

JAPAN CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL TOUR 2012

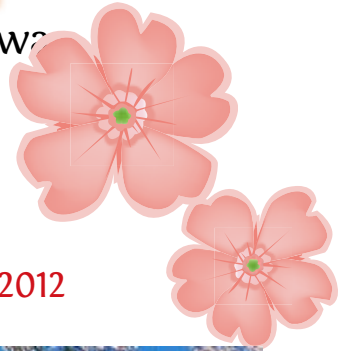
Tokyo, Hakone (Mt. Fuji), Tsumago, Takayama, Furukawa,
Shirakawa-go, Kanazawa, Kyoto


CATHAY PACIFIC
11 Days

\$5150

Including Airfare & Taxes

31 Mar 2012



Tour prices:

From Adelaide /Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane/: \$5150.00/
person on twin share basis
Single Supplement: \$900.00
Land only: \$3200.00
Hong Kong stopover \$150.00 subject to seat availability

Price includes:

International return economy class airfare on Cathay Pacific
Airline fuel surcharges
8 nights accommodation
Daily Breakfast (B), 6 Lunches (L), and 2 Dinners (D)
All transfer and transportation according to itinerary by private coach and boat or ferry
Fully escorted throughout Japan by English Speaking Professional tour guide
Australia and Japan airport taxes approx. A\$500.00

Price excludes:

Beverages during meals
Travel insurance (highly recommended)
Tipping for guide and driver (JPY500.00 p/day)
visa fees

* Minimum number required for guarantee departure: 16 passengers



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Itinerary

SAT, 31 MAR 12: AUSTRALIA – TOKYO

Fly Cathay pacific airways to Hong Kong, upon arrival in Hong Kong transfer to the flight to Tokyo.

SUN, 01 APR 12: TOKYO (L/D)

Arrive in Tokyo at 06:00. We will be met by our national English speaking tour guide. Then set off to visit Tokyo National Museum, the largest museum in Japan. After your included lunch, check in at the hotel Grand Palace Hotel, or similar for 2 nights. Evening ride over the Rainbow Bridge to Odaiba and enjoy a welcome dinner party.

MON, 02 APR 12: TOKYO (B/L)

Full day city tour of Tokyo by private motorcoach
After breakfast, our tour guide will show us some of the city's main attractions, such as the Imperial Palace Plaza and a boat ride on the Sumida River. Visit Asakusa the Kannon Temple and the Nakamise shopping mall. After a lunch break, we will proceed to Ueno Park, famous for the cherry blossom viewing, Akihabara the Electrical District. We will finally visit the fashionable Ginza district with its magnificent department stores.

TUE, 03 APR 12: TOKYO – HAKONE (B/L/D)

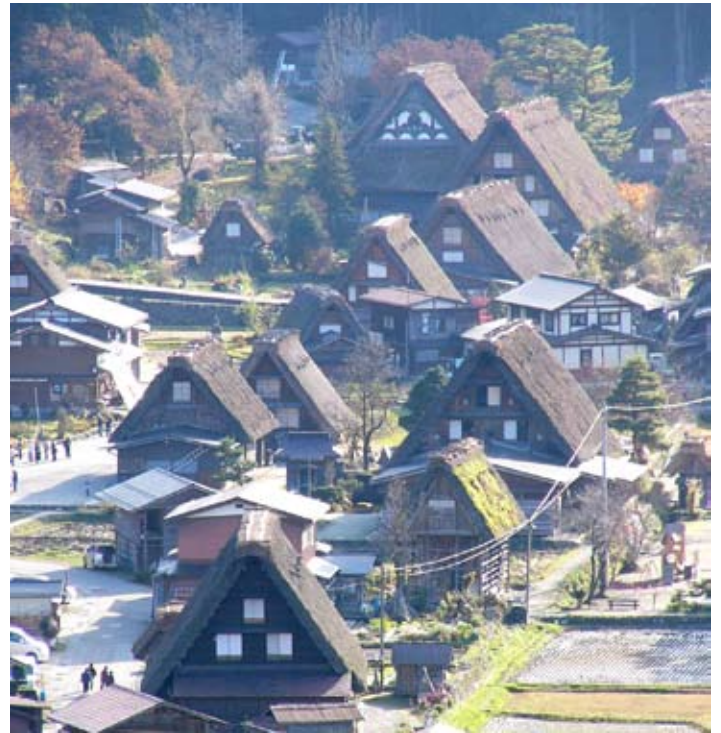
Departure by private motorcoach to Hakone National Park
This morning visit Hakone National Park, 90 km west of Tokyo. With Mt Fuji on the background and placid Lake Ashi, Hakone is surrounded by scenic mountains, hot springs and historic places. We will have lunch upon arrival in Togendai Town. The tour includes a cruise on Lake Ashi, a climb to Owakudani, an area filled with sulphurous fumes and hot springs. While you are there you could try the black spa eggs said to prolong one's life for 7 years. We will continue our visit to Heiwa Park and Mt. Fuji Gogome-the five stations if the wether permits. Check in at the Hakone Kowaki-en Spa Hotel or similar for 1 night. Dinner

WED, 04 APR 12: HAKONE – TSUMAGO – TAKAYAMA (B/L)

Continue by motorcoach to the historic Village of Tsumago in the heart of the Kiso Valley. Have lunch and time at leisure to wander around this old village before driving through the Japanese Alps to Takayama, also known as the "Little Kyoto". Check in at the Hida hotel plaza for 2 nights with breakfast and lunch.

THU, 05 APR 12: TAKAYAMA – FURUKAWA – TAKAYAMA (B)

Today you will visit the Miya-Gawa Morning Market, Hida Folk Village and a chance to taste some local delicacies for lunch (own expense) as you wander about the Old Merchants Districts. Continue to Furukawa, a beautiful small town with riverside streets and visit Takumi Craft Museum for some hands on experience of craft work. Return to Takayama and enjoy dinner at hotel.



FRI, 06 APR 12: TAKAYAMA – SHIRAKAWA-GO – KANAZAWA (B)

After breakfast we will be leaving on a 50 minutes drive across the Japanese Alps, to the 700 years old village of Ogimachi in the Shirakawa-go region, one of the best-preserved rural areas of Japan. Time at leisure to walk through and explore this enchanting village, We will continue driving through the Japanese Alps to Kanazawa and upon arrival visit Kenroku-en Park, one of the three most important gardens in Japan. It was constructed in the 17th century as an outer garden of the Kanazawa Castle and became a public park in 1817. Continually we will visit Higashi Chaya-gai and explore the traditional Geisha house known as Ochaya Shima. Check in at the Hotel Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel or similar for 1 night.

SAT, 07 APR 12: KANAZAWA-KYOTO (B/L)

This morning after a short sightseeing around Kanazawa and a visit Sakuda Gold Leaf Company we will be set off for Kyoto. Upon arrival in Kyoto we will experience a traditional tea ceremony at Kodaiji Temple, before making our visit to Kiyomizu Dera temple stroll around the Sannen-zaka area. Check in at the Karasuma Kyoto Hotel or similar for two nights.

SUN, 08 APR 12: KYOTO – NARA – KYOTO (B/L)

Full day guided tour of Kyoto and Nara
This morning we will continue our visit of Kyoto, including the Kinkakuji Temple, Nijo Castle. After our included lunch, we will continue our journey to Nara, the ancient capital of Japan. We will visit the Nara Park, Kasuga Shrine and Todai-ji Temple- the largest wooden structure in the world.

MON, 09 APR 12: KYOTO – OSAKA - HONG KONG (B)

Transfer to Osaka – Kansai International airport. Check in for our Cathay pacific flight to Hong Kong, upon arrival transfer to flight for Australia.

TUE.10 APR 12: Arrive in AUSTRALIA

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