



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Private Japan 2024

9 days from \$17,995 per person, double occupancy

Ready-to-book, private journey

OFFER

\$1,500 AIR CREDIT per person on select departures when you reserve international air with A&K.

Discover the incredible breadth of Japan's culture and history, from the contemporary flair of Tokyo to the charms of traditional Kyoto, visiting historic temples, overnighting at a sought-after *ryokan*, and sampling its culinary treasures.

Included With Every Private Luxury Tailor Made Journey

- A Ready-to-Book, Private Itinerary Designed for You
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Exclusive Insider-Access Opportunities and Inspiring Sightseeing
- English-Speaking Local Guides
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily
- Entrance Fees and Taxes
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

A&K Advantages

Behold the exalted flowering cherry trees, known locally as *sakura*, or view the vivid red leaves of autumn
Experience neon-lit Tokyo and feel the vitality of this buzzy world capital, playing *taiko* drums and visiting a seafood market
Be among the few to stay at Gōra Kadan, one of the country's most exclusive *ryokans* (traditional inns), access made possible by A&K's local relationships
Zoom by bullet train along the classic stretch past majestic Mount Fuji to Osaka, where you savor a foodie experience in the renowned Dotonbori District
Embrace the tranquil spirit of Kyoto, exploring the traditional Zen rock gardens at Ryoan-ji and contemplating the gold leaf detailing at the glittering Kinkaku-ji Temple

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE TOKYO, JAPAN

Arrive in Tokyo, Japan's exciting capital. Transfer to your hotel, located near the Imperial Palace.

Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi

DAY 2 TOKYO | SPIRITUAL CENTERS & EXCLUSIVE WORKSHOP

This morning, visit Asakusa Kannon Temple. This colorful pagoda-style temple was completed in 645 and is dedicated to Kannon, the goddess of mercy in several East Asian spiritual traditions. Continue to a family-owned workshop that specializes in Japanese drum making, and try your hand at playing the *taiko*, on an A&K-exclusive experience. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before exploring the Tokyo National Museum, the oldest national museum in Japan and home to a vast collection of Japanese art and antiquities. Continue to Meiji Shrine, a Shinto complex dedicated to an emperor that was rebuilt after World War II.

Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 TOKYO | DESIGN YOUR DAY

Start your day at a local fish market, a bustling hub of Japanese daily life where a dizzying array of seafood can be found. Then, receive a lesson in sushi making, followed by lunch, during a Chef's Table experience. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities:

Explore the Mori Art Museum to take in local contemporary art.

Learn the Secrets of the Samurai Warriors and test your sword skills during a private class led by a modern-day master samurai.

Indulge in a Sake Tasting, sampling some of Japan's finest sake and learning about its cultural importance.

Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 HAKONE | STAY AT A TRADITIONAL RYOKAN

Travel to Hakone, among Japan's most popular hot-spring destinations, and immerse yourself in the stunning beauty of Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park. Board an aerial tram rising above the wooded slopes for inspiring views of Mount Fuji. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before strolling the grassy hillsides of Hakone's Open-Air Museum. Admire the impressive contemporary sculptures and artwork on display, including masterpieces by Henry Moore and Auguste Rodin. The museum also features one of the world's finest Picasso exhibits, presenting visitors with over 100 works by the cubist master. Tonight, enjoy unparalleled service at Gôra Kadan, an exclusive *ryokan* (traditional inn).

Gôra Kadan | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 OSAKA | BULLET TRAIN & DOTONBORI DELICACIES

After breakfast at your *ryokan*, head to the Okada Museum of Art to view its stunning collection of paintings, ceramics, lacquerware and bronzes from Japan, Korea and China. Then, Ride Like a Local by bullet train to Osaka. Historically known as a merchant city, it is today renowned as Japan's undisputed culinary capital, where diners indulge in everything from octopus dumplings to *okonomiyaki* — a battered, grilled concoction of chopped cabbage, meat or seafood, and seaweed, topped with mayonnaise. This evening, enjoy a wonderful foodie tour in the Dotonbori District, sampling dishes from the brilliantly lit and culinarily creative restaurants that line the street.

The St. Regis Osaka | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6 NARA | INSIGHTS INTO A PROFOUNDLY SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

Travel early this morning to Nara, Japan's first capital. Visit Todai-ji, a temple complex and UNESCO World Heritage Site that contains the largest bronze Buddha statue in Japan. Continue to Nara Park, home to hundreds of tame deer, venerated here as divine spirits, which you have the opportunity to feed by hand. Next visit the celebrated Kasuga Taisha Shrine. Conclude your Nara excursion with an exploration of the Naramachi District, comprised of winding Japanese streets and modernized merchant houses.

The St. Regis Osaka | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7 KYOTO | THE GOLDEN PAVILION & BAMBOO GROVE

Travel to Kyoto early this morning to contemplate the iconic Zen rock garden at Ryoan-ji and glittering Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion). Covered in gold leaf that casts a shimmering reflection in the tranquil pond beside it, the temple exhibits three different styles of architecture — *shinden*, samurai and Zen — one on each floor. After lunch, explore the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, strolling along a winding path as sunlight filters down through towering bamboo shoots, considered by many a healing experience. Proceed to nearby Tenryu-ji Temple and its wonderful gardens before continuing to your hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 KYOTO | HILLSIDE VIEWS AND TEA

This morning, visit Kiyomizu Temple, a celebrated Buddhist temple known for its stunning views of Kyoto. Marvel at the city from afar and enjoy the panorama of cherry and maple trees that come into color in the spring and fall. Proceed to a local temple, where you experience the art of the tea ceremony, noting its refined sense of hospitality and etiquette, which date to the time of the samurai. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto | Meals: Breakfast



DAY 9 DEPART KYOTO

Transfer to Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport, both located just outside of Osaka, for your international flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, double occupancy. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
Jun 15 - Jun 23, 2024	\$18,395	\$5,895	Waitlist - Call A&K
Jun 29 - Jul 07, 2024	\$17,995	\$5,595	Call for Availability
Jul 13 - Jul 21, 2024	\$17,995	\$5,595	Call for Availability
Aug 17 - Aug 25, 2024	\$17,995	\$5,595	Call for Availability
Aug 31 - Sep 08, 2024	\$17,995	\$5,595	Call for Availability
Sep 14 - Sep 22, 2024	\$17,995	\$5,595	Waitlist - Call A&K
Sep 28 - Oct 06, 2024	\$18,395	\$5,895	Available
Oct 12 - Oct 20, 2024	\$18,395	\$5,895	Available
Oct 19 - Oct 27, 2024	\$18,395	\$5,895	Available
Nov 02 - Nov 10, 2024	\$18,395	\$5,895	Available
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Nov 09 - Nov 17, 2024	\$18,395	\$5,895	Available
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Journey Details

No minimum age.

Solo traveller pricing is available upon request.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer valid for new bookings only on select 2024 Private Journeys departures. International air must be booked and ticketed through Abercrombie & Kent USA. Airfare must be paid in full by the traveller for ticket issuance. Credit of up to \$1,500 per person will appear as a discount off the journey on the traveller's invoice. Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Other restrictions may apply.