

Gregory Loton Escorts Alpha Travel's Exclusive

Chasing Japan's Autumn Leaves Tour

16th - 30th November 2019



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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Return Economy Class fares on Singapore Airlines including ticket taxes (Business Class upgrade available upon request).
- Travel from Perth with your Alpha Travel escort.
- Spend 14 nights in Japan staying at quality hotels in central locations.
- Admire Japan's spectacular autumn leaves as you travel through Honshu, Japan's main island.
- Travel with your guide and escort in comfort by train and private coach.
- Discover some of Japan's most significant temples and gardens under a canopy of glorious autumn leaves.
- Stop at Himeji to admire Japan's largest and most spectacular castle.
- Visit the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima as well as the beautiful island of Miyajima to view the floating Torii gate.
- Wander around the charming mountain villages of Gokayama and Takayama.
- Appreciate the symmetry and majesty of Mt Fuji as you explore the resort town of Hakone.
- Take advantage of the extra free days to explore Osaka and Tokyo at leisure.
- Enjoy a range of dining options throughout the tour.

Sat, 16/Nov 2019 | Fly in

Arrive in Osaka for 4 nights, you will be transferred by coach to your hotel and the start of your gorgeous Autumn Tour of Japan.

Sun, 17/Nov 2019 | Osaka (B, L)

Spend today discovering Osaka's city sights including Osaka Castle and Floating Observatory on your included city tour.

Included breakfast and lunch.

Mon, 18/Nov | Osaka – Kyoto – Osaka (B, L, D)

This morning, travel to Kyoto to enjoy a full day of sightseeing. On your tour, you will visit some of the most famous sites including the Golden Pavilion, Shimogamo-jinja and Sanjusangendo. Lunch and Dinner with a maiko performance is included in today's activities.

Included breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Tue, 19/Nov | Osaka (B, L)

Free day to explore Osaka at leisure. Alternatively, you may want to revisit Kyoto or discover Nara, Japan's ancient capital. Both these historic places are just half an hour away from Osaka using Japan's efficient and affordable public transport system.

Included breakfast and lunch.

Wed, 20/Nov | Osaka – Himeji – Hiroshima (B, L)

In the morning, depart for Hiroshima by shinkansen (bullet train) on the tour. Along the way, you will stop at Himeji to visit Himeji Castle, a World Heritage listed site and the finest example of Japanese Castle architecture. Then continue onto Hiroshima, the city forever remembered as the site of impact from the world's first atomic bomb. Your large bag will be sent onto Takayama.

2 nights in Hiroshima

Included breakfast and lunch.

Thu, 21/Nov | Hiroshima – Miyajima – Hiroshima (B, L)

Today, your tour will take you to some of the major sights of the charming city of Hiroshima, including a short ferry ride to Miyajima Island and the Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, a World Heritage listed site. This afternoon, you will visit the Peace Memorial Park and the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome.

Included breakfast and lunch.



Fri, 22/Nov | Hiroshima - Kanazawa (B, L)

This morning, you will travel to Kanazawa city by shinkansen and Limited Express Train. In the afternoon, your Kanazawa city tour will take you to Higashi Chayagai and Kenroku-en Garden – one of Japan's three most beautiful gardens. On the tour, you will also visit Nagamachi Buke Yashiki and Omicho Market.

1 night in Kanazawa.

Included breakfast and lunch.

Sat, 23/Nov | Kanazawa – Gokayama – Takayama (B, L)

Today, travel by coach visiting the charming rural town of Gokayama, a World Heritage listed area and experience Japanese paper making. Then continue on the private coach to Takayama.

2 nights in Takayama.

Included breakfast and lunch.

Sun, 24/Nov | Takayama (B, L, D)

Today, your tour will take you to some famous sights in Takayama including the Hida Folk Village, an open-air museum exhibiting over 30 traditional houses from the region, Matsuri-no-mori and San-machi, a traditional Japanese village area and Takayama Jinya. You will have time to explore this historic area of Takayama's old town at leisure. A small three lane area is filled with old wooden buildings consisting of sake breweries, small boutiques and some larger merchant houses which are now museums. Dinner at a hida beef restaurant in Takayama town.

Included breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Mon, 25/Nov | Takayama – Hakone (B, L, D)

Today depart for Takayama via Nagoya on the Limited Express Train and shinkansen and arrive at the beautiful mountainside town of Hakone. Your large bag will be sent onto Tokyo.

1 night in Hakone.

Included breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Tue, 26/Nov | Hakone - Mt Fuji - Tokyo (B, L)

Today embark on a full day sightseeing tour of Hakone. View majestic Mt Fuji from afar and then head to Tokyo, Japan's exciting capital city.

4 nights in Tokyo.

Included breakfast and lunch.

Wed, 27/Nov | Tokyo (B, L)

Free day to explore Tokyo, one of the world's largest and most cosmopolitan cities at leisure. Your expert escort and guide can help plan your own itinerary to suit.

Included breakfast and lunch.

Thu, 28/Nov | Tokyo (B, L)

Today join your included full day sightseeing tour of Tokyo. You will visit some of the major sights including the Tokyo Sky Tree with 360 panoramic views of the city, Tsukiji Outer Fish Markets and Asakusa Kannon Temple, Tokyo's most famous Buddhist Temple. Drive by some famous shopping districts such as Ginza and Akihabara. The day will conclude early evening where you will have the rest of the evening free to explore the nightlife of Tokyo.

Included breakfast and lunch.

Fri, 29/Nov | Tokyo (B, L, D)

Free day for final shopping and sightseeing before your last meal together.

Included breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Sat, 30/Nov | Perth (B) - End of Itinerary

Depart Tokyo in the morning for your journey home.

Included breakfast.



EXCLUSIVE TOUR COST:

TWIN ROOM • \$11,740 PER PERSON
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT • \$2,185

YOUR EXCLUSIVE ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES:

- Return Economy Class fares on Singapore Airlines. (Business Class upgrade available upon request).
- Accommodation for 14 nights at central 4-star properties.
- Daily breakfast and lunch (including bento boxes) plus 4 group dinners.
- Transfers on tour.
- Train trips on tour.
- Touring and admission to stated sites as per the itinerary.
- Australian escort from Perth.
- Japanese tour escort on the tour.
- Local guides.
- Tipping.

WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THE TOUR:

- Cost of comprehensive travel insurance which is compulsory.
- All items and expenditure of a personal nature including meals, beverages, admission Transport fees not included on the tour, plus gratuities, laundry & shopping.
- All passport fees.

NOTES:

- Travel insurance is compulsory for this tour at the time of deposit.
- A good level of fitness is required on this tour. This involves walking and climbing stairs.
- Your large bags will be sent separately from Osaka to Takayama and from Takayama to Tokyo. You will need to pack a small overnight bag for the days and nights in between.
- Daily schedule is subject to change due to weather, transport or unforeseen circumstances.
- Price is based on 15 persons participating. If numbers fall below this number, then the price will have to be adjusted accordingly.
- Double bedding on request only.

- Non-smoking rooms may not be available at some properties in which case the rooms will be deodorised.
- Single rooms are subject to supplementary charges and rooms are limited.
- Some restaurants may not cater for dietary requirements.
- Tour escorts are not able to assist participants with disabilities or special needs.
- We reserve the right to refuse participation on this tour if it is considered that such participation is likely to impose hardship on persons on this tour.
- We are happy to organise a more suitable tour for travellers with special needs.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Once your reservation is confirmed, a non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 per person is required within 7 days.

A signed booking form is also required.

Final payment is due on 9th August 2019. Payments by credit cards incur a Surcharge.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations prior to 9th August 2019 – loss of deposit.

Cancellations after 9th August 2019 – 100% cancellation fee.

TOUR PRICES:

Costs are based on a minimum on 15 passengers travelling together.

Alpha Travel reserves the right to re-cost the tour should minimum numbers not be met.

Tour prices are based on rates, taxes and exchange rates current at the time of printing. These are subject to change without notice until final payment has been made.

Hotels can be subject to change depending on availability and circumstances beyond our control.

If, for any unforeseeable reason, the advertised tour director is unable to escort the tour, an alternative tour escort will be provided by Alpha Travel.

TERMS & CONDITIONS Please refer to the booking form for full Terms & Conditions.

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