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Monday · May 5th, 2025 - Thursday · May 22nd, 2025

17 Day Tailor-made Japan Holiday for Joan and Friends

Private Japan Tour of Tokyo, Takayama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Naoshima & Osaka

Monday · May 5th	Flight from San Francisco to Tokyo 10:30 AM (11 hr, 25 min) +1
Tuesday · May 6th	Tokyo Arrival Transfer (HND) Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu - Tokyo, Japan (4 Nights)
Wednesday · May 7th	Tokyo (Full Day City Tour with Ueno)
Thursday · May 8th	Tokyo (Free Day / Night Foodies Tour)
Friday · May 9th	Tokyo (Free Day at Leisure - Tokyo & Beyond)
Saturday · May 10th	Tokyo / Takayama (Unguided) Honjin Hiranoya Bekkan - Takayama, Japan (2 Nights)
Sunday · May 11th	Takayama (Free Day at Leisure)
Monday · May 12th	Takayama / Shirakawa-go / Gokayama / Kanazawa Mitsui Garden Hotel Kanazawa (2 Nights)
Tuesday · May 13th	Kanazawa (Full Day City Tour with Tea Ceremony at Gyokusen-Tei)
Wednesday · May 14th	Kanazawa / Kyoto (Unguided) Dhawa Yura Kyoto - Kyoto, Japan (4 Nights)

Thursday · May 15th	Kyoto (Full Day Tour - Kiyomizu, Yasaka Shrine, Gion, Nijo Castle & Museum of Crafts & Design)
Friday · May 16th	Kyoto (Half Day Western Kyoto Tour by Bicycle)
Saturday · May 17th	Kyoto (Free Day at Leisure - Kyoto & Beyond)
Sunday · May 18th	Kyoto / Naoshima Island My Lodge Naoshima (3 Nights)
Monday · May 19th	Naoshima (Free Day at Leisure)
Tuesday · May 20th	Naoshima (Free at leisure)
Wednesday · May 21st	Naoshima / Okayama / Osaka (Unguided) Frasier Residence Nankai Hotel (1 Night)
Thursday · May 22nd	Osaka Departure Transfer Flight from Osaka to San Francisco 4:55 PM (10 hr, 5 min)
Itinerary Notes	Legal Notice

Pre Travel

Tour Summary (Tokyo, Takayama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Naoshima & Osaka)

- Rail Tickets between Tokyo / Takayama Kanazawa / Kyoto / Oakayama / Shin Osaka
- 4 nights at Shibuya Excel Hotel Hotel in Tokyo (Standard Room)
- 2 nights at Ryokan Honjin Hiranoya Bekkan in Takayama (Superior Japanese Room, Riverview)
- 2 nights at Mitsui Garden Hotel in Kanazawa (Standard Room)
- 4 nights at Dhawa Yura Hotel in Kyoto (Superior Room)
- 3 nights at MyLodge Naoshima (Superior Sea View Room)
- 1 night at Frasier Residence Nankai in Osaka (Studio Deluxe Room)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- 1 Kaiseki Dinner during Roykan stay in Takayama
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure by private vehicle
- Sightseeing by private guide with use of public transportation (except Shirakawa-go / Gokayama tour on May 12)
- Separate Baggage Transfer (4 pcs) between Tokyo / Takayama Kanazawa / Kyoto / Osaka

Monday · May 5th

San Francisco, San Francisco International Airport to Tokyo, Tokyo Haneda International Airport

United Airlines (UA)

UA875 Carrier/Flight	10:30 AM SFO •	1:55 PM +1 HND •	11 hr, 25 min Duration
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Notes

Flight on passengers' own arrangements

Tuesday · May 6th

Tokyo Arrival Transfer (HND)

Welcome to Tokyo! Renowned for its vivacious energy and arguably the planet's most modern metropolis, Tokyo is an absolute sensory overload for first-time and frequent visitors alike. It boasts an electrifying cityscape of contrasts, between the old and the new, the traditional and the modern. Experience cutting-edge technology, exquisite cuisine, and serene gardens. Tokyo is a city where ancient culture meets futuristic trends, offering a unique and unforgettable urban adventure.

Upon arrival at Tokyo Haneda Airport (HND), be met and transferred to your hotel in the city center. Enjoy the balance of the day exploring the local area surrounding your hotel or simply rest up for your upcoming days of adventure!

Note: Airport transfers is without accompanying guide.



Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu - Tokyo, Japan

81 3-5457-0109

1-12-2, Dogenzaka, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 150-0043

May 06

Check In

May 10

Check Out

4 Nights

Duration

High-rise Hotel located downtown, close to Meiji Shrine.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: N/A

Accommodations: Shibuya Excel Hotel (Standard Room)

Wednesday · May 7th



Tokyo (Full Day City Tour with Ueno)

Today, enjoy a private tour of several of Tokyo's must-sees. Visit Meiji Jingu Shrine, Tokyo's most famous Shinto Shrine dedicated to the late 19th-century emperor who opened Japan to the West, home to a 40-foot-high torii gate and a 200-acre park made of 1,500-year-old cypress. Next, proceed to Tsukiji Market, the former site of the world's largest fish market, now a vibrant marketplace filled with produce and seafood stands and sushi joints. Continue to Tokyo's oldest Buddhist Temple at Senso-ji in Asakusa followed by a stroll thru its colorful Nakamise Shopping Street.

Last stop of the day is Ueno famed for its Ueno Park comprised temples & shrines, museums, and a zoo. Afterwards, take a stroll through nearby Ameya-Yokocho market that boasts an array of local eats and fresh seafood stands. Return to your hotel. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Shibuya Excel Hotel (Standard Room)

Thursday · May 8th



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Full day free at leisure to relax and explore Tokyo on your own. Later this afternoon, head to Shinjuku for a night out of food and fun. Here, we'll sample an assortment of yakitori, a bowl of ramen and cold drinks at several joints known only by the locals. Later, drop off at an Izakaya (Japanese pub) where you and enjoy the rest of evening on your own. (B,D)

Pick-up time (for night Foodies Tour): 5pm at hotel lobby

Suggested visits while on your own include:

- Food Spots: Omoide Yokocho Yakitori Alley & Golden Gai (Shinjuku), Ebisu Yokocho, Ameyoko Market (Ueno), Tokyo Ramen Town (Tokyo Station)
- Park & Gardens: Imperial Palace East Garden, Shinjuku Gyoen
- Shopping, eating & nightlife: Ginza, Shinjuku, Shibuya
- Amine & Electronics: Akihabara & Ikebukuro:
- Museums: [Japanese Sword Museum](#), [Mirakan - National Museum of Science & Innovation](#); [Teamlab Planets*](#) / [Teamlab Borderless](#) (Digital Art*); Nezu Museum (Japanese Art Museum with private garden); Mori Art Museum (modern art) and [others as recommended by Conde Nast](#)
- [Shimokitazawa](#): hip district known for alternative music, vintage clothing shops, local restaurants/bars
- Harajuku: famed for its Japanese Youth Pop Culture & [Takeshita-dori street](#)

Note: *Advanced reservations at Teamlab Museums for specific time slots are required.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Shibuya Excel Hotel (Standard Room)

Friday · May 9th



Tokyo (Free Day at Leisure - Tokyo & Beyond)

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Tokyo: Full day free at leisure to explore Tokyo and nearby towns/cities on your own. (B)

Places to visit outside Tokyo Include:

- [Kawagoe Ancient Town](#): quaint heritage town located approx. 40 minutes outside the city
- [Kamakura](#): famed for its Great Buddha, Temples/Shrines and the Komachi-dori street
- Enjoy hiking in [Mt Takao](#) (1 hour outside Tokyo)
- [Yokohama](#): famed for food, Chinatown and City Vibes (30 minutes from Tokyo)

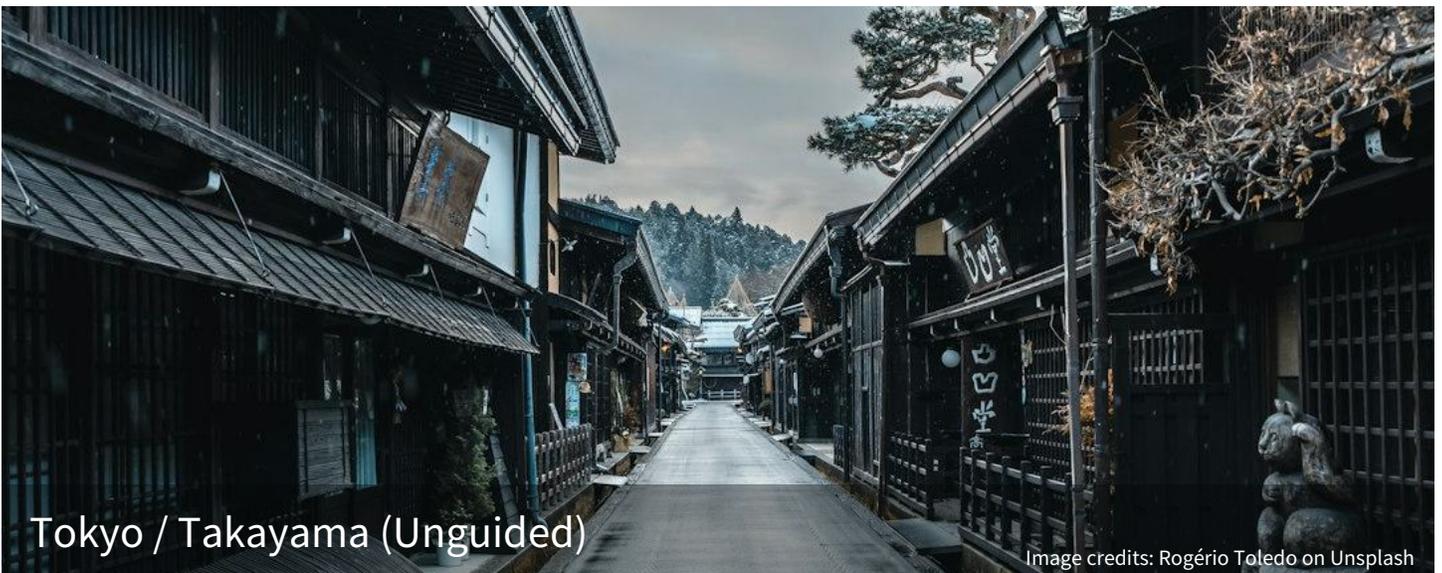
Note: Today's program is without guide

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Shibuya Excel Hotel (Standard Room)

Saturday · May 10th



Tokyo / Takayama (Unguided)

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This morning, make your way to Shinagawa Station by taxi for your train journey to Takayama (requires transfer at Nagoya Station), a heritage town steeped in rich history and nestled amidst stunning mountain scenery of the Japan Alps.

Upon arrival, proceed to your ryokan by foot (10-15 minutes), located in the heart of Takayama town. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon strolling Takayama's beautiful Old Town on your own. A traditional Kiseki Dinner is served at your ryokan this evening. (B,D)

Pick-up Time: (Takayama Hotel Shuttle): At Takayama Station (ticket get). Please look for driver/representative holding "HONJIN HIRANOYA" sign.

How to Get There:

- Hotel > Shinagawa Station: by Taxi or (approx. 30 minutes) by local JR Train
- Shinagawa Sta. > Nagoya: Nozomi 63
- Nagoya > Takayama: Hida 7

Note: Passengers are to make their own way to Takayama. A change of trains/platforms is required at Nagoya Station between Shinkansen and JR Express Trains. Please refer to [Nagoya Station Map HERE](#) for reference.

Baggage Transfer (Tokyo / Takayama)

Baggage transfer (4 pcs) between Tokyo and Takayama will be arranged (please leave your bags with bell stand at checkout). Bags will be transferred to your hotel in Takayama the next day. Please bring easy-to-carry bags (suitable for touring if possible) for your first night's stay in Takayama.

Rail · Shinagawa Sta. / Nagoya

9:55 AM Departure May 10	11:25 AM Arrival May 10	2hr 30min Duration	
Departure Location Shinagawa Station	Arrival Location Nagoya	Train Number NOZOMI 65	Train Type Shinkansen

Rail · Nagoya / Takayama (Hida 9)

11:43 AM Departure May 10	2:18 PM Arrival May 10	2hr 35min Duration	
Departure Location Nagoya	Arrival Location Takayama	Train Number HIDA 9	Train Type JR Limited Express

Notes

Transfer is required at Nagoya Station between Shinkansen to JR Train (located in different sections of train station)



Honjin Hiranoya Bekkan - Takayama, Japan

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1-5 Honmachi, Takayama, Japan 506-0011

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May 10

Check In

May 12

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Ryokan Honjin Hiranoya Bekkan (Superior Japanese Room, River View)

Sunday · May 11th

Takayama (Free Day at Leisure)

Takayama: Full day at leisure to explore Takayama and nearby cultural and scenic sights on your own. (B)

Pick-up Time: N/A (Today's program is without guide)

Suggested visits while on your own include:

- Takayama Morning Market (must do!)
- Takayama Jinya: Beautifully preserved government house during the Edo Period dating back to the 1600s.
- Yatai Kaikan (Float Festival Museum)
- [Kusakabe House](#): Old Merchants House and Folk Museum
- Takayama Museum of Art
- [Hida Furukawa](#): a charming Japanese town known for its traditional houses, Koi-filled quiet canals and picturesque setting located just 20 minutes by train from Takayama
- Traditional Japanese Drum Performance at Ryokan Kaminaka
- [Kamakochi Nature Preserve](#) (approx. 1 hour by bus): beautiful alpine scenic area suitable for easy hikes at varying distances.
- Traditional Japanese Drum Performance at [Ryokan Kaminaka](#)

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Ryokan Honjin Hiranoya Bekkan (Superior Japanese Room, River View)

Monday · May 12th



After breakfast, depart Takayama by road for Shirakawa-go, a UNESCO World Heritage site, famed for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses some dating 250 years back. Gassho-zukuri translates as 'Praying Hands', as the farmhouses' steep thatched roofs resemble the hands of Buddhist monks pressed together in prayer, and are designed to withstand the heavy snowfalls in this mountainous region.

Afterwards, continue to nearby Gokayama, yet another gassho village and an UNESCO World Heritage Site, that boasts an even more authentic and rustic atmosphere due to its smaller size and remote location where you can enjoy a Washi Paper-making workshop, one of Japan's Traditional Crafts with a history of over 1,000 years. Continue by road to Kanazawa and check-in to your hotel. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Tip: For your evening in Kanazawa, head out to the Katamachi-Korinbo District (10 minutes by foot) for a night out of food, shopping and izakaya hopping.



May 12

Check In

May 14

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Mitsui Garden Hotel Kanazawa (Moderate Twin)

Tuesday · May 13th



Today, enjoy a tour of Kanazawa's must sees starting with Kanazawa Castle, the seat of the powerful Maeda Clan from 1583 to the end of the Edo Period. The castle burnt down several times over the centuries and was later rebuilt. On the grounds of Kanazawa castle lies Kenroku-en Garden, one of Japan's three most beautiful traditional garden. Afterwards, enjoy a private Tea Ceremony at the oldest tea house in Kanazawa in [Gyokusen-Tei](#) set in a serene Japanese garden.

Next up, Higashi Chaya, Kanazawa's famed Old Town lined with wooden homes and shophouses, even the occasional Geisha sighting, for a stroll through this beautifully preserved district. Continue to Nagamachi Samurai district and visit the Nomura Samurai House. Time permitting, make a short visit to Kutani Pottery Kiln before returning to your hotel. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Mitsui Garden Hotel Kanazawa (Moderate Twin)



Kanazawa / Kyoto (Unguided)

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Today, enjoy some free time on your own visiting additional sites of interest around Kanazawa. Afterwards, proceed to Kanazawa Station for your 3pm train to Kyoto. Check-in to your hotel in Kyoto for your next 4 nights' accommodations. (B)

Recommended sites include:

Pick-up Time: N/A (today's program is without guide. Passengers are to make their own way to Kyoto)

- [Omicho Market](#): the hub of Kanazawa's food culture, a lively market place filled with stalls of local seafood and fresh produce, located just a short walk from your hotel
- [21st Century Museum](#) (Contemporary Art Museum): located on the grounds of Kanazawa Castle
- [D.T. Suzuki Museum](#) dedicated to the life and work of Daisetsu Teitaro Suzuki who introduced Zen Buddhism to the west
- [Hakuichi Gold Leaf Museum at Hakukokan](#) (approx. 15-20 minutes from Hotel / Omicho Market by Taxi)
- [Ninja Temple](#): a fascinating temple with a labyrinth of hidden rooms, secret staircases, and trapdoors cleverly designed for defense and surprise attacks during the Edo period
- [Ono Port](#) (approx. 20 minutes by taxi from hotel): charming port town famed for its [Soy Sauce Breweries](#), fresh seafood and waterfront views.

How to Get There:

- Kanazawa > Tsuruga Station: Tsurugi #29
- Tsuruga Station > Kyoto: Thunderbird #30
- Kyoto Station > Hotel: 15 minute by taxi

Note:

- 1 Today's program is without guide
- 2 Change of trains is required at Tsuruga Station. Shinkansen and Express Train platforms are located on different floors. Upon arrival, proceed to 2nd floor to Express Train Transfer Gate, and then onto Limited Express Train platform on 1st floor). Please refer to [Tsuruga Station Map HERE](#) for reference.

Baggage Transfer (Kanazawa / Kyoto)

Baggage transfer (4 pcs) between Kanazawa and Kyoto will be arranged (please leave your bags with bell stand at checkout). Bags will be transferred to your hotel in Kyoto the next day. Please bring a small carry-on size bag suitable for touring for your first night's stay in Kyoto.

Rail · Kanazawa / Tsuruga

3:04 PM Departure May 14	4:01 PM Arrival May 14	57min Duration	
Departure Location Kanazawa	Arrival Location Tsuruga Station	Train Number TSURUGI 29	Train Type Shinkansen

Rail · Tsuruga / Kyoto

4:13 PM Departure May 14	5:09 PM Arrival May 14	56min Duration	
Departure Location Tsuruga	Arrival Location Kyoto Station	Train Number THUNDERBIRD 30	Train Type JR Limited Express



May 14 Check In	May 18 Check Out	4 Nights Duration
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Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Kyoto (Superior Room)

Thursday · May 15th



Kyoto (Full Day Tour - Kiyomizu, Yasaka Shrine, Gion, Nijo Castle & Museum of Crafts & Design)

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Today, enjoy a full day tour of Kyoto. Visit Kiyomizu Temple, one of the most celebrated temples of Japan founded in 780 on the site of the Otowa Waterfall in the wooded hills east of Kyoto. This UNESCO world heritage site is best known for its wooden stage that juts out from its main hall, 13 meters above the hillside below boasting panoramic views of Kyoto City.

From the temple, enjoy a stroll through the two famous shopping streets (Ninen-zaka & Sannen-zaka) to Yasaka Shrine and Maruyama Park followed by Gion District. Continue to Nijo Castle that showcases exquisite 17th-century architecture surrounded by picturesque gardens. Its "nightingale floors" create melodic sounds, while historic significance and cultural richness make it a must-visit landmark. Time permitting, visit Kyoto's Museum of Crafts and Design before returning to your hotel. (B)

Pick-up Time: 9am at hotel lobby

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Kyoto (Superior Room)



Kyoto (Half Day Western Kyoto Tour by Bicycle)

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This morning, enjoy a fascinating tour of Kyoto by electric bicycle. Your tour includes visits to the Golden Pavilion, one of the most photographed spots in all of Japan; Ryoan temple, home of the most famous rock garden; and Arashiyama, famed for its bamboo forest. At the end of the tour, you will make your way back to Kyoto by local train on your own. Balance of the afternoon at leisure to relax and explore Kyoto. (B)

Pick-up Time: N/A (passengers are to make their own way to tour meeting spot by 9am see below)

Suggestions for coordinating with Irene:

- Hotel > Waratamae Bus Station: Everyone takes taxi to the meeting point for the bike tour
- Golden Pavilion: First stop is the Golden Pavilion. Everyone can enjoy this visit together
- Golden Pavilion > Ryoan-Ji Temple: After that, it's 1 mile walk/bike to Ryoanji Temple.
- As the bikers continue to Ryoanji (by foot or by bike), Irene can optionally explore several other smaller shrines/temples around Golden Pavilion before making her way Ryoan-ji.
- Ryoan-Ji Temple > Arashiyama: after Ryoanji Temple, bikers will ride about 4 miles to Arashiyama area. Irene can take a taxi to Arashiyama. Explore the Bamboo Grove and the small temples in the grove, Hirosawa Pond & Tongetsu Bridge on her own
- Bike tour ends at around 12:30pm at [Arashiyama Sightseeing Parking Lot](#), about a short 5-10 minute walk across the river from [Arashiyamanishiki Restaurant](#).

Suggested places to visit while on your own (after bike tour):

- Nishiki Market: vibrant food market in the heart of Kyoto nestled in an open air shopping arcade
- Ninja & Samurai Museum (<https://mai-ko.com/samurai/>): located close to Nishiki Market
- Tea Ceremony at Maikoya (<https://mai-ko.com/culture/tea-ceremony/>)
- Pontocho (restaurant row): quaint restaurant area along narrow alleyways and wooden shophouses
- Evening Gion Corner Cultural Show (<http://www.kyoto-gioncorner.com/global/en.html>)

Note:

- 1 Irene will NOT participate in this morning's bicycle tour
- 2 Passengers are to make their own way to meeting point at **Waratenjin-mae Bus Stop** at 9:00am. Please refer to the KCTP Website (<https://tour.kctp.net/en/access#kyoto>) and [Google Maps](#) for directions.
- 3 Best way to get to/from the start/end point from your hotel is by taxi, approximately a 15 minute ride. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Kyoto (Superior Room)

Saturday · May 17th



Today, enjoy time at leisure to explore Kyoto and/or nearby towns on your own. (B)

Pick-up Time: N/A (today's program is without guide)

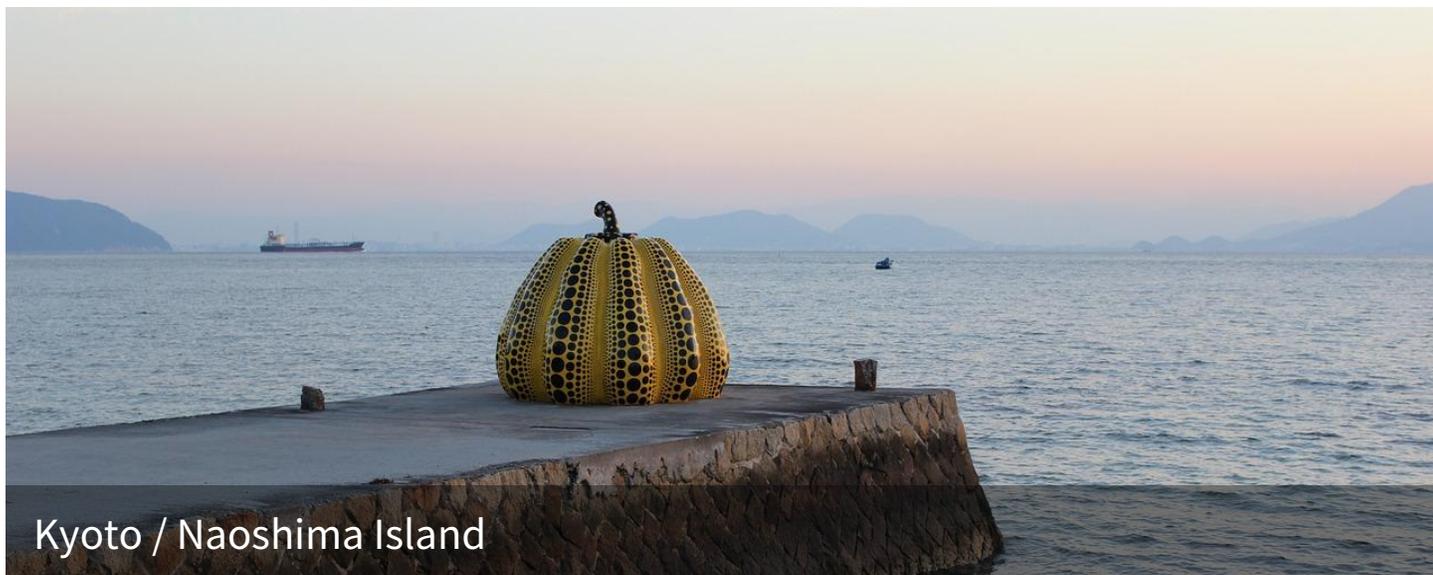
Suggested sites to visit in Kyoto:

- Must Visit: [Fushimi Inari](#) (optional hiking available here)
- Kyoto Imperial Palace Park (famed for its Japanese Gardens)
- Take a stroll along [Philosopher's path](#)
- [Hike Kurama - Kibune Trail](#) (3 hours), [Iwatayama Monkey Park](#) (1 Hour);
- [Nara](#) (1hr from Kyoto): Japanese first capital & UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its Todaiji Temple and free roaming deer
- [Hozugawa River](#) and/or ride on [Sagano Scenic Train](#)
- Pontocho (for the evening): quaint restaurant area along narrow alleyways and wooden shophouses

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Dhawa Yura Kyoto (Superior Room)



Kyoto / Naoshima Island

This morning, proceed to Kyoto Station on your own by taxi and board a Shinkansen for Okayama. Upon arrival, be met and proceed to Uno Port by private car followed by 20-minute ferry ride (tickets can be purchased at Uno Port) to Naoshima Island. Continue by foot to MY LODGE for your overnight accommodations. (B)

Pick-up Time:

- Kyoto: N/A (passengers are to make their own way to Okayama Station)
- Okayama (for transfer to Uno Port): upon arrival at Okayama Station

How to Get there

- Kyoto Station > Okayama Station: Nozomi #7: Depart 9:25am; Arrive 10:25am
- Okayama Station > Uno Port: Private Car Transfer (Approx. 45-60 minutes)
- Uno Port > Miyanoura Port Naoshima Island: Ferry; Depart 12:15pm. Arrive 12:35pm.
- Miyanoura Port > My Lodge: by foot ([Google Maps Coordinates HERE](#))

Note:

- 1 Passengers are to make their own way to Okayama Station.
- 2 **Important: Upon arrival at Okayama Station, your driver will meet you at the Shinkansen exit just outside the ticket gate.**
- 3 No guide is provided in today's program (only driver/transfer between Okayama Station and Uno Port). Please refer to [Port Uno / Naoshima Ferry Schedule HERE](#).

Baggage Transfer (Kyoto / Osaka)

Baggage transfer (4 pcs) between Kyoto and Osaka will be arranged (please leave your bags with bell stand at checkout). Bags will be transferred to your hotel in Osaka the next day. Please bring an easy-to-travel bag suitable for touring for your time in Naoshima.

Rail · Kyoto / Okayama

<p>9:25 AM</p> <p>Departure May 18</p>	<p>10:25 AM</p> <p>Arrival May 18</p>	<p>1hr</p> <p>Duration</p>
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Departure Location
Kyoto

Arrival Location
Okayama

Train Number
NOZOMI 9

Train Type
Shinkansen



My Lodge Naoshima

+81 87-873-2106

3718-56, Naoshima, Kagawa District, Kagawa 761-3110, Japan

May 18

Check In

May 21

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

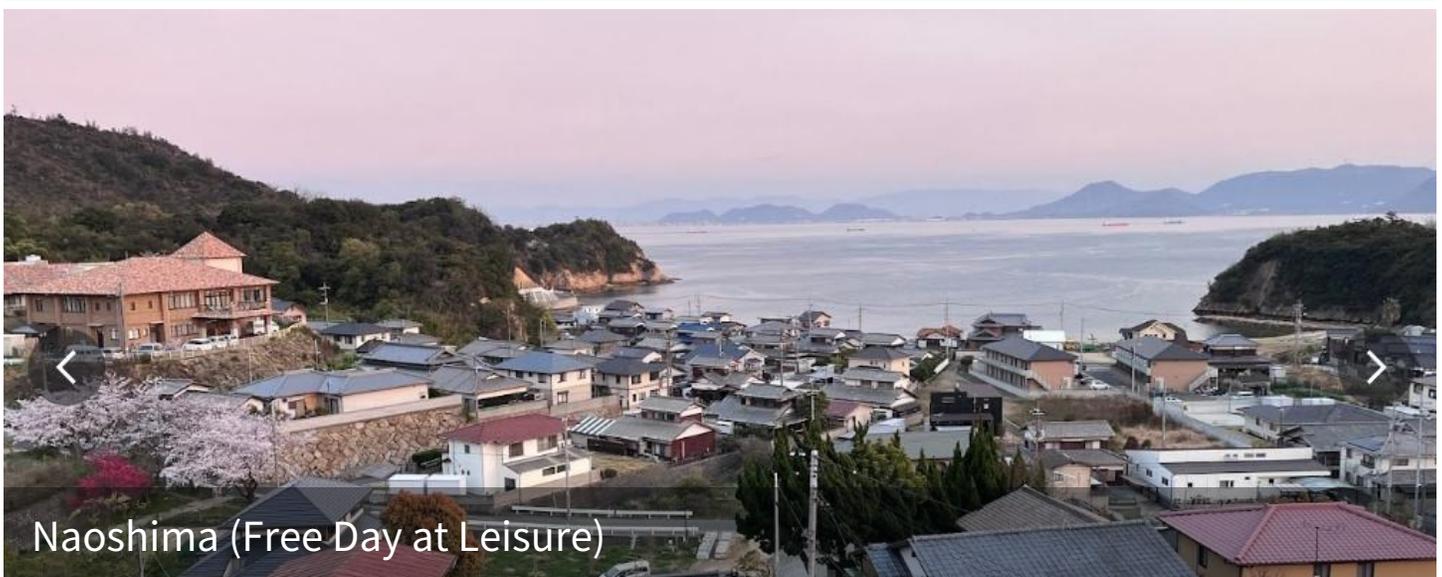
A place where you can enjoy the beautiful sea view of the Seto Inland Sea. We are nestled at the top of a hill, a short walk away from Naoshima's.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: My Lodge Naoshima (Superior Sea View Room)

Monday · May 19th



Naoshima (Free Day at Leisure)

Naoshima Island, located in Japan's Seto Inland Sea, is a world-renowned destination for contemporary art and architecture. Known for its harmonious blend of art and nature, it features iconic installations like Yayoi Kusama's *Pumpkin* and museums designed by architect Tadao Ando. The island hosts art spaces such as Benesse House and Chichu Art Museum, showcasing works by artists like Monet and James Turrell. With tranquil beaches and a serene atmosphere, Naoshima is a perfect place to relax, explore the island on foot or by bike, and or venture out to nearby Teshima Island. (B)

Suggested things to do while on Naoshima Island

- Chichu Art Museum
- Benesse House Museum
- Teshima Art Museum (on Teshima Island). Please refer to Naoshima < > Teshima Island [Ferry Timetable HERE](#).

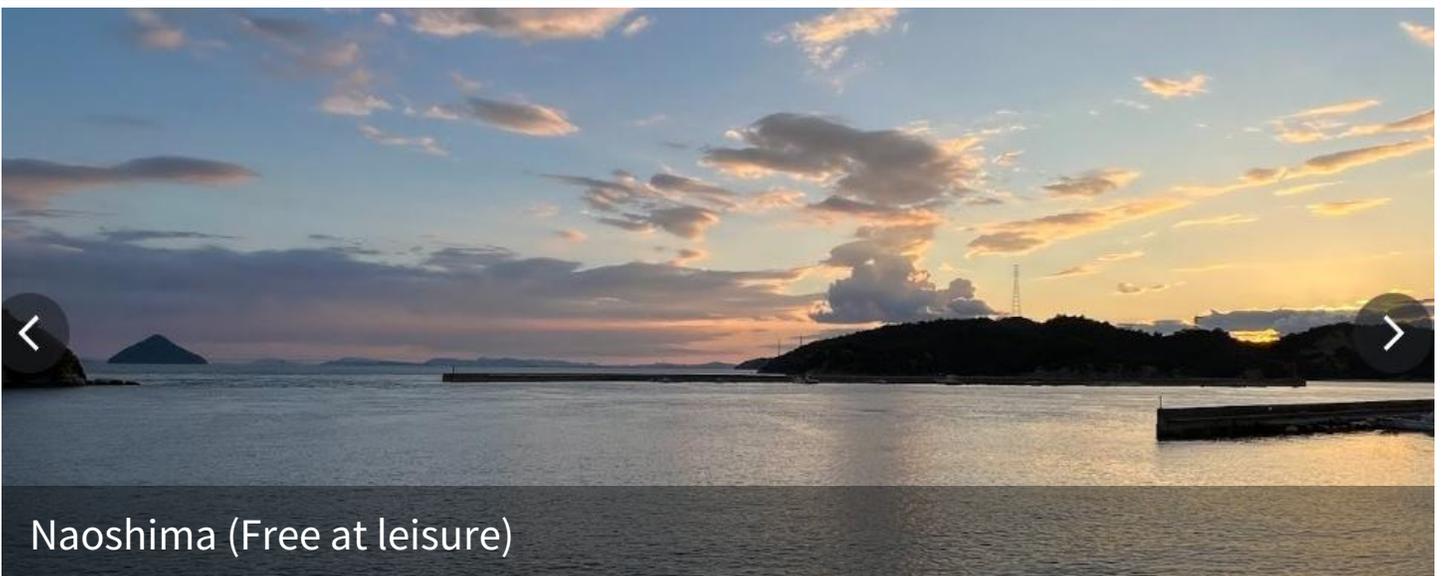
Note: Today's program is without guide.

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: My Lodge Naoshima (Superior Sea View Room)

Tuesday · May 20th



Naoshima (Free at leisure)

Full day free at leisure to relax and enjoy the island. (B)

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: My Lodge Naoshima (Superior Sea View Room)



Naoshima / Okayama / Osaka (Unguided)

This morning, make your way to Osaka by ferry and by rail, stopping in Okayama for a visit of Korakuen Garden and Okayama Castle en-route. Check-in at FRASIER RESIDENCE NANKAI for your overnight accommodations. (B)

Pick-up: N/A (today's program is without guide)

How to Get there (with stop in Okayama)

- Naoshima > Uno Port: [By Ferry](#) (suggest 8:52am ferry)
- Uno Port > Okayama Station: Approx. 40 minutes by Taxi or by local train (Uno Line with transfer at Chayamachi Station - [see schedule here](#)). Arriving by around 10:30am
- Walk/Street Car/Bike Share to Korakuen Garden + Okayama Station: 10-20 minutes
- Okayama Station > Shin-Osaka Station: Sakura #552 (departs 2:14pm. Arrives 2:59)
- Shin-Osaka Station > Hotel: by taxi (approx.20 minute ride)

Suggested places to explore near your hotel in Osaka

- Dotonburi & Namba District: Vibrant dining & entertainment district
- [Shinsekai](#): retro district its Tsutenkaku Tower, street food, neon lights, and unique shops.
- [Kuromon Ichiba Market](#) (a.k.a. Osaka's Kitchen)
- [Hozen-ji Yokocho](#): Yakitori joints and Izakaya pubs in a quaint alley-way setting walking distance from your hotel
- Tombori River Cruise (20 minute ride through Dotonburi area)

Tip:

- 1 Train stations (i.e. Okayama Station) are equipped with coin lockers where passengers can leave their baggage while touring.
- 2 [Osaka Amazing Pass](#) (costs ~\$25) covers over 40 attractions and some local transportation. You can this guide to identify the city sites you find of interest.

Rail · Okayama / Shin-Osaka

Okayama / Shin-Osaka Confirmation Reference	2:14 PM Departure May 21	2:59 PM Arrival May 21	45min Duration
Departure Location Okayama	Arrival Location Shin-Osaka	Train Number SAKURA 552	Train Type Shinkansen



Frasier Residence Nankai Hotel

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〒556-0011 Osaka, Naniwa Ward,

May 21

Check In

May 22

Check Out

1 Night

Duration

4-Star Hotel with a full-service spa, steps from EDION Arena Osaka

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Frasier Residence Nankai Hotel (Deluxe Studio)

Thursday · May 22nd

Osaka Departure Transfer

Morning to leisure to eat, shop and explore Osaka city. Early afternoon transfer for your flight home. (B)

Pick-up time: 1:25pm at Hotel Lobby

Suggested places to visit in Osaka

- Dotoburi & Namba District: Vibrant dining & entertainment district located near your hotel
- Shopping: [Shinsaibashi](#) & [Amerika-Kura](#)
- Food Markets: [Kuromon Ichiba Market](#) (a.k.a. Osaka's Kitchen), [Korea Town](#), [Osaka Kizu Wholesale Food Market](#), [Osaka Central Fish Market](#);
- Umeda Sky Building: [Floating Garden Observatory](#) & [Koji Kikutanu Tenku Art Museum](#):

Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: N/A

Osaka, Kansai International Airport to San Francisco, San Francisco International Airport

United Airlines (UA)

UA34 Carrier/Flight	4:55 PM KIX •	11:00 AM SFO •	10 hr, 5 min Duration
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Itinerary Notes

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