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Japan’s Landscapes End Kyoto

An 11-day escorted journey with Europamundo · Go English

GUARANTEED GROUP DEPARTURE

Monday 29 March 2027

Tour begins in Tokyo, Japan · 11 days · Ends in Kyoto

Discover Japan

Experience the contrast between modern city life and centuries-old traditions on this escorted group tour. From Tokyo’s landmark sights and Kyoto’s temples to Hiroshima, Miyajima and the spiritual landscapes of Mount Koya, the route reveals a rich variety of Japanese culture, scenery and history.

Your day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1 · MONDAY 29 MARCH 2027

Arrive in Tokyo

Arrive in Japan and transfer to your hotel by shared shuttle. The remainder of the day is at leisure, giving you time to settle in and begin discovering Tokyo at your own pace.

DAY 2 · TUESDAY

Discover Tokyo

Enjoy a guided city tour featuring Zojoji Temple, views of Tokyo Tower, Shibuya Crossing, Meiji Shrine, Tokyo Skytree, Asakusa and Senso-ji Temple. In the evening, explore the lively Shinjuku district with your guide and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3 · WEDNESDAY

Tokyo to Kyoto by bullet train

Travel by high-speed train to Kyoto. Explore the former imperial capital, including the Golden Pavilion (Kinkaku-ji), the Imperial Palace area and Fushimi Inari Shrine. Continue to the traditional Gion district, known for its historic streets and geisha heritage.

DAY 4 · THURSDAY

Kyoto, Nara and Osaka

Visit Nara’s impressive Todai-ji Temple and its famous Great Buddha, with time to see the deer in Nara Park. Continue to Horyu-ji Temple, one of Japan’s important historic Buddhist sites, before travelling to Osaka. In the evening, discover the colourful Dotonbori area.

DAY 5 · FRIDAY

Himeji Castle and Okayama

Travel to Himeji to visit its celebrated castle, a masterpiece of Japanese architecture. Continue to Okayama and stroll through Korakuen, one of Japan’s renowned landscape gardens. Depending on operational arrangements, accommodation or the afternoon visit may be adjusted to a nearby city.

DAY 6 · SATURDAY

Kurashiki, Hiroshima and Miyajima

Explore the historic canal district of Kurashiki before visiting Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial area and Atomic Bomb Dome. Later, take a ferry to Miyajima Island to see the famous Itsukushima Shrine and its iconic torii gate. Dinner is included according to the published programme.

DAY 7 · SUNDAY

Across the Seto Inland Sea to Matsuyama

Take a scenic ferry journey to Shikoku Island and arrive in Matsuyama. Visit Matsuyama Castle and Ishite-ji Temple, an important Buddhist pilgrimage site. The day also includes a visit to Dogo Onsen, a traditional Japanese bathhouse.

DAY 8 · MONDAY

Kotohira, Takamatsu, Naruto and Kobe

Visit Kotohira’s Shinto shrine area, then continue to Takamatsu to explore Ritsurin Garden. At Naruto, discover the impressive bridge and viewpoint overlooking the sea whirlpools, which depend on tide conditions. Continue across the region’s bridges to the coastal city of Kobe.

DAY 9 · TUESDAY

Kobe and sacred Mount Koya

Learn about Kobe’s recovery from the 1995 earthquake, with the specific museum or city visit subject to the operator’s arrangements. Continue to Mount Koya, a major centre of Japanese Shingon Buddhism. Visit sacred sites including Okunoin and Kongobu-ji, then stay overnight in a temple-style accommodation where available. Dinner is vegetarian.

DAY 10 · WEDNESDAY

Mount Koya to Kyoto

Enjoy breakfast before travelling back to Kyoto. The rest of the day is free to explore independently, revisit favourite places or discover more of Kyoto’s temples, gardens and traditional neighbourhoods.

DAY 11 · THURSDAY

Departure from Kyoto

Breakfast at the hotel, then the end of the escorted tour. Please arrange onward travel from Kyoto according to your flight or extension plans.

Flights from the UK

International flights are not included in the Europamundo land tour price and will be quoted separately by Exploratours. We can help arrange flights from the UK to arrive in Tokyo on the selected tour start date. Depending on flight schedules, departure from the UK will normally be on the previous calendar day. Flight routing, baggage, airport transfers and any additional hotel nights will be confirmed in your personalised quotation.

Important information

This brochure is a concise summary prepared by Exploratours from the published Europamundo 2026–27 programme. The detailed itinerary, visits, accommodation arrangements, inclusions and timings may be adjusted by the tour operator. The departure dates shown here have been supplied by Exploratours and should be reconfirmed at the time of enquiry. Prices, flight arrangements and availability are subject to confirmation before booking.

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