9 Days Cherry Blossom Japan Tour

Highlights

CITIES	NO. OF NIGHTS	SIGHTSEEING & ATTRACTIONS	ENTRANCE INCLUDED IN PACKAGE COST
Tokyo	3	Guided City Tour	Mt. Fuji & Hakone, Hakon Ropeway, Ueno park, Team Lab, Tokyo Skytree
Hiroshima	1	Guided City Tour	Bullet Train from Tokyo to Hiroshima, Visit Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Island ferry ride
Kobe	-		Kikumasa Sake Museum, Jain Temple (if time permits)
Kyoto	-		Kiyomizu Temple, Arashiyama Bamboo Garden, Togetsukyo Bridge, Nijo Castle
Nara	-	Day Tour	Nara Park, Kasuga shrine, Toda-ji Temple
Osaka	4	Guided City Tour	Osaka Castle
Extension Tour (Optional)			
Seoul	3		Gyeongbokgung Palace, Changdeok Palace, DMZ and the Third Infiltration Tunnel

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan Arrival

Today arrival in Tokyo, Japan. It is impossible to sum up Tokyo in one line, a paragraph, a page or even a book. The city has a force and power all of its own. It creates its own gravity; a center of everything: politics, industry, finance, shopping, the arts, architecture, nightlife and food. Upon arrival clear your custom and proceed to the terminal where you will meet and greet your experienced tour manager / guide. Later proceed to hotel check-in and later proceed for dinner. Overnight in Tokyo. **(Meals: D)**

Day 2: Tokyo

Today we do a full day city tour of Tokyo city. Visit the famous Ueno park, Visit Team Lab & Tokyo Skytree, Asakusa Kannon Temple (Senso-ji) and Nakamise Shopping Street. Dinner at an Italian/Indian Restaurant. After dinner hotel transfer. Overnight in Tokyo. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 3: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji & Hakone - Tokyo

Proceed to Mt. Fuji & Hakone Tour. Visit Mt. Fuji 5th station (weather permitted). Set in the mountainous countryside just to the south of Mt. Fuji, Hakone offers a curious mix of different attractions. Lunch at an American Restaurant. On clear days the ropeways provide spectacular views of the surrounding mountains, and of course way in the distance the imperious Mt. Fuji – one of the world's most famous mountains and perhaps the most recognizable symbol of Japan. Hakone ropeway one way (Weather permitted). Overnight in Tokyo. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 4: Tokyo – Miyajima – Hiroshima

Leave for Hiroshima by **bullet train** to reach Hiroshima. Upon arrival proceed to Indian Restaurant for lunch. After lunch proceed for sightseeing of Hiroshima – The name Hiroshima has become synonymous with the atomic bomb attack that ended WWII, and millions of visitors flock to the city every year to pay their respects. Peace memorial park / A Bomb Dome, Miyajima – Visit Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Island – Just 15-minute ferry ride across the bay. With a peaceful atmosphere, some ancient shrines, and one of Japan's most iconic views, it makes the perfect contrast to the bustle of the city. Overnight in Hiroshima. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 5: Hiroshima – Kobe

Today, we depart for Kobe. Kobe is a city on Osaka Bay in central Japan. Arrive early in the afternoon and visit Akashi Kaikyo Bridge - The Akashi Kaikyō Bridge is a suspension bridge, which links the city of Kobe on the Japanese mainland of Honshu to Iwaya on Awaji Island, Maiko Marine Promenade and the Jain temple. Later visit the Kikumasa Sake Museum. Overnight in Osaka. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 6: Kobe - Kyoto

Today, drive to Kyoto by coach. Kiyomizu Temple: Avoid crowds and enjoy an early morning visit to Kiyomizu Temple for a birds-eye view of Kyoto. There is nowhere more special than Kyoto. Join our guide to explore the quaint alleyways of Sannenzaka and Ninenzaka and appreciate historical neighborhoods and sites (In case of extreme hot or cold weather, seasonal adjustments will be made to our walking tour in order for you to have the best experience). Later after lunch Arashiyama: Walk through the flourishing bamboo forest and discover the alluring beauty of the surroundings. Kinkakuji Temple: Visit the icon of Kyoto, the "Golden Pavilion," covered with gold foil. Kyoto was founded in 794 as Japan's capital and the home of Emperor Kanmu. Today its Japan's seventh-largest city, not tiny rural village, and it is the juxtaposition of modern, urban life against time-honoured traditions that makes this one of the most fascinating of Asian cities. Later visit Togetsukyo Bridge, Nijo Castle followed by dinner and overnight in Osaka. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 7: Kyoto – Nara - Osaka

Drive to Nara today, perhaps Japan's friendliest and greenest city. Upon arrival have Indian or Japanese lunch later sightseeing of Nara. Nara Park - If beautiful pagodas and magnificent statues of Buddha enchant you, then Nara Park is the perfect palace to stroll between them. Kasuga shrine, Toda-ji Temple – Today, the most famous tourist attraction is Todai-ji temple, the world's largest wooden building which houses a mighty bronze daibutsu or giant Buddha stature. Later drive to Osaka, Dinner. Overnight in Osaka.**(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 8: Osaka

Guided city tour of Osaka. Visit Osaka Castle, Shinsaibashri Area and the Dotombori Area. Free time at your own. Overnight in Osaka. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 09: Departure

Proceed to airport to take your flight back home or to South Korea. **(Meals: B)**

Extension of South Korea Tour (Optional)

Day 09: Arrival to Seoul, South Korea

Upon arrival at Seoul International Airport, you will meet your local maxim representative and head to Seoul. Upon arrival at Seoul, proceed for hotel check in. Later dinner and overnight in Seoul. **(Meals: L, D)**

Day 10: Seoul

Today, explore Seoul, visiting the Gyeongbokgung Palace, passing by the Presidential Blue House, Jogyesa Temple, Cheongwadae Sarangchae (closed Mondays) and the changing of the Guard Ceremony. After lunch drive to the Changdeok Palace one of the World Cultural Heritages. It is the best preserved of the five royal palaces in Seoul and was the main palace of many Joseon Kings for the longest period. You will also visit the hot spots in Seoul including Insadong Arts & Crafts market (Mondays only) and Nandaemun Traditional Market. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 11: DMZ and the Third Infiltration Tunnel

The first stop will be Imjingak Peace Park, which established in 1972 to remind the Korean War and wish for peace in entire Korea. Next, visit The 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, discovered on Oct. 17, 1978 and located 52km from Seoul. Then, Dorasan Observatory where North Korean military personnel are visible and so is the highlights of Gaeseong and the Geumgangsan Diamond Mountains. Then stop by Dorasan Station, a railway station on the Gyeongui Line, the northern most stop on South Korea's railway line and Unification Village. After the tour, enjoy the lunch at local restaurant and return back to your hotel around 15:00pm-15:30pm. DMZ tour is off on Monday, Passport is required to join DMZ tour. **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day 12: Departure

Proceed to airport to take your flight back home. **(Meals: B)**

2027 Tour Cost & Details

Japan: Cost based on min 25 people **Land Package cost:** Per person on twin share **USD 3250**
South Korea: Cost based on min 20 people **Land Package cost:** Per person on twin share (Osaka to Seoul airfare included) **USD 1195**
Departure Date 2027: Mar 23 , 26 | April 3, 6

Inclusions:	***Exclusions:***

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▪ Deluxe 4 * Hotel Accommodation ▪ All Transfers, Sightseeing and Entrance Tickets as Per the Itinerary ▪ Bullet train: Tokyo - Hiroshima ▪ Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner as per the itinerary (Indian/ Local) ▪ Services Of Maxim Tour Escort & Local guide ▪ 2 water bottles per person per day (500 ml)	▪ International ▪ Internal flight (included for S.Korea optional tour) ▪ Expenses of personal nature such as laundry, shopping, drinks ▪ Any incidental Charges at the Hotel ▪ Cost of Visa ▪ Tips USD 6 per person per day ▪ Any other services not mentioned in the 'itinerary' and 'tour inclusion'

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- We reserve the right to change any information, route or attractions before or after your booking due to events beyond our control like bad weather, natural Calamity, accident, and or logistic issues. Hotels are subject to change without prior notice based on availability and citywide events.
- All payments must be made by check/Cashier's check/Money order. Payment done by credit card will be charged 3.5% processing fees. Please send a copy of the check, money order or deposit confirmation upon payment.
- There will be no refund for any unutilized services (e.g., meals, entrance fees, optional tours, hotel and sightseeing) on the tour due to unavoidable circumstances.
- Airline rates are approx. and subject to change at the time of booking. Any payments made to Maxim Tours towards any airline are non-refundable. Flights and schedules are subject to change even after booking. Confirmed tour itinerary will be adjusted accordingly. No additional services or compensation will be provided.
- Please note that Airline seats, wheelchair assistance, meals, frequent flyer & other special requests are request only. We do not guarantee any seating preferences as seating arrangements is airline discretion.
- The tour will operate with a min. group size of 25 passengers. Please note that Group operating less than 25 passengers may incur a supplement cost of Approx. 5- 10% on the original land tour package. Also, local tour manager assistance upon arrival to the destination country for group size less than 25 passengers.
- The package price is subject to change if there is fluctuation in currency exchange.
- Passengers joining this tour must travel to/from the hub city at their own expense.
- We advise to book 60 days prior to the date of Departure as the internal ticket rate may increase closer to the departure date, result an increase in the tour cost.
- Any damages caused to the hotel/coach during your stay shall be payable by the passengers. Maxim is not responsible for the same.
- We reserve the right to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary.
- The management is not responsible for delay or changes in schedules of train, flight, bus, cruise or other services. The management also reserves the right to claim any additional expenses incurred due to delay or changes in schedules of train, flights, bus, cruise or other services.
- Children 2-11 years of age must share a room. Passengers 12 years or above are considered as adults.
- Full airline deposit is required at the earliest to confirm airline booking as quotes are subject to change within 24 hours.
- Maxim Tours shall not be liable for damage occasioned by delay in the carriage by air of passengers or baggage.
- There will be a charge of USD 100 per person for any cancellation/refund or exchange request.
- Visa information is subject to change.
- Jain and Special Meals may be limited.

- Published packages and prices are valid for our fixed departures only. Rates quoted for any other travel dates are subject to change based on availability, blackout dates, major holidays, trade fairs, sporting events, citywide or nationwide events, special event periods, or other peak travel seasons.
- Hotel confirmation and airline reservation will be provided 7-15 days prior to the departure.
- In case of a triple room, the 3rd person in the room will get a rollaway bed. The room size may be the same as the double room.
- The standard check in time at all hotel is 3:00 pm and check out time is 11:00 am.
- Due to major international events and convention the hotels may be blocked out in advance. In view of this you may have to stay in hotels further away from the cities/different city and the itinerary may have to be altered/ amended.
- Luggage compartment of coach and internal flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry 1 medium size bag of 20 kg for check-in and 1 carryon bag of 7 kg per person.
- It is extremely important to possess an overseas travel insurance policy before you travel on your tour.
- Please refer to our detailed "Terms & Conditions" on our website at http://www.maximtours.net/tos/

Payments:

At the time of booking: USD 1000/- Per Person as a Non-Refundable Deposit. Nonrefundable airline payment upon confirmation
Balance Payment: 60 Days prior to the departure date

Cancellation Charges:

Cancellation 45 days or more prior to the departure date: Non-Refundable Booking deposit, airline charges and cancellation fees.
Cancellation 44-31 days prior to the departure date: 50% of the land package cost after deducting deposit.
Cancellation 30 days or less prior to the departure date or a 'NO SHOW' on the tour: 100% of the total tour cost