

Best of China & Highlights of Nippon with Bullet train

Trip Code: TP15JC

13 Nights 4-5 Star Hotel

Airfare included

15 meals

Daily Sightseeing

Coach, Flight

Small Group



WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Immerse yourself in the hidden treasures and offers a deep insight into the culture and rich history of Japan, along with the dynamic cities in Eastern China. Before heading to Japan, explore the cultural richness and modern allure of Shanghai, the classical beauty of Suzhou, and the picturesque landscapes of Hangzhou. A wealth of World Heritage shrines, temples, and gardens, alongside modern marvels like its ultraefficient transport system and towering skyscrapers, await discovery on this introductory tour.

- Walk along the famous **Bund in Shanghai**, a mile-long stretch along the **Huangpu River** to capture the western influences of the old days.
- √ Visit the serene West Lake, where described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world"
- In the 'East Venice' of **Suzhou**, revel in the tranquility of these meticulously designed gardens.
- √ Visit spectacular Osaka Castle, which houses an incredible collection of art, armor, and collectibles.
- In Nara, visit the most famous **Todaiji** and feed the gentle **sika deer at Nara Park**.
- Travel to Nagoya on the famed shinkansen, or "bullet train".
- Visit **Kinkakuji**, World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion.
- Cruise on Lake Kawaguchi, famed for its views of Mt. Fuji.
- Enjoy natural hot spring and dress in Yukata roves during our Fuji dinner banquet.
- Tour Tokyo, a metropolis of ancient traditions and cutting-edge technology.



Day 1: North America to Shanghai

Day 2: Arrive Shanghai

Day 3: Shanghai - Suzhou

Day 4: Suzhou - Wuxi

Day 5: Wuxi - Hangzhou

Day 6: Hangzhou - Shanghai

Day 7: Shanghai

Day 8: Shanghai - Osaka

Day 9: Osaka - Nara

Day 10: Osaka

Day 11: Osaka - Kyoto - Nagoya - Hamamatsu

Day 12: Hamamatsu - Mt. Fuji

Day 13: Mt. Fuji - Tokyo

Day 14: Tokyo

Day 15: Tokyo - North America





Day 1: North America to Shanghai

Enjoy an overnight flight to Shanghai.

Day 2: Shanghai

Upon arrival, transfer to hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

Day 3: Shanghai - Suzhou

Shanghai is the vibrant and commercial Centre of China. Today we will visit Shanghai Old Street area, a busy shopping center where you may find souvenirs and delicious local food. Enjoy some free time here. In the afternoon, you will walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. Then travel to Suzhou and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Suzhou - Wuxi

Suzhou, where dubbed the "Venice of the East" due to its extensive waterways, ponds, and streams. Today you will visit Lingering Garden, an UNESCO World Heritage site with four themed sections connected by covered walkways. At its center is a stunning garden surrounding a pond and a yellow stone granite grotto, crafted by renowned artist Zhou Binzhong. Then, explore the silk factory to discover the intricate process of silk production. You may take an optional cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday (US\$50/person). Afterward, transfer to the ancient town of Wuxi, known as the 'land of fish and rice'.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Wuxi - Hangzhou

Today you will visit to Lihu Park, a serene oasis nestled along the picturesque shores of Lake Lihu. You will find lush greenery, scenic walking paths and charming bridges. Admire the peaceful views as you spot locals cycling around the lake, fishing and boating along the water.

Then travel to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as 'the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world'. Hangzhou is considered the tea capital of China and renowned for its scenic beauty including the tranquil West Lake. Discover Hangzhou's timeless allure with an enchanting cruise on West Lake. Drift past ancient pagodas, picturesque islands, and lush gardens while soaking in the serene beauty that unfolds before you. Tonight, you may enjoy an optional performance, "Enduring Memories of Hangzhou" (US\$90/person), a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Hangzhou - Shanghai

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Leave Hangzhou and embark eastward by coach to the city of Shanghai, a dazzling metropolis with its towering skyscrapers, vibrant street life, historic Bund, modern innovations, and fusion of Eastern tradition and Western influence. Visit Shanghai Museum and the City God Temple area, surrounded by a network of local snack vendors, pearl shops and souvenir shops that make for a colorful walk.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 7: Shanghai

Today enjoy your self-exploration in Shanghai. This evening, you may join the optional "Huangpu River Night Cruise" and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai (US\$50/person).

Meal: Breakfast

Day 8: Shanghai -Osaka

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and fly to Osaka. Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure on your own.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 9: Osaka - Nara - Osaka

This morning, you will move to Nara, now known as Nara remains full of iconic sites. Then see Todai-ii Temple, one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples, constructed in the 8th century. In its huge area houses various national treasures of Japan. Step foot in the Daibutsuden (Great Buddha Hall), housing the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through Nara Park, where over 1.200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka. Visit the Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the Azuchi-Momovama period in the sixteenth century, before being dropped off at Dotonbori, which exemplifies Osaka's vibrant food culture.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 10: Osaka

Spend today free at your own leisure. Alternatively, you may join the optional Kansai Culture Tour with lunch (US\$ 179/person).

Kansai Culture Tour

Consist of visit the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, a mesmerizing grove of thousands of tall bamboo plants. A paved walkway runs through the middle of both sections, forming the famous "Bamboo Alley," one of Kyoto's most photographed sights. Japanese traditional lunch will be included at a local Japanese restaurant. After that, we will visit one of the most sacred and impressive destinations - Fushimi Inari-Taisha Shrine and walk through the famous vermilion Torii Gates, the most picturesque location on tour, and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street. In the afternoon, you will get a chance to experience the Wakashi making, which will make your travel memorable. You will make Japanese sweets called nerikiri perfect for the tea tasting and ideal for taking back home as a souvenir. Then return to your comfortable vehicle for the relaxing journey back to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure on your own.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 11: Osaka - Kyoto - Nagoya - Hamamastu

This morning, travel to Kyoto, it was Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868. Countless temples, shrines, and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today. Firstly, Visit Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion), World Cultural Heritage featuring a shining golden pavilion and a pond-centered garden. Visit the shining Kinkaku with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold and detailed architecture incorporating three distinct styles of Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Then visit the Higashi Hongan-ji, which is a religious complex of the Pure Land (Jodo Shinshu) Buddhism lts monumental architecture is renowned for being sheltered by the largest wooden roof in the world. Then, transfer to the Kyoto Station, Here we can also take a great picture of Kyoto tower.

In the afternoon, experiences a true modern marvel by riding the Shinkansen (bullet train) from Kyoto to Nagoya Station. Upon arrival in Nagoya, visit Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology. Here you will learn about the history of Toyota which started out as a textile machinery manufacturer and how it became a successful mass exporter and manufacturer of automotive technology, including robots. Continue our trip to Hamamatsu.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 12: Hamamastu- Mt. Fuji

Today, visit Gotemba Peace Park to capture a breathtaking view of Mount Fuji, Oshino Hakkai. Known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Afterwards, and Sengenjinja Shrine. Enjoy the picturesque view of Mount Fuji from a distance onboard the cruise on Lake Kawaguchi, a crater lake famous for its views of the famous peak. Finish the day with a true cultural experience and buffet dinner in our hot spring hotel.

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13: Mount Fuji - Tokyo

Visit Meiji Shrine in the morning, dedicated to the deifed spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Your next stop today is Tokyo Metro to enjoy a panoramic view of enormous Tokyo city. Later, stroll through the Sensoii Temple(Asakusa Kannon Temple), one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples. Then walk along the famous 820-ft long Nakamise shopping street where you can explore the lines of stalls selling different Japanesestyled goods and souvenirs. You may also choose the optional Kimono Rental (US\$55/person) and explore great photo opportunities along the ancient street in Japan's beautiful national dress. Tonight, you may have the optional Kaiseki Dinner (US\$90/ person), a traditional and exquisite multi-course meal in Japanese cuisine.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 14: Tokyo

Spend today free at your leisure. Enjoy a free day to explore and enjoy bustling Tokyo at your leisure. Alternatively, you may join our optional full-day tour (US\$159/person) to explore contemporary Tokyo.

Optional Modern Tokyo Exploration

Begin your day at the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, where you'll witness cutting-edge technology and innovations. Satisfy your culinary cravings at the world-famous Tsukiji Fish Market, you may take the opportunity to try a variety of fresh seafood or explore the local food on own expenses. Immerse yourself in the energetic chaos of Shibuya Crossing and pay your respects to the loyal Hachiko Statue. Find tranquility at Shinjuku Gyoen Garden, a green oasis in the heart of the city. Finally, enjoy some leisure time in the bustling Shinjuku district, known for its entertainment, shopping, and dining options. Transfer back to the hotel after that. This tour offers a dynamic blend of innovation, culture, and exploration, showcasing the contemporary spirit of Tokyo.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 15: Tokyo-North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your return flight.

Meal: Breakfast

Optional Tours

Huangpu River Night Cruise	US\$ 50/p
Enduring Memories of Hangzhou	US\$ 90/P
Suzhou Canal Cruise	US\$ 50/p
Kansai Culture Day Tour	US\$ 179/p (Min. 10)
Kaiseki Dinner	US\$ 90/p
Modern Tokyo Exploration Tour	US\$ 159/p (Min. 10)
Kimono Dress Rental	US\$ 55/p

Package Includes

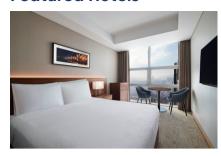
- Return international airfares from Vancouver (Add-on \$400 for departing from Toronto);
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Intra-flight: Shanghai Osaka
- 13 nights 4-5 star accommodations
- · Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Shinkansen ticket from Kyoto to Nagoya (bullet Train)
- Lake Kawaguchi Cruise
- Japan airport shuttle bus arrangements and all transfers
- Meals and featuring regional delicacies mentioned in the itinerary
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- · Entrance fees per itinerary

Package Does Not Includes

- Visa Fee (If apply)
- Prepaid Tipping: US\$\$210/person
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenditures
- Land only does not include airport transfer.
- Land only does not include intra flight "Shanghai - Osaka Kansai"



Featured Hotels





Radisson Hotel Yangtze, Shanghai or similar





DoubleTree by Hilton Suzhou Wujiang or similar $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$





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Odysis Suite Osaka Airport Hotel or similar





Hotel The Manhattan Tokyo or similar



18-Mar	20-Mar	25-Mar	01-Apr	15-Apr	06-May	13-May
20-May	10-Jun	08-Jul	05-Aug	02-Sep	09-Sep	16-Sep
07-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	04-Nov	11-Nov	02-Dec	

Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation.
- Single room supplement fee: \$1,399
- Add on airfare from other cities: Toronto from \$400, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$500, Calgary, Edmonton \$500, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Leading price is based on specific departure dates, please check with our website:
 tripoppo.com for the updated information.