

# Cultural Treasures of Japan



Japan April 11 – 24, 2027

14 Days

Airfare Included!

Booking Deadline: September 11, 2026

**Starting from: \$9,999 per person**

Low booking deposit of: \$698



Book an air inclusive package by September 11, 2026 and receive \$350 off!

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## Daily Itinerary

### Sunday, April 11, 2027 - Overnight Flight

Motorcoach from Central PA to a local international airport for an overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan.

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### Monday, April 12, 2027 - Tokyo, Japan

Upon arrival in Tokyo, your first day is yours to enjoy independently. Take time to explore the city and relax at your leisure.

Hotel: *Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo*

## **Tuesday, April 13, 2027: Tokyo**

Visit the Meiji Shrine outside Tokyo, and pass through the grounds of the Imperial Palace. Then, visit the historic neighborhoods of Ginza, and some of the most renowned and luxurious shopping venues in Japan. Then, take in a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. Hotel: *Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo* (Breakfast, Dinner)

## **Wednesday, April 14, 2027: Tokyo**

Explore Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district, and the famous Buddhist temple of Senso-ji. Then, take in the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, the oldest shopping street in Japan, before heading to the Tokyo National Museum to learn about the culture and history of the city. Hotel: *Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo* (Breakfast)

## **Thursday, April 15, 2027: Tokyo - Hakone**

Travel to the lakeside resort of Hakone, known worldwide for its hot spring. Along the way, climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway to descend the Owakudani crater, located in an active volcanic zone, and get an aerial view of Mount Fuji from a cable car\*. Then, enjoy a lake cruise across the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi before stopping in the town of Moto-Hakone. hotel: *Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone* (Breakfast, Dinner)

\*The view of Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway is weather dependent

## **Friday, April 16, 2027: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama**

Visit the famous Matsumoto Castle, also known as the "Crow Castle," before visiting the Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps. Known for its locally brewed sake, visit one of Japan's 200-year old breweries, before enjoying a traditional rice wine with a Hida beef dinner. Hotel: *Tokyu Stay Hida-Takayama Musubi no Yu, Takayama* (Breakfast, Dinner)

## **Saturday, April 17, 2027: Takayama**

Take a guided walking tour of Takayama's historic district, and visit a 600-year old open air market with locally grown and produced products. Then, **It's Your Choice**. Choose between a visit to the 19th Century government building of Takayama Jinya, **or** the Matsuri Yatai Kaikan, where you can view traditional hand carved floats used in local festivals. Then, take some time in the afternoon for independent activities. Hotel: *Tokyu Stay Hida-Takayama Musubi no Yu, Takayama* (Breakfast)

## **Sunday, April 18, 2027: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa**

Visit the town of Shirakawa-go, nestled in the mountains and famed for its traditional gassho-zukuri style thatched roof houses. Then, journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making in the 16th century. Visit the Omicho fish market, and the Kenroku-En Garden of Six Qualities. End your evening at a local restaurant serving regional specialties. Hotel: *Hotel Nikko Kanazawa, Kanazawa* (Breakfast, Dinner)

## **Monday, April 19, 2027 - Kanazawa**

Dive into the craft of gold leaf making, where you will decorate a lacquer box in a hands on lesson. Then visit the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea District, before being given free time to explore the town for the afternoon. Hotel: *Hotel Nikko Kanazawa, Kanazawa* (Breakfast)

## **Tuesday, April 20, 2027: Kanazawa - Kyoto**

On arrival in the city of Kyoto, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto, located in a traditional Kyoto town house. There, a hostess will guide you in learning about a wide array of Japanese activities, including making sushi, and folding origami. Hotel: *Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, Kyoto* (Breakfast, Dinner)

## **Wednesday, April 21, 2027: Kyoto**

Visit Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the revered shrine of Inari. Pass the rows of orange torii that weave through the forest on your way to the inner shrine. Then, visit the Nijo Castle, home of the first Shogun, and witness the intricate carvings and the

Ninomaru garden. In the afternoon, explore the city, home to over 2,000 temples and shrines, at your leisure. Hotel: *Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, Kyoto* (Breakfast)

## **Thursday, April 22, 2027: Kyoto - Hiroshima - Kyoto**

Board the famous Shinkansen bullet train to the city of Hiroshima. There, board a ferry to Miyajima Island, or “Shrine Island,” and visit the Peace Memorial Park where you can pause at the ruined Atomic Dome. After reflection at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, return to Kyoto by bullet train once again. Hotel: *Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, Kyoto* (Breakfast)

## **Friday, April 23, 2027: Kyoto**

Spend time with a monk at Koshoji Temple\*\*, where you will have the opportunity to chant and meditate with them. Afterwards, take part in the ancient art of the tea ceremony, and learn of this tradition’s rich history. In the afternoon, take some time to explore before reconvening for dinner at a special maiko show. Hotel: *Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, Kyoto* (Breakfast, Dinner)

*\*\*The Koshoji temple requires travelers to remove their shoes. During the meditation, travelers will sit on the floor. Those who cannot sit on the floor will be provided with a chair.*

## **Saturday, April 24, 2027: Kyoto - Central PA**

Return to Central PA, where you will be returned home via motorcoach. (Breakfast)

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## **Highlights**

- Tokyo
- Ginza
- Chanting, Meditation, and private Tea Ceremony with a Monk
- Hakone
- Lake Ashi Cruise
- Matsumoto Castle
- Takayama
- Shirakawa-go
- Kanazawa
- Kyoto
- Bullet Train
- Hiroshima
- Maiko Show

## **Included Benefits**

- Free parking with roundtrip motorcoach transportation to a local international airport
- Roundtrip airfare from a local international airport to Tokyo, Japan, with a return from Kyoto, Japan
- Roundtrip transfers – airport/hotel
- 12 nights hotel accommodations

- 12 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners
- Sightseeing as stated in the itinerary by motorcoach and train
- Services of a professional AAA Member Choice Vacations Tour Director, Driver, and Local Guides
- All local taxes, hotel service charges, and portorage for one suitcase per person
- Services of a AAA Journey Manager

## General Info

### Payment

Double Rate Per Person – \$9,999

Single Rate Per Person – \$11,519

Triple Rate Per Person – \$9,899

All non-members must add \$60 to the above rates. Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 20 full-fare passengers. Single and triple occupancy accommodations are extremely limited and are not guaranteed until space is confirmed. Book by September 11, 2026 to secure your space. Reservations made after this date are subject to availability and rates are subject to potential increases. Desired pickup location is not guaranteed until passenger minimums are met.

### Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$698 per person will confirm your reservation. Final payment is due to AAA by **December 21, 2026**.

### Cancellation/Penalties:

From September 12, 2026 to January 11, 2027 – \$698 per person, plus any additional suppliers fees

From January 12, 2027 to March 26, 2027 – 40% per person, plus any additional suppliers fees

From March 27, 2027 to April 10, 2027 – 75% per person, plus any additional suppliers fees

After April 10, 2027 – NON-REFUNDABLE

### Holidays:

Golden Week is a cluster of national holidays in Japan, beginning April 29th. During Golden Week, popular tourist destinations can have increased crowding and many businesses operate on altered schedules. It is possible there will be longer than usual waits at some destinations on this itinerary, and museum visits may be affected by the observance of local holidays.

### Dietary Needs:

This tour provides authentic dining experiences. Vegan, Vegetarian, and Gluten-Free diets are uncommon in Japan, and not widely catered to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible.

### Tour Activity Level:

**Moderate:** Good mobility is required for this trip. Climbing stairs and standing for 2-3 hours at a time, as well as walking on uneven terrain, may be necessary. Portions of the itinerary may include higher altitudes. The itinerary may involve longer days up to 12-14 hours in length. This activity level is not recommended for travelers with significant mobility concerns.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Do I need a passport?**

Yes, an original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s). Additionally, Japan places restrictions on certain medications that may be commonly used as prescriptions and over-the-counter remedies in the United States. Please speak with your advisor about any additional entry requirements that may result from this.

### **What is a Discoveries Journey Manager?**

A Discoveries Journey Manager travels with you on your entire journey. They are there to ensure your trip runs smoothly so you can sit back and relax. They are constantly working behind the scenes, whether it be at airport check-in or cruise disembarkation, they have you covered!

### **What will the weather be like?**

Temperatures for Japan in April can vary from the low 50s to the mid 70s, with cooler mornings and evenings. Casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes are recommended, along with a comfortable outer layer for cool evenings. Additionally, the Koshoji Temple in Kyoto will require visitors to remove their shoes upon entry, plan footwear appropriately.

### **Do I need travel insurance?**

For your protection AAA highly recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage only if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Other conditions may apply; ask your Travel Advisor. AAA recommends Allianz Insurance

### **Where will my seat be on the airplane?**

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**For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit [AAA.com](http://AAA.com).**