

# 8D GEISHA TRAILS: TOKYO TO OSAKA

## Day 1

Singapore - Tokyo

Upon your arrival in Narita Airport, you'll be greeted by your designated tour guide at the airport. They'll assist you with your transfer to your hotel for check-in.

Overnight at Hotel Mystays Premier Narita or similar

## Day 2

Tokyo

Begin your day at the captivating **Ghibli Museum**, where you'll encounter Studio Ghibli's legendary creations, including **Hayao Miyazaki's** personal workspace and original sketches. Afterward, dive into a shopping adventure at **Nakano Broadway**, exploring its array of vintage anime and idol shops spanning three floors.

Next, immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of **Akihabara**, fulfilling your otaku cravings with visits to the **UDX Building**, **Kanda Myojin Shrine**, and **themed cafes**. Conclude your day with the excitement of **Tokyo's largest Pokémon Center** in Ikebukuro, a must-visit destination for Pokémon enthusiasts.

Overnight at Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro or similar  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 3

## Tokyo

Begin your day with a visit to **Tsukiji Outer Market**, a vibrant outdoor marketplace celebrated for its fresh seafood, produce, and kitchenware. Afterwards, we'll drive by the scenic **Imperial Palace**, featuring lush gardens, a moat, and ancient stone walls.

Following this, indulge in a delightful **Sushi-Making Experience**, where you'll create and enjoy your own sushi. Then, we'll explore **Asakusa Sensoji Temple**, Tokyo's oldest temple complex, highlighted by the iconic **Kaminarimon Gate** and its towering red lantern. Stroll through **Nakamise Street**, offering charming shops with Japanese souvenirs.

Concluding the day, we'll ascend **Tokyo Skytree** for a stunning 360-degree panorama of Tokyo's sprawling cityscape.

Overnight at Hotel Metropolitan Tokyo Ikebukuro or similar  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 4

## Tokyo - Hakone - Hamamatsu

Embark on a journey from Tokyo towards **Mt. Fuji**, witnessing the scenery transform from lush greenery to expansive lowlands and captivating cloud formations. Weather permitting, we'll pause at the renowned **Mt. Fuji 5th station** to admire the grandeur of the peak.

Continuing our expedition, we'll head to Hakone, a cherished hot-spring retreat nestled in the verdant slopes of **Hakone National Park**. Experience the awe-inspiring landscape with a **scenic 20-minute ropeway** ride from Togendai to Owakundani.

Amidst this **active volcanic zone**, formed from Mount Hakone's ancient eruption, you'll encounter hot springs and thermal rivers enveloped in sulfurous fumes, with a stunning view of Mt. Fuji.

Prepare for an exhilarating journey on the iconic **Shinkansen bullet train**, reaching speeds of up to 300 km/hr. Our accommodation for the night awaits at the serene Grand Mercure Lake Hamana Resort & Spa, offering a chance to relax in the therapeutic waters of a traditional spa bath and indulge in a lavish **Japanese Kaiseki banquet dinner**.

Overnight stay at Grand Mercure Lake Hamana Resort & Spa or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 5

## Hakone - Kyoto

Following breakfast, explore the historic **Koka Ninja Mansion**, showcasing clever traps and escape devices once used by ninjas.

Then, venture to the Miho Museum, an architectural gem by I. M. Pei, nestled in natural beauty and housing artifacts from ancient civilizations. Celebrated for its architectural brilliance, the Miho Museum holds a distinguished position among the **"1000 Places to See Before You Die"**.

Continuing our journey, we arrive in Kyoto, a city steeped in history and culture, miraculously preserved from the ravages of World War II. Explore the scenic **Fushimi district**, renowned for the iconic **Fushimi Inari Shrine**. This architectural wonder boasts a captivating 2.5-mile (4-km) pathway lined with torii gates, famously depicted in the acclaimed film 'Memoirs of a Geisha'.

Overnight stay at Kyoto Tokyu Hotel or similar.  
Meals: Breakfast

\*If Miho Museum is close, we will visit Kyoto National Museum or Sagawa Art Museum instead.

## Day 6

## Kyoto

Immerse yourself in the allure of **Arashiyama district** during our guided tour. Begin by leisurely exploring **Tenryuji Temple**, famous for its captivating rock landscape garden. Wander through the enchanting bamboo grove, passing quaint shrines, tea shops, and traditional residences, leading to the picturesque **Togetsukyo Bridge** over the Hozu River.

Next, visit **Kinkaku-ji**, the renowned Golden Pavilion, adorned with shimmering 18-karat gold leaf. Originally constructed by Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu in 1397, this three-story architectural marvel exudes timeless elegance.

Experience the tranquility of the **Green Tea Ceremony**, a serene ritual once exclusive to the elite, now **hosted by a Maiko apprentice Geisha** for an enhanced cultural encounter.

Conclude your day in the captivating **Gion Geisha District**, where ochaya teahouses line the streets, offering exclusive entertainment by Geisha and Maiko, creating an unforgettable atmosphere.

Overnight stay at Kyoto Tokyu Hotel or similar.  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 7

Kyoto - Nara - Osaka

Our adventure begins at the renowned **Kiyomizu Temple**, renowned for its stunning wooden stage and panoramic views. Then, we head to Nara to admire the awe-inspiring **Todaiji Temple**, housing Japan's largest wooden building and a magnificent bronze Buddha statue. Don't miss the serene **Nara Deer Park**, where visitors can interact with over a thousand Sika deer roaming amidst tranquil surroundings.

In the afternoon, take a drive past **Osaka Castle**, symbolizing Japan's unification. Our day concludes with a stroll through **Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi**, a bustling district renowned for its neon signs and vibrant atmosphere, including iconic landmarks like the **Glico Running Man** and **Kani Doraku Crab**.

Overnight stay at Elserine Osaka or similar.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 8

Osaka - Singapore

After breakfast, enjoy free and easy time at your own leisure. Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

Breakfast: Hotel

## Details

## Inclusions

- Hotel accommodation
- International flight
- Transportation arranged as per the itinerary
- Meals included as indicated
- Local Chinese-speaking guide
- Entrance fees covered where applicable

## Details

## Exclusion

- Personal Expense
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities for the local guide and driver at 800yen per person per day.