

# Celebrating the Four Seasons

All taxes included

Land only **From \$ 3 799** 14 days and 13 meals

**Tokyo – Nikko - Mount Fuji – Takayama – Kyoto –  
Nara - Hiroshima - Kyoto**

This classic program is designed for seasoned travelers and involves some city tours guided locally and a portion of individual travel with a rail pass. It is possible to modify or add to the program according to your priorities

One free dinner  
in Takayama  
with 4\* option



## Day 1

### Tokyo

Arrival in Tokyo. Transfer at your own expense with the Airport Limousine Bus to your hotel.

## Day 2

### Tokyo

Pick up at the hotel for a full-day city tour by coach with an English-speaking guide. The tour includes the Tokyo Tower, a tea ceremony at Happo-en Garden, a barbecue lunch, drive by the Diet building and a ride on a river-boat on the Sumida River to the Asakusa District. Visit the Sensoji Temple and Nakamise Lane, which is lined with picturesque shops. The coach will drop you off in the Ginza District. Remainder of the evening free. (B.L)

## Day 3

### Tokyo - Nikko- Tokyo

Depart by tour coach to Nikko National Park. Visit the magnificent Toshogu Shrine of Shogun Tokugawa. Lunch at a local restaurant. Drive up the zigzag highway to Lake Chuzenji and the Kegon Falls. Return to Tokyo in the evening. (B.L)

## Day 4

### Tokyo

Day at leisure. Discover the many treasures of the city on foot. Discover trendy Harajuku and Roppongi areas, or Meiji Shrine. Information on walking tours is available on request from your travel agent. (B)

## Day 5

### Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Hakone

Pick up at the hotel for departure to Mount Fuji by tour bus. Drive up the sacred mountain to the Fifth Station. Lunch. In the afternoon, drive to Lake Ashi for a cruise and then take the cable car over Owakudani Valley to see its volcanic landscapes. Transfer to the hotel in Hakone, where you can experience relaxing hot springs. (Note : Your luggage will be transferred by truck to Kyoto. Plan an overnight bag for the nights in Takayama). (B.L)

## Day 6

### Hakone - Nagoya - Takayama

Transfer for the train station with local assistant. Board a train for Nagoya with your Rail Pass. (Optional industrial tours are available in automobile, breweries

and musical instrument industries along the way). Connect to the Hida rail line for Takayama, in the Japanese Alps. Takayama, also known as 'Little Kyoto', is rich in traditional crafts and relics from the feudal period of Japan. Settle into your hotel close to the station. Dinner is included. (B.D)

## Day 7

### Takayama

Free day to explore Takayama. Places worth visiting include the Hida Folk Village, a collection of ancient thatched farm-houses, the Festival Floats Exhibition Hall, the Kusakabe Heritage House, a typical merchant house from the Edo era, and the Jinya Historical Government House, with its beautiful gardens. Dinner at the hotel (with 4\* option only). (B)

## Day 8

### Takayama – Nagoya - Kyoto

Departure at leisure by train to Nagoya. Nagoya houses the headquarters of the Toyota Automobile Company and the Noritake Porcelain factory. An extended stay can be arranged if you wish, or you can proceed to Kyoto. Transfer to your hotel near the station on your own. Overnight. (B)

## Day 9

### Kyoto – Nara - Kyoto

Pick-up at your hotel for a city tour by coach with a local guide. Visit Nijo Palace - the ancient residence of the Shoguns - the Golden Pavilion, Kyoto Imperial Palace (replaced by the Higashi Honganji Temple on week-ends or public holidays) and the Kyoto Handicraft Centre. After lunch, depart for Nara, the first capital of Japan. Visit Todaiji Temple, the largest wooden building in the world with its big Buddha, followed by the Kasuga Shinto Shrine, lined with thousands of lanterns, and Deer Park. Return to Kyoto. (L)

## Day 10

### Kyoto

Free day to explore this former capital of Japan.

## Day 11

### Kyoto - Hiroshima

Depart by train to Hiroshima with your rail pass at any time. Transfer to your hotel at your own expense. You can visit the Hiroshima Memorial Peace Park or the castle in the afternoon. Overnight.

## Day 12

### Hiroshima - Kyoto

Free morning to visit Miyajima Island, and its famous floating sanctuary. On

the way back to Kyoto, it is possible to stop at Okayama City to see Korakuen garden, or in Kurashiki, a city of store-houses lining a canal, or in Himeji to visit the White Heron Castle. Overnight in Kyoto. (B)

## Day 13

### Kyoto

Free day to continue your explorations of Kyoto. Overnight.

## Day 14

### Kyoto - departure

Transfer to the Airport in Osaka at your own expense by Limousine Bus, or by the Haruka Express Train.

Hotels	Period	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
3* option	April 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009	\$ 3,799	\$ 1,758
	January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010	\$ 3,961	\$ 1,824
4* option	April 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009	\$ 4,910	\$ 2,408
	January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010	\$ 5,084	\$ 2,499

### Your package includes :

- Accommodation in the hotels of your choice;
- Hotel taxes and services charges;
- Excursions by tourist coach with local English speaking guide;
- 7-day rail pass in economy class;
- Meals according to itinerary;
- Handling of one piece of luggage (20kg), including transfer by truck from Hakone to Kyoto.

### Not included :

- International flight;
- Transfer to hotel upon arrival in Tokyo (Airport Limousine Bus Yen 3,100, app. CA \$40 per person);
- Transfer from Kyoto to Osaka Kansai (Y2500 or C\$36) or Itami Airport (Y1280 CA\$18);
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary;
- Drinks, gratuities and expenses of a personal nature;

### Your hotels

#### 3\* option

Tokyo : Shiba Park ( 3\* )  
 Hakone : Hakone Prince Hotel (4\*)  
 Takayama: Hida Takayama Hotel (3\*)  
 Kyoto : Aranvert Hotel (3\*)  
 Hiroshima: Sunroute Hotel (3\*)

#### 4\* option

Tokyo : Keio Plaza ( 4\* )  
 Hakone : Hakone Prince Hotel (4\*)  
 Takayama: Best Western Hotel (4\*)  
 Kyoto : New Miyako Hotel (4\*)  
 Hiroshima: ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel (4\*)

**Customize your trip: Other hotels, cultural programs or optional tours available on request.**

## Notes for the tour Japan – Celebrating the Four Seasons in 2009/10:

**Meals :** The cost of breakfast in a hotel can vary from Y1,800 to Y2,800 (CA \$23 - \$36) per person. If you eat at the restaurants in the train or subway stations, the price ranges from Y550 to Y700 (\$7 - \$10) for the same menu, whereas lunch is usually around Y800 to Y1,000 (\$10 - \$13) and dinner in a decent restaurant can vary between Y3,500 and Y5,000 before tax (15%). It is possible to find less expensive restaurants offering equally hearty meals in the train stations and larger department stores. (Exchange rate : \$1CA = 80 Yen)

**Luggage :** We encourage you to travel light. Baggage handling of one piece of 20 kg is included; to avoid inconvenience in train stations, your bags will be transported by truck to Kyoto from your hotel in Hakone.

### **Rail Passes :**

There are rail passes available for periods of 7, 14 and 21 consecutive days. These allow travel in all of Japan on all JR lines, including the bullet train. However, these passes cannot be used on the super express train "Nozomi". This train can be used only on the JR West Sanyo pass. Prices in economy class range from about \$CA360 to \$CA740 depending on the exchange rate.

For the Kansai region (Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Himeji) : 1 day : 2,000 Yen; 4 days : 6,000 Yen.

For the Sanyo region : (Osaka to Hiroshima) 4 days : 20,000 Yen; 8 days : 30,000 Yen.

This pass allows travel on the Super-Express train "Nozomi".

You must exchange the voucher you have for a rail pass before your first trip. You must purchase an Exchange Voucher before leaving for Japan. Upon your arrival, you need to redeem the Exchange Voucher for your JAPAN RAIL PASS at an applicable JR station that has a JAPAN RAIL PASS exchange office. Seat reservations can also be made at that time at no extra cost.

**Ryokans:** We can arrange a stay at a traditional Japanese Inn during your stay. These are often located in mountain areas with local hot springs and include two meals a day. A network of more modest inns are available throughout Japan and can be reserved in advance.

