

APRIL

JAPAN

Japan is a land of diverse experiences: You can walk down a neon-filled, bustling street in Tokyo and enjoy the peace and quiet of an impeccably trimmed garden on the same day. You can meditate in front of Mount Fuji and serene temples before racing on a bullet train to watch an exciting kimono show. One thing's for sure: You'll never run out of things to see and do in Japan. **See it all on our Japan tour:**

Japan Highlights



- Day 1 Start tour**
- Day 2 Konichiwa Tokyo**
 - › Meet your tour director and check into hotel
- Day 3 Tokyo landmarks**
 - › **Tokyo guided sightseeing tour:** Senso-ji temple visit, Imperial Palace East Garden, Meiji Shrine, Harajuku District visit
 - › Shibuya Crossing
 - › **Featured meal:** tempura dinner
- Day 4 Tokyo to Hakone**
 - › Travel to Hakone by bus
 - › **Hakone excursion:** Lake Ashi cruise, Mount Komagatake
 - › Overnight in a Ryokan
- Day 5 Hakone to Takayama**
 - › Travel to Matsumoto by bus
 - › Matsumoto Castle visit
- Day 6 Takayama to Kyoto**
 - › **Takayama guided sightseeing tour:** Morning Market visit, Old City visit
 - › Shirakawa Village visit
 - › Travel to Kyoto by bus
- Day 7 Kyoto**
 - › **Nara excursion:** Nara Park, Todai-ji temple, Kasuga Grand Shrine
 - › **Kyoto guided sightseeing tour:** Kinkaku-ji temple (Golden Pavilion) visit, Fushimi Inari Taisha visit
- Day 8 End tour**
 - › Travel by bus to Osaka
 - › Fly home from Osaka

Days 8–10 Hiroshima and Miyajima extension
Fly home or travel to Hiroshima and Miyajima. Highlights: Memorial Peace Park and Museum visit, Hiroshima Castle visit, Yakisoba dinner, Senjokaku Pagoda visit, Itsukushima Shrine visit.

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Shōwa Day falls on the birthday of Emperor Shōwa, who ruled Japan from 1926-1989. On **April 29**, Japanese reflect on this turbulent period and mark the beginning of Golden Week, a period of spring holidays wherein many Japanese take time off work and travel, especially to the best spots to view cherry blossoms.

See the blossoms in full bloom on a tour through Japan.
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Mount Fuji, Honshu, Japan

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 <small>April Fool's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <small>Library Week</small>	9	10	11	12	13 <small>Songkran begins</small>
14 <small>Rama Navami</small>	15 <small>Tax Day</small>	16	17	18	19 <small>Passover begins Good Friday</small>	20
21 <small>Easter</small>	22 <small>Earth Day</small>	23	24	25	26 <small>Arbor Day</small>	27 <small>Passover ends</small>
28 <small>Orthodox Easter</small>	29 <small>Showa Day</small>	30	1	2	3	4

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