

What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Japan

Day 2: Kansai region

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Osaka.

Day 3: Kansai region

- Visit Osaka Castle, a renowned landmark surrounded by moats and gardens, rich with Samurai history.
- Travel to Nara and take a guided tour. Visit the Todaiji Temple, see the Daibutsu, the world's largest bronze Buddha, say hello to the area's famous and friendly deer in Nara Park, and visit Kasuga-taisha, Nara's most celebrated shrine.
- Travel to Kyoto, a city that conjures images of sunlit walks around tiered pagodas and quiet lakes lined with cherry blossom trees.
- Visit the Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine, located near the base of Mount Inari. Originally constructed to honor the Shinto god of rice, the elaborate complex welcomes visitors through thousands of red torii gates.

Day 4: Kansai region

- Take a tour of Arashiyama, known for its shrines and temples—and, most of all, its incredible bamboo forest.
- Take an expert-led tour of Kyoto. As the national capital for over a millennium, Kyoto offers you a unique glimpse into the history of Imperial Japan.
- Experience the rich flavors of matcha green tea ice cream, a Japanese culinary and cultural delight.
- Visit the tranquil Golden Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple painted in delicate gold leaf.

Day 5: Kansai region | Fuji-Hakone-Izu region | Tokyo

- Travel by bullet train to the Fuji-Hakone-Izu region, an area known for its crater lakes, sulfur springs, and sights of Mount Fuji.
- Enjoy views of the awe-inspiring Mount Fuji (*weather permitting*).
- Explore the Fugaku Fuketsu wind cave and Narusawa Hyoketsu ice cave.
- Visit Iyashi no Sato Nenba, a former farming village on the shores of Lake Saiko at the base of Mount Fuji. After a landslide in 1966, the historic village has been reconstructed into charming shops, museums, and galleries.
- Continue on to Tokyo.

Day 6: Tokyo

- Take a guided tour of Tokyo. With your expert local guide you will see the Metropolitan Government Building.
- Explore the Asakusa Kannon Temple.
- Take a tour of Akihabara Electric Town.
- Visit the Tokyo National Museum, Japan's oldest and largest museum, and explore its extensive collection of art and archaeological artifacts.
- Time to explore Ueno Park.
- Visit a local arcade and experience the unique gaming culture of Japan.
- Enjoy a sumo-style hot pot dinner.

Day 7: Tokyo | Yokohama

- Take a day trip to Yokohama.
- Explore Yokohama during a self-guided Immersive Scavenger Hunt designed exclusively for EF.
- Visit the Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum for an immersive look into Japan's ramen culture.
- Time to explore Yokohama's Chinatown
- Time to explore more of Yokohama or [participate in a karaoke experience](#).

Day 8: Tokyo

- Venture up the Tokyo Tower, the second tallest structure in the country.
- Take a walking tour of the Harajuku area, a vibrant district known for its quirky fashion scene, colorful street art, and eclectic shops.
- Counteract the bustle of Tokyo's streets with a visit to the Meiji Shinto Shrine. Quiet and stillness reign inside its elaborate Inner Garden, a wooded oasis in the middle of the city.
- Take a walking tour of Shibuya, a major commercial and finance center with a famously crowded pedestrian crossing.
- Spend time exploring more of Tokyo.

Day 9: Depart for home

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Day 9: Tokyo | Sapporo City

- Fly to Sapporo City.
- Enjoy Tour Director-led sightseeing of Sapporo City to see the Asahiyama Observatory, Sapporo Clock Tower, and Sapporo TV Tower.
- Stop for a photo at Lake Shikotsu.

Day 10: Sapporo City

- Enjoy Tour Director-led sightseeing of Shikotsu-Toya National Park.
- Explore the Nijo Seafood Market.
- Learn about the Indigenous Ainu people on a guided visit to the Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park.
- Take a guided tour of the natural hot spring at Noboribetsu Hell Valley and Oyunuma Pond.

Day 11: Sapporo City | Otaru | Tokyo

- Visit a local dairy farm in Otaru.
- Fly back to Tokyo.

Day 12: Depart for home

TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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