



Honeymoon Japan

14 Days/13 Nights

Day 1: Arrival Tokyo : Culinary Journey dinner
Day 2: Tokyo - Full day sightseeing
Day 3: Tokyo - Half day sightseeing
Day 4: Kamakura - Half day sightseeing
Day 5: Hakone : Full day sightseeing
Day 6: Kyoto : Half day sightseeing and Maiko dinner
Day 7: Kyoto : Half day sightseeing and beauty treatment/massage
Day 8: Kyoto: Shinto wedding ceremony and private dinner
Day 9-12: Ishigaki Island - At leisure
Day 13: Tokyo - Final night dinner at Park Hyatt
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Day 1: Arrive Tokyo (D)

On arrival at Tokyo Airport, you will be greeted by your chauffeur who will take you by vintage Rolls Royce to the Peninsula Hotel.

Tokyo's premier luxury hotel, The Peninsula offers unsurpassed levels of service and accommodation from an impressive location opposite the Imperial Palace.

Tonight we have arranged a Culinary Journey for your first night in Tokyo. Enjoy an appetizer and live music in the Peninsula Lobby, followed by a traditional Cantonese seafood course at Hei Fung Terrace, and a main course of international fare at Peter, located on the 24th floor of the hotel. Wine is also included throughout the evening.

The evening ends sweetly, with dessert, and coffee at Peter or Peter: The Bar.

Overnight in the Peninsula Hotel, Tokyo

Day 2: Tokyo (B)

Today you will conduct a city tour of Tokyo with a local guide by private transport. Your stops will include Asakusa, part of Tokyo's Shitamachi (old town) and home to Sensoji Temple.

You also visit Meiji Jinja; Tokyo's most famous Shrine, where you will witness a traditional Shinto purification dance and receive a blessing from a Shinto Priest. Drive past famous Tokyo landmarks including the Ginza, Imperial Palace, and the Shibuya 'scramble' crossing.

Of course, today's itinerary is flexible so if you have any particular sites in Tokyo you wanted to visit, please let us know.

Overnight in the Peninsula Hotel, Tokyo

Day 3: Tokyo

(B)

A private car and guide at your disposal for a half day. Make an early start to visit the world famous Tsukji Fish Market, visit the electronics district of Akihabara or discover Tokyo's world class museums and art galleries.

Overnight in the Peninsula Hotel, Tokyo

Day 4: Tokyo - Kamakura - Hakone/Mt Fuji

(B,D)

Leave the bustle of Tokyo behind as you journey with guide by private transport to Kamakura for a morning of sightseeing.

One of Japan's former capitals, Kamakura is a delightful seaside town home to many ancient temples and the Daibutsu, a giant bronze Buddha.

Continue on to the Fuji Hakone National Park, where you will be staying at the Hakone Ginyu ryokan (traditional inn).

The Ginyu is built into a mountain, offering stunning views of the surrounding mountains. Your room is Japanese style, with tatami mat flooring and comfortable futon beds. Each room has an outdoor terrace with a private hot spring bath.

Dinner tonight will be multi course Japanese kaiseki served to you in the dining area of your room.

Overnight at Hakone Ginyu, Hakone.

Day 5: Hakone/Mt Fuji

(B,D)

Today you will tour the surrounding national park with a guide and private car.

The Hakone Open Air Museum is creates a harmonic balance of nature and art by exhibiting various sculptures on its spacious grounds in combination with beautiful views of the surrounding valley and mountains.

Besides the sculptures, the Hakone Open Air Museum features various indoor galleries, including a sizable Picasso Collection, consisting of paintings, prints, sculptures and ceramic creations.

You will take the world's second longest cable car to the top of Mt Owakudani, the source of the hot water for Hakone's hot springs and also take a boat cruise across Lake Ashino-ko.

Throughout the day you will have the opportunity (if the weather is clear) to glimpse Japan's iconic Mt Fuji.

Dinner tonight will be again served to you in your room.

Overnight at Hakone Ginyu, Hakone.

Day 6: Hakone/Mt Fuji - Kyoto

(B,D)

Time for one last soak in the onsen before undertaking the 2 hour journey by the world famous Shinkansen bullet train to Japan's cultural capital, Kyoto. You will be riding in the spacious "Green Car" First Class carriage.

Kyoto is home to an astonishing 2000 Shrines and Temples, including 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sights.

After checking in to your hotel, you will commence your sightseeing in Kyoto by private car. First stop will be Kiyomizu (Pure Water) Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the atmospheric Higashiyama district.

Continue on to Heian Shrine, home to Japan's largest torii gate and strolling gardens (featured in Lost in Translation).

Tonight we have a very special evening in store.

The evening will begin with a Walking Lecture through some of Kyoto's famous geisha districts. You will then have dinner at an exclusive Japanese restaurant in Miyagawa-cho geisha district for a private Geisha party.

You will be entertained by a Maiko (apprentice geisha) for approximately 2.5 hours. The maiko will perform traditional dances and you will also have a chance to ask questions about the geisha and their world. This is a truly special and unique night of food, drink, traditional entertainment, and great photo opportunities.

Overnight at the Granvia Hotel, Kyoto

Day 7: Kyoto

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Today you have a half day sightseeing with local guide by private transport.

First stop is Nijo Castle, an ornamental castle built by the founder of the Edo Shogunate as his Kyoto residence, complete with beautiful surrounding gardens. The main building was completed in 1603, and is famous for its Momoyama architecture, decorated sliding doors and 'chirping' nightingale floors.

Continue on to Kinkakuji, the Golden Pavilion. Originally built as a retirement villa for the Shogun, after his death it became a Buddhist Temple at his request, and is now one of Kyoto's most famous temples. Last stop will be Daitoku-ji Zen Temple for some meditation practice.

After your sightseeing is finished, it is time to get ready for your big day tomorrow! To begin, relax with a facial or full body massage in the private room of Machiya (Kyoto's Traditional Wooden house). Relax in the beautiful confines of a Japanese space featuring a courtyard garden and well, as the original natural Kyoto oils are worked into your skin. You will find your mind and your body come away refreshed.

You will then return to your hotel to have a wedding attire fitting and hair styling consultation.

Overnight at the Granvia Hotel, Kyoto

Day 8: Kyoto

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The big day has arrived!

After breakfast, have your hair styled and then be dressed in traditional Japanese wedding kimono.

Depart by private car to Kamigamo Shrine, the oldest Shinto shrine in Kyoto and a registered World Heritage Site. Your hairdresser will also accompany you.

You will then have a traditional wedding ceremony administered by a Shinto priest in this tranquil and atmospheric shrine.

After the ceremony, return to the hotel to change your clothes. Dinner tonight is a Wedding Dinner in a private room at the Granvia's Rakusui Japanese restaurant.

Overnight at the Granvia Hotel, Kyoto

Day 9: Kyoto - Ishigaki

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This morning your private transfer awaits to take you to Kansai Airport for your flight to Okinawa, an island chain located half way between Japan and Taiwan that stretches for over 1000km.

During its long history, Okinawa has been both an independent country, as well as under Chinese and U.S. rule, giving it a colorful culture that you won't find anywhere else in Japan.

Your destination today is Ishigaki (2h 20m), part of the Yaeyama Islands, famous for its clear waters, undiscovered beaches, forested interior and charming local character.

On arrival in Ishigaki, transfer directly to your accommodation, the Intercontinental Ishigaki Resort. Your rooms has ocean views, the afternoon is free to relax by the pool or beach.

Overnight in Intercontinental Ishigaki Resort.

Day 10-12: Ishigaki

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Enjoy 3 full days to relax on Ishigaki's sandy beaches, as you discover why the Okinawans live longer than anyone else in the world.

For the adventurous, Ishigaki offers some of Japan's best snorkeling. You can also hire a car to explore the island, or take a boat trip to one of the smaller Yaeyama Islands.

Taketomi island, only 10 minutes by boat, has a population of just 300 and boasts a perfectly preserved Ryūkyū village. Slightly further away, Iriomote island is one of Japan's last true wildernesses, with great hiking in the national park.

Overnight in Ishigaki

Day 13: Ishigaki - Tokyo

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This morning, transfer to Ishigaki airport for the 3h 30m flight to Tokyo's Haneda Airport.

The rest of the day is free for any last minute sightseeing or shopping in Tokyo.

Your farewell dinner tonight take place at the New York Grill, located on the 52nd floor of your hotel, the Park Hyatt.

Best known as the restaurant featured in Lost In Translation, this four course meal with amazing views of Tokyo is the perfect way to finish off your Japan Honeymoon.

Overnight in Park Hyatt, Tokyo

Day 14: Depart Tokyo

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A private transfer to Tokyo airport is included.

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