Hokkaido & Honshu

15-day Japan discovery

10-24 April 2027

From Hokkaido's historic port towns to the energy of Tokyo and the temples of Kyoto, discover two sides of Japan in one memorable spring holiday.

YOUR ROUTE

Sapporo - Otaru - Tokyo - Osaka - Nara - Uji - Kyoto - Nagoya

Highlights

- Explore Sapporo and the canal town of Otaru.
- Enjoy full days at Tokyo Disneyland and Universal Studios Japan.
- Settle in with four consecutive nights in Tokyo.
- Ride the Shinkansen from Tokyo to Osaka with a reserved seat.
- See Kyoto's temples, Nara's deer and Osaka's food and shopping districts.
- Make matcha in Uji and enjoy a scenic train ride in Arashiyama.

EARLY-BIRD OFFER

From NZD 8,299 per person

Standard adult price from NZD 8,599 per person.
Early-bird bookings close 22 November 2026. Minimum group: 15 travellers.
12 hotel nights | Return flights from Auckland | Chinese-speaking tour leader
See the booking information and terms for inclusions, supplements and conditions.

Your day-by-day itinerary

DAYS 1-2 | 10-11 APR

Auckland to Sapporo

Depart Auckland and fly to Sapporo via China. On arrival, begin exploring Hokkaido's capital with visits to Odori Park and Sapporo Clock Tower, plus an outside view of Sapporo TV Tower. Browse Tanukikoji Shopping Street and soak up the lively atmosphere of Susukino. For a first taste of Hokkaido, try local ramen, grilled lamb or fresh seafood at your own expense.

Meals: Meals at your own expense.
Stay: 4-star hotel in Sapporo (night of 11 April).
Transport: International flights and tour coach

DAY 3 | 12 APR

Sapporo - Otaru - Sapporo

Head to the charming port town of Otaru. Walk beside the historic canal, browse the glassware at Kitaichi Glass and visit the Otaru Music Box Museum. Enjoy free time along Sakaimachi Street, lined with craft shops, cafes and sweet shops, before returning to Sapporo.

Meals: Hotel breakfast and Japanese set dinner; lunch at your own expense.
Stay: 4-star hotel in Sapporo.
Transport: Tour coach

DAY 4 | 13 APR

Discover Sapporo

Visit Nijo Market, known for its seafood and local produce, then stroll through the leafy campus of Hokkaido University. Continue to Hokkaido Shrine and Shiroi Koibito Park, with its European-style buildings, gardens and Hokkaido sweet treats.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; Japanese set lunch and dinner.
Stay: 4-star hotel in Sapporo.
Transport: Tour coach

Your day-by-day itinerary

DAY 5 | 14 APR

Sapporo to Tokyo

Enjoy a free morning in Sapporo before meeting at 11 am for the airport transfer and flight to Tokyo. Suggested independent visits include the Former Hokkaido Government Office, Sapporo Curb Market, Nakajima Park and the historic Hoheikan building. Choose somewhere convenient to your hotel and allow plenty of time to return. After checking in to your Tokyo hotel, the rest of the day is yours to explore.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.

Stay: 4-star hotel in Tokyo.

Transport: Tour coach and domestic flight

DAY 6 | 15 APR

Tokyo Disneyland

Spend the day at Tokyo Disneyland, with time to explore its themed lands, enjoy favourite rides and browse the souvenir shops. Cinderella Castle, character appearances, parades and stage shows bring the Disney magic to life. Explore at your own pace and plan around the day's queues and entertainment schedule.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.

Stay: 4-star hotel in Tokyo.

Transport: Tour coach

DAY 7 | 16 APR

Tokyo highlights

Discover Tokyo's traditional and modern sides. View the Imperial Palace from outside, visit Senso-ji Temple in Asakusa and browse the stalls along Nakamise shopping street. Continue to stylish Ginza and the electronics, gaming and anime district of Akihabara. Take in sweeping city views from Tokyo Skytree's 350-metre Tembo Deck; on a clear day, you may even spot Mt Fuji. Finish with an outside view of the iconic red-and-white Tokyo Tower.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.

Stay: 4-star hotel in Tokyo.

Transport: Tour coach

DAY 8 | 17 APR

Tokyo at your own pace

Make Tokyo your own today. Explore the wooded grounds of Meiji Jingu, browse Takeshita Street in Harajuku, or visit Shibuya Crossing and the Hachiko statue. Other options include Shinjuku Gyoen gardens, the anime and collectables shops at Nakano Broadway, or the food stalls of Tsukiji Outer Market. Studio Ghibli fans may like to visit the Ghibli Museum in Mitaka; tickets must be booked in advance. These are suggestions for your free day, with transport, entry fees and activities at your own expense.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.

Stay: 4-star hotel in Tokyo.

Transport: Own arrangements, at your own expense

Your day-by-day itinerary

DAY 9 | 18 APR

Tokyo to Osaka by bullet train

Travel to Osaka by Shinkansen, Japan's famous bullet train. Visit Osaka Castle, including entry to the main keep, then explore Kuromon Market. Enjoy free time in Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori for shopping and local food. Look out for the Glico running-man sign and try Osaka favourites such as takoyaki, okonomiyaki and kushikatsu at your own expense.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.

Stay: 4-star hotel in Osaka.

Transport: Shinkansen and tour coach

DAY 10 | 19 APR

Universal Studios Japan

Enjoy a full day at Universal Studios Japan. Explore movie-inspired worlds, from The Wizarding World of Harry Potter to Super Nintendo World, alongside thrill rides, themed shops and entertainment. Choose your own pace and make the most of a day of family fun.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.

Stay: 4-star hotel in Osaka.

Transport: Tour coach

DAY 11 | 20 APR

Osaka - Nara - Uji - Kyoto

Travel to Nara to visit Todai-ji Temple, home to the Great Buddha, and see the free-roaming deer in Nara Park. Continue to Uji for a hands-on matcha experience: grind tea with a stone mill, whisk your own matcha and enjoy it with traditional Japanese sweets. In Kyoto, visit Fushimi Inari Taisha and walk among its vivid red torii gates.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; Japanese set lunch and dinner.

Stay: 4-star hotel in Kyoto.

Transport: Tour coach

Your day-by-day itinerary

DAY 12 | 21 APR

Kyoto to Nagoya

Explore Arashiyama and Togetsukyo Bridge, then enjoy a one-way ride on the Sagano Romantic Train through the river valley. Visit Kiyomizu-dera Temple and wander the traditional lanes of Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka. Stroll along Hanamikoji in Gion, known for its wooden townhouses and teahouses. The source itinerary also lists a visit to Fushimi Inari today. Continue by coach to Nagoya.

Meals: Hotel breakfast and Japanese set lunch; dinner at your own expense.
Stay: 4-star hotel in Nagoya.
Transport: Tour coach

DAY 13 | 22 APR

Shopping at Jazz Dream Nagashima

Travel from Nagoya to Mitsui Outlet Park Jazz Dream Nagashima for a relaxed day of shopping. Browse international and Japanese brands, from fashion and sportswear to homewares, with time to enjoy the restaurants and food court at your own expense. Return to Nagoya afterwards.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.
Stay: 4-star hotel in Nagoya.
Transport: Tour coach

DAY 14 | 23 APR

Nagoya sightseeing and departure

Make the most of your last day in Japan with visits to Nagoya Castle and Osu Kannon Temple. Browse Osu Shopping Street for local shops, fashion, anime goods and snacks, then transfer to the airport for your flight to China.

Meals: Hotel breakfast; lunch and dinner at your own expense.
Stay: In transit.
Transport: Tour coach and international flight

DAY 15 | 24 APR

Arrive in Auckland

Connect in China for your onward flight to Auckland, bringing your Japan holiday to a close.

Meals: Not specified in the source itinerary.
Stay: Home.
Transport: International flight

The order of visits may change to suit local conditions. Please follow the arrangements advised by your guide.
The source lists Fushimi Inari on both Days 11 and 12; the final visiting day is to be confirmed.

Booking information

Travel arrangements

The tour starts and finishes at Auckland Airport. Travel to Auckland and to or from the airport is not included, and the company accepts no associated responsibility. The company can assist, without a service fee, with bookings on Air New Zealand or domestic low-cost airlines. These domestic flight products are not sold by the company, which accepts no direct or indirect liability for them.

Prices and payment

Adult: from NZD 8,599 per person, based on a minimum group of 15 travellers. The advertised early-bird price is from NZD 8,299 per person, with bookings closing on 22 November 2026.

Children aged 3-5 using their own bed pay the adult price. Children aged 3-5 sharing existing bedding: from NZD 7,399 per person. Children aged 6 and over must have their own bed, in accordance with the hotel requirements stated in the source.

Deposit at booking: NZD 4,300 per adult; NZD 3,700 for a child aged 3-5 sharing existing bedding. The balance must be paid in full before 8 March 2027.

Solo travellers must pay a single supplement of NZD 1,700 at the time of booking, together with the deposit.

If you do not use the group international flights, deduct NZD 1,600 per person. The group international flights and all services associated with those tickets then cease to apply.

What's included

12 nights in standard twin-share rooms at locally rated 4-star hotels or above.

Return international economy flights from Auckland to Japan via China; tour coach transport as listed.

Domestic flight from Sapporo to Tokyo and a reserved-seat Shinkansen ticket from Tokyo to Osaka.

Hotel breakfasts and the meals specified in the daily itinerary, including local speciality meals.

An experienced Chinese-speaking tour leader and a professional guide with local knowledge.

Admission to the main ticketed attractions and experiences listed in the itinerary. Visits to public landmarks and other sights that do not require tickets are also included as scheduled. Suggested free-time activities are excluded.

What's not included

Guide, driver and tour-leader gratuities: JPY 1,100 per person per day for 13 days, totalling JPY 14,300 per person.

Optional excursions, independent activities and entertainment; travel insurance, travel documents and visa fees; meals and accommodation not listed; personal hotel expenses such as snacks, drinks and laundry; excess baggage; voluntary booking changes and upgrades; and extra costs arising from weather, road conditions, hotel issues or other circumstances beyond the company's control.

Booking terms

Cancellation and refunds

The following terms apply to all cancellations after a booking is confirmed, regardless of the reason. Bookings cannot be transferred to another person, departure date or product.

For cancellations before 8 March 2027, the cancellation charge is NZD 4,300 per adult, or NZD 3,700 per child aged 3-5 sharing existing bedding.

For cancellations on or after 8 March 2027, all amounts paid are non-refundable.

Room sharing

All solo travellers must pay the single supplement in advance. If a suitable roommate cannot be found, a single room will be arranged and the supplement will not be refunded.

If you find a suitable roommate, or the company assists with a match and both guests agree, the supplement will be refunded after both guests have paid their tour balances in full. Once a room share is confirmed, it cannot be cancelled or changed at short notice, and no objection may be raised on that basis.

If one guest cancels and the remaining guest becomes liable for a single supplement, the cancelling guest must cover that cost. If the remaining guest is subsequently matched with another roommate, the relevant supplement will be refunded.

Disputes between roommates arising from personal habits, personality differences or events during the trip remain the responsibility of the guests involved. The company accepts no liability, even where it assisted with the match and both parties agreed.

Travel insurance, passports and visas

All travellers must purchase travel insurance. Claims for losses during the trip must be made to the insurer; insurance claims services are not included in the tour. The company, drivers, guides and tour leaders accept no responsibility for money or belongings that are lost or stolen, wherever or whenever this occurs.

Travellers are responsible for holding valid passports, travel documents and visas. Even with valid documents, admission remains at the discretion of immigration and customs authorities. If entry is refused, the company accepts no responsibility and no refund will be given.

Where a visa is required, the company will provide necessary application assistance. Visa charges, travel to visa centres and all related expenses are the traveller's responsibility.

Visa decisions are made solely by the relevant embassy or consulate; approval is not guaranteed. Applicants must provide truthful, complete information and documents as required. Travellers are responsible for refusals arising from their personal information, records or other personal circumstances. For other visa refusals, the company will refund costs that have not yet been incurred.

Tour conditions

Responsibility and changes

The company acts as an agent in arranging airlines, hotels, transport and other travel services. Each service is subject to its provider's terms. The company and its agents accept no legal or financial liability for loss of property, accidental injury or death during the trip, or losses and additional expenses caused by natural disasters, war, strikes, transport delays, equipment failure, fire, political instability, government policy changes or other events beyond their control.

If severe weather, strikes, typhoons, lost documents, unexpected hotel unavailability, flight cancellation or delay, political events or other uncontrollable emergencies require changes to or cancellation of the itinerary, transport or accommodation, the company may make the necessary arrangements. Travellers may not object or claim compensation on this basis and must pay any additional costs.

Travellers must comply with local laws and must not carry prohibited goods or engage in smuggling for profit. If entry is refused for personal reasons, including document problems or unlawful behaviour, the traveller is responsible. Unused tour costs will not be refunded, and additional transport, accommodation and other expenses must be paid by the traveller.

The itinerary is a guide. The order of sightseeing, attractions and accommodation may change to suit local circumstances, and travellers are expected to cooperate. If an attraction cannot be visited because of an itinerary change, its applicable admission charge will be refunded.

Travellers must be in good health and able to walk normally. Activities missed for health or personal reasons are treated as voluntarily forfeited and are non-refundable. If a traveller's circumstances seriously affect the group, the company may require them to leave at their own expense.

Travellers who miss a flight or coach departure, for any reason, are responsible for the consequences and will not receive a refund. The company will assist with onward arrangements, but all resulting costs are payable by the traveller.

If a traveller chooses to depart or return independently, or leave the group partway through the tour, the company will offer reasonable assistance. The traveller must cover all direct and indirect costs or losses caused by delays or missed arrangements, including additional transfers arranged by the guide or tour leader, accommodation, meals and other travel services.

If a guest deliberately obstructs the tour leader, endangers others or disrupts the group's activities or interests, the tour leader may, according to the circumstances or with the majority of guests' agreement, remove them from the tour. Unused services will not be refunded, and the company is not responsible for their actions after leaving.

Contract and acknowledgement

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These terms form a formal contract. Payment of the deposit confirms that the traveller has read, understood and accepted all tour terms and conditions. The company reserves the right to amend and make the final interpretation of the itinerary and related terms.

Acceptance

I have read and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Traveller / authorised representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____