

Beauty of Japan

11

**Days**

4

**Destinations**

Tokyo



Nagano



Kanazawa



Kyoto



Tokyo

Itinerary

Discover the timeless beauty of Japan on this unforgettable eleven-day rail holiday, connecting vibrant cities, historic towns, and serene landscapes. Begin your adventure in Tokyo, where futuristic skyscrapers sit alongside ancient temples. Wander the peaceful streets of Kamakura and learn the rhythms of tradition in a Taiko drumming class. Travel through the picturesque mountains of Nagano to see the famous snow monkeys, then continue to Kanazawa for its well-preserved samurai and geisha districts. Explore the sacred temples and bamboo groves of Kyoto before returning to Tokyo. With scenic train rides, immersive cultural experiences, and expert guides along the way, this journey offers the perfect blend of heritage, nature, and modern-day marvels.

Legend For Meals: **B** - Breakfast, **BR** - Brunch, **L** - Lunch, **D** - Dinner



DAY 1 Your Journey Begins in Tokyo



Arrive at Narita Airport and meet your English-speaking assistant who will escort you by private car to your hotel and assist with any questions you might have. Settle into your hotel in the bustling Shinjuku district and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to relax or start exploring Tokyo's vibrant neighbourhoods. (Overnight in Tokyo)

Accommodation Options

Keio Plaza Hotel



DAY 2 Tokyo



Join your guide for a full-day journey through Tokyo's dynamic mix of modern culture and timeless tradition. Begin with a hands-on Taiko drumming experience, then ascend Tokyo Skytree for sweeping views over the metropolis. Explore Tokyo Character Street, a haven of quirky souvenirs and themed shops, before heading to Harajuku to soak up the youthful fashion scene and buzzing street culture. (Overnight in Tokyo) **B**

Accommodation Options

Keio Plaza Hotel



DAY 3 Day Trip to Kamakura



Travel by public transport with your guide to the historic coastal city of Kamakura. Visit the famous Great Buddha at Kotoku-in Temple, wander the peaceful gardens of Hase Temple, and explore the sacred grounds of Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine. Stroll along the lively Komachi Street, lined with traditional shops and food stalls, before returning to Tokyo in the evening. (Overnight in Tokyo) **B**

Accommodation Options

Keio Plaza Hotel



DAY 4 Tokyo to Nagano



Meet your assistant for a private transfer to Tokyo Station, then board the Shinkansen for a high-speed journey through the Japanese Alps to Nagano. Upon arrival, an assistant will accompany you by public transport to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure, discovering Nagano's peaceful streets or relaxing at your hotel. (Overnight in Nagano) **B**

Accommodation Options

Hotel Metropolitan Nagano



DAY 5 Day Trip to Jigokudani Snow Monkey Park



Venture deep into the scenic mountains with your guide for a full-day visit to Jigokudani Monkey Park. Travel by express train to Yudanaka, followed by a short journey to the park where you can observe Japanese macaques soaking in natural hot springs. Surrounded by forested hills, this rare wildlife encounter offers a truly unforgettable experience. Return to Nagano in the evening. (Overnight in Nagano) **B**

Accommodation Options

Hotel Metropolitan Nagano



DAY 6 Nagano to Kanazawa



After breakfast, meet your assistant at the hotel for a public transport transfer to Nagano Station. Board the Shinkansen for your journey west to Kanazawa, known for its Edo-era charm and beautifully preserved districts. On arrival, walk with your assistant to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (Overnight in Kanazawa) **B**

Accommodation Options

Hyatt Centric Kanazawa



DAY 7 Kanazawa



Explore Kanazawa's cultural gems with your guide on a full-day tour by public transport. Begin at Kenrokuen, one of Japan's most celebrated gardens, and nearby Kanazawa Castle. Then delve into the city's samurai past at Nomura House in Nagamachi and wander the atmospheric Higashi-Chaya geisha district, known for its wooden teahouses and traditional architecture. (Overnight in Kanazawa) **B**

Accommodation Options

Hyatt Centric Kanazawa



DAY 8

Kanazawa to Kyoto By Train and Half-Day Tour Of Arashiyama



This morning, meet your assistant and arrange for your main luggage to be sent ahead to Kyoto via Takkyubin courier service, arriving the following evening – please prepare an overnight bag for today’s journey. After a short walk to the station, board the Shinkansen to Tsuruga, then transfer to the Limited Express Thunderbird to Kyoto. On arrival, meet your guide for a half-day exploration of Arashiyama, a tranquil district known for its natural beauty. Visit the UNESCO-listed Tenryuji Temple, stroll through the otherworldly Sagano Bamboo Grove, cross the scenic Togetsu Bridge, and enjoy the serene gardens and panoramic views at Okouchi Sanso Villa before checking in at your hotel. (Overnight in Kyoto) **B**

Accommodation Options

The Thousand Kyoto



DAY 9 Kyoto



Discover Kyoto's timeless beauty with your guide on a full-day tour of the city's most iconic landmarks. Admire the golden reflection of Kinkakuji Temple, then continue to the historic grounds of Nijo Castle. Marvel at the thousand life-sized statues at Sanjusangendo Hall, walk through the vibrant grounds of Heian Shrine, and end your day at the hillside Kiyomizu Temple with sweeping views over the city. (Overnight in Kyoto) **B**

Accommodation Options

The Thousand Kyoto



DAY 10 Kyoto to Tokyo



After breakfast, meet your assistant for a private car transfer to Kyoto Station and board the Shinkansen for your return to Tokyo. Upon arrival, an assistant will greet you at the platform and escort you by private car to your hotel. Spend your final evening in the capital enjoying a meal, shopping, or simply soaking up the city lights. (Overnight in Tokyo) **B**

Accommodation Options

Keio Plaza Hotel



DAY 11 Your Journey Ends in Tokyo

Check out of your hotel and transfer by private car with your assistant to Narita Airport for your return flight home. **B**



Trip Highlights

- Learn traditional rhythms with a Taiko drumming class in Tokyo
- Ascend to panoramic heights at Tokyo Skytree
- Stroll historic shrines and temples in Kamakura and Kyoto
- Witness the famous Snow Monkeys in Jigokudani Monkey Park
- Ride the iconic Shinkansen bullet train across Japan
- Wander the picturesque samurai and geisha districts of Kanazawa
- Walk among towering bamboo in Arashiyama
- Marvel at Kyoto's Golden Pavilion and Kiyomizu Temple

What's Included

- Rail travel in Green Class as per itinerary
- 4 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast in Tokyo
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast in Nagano
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast in Kanazawa
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast in Kyoto
- Full-Day Private Sightseeing Tour of Tokyo by public transport
- Full-Day Private Sightseeing Tour of Kamakura by public transport from Tokyo
- Full-Day Private Snow Monkey Tour by public transport from Nagano
- Full-Day Private Sightseeing Tour of Kanazawa by public transport

- Half-Day Private Sightseeing Tour of Arashiyama by public transport from Kyoto
- Full-Day Private Sightseeing Tour of Kyoto by public transport
- Hotel-to-Hotel luggage transfer from Kanazawa to Kyoto
- Private transfers and escorts with an English-speaking assistant throughout