

American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Japan

Japan Tour #1 (8 Nights/10 Days)

Day 1

Depart from Home

Depart via scheduled airline service to Tokyo, Japan. Your transpacific flight will include meal service and in-flight entertainment

Day 2

Arrive to Tokyo

(D)

Afternoon arrival to one of Tokyo's international airports (**Haneda or Narita**)
Meet your MCI full-time Tour Manager, who will remain with you for the entire duration of your time in Japan

Board your awaiting privately chartered motorcoach

Enjoy a short orientation tour of Tokyo with views of Tokyo Bay and the Rainbow Bridge, a stroll through Shiba Park, and a visit to the historic Zojo-ji Temple. Then enjoy a visit to the World Trade Center's Observation Deck for sweeping views of Tokyo Tower and the city skyline

Late afternoon hotel check-in with free-time to relax and freshen up

Dinner included and overnight in Tokyo

Day 3

Tokyo

(B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning tour of Tokyo's highlights. See the impressive National Diet Building, the center of Japan's government. Visit the vibrant Roppongi District, known for its modern architecture and international flair. Enjoy a visit to the serene East Gardens of the Imperial Palace, once home to shoguns and now the residence of Japan's Emperor. Continue to the bustling Tsukiji Outer Market, where you can browse local produce, and street food/local cuisine

Lunch, on own

Afternoon visit to the upscale Ginza Shopping District, famed for its luxury boutiques, flagship stores, excellent shopping and sleek cityscape. Enjoy some free-time for shopping

Enjoy the remainder of your afternoon and evening free at leisure

Dinner included

Return to the Tokyo hotel for overnight

Day 4

Tokyo

(B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Enjoy some free time at leisure

Lunch, on own

Visit Asakusa, home to Tokyo's oldest temple—Senso-ji. Take in the rich history and atmosphere as you explore its grand main hall, striking pagoda, and the iconic Kaminarimon gate. Also visit Nakamise-dori, the lively shopping street leading to the temple, where traditional snacks, and crafts are offered

Dinner included

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Return to the Tokyo hotel for overnight



Day 5**Tokyo / Mt. Fuji / Kyoto****(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Travel to Kyoto via a visit to the stunning Mt. Fuji

Visit the 5th Station of Mt. Fuji, a popular stop located partway up the mountain, offering breathtaking panoramic and a unique perspective of Japan's iconic peak. If time permits, enjoy a visit to nearby Lake Kawaguchi, known for its scenic beauty and reflection views of Mt. Fuji

Lunch, on own

Continue to Kyoto with evening hotel check-in with free-time to relax and freshen up

Evening dinner included

Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight

**Day 6****Kyoto****(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel

Enjoy an orientation walking tour of Kyoto, beginning with a visit to the Gion area. Stroll along Hanamikoji Street, the heart of the city's historic geisha district, famed for its beautifully preserved wooden *machiya* townhouses and exclusive teahouses where *geiko* and *maiko* entertain. Continue to Kiyomizudera Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its wooden stage that juts out over the hillside, offering sweeping views of Kyoto. Explore the temple grounds and discover its rich cultural and spiritual significance

Lunch, on own

Attend a Miko performance: Experience the elegance and important spiritual depth of a sacred Shinto dance performed by Miko (maidens). This ritual offers a rare and moving glimpse into Japan's ancient ceremonial practices

Dinner included

*Shared/exchange concert with a local ensemble as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Japan**

Enjoy the remainder of your evening free at leisure

Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight

**Day 7****Kyoto / Hiroshima / Miyajima Island (B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel

Excursion to Hiroshima via the bullet train and Miyajima Island via ferry

Reflect on a pivotal moment in world history with a visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, a moving tribute to the victims of the atomic bombing in 1945 and a global symbol of peace. Walk through the park's peaceful grounds to see the iconic Atomic Bomb Dome, a UNESCO World Heritage Site preserved as a stark reminder of the destruction. Pause at the Children's Peace Monument, inspired by young victim Sadako Sasaki, and the Flame of Peace, which will continue to burn until all nuclear weapons are eliminated. Conclude with a visit to the Peace Memorial Museum, featuring powerful exhibits that document the events of the bombing, its human impact, and Hiroshima's enduring message of hope and reconciliation

Visit the famous Okonomi Village for lunch, on own

Enjoy a scenic ferry ride to Miyajima Island, one of Japan's most celebrated sites and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the revered Itsukushima Shrine, famous for its striking vermilion torii gate that appears to float gracefully on the water during high tide. Explore the shrine's elegant, sea-based architecture, walk along the charming island paths, and take in views of Mt. Misen and the Seto Inland Sea. Miyajima offers a beautiful blend of spiritual heritage and natural beauty



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Late afternoon or evening return to Kyoto with the remainder of your evening free at leisure with dinner included
Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight

Day 8 **Kyoto / Nara** **(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel
Excursion to Nara – Japan’s first permanent capital and explore its rich cultural heritage. Visit Nara Park, home to over 1,000 freely roaming sacred deer, and enjoy feeding them special deer crackers. See the UNESCO-listed Todai-ji Temple, housing the massive bronze Great Buddha in one of the world’s largest wooden buildings. Continue to Kasuga Taisha Shrine, known for its hundreds of stone and bronze lanterns. End with a stroll through Naramachi, a historic district of traditional merchant houses and local shops

Lunch, on own

Afternoon return to Kyoto

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Dinner included

Return to the Kyoto hotel for overnight

Day 9 **Kyoto / Osaka** **(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Osaka

Enjoy an orientation tour of Osaka through some of its most vibrant neighborhoods. Soak in the lively atmosphere of Dotonbori, famous for its neon lights and the iconic Glico Running Man. Browse the shops of Shinsaibashi-suji, a bustling arcade blending modern fashion with traditional stores. Wander through Hozenji Yokochō, a charming stone-paved alleyway lined with cozy eateries and old-world storefronts. At Kuromon Ichiba Market—known as “Osaka’s kitchen” – sample local favorites like takoyaki and kushikatsu among colorful food stalls

Lunch, on own

Enjoy some free-time with afternoon hotel check-in

Farewell dinner included

Return to the Osaka hotel for overnight

Day 10 **Osaka / Return Home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Time permitting, enjoy additional free-time in Osaka or a morning visit to the historic Osaka Castle. Discover this iconic landmark, explore its beautifully preserved grounds – that highlights the rich history of the samurai era and the remarkable life of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, the castle’s legendary builder.

Transfer to the Kansai International Airport for your return flight home. Your transpacific flight will include meal service and in-flight entertainment

Arrive home to the USA the same day as your departure from Japan (**or next day, airline flight time dependent**)

**Subject to availability and confirmation*

