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JAPAN AUTUMN LEAVES

13 Day Conducted Tour
for **\$6,895** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is amazing value for a destination such as Japan, as the price covers all of the following:

- Air fares with Singapore Airlines from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Tokyo and out of Osaka.
- A 12 day tour of Japan during the spectacular autumn leaves period.
- Accommodation in mainly three to four star hotels with private facilities.
- Nearly all meals in Japan, as stated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and transport, and entrance fees to many attractions.
- A Maiko dance performance and Sushi making class.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and driver.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



The colourful autumn leaves draw just as many visitors to Japan in autumn as the cherry blossoms do in spring, and the viewing of autumn leaves has been a popular activity in Japan for centuries. Today people still set out all over the country to find the best spot to view the beauty of the stunning yellow, orange and red leaves. Don't miss your chance to tour Japan during this great season.

For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,345.



Tour departs Australia 9th November and returns 22nd November 2023

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Japan Autumn Leaves Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

09.11.23 Australia – Singapore - Tokyo

Depart Brisbane at 2.45pm on SQ 236, arriving in Singapore at 8.35pm.
Depart Sydney at 4.10pm on SQ 222, arriving in Singapore at 9.20pm.
Depart Melbourne at 4.40pm on SQ 228, arriving in Singapore at 9.20pm.
All passengers then depart Singapore at 11.55pm on SQ 638, arriving in Tokyo (Narita Airport) at 7.30am the next morning (10.11.23).

10.11.23 Tokyo

Upon arrival in Tokyo we are transferred to our hotel for a three night stay. We have arranged an early check-in with the hotel to recover from your overnight flights. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax.
Accommodation: Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar

11.11.23 Tokyo

(B/L/D)

Today we will visit Asakusa Kannon Temple and Nakamise Shopping Street. This very popular Buddhist temple was built in the 7th century. We then visit Happo-en Garden. Happo-en means "beautiful from every angle". When visiting the Happo-en Garden you will see that the name doesn't even begin to describe this Japanese garden and teahouse. We take a stroll through tree lined paths of century old bonsai, cherry and maple trees. Take in the lush gardens and budding flowers surrounding a tranquil pond. We enjoy an included lunch at a restaurant in Happo-en Garden. Afterwards we visit Mori Tower, where we will go up to the observation deck for a bird's eye view of Tokyo. On the way back to the hotel we have some free time for shopping in the Ginza shopping area.
Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant within walking distance of the hotel.
Accommodation: Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar

12.11.23 Tokyo

(B/D)

This morning is at leisure. At 2pm we commence touring with a visit to Shinjuku Goyen National Garden, which is one of Tokyo's largest and most popular parks. Shinjuku Goen originated during the Edo period (between 1603-1868) as a feudal lord's Tokyo residence. Later it was converted into a botanical garden before being transferred to the Imperial Family in 1903. The park was almost completely destroyed during World War II, but was eventually rebuilt and reopened in 1949 as a public park.
Following this we have some time in the Kabukicho District of the city. The area has lots of entertainment, food and shops. The area is how you might imagine Tokyo to be, with lights and sounds everywhere, an overstimulation of the senses. We then have an included Shabu Shabu dinner at a local restaurant. Afterwards we can see Tokyo by night while visiting the Metropolitan Government Building Observatory.
Accommodation: Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar

13.11.23 Tokyo - Hakone - Mt. Fuji area

(B/L/D)

This morning we travel to Hakone by coach. We visit Hakone Open Air Museum,

which is better described as a sculpture park. We have an included lunch and then stop to see the Peace Park on our way to Mt. Fuji. If the weather permits, we will climb up to the 5th station by coach, which is about 2300 metres above sea level and visit the Visitor Centre. Dinner this evening is included at the hotel.
Accommodation: Yukari No Mori Kawaguchi-ko or similar

14.11.23 Mt. Fuji area - Lake Suwako - Takayama

(B/L/D) We proceed to visit Lake Suwako, which is the largest lake in Nagano prefecture. After that we drive to Takayama. We will visit the Historical Government House (Takayama Jinya). The building served as the Tokugawa government's administrative building for 177 years (1692 - 1868). Of the 60 local government offices that were once spread throughout Japan, this is the only one still in existence. The town village still stands on the east side of the Miyagawa River, flowing through Takayama and in the middle of it is Sanmachi (Old Town), where Edo period houses remain. This district was designated as an area of important traditional buildings by the Japanese Government. We also visit a Japanese sake brewery for a sake tasting. Lunch and dinner today are included.
Accommodation: WAT Hotel & Spa Hida or similar

15.11.23 Takayama - Shirakawago Gassho Village - Kanazawa

(B/L/D) Today we visit the historic village of Shirakawa-go, one of Japan's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Shirakawa-go (White River Old District) is located in the village of Shirakawa. This village is well known for houses constructed in the architectural style known as gassho-zukuri (prayer-hands construction) style, which is characterised by a thatched and steeply slanting roof resembling two hands joined in prayer. The design is exceptionally strong which allows the houses to withstand and shed the weight of the region's heavy snowfalls in winter. We also visit the lookout, which looks over the nearby village. Afterwards we proceed to Kanazawa for an overnight stay. Whilst in Kanazawa we visit the former Samurai residential area. We also visit the Higashi Chaya District, which has many tea houses where Geisha perform. Lunch and dinner today are included.
Accommodation: Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel or similar

16.11.23 Kanazawa - Lake Biwa

(B/L/D) This morning we enjoy a city tour of Kanazawa. We will see a demonstration of how gold leaf is made and then visit Omicho morning market. After lunch at a local restaurant we visit Kenrokuen Garden which is one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Afterwards we travel to Lake Biwa, the largest freshwater lake in Japan. Stay overnight at Lake Biwa. Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Lake Biwa Otsu Prince Hotel or similar

17.11.23 Lake Biwa - Kyoto

(B/L/D) After breakfast we will travel to Kyoto where we will enjoy a visit to Fushimi Inari Taisha, the head shrine of Inari, which is 233 metres above sea level. We continue to Arashiyama, a district on the western outskirts of Kyoto. It also refers to the mountain across the Oi River, which forms a backdrop to the district. Arashiyama is a nationally designated historic site and place of scenic beauty. We visit the Bamboo Forest and Togetsu Bridge. After an included lunch, we visit the Gion area, which is Kyoto's geisha district.

This evening we enjoy a Maiko Show with dinner.
Accommodation: Miyako Hotel Kuoto Hachijo or similar

18.11.23 Kyoto

(B) Today is at leisure in Kyoto to explore this ancient city on your own.
Accommodation: Miyako Hotel Kuoto Hachijo or similar

19.11.23 Kyoto - Nara - Osaka

(B/L) This morning we visit the golden pavilion (Kinkakuji). We then visit Ryoanji Temple Rock Garden, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its name has become synonymous with Japanese rock gardens worldwide. Afterwards we travel to Nara and enjoy a sushi making class. We then visit Todaiji Temple (Great Buddha Temple). Following this we have some time at Nara Deer Park, which is one of the oldest parks in Japan. Lunch is at a local restaurant in Nara, before travelling to Osaka for a two night stay.
Accommodation: Osaka Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar

20.11.23 Osaka - Himeji - Osaka

(B/L/D) Today we drive to Himeji, which is most famous for its magnificent castle. Himeji Castle is widely considered to be Japan's most beautiful surviving feudal castle. The castle is designated as both a national treasure and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We have lunch at a local restaurant in Himeji. Following this we transfer to Himeji Station and return to Osaka by bullet train (Shinkansen). In Osaka, we visit the Shinsaibashi area, one of Osaka's major downtown areas, featuring many stores and neon lights. We also visit Dotonbori area, which is considered the bright heart of Osaka. This evening we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.
Accommodation: Osaka Excel Hotel Tokyu or similar

21.11.23 Osaka – Singapore

(B/L) Today we check out of the hotel and visit Osaka Castle. We then transfer to the airport and have an included farewell lunch at a hotel near the airport.
All passengers depart Osaka at 4.55pm on flight SQ 621, arriving in Singapore at 11.05pm.

22.11.23 Singapore - Australia

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 00.25am on SQ 237, arriving in Melbourne at 10.50am.
Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 00.45am on SQ 231, arriving in Sydney at 11.50am.
Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 00.55am on SQ 255, arriving in Brisbane at 10.45am.

Note: For passengers in single accommodation, Japan often has smaller rooms dedicated for single passengers. These can potentially be considerably smaller than you might be accustomed to, however this is the norm for Japan. The single room supplement will provide you with privacy, but not necessarily the same sized rooms as other twin share passengers.



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly, walking distances of over 1km at a time. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Japan Autumn Leaves Tour

Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19 - It is possible that there may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline(s) provide the refund to Macleay Valley Travel.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for Australian passport holders.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel insurance, visas and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help defray the merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. If you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Single Accommodation - For passengers in single accommodation, Japan often has smaller rooms dedicated for single passengers. This can potentially be considerably smaller than what you might be accustomed to, however this is the norm for Japan, and the price you have paid for the single room supplement reflects these dedicated single rooms. The single room supplement will provide you with privacy, but not necessarily the same sized rooms as other twin share passengers.

Breakaway - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel. Any deviation from the set itinerary can be permitted under certain circumstances. Please contact our office to discuss your specific request. Pre-tour extensions are not permitted.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. It is a requirement that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (at least triple vaccinated for Japan) and can show verification of this. Depending on the requirements at the time of travel, you may have to undertake a pre-departure Covid-19 PCR test or tests of a similar nature. You acknowledge that Macleay Valley Travel is not liable for any associated costs brought about by these requirements or any future requirements of a similar nature.

Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, pandemics, endemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details and severity: _____

2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided?

Yes / No

3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain?

Yes / No

If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____

4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: _____

5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No

If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____

6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: _____

7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: _____

8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____

9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No

10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No

If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No

11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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