

GROUP ADVENTURES

Japan Backpacker Adventure 10D/9N

Bamba Authentic Backpacker

10 Days / 1 Country

Japan

Departure city: **Tokyo, Japan**

End city: **Kyoto, Japan**



HIGHLIGHTS

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- See the highlights of Tokyo and Kyoto
- Experience the timeless traditions of Japan
- Visit ancient temples and palaces
- Hike through the Arashiyama bamboo forest and the Arashiyama Monkey Park

,Immerse yourself in the amazing culture, culinary delights, technological wonders and enchanting natural beauty of Tokyo and Kyoto in this epic tour. Explore the many sides of Tokyo, learn to make sushi, visit ancient temples & palaces, chill on the beach, admire Mt. Fuji from a pirate ship, attend a geisha performance, travel in a bullet train, walk through a bamboo forest and more on this Japanese adventure.,

MAP



What is included



Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers



Accommodation: 9

- 9 nights shared accommodation



Transport: 4

- All transport on tour Boats and trains to Lake Ashi
- Train to Kamakura Bullet train Kyoto-Tokyo



Guides:

- English speaking guide

What is not included

- *Other Meals/Drinks
- *Optional Activities
- *Airport transfers
- *Travel Insurance
- *Tips for Guides
- *Personal Expenses

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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Please note, if you have a different kind of visa to the standard temporary visa then you will be liable to an additional charge for your JR Pass.

Please take note if you wish to use your own camera/phone to take photos and videos that is absolutely fine. However, the drones may not be allowed.

Itinerary

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan

Arrival and briefing, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building & Asakusa visit

Arrive in Tokyo and meet your Adventure Leader in the lobby of the hostel at 10 am for a Japan briefing. After dropping of you bags, head to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building to see the city from above. Have lunch in Shinjuku, and head to Asakusa to visit the iconic Sensō-Ji temple and its surrounding streets.

Optional: You can also have a drink on a nearby Hoppy Street or relax with the locals at a nearby bathhouse (460 JPY).

Finish the night with a glimpse of Japan's national obsession: baseball, at a local batting cage.

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan

Fish market & sushi making class, Akihabara visit

Start your day with a visit to the incredible fish market. Learn how to make sushi with a lesson from an expert and sample your creations! Later in the day, go to Akihabara, the "electric town", famous all around the world for its Anime and Manga, and for being the home of the J-Pop group AKB48. Then experience one of its peculiar maid cafes (around 2000 JPY for entry, food and drinks).

Optional: Real-life Mario Kart! Choose a costume and race through the streets of Tokyo! (£65) (PLEASE NOTE: to participate, you must secure an international driver permit valid in Japan BEFORE the start of the trip)

Day 3: Tokyo, Japan

Tokyo Imperial Palace Nijubashi Bridge and gardens, Harajuku and Shibuya Crossing

Start the day with a visit to the Tokyo Imperial Palace and its gardens, and the Nijubashi Bridge, and learn about the Imperial Family. Then continue towards the Harajuku area, the fashion district of the city, where you will see all kinds of people, from lolitas to punks. Then go to the famous Shibuya Crossing and pay a visit to the Hachiko Statue..

Optional: Stop by Cat Café MoCHA to make some furry friends while enjoying a cup of tea and slice of cake.

Day 4: Tokyo, Japan

Edo-Tokyo Museum and live sword demonstration in Tokyo's Samurai Museum

Today you will head to Ryōgoku, the Su,ō District, to discover Tokyo's history at Edo-Tokyo Museum. Later, you can visit the Sumo Museum, before learning about the art of Samurai and seeing a live sword demonstration in Tokyo's Samurai Museum.

Optional: Robot Show experience in the evening. (£55)

Day 5: Tokyo - Kamakura, Japan

Train to Kamakura & Free Time

Enjoy a delicious brunch in Tokyo before hopping on a train to Kamakura, Japan's medieval capital, and home to the first

shotguns.

After brunch in Tokyo, it's time to say goodbye to the modern capital and hop on a train to Kamakura – Japan's medieval capital and home to the first shoguns.

Optional: The hostel is moments from the beach, and you can relax on the sand or try your hand at surfing. Surfboard rental options nearby. (3000 JPY for a day)

Take some time to visit some of the town's ancient shrines, and then hike to the Kotoku-in Temple to see its 45 ft tall solid bronze Great Buddha. Then take another hike towards the Zeniarai Benzaiten Ugafuku Shrine, where locals go wash their money in a spring.

Go back to town and relax with a drink in a beachside bar as you see the sun go down.

Day 6: Kamaruka-Hakone, Japan

Lake Ashi boat tour, Old Tokaido Hike, Hakone Ropeway, and Japanese Outdoor Bath

Take some trains and buses to the splendid Lake Ashi. Once you get there, board a pirate ship! Cross the lake and enjoy the spectacular views of Mt. Fuji from the deck on a cloudless day.

Then hike along the Old Tokaido and have lunch near Moto-Hakone. Board the Hakone sightseeing cruise and later take the Hakone Ropeway to get to Owakudani. In this active volcanic zone you can try back eggs (a local delicacy coloured by the sulphuric water they're boiled in). Spend the rest of the day relaxing in the sulphuric water of an onsen, a traditional Japanese outdoor bath.

Note:

those with tattoos may not be able to enter onsen in Japan

Day 7: Hakone-Kyoto, Japan

Bullet Train to Kyoto and Free Time

Today you will take the amazing bullet train to Kyoto, city known for its history, temples, shrines and geishas. Travel 440 km across the country in little more than two hours. After your arrival in Kyoto, walk to the stunning Kiyomizu Dera temple and continue towards Kawaramachi. There you visit bars, jazz clubs and plenty of Izakaya pubs. You can also attend a live geisha performance which also features a tea ceremony, puppet show, traditional music, flower arranging and more. Wander through Pontocho alley and admire the quaint wood-panelled restaurants lit by lanterns.

Day 8: Kyoto, Japan

Hozugawa boat tour, Arashiyama Monkey Park & Arashiyama's Bamboo Forest treks

Today you will start the day with a two-hour boat trip down the Hozugawa River. Cruise through ravines and rapids on a wooden raft driven by guides, before heading to the Arashiyama Monkey Park. Climb up to enjoy the views of Kyoto and feed the monkeys.

Then visit the Tenryu-Ji Temple, one of the most important from the areas five great Zen temples, and its 14th century beautiful gardens. Later, hike through Kyoto's iconic Bamboo Forest, before joining in a calligraphy lesson. For dinner, enjoy some delicious Ramen.

Optional: In the evening, sing your heart out doing one of Japan's favourite pastimes – karaoke. As part of the price, you're able to drink as much as you like! The karaoke comes with a twist, but you'll have to come on the tour to find out what it is... (2100 JPY for 90 minutes)

Day 9: Kyoto, Japan

Kyoto Free Day

Enjoy a free day to explore Kyoto at your own pace. Some of the sights you can visit are the temples from the Philosopher's path, the International Manga Museum, or the Fushimi Inari Shrine, with its corridor of thousands of bright red gates.

Day 10: Kyoto, Japan

End of Trip

Check-out from your accommodation and say goodbye to Kyoto!

Be aware that the trip ends in Kyoto, so you might need to book extra transport to go to the airport in Osaka. Osaka Airport is 1 hour and 15 mins away approximately.

