



ELYSIAN TRAVEL

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JAPAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 ARRIVE TOKYO, JAPAN

Welcome to Japan! Your incredible journey with Elysian Travel begins today as you arrive into Tokyo.

Upon arrival, you are met by a representative and assisted with clearing immigration and customs formalities before you are transferred to your hotel by luxury mini coach. You have VIP arrival services at the airport.

The balance of the day is yours to relax from your international travels.

ACCOMMODATION: Aman Tokyo



SUNDAY, MARCH 10 TOKYO

Meet your guide this morning for a full day of touring by luxury mini coach.

Your tour begins at Shibuya Crossing, rumored to be the busiest intersection in the world, located in the major commercial and business center of Tokyo.

Continuing on, you pay a visit to the Meiji Shrine, which is dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. After passing under its large cypress torii gates, enjoy the peaceful, park-like atmosphere of its expansive 175 acre grounds. The shrine itself, constructed of cypress and copper, was rebuilt in 1958, and is a popular place for wedding ceremonies and wedding party photo shoots.

Then, visit Harajuku, Tokyo's trendy district filled with shopping and entertainment. Located in Shibuya-ku, just next to the entrance of the Meiji Shrine and Yoyogi Park, this hot-spot contains many small stores, boutiques, restaurants, and cafes. Harajuku's main attraction is the Takeshita Street, a narrow and busy pedestrian street featuring various small stores.

Enjoy lunch this afternoon at a Monster Cafe (payable locally).

Next enjoy a private traditional Samurai experience. Learn the art of Kembu, one of the traditional performing arts. Since it is based on behavior of Samurai, you learn Samurai from both the perspective of martial arts and performance arts.

Kembu is a traditional dance using a sword (sometimes also a folding fan) which was originally performed by samurai warriors to psyche themselves up when they were to go into a battle. Don a kimono and learn how to show respect like a warrior, the traditional way to walk, and basic kenjustsu, which is the art of swordsmanship. After your lesson, take pictures with your samurai masters.

On conclusion of your sightseeing, you are returned to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: Aman Tokyo



MONDAY, MARCH 11 TOKYO

Set off with your guide this morning on a full day tour by luxury mini coach.

Begin your morning exploring the Tsukiji Fish Market, a site where perishable foodstuffs such as fresh fish, shellfish, processed marine products, vegetables, fruit, meat and eggs are distributed. On view in this world famous market is an amazing variety of seafood, much of it still alive.

After, join your expert sushi making master to discover the secrets of preparing sushi, a favorite Japanese delicacy. After your private lesson, enjoy the fruits of your labor.

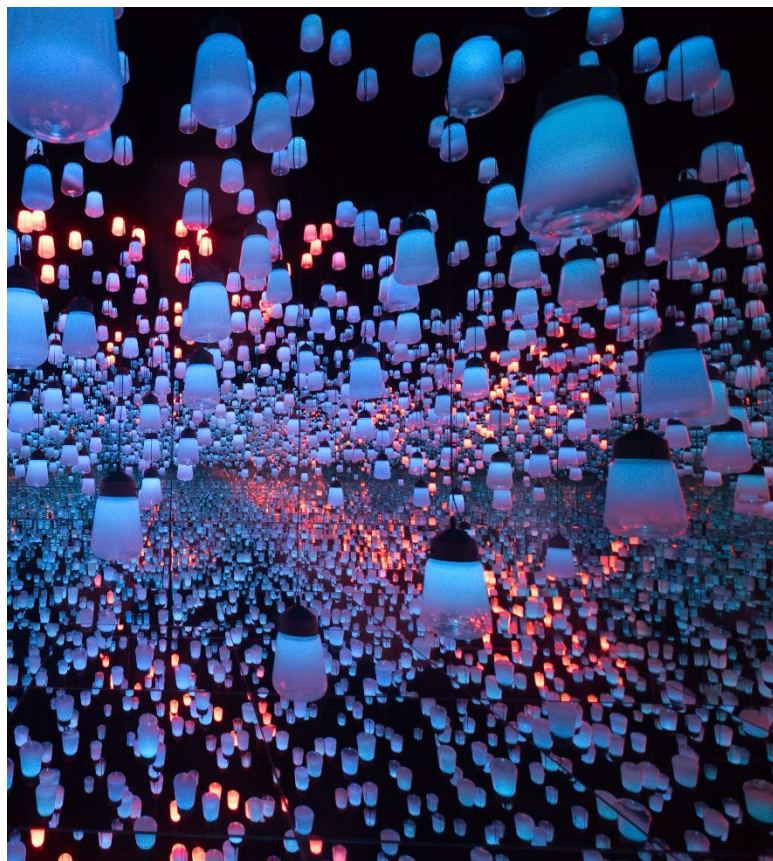
After, tour the Imperial Palace Plaza, which surrounds the Imperial Palace, the residence of the Imperial family from 1331 to 1868. The East Gardens are a part of the inner palace area, being the former site of Edo Castle's innermost circles of defense, the honmaru (main circle) and ninomaru (secondary circle).

You also have the chance to visit the Yayoi Kusama and Digital Art Museums this afternoon.

Then, enjoy a lesson in playing traditional wadaiko (Japanese drums) as part of a private Taiko drum experience! Following, you are returned to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: Aman Tokyo



TUESDAY, MARCH 12 TOKYO

Meet your guide this morning for a full day of touring by luxury mini coach.

Explore the Akihabara district, perhaps the greatest sound and light show anywhere on earth. It is the hottest place for anything and everything that runs on electricity and no visitor to Tokyo should neglect this area. Known as the place where the true born and bred Tokyoite calls home, consider it a journey through time from the latest in electronics to the sacred precincts of the printed word.

After, visit a Hedgehog Cafe for lunch (payable locally).

Head to Asakusa in the afternoon to shop for souvenirs before exploring Kappabashi Street, noted for its sample wax foods displays, for shopping. Here you may see plates of spaghetti or a scrumptious sundae all done in plastic and wax. In addition to the wax food, the shops also sell all manner of tableware, cookware and chef's supplies.

Go on to see the Tokyo Skytree, the tallest structure in Japan, to enjoy the beautiful views of the city. You have fast pass ticket to skip the line for the ride up the Skytree.

End your day in Ginza. The Ginza area offers a world-class shopping experience, as well as flagship fashion outlets. The area also boasts some of the city's best department stores. One of the biggest attractions while visiting some of the large department stores is the fantastic basement-level food-hall where you can find an absolutely stunning range of local and international delicacies.

Dinner at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: Aman Tokyo



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 KYOTO

Please deposit your luggage to the bell desk by 7:30 a.m. It will be transported separately to your hotel in Kyoto. You will receive it this evening.

Bid farewell to Tokyo today as you are met and driven by one Mercedes V class van and one luxury sedan to board the bullet train to Kyoto (Mt Fuji side tickets).

Upon arrival you are met by a representative and transferred to your hotel. Then, head out for a brief afternoon of sightseeing.

Enjoy a traditional Kimono wearing experience this afternoon. Kimonos are a traditional Japanese clothing made of silk. You learn the history behind this ancient art and get to experience wearing a Kimono yourselves.

End your day at Fushimi Inari Shrine. Fushimi Inari Shrine is the most famous of several thousand shrines dedicated to Inari across Japan. Inari is the Shinto god of rice, and foxes are thought to be his messengers.

Fushimi Inari Shrine is also famous for the countless torii gates and offerings by worshippers that cover the hiking trails of Inarisan, the wooded mountain behind the shrine's main buildings.

Following your touring, you are transferred to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: The Ritz-Carlton Kyoto



THURSDAY, MARCH 14 KYOTO

Set off with your guide this morning on a full day tour by luxury mini coach.

Visit the glittering Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a Zen Temple formally known as Rokuonji. This temple was constructed in 1397 on the Golden Pavilion as part of a new residence for the retired shogun, Ashikaga Yoshimitsu. After his death in 1408, Kinkaku-ji was converted into a Zen temple. The Golden Pavilion, covered in gold leaf, functions as a shōrinden, housing sacred relics of the Buddha. The original pavilion was curiously burnt by a fanatic monk in 1950, and thus the present building dates from 1955.

After, enjoy a private river boat ride. The Hozugawa-kudari is one of the best river boat rides in Japan. Once on board, enjoy a two hour journey. Experience the exciting rapids and mysterious deep pools through the ravines and enjoy the beautiful seasonal scenery.

Travel northwest to Arashiyama, one of the last remaining rural areas in Kyoto. Enjoy a walk passing through peaceful bamboo groves, past serene temples to arrive at some of well preserved thatched roof Minka (folk houses) that show what Japanese country life was like centuries ago. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the bamboo groves.

Enjoy lunch this afternoon at either Shibetsu (top vegetarian restaurant in Arashiyama) or Arashiyama Kumahiko (traditional Kyoto cuisine). Lunch is payable locally.

You also explore Monkey Park before returning to your hotel.

Tonight, celebrate in style with an exquisitely presented private geisha dinner at Kikunoi, a Michelin-starred restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION: The Ritz-Carlton Kyoto

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 TOKYO

Please deposit your luggage to the bell desk by 7:30 a.m. It will be transported separately to your hotel in Tokyo. You will receive it this evening.

Bid farewell to Kyoto today as you are met and driven to board the bullet train to Tokyo. You are transferred by one Mercedes V class van and one luxury sedan. Upon arrival, you are met by a representative and transferred to your hotel via one Mercedes V class van and one luxury sedan.

Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: Aman Tokyo



JAPAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 DISNEYLAND TOKYO/DISNEYSEA

Today enjoy a full day at Tokyo Disneyland and Disneyland Sea with a private english-speaking guide. You are transferred by one Mercedes V class van and one luxury sedan. You also have fast-passes to enjoy the rides without waiting in line.

You are returned to your hotel around 6:00 p.m unless otherwise noted to stay longer

ACCOMMODATION: Aman Tokyo

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 DEPART



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