

SISTER CITY CITIZEN TO JAPAN

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Join the Sister City of Carlsbad and the Sister City of San Diego to experience the authentic Japan in 10 days.

Named by Travel+Leisure Magazine Japan is one of the trips of a lifetime. This hassle-free trip takes you to the sister city of Carlsbad - **Futtsu**, the sister city of San Diego - **Yokohama**, the heart of Japan - **Tokyo**, the majestic **Mt. Fuji**, the traditional Japan - **Kyoto** and the first Japan's capital - **Nara**.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Experience Japan with the local experts
- Meet the friendly local families
- Taste the authentic Japanese cuisine, Japanese whiskey, and national beverage, sake
- Learn how to make sushi
- Watch the national sport, Sumo wrestling demonstration
- Participate in a traditional tea ceremony
- Reveal UNESCO world heritage sites and appreciate the ancient architectures
- See the breathtaking views of Japan from Tokyo Skytree and Mt. Fuji
- Ride the bullet train
- Explore the fascinating and inspiring art and craft
- Discover the beautiful natural scenic, rich history and unique culture
- The trip cost is inclusive of international flight, accommodations, private tours, some meals, entrance fees and activities fee

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DAY 1: FLY TO TOKYO (-)

- Fly to Tokyo, the capital of Japan.

DAY 2: ARR. TOKYO TO FUTTSU (-)

- Arrive in Tokyo, meet and transfer to Futtsu, the sister city of Carlsbad.
- Welcome by the Sister City of Futtsu.
- Check in to your hotel.

DAY 3: FUTTSU (B,L,D)

- Begin your day by taking the **Mt. Nokogiri Ropeway** to view the unique shaped rocks of Mt. Nokogiri.
- Take a hike on the most famous mountains in Chiba - **Mt. Nokogiri**. It features a grand lookout point and is home to one of Japan's largest Buddhas.
- Walk along the beautiful **Futtsu Beach**, which is famous for finding shellfish treasures.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch at the **Mother Farm**, an unique farm with a variety of farm-related attractions and activities and flower field.
- Afternoon, experience the **Zen Meditation** at one of Buddha Temples and learn about the Shinto Philosophy.
- Visit a **heritage Shogun's home** which is well-reserved by a local resident.
- Tonight, learn how to **make sushi** with the locals and enjoy a dinner together.



DAY 4: TOKYO TO YOKOHAMA (B)

- Depart for **Tokyo** to see the colorful modern city.
- Pass by **Imperial Palace Plaza**, the main residence of the Emperor of Japan.
- Continue to the Tokyo oldest temple – **Asakusa Kannon Temple** with the famous “**Nakamise**” shopping arcade.
- View Tokyo from high above the city at the **Tokyo Skytree**, the capital's newest attraction and as of 2018, the tallest tower in the world.
- After lunch, attend an unique **Sumo Demonstration**. Sumo is the traditional sports Japanese style of wrestling and Japan's national sport. It originated in ancient times as a performance to entertain the Shinto deities.
- Check in hotel in **Yokohama**, sister city of San Diego and Japan's second largest city.



DAY 5: YOKOHAMA (B)

- Explore the old and new **Yokohama**.
- Admire the beautiful Japanese style garden - **Sankeien Garden**.
- Participate in a **traditional tea ceremony**, a ceremonial way of preparing and drinking green tea typically in a traditional tearoom with tatami floor.
- Enjoy free time at **Minato-Mirai area**, a perfect place to taste the Japanese ramen.
- Afternoon walking tour of the largest **China Town** in Japan.
- Guided by your local host family and shop at the local market.
- Enjoy a family dinner at a citizen home.
- Learn the daily life of the locals and you may share your life in San Diego.

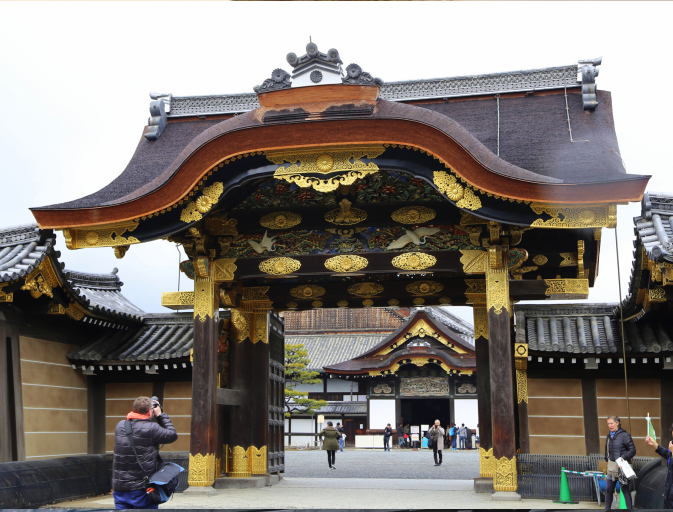




DAY 6: EXCURSION TO MT. FUJI (B,L)

- Full day excursion to **Mt. Fuji**, the icon of Japan.
- Discover the cultural importance of UNESCO-listed Mt Fuji at **5th Station** (7,546 feet), where you see the incredible views over Fuji Five Lakes and Hakone National Park. The 5th station is one of the most popular starting points for climbing Mt. Fuji.
- Take a relaxing walk at the **Oishi Park**, a scenic spot.
- Stop at **Lake Yamanaka**, Japan's finest recreational and cultural site, it offers stunning views of the vibrant autumn leaves during fall.
- Appreciate the unique and beautiful collection of kimono at **Itchiku Kubota Art Museum**. Kubota Itchiku (1917-2003) was the artist who revived the lost art of Tsujigahana silk dyeing.





DAY 7: TO KYOTO (B)

- Begin your journey to **Kyoto**, the ancient capital of Japan.
- Experience the **shinkansen** (bullet train) ride. Shinkansen is world's first high speed rail system.
- Take the public transportation to **Nijo Castle**, which was built in 1603 as the Kyoto residence of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first shogun of the Edo Period (1603-1867).

DAY 8: KYOTO (B)

- Immerse yourself in the ancient Japan environment.
- Explore **Kinkaku-ji** (Golden Pavilion), a Zen temple covered in gold leaves.
- Visit **Kiyomizu-dera**, a world heritage site with over 1200 years of history.
- Taste the **Yamazaki** (Japanese whisky) at Suntory Yamazaki Distillery. Japanese whisky has won several international awards.

DAY 9: KYOTO (B,D)

- Enjoy a half day excursion of **Nara**.
- Meet the Great statue of Buddha at **Todai-ji Temple**.
- Welcomed by a flock of the tamed deer at the **Deer Park**.
- Enjoy a special farewell dinner.

DAY 10: DEPARTURE (B)

- Free time at your own leisure until transfer to the airport.
- Fly back home.

TOUR COST

\$ 3,799 per person based on sharing twin room

\$ 4,588 per person based on single room

SERVICE INCLUDES

- International airfare from San Diego to Tokyo and Osaka to San Diego in economy class.
- Hotel accommodations (2 nights Futtsu, 3 nights Yokohama, 3 nights Kyoto)
- Hotel tax and service fee.
- Daily breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- One way bullet train ticket from Yokohama to Kyoto
- All tours and entrance fee as per itinerary
- English speaking guide service

SERVICE NOT INCLUDES

- Gratuity
- Visa fee
- Expenditure of a personal nature and personal expenses, such as drinks, souvenirs, luggage fee and laundry etc.
- Other tours and meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Travel insurance

REMARKS

- Guarantee departure with a minimum of 10 passengers.
- Above quotation is subject to change based on the final number of participants.
- Changing fee applies for any trip deviation.

PAYMENT AND DEPOSIT

- A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is due upon reservation.
- Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure date.
- Check payment mails to Asia Getaway Inc. at 7668 El Camino Real, Ste 104-618, Carlsbad, CA 92009.
- Bank charge of 4% will apply if settled by credit card.

CANCELLATION

- If cancellation received after reservation, deposit to be forfeited.
- If cancellation received between 60-31 days, 30% of tour cost to be charged.
- If cancellation received between 30-16 days, 60% of tour cost to be charged.
- If cancellation received less than 15 days, 95% of tour cost to be charged.

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