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8Days Classic Sakura

Tour Information:

Tour ID: SAT-002-EN

Theme: Japan Sakura Tours

Season: Spring

Availability: Late March - Early April

Start: Tokyo

Finish: Osaka

Group size: 2-8

Travel style: Family Vacations

Summary

Tours Destinations

Tokyo - Osaka – Kyoto - Nara

Tour Description

Classic Sakura is a spring vacation package by ILJT that employs both the ordinary and the extraordinary to present you the best sakura tour in Japan!

The enriching experience of cultural sightseeing is amplified by the welcome presence of cherry blossoms during the lovely season of spring. However, an average traveler in Japan will see cherry trees blooming all around to the point where the novelty wears off. Classic Sakura breaks this pattern by introducing you to special sakura spots that sticks out even among the others and keeps it fresh by choosing locations with different varieties of sakura. It also maintains the balance with cultural activities by taking you to the most venerated temples and castles in the country, as well as to the sophisticated urban areas in both Kanto and Kansai!

Classic Sakura is what you need; see that it is true indeed!

Tour Highlights

- Appreciate different varieties of sakura at the best viewing spots in both Kanto and Kansai
- Experience a classic approach to Japanese hanami
- 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
- See a massive Buddha statue housed in the biggest wooden building in the world
- Interact with and befriend the thousands of deer in Nara
- ..And many more!



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Itinerary

Day1: Tokyo

Arrival at Narita International Airport → Transfer to Tokyo → Hotel check-in → Free day in Tokyo

Your driver and guide will be waiting to greet you at the airport. You will be transferred to Tokyo using a private car, whereupon you will check into your hotel. You will then be given a briefing and a rundown on your itinerary.

After the exhausting flight to Japan, the family deserves a good rest for the remainder of the day. Drop your luggage, catch a breather, adapt to the surroundings and maybe call your friends at home to share your excitement. You arrived in early spring, so it may take some time for you to adjust to the cooler temperature. 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.

Let the family rest up, because a classic adventure in Japan is about to begin!

Day2: Tokyo

Ueno Park (free time) → Asakusa → Tokyo Tower → Hotel in Tokyo

10:00 - Day start

Your driver and guide will be waiting for you at the hotel lobby. Bring your coats, hop into the car and enjoy the trip!

10:30 - 12:30 - Ueno Park (free time)

Your first destination will be Ueno Park. Ueno is a location of major history significance during the Meiji Restoration, as it was the stage of a major battle between the imperial forces and the shogunate loyalists. When the Meiji government emerged victorious, the land was seized and turned into a spacious public park. Nowadays, the park is a popular recreation spot, with at least 1,000 cherry blossom trees and thousands of other species. It also houses many museums, monuments, statues, and a zoo.

Enjoy the seemingly infinite row of sakura in full bloom. In Ueno Park, you will see not only one, but many kinds of sakura. The beauty of the white and pink flowers is complemented by a serene pond at one end of the park. Your family can sit down by the trees and have a picnic session a la hanami. You may also see countless other Japanese groups sitting on a plastic mat under a sakura tree to eat and drink.

In keeping the spirit of hanami alive, you can find lunch from the numerous food stalls in the park. Usually, the snacks to have during a hanami session include yakitori (chicken skewers) and other grilled food. Children will also love unique Japanese snacks such as takoyaki (octopus balls).

13:00 - 14:30 - Asakusa

In the afternoon we will drive 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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15:00- 16:30 - Tokyo Tower

Afterwards, we will drive to Tokyo Tower. This red and white structure, which is modeled after the Eiffel Tower, serves as a landmark of the city, a broadcast tower, and an observatory for visitors. The tower stands out among the skyscrapers in the city, both during daytime and when it lights up in the evening. You will experience a bird's eye view of the metropolis from its observation deck at 150 meters above ground.



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17:00 - Back at the hotel in Tokyo

After a day of enjoying sakura and the landmarks of Tokyo, you will be transferred back to your hotel, where you can rest. Your guide will hand you your shinkansen tickets for Day 4. Your guide will also 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!

Day3: Tokyo

Free day in Tokyo

This is your chance to spend some quality time in Tokyo with your family! There are plenty of spots for the whole family to see in Tokyo, such as the statue of Hachiko in Shibuya or the anime-themed shops in Akihabara. Finally, you may also want to visit Odaiba, an artificial island that you can reach using the fully automated Yurikamome Line. Your kids are sure to be thrilled by the sight of the massive Gundam Statue waiting for you there.

Day4: Osaka

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

Time to leave for Osaka, the biggest city in West Japan. Our staff in Tokyo will see you off at the station. You will then be riding on a shinkansen (bullet train) to Osaka. Upon arrival, our staff in Osaka will take you to 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.

Day5: Osaka

Osaka Castle → Namba (lunch) → Shinsaibashi → Hotel in Osaka

09:00 - Day start

Your driver and guide will pick you up at the hotel lobby. You will then go on a full-day excursion in Osaka.

09:30 - 12:00 - Osaka Castle



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Our first destination is Osaka Castle - the symbol of the city with its 500-year history. You will be able to enjoy panoramic view of Osaka from the castle observatory and visit the castle's museum. Due to the castle being reconstructed in the 20th century, unlike in other castles, getting to the observatory floor is not an exhausting affair of climbing up countless flights of stairs, but merely a matter of taking an elevator. This makes it easier for the family to move around within the castle tower.

The Nishinomaru Garden west to the castle is a beautiful lawn garden with nice views of the castle tower and verdant trees. As this is the peak of the sakura season, the 600 cherry blossom trees will be in full bloom. You can enjoy a hanami (flower viewing) session along with the many local tourists who would visit the garden every year.

The grand Osaka castle is complemented by a massive park, which covers over 1 km² in surface area. Here you can find many facilities such as concert halls and sports fields, as well as groves and fountains. It is a perfect spot for taking a stroll with your family, or even enjoying a picnic.



12:30 - 14:30 - Namba (lunch)

We will then head for Namba, the center of the south area of Osaka. Namba is a famous entertainment district in Osaka, with its iconic Glico Man neon sign and, of course, the crab restaurant, Kani Doraku. Here, you will enjoy various crab dishes for lunch. After the fulfilling meal, you will take a stroll around the area to enjoy the bustle of midday Osaka.



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14:30 - 16:30 - Shinsaibashi

Shinsaibashi is a short distance away from Namba. This area is a well-known shopping district, with many brand shops, boutiques, and department stores lining up the street. Shinsaibashi's popularity as a shopping area is due to it having something for everyone of every age. For example, there is Amerikamura (American Village) which, as its name suggests, is an American-themed shopping center, making it a popular spot for youths.

Explore Shinsaibashi, and go wild with your shopping!

17:00 - Back at the hotel in Osaka

At the end of the day, you will be transferred back to your hotel. Rest up well, because on the next day you will go on a full-day excursion to Kyoto.

Day6: Kyoto

Transfer to Kyoto → Nijo Castle → Lunch → Heian Jingu → Kiyomizu-dera → Hotel in Osaka

09:00 - Day start

Your driver and guide will be waiting for you at the lobby. Departing Osaka in the morning, we will now experience classic Japan at ye olde capital of the country, Kyoto.

10:00 - Arrival at Kyoto

10:30 - 11:30 - Nijo Castle

Nijo Castle is 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. The castle is also home to many cherry and plum trees, making it a perfect place to visit in spring.

11:45 - 13:15 - Lunch

You will have lunch at an atmospheric Japanese restaurant only a short drive from the castle. Here you can enjoy all sorts of traditional Japanese cuisine that you have never tried before!



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13:00 - 14:15 - Heian Jingu

Your next destination is Heian Jingu, a Shinto shrine built during the Meiji Period. The shrine is named after the city when it was the capital in the Heian Period. The buildings are said to be modeled after the original Imperial Palace of that era, which makes this shrine an interesting historical study despite its relatively young age. The shrine is well-known for its garden of weeping cherry trees (shidare-zakura). You can absorb the historical atmosphere of the shrine while enjoying the characteristic vivid pink of the shidare-zakura.

14:45 - 16:00 - 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.

Behold the veritable sea of sakura from the observation deck of the temple. You will appreciate viewing cherry blossoms from an altitude, which is a different spin on the usual hanami under the cherry trees.



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17:00 - Back at the hotel in Osaka

Finally, we will drive back to Osaka. Prepare for an exciting day in Nara!

Day7: Nara

Transfer to Nara → Nara Park → Todaiji → Lunch → Kasuga Taisha → Hotel in Osaka

09:00 - Day start

Your driver and guide will be expecting you at the hotel lobby. Once again leaving Osaka in the morning, we will go to another old capital of Japan, Nara.

10:00 - Arrival at Nara

10:00 - 11:00 - Nara Park

Upon arrival at Nara Park, you will be greeted by a large number of deer just roaming around. These deer are the symbol of the city, and they coexist peacefully with the humans around them. Because the deer are quite docile, many tourists will interact with them, even going so far as to buy snacks to feed them with. If you look like you are carrying food, the deer will gather around you and beg you for some. Have a blast playing with them!



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11:00 - 12:30 - Todai-ji

Right close by Nara Park, you will find Todai-ji ("the Great Eastern Temple"), the most important Buddhist temple in Nara. The main hall, which in itself is the largest wooden building in the world, houses a 15-meter tall statue of sitting Buddha. With its thousand-year-old history, the temple will be an awe-inspiring sight for the whole family. The grounds of Todai-ji itself are very spacious, accommodating halls and a museum.



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13:00 - 14:30 - Lunch

For lunch, you will have a traditional Japanese meal in downtown Nara.

15:00 - 16:00 - Kasuga Taisha

In the afternoon, you will visit Kasuga Taisha. In contrast to Todai-ji, Kasuga Taisha is the most significant Shinto shrine in Nara. This shrine is famous for its numerous lanterns, which are lit only twice in the whole year. Aside from visiting the main hall of the shrine, you can also have a pleasant walk around its premises. For example, you can take a stroll in the botanical garden, which displays hundreds of kinds of plants.

17:00 - Back at the hotel in Osaka

After your exciting day at Nara, you will once again return to your hotel in Osaka. This will be your last night in Japan, so be sure to pack up and prepare for your flight on the following day.

Day8: Osaka

Free day in Osaka → Hotel check-out → Transfer to Kansai International Airport

This is your last day in Japan for the trip. You will have free schedule to roam around Osaka at your leisure before checking out. Your driver will pick you up at the hotel to get you to the airport. Have a safe trip home, and tell your friends and relatives back home about your classic springtime sojourn in Japan!

Pricing

<u>2 pers:</u>	<u>3 pers:</u>	<u>4 pers:</u>	<u>5 pers:</u>	<u>6-8 pers:</u>
USD 3,430	USD 2,616	USD 2,209	USD 1,964	USD 1,851



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Price Includes

- 4-star hotel with breakfast (7 nights)
- Airport transfer on arrival (private car) with a briefing session
- Airport transfer for departure (private car)
- Full-day escort and private car with driver on days 2, 5, 6, and 7
- Lunch on days 5, 6, and 7
- Entrance 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