

SAPPORO & SNOW MONKEYS

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,660

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE OR PERTH

MOST MEALS

PHYSICAL RATING

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover Tokyo's bright lights
- ✓ See the snow monkeys in the Alps
- ✓ Explore Sapporo Snow Festival
- ✓ Sip tea in Kyoto
- ✓ Visit the Sapporo Beer Museum
- ✓ Be dazzled by Kinkaku-ji Temple



See the snow monkeys in the Japanese Alps

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation in quality hotels
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18 passengers

PRICE GUIDE

- 13 days inclusive twin share from \$8,660 per person departing from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- For departures from other cities, please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single supplement from \$1,700; ask about our 'Willing to Share' option
- Land only (Tokyo to Osaka): 11 days from \$7,240 per person

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



MT FUJI & HAKONE 2 DAYS FROM \$845pp

Don't miss the chance to see Japan's most famous and iconic peak, Mt Fuji, travelling by cruise, ropeway and coach to take in both Fuji-san and the gorgeous Hakone natural area.

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Price based on twin share. Additional flight or rail costs may apply.

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DAY 1-2: FLY AUSTRALIA TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Today begins with a visit to Edo Tokyo Museum before heading to the vibrant district of Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest temple which you will explore before wandering down Nakamise, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional, local snacks and souvenirs for centuries. Later, cruise down the Sumida River, disembarking in Hamarikyu Garden, an Edo Period Japanese garden surrounded by the Shiodome district's futuristic skyscrapers. (B,L)



Visit Sapporo clock tower

DAY 4: FLY TO SAPPORO

Transfer to the airport and fly to Sapporo. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, driving by the Clock Tower, an exquisite example of Meiji architecture. Enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: SAPPORO SNOW & ICE FESTIVAL

One of the largest events of its kind in the world, Sapporo Snow & Ice Festival attracts sculptors from all over the world to compete, which inevitably leads to bigger and better creations every year! Today, wander along Odori Avenue and through the Susukino district, where hundreds of ice sculptures will be on display. This afternoon, transfer to the Sapporo Beer Museum. There is an optional beer tasting before popping next door to the Sapporo Beer Garden where you will dine on a Genghis Khan dinner – barbecue lamb, a Sapporo special! (B,L,D)

DAY 6: OTARU PORT TOWN

This morning, ascend to the Okurayama viewing point, soaring up to the summit of the Sapporo Winter Olympics ski jump by chair lift – the views over the surrounding mountains are breathtaking. Later, visit the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village, stroll along the canal and feast on some of Japan's best sushi. (B,L)

DAY 7: FLY TO TOKYO

Transfer to the airport and join a flight back to Tokyo. On arrival, head to the famous Shibuya Crossing and enjoy free time for lunch. Later, visit Meiji Shrine, a popular Shinto shrine set amongst a stretch of tranquil woodland. (B)



Explore Kinkaku-ji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple in Kyoto

DAY 8: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Start the morning with a visit to the Tokyo Government Office Building's observatory deck for panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond, before transferring to Matsumoto to visit the magnificent 16th Century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its black exterior. Continue to Nagano, famous for hosting the 1998 Winter Olympics. (B,D)

DAY 9: SNOW MONKEYS

Head to Jigokudani Yaen Koen. Walking through a picturesque forested valley, you will reach the steaming hot pools where you will spend time watching the beautiful Japanese Macaques, or snow monkeys bathe and play in the waters. This afternoon will be spent visiting the 7th Century Zenkoji Temple, one of Japan's most popular. (B)

DAY 10: KYOTO TEA CEREMONY

Transfer to the train station and take a Limited Express train to Nagoya and then change onto one of Japan's super-fast bullet trains to be whisked through the countryside to Kyoto. On arrival, head straight to a quintessential Japanese experience – a tea ceremony. This private tea ceremony, in a Kyoto tearoom, will demonstrate the traditional rituals of tea preparation and service. (B)

DAY 11: EXPLORE KYOTO

An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for a thousand years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of serene temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Start your day at Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion', Kyoto's most famous temple.

Continue to Nijo Castle, and after lunch visit Sanjusangendo Temple before ending the day wandering through Nishiki Market, known as 'Kyoto's kitchen'. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 12-13: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to Osaka and fly to the Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

*Please note: the dates of the Sapporo Snow Festival were not confirmed at the time of printing and the tour date is subject to change once the festival dates have been confirmed.



Wander along Otaru canal, near Sapporo

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IMMERSE YOURSELF

GO BEYOND

YOU'LL LOVE THIS TOUR BECAUSE:

This is the chance to experience Japan in winter, visiting Sapporo during the world's largest Snow and Ice Festival. Meet the snow monkeys in the beautiful Japanese Alps, and discover Japan's old and new capitals – Kyoto and Tokyo.



Experience Sapporo's Snow & Ice Festival

PRICES & DEPARTURES

03 Feb - 15 Feb* **\$8,660**

Important note

Above price includes airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 September 2018 and subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2, or may require extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers at additional cost.

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