

# Solivita Travel Club presents ...



Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Kyoto

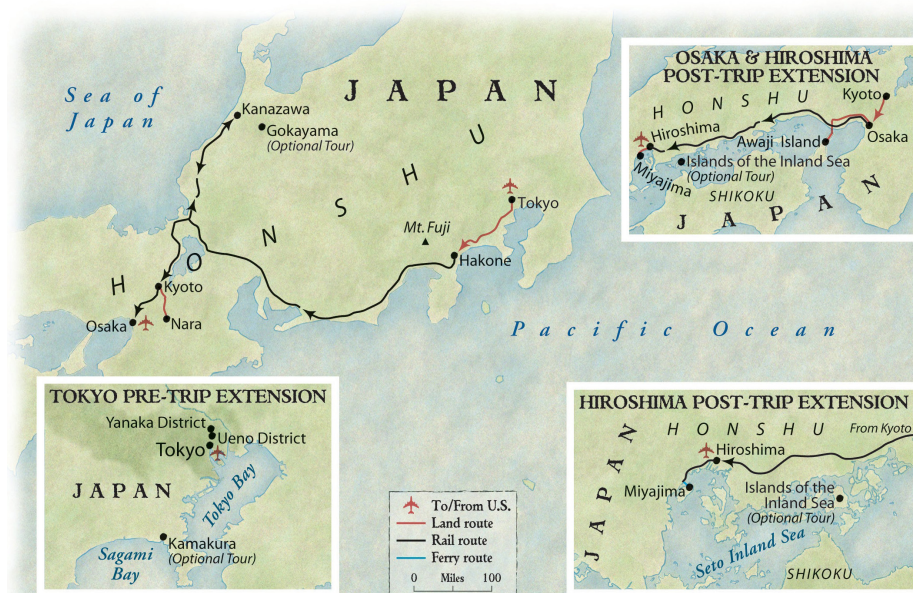


Mount Fuji

**\$500 DEPOSIT AND \$100 STC ADMIN FEE DUE AT REGISTRATION.  
BALANCE IS DUE 90 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE DATE.**

## Japan's Cultural Treasures

**Japan:** Tokyo, Hakone, Kanazawa, Kyoto



**15** days starting from **\$8,045**

including international airfare from Orlando

Single Supplement: **FREE**

**Departure Date:** March 28, 2025

**Solivita Trip Activity Level:**

① ② ③ ④ **⑤** STRENUOUS

View Solivita Activity Levels at [solivitatravelclub.org](http://solivitatravelclub.org)

### ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Tokyo, Japan
2-4	Tokyo
5-6	Hakone
7-9	Kanazawa
10-14	Kyoto
15	Return to U.S.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Hiroshima: City of Peace

POST-TRIP: 3 nights from **\$1,795**

**Information & Reservations**

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. on your overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan.

### DAY 2 • Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo. An O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and assist with the transfer to your hotel. There, meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers, including those who took the optional *Tokyo: Ancient & Modern Traditions* pre-trip extension.

### DAY 3 • Tokyo • Meet former sumo wrestler

Visit a restaurant owned by a former sumo wrestler, and enjoy an interactive demonstration of this iconic sport. Then, engage in a conversation with a former wrestler who will share their experience with us—an exclusive O.A.T. feature.

### DAY 4 • Tokyo • Taiko drumming experience • Asakusa

Take the world-renown Tokyo subway to visit a *taiko* studio. *Taiko* are traditional drums that have been used throughout Japan's history—from setting the beat for marching armies to adding a tempo to boisterous festivals. Here, we will learn the art of traditional Japanese drums from a drum master. Then, travel to the district of Asakusa, and stroll down streets lined with shops. Tonight, our Welcome Dinner will feature traditional Japanese foods such as sashimi and tempura.

### DAY 5 • Hakone • A Day in the Life of Ashigara

Travel to Hakone, stopping for **A Day in the Life** of the rural town of Ashigara. We will learn about the customs of the town and take part in a cooking lesson with local residents. For lunch, we'll roll up our sleeves

## IT'S INCLUDED

- Explore in a small group of 8-16 travelers (average of 13)—*guaranteed*
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation, including 3 rail transfers on bullet and local trains
- 13 nights accommodations
- 29 meals—13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 7 dinners
- 13 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure



Geisha, Kyoto

for a traditional Japanese cooking lesson and prepare our very own rice balls. Later, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. You might stop in at a sake brewery, or pay your respects at the town's temple.

### DAY 6 • Hakone • Boat ride on Lake Ashi • Wood workshop • Controversial Topic: Unraveling the mystery of the Japanese geisha

This morning, embark on a boat ride on Lake Ashi, a scenic crater lake situated along a wall of the Mount Hakone caldera. Then, visit a woodcraft shop to learn how the intricate, wooden inlaid pieces are produced. Afterward, meet the madam of a local geisha house to discuss the **Controversial Topic** of the mysterious world of these highly-skilled performance artists.

### DAY 7 • Bullet train • Express train to Kanazawa

Ride the *shinkansen* (bullet train), boarding in Odawara for the first leg of the journey. At 200 mph, it remains among the fastest trains in the world. Later, take a limited express train to Kanazawa, enjoying a view of Japan's rolling countryside and modern cityscapes.

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Sensoji Temple in Asakusa district, Tokyo

**DAY 8 • Kanazawa • Kenrokuen Garden • Visit Omicho Market**

Visit the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, then walk the Higashi Chaya District, known for its teahouses. Next, visit the 300-year-old Omicho Market. Finally, visit a local gold leaf company for a hands-on lesson.

**DAY 9 • Kanazawa • Optional Gokayama tour**

Enjoy free time to explore Kanazawa on your own, or join a full-day optional excursion to Gokayama—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This village in the remote Chubu Mountains is renowned for its distinctive *gassho-zukuri*-style homes with steeply pitched thatched roofs.

**DAY 10 • Kanazawa • Home-Hosted Visit: Tea with a local family • Train to Kyoto**

Enjoy a **Home-Hosted Visit** with a local family, sitting down for tea and a firsthand glimpse of Japanese life. Some of our hosts are accomplished tea ceremony masters, are skilled in Japanese calligraphy, cultivate *bonsai* trees, or fold *origami*. After, ride the rails to Kyoto, Japan’s ancient imperial capital. This city remains an important cultural center today, and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**DAY 11 • Kyoto • Arashiyama Bamboo Grove • Kinkakuji**

Explore the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove before we visit Kinkakuji, the Temple of the Golden Pavilion. Then, enjoy an afternoon of independent discoveries.

**DAY 12 • Kyoto • Nara • Matcha tea experience**

Explore Nara, visiting Todaiji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to an awe-inspiring, 52-foot Buddha statue. You may even meet the tame and friendly “bowing” deer that roam here. Then, visit a local tea company for a matcha tea-making demonstration and a hands-on experience of grinding your own green tea using a mill stone.

**DAY 13 • Kyoto • Zen Temple & tea ceremony • Togetsu Bridge boat ride**

Head to Senkoji Temple. Try Zen meditation and participate in a tea ceremony. Then, embark on a boat ride to Togetsu Bridge, followed by *Ikebana*—the art of flower arrangement.

**DAY 14 • Kyoto • Fushimi Inari Shrine • Meet a sushi chef**

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine this morning, one of Japan’s most iconic sites. Comprised of a

winding path of 10,000 vermilion *torii* (gates), the shrine snakes its way up a heavily forested mountain. Then, take part in a sushi-making lesson.

**DAY 15 • Return to U.S.**

Transfer to the airport in Osaka for your flight home. Travelers taking our optional *Hiroshima: City of Peace* post-trip extension will transfer to Hiroshima by bullet train today, while travelers taking our optional **NEW! Osaka to Hiroshima by Bullet Train** post-trip extension will transfer to Osaka via private motorcoach.

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Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima, Japan

# Hiroshima: City of Peace

3 nights post-trip from **\$1,795**

Single Supplement: **FREE**

## DAY 1 • Train to Hiroshima • Visit Peace Memorial Park

Today, we journey by bullet train from Kyoto to Hiroshima. On an included city tour we'll visit Peace Memorial Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the city's Atomic Bomb Dome. The park includes a poignant Children's Peace Memorial. We'll also have the opportunity to speak with an atomic bomb survivor.

***Please note:** If the atomic bomb survivor is not available, we will meet with a local storyteller who will share another perspective of life in Hiroshima.*

L,D—Oriental Hotel or similar

## DAY 2 • Hiroshima • Optional Islands of the Inland Sea tour

Today you can join our optional Islands of the Inland Sea tour. We'll travel to Omishima Island and visit Tatara Shimanami Park, where we'll enjoy views of the Inland Sea. Then we'll continue to the Ikuo Hirayama Museum of Art.

Weather permitting, we'll also visit Kosanji Temple. Or you can enjoy the day exploring Hiroshima on your own.

B—Oriental Hotel or similar

## DAY 3 • Hiroshima • Explore Miyajima

We journey to the island of Miyajima, also known as Itsukushima, by train and ferry. Later, we return to Hiroshima, and the balance of the afternoon is yours to explore at leisure. Tonight we'll gather for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

B,D—Oriental Hotel or similar

## DAY 4 • Hiroshima • Return to U.S.

We leave the hotel after breakfast and transfer to the Hiroshima airport to fly home.

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***Please note:** This extension may not be available on all departures.*

## IT'S INCLUDED

- Bullet train transfers from Kyoto to Hiroshima
- Accommodations for 3 nights
- 6 meals—3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners
- 3 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers (by public transportation)

## FEATURED HOTEL

### Oriental Hotel Hiroshima, Japan

The Oriental Hotel Hiroshima is located in the heart of the city on tree-lined Heiwa Odori Street, less than a 10-minute walk from the tram station. The property features an on-site restaurant and bar.

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Kanazawa

## 2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

March 28, 2025

Small Group Adventure only	\$6,195
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### AIR ADD-ON

Orlando	\$1,850
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**89 - 60 days** - 10% of your Trip Price or \$300 - whichever is greater

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**29 days**—departure - 100% of your Trip Price

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11 months	9% off	\$585	\$1,170
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8 months	6% off	\$390	\$780
7 months	5% off	\$325	\$650
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