

# Discover Japan Itinerary

April 12-27, 2024

- April 12: Arrive in Tokyo. Transfer to Hotel in private bus. Welcome dinner Japanese style
- April 13: Tokyo - Imperial Palace, Akihabara, Sensoji Temple & Nakarise Shopping Street
- April 14: Tokyo - Explore the fish markets, Visit Meiji Shrine, Stroll down Harajuku Street.
- April 15: Tokyo - Leisure Day. Photo workshops
- April 16: Tokyo/Kyoto - Take bullet train to Kyoto. Visit Sanju Sangendo Hall, the Ginkakuji and Kyoizudera Temples. Maiko & Geisha Dinner.
- April 17: Kyoto - Visit Nijo Castle. Enjoy a tea ceremony. Kinkakuji Temple. Ryoani Temple
- April 18: Kyoto/Nara - Visit Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine followed by a zen experience at Shorinji Temple. Private transportation to Nara for sight seeing.
- April 19: Kyoto - Sightseeing Ohara Area. Photo workshop
- April 20: Kyoto/Osaka - Private Transportation Osaka. Try local food in the Dotobori District Visit the Osaka Castle and the Shinsekai & Tsutenkaku Tower
- April 21: Osaka/Awajshima- Zen wellness at Zen Seinei
- April 22: Awajshima/Tokushima - Pilgrimage walking tour. Overnight in temple lodge
- April 23: Tokushima - Pilgrimage walking tour. Indigo dyeing experience. Overnight in Temple lodge
- April 24: Tokushima/Kagawa - Pilgrimage. Overnight Temple lodge
- April 25: Kagawa/Naoshima - take a ferry to Naoshima Island. Sightsee
- April 26: Kagawa/Tokyo - Flight to Tokyo. Leisure Day. Photo Workshop
- April 27: Tokyo - Flights home

\* **Accommodations** are a variety of 3 or 4 star hotels twin sharing, unless you pay a single supplement. Temple Lodges - more authentic Japanese. Possibly sleeping on a Japanese futon or tatami mat.

\* **Meals** - Breakfast is included every morning. Most dinners and lunches are included, however there will be a few meals that are at your "leisure". Usually the group stays together but this is an opportunity for you to explore on your own or in smaller groups if wanted. Extra snack, soft drinks and alcohol are not included.

\* **Photo Workshops** - Photography will be offered through out the trip as much or as little as the group, or you would like. I will offer 3 workshops through out the trip on editing and composition. These are not mandatory, but are really fun! I work with all DSLR's and even just an iPhone. There is A LOT of opportunity for street photography!

\* This is a **skeleton itinerary**. Things could change. If there is a spot you'd like to visit that I did not list let me know.

