

## CHERRY BLOSSOM – MARCH/APRIL2020

**08 Nights / 09 Days**

### **Highlights of the Tour**

- Partake in the Hanami or Cherry Blossom Viewing in the months of March/April
- A complete, all inclusive and exotic 9 days tour through the unique Alpine regions of Japan with maximum quality sightseeing!
- Daily buffet breakfasts in the hotel
- Local/Western/Vegetarian lunches as per the itinerary
- Daily Indian/local vegetarian/non vegetarian dinners as per the itinerary
- Stay 3 nights in Tokyo
- Guided tour of Tokyo
- Visit the Asakusa Temple and also see the Imperial Palace
- Visit Tokyo Tower
- Enjoy the Drum Tao Show in Tokyo
- Visit Mt Fuji
- Enjoy a cruise on Lake Kawaguchi
- Take a scenic cable car ride to Mt Fuji
- Stay one night in Takayama
- Visit the Folk Art Museum
- Visit Sannomachi Historic district
- Visit the Festival of Floats
- Stay one night in Kanazawa
- Visit Shirakawa-go village
- Gokayama Village
- Visit the Oumicho Market
- Visit Nomura Samurai House
- Visit Higamashi Chaya District
- Visit Kenrokuen Garden
- Stay 03 nights in Osaka
- Excursion to Kyoto
- Visit the Golden Pavilion
- See the Nijo Castle
- Visit the Kiyomizu Temple
- Visit the Todaiji Temple
- Excursion to this first capital of Japan - Nara
- Visit the Nara Deer Park
- Visit Hiroshima Peace park
- See the Atom bomb Dome
- Visit the Peace Memorial Museum
- Visit Miyajima Island
- Visit the IsukushimaJinja Shrine
- View the floating Tori Gates
- Experience a Journey on the bullet train

### **Itinerary:**

#### **DAY 01: Welcome to Japan!!!**

Today enter the world of “Air Tours Holidays” as you begin your memorable journey. On arrival at the Narita airport, **meet tour manager at 1600hrs on arrival area** and proceed to your hotel/restaurant & check in. (Early check –in subject to availability). **Kindly make your own arrangement if you are unable to meet Tour Manager at designated time.** Tonight enjoy Dinner.

**Overnight at hotel in Tokyo**

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#### **DAY 02: Guided City Tour of Tokyo. Visit the AsakusaKanon Temple. Visit Imperial Palace Plaza**

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed on a guided tour of Tokyo. Visit the 7th Century Buddhist temple – the Sensoji Temple in the AsakusaKanon District. Later see the Imperial Palace East Garden. Also visit the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, where you have a chance to buy some local Japanese souvenirs. Later, visit Tokyo Tower, 150m observation deck.

Enjoy a local lunch this afternoon.

After lunch immerse yourself in true Japanese culture as you witness the Drum Tao cultural programme. Taiko folk music band DRUM TAO is a hot topic these days, performing to a rapidly increasing foreign fanbase.

Later drive to the Ginza area and see the fashion and glamour of Tokyo.

Tonight enjoy an Indian Dinner at a restaurant.

**Overnight at hotel in Tokyo**

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#### **DAY 03: Mount Fuji and Hakone Tour.**

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and experience Mt. Fuji, Japan’s most famous symbol! Take in the amazing views from Mt. Fuji 5th Station (weather permitting) before moving to Hakone . Today enjoy a local lunch at a restaurant.

After lunch you will take the scenic ropeway to Mt Fuji& embark on a cruise on tranquil Lake Kawaguchi. Later returning to Tokyo by bus this afternoon.

Tonight enjoy an Indian Dinner at a restaurant.

**Overnight at hotel in Tokyo**

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#### **DAY 04: Tokyo/Takayama.**

This morning, check out & proceed to Tokyo station to embark on a thrilling train ride via the super-express Bullet “Shinkansen” train headed for Takayama **(please prepare 01 small bag for 02 overnights, 01 big bag will be transferred to Osaka)**, a delightful, small town nestled in the majestic Japanese Alps. Over the next few days you will travel back in time as you explore rural Japan where traditional-style architecture, ancient culture and fascinating customs have been proudly preserved. After settling into your hotel in the heart of Takayama, embark on a guided walk through the enchanting narrow streets of the Kami-sannomachi historical district graced with beautiful old wooden homes, delightful small shops, coffee houses and sake breweries, many of which have been in business for centuries.

Later visit the Hirata folk art museum. You’ll also view the Festival Floats Exhibition Hall featuring huge floats, decorated with intricate carvings, gilded wood and detailed metalwork, that are paraded through the streets of Takayama during festival times.

Savor a delicious Indian dinner tonight.

**Overnight at hotel in Takayama**

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### DAY 05: Takayama/Shirakawago/Kanazawa.

After breakfast check out and enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque countryside to the rural village– Shirakawa-go, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where you'll discover fascinating examples of old steep thatched roof houses. This unique architectural style, harmonized into the magnificent mountain landscape, was developed over 100 years ago to survive the harsh winters. You'll visit one of these houses and learn more about daily life in this remote area. Proceed to the village of Gokayama where you'll enjoy a demonstration of traditional Japanese papermaking techniques.

Later this afternoon arrive in the Kanazawa, blending modern living with traditional heritage. Visit the Higashi Chaya District. A chaya (lit. teahouse) is an exclusive type of restaurant where guests are entertained by geisha who perform song and dance. During the Edo Period, chaya were found in designated entertainment districts, usually just outside the city limits. Kanazawa has three, well preserved chaya districts, Higashi Chaya is one of them. You will be whisked back in time to the exciting Edo period when you visit the Nagamachi Samurai district, a small neighborhood of narrow, cobblestone streets where brave samurai warriors once lived. Many homes are still occupied by the samurai descendants but you'll visit the Nomura Family house that is open to the public where you can admire the stone lanterns and bridges in the garden as well as the cypress-wood ceiling in the residence. Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner. **Overnight at hotel in Kanazawa.** (B,LL,D)

### DAY 06: Kanazawa to Osaka.

After breakfast, check out & today enjoy a visit to the historic Oumicho Market, a busy and colorful market and explore along with local residents some of the 200 shops selling seafood, vegetables, fruits, flowers, regional specialties and more. Proceed to the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, one of the finest gardens in Japan and marvel at the waterfalls, ponds and charming tea-houses. Thereafter, head to Osaka, where you will enjoy an Indian dinner before a transfer to your hotel & check in.

**Overnight at hotel in Osaka**

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### DAY 07: Day Trip to Kyoto and Nara.

After breakfast at the hotel proceed to Kyoto, visit the Kiyomizu temple – a UNESCO world heritage site. Also visit the Golden Pavillion and see the Nijo Castle. Later, stroll through the charming Geisha district before. Embodying Japan's rich culture and complex history, Kyoto has over 2000 temples and shrines, delightful gardens and exceptionally preserved wooden buildings. The sights, wonderful local cuisine and exceptional arts and crafts are certain to enchant you! Today enjoy a local lunch.

Later proceed to Nara – the first capital of Japan. Visit the Nara Deer Park which is home to nearly 1200 deer's, which have been designated as a national treasure and have become a symbol of the city. Also visit the Todaiji Temple which has the largest statue of Buddha in Japan. Return to Osaka where you will enjoy a delicious Indian dinner.

**Overnight at hotel in Osaka.**

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### DAY 08: Tour of Hiroshima and Miyajima Island.

After breakfast at the hotel, check out proceed on a tour of Hiroshima & Miyajima Islands – where time stood still when the city was devastated during World War II by the atom bomb.

See the Cenotaph which is a tribute to all those people who died due to the bombing. Transfer to Horoshima by bullet train.

Visit the Atom-Bomb Dome – the only building that remained after the bombing which has now become the symbol of Hiroshima. Also see the Peace Park and much more. Enjoy lunch at an Indian restaurant. Later transfer to Osaka by bullet train. Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner

**Overnight at Hotel in Osaka**

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### DAY 09: Farewell and Fly back home

This morning, after breakfast, check out and proceed to the airport (KIX) at 1000hrs for your flight back home. Kindly make your own arrangement if you are unable to join this departure due to your flight timings. Return home with wonderful memories of your holiday with “Air Tours Holidays”, which we’re sure you will treasure for a lifetime. **(B)**

### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES INCLUDES:

#### SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

##### Tokyo:

- Visit AsakusaKannon Temple, Nakamise shopping arcade & Tokyo Tower
- See the Imperial Palace East Garden (entry in Palace not allowed)
- Enjoy a Japanese Cultural show – “DRUM TAO”
- Visit Mt.Fuji 5th station (weather permitting)
- Cruise at Lake Kawaguchi
- Mt Fuji Panoramic Ropeway

##### Takayama:

- Visit Takayama Matsuri YataiKaikan (Festival Floats Exhibition Hall)
- Visit Sannomachi historic district
- Visit Hirata Folk Art Museum

##### Kanazawa:

- Visit Shirakawa-go village
- Gokayama Village
- Visit Oumicho Market
- Visit Higamashi Chaya District
- Visit Nomura Samurai House
- Visit Kenrokuen Garden

##### Kyoto :

- Visit the Golden Pavilion
- See the Nijo Castle
- Visit the Kiyomitsu Temple
- Visit the Todaiji Temple

##### Nara

- Visit this first capital of Japan
- Visit the Nara Deer Park

##### Osaka

##### Hiroshima

- Visit Hiroshima Peace park
- See the Atom bomb Dome
- Visit the Peace Memorial Museum

**Miyajima Island**

- Visit the IsukushimaJinja Shrine
- View the floating Tori Gates

**HOTELS**

- 03 nights’ accommodation at the Shinagawa Prince Hotel or similar in Tokyo
- 01 night accommodation at Hotel Associa Takayama or similar in Takayama
- 01 night accommodation at Hotel Kanazawa Tokyu or similar in Kanazawa
- 03 nights’ accommodation at Hotel Monterey La Seour Osaka or similar in Osaka

**MEALS**

- Daily buffet breakfast.
- Daily local/western/Indian veg and non vegetarian lunches as indicated in the itinerary
- Daily local/western/Indian veg and non vegetarian dinners as indicated in the itinerary

**WATER**

- 2 bottles (500 ml) of water per person, per day

**TIPS & PORTERAGE**

- Tips to driver and guides
- Porterage of 01 bag per person at hotels only limited to 20 kgs
- Baggage transfer from Tokyo to Osaka Hotel

**TRANSFERS**

- All transfers and excursions will be conducted by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.
- Bullet train: Tokyo –Nagoya
- Express Train from Nagoya to Takayama
- Express train: Kanazawa to Kyoto
- Bullet train: Osaka – Hiroshima – Osaka
- Ferry to Miyajima Island

**TOUR MANAGER**

- Service of a professional Tour manager throughout your tour

<b>TOUR COST</b>	
<b>LAND COST</b>	
Per Person on Twin Sharing	<b>US\$ 3600</b>
Single Supplement	<b>US\$ 950</b>

**Note:**

- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Rooming in Japan will be on Twin BED Basis, Double is not guaranteed and subject to availability.

- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case of any one member sharing room with other cancel their reservations.

### DEPARTURE DATES :

**28 March 2020**

**02 April 2020**

**04 April 2020**

### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- **AIR TICKET**
- **Cost of Transfer:** The individual arrival & departure transfer in case you are not arriving / departing as per group ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE timings mentioned in the itinerary.
- **Cost of visas to travel on this tour**
- Medical/Travel Insurance
- Any expenses of personal nature such as porter age, laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels etc.
- Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'
- Group is operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying guests travelling together.

### Important

- ❖ Updating of Mileage is subject to Airlines terms & conditions in group fare.
- ❖ We request the airlines for preferred seats however this is as per their policy and at their discretion.
- ❖ Keeping in view of Luggage compartment of coach & Internal Flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry only medium size Bag of 20kg and 1 carryon bag of 5 kg per person.
- ❖ The dates and granting of Visas is at the sole discretion of the concerned consulate. Air Tours is not responsible for granting of visas and are only a facilitator in the visa application process.

### POINTS TO BE NOTED

- ❖ **Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any delay in flights or change in Schedule by the airline and any situations arising out of the same.**
- ❖ Any damages caused to the hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Air Tours will not be liable for the same.
- ❖ Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, delay, breakdown or irregularity which may occur in carrying out of the tour arrangement.
- ❖ Air Tours Management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses due to delay or changes in train, plane, bus, ship or other services, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
- ❖ We reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised or substitute a hotel of similar class if deemed advisable or necessary.



- ❖ For the convenience of our passengers, Air Tours will sometimes amend the itinerary; however all the other services will remain the same.
- ❖ Air Tours will not be liable in any loss of baggage by the Airline.
- ❖ The Tour Cost is combination of all the arrangement and hence cannot be calculated on individual service basis. Tour cost is one component and not calculated on individually.
- ❖ Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case any of the guest cancel the reservations sharing room together.
- ❖ Please refer to the booking form for detailed 'Terms and Conditions'.

#### **VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR**

- USA citizens : No Visa Require
- Green Card Holders : Single Entry Japan Visa
- Indian Nationals : Single Entry Japan Visa

Cost of visas is **NOT INCLUDED** in your tour price

**MEDICAL INSURANCE:** It's very important to find out BEFORE you leave whether or not your medical insurance will cover you overseas. Your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors' and hospital visits in other countries. ALWAYS LOOK INTO THE ASPECTS OF COVERING YOUR TRIP FOR UNFORSEEN EVENTS.