met at your hotel for your visit to the Shigemori Mirei Garden and Tofukuji Temple.

## Shigemori Mirei Garden and Museum, Tofukuji Temple



## Shigemori Mirei Garden and Museum

Situated in a traditional Japanese *machiya* (town house) which was built in 1789, the Shigemori Mirei Museum has a beautiful garden designed by the famous garden scholar and designer Shigemori Mirei.

## Tofukuji Temple

The Honbo (headquarters) of Tofuku-ji Temple has four dry landscape gardens designed by Shigemori Mirei. The south garden consists of mighty stonework. The north and east gardens are composed of moss, rocks, gravel and clipped bushes characteristically arranged into a checkerboard pattern. The east garden uses stones in a representation of the Big Dipper. The design of each garden is surprisingly modern and innovative.

## Lunch at local restaurant (Japanese Set)



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

### Day 5

## Private minibus for visit to Tenryuji temple garden, Ryonaji garden, Daitokuji temple complex with lunch at Izusen restaurant (vegetarian meal) and if possible pass by Shinsensen fragment garden to look at the Chinese bridge

This morning you will be met at your hotel by a private minibus for your day of sightseeing in Kyoto.



## Tenryuji

The stunning garden in the grounds of Tenryuji, the most important shrine in the Arashiyama area, has survived in its original form since Tenryuji was built in 1337. The garden was designed by Muso Soseki, and features a central pond surrounded by rocks, pine trees and the Arashiyama mountains.

## Daitokuji

This large walled temple complex embodies the precepts of Zen-style architecture on a grand scale with its carefully landscaped gardens built during the 15th and 17th centuries. Among these are the beautiful rock garden in Daisenin which was built to resemble a Chinese landscape painting, and the five dry landscape gardens of Ryogenin.

## Ryoanji

In this world-renowned rock garden, 15 stones, which vary in shape and size, are laid out in an exquisite balance. Despite its limited size, the garden expresses infinite space. This is the supreme example of a dry landscape garden.



(Ryoanji Rock Garden)

## Shinsen-en

Located south of Nijo Castle, the Shinsen-en is all that remains of the palace and gardens built by Emperor Kammu when the capital moved to Kyoto in 794. The garden has been restored to its original layout, with a pond at its centre. There is a small island in the pond which is reached by the striking vermillion bridge.

## Lunch at Izusen Daitokuji (Vegetarian Meal)



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

## Day 6

## Private minibus for visit to Byodo-in, Genji Museum and Daigo-ji Temple

This morning you will be met at your hotel by a private minibus for your day of sightseeing in Kyoto.

## Byodo-in, Genji Museum and Daigo-ji Temple



### Byodo-in

Byodo-in, in Uji City, centre of the famous tea-growing district, is also known as the Phoenix Hall Temple with its' gracefully upswept eaves and two bronze phoenixes on the gables of the main roof. Built in the early 11th century as a pavilion for a Fujiwara noble, it was converted to a temple by his son. This temple is on the back of the ten yen coin.

The gardens of this temple are in the Jodo (pure land) style. Also known as shinden-style gardens, this was the dominant landscape style during the Heian and Kamakura Eras. They drew their inspiration from the Western paradise described in the scriptures of the Jodo (pure land) sect of Buddhism, which taught that by chanting the name of Amida one could be reborn in the Western paradise of the pure land. Their features generally include a pavilion enshrining an image of Amida Buddha, as well as a pond symbolizing the Western ocean.

### Genji Museum

Written over a 1000 years ago, the Tales of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu is considered by some to be the World's first novel. This museum dedicated to the work displays clothing and artefacts from the time the work was written, images from the Uji section of the story and even a display of the scents from the story itself.

### Daigo-ji Temple

This large temple complex includes an entire mountainside and is home to Kyoto's oldest verified building – a five storied pagoda. The main temple has a spectacular landscape garden containing more than 800 rocks, which dates back to 1598.

## Picnic lunch on the river



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

## Day 7

### Private minibus for visit to Toji Antique Market, Matsuo Taisha, Saiho-ji and Kinkakuji

This morning you will be met at your hotel by a private minibus for your day of sightseeing in Kyoto.



## Toji Antique Market, Matsuo Taisha, Saiho-ji and Kinkaku-ji



### Toji Antique Market

Toji Temple was founded in the Heian Period, just after the capital moved to Kyoto in the late 700s. On the first Sunday of every month, an antiques market is held in the grounds of the temple, offering the opportunity to buy some beautiful Japanese antiques.

### Matsuo Taisha

Located on the outskirts of Kyoto near to Arashiyama, Matsuo Taisha was built almost a hundred years before Kyoto was founded. The shrine has three gardens which were designed by Shigemori Mirei, the Iwakura Garden, in the ancient style, the Horai Garden, in the Kamakura era style, and the Kyokusui Garden, in the Heian era style. They are considered some of the best modern gardens in Japan.

### Saiho-ji

Saiho-ji, otherwise known as Koke-dera or the moss temple, is a must-see for garden lovers. The velvety carpet of moss stretching between the trees is a vision of tranquillity. There are thought to be around 120 varieties of moss in the garden, in every shade of green. The temple grounds were created in 1339 by the Zen priest, Muso Kokushi, also a renowned landscape architect. The garden is split into two halves including a classic kokoro heart-shaped pond and a raked gravel landscape area believed to be the first of its kind and providing inspiration for many Japanese gardens.

### Lunch

Lunch will be available, pay on arrival, at a small Japanese café on the complex at your leisure.

### Kinkaku-ji Temple

Kinkaku-ji, or the Golden Pavilion, is perhaps the most famous temple in all Japan. It is an exact replica of the 15th century structure that was burned down in 1950. Rebuilt in 1955, the stunning gold façade makes a lovely reflection in the 'mirror pond'.



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

## Day 8 Day at leisure



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

## Day 9 Private minibus for visit to Imperial Palace Garden, Heian Shrine and Ginkakuji

This morning you will be met at your hotel by a private minibus for your day of sightseeing in Kyoto.

### Imperial Palace Garden, Heian Shrine and Ginkakuji



#### Imperial Palace Garden

Kyoto Imperial Palace was the official residence of Japan's imperial family until 1868 when the emperor and capital moved from Kyoto to Tokyo. The current palace was rebuilt in 1855 and comprises several gates, halls and gardens all enclosed behind long walls.

#### Heian Shrine

A scaled-down replica of Kyoto's first Imperial Palace was constructed in 1895 to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Kyoto. The temple garden is outstanding.

#### Lunch

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant.

#### Ginkakuji

Ginkaku-ji is the famous Silver Temple. As part of the Rinzai sect, this temple was built as a villa in 1474 by Ashikaga Yoshimasa (the 8th shogun of the Muromachi Period 1331-1573), but was later converted to a temple. The central pavilion is a 2-story structure with a pyramidal roof. In contrast to its golden counterpart, Kinkaku-ji Temple, it was never covered in silver. The surrounding garden is beautiful.



**Overnight at Royal Park The Kyoto - Incl. B'fast**

## Day 10 Luggage forwarding to Hiroshima Hotel

To save you having to carry your main luggage with you on the bullet train today, your tour leader will help you to forward your luggage on to your hotel in Hiroshima. This service transports your luggage overnight to your next location meaning that you can then travel with a small overnight bag without worrying about a large suitcase.

## Taxi from hotel to Kyoto Station

You will transfer by taxi from your hotel in Kyoto to Kyoto Station.

## Bullet Train from Kyoto to Okayama

From Kyoto you will take the Shinkansen to Okayama, the journey takes around 80 minutes.

## Private minibus from Okayama Station to visit Korakuen and Achi Shrine before transferring on to Hiroshima hotel

You will be met at Okayama Station by a private minibus for your sightseeing and journey on to your hotel in Hiroshima.

## Korakuen Garden



Korakuen, one of Japan's designated top three gardens. This garden was first built in 1687 by a local daimyo (feudal lord) in order to entertain the ruling family and receive guests. Damaged by flooding in 1934 and heavily bombed in World War II, the garden has since been lovingly restored based on Edo Period wood block prints and paintings. Today the garden is a lovely place to spend a few hours' exploration, admiring the view from the pagoda atop a small hill, taking stepping stones across the pond and visiting the crane aviary.

## Achi Shrine

Located within the Tsurugata-yama Park in Kurashiki, Achi Shrine has a history of over 1,700 years. After being destroyed by fire, the current main shrine building dates back to 1749. The shrine is famous for its Akenono-fuji wisteria tree which is estimated to be between 300 and 500 years old.



## Overnight at Granvia Hiroshima - Incl. B'fast



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## Day 11 Train from Hiroshima to Miyajima-Guchi

From Hiroshima station you'll take a local line train to Miyajima-guchi station, the access point for the ferry to Miyajima Island. The journey takes 25 minutes.

### Ferry from Miyajima-Guchi to Miyajima

From Miyajima-Guchi Port you will take the JR ferry for the 5 minute crossing to Miyajima Island. Have your camera ready for some great views of Miyajima's red torii gate which is said to float on the water at high tide.

### Miyajima Sightseeing: Mount Misen Ropeway and Itsukushima Shrine



Miyajima Island, separated from the mainland by the 500m-wide Onoseto strait, is one of the many islands in Hiroshima Bay. The island is roughly rectangular, with a length of 5.6 miles (9km) and width of 3.7 miles (6km). Mount Misen, Mount Komagabayashi, and Mount Iwafune are located on Miyajima, and all three tower over the shoreline of this mountainous island. Along the mountain range, large granite boulders are exposed on the surface, adding a change of character to the scenery.

Since ancient times, Miyajima has been revered and worshipped. Because of this the virgin forests of Miyajima are one of the best preserved among the islands of the Seto Inland Sea. The luxuriant forests of Mount Misen are just one example of the vast variety of natural settings found on this island.

The “floating” Torii gate of Itsukushima shrine is the most famous sight here and probably in all of western Japan – it’s a spectacular place and especially atmospheric after dark.

### Ferry from Miyajima to Miyajima-Guchi

From Miyajima Island you will take the JR ferry back to Miyajima-Guchi Port on the mainland. The ferry crossing takes just 5 minutes.

### Train from Miyajima-Guchi to Hiroshima

From Miyajima-Guchi you'll take the JR line to Hiroshima main station. The journey takes about 25 minutes.



**Overnight at Granvia Hiroshima - Incl. B'fast**



## Day 12 Luggage forwarding to Osaka hotel

This morning you will again forward your main luggage on to your final destination, Osaka, to save you carrying it with you on the Shinkansen.

## Private minibus for Hiroshima sightseeing

You will be met by a private minibus at your hotel for a morning of sightseeing in Hiroshima.

## Hiroshima Sightseeing: Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Memorial Park and Shukkeien Garden



### Peace Memorial Park

Hiroshima's most famous sight is, of course, the A-Bomb Dome which stands forlornly just across the river from the Peace Memorial Park, a timeless reminder of the devastation wrought upon the city some half a century ago. Before the dropping of the bomb the building served as the Industrial Promotion Hall. Now it is propped up in ruin and is the only such building still standing. The Peace Memorial Park is situated across the T-shaped Aioi-bashi Bridge, rumoured to have been the bombardier's point of aim when dropping the bomb. The park includes the cenotaph which lists the names of all known victims of the bomb (excluding those Koreans who were killed), and provides a frame for the dome across the river. Beneath the cenotaph burns a non-eternal flame, set to burn until the last atomic bomb has been destroyed at which point it will be extinguished.

### The Peace Memorial Museum

The museum drives home its simple anti-atomic warfare message with a harrowing level of force. The depiction of destruction and suffering is choking and is sure to make one ponder what devastation could be wrought by modern atomic weapons.

### Shukkeien Garden

When translated into English, this garden is called the shrunken scenery garden. This is a very apt name for this garden which encapsulates in miniature the valleys, mountains and forests of Japan. Dating back to 1620, the garden displays many features of the traditional aesthetics of Japanese gardens.

## Bullet train from Hiroshima to Himeji

This afternoon you will travel from Hiroshima to Himeji, a journey of just under an hour on the Nozomi Shinkansen.





**Overnight at Nikko Hotel Himeji - Incl. Breakfast**

**Day 13**

## Himeji Sightseeing: Himeji Castle and Gardens



The history of the castle begins in 1333 with the construction of a fort by Norimura Akamatsu, the ruler of Harima (now known as the Himeji region). Later in 1581, a three-storied castle was built by the daimyo Hideyoshi Toyotomi - he needed a strong fort at a time when Japan was in a state of continual conflict. Considered one of the first examples of Japanese castle architecture, Himeji castle was enlarged and finally remodelled to its final state by Terumasa Ikeda, son-in law of the Shogun Ieyasu Tokugawa, in 1601.

Himeji became a vital defensive position for the Tokugawa Shogunate government. European castles dating from approximately this same period include Chenonceau and Chambord in France. All such castles, including Himeji, were actually lived in by lords. But while European castles were built of stone, Japanese castles were predominantly wooden structures. A total of 360 tons of wood and 75,000 tiles weighing 3,000 tons were used in the construction of Himeji Castle making it the largest extant castle in Japan.

Fortunately, Himeji Castle has never been damaged by earthquake, fire or warfare, even during the Second World War. That is one of the reasons why Himeji Castle has kept its original form for nearly 400 years. In 1993, Himeji Castle was registered on UNESCO's World Heritage list.

### Lunch at local restaurant

### Trains from Himeji to Osaka (Namba)

From Himeji you will take the Shinkansen to Shin-Osaka. The journey takes about 30 minutes. You will then transfer on to the subway for the short journey to Namba Station, a short walk from your hotel.

### Celebratory Dinner



**Overnight at Cross Hotel Osaka - Incl. B'fast**

**Day 14**

## Shared Shuttle Bus from Osaka to Kansai International Airport



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# Accommodation

## Kyoto

### Royal Park The Kyoto

#### *Nine Nights*

Opened in Autumn 2011, the Royal Park Hotel is a modern, stylish hotel in a great location in central Kyoto. Rooms are of a good size and the hotel features its own restaurant and bakery cafe as well as a useful concierge service. The hotel is just a short walk from the City Hall subway stop. All rooms feature free-of-charge Wi-Fi internet. This is a great base for a very comfortable and convenient stay in Kyoto.



## Hiroshima

### Granvia Hiroshima

#### *Two Nights*

In Hiroshima you will be staying at the Hotel Granvia which is conveniently located right at Hiroshima station. The hotel features a number of restaurants and well sized, modern rooms. The Peace Park and Museum are a short tram ride away and Miyajima Island is also easily accessible from here.



## Himeji

### Nikko Hotel Himeji

#### *One Night*

The Himeji Nikko Hotel is a large business hotel handily located just behind Himeji Station. Rooms are reasonably sized with full en-suite facilities and the hotel has several restaurants. Attached to the hotel is a leisure centre called the Garden Club with a swimming pool and gym - an extra fee applies to use the leisure centre. Himeji Castle and Kokoen gardens are a 20 minute walk from the hotel.



## Osaka

### Cross Hotel Osaka

#### *One Night*

The Cross Hotel is a smart hotel located on Dotonbori Street, one of the most famous and lively streets in all Japan. The hotel has been recently refurbished with sleek, modern design, giving it something of a boutique feel. Rooms follow the same theme and are generously sized. The hotel's great location means you have a plethora of restaurants and bars to choose from in the streets around the hotel, making it a perfect place for indulging in one of Osaka's main attractions: good food and drink. Despite its lively location, the hotel itself is a quiet and peaceful place so should you be looking for an early night you will not be disturbed.





# What's included

Please find below a detailed breakdown of all the services included in this package. **If the service does not appear in this list then it is not included in the package.** This list reflects exactly what you will receive in terms of flights, accommodation, transport and other services such as guiding or event tickets.

## Accommodation

Date	Nights	City	Hotel	Accommodation
Mon 26 Mar 18	9	Kyoto	Royal Park The Kyoto	Single (Tour Leader) - Incl. B'fast Standard Twin - Incl. B'fast
Wed 04 Apr 18	2	Hiroshima	Granvia Hiroshima	Single (Tour Leader) - Incl. B'fast Twin - Incl. B'fast
Fri 06 Apr 18	1	Himeji	Nikko Hotel Himeji	Standard Single (Tour Leader) - Incl. B'fast Standard Twin - Incl. B'fast
Sat 07 Apr 18	1	Osaka	Cross Hotel Osaka	Single (Tour Leader) - Incl. B'fast Twin - Incl. B'fast

## Transport

Date	City	Service	
Mon 26 Mar 18	Kyoto	Private coach transfer from Kansai International airport to Kyoto Hotel	Medium Vehicle - Private Charter
Tue 27 Mar 18	Kyoto	Private minibus for Miho Museum visit	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Wed 28 Mar 18	Kyoto	Private minibus for Nara day trip	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Thu 29 Mar 18	Kyoto	Private minibus for visit to Shigemori Mirei Garden and Tofukuji Temple	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Fri 30 Mar 18	Kyoto	Private minibus for visit to Tenryuji Temple, Quiho-In, Ryoanji and Shinsensen	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Sat 31 Mar 18	Kyoto	Private minibus for visit to Byodo-in, Genji Museum and Daigo-ji Temple	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Sun 01 Apr 18	Kyoto	Private minibus for visit to Toji Antique Market, Matsuo Taisha, Saiho-ji and Kinkakuji	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Tue 03 Apr 18	Kyoto	Private minibus for visit to Imperial Palace Garden, Heian Shrine and Ginkakuji	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Sun 10 Apr 16	Kyoto	Luggage forwarding to Hiroshima Hotel	Luggage Forwarding - Item Luggage Forwarding - Item
Wed 04 Apr 18	Kyoto	Taxi from hotel to Kyoto Station	Taxi - Standard Vehicle
Wed 04 Apr 18	Kyoto	Bullet Train from Kyoto to Okayama	Nozomi Super Express - Ordinary
Wed 04 Apr 18	Okayama	Private minibus for visit to Korakuen and Achi Shrine the transfer to Granvia Hiroshima	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Thu 05 Apr 18	Hiroshima	Train from Hiroshima to Hiroshima (Miyajima-Guchi)	Fare Ticket - Ordinary
Thu 05 Apr 18	Hiroshima	Ferry from Miyajima-Guchi to Miyajima	Ticket - Public Transport
Thu 05 Apr 18	Miyajima	Ferry from Miyajima to Miyajima-Guchi	Ticket - Public Transport
Thu 05 Apr 18	Hiroshima	Train from Miyajima-Guchi to Hiroshima	Fare Ticket - Ordinary
Fri 06 Apr 18	Hiroshima	Luggage forwarding to Osaka hotel	Luggage Forwarding - Item
Fri 06 Apr 18	Hiroshima	Private minibus for Hiroshima sightseeing	Micro Bus - Private Charter
Fri 06 Apr 18	Hiroshima	Bullet Train from Hiroshima to Himeji	Nozomi Super Express - Ordinary
Sat 07 Apr 18	Himeji	Bullet Train from Himeji to Osaka (Shin-Osaka)	Nozomi Super Express - Ordinary
Sat 07 Apr 18	Osaka	Train from Osaka to Nanba	Fare Ticket - Ordinary
Sun 08 Apr 18	Osaka	Private coach transfer from Osaka Hotel to Kansai International Airport	Up To 25 - Private Vehicle



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## Other

Date	Service	
Tue 27 Mar 18	Miho Museum	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Tue 27 Mar 18	Celebratory Dinner	Meal - Local Restaurant
Wed 28 Mar 18	Heijo Palace (To-in Teien and Imperial Villa Garden Archeological Garden), Isuien Garden, Todaiji Temple, Nandaimon Gate and Nara Deer Park	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Wed 28 Mar 18	Lunch at local restaurant	Meal - Local Restaurant
Thu 29 Mar 18	Shigemori Mirei Garden and Museum, Tofukuji Temple	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Thu 29 Mar 18	Lunch at local restaurant (Japanese Set)	Meal - Local Restaurant
Fri 30 Mar 18	Tenryuji temple garden, Ryonaji garden, Daitokuji temple complex and if possible pass by Shinsensen fragment garden to look at the Chinese bridge	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Fri 30 Mar 18	Lunch at Izusen Daitokuji (Vegetarian Meal)	Meal - Local Restaurant
Sat 31 Mar 18	Byodo-in, Genji Museum and Daigo-ji Temple	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Sat 31 Mar 18	Picnic lunch on river	Meal - Local Restaurant
Sun 01 Apr 18	Toji Antique Market, Matsuo Taisha, Saiho-ji and Kinkakuji	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Tue 03 Apr 18	Imperial Palace Garden, Heian Shrine and Ginkakuji	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Wed 04 Apr 18	Korakuen Garden	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Thu 05 Apr 18	Miyajima Sightseeing: Mount Misen Ropeway and Itsukushima Shrine	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Fri 06 Apr 18	Hiroshima Sightseeing: Peace Memorial Museum, Peace Memorial Park and Shukkeien Garden	Ticket - Ticket
Sat 07 Apr 18	Himeji Sightseeing: Himeji Castle and Gardens	Entrance Fee - Ticket
Sat 07 Apr 18	Lunch at local restaurant	Meal - Group Activity
Sat 07 Apr 18	Celebratory Dinner	Meal - Local Restaurant

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please can we draw your attention to a couple of the most important sections in our Terms and Conditions which you can read here:

<http://www.insidejapantours.com/terms-and-conditions/>

**Cancellation Terms:** Please note that the deposit you pay to secure your booking is non-refundable. Clause 7 states our policy regarding cancellations and the charges that are associated with this and clause 6 contains the information on making changes to your booking. Please be sure to read these through.

**Insurance:** Clause 8 relates to travel insurance. One of the conditions under which we accept bookings is that all passengers have insurance which as a minimum provides cover for medical expenses (including medical repatriation).

InsideJapan Tours does not sell travel insurance. However, you may like to consider the companies below for your cover.

Insure My Trip – You can apply on line at:

<http://www.insuremytrip.com/index-6646-0-0-0.html>

**Passports & Visas:** Holders of most European, North American or Australian passports do not need a visa to travel to Japan. If you have any doubts as to whether a visa is required please ask us or contact the Japanese Embassy or Consulate. Japanese law requires that visitors have at least 6 months to run on their passport from the date they arrive in Japan.

If you require a paper copy of our Terms and Conditions then please let us know and we will send one to you.



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**Your trip to Japan was created by:**



Samantha Hall  
Special Groups Manager

- 7 years' experience in group and educational travel

Originally from Kent, Sam found her way to Bristol via Brighton and the many destinations that seven years in the travel industry have taken her (including Australia, South Africa, Japan and America no less...)

Having kicked off her career in educational and group travel, she has been hooked ever since. With a passion for all things travel-related, Sam is perfectly placed to take charge of our special interests group tours.

**In Japan you will be supported by:**



Japan Office  
Nagoya

- Over 16 years' experience
- Contactable 24 hours a day
- All fluent in English and Japanese
- Dedicated customer support team
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Your first point of contact if you have any kind of problem while on tour will be your tour leader.

However should you require any further support, with an office in Nagoya, you can rest assured that we are with you every step of the way and that you know at all times exactly who you are dealing with.

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