



Garden House Trip to Japan 2024

Travel Itinerary

Monday 1st - Tuesday 16th April



Monday 1st April **DAY 1**

- Flying Japan Airways from London Heathrow to Tokyo, then connecting flights to Osaka. [→Link](#)
- Flight departs Heathrow 9:40, arriving in Tokyo on 2nd April 05:35 local time.
- Connecting flight from Tokyo at 8:30, arriving Osaka at 09:35 on 2nd April.

Tuesday 2nd April **DAY 2**

- Meet guide and travel by coach to Kyoto, **Mitsui Garden Hotel Kyoto Ekimae** [→Link](#)
- Lunch locally at Le Temps (GH) at **Hotel Granvia** [→Link](#)
Drink in the bar in the evening (GH) dinner in the hotel or local restaurant

Wednesday 3rd April **DAY 3**

- Full day sight-seeing of Kyoto with coach and guide
- Ryoanji Temple [→Link](#)
- Kinkakuji Temple [→Link](#)
- Visit Nishiki Market with free time for lunch in the Market [→Link](#)
- Nijo Castle [→Link](#)
- Heian Shrine [→Link](#)

Thursday 4th April **DAY 4**

- The Potters House Kyoto - Kanjiro Kawai [→Link](#)
- Ceramic Centre [→Link](#)
- Free Time for lunch
- Tenryu-Ji Temple and Gardens [→Link](#)
- Stroll Arashiyama Bamboo Grove [→Link](#)

- In the evening visit the lit up Maruyama Park to celebrate Sakura under the cherry blossom →[Link](#)

Friday 5th April **DAY 5**

- Free day to explore Kyoto →[Link](#)

Saturday 6th April **DAY 6**

- This will be a day that we will be exploring Kyoto without a guide using public transport. We will be visiting Silver Pavilion (Ginkakuji) →[Link](#) the Philosopher's walk to see the cherry blossom →[Link](#)
- Dinner and music at the Kito cafe (GH) in the evening

Sunday 7th April **DAY 7**

- Take the bullet train from Kyoto to Hiroshima →[Link](#)
- Bento box on train for lunch (GH)
- Visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum →[Link](#)
- Visit the Genbaku Dome →[Link](#)
- Visit Shukkeien garden →[Link](#)
- Eating okonomiyaki in downtown Hiroshima in the evening
- Stay in **Ana Crowne Plaza hotel** →[Link](#)

Monday 8th April **DAY 8**

- Take a ferry to the island of Miyajima
- Visit Itsukushima Shrine [Link](#)
- Visit Miyajima treasure hall [Link](#)
- Free time for lunch
- Visit Daishoin Temple →[Link](#)
- Return to the Hotel in Hiroshima.

Tuesday 9th April **DAY 9**

- Take the bullet train to Kurashiki
- Full day of sightseeing in Kurashiki
- Stroll in the Bikan quarter [→Link](#)
- Korakuen garden [→Link](#)
- Take the bullet train to Odawara, coach to Hakone
- Stay in **The Prince Hakone Ashi-no-Ko Hotel** [→Link](#)
- Dinner in hotel (GH)

Wednesday 10th April **DAY 10**

- Transfer by bus to Togendai Station
- Take the mountain train to Gora Station [→Link](#)
- Hakone Open Air museum [→Link](#)
- Free time for lunch
- Hakone Museum of Art & Garden [→Link](#) (Takeniwa)
- Lake Ashi Cruise [→Link](#) (Togendai to Moto Hakone port)

Thursday 11th April **DAY 11**

- transfer to Kamakura [→Link](#) by coach
- free time for lunch and shopping
- Kotokuin Temple with Daibutsu [→Link](#)
- Hasedera kannon Temple [→Link](#)
- Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine [→Link](#)
- Transfer to Tokyo Hotel at **Odakyu Century Southern Tower** [→Link](#)

Friday 12th April **DAY 12**

- Imperial Palace Tour [→Link](#)

- Ginza - Free time [→Link](#)
- Koishikawa Korakuen Garden [→Link](#)
- Hamarikyu Garden [→Link](#)

Saturday 13th April **DAY 13**

- No guide - you can join us for a visit to view Tokyo from the Metropolitan government Buildings [→Link](#) and then to visit
- Shibuya [→Link](#) and see
- the Japan Folk Craft Museum [→Link](#)

Sunday 14th April **DAY 14**

- Tea Ceremony and customs of Japan
- Sushi Making
- Ikebana Experience
- Asakusa Kannon Temple & Nakamise [→Link](#)

Monday 15th April **DAY 15**

- No guide but join us to visit
- Gyoen National Park Shinjuku [→Link](#),
- With Horticulturalist David Francis for a guided tour
- Free afternoon
- Dinner at Kitaohji Shinjuku Saryo [→Link](#) (GH)

Tuesday 16th April **DAY 16**

- Early start Direct flight from Tokyo to London Heathrow, leaving Tokyo at 11:20 local time and arriving at Heathrow on the same day at 15:50 local time

