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7 Days Tokaido Express

Tour information:

Tour ID: CLT-002-EN

Theme: [Japan Classic Tours](#)

Season: Round Year

Start: Tokyo

Finish: Osaka

Group size: 2-15

Travel style: [Youth in Action](#)

Summary

Tours Destinations

Tokyo – Hakone – Osaka – Kyoto

Tour Description

The great Tokaido was - undoubtedly - the most important of the Five Routes of the Edo Period. Fast forward to the 21st century, now you have the chance to travel along the route to experience it in its entire splendor!

A staple among ILJT's offerings, the Tokaido Express earns a special place in travelers' hearts by taking them on a week-long trip to the heart of Japan. Experience the bustle of modern-day Japan with a dose of its awe-inspiring cultural sites - including a view of Mt. Fuji at the picturesque paradise of Hakone!

Visited Japan? - Your friends would ask. No, you would answer, I traveled it. On its greatest route.

Tour Highlights

- Experience a grand journey along the famous route of Tokaido
- Heal your body on the purifying smoke of incense in the oldest temple in Tokyo
- Drink from the sacred streams of a 1,200-year-old temple in Kyoto
- Visit the scenic castles of that represent both the current and former capitals of Japan
- Have a go at the longevity-enhancing black eggs of Owakudani
- On clear weather, see sights of Mt. Fuji from atop a mountain and on a lake
- And many more!

Itinerary



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Day 1: Tokyo

Arrival at Narita International Airport → transfer → hotel check-in → free day in Tokyo

Our staff will be waiting to greet you at the airport. You will be transferred to Tokyo using the Narita Express, whereupon you will check into your hotel in the heart of Tokyo. You will then be given a briefing and a rundown on your itinerary.

After the exhausting flight to Japan, you deserve a good rest for the remainder of the day. Drop your luggage, catch a breather, adapt to the surroundings, and maybe call your family and friends at home to share your excitement. In case you have not already done so, the first day is a good opportunity to exchange your currency for yen and rent a mobile/wi-fi router.

Be sure to equip yourselves for your grand adventure on the days to follow!



Day 2:
Tokyo

Tokyo Imperial Palace → Ginza → Tsukiji (free time) → Asakusa → Hotel in Tokyo

09:00 - Day start

Your guide will be expecting you at the lobby. Get ready to explore Tokyo!

09:30 - 10:30 - Tokyo Imperial Palace

Your journey starts at the centerpiece of Tokyo - the Imperial Palace. Go on a walk in and around the beautiful East Gardens to freshen up your morning. You will occasionally catch glimpses of joggers enjoying the view around the area, and for a good reason - the scenic landscape within the walls of the Palace contrasts nicely with the highly developed area of Otemachi just outside.

11:00 - 12:00 - Ginza



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We will then take a stroll along Ginza, a prosperous and lively urban center. The area is lined with renowned department stores and luxurious boutiques and restaurants, making it a highly popular shopping district. There are also impressive works of architecture that make for great pictures, such as the Kabuki-za Theater.



At the end of the walk you will find yourselves at Tsukiji, the largest fish market in the world.

12:30 - 14:00 - Tsukiji (1-hour free time)

At Tsukiji market you will have an hour-long break, which you can use to roam around the market area to shop for seafood products and treat yourselves to the freshest sushi meal.

14:30 - 16:00 - Asakusa

In the afternoon we will take the train to Asakusa. This is where you can see many iconic landmarks of Tokyo, including Tokyo SkyTree, the tallest building in Japan, and Senso-ji - the oldest and busiest temple in the city, where visitors go to be purified by the sacred smoke from the burning incense. The street leading up to the temple is filled with countless traditional shops selling handmade Japanese souvenirs, among other things. Go wild with your shopping!



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17:00 - Back at the hotel in Tokyo

At the end of the intensive day, you will return to the hotel and rest. Your guide will brief you to give you a rough idea of what you can do on your next day. Feel free to consult and ask questions to your guide about places of interest that you want to visit!

Day 3: Tokyo

Free day in Tokyo

This is your chance to do the Japanese things you have heard so much about, your way! Maybe drop by Shibuya to see the statue of Hachiko, the faithful dog, and the infamous Shibuya Crossing. Or go on a shopping spree at Harajuku and Omotesando. Or maybe you want to go to Akihabara, paradise for anime lovers and tourists in search of consumer electronics. The possibilities are limitless!

Have a blast, and rest well to prepare for the excursion on the following day!

Day 4: Hakone

Transfer to Hakone→Owakudani (free time) → Lake Ashi Cruise→Hakone-machi→Hotel in Tokyo

09:00 - Day start

Your guide will pick you up at the lobby. We will go on a day trip to Hakone, a picturesque lakeside region in Kanagawa Prefecture two hours away from Tokyo. Take a ride on the Romance Car - a special express train that takes you right to the center of Hakone - and breathe in the cool mountain air of the popular resort. The next thing you know, you might be taking pictures of Mt. Fuji itself!



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11:30 - Arrival at Hakone Yumoto

We will then take a thrilling combination of local trains, cable cars and ropeways to get up to Owakudani - 1,000 meters above sea level!



12:30 - 14:00 - Owakudani (1-hour free time)

Our first destination is Owakudani - the valley of geysers. It is a well-known volcanic zone known especially for its astounding natural beauty and its trademark "black eggs". The eggs are boiled in the hot springs to produce their distinctive color, and eating one is said to have the effect of enhancing your longevity. Enjoy the scenic view, including that of Mt. Fuji on clear days, and the black-egg-themed snacks and souvenirs which you cannot get anywhere else!



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14:30 - 15:00 - Lake Ashi Cruise

We will take the ropeway down to Lake Ashi, a lake created by a phreatic explosion three millenia ago. The lake, which never freezes even in winter, is a popular site due to the impeccable beauty of its nature and the occasional views of Mt. Fuji. You can enjoy the full experience of Hakone in all its glory on the pirate ship, a cruise that takes you from one end of the lake to the other.



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15:00 - 17:00 - Hakone-machi

Upon arrival at the port of Hakone-machi, you will explore Hakone Sekisho, a reconstruction of an important spot that served as a checkpoint in the Tokaido Route during the Edo Period. Hakone-machi is also a wonderful spot for taking pictures of the lake scenery with its rich foliage. Finally, there are gift shops where you can choose from a selection of fine wood craft unique to the Hakone region to bring home as souvenirs!

20:00 - Back at the hotel in Tokyo

We will then make a return trip to Tokyo, where you will stay in the hotel once again. You will leave for Osaka the next day, so make sure to pack up carefully. Your guide will hand you tickets for your shinkansen ride on the next day, as well as give you instructions on how to navigate the station.

Day 5: Osaka

Hotel check-out→self-guided transfer to Osaka→Hotel check-in→free day in Osaka

Time to leave for Osaka and Kyoto, the other end of the long route of Tokaido. Check out of your hotel, and go to the train station as your guide previously instructed you to. You will be riding on a shinkansen (bullet train). Upon arrival, you will check into your new hotel. As with the first day, after the exhausting journey, you will have time to unwind and explore the biggest city in West Japan at your own pace.

Places of interest include, but naturally are not limited to, Umeda Sky Building, the city's most famous skyscraper, and Namba, a popular shopping district and home to the iconic Glico Man.

Day6: Kyoto

Transfer to Kyoto→Nijo Castle→free time→Kinkaku-ji→Kiyomizu-dera→Hotel in Osaka

09:00 - Day start

Your guide will greet you at the lobby. Departing Osaka in the morning, you will now experience classic Japan at ye olde capital of the country, Kyoto.

10:00 - Arrival at Kyoto

10:30 - 11:30 - Nijo Castle

As we opened the tour at the East Capital with Tokyo Imperial Palace, we will start the one at the West Capital with Nijo Castle, an impressive castle complex that used to serve as the Imperial Palace of Japan for a short period of time after the fall of the Tokugawa Shogunate. Beginning with its massive gate, the castle area features a set of moats, stone walls, and a mesmerizing traditional Japanese garden with a pond and carefully tended pine trees.



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11:45 - 13:15 - 1-hour free time

During the lunch break, you can treat yourselves to a lunch at an atmospheric Japanese restaurant only a short walk from the castle.

14:00 - 15:00 - Kinkaku-ji

Next, you will leave for Kinkaku-ji, a temple whose shimmering golden reflection on the water has become symbolic of Kyoto. Originally built as a villa for the 3rd shogun of the Ashikaga government, Kinkaku-ji, now a temple will bedazzle you with its majestic gold-plated exterior.



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16:00 - 17:30 - Kiyomizu-dera

Last but not least, you will visit Kiyomizu-dera, a venerated Buddhist temple which is more than a thousand years old. Built as a place to worship Kannon (the Goddess of Mercy), this place is best known for the views from its high wooden deck and the three sacred streams of water. Drinking from one of the streams is said to give you blessings.

19:00 - Back at the hotel in Osaka

At the end of the day, we will take the train back to Osaka. This will be your final night in Japan for this trip. You will be given instructions on how to get to the airport from your hotel.

Day 7: Osaka

Free day in Osaka → Hotel check-out → Self-guided transfer to Kansai International Airport

One week has flown by, now it is time for goodbye. You will have free schedule to roam around Osaka at your leisure before checking out and catching your flight at the airport. Make sure you stuff those suitcases full, and take home amazing souvenirs and memorable tales to tell everyone!

Pricing

<u>2 pers:</u>	<u>3 pers:</u>	<u>4pers:</u>	<u>5 pers:</u>	<u>6-8 pers:</u>
<u>USD 1,204</u>	<u>USD 999</u>	<u>USD 896</u>	<u>USD 834</u>	<u>USD 724</u>



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Price Includes

- 3-star hotel (6 nights)
- Airport transfer on arrival (Narita Express) with a briefing session
- Guide on days 2, 4 and 6
- Entrance tickets on guided days
- Train Tickets on guided days
- One shinkansen ride (Tokyo – Osaka)

Price does Not Include

- Air Tickets to Japan
- Insurance in Japan
- Transportation on free days
- Any additional meals, transportation and entrance tickets outside the ones included
- Personal expenses such as laundry and phone bills