

Day 14 Tuesday 06 April

**Fukuoka to Beppu**

Transfer to Beppu on your private coach for an exciting day all round visiting the spectacular Beppu Hells or steaming hot springs, with their fiery colours and fiery geothermal heat. This region has retained a traditional atmosphere and you have the opportunity to appreciate this with a Jigoku-mushi cuisine cooking experience. This unique and traditional cooking style uses the region's geothermal energy. A traditional Kaiseki Dinner which is elegant food prepared and presented using high end techniques is arranged for you this evening.

**Overnight Beppu Onsen**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**



Day 15 Wednesday 07 April

**Beppu**

Today is a free day to relax and immerse yourself in your traditional, unique, and wonderful surroundings and enjoy the Takegawa Onsen area. You might choose to experience a hand or foot bath, enjoy the warm and healing waters, go for a stroll or forest bathe. A Kaiseki multi course dinner is arranged tonight at a your lovely hotel.

**Overnight Beppu Onsen**  
**Breakfast • Dinner**



Day 16 Thursday 08 April

**Beppu Onsen to Osaka**

After breakfast you depart Beppu and ride the shinkansen Bullet Train to Osaka, Japan's third largest and most vibrant city. Arriving around lunch time you are transferred to your hotel and have a free afternoon to relax or explore at your own pace.

**Overnight Osaka**  
**Breakfast**

Day 17 Friday 09 April

**Osaka**

Enjoy a great day of sightseeing by private coach visiting multi turreted Osaka Castle, its museum and Toyotomi Hideyoshi cherry tree garden and Sumiyoshi Shrine. You also take a cruise on the fabulous Aqua Liner, a sightseeing boat with a specially designed glass roof to take in the Osaka skyline and all round views. Your farewell dinner tonight has been arranged in the colourful Dotonbori district famous for its explosion of neon lights, shops, restaurants and mouth watering food.

**Overnight Osaka**  
**Breakfast • Farewell Dinner**



Day 18 Saturday 10 April

**Osaka**

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and leisure time to explore the parks and gardens and shopping streets of Osaka. Mid afternoon you transfer to the airport for your short Japan Airlines flight to Tokyo Haneda where you board your Qantas flight to Sydney.

**Overnight in flight**  
**Breakfast • Meals in flight**

Day 19 Sunday 11 April

Arrive in Adelaide this afternoon.



# The Grace & Charm of Southern Japan



24 March - 11 April 2027

E&OE



TTA 183 ATAS A11046

## EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL TOURS

223 Angas Street, Adelaide SA 5000  
T (08) 8223 1272 • E [tours@wea-sa.com.au](mailto:tours@wea-sa.com.au)

PHOTOGRAPHS: Richie; Bob Owen; Jordy Meow; Vvmramontes; Kakidai; iwalk.jp; Okinawa Soba; Fg2; Gorgo; Tyoron2; Unsplash; Fixwoon; Yuki5287; Basile Morin; Tyoron2



...enriching lives through cultural exchange

# Islands of Honshu & Kyushu

Tokyo • Kyoto • Okayama • Naoshima Island • Kurashiki • Hiroshima • Miyajima Island • Yamaguchi • Fukuoka • Beppu Onsen • Kumamoto • Osaka

This delightful and sophisticated tour unveils the splendour of cherry blossoms at their spring peak, glorious gardens, magnificent castles and the carefully preserved culture of old Japan. Beginning in Tokyo and ending in Osaka you experience the culture and graceful traditions of oriental Japan, picture post card rural landscapes and the bustling compactness of urban Japanese life. Sample authentic dining Izakaya style on tatami mats and also Ryokan style, as well as age old Japanese art and tea ceremonies which reflect the intricacies, grace and beauty of Japanese culture. Be amazed by vibrant markets and spectacular museums and ride the famous Shinkansen bullet train. Highlights abound with tours to ancient Nara, the peace memorials of Hiroshima and magical Miyajima Island with its floating Torii. Flying Qantas, join experienced WEA Tour leader Carolyn Travers as she returns to explore the grace and charm of Southern Japan at this exquisite time of year.

**Tour Leader: Carolyn Travers** is a qualified garden designer and horticulturalist. She is also an enthusiastic and caring tour leader for WEA Travel with many years of experience and a passion for Japan, gardens, art and culture.

**Tour includes:** All flights; Fully escorted Adelaide to Adelaide; Local guides; All accommodation; All Sightseeing & Entrance fees as per itinerary; Meals as per itinerary; All Coach and Rail Travel; Pre and Post tour get togethers; Study notes

Interstate passengers welcome



**19 Days \$13,950**  
Twin Share plus Airline Taxes (\$240 May 2026)  
Single Supplement \$1980  
Balance Due 12 January 2027

## Day 1 Wednesday 24 March

**Adelaide to Tokyo**  
Depart Adelaide this morning with Qantas via Melbourne to Tokyo Narita.  
**Overnight Tokyo**  
Meals in flight

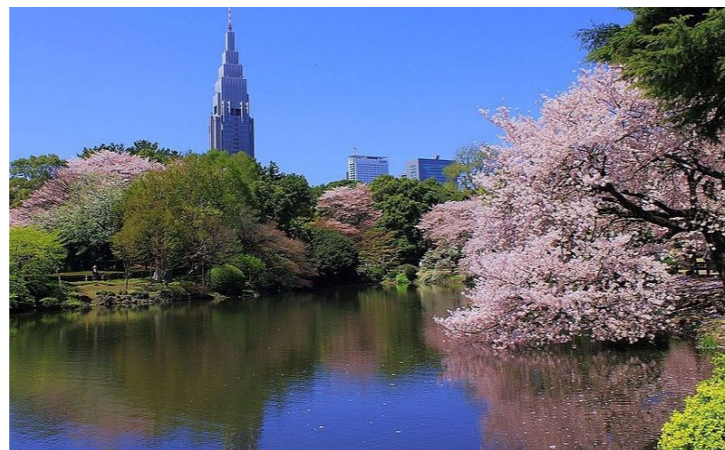
Garden. Lunch is at your leisure in the fashionable dining and shopping district of Kagurazaka and by mid afternoon you'll be back at your hotel to relax or explore locally before a welcome dinner this evening.  
**Overnight Tokyo**  
Breakfast • Welcome Dinner

glimpse of traditional Japan and the old Edo period. Authentic arts and crafts spill from work shops here, many of which span several generations. Delight too in the Rikugien gardens created around themes from famous poems around the early 17th century. A perfect place to absorb the ambience and beauty of Japanese culture.

**Overnight Tokyo**  
Breakfast

## Day 4 Saturday 27 March

**Tokyo to Kyoto**  
Today you take the Bullet Train to Kyoto the cultural capital of Japan, for a three night stay. Mt Fuji may be viewed from the train during the journey weather permitting. In the afternoon



you visit historic Kodiji Zen Buddhist temple. Built in 1606 richly decorated Kodiji sits amongst two fine gardens, a rock garden and a Tsukiyama-style garden featuring a pond and majestic pine and maple trees. You also tour Kenninji the oldest Zen Temple in Kyoto founded in 1202 by a monk who brought Zen Buddhism and tea to Japan, and the Yasaka shrine in the famous and historic Gion geisha district. Dinner tonight is arranged at a local restaurant.

**Overnight Kyoto**  
Breakfast • Dinner

## Day 5 Sunday 28 March

**Kyoto**  
Appreciate the sophistication of Japanese garden design today at the Tofukuji Temple where the gardens were designed in 1939 and are noted for their Japanese Maples and stunning checkerboard patterned Moss Garden. You are also treated with a visit to Shoren-in Temple, a Tendai Buddhist Temple and its glorious strolling gardens at the foot of Kyoto's Higashiyama Mountains. Often bypassed by crowds, enjoy tranquil meandering paths, the Pond of the Dragon God, vibrant spring flowers, pagodas and ancient Camphor trees. A traditional Tea Ceremony is also arranged at Maikoya Karasuma Shijo a historic machiya house designated Tangible Cultural Heritage.

**Overnight Kyoto**  
Breakfast

## Day 6 Monday 29 March

**Kyoto to Nara**  
After breakfast you travel by private coach to the ancient city of Nara, the 8th century capital of Japan. Here the Heijokyo Palace defines the former majesty of the city. The main gate, the Toin Teie Garden and the main building have all been beautifully restored to their former glory. 8th century Todaiji Temple is the largest of the seven great temples of Nara which you visit in Nara Park. The park is noted for its free roaming deer and world famous temples and is a great location to take in the cherry blossoms. You also see the Kasuga ancient Shinto Shrine considered one of the most sacred sites in all of Japan.

**Overnight Kyoto**  
Breakfast

## Day 7 Tuesday 30 March

**Kyoto to Himeji & Okayama**  
Visit spectacular Himeji Castle today, a UNESCO World Heritage and Japanese national treasure. It is Japan's best preserved feudal castle and dates to the early 1400s. Its enormity, elegant pastel colours and glorious cherry blossoms astound visitors from around the globe. You also visit Himeji's Koko-en Garden and see Akashi Kikyo Bridge before dinner in a local restaurant.

**Overnight Okayama**  
Breakfast • Dinner



## Day 8 Wednesday 31 March

**Naoshima Island**  
This morning you take a short ferry ride to tiny Naoshima Island. Known as Japan's Island of Art, Naoshima is a most unique destination featuring galleries and museums, sculptures such as Yayoi Kusama's whimsical Pumpkin sculpture, installations, art and architecture. You visit Tadao Ando's Chichu Art Museum, a Naoshima highlight, and The Art House project in the fishing village of Honmura which presents works by Japanese and international artists from around the world in converted houses and workshops. Enjoy exploring fabulous collections and charming cafes.

**Overnight Okayama**  
Breakfast



## Day 9 Thursday 01 April

**Kurashiki**  
Visit Okayama's Korakuen Garden today, said to be one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Next you explore Kurashiki a lovely modern town built on the fortunes of a wealthy past. A former rice and sugar trading city, Kurashiki's Bikan District remains a living history of the Edo and Meiji periods. It is crammed with perfectly preserved Edo period shops, mills and storehouses. Prosperity and rich scenic and architectural beauty has led to Kurashiki being voted the most picturesque town in Japan. Continue to Hiroshima this afternoon to check in to your hotel for dinner and the next two nights.

**Overnight Hiroshima**  
Breakfast • Dinner



## Day 10 Friday 02 April

**Hiroshima**  
Today you have a guided tour of some of the most poignant memorials in Hiroshima. Your itinerary includes the Hiroshima Memorial Peace Park, a green space between two rivers, and its informative Museum. You also see the UNESCO World Heritage designated site of outstanding value, the Genbaku Dome or the Peace Memorial.

**Overnight Hiroshima**  
Breakfast

## Day 11 Saturday 03 April

**Miyajima & Yamaguchi**  
After breakfast it's a short boat ride to beautiful Miyajima Island to see the treasured UNESCO World Heritage listed Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, the floating torii in the Seto Inland Sea. In the afternoon you transfer to Yamaguchi on the southern tip of Honshu.

**Overnight Yamaguchi**  
Breakfast • Dinner

## Day 12 Sunday 04 April

**Yamaguchi to Fukuoka**  
Sightsee by private coach around Yamaguchi today visiting the relatively modern Motonosumi Shrine known for its 123 dazzling red torii gates which lead down to the sea and Tsunoshima Ohashi. Cross the Kanmon Straits in the afternoon from Honshu to Kyushu the most westerly of Japan's four major islands. On the north coast of the island is the capital of Fukuoka where you check in to your hotel.

**Overnight Fukuoka**  
Breakfast • Dinner

## Day 13 Monday 05 April

**Fukuoka**  
Explore the sights of Fukuoka today with a guided tour of the Kyusyu National Museum and a visit to the revered and beautiful Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine and gardens known for their many thousands of Asian Plum trees. You also enjoy a cruise on the Yanagawa River.

**Overnight Fukuoka**  
Breakfast

