

EXTENSION

# JAPAN

Tokyo



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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

## Japan's Futuristic Capital

If you plan to arrive in advance of the beginning of your Classic Journey, join us for this 2-day, 2-night exploration of Tokyo and the surrounding region. You'll go exploring in a suburban neighborhood that preserves the pre-war Japanese way of life and visit one of the vanishing breed of street markets. Then you'll see the spiritual face of the land on a daylong visit to Mt. Nokogiri, one of the country's most sacred sites just across the bay from the city. These fascinating days take you beyond the city's bustling modern veneer to reveal the roots of Japanese culture.

## DAY 1

### TOKYO

- Arrive at Narita Airport
- Join your guide for a visit to Old Tokyo and street market

You'll be met in the airport's arrival hall by an assistant who will show you to a private vehicle for the transfer to your hotel.

This afternoon, we'll step beyond the super-modern metropolis to Yanaka, a neighborhood that survived WW II intact. It's a rare opportunity to experience the atmosphere of pre-war Tokyo with its old temples and shrines, one of the city's oldest Buddhist cemeteries as well as traditional shops selling Japanese paper and sweets.

We'll also go for a guided stroll in Ueno Park, a popular site for cherry blossom parties in Tokyo. Originally part of Kaneiji Temple, a family temple of the ruling Tokugawa clan during the Edo Period, the grounds attract locals and your guide will show you its favorite attractions.

To round out your introduction to Tokyo, we visit Ueno's Ameyoko-cho, a busy street market underneath the train lines. This bustling market is the last of its kind in Tokyo, and is filled with shops and stalls selling fresh fish, dried food and spices.

For dinner on your own tonight, enjoy one of the hotel's fine restaurants or step out into the city for a culinary adventure.

**OVERNIGHT: TOKYO**

## DAY 2

### MT. NOKOGIRI

- Take the path to the top of Mt. Nokogiri
- Walk among statues of Buddha at Nihon-ji Temple

After a leisurely breakfast, we journey to the opposite of Tokyo Bay to the sacred sawtooth mountain known as Nokogiri in Chiba Prefecture. In total contrast to the city, today we'll follow winding forested paths serenaded by birds to the mountain's top. The precipice at the top is Jigoku Nozoki, and though that translates as "the View of Hell," it's really a heavenly scene before you as you look over the rolling expanse of the Boso Peninsula, Tokyo Bay and maybe even Mt. Fuji.

The mountain served as a quarry, and the trails take us past perfectly flat walls, where the stonecutters left their names and marks so long ago. We'll see the towering Hyaku-Shaku Kannon Buddha, carved directly into the rock face. And we'll visit the Nihon-ji Temple complex, founded in 725. Stone paths and staircases criss-cross the mountain and wind around clusters of Buddhist statues. The grandest of them all is an 18th century seated Buddha that is 100 feet high.

For a final burst of high-altitude scenery, enjoy the views as we descend via the ropeway tram for the drive back to our hotel.

**OVERNIGHT: TOKYO**  
**MEALS: B**

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## Tour Hotels



### Conrad Tokyo

Located near the Ginza, heart of the city, this glamorous contemporary hotel overlooks magnificent views of Tokyo's skyline. The luxurious guest rooms are decorated in minimalist Japanese design. The property has a variety of fine restaurants and a spa.

**OVERNIGHT: TOKYO | NIGHTS: 2**

## Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
April 11-13, 2020	\$2,695	\$3,790
May 16-18, 2020	\$2,695	\$3,790
September 5-7, 2020	\$2,695	\$3,790
November 7-9, 2020	\$2,795	\$3,890
April 10-12, 2021	\$2,895	\$3,990
May 15-17, 2021	\$2,795	\$3,890
September 4-6, 2021	\$2,795	\$3,890
November 6-8, 2021	\$2,895	\$3,990

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## Trip Essentials

**TRIP LENGTH:** 2 Days, 2 Nights

**START:** 1:00 PM Tokyo hotel lobby, Tokyo, Japan

**END:** 5:00 PM Tokyo hotel lobby, Tokyo, Japan

**TERRAIN:** Easy to moderate on good trails with some hills and steps, and city sidewalks.

## What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 2 nights
- 1 breakfast
- Full-time experienced guide
- Admissions to sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- All land transportation during the trip including arrival transfer from Narita Airport

## Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Invisible Check-In**
- **Privileged Access Events**

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### AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to a [whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

### ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

\*\*Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.



# THE SUN RISES ON JAPAN

**WONDER IF YOU'LL LIKE JAPAN?  
OUR IN-HOUSE EXPERT LOVED IT SO MUCH THAT HER "VISIT" LASTED 3 YEARS!**

Kristin Frick has the travel bug, the kind of incurable itch that landed her at Classic Journeys as our Senior Guest Services Coordinator. When Japan began to show up on our radar as a most-requested destination, she raised her hand and said, "Dekimasu!" or "I can do it!" Given that she lived and taught

English in Japan for three years, asking her to handcraft the itinerary was a no-brainer. Kristin's firsthand knowledge and passion for Japan guarantee you a remarkably well thought out experience.



#### WHY DID YOU MOVE TO JAPAN?

I'd been living and teaching in France, but it was difficult to get a visa. So I made a leap to Japan, where getting a visa was not a problem, as they bring native-speaking English speakers into classrooms. My planned six-month stay lasted three years!

#### IS THE COUNTRY AS INSULAR AS THEY SAY?

It can definitely be an insular society. I couldn't communicate at all, so I had to jump in and learn quickly. I got to know the people and culture very well through teaching English. What really stands out was that I taught older people in addition to kids. It was fascinating to get to know them and hear their stories from growing up, in some cases before WWII. It gave me a new perspective on their history and culture that we don't get in the United States.

#### HOW DID YOU TRANSLATE YOUR EXPERIENCES INTO THE NEW CLASSIC JOURNEYS TRIP?

First, I knew that you absolutely need connections with local people. Because it's a safe country, people are tempted to go on their own, but you miss the real Japan by doing that. I wanted to replicate unique things I did there, like going to generations-old farms or visiting tea plantations. We also go to Tokyo Sky Tree, which is one of the biggest buildings. It's an ancient society rich in tradition and

history, but it's also hyper-new, with bright lights, big cities and a wild and crazy urban energy. I want our guests to see and feel that old/new dichotomy.

#### WHY SHOULD TRAVELERS GO TO JAPAN NOW?

In practical terms, the U.S. dollar is strong against the yen, so we can offer great value. Even though Japan is far away, it's easy to get there on the many nonstop flights from American cities. The art, architecture and food are all on a level that's light years beyond anywhere else. The food, in particular, is incredible. Japanese restaurants have more Michelin stars than any other country in the world!

#### WHAT DOES CLASSIC JOURNEYS PROVIDE THAT TRAVELERS CAN'T GET ANYWHERE ELSE?

We have a unique bento-box approach to this trip that's very different. Our core itinerary explores Tokyo, the countryside near Mount Fuji, and Kyoto. We stay in an especially beautiful hotel at Mount Fuji that has stunning views. Kyoto is a more traditional city, a perfect counter-balance to ultra-modern Tokyo. The bento box idea is to offer an add-on post-tour extension to Hiroshima, a pre-tour itinerary for Tokyo, and an optional mid-tour hike up Mount Fuji. Each guest can do all of them, none of them or any combination. Everything is high quality, pre-designed and easy. Not every visitor can say that about their travels in Japan, but I know that ours will!

#### ■ SAMPLE OUR BENTO BOX

It's easy to customize our 7-day/6-night Japan trip to your taste. The itinerary includes time in Tokyo, Hakone near the base of Mt. Fuji, and Kyoto. You can also add on any or all of these carefully crafted Japanese experiences to enhance your visit.

#### ■ TOKYO PRE-TRIP

Visit Old Tokyo and Mt. Nokogiri, the sacred peak overlooking Tokyo Bay (2 days/2 nights)

#### ■ HIROSHIMA POST-TRIP

Experience Peace Memorial Park, the miniature landscapes of Shukkeien Garden and Miyajima Island (3 days/2 nights)

#### ■ MOUNT FUJI CLIMB

A mid-trip option (September departure only) to ascend Mt. Fuji with one night at the rustic 8th Station before reaching the summit.