

Japan Autumn Splendor FAM Tour 9-Day

2025 Dates: Sep 2-10 / Oct 15-23

Tokyo - Mt. Fuji - Shizuoka/Aichi - Kyoto - Nara - Osaka



Highlights: Tokyo Tower, Meiji Shrine, Ginza, Gundam statue, Mt. Fuji, Lake Kawakuchi, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Osaka Castle, Nara Deer Park and more!

Itinerary

Day 1 (Sep 2nd & Oct 15th) Hometown - Tokyo

Board an international flight bound for Tokyo (HND or NRT) and begin our Asia vacation. Spend the night aboard as our flight crosses the International Date Line.

Day 2 (Sep 3rd & Oct 16th) Arrive Tokyo

Konnichiwa! Welcome to Japan!

For air-inclusive guests: Upon your arrival at Narita or Haneda Airport, our tour representative will be delighted to greet you and extend a warm welcome. They will assist you in arranging transportation via bus or train to your hotel for check in.

For land-only guests: we kindly ask that you proceed to the hotel and check in independently. Alternatively, a private transfer can be arranged for your convenience at a cost of USD 220 per way.

Day 3 (Sep 4th & Oct 17th) Tokyo (Breakfast)

Full day tour in Tokyo to explore this dynamic capital city, where over 11 million people live, making the population one of the largest in the world. First visit Meiji Shrine, a key Shinto religious site that was dedicated to the Imperial Family in 1926. Meiji Jingu is one of the most popular shrines in Tokyo and is visited by millions of people every year. Later, visit Tokyo Tower, a communications and observation tower in the Shiba-koen district of Minato, Tokyo, Japan, built in 1958. At 332.9 meters, it is the second-tallest structure in Japan. In the afternoon, we will take you to the Ginza where you can enjoy shopping. The Ginza is Tokyo's most famous upmarket shopping, dining and entertainment district, featuring numerous department stores, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants.

Day 4 (Sep 5th & Oct 18th) Tokyo (Breakfast)

Start your journey with a visit to the Tsukiji Outer Market, a vibrant hub of fresh seafood, local delicacies, and authentic Japanese street food—a paradise for food lovers! Next, immerse yourself in the futuristic charm of Odaiba, where you'll marvel at the life-sized Gundam statue, a symbol of Japan's cutting-edge creativity and technological innovation. Finally, step back in time at Asakusa's Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest and most iconic temple. Stroll through Nakamise Street, lined with shops offering traditional snacks and souvenirs, and soak in the spiritual and cultural ambiance of this historic site.

Day 5 (Sep 6th & Oct 19th) Tokyo-Mount Fuji-Shizuoka/Aichi (Breakfast)

Check out of the hotel in the morning and board the tour bus for a full day of sightseeing, beginning at the UNESCO World Heritage, Mt. Fuji area. You will visit Lake Kawakuchi. The crater lake was born from a powerful volcanic eruption nearly 3,000 years ago and provides postcard views of Mt. Fuji from various angles. Later, we will take you to Oshino Hakkai, or the Eight Seas of Oshino, which is a set of eight ponds located in the Fuji Five Lakes area, on the site of a former sixth lake that dried out several centuries ago. The eight ponds are fed by snowmelt from the slopes of Mount Fuji that filters down the mountain through porous layers of volcanic rock over a period of several decades. Oshino Hakkai are part of the Mt. Fuji UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, designated in 2013.

Drive to Shizuoka/Aichi for the night.



Day 6 (Sep 7th & Oct 20th) Shizuoka/Aichi - Kyōto (Breakfast)

Following breakfast, depart Shizuoka/Aichi and travel to Kyoto, Japan's cultural and artistic center, and the country's capital for over 1,000 years. Kyoto is a sophisticated blend of the ancient and the modern. Upon your arrival in Kyoto, we will take you to visit the iconic Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its thousands of vibrant vermilion torii gates that create a stunning and unforgettable pathway. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city at your leisure, discovering Kyoto's rich history and unique charm.

Day 7 (Sep 8th & Oct 21st) Kyōto (Breakfast)

Today is a free day, or you can join the **optional tour - Discover Kyoto's Timeless Treasures (\$80/person)**

Embark on an in-depth exploration of Kyoto by visiting its most iconic landmarks. Marvel at the golden splendor of **Kinkakuji Temple**, stroll through the serene beauty of the **Arashiyama Bamboo Forest**, and admire the awe-inspiring architecture of **Sanjusangendo**, home to 1,001 intricately crafted statues of Kannon, the Goddess of Mercy. This journey showcases the essence of Kyoto's history, culture, and natural beauty.

Day 8 (Sep 9th & Oct 22nd) Kyōto-Nara-Osaka (Breakfast)

This morning, enjoy a special visit to Tōdaiji in Nara Deer Park, known as the "Great Eastern Temple." As one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples, it stands as a true landmark of Nara. Later, we will make our way to Osaka. Our first stop will be Dotonbori, a vibrant and bustling commercial street that has been a hub of activity since the Edo Period. Filled with theaters, shops, and food stalls, it represents the energetic spirit of Osaka's Minami area. Here, you'll have some free time to enjoy lunch and shop at your leisure. Finally, we will visit Osaka Castle, another iconic symbol of the city, steeped in history and grandeur. You'll stay overnight in Osaka, conveniently near KIX Airport.

Day 9 (Sep 10th & Oct 23rd) Osaka (KIX) Departure (Breakfast)

Kindly make your own way to Osaka Kansai International Airport (KIX). You may choose to take the local train (just one stop, approximately 5 minutes) or a taxi, which takes around 10 minutes. Should you require any assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know.



Hotels:

3 nights in Tokyo : Apa Hotel Tokyo Bay Makuhari
1 nights in Shizuoka: Crown Palaise Hamamastu or Loisir Hotel Toyohashi
2 nights in Kyoto: Hotel Keihan Hachijoguchi or Lorisir Kyoto Hotel Toji
1 nights in Osaka KIX: Star Gate Kansai Airport hotel

Included:

Round trip International Air for air-inclusive package
Japan ground transportation as shown on the itinerary
Hotels as shown on the itinerary
Entrance fees as mentioned on the itinerary
Meals as mentioned on the itinerary
English Speaking Tour guide

Not Included:

Personal Expenditure
Gratuity: Suggested USD \$8-10/person/day



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Visa Fee (US Citizen do NOT need a visa to enter Japan)
Travel Insurance

Reservation:

1. Tour Reservation Form
2. Email/fax/mail copy of travelers' passport (first page)
3. Tour Deposit of \$600/person(land-only) \$800/person(air-inclusive)
(Full payment is due by 90 days prior to departure date)

Cancellation:

All deposits are non-refundable; non-transferable. All final balances are non-refundable; non-transferable. (Exception: full refunds if a tour does not operate due to a destination still on lockdown by the time your departure is due.) Travel Insurance is highly recommended.

Remarks:

The itinerary may be subject to minor changes based on local situations.
When the total number of tour members should fall below 10 people, EliteVoyages reserves the right to cancel the tour and the tour cost will be fully refunded.

