

Corporate Hotels and Retreats BOOKING SERVICES (ASIA)

ITINERARY

for 'Nagoya– Takayama – Kanazawa – Osaka' 7 Days Package

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT THE TIME OF BOOKING REQUEST

DAY1

Arrive NAGOYA, Japan YOKOSO means WELCOME!



Today you arrive in Nagoya, Japan.

After clearing customs and immigration, you are met by your local representative and privately transferred to your hotel accommodations.

Your accommodation will be at the best located hotel in the heart of Nagoya, adjacent to shopping districts and Nagoya Central Station is just minutes away on foot.

Hotel in Nagoya (- , -, -)

DAY 2

Nagoya / Takayama

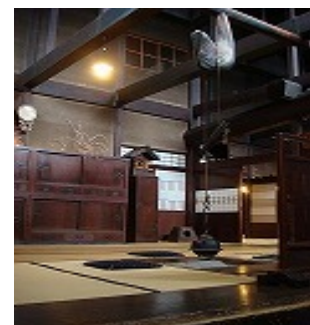
Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before you check-out the hotel.

At 10am, you will be met by English-speaking assistant and escorted to Nagoya Station to board JR limited express train, bound for Takayama.

Enjoy a boxed lunch this afternoon.

On arrival in Takayama, enjoy a walking tour of this ancient city.

Takayama is established in the 1500s as a castle town, it retains the old charm with its ryokans, breweries for sake and craft shops.



*The Kusakabe
Folkcraft Museum*

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First visit the **Yatai Kaikan**, or Festival Floats Exhibition Hall features the huge floats, decorated with intricate carvings, gilded wood, and detailed metalwork, that are paraded through streets during the Hachiman Festival in Takayama in autumn.

The Kusakabe Folkcraft Museum, formerly the residence of the Kusakabe family, has been designated an Important Cultural Property because it is a prime example of Meiji Era architecture. The present building dates from 1879. It is built of Japanese cypress (hinoki), and the construction is sturdy, thanks to the combination of beams and pillars. The roof slants slightly with moderate eaves; the window has several slender lattices.

Some items on exhibit are related to the Kusabe's business of money lending: money chests, coin bags, cases for account books, measures for gold and



After strolling through **the ancient streets of Takayama**, you will be privately transferred to your accommodations at the Hotel Associa Takayama Resort.

This hotel is located in the Takayama Highlands surrounded by deep forests and mountains. All rooms window have views of the Japanese Alps. Local and international cuisine is served in the hotel restaurants. You may also wish to take advantage of the hotel's free shuttle service available to downtown Takayama.

Hotel Associa Takayama Resort (B, L, -)

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Takayama / Shirakawago / Kanazawa

After visiting the **morning market** in Takayama, transfer to the World Heritage site, Shirakawago for your full day program today. Shirakawago was designated part of the World Heritage in 1995.



The style is called gassho-zukuri, hands-clasped in prayer style, since this is what the roof resembles.

The heavy snowfalls that visit this straggling village in the gorge of the Shokawa river led people to build farmhouses of 60-degree pitch.

This is an open-air museum of traditional architecture.

In Shirakawago, you visit **Toyama-ke**, one of the largest and most beautiful houses in this area. Following your sightseeing in Shirakawago, you depart for Kanazawa.

Kanazawa Nikko Hotel (B, L, -)

DAY4

Kanazawa / Kyoto

Following breakfast,

Today you have half day of sightseeing in Kanazawa beginning with a stroll through **Kenrokuen**, a splendid, large garden first built around 1670.

Kenrokuen is counted as one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan. It was originally a private garden next to Kanazawa



Kenrokuen

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Castle. The Maeda family, who ruled from the castle, developed the garden from the 1620s to 1840s. It is a stroll-type landscape garden spreading over 100,000 square meters.

Continue to **Nagamachi Samurai District** and visit **the Nomura House**, a samurai house rebuilt at the turn-of-the-century in that period's style.



Samurai District

Following your sightseeing, you are transferred to the Kanazawa railway station for your JR Limited Express train to Kyoto.

On arrival in Kyoto, you are met and privately transferred to your accommodations at Kyoto Hotel Okura for 2 nights.

Kyoto Hotel Okura (B, L, -)

DAY5

Kyoto

Today you meet with your guide for a full day sightseeing tour of Kyoto.

Kyoto is a World Heritage Site for its wealth of Traditional Japanese temples, shrines and historical landmarks.



*Kyoto
image*

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First you will visit **Nijo Castle**, the Edo Shogun's residence, which contains a spectacular array of cultural treasures.

The next stop is **The Golden Pavilion**, the most famous among traditional Japanese architectural masterpieces. Its walls are covered in gold leaf, with the roof topped by a bronze phoenix. The reflection of the temple shimmers majestically in the waters of a rock-studded pond.

The Heian Shrine, with its gorgeous vermilion-hued brilliance and lovely inner garden, was built in 1895 to mark the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Kyoto. It is also one of Kyoto's newest historical sites. The shrine is dedicated to two emperors: Kammu (737-806, who founded the city in 794, and Komei (1831-1866), the last emperor to live out his reign in Kyoto.

The last stop is **Kiyomizu temple**, a massive grand structure at the top of a cliff overlooking the neatly lined streets of Kyoto. Enjoy this stunning panoramic view from its broad wooden veranda.

In the evening, you are free at leisure.

Why not try dinner at one of the several restaurants in Kyoto famous for its dazzling variety of Japanese cuisine. **Ganko Takasegawa Nijo-en** is an elegant restaurant famous for its native Kyoto-style multi-course dinners using the freshest ingredients available.

Flavors are light and natural, and meals are extremely healthful.



*Ganko
Takasegawa
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Junsei specializes in yudofu, a traditional dish of tofu served in a kelp broth. Prepared with the extremely clean water of Kyoto, this delicious example of Japanese cuisine is popular with healthconscious diners. Traditional specialties like *shabu-shabu* and *sukiyaki* are also available.



Junsei



Oumi

Oumi is famous for Oumi beef, one of the highest grades available in Japan. Incredibly soft, flavorful and juicy, it is grilled exactly to the customer's preference, right before their eyes. Try the authentic *teppan-yaki* style, which is now popular worldwide.

Kyoto Hotel Okura (B, L, -)

DAY6

Osaka

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before you check-out the hotel.

Meet your guide at hotel lobby and transfer to Osaka by private sedan via full-day sightseeing in Osaka.

First you will visit **Osaka Castle**. Osaka Castle was a monumental fortification constructed, upon the order of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, to be the strongest and most beautiful castle in Japan. Today Osaka Castle's five-story donjon, constructed of ferroconcrete after the original in 1931, towers 40 meters and affords an extensive view.

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After you have a nice view that ancient people had, how about having the view from the contemporary people's eye. **The Floating Garden Observatory** is a rooftop observation deck on the Umeda Sky Building affording a panoramic view of Osaka with Awajima Island and Kobe in the distance. The "floating garden" connects by a bridge construction method the two 40-story skyscrapers that make up the Umeda Sky Building.

The Floating Garden, with spectacular views and filled with trees and flowers, is open to the public. In the basement of the building is the restaurant mall Takimi Koji, a recreation, through alleys and signboards, of the atmosphere of Osaka from the Taisho era to the early Showa era (about 1915 - 1935).



Lunch will be free at leisure at **Dotonbori** Gourmet Street. One of the symbols of Osaka and beloved by residents, Dotonbori is a dense area of restaurants and amusement spots located along the south bank of the Dotonbori Canal.

Osaka is a food-lover's delight and neon-lit Dotonbori offers hundreds of eateries with the unofficial motto of "cheap but delicious."

After the free time, return to the hotel in Osaka and check-in.

The rest of the day is free at leisure.

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Hotel in Osaka (B, -, -)

Day7

Osaka

After breakfast, free at leisure

Private transfer to Kansai Airport for your international flight back home.

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Quotation:

1. TOUR FARE: In Net AUD per person on 1/2 twin room basis valid for **Mar-Oct, 2008.**

<Basic Tour>

Full Paying pax:	2	Single Supplement
plus Free:	0	---
Hotel Plan 1	5,951.00	548.00
Hotel Plan 2	5,855.00	466.00

Hotel(A): Nagoya Marriot Assosia Hotel / Imperial Hotel Osaka

Hotel(B): Hotel Associa Nagoya Terminal / Hotel New Otani Osaka

**** Rates are subject to changes due to currency fluctuations**

****Tour proposal can be tailored to clients' needs, kindly contact us for further information**

****Rooms are subject to availability at the time of booking**

2. CONDITIONS:

HOTELS: As mentioned in the itinerary. Rooms by standard category.
Hotel space is subject to confirmation and availability at the time of booking.

MEALS: 6 breakfasts and 5 lunches included in Basic Tour.

TRANSFER & S/S: By chartered bus. Otherwise, as mentioned in the itinerary.

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GUIDE:	English-speaking local guide for Day.2 through 6.
ASSISTANT:	English-speaking local assistant for Day.1 and 7.
JR TRAINS:	Tourist class reserved seat on super express and limited express. Non-reserved seat on local train.
ADMISSIONS:	As mentioned in the itinerary.
BAGGAGE HANDLING:	1 piece per person included. *Baggage will be separately transported by truck, as follows. Day.2: Nagoya / Kyoto (Skipping Takayama & Kanazawa) *Please arrange an overnight bag for stay at skipping cities.

3. IMPORTANT NOTICES:

**All Airport transfers:

All Airport transfers will be arranged with English Speaking Assistant, and all sightseeing tours will be arranged with English Speaking Guide.

**Deadline for Tour Operation:

All requests must be finalized **1 MONTH** before the Operation Date with the following information:

- Full Name of the clients
- Number of requested Rooms / Types of Rooms
- Arrival and Departure Flight Details

**Cancellation Policy by our operator

If notice of cancellation is received by our operator 7 days or more (working days) prior to the Arrival date of the tour = No Charge.

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If notice of cancellation is received by our operator 6 days to 3 days (working days) prior to the Arrival date of the tour = 10% of the Tour Fare.

If notice of cancellation is received by our operator 2 days (working days) prior to the Arrival date of the tour = 20% of the Tour Fare.

If notice of cancellation is received by our operator 1 days (working days) prior to the Arrival date of the tour = 50% of the Tour Fare

If notice of cancellation is received by our operator on the Arrival date of the tour or no notification is given= 100% of the Tour Fare

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