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**AUGUST 24 -
SEPTEMBER 4, 2020**

Monday, August 24

Our fascinating sojourn to Japan begins as we depart on our overnight flight.

Tuesday, August 25

Tokyo is a great mix of ancient Japanese culture and modern, architectural landmarks that we will explore over the next few days. Upon arrival, our tour operator will escort us to our conveniently located hotel. Tonight, we will enjoy a delicious Japanese dinner together as a group and learn more about the adventure ahead!

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo (D)

Wednesday, August 26

We start with a visit to the 1093 ft tall Tokyo Tower to enjoy bird's eye views of the sprawling metropolis. Later we will tour the historic 15th century Imperial Palace district. We continue with a visit to Asakusa Kannon, Tokyo's most spectacular Buddhist temple before visiting the nearby Ginza district renowned for its superior shopping and dining. The balance of the day is free for independent pursuits

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo (B)

Thursday, August 27

Japan's pastoral countryside unfolds as we depart Tokyo today for our Mt Fuji and Hakone excursion. Weather permitting; we will drive up to the fifth station of the snowcapped peak for panoramic vistas. Later we will embark on a scenic boat ride on the tranquil Lake Ashi before returning to Tokyo in the late afternoon.

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo (B)

Friday, August 28

Today will be a special day dedicated to exploring Tokyo's Olympic Village. We will learn all about The Paralympics and have the once in a lifetime opportunity to experience athletes going for the gold at Paralympic track and field competitions in the morning and at a second exciting Paralympic event in the evening.

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo (B)

Saturday , August 29

This morning, we embark on a thrilling bullet express train headed for Takayama, a delightful small town nestled in the majestic Japanese Alps. Embark on a guided walk through the enchanting narrow streets of the Kami-Sannomachi district graced with beautiful old wooden homes, shops and sake breweries. We will also view the Festival Floats Exhibition Hall and Folkcraft Museum. Tonight, savor a delicious dinner at our Takayama hotel.

Hida Plaza Hotel (B,D)

Sunday, August 30

After breakfast, we will stroll through the fascinating 200 year old Miyagawa Morning Market bustling with farmers selling fresh fruits, flowers and traditional crafts. We proceed to the Takayama Jinya to explore the complex of 17th century buildings that once housed officials of the Tokugawa Shogunate. The balance of the day is at leisure to delight in the unique atmosphere or relax in a soothing traditional hot spring bath.

Hida Plaza Hotel (B)



Monday, August 31

Embark on a scenic drive through the picturesque countryside to the rural region of Shirakawago to discover fascinating examples of unique steep thatched roof houses. Later, proceed to the village of Gokayama where we'll enjoy a demonstration of traditional Japanese papermaking techniques. In the afternoon we arrive in Kanazawa, a town that blends modern living with traditional heritage. We will savor a delicious dinner tonight as a group.

Ana Crowne Plaza Hotel (B,D)

Tuesday, September 1

Enjoy a visit to the historic Oumicho Market and explore the hundreds of shops selling seafood, vegetables, fruits and regional specialties. We will explore the Nagamachi district, a small neighborhood of narrow, cobblestone streets where brave samurai warriors once lived. We proceed to the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, one of the finest in Japan. Marvel at the waterfalls, ponds and charming tea-houses. We will stroll through the charming Higashi Geisha district before transferring to the station for our train ride to Kyoto.

Righa Royal Hotel Kyoto (B)

Wednesday, September 2

The capital of Japan from 794 to 1868, Kyoto is a world-class gem, a true oasis. We begin at Nijo Castle, renowned for its ornate interiors; The next stop will be one of Kyoto's most inspiring sights, the Temple of the Golden Pavilion, built on pillars magnificently suspended over a lake. We will stop at the colorful Handicraft Center to see demonstrations of traditional Japanese crafts. On our last stop, we will visit the renowned Kiyomizu Temple founded in the 8th century.

Righa Royal Hotel Kyoto (B)

Thursday, September 3

Today is your special day to enjoy the magnificent city of Kyoto at your own pace. You may visit some of the smaller temples, marvel at splendid classical Japanese gardens, see the exquisitely dressed geishas at the colorful Gion corner or join a traditional tea ceremony. There will also be an optional bullet train excursion to Hiroshima for a historical look at this dark chapter in Japanese and US history. Tonight we will dine as a group and reminisce about our amazing Japanese adventure.

Righa Royal Hotel Kyoto (B,D)

Friday, September 4

After breakfast we will transfer to the Osaka airport for our journey home. Optional transportation is available to Margate NJ.(B)

Itinerary subject to change.

**Please note, this trip will require a substantial amount of walking.*



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TOUR INCLUDES:

Round trip airfare from the US to Japan
All ground transportation (bus and trains) in Japan.
Airfare taxes, baggage fees and fuel surcharges.

- 4 nights in Tokyo
- 2 nights in Takayama
- 1 night in Kanazawa
- 3 nights in Kyoto

Plus :

- 14 meals (11 breakfasts and 3 dinners)
- English-speaking tour guide and tour director throughout.
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours and entry fees
(as listed in the itinerary)

The cost of \$6,500 is based on double occupancy when you register with a \$1,000 deposit by December 1, 2019. After this date the cost of the trip increases to \$7,000 per person. This intergenerational J-Travel Trip will be comprised of adults, seniors and families with children over ten years of age. All payments are due in full February 1, 2020. Payment plans are available.



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