

Japan Samurai Tour

A Journey through the traditions
and the Samurai legacy of the
Land of the Rising Sun



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Guidebook

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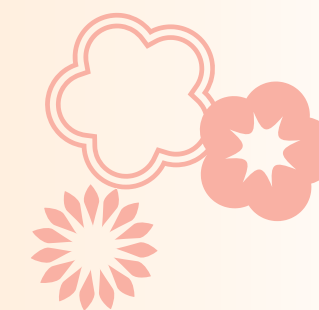
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Tour Overview

Welcome to the Samurai Tour!

Embark on an 11-day journey (arrival and departure days not included) through Japan, exploring the rich history of the samurai in the Land of the Rising Sun.

Begin in Osaka, where tradition meets modernity, and visit iconic landmarks tied to samurai culture, including Osaka Castle, and experience it yourself!

Next, head to Hiroshima to reflect on resilience and history while visiting key landmarks around the region.

In Kyoto, the heart of Japan's cultural heritage, explore ancient temples, and immerse yourself in the rich history of Japan's old capital.

Continue to Yamanashi, where breathtaking landscapes blend with samurai history, and participate in a samurai battle.

Conclude in Tokyo, the vibrant capital, and enjoy its fusion of past and future, from historic sites to modern landmarks.

This tour offers a perfect blend of samurai history, architectural marvels, and Japan's captivating culture.



Day 1

Arrive in Japan (Kansai Intl. Airport)



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JAPAN

- Arrive in Kansai International Airport, and after immigration and customs procedures, a bus will be waiting to take you to check-in at the hotel.



Day 2

Osaka - Harmony of Past and Future



- Board the bus to the iconic Osaka Castle, a symbol of Japan's rich history. Immerse yourself in the past with samurai and ninja experience, where you'll get hands-on with traditional Japanese culture.
- Next, wander through the vibrant streets of Shinsekai, with its retro charm and the towering Tsutenkaku. Enjoy a delicious lunch at one of the local eateries. In the afternoon, relax and soak in the sights of the city on a scenic Tonbori Cruise along the lively Dotonbori canal. Return to the hotel.



Osaka Castle

Osaka Castle, built in 1583 by samurai lord Toyotomi Hideyoshi, is a masterpiece of Japanese military architecture. With its towering five-story main keep, golden accents, and green-tiled roof, it symbolizes Japan's feudal history and samurai legacy. Surrounded by expansive moats and gardens, the castle is a stunning blend of beauty and strength.



Tonbori Cruise

The Tonbori River Cruise in Osaka offers a scenic 20-minute journey through the vibrant Dotonbori district. Glide past iconic neon signs, historic bridges, and lively waterfront areas while soaking in the energy of a city shaped by samurai-era trade routes and modern culture.



Samurai / Ninja Experience

The Osaka Samurai / Ninja Experience immerses visitors in Japan's warrior traditions. Learn sword techniques, try samurai armor, and explore ninja skills like stealth and agility. This hands-on activity celebrates the discipline and strategy that defined Japan's legendary samurai and ninja heritage, offering a unique cultural and historical connection.

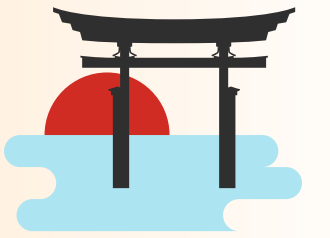


Shinsekai • Tsutenkaku

Shinsekai, Osaka's "New World," reflects a retro Showa-era charm with vibrant streets and food stalls. Its centerpiece, Tsutenkaku Tower, inspired by samurai watchtowers, offers panoramic city views. This district blends nostalgic history with Osaka's dynamic energy, celebrating its past and present.

Day 3

Osaka – Free day (Recommendations)



● Free day discovering the best of Osaka! For our recommendations, start with a visit to the serene Shitenno-ji Temple, Japan's oldest Buddhist temple, offering a tranquil escape from the city buzz. For a dose of vibrant culture, head to Dōtonbori, famous for its neon lights, bustling streets, and delicious street food. Stroll through the nearby Shinsaibashi shopping arcade, where you can shop for trendy fashion or unique souvenirs. Wrap up your day at the picturesque Yasaka Shrine, a hidden gem perfect for some peaceful reflection. We hope your day in Osaka will be memorable!



Dōtonbori

Dōtonbori, Osaka's lively entertainment district, is renowned for its neon lights, iconic Glico sign, and bustling canal. Historically, it thrived as a theater hub during the samurai era, blending cultural vibrancy with modern attractions. Its energy captures Osaka's spirited essence.



Shinsaibashi

Shinsaibashi, Osaka's premier shopping district, seamlessly blends modern luxury with historical charm. Its covered arcade dates back to the Edo period, a time of samurai prosperity. Today, it combines traditional craftsmanship with contemporary fashion, reflecting Japan's evolving cultural identity.



Shitenno-ji Temple

Shitenno-ji Temple, founded in 593 by Prince Shōtoku, is Japan's oldest official Buddhist temple. Its design reflects early architectural influence from China, with a symmetrical layout and five-story pagoda. A cultural treasure, it played a vital role during the samurai era, symbolizing spiritual and political harmony.

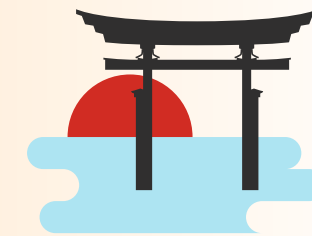


Yasaka Shrine

Yasaka Shrine, located in Kyoto's Gion district, dates back over 1,350 years and is dedicated to the Shinto deity Susanoo-no-Mikoto. Renowned for its vibrant vermilion gates and annual Gion Matsuri festival, it held significance for samurai, who sought protection and success in battle.

Day 4

Hiroshima – Honoring History, Embracing the Future



● Depart from Shin-Osaka Station aboard the Shinkansen and head to Hiroshima for a day of cultural immersion and relaxation. Upon arrival, you will take part in a sushi rolling experience, visit the groves of Tengushide and then have a Japanese bow experience, where you'll learn the grace and significance of this timeless tradition.

● Afterward, enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, exploring Hiroshima or simply unwinding.



San'yō Shinkansen

San'yō Shinkansen connects Osaka to Fukuoka, spanning western Japan. It offers fast, comfortable travel, linking major cities like Kobe, Hiroshima, and Okayama, with stunning coastal and mountainous views along the way.



Makizushi Experience

Makizushi is a traditional rolled sushi experience, combining seasoned rice, fresh fish, and vegetables wrapped in nori. Often made by hand, it's a fun, casual meal enjoyed at home or sushi bars.



Tengushide Gunraku

Tengushide Gunraku in Hiroshima is a rare forest of twisted beech trees atop Mt. Noro. The eerie, tangled shapes evoke mythical tengu, creating a magical atmosphere for hikers and nature enthusiasts.

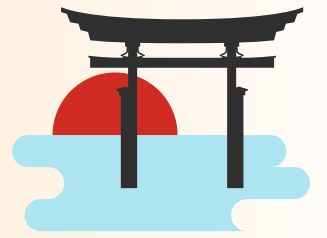


Japanese bow experience

The Japanese Bow Experience in Hiroshima offers a hands-on introduction to Kyūdō, the traditional art of Japanese archery. Rooted in samurai discipline, it emphasizes precision, mindfulness, and elegance. Participants learn proper form, technique, and philosophy, connecting with Japan's rich warrior heritage in a serene, authentic setting.

Day 5

Hiroshima – Honoring History, Embracing the Future



● Start the day with a scenic ferry ride to the beautiful island of Miyajima, where you'll visit the iconic Itsukushima Jinja, a stunning shrine known for its torii gate that appears to float on the water. After soaking in the beauty of Miyajima, head back to Hiroshima to reflect on the city's history.

● Pay a visit to the solemn Atomic Bomb Dome, a symbol of resilience, and explore the Peace Memorial Museum to gain a deeper understanding of Hiroshima's past and its journey toward peace.



Miyajima Ferry

The Miyajima Ferry offers a scenic 10-minute journey from the mainland to Miyajima Island, home to the iconic "floating" torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine. This tranquil ride provides stunning views of the Seto Inland Sea and lush island landscapes, blending natural beauty with Japan's spiritual and samurai-era heritage.



Itsukushima Jinja

Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site on Miyajima Island, is famed for its "floating" torii gate. Dating back to 593, it symbolizes the harmony between nature and spirituality. Samurai once visited to seek divine protection, reinforcing its historical and cultural significance.



Atomic Bomb Dome

The Atomic Bomb Dome, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Hiroshima, stands as a powerful symbol of peace and resilience. One of the few structures left standing after the 1945 bombing, it preserves the memory of the past while advocating for a nuclear-free future.



Peace Memorial Museum

The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum documents the tragic impact of the 1945 atomic bombing, displaying artifacts, survivor testimonies, and historical records. It serves as a profound reminder of war's devastation while promoting peace, resilience, and a future free from nuclear weapons.

Day 6

Kyoto – Timeless Beauty and Cultural Heritage



- Take the Shinkansen from Hiroshima to Kyoto, arriving in this ancient city of tradition and beauty. Begin your exploration with a visit to the breathtaking Kiyomizudera, a historic temple famous for its wooden stage and panoramic views of Kyoto.
- Next, immerse yourself in the spiritual atmosphere of Fushimi Inari Taisha, known for its thousands of vibrant red torii gates that lead up Mount Inari.
- End your day at Sanjusangendo, home to 1,001 life-sized statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy, offering a serene and awe-inspiring experience.



Kiyomizudera

Kiyomizudera, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Kyoto, is renowned for its grand wooden stage that overlooks the city. Built in 778, it is dedicated to the Buddhist deity Kannon. The temple's architecture reflects Japan's spiritual and cultural history, with samurai once visiting to seek blessings for protection and success in battle.



Fushimi Inari Taisha

Fushimi Inari Taisha, located in Kyoto, is dedicated to the Shinto god of rice and agriculture, Inari. Famous for its thousands of vibrant red torii gates, the shrine has long been a place of spiritual and military significance, with samurai seeking blessings for victory. Its grand, winding pathways symbolize the journey to enlightenment, blending nature, tradition, and the samurai spirit.



Sanjūsangendō

Sanjūsangendō, a Buddhist temple in Kyoto, is known for its 1,001 statues of Kannon, the Goddess of Mercy. Built in the 12th century, the temple's architecture reflects samurai-era craftsmanship. During the Edo period, samurai visited the temple for spiritual guidance, seeking divine protection and strength in battle.

Day 7

Kyoto – Timeless Beauty and Cultural Heritage



- Start your day with a visit to Kitano Tenmangu, a peaceful shrine dedicated to the scholar and poet Sugawara no Michizane, offering a serene atmosphere and beautiful surroundings.
- Next, marvel at the golden beauty of Kinkaku-ji (the Golden Pavilion), one of Kyoto's, and Japan's most iconic landmarks.
- Continue your journey to the enchanting Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, where you can stroll through towering bamboo groves and experience a natural wonder.
- Finally, step into the world of Japanese cinema at Toei Kyoto Studio Park, a lively theme park where you can experience the world of samurai, ninja, and historical dramas.



Kitano Tenmagū

Kitano Tenmagū, a Shinto shrine in Kyoto, is dedicated to Sugawara no Michizane, the deity of learning and scholarship. Built in 947, it became a revered site for samurai seeking wisdom and academic success. The shrine's tranquil grounds and beautiful plum blossoms reflect Japan's cultural heritage and samurai values.



Kinkaku-ji

Kinkaku-ji, or the Golden Pavilion, is a Zen Buddhist temple in Kyoto, renowned for its stunning gold-leaf-covered exterior. Originally built in the 14th century by samurai shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu, the temple symbolizes the integration of nature, art, and samurai ideals, offering a peaceful retreat reflecting Japan's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.



Arashiyama Bamboo Forest

Arashiyama Bamboo Forest in Kyoto offers a serene, immersive experience amidst towering bamboo groves. Historically, the area was frequented by samurai for meditation and reflection. Today, it remains a symbol of Japan's natural beauty, blending tranquility with a deep cultural connection to the warrior spirit.



Toei Kyoto Studio Park

Toei Kyoto Studio Park is a vibrant theme park where visitors can experience Japan's cinematic history, including samurai-era film sets. It showcases traditional architecture, offering a glimpse into the past, while also celebrating samurai culture through live performances and interactive exhibits.

Day 8

Yamanashi – The Gateway to Mount Fuji



● Board the Tōkaidō Shinkansen from Kyoto to Shizuoka, enjoying a scenic ride toward the iconic Mount Fuji region. From Shizuoka, take a bus to Yamanashi, where you'll visit Oshino Hakkai, a picturesque village known for its eight crystal-clear ponds fed by Mount Fuji's spring water, surrounded by traditional thatched-roof houses.

● Afterward, head to Iyashi no Sato Nemba, a restored village at the foot of Mount Fuji, where you can immerse yourself in the rustic charm of old-style houses and enjoy stunning views of the mountain.



Tōkaidō Shinkansen

The Tōkaidō Shinkansen is Japan's high-speed bullet train that connects Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto, and Osaka. Renowned for its punctuality and efficiency, it travels at speeds up to 320 km/h (200 mph), offering a fast and comfortable way to explore Japan's most famous cities.



Oshino Hakkai

Oshino Hakkai, near Mount Fuji, is famous for its eight crystal-clear spring ponds, fed by snowmelt from the mountain. Known for its tranquil beauty, it was historically visited by samurai for reflection. Today, it remains a symbol of natural purity, offering visitors scenic views and a connection to traditional Japanese culture.



Iyashi no Sato Nemba

Iyashi no Sato Nemba, at the base of Mount Fuji, features traditional thatched-roof houses and breathtaking views. It offers cultural experiences, including local crafts and cuisine. Once a peaceful retreat for samurai, the village now serves as a serene destination, blending history, nature, and Japanese heritage.

Day 9

Yamanashi – Kawanakajima Samurai Experience



● Step back in time and witness history come to life at the Battle of Kawanakajima Reenactment, one of Japan's most famous samurai battle events. Held in Yamanashi, this dramatic reenactment recreates the legendary clashes between Takeda Shingen and Uesugi Kenshin, two of Japan's greatest warlords. Experience the thrill of armored warriors, mounted samurai, and strategic formations as they bring this historic battle to life. A must-see for history enthusiasts and samurai fans alike!



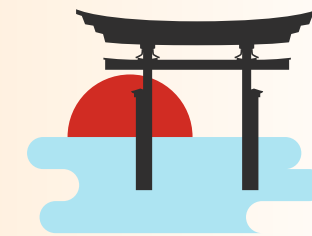
Battle of Kawanakajima Reenactment

The Battle of Kawanakajima reenactment, held in Yamanashi, brings to life one of the most famous samurai battles of the Sengoku period. This dramatic event recreates the fierce conflict between warlords Uesugi Kenshin and Takeda Shingen, showcasing traditional samurai tactics, costumes, and weaponry. It offers a vivid, immersive experience into Japan's warrior history.



Day 10

Tokyo – Fusion of Tradition and Innovation



● Hop on a bus from Yamanashi to Tokyo, the vibrant heart of Japan. Once you arrive, take in the breathtaking views from the towering Tokyo Skytree, one of the tallest structures in the world, offering panoramic vistas of the city below. Afterward, immerse yourself in the world of samurai at the Samurai Retreat, where you'll have the opportunity to have a real sword experience—learning the art of wielding a samurai sword under expert guidance.



Tokyo Skytree

Tokyo Skytree, towering at 634 meters, is the tallest structure in Japan. This modern architectural marvel blends high-tech design with cultural symbolism, reflecting Japan's tradition of strength and resilience, often linked to the samurai spirit. It offers spectacular city views and serves as a hub for telecommunications and tourism.



Samurai Retreat – Sword
Experience

Samurai Experience with Goto Yusuke – In order to convey the samurai's view of life and death, he challenges himself to various expressions, taking inspiration from the movements of swordsmanship and martial arts and using them as hints for those living in the modern age.

Day 1 1

Tokyo – Dynamic Fusion of Tradition and Innovation



- Start your day with a visit to Senkyaku Banrai, a welcoming space known for its historical charm and cultural offerings.

- Next, dive into the heart of Tokyo's energy at the iconic Shibuya Scramble, where you'll experience the world-famous busy crossing, surrounded by towering billboards and bustling crowds.

- Finish your day with a peaceful stroll through Meiji Jingu, a serene Shinto shrine nestled in a lush forested area near Harajuku, offering a quiet retreat from the city's hustle.



Senkyaku Banrai

Senkyaku Banrai, located in Tokyo's Toyosu area, is a lively complex near Toyosu Market in Tokyo, featuring restaurants, shops, and cultural experiences. Inspired by the Edo period, it offers fresh seafood dishes, unique shopping, and relaxation options like the Tokyo Toyosu Manyo Club onsen.



Shibuya Scramble

Shibuya Scramble, one of Tokyo's most iconic intersections, is a bustling hub where pedestrians cross from all directions, symbolizing the city's vibrant energy. The area reflects Japan's blend of tradition and modernity, with neon lights and high-tech screens surrounding the crossing. Historically, samurai would have witnessed the area's transformation, as it became a symbol of Tokyo's ever-evolving spirit.

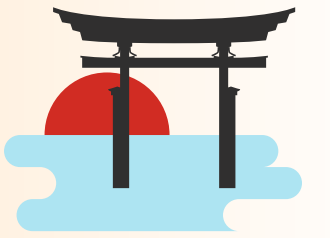


Meiji Jingu

Meiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken, is a Shinto shrine located in Tokyo. Surrounded by lush forest, it stands as a symbol of Japan's modernization and spiritual heritage. Samurai revered the emperor as a figure of strength, embodying Japan's transition from feudalism to modernity. The shrine offers a serene retreat, combining history, nature, and the samurai spirit of loyalty and respect.

Day 12

Tokyo – Free day (Recommendations)



- Recommendations for the free day are a peaceful walk through Ueno Park, where you can visit museums, enjoy nature, and perhaps even see the famous Ueno Zoo.
- Tokyo Tower, offering stunning views of the city from its observation deck, a classic landmark in Tokyo's skyline.
- For a taste of modern luxury and art, check out Roppongi Hills, a bustling district filled with galleries, shops, and breathtaking city views from the Mori Tower.
- Immerse yourself in traditional Tokyo at Asakusa and Senso-ji, where you can stroll through Nakamise Street and visit Tokyo's oldest and most revered Buddhist temple.



Ueno Park

Ueno Park is a spacious public park in central Tokyo, famous for its museums, zoo, and cherry blossoms in spring. It hosts cultural landmarks like the Tokyo National Museum and the Ueno Toshogu Shrine, making it a hub for nature and history lovers.



Tokyo Tower

Tokyo Tower, a symbol of Tokyo, is a 333-meter tall landmark resembling Paris' Eiffel Tower. Offering panoramic city views from observation decks, it is a major tourist attraction, with a blend of entertainment, restaurants, and shops on its lower levels.



Roppongi Hills

Roppongi Hills is a large urban development known for its high-rise buildings, upscale shopping, dining, and cultural venues. It features the Mori Tower, which offers an observation deck, and the National Art Center, positioning Roppongi as a chic cultural and business district.



Asakusa and Senso-ji Temple

Asakusa is a historic district in Tokyo, best known for Senso-ji, the city's oldest Buddhist temple. The vibrant Nakamise Street, lined with traditional shops, leads to the temple, attracting millions of visitors who come for its spiritual significance and nostalgic atmosphere.

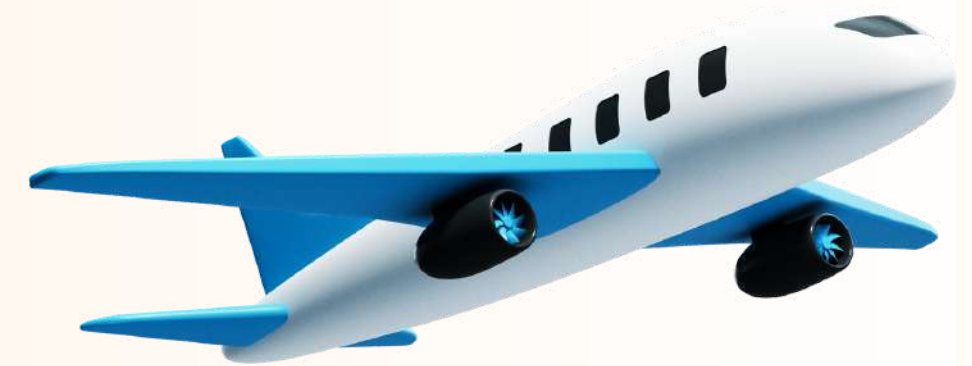
Day 13

Departure from Japan



Narita Airport

**Depart from
Narita or Haneda Airport**





Planned Accommodations

Osaka – Mercure Tokyu Stay Osaka Namba



Mercure Stay Tokyu Osaka Namba is a modern hotel located in the vibrant Namba district of Osaka, offering easy access to shopping, dining, and entertainment. Known for its stylish design and comfortable amenities, it provides a range of rooms, a fitness center, and a restaurant. The hotel is ideal for both business and leisure travelers, with proximity to popular attractions like Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi.

Hiroshima – Hotel Granvia Hiroshima



Hotel Granvia Hiroshima is a luxury hotel located within the Hiroshima Station complex, offering convenient access to transportation and city attractions. It features elegantly furnished rooms, a range of dining options, a fitness center, and meeting facilities. Known for its high standard of service, it is an ideal choice for both business and leisure travelers visiting Hiroshima.

★Note★

The hotel may change depending on the situation. In that case, we will arrange a hotel of the same class.

Kyoto – Hotel Granvia Kyoto



Hotel Granvia Kyoto is a luxury hotel situated within Kyoto Station, offering convenient access to transportation and nearby attractions. With its elegant rooms, fine dining options, a fitness center, and spa, the hotel provides a blend of comfort and convenience. It's an excellent choice for both business and leisure travelers seeking high-quality service and proximity to Kyoto's cultural landmarks.

Yamanashi – Hotel Kasugai



Hotel Kasugai is a relaxing hot spring resort located in Isawa Onsen, Fuefuki City, Yamanashi. Offering comfortable Japanese-style rooms with scenic views of Mount Fuji and the Fuefuki River, the hotel is known for its soothing onsen baths. Guests can enjoy a buffet breakfast, traditional hospitality, and easy access to nearby hot springs and local attractions.

Tokyo – Shinagawa Prince



Shinagawa Prince Hotel is a large hotel near Shinagawa Station in Tokyo, offering easy access to transportation and attractions. It features a range of rooms, dining options, a swimming pool, and entertainment facilities like a bowling alley and aquarium, making it ideal for both business and leisure travelers.

Included Meals

Meals	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Meals	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Day1	-	X	X	Day7	✓	X	X
Day2	✓	X	X	Day8	✓	✓	X
Day3	✓	X	X	Day9	✓	X	X
Day4	✓	X	X	Day10	✓	X	X
Day5	✓	X	X	Day11	✓	X	X
Day6	✓	X	X	Day12	✓	X	X

Included

Price per person, considering a group of 10 people, and twin rooms (2 people sharing a room)

What is included:

- Accommodation
- Transportation
- Breakfast and one lunch(see previous page)
- Two chartered luggage transports
- Entrance fees
- Guide/Interpreter