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10-Day Japan Exploration

A Journey Through Culture, Cuisine, and Scenery

10 Days October 26 - November 4, 2024

Tokyo, Japan

Days 1-4

Tokyo, a vibrant metropolis, seamlessly blends traditional culture with cutting-edge technology. Explore historic temples, bustling markets, and serene gardens, all while experiencing the city's unique and dynamic atmosphere.



Accommodation

Hotel Image

Park Hyatt Tokyo

 From: Oct 26-29

 3-7-1-2 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, 163-1055

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\$500 /per night

\$2000 total total

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Daily Itinerary

Day 1 October 26, 2024

Explore Tokyo's culinary scene, ancient temples, and serene gardens.

9:00 AM	Tsukiji Outer Market Exploration	Tsukiji, Tokyo	\$30
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Begin your Tokyo adventure at the Tsukiji Outer Market, a vibrant hub of culinary delights. Sample fresh seafood, local produce, and traditional Japanese snacks. Engage with vendors and immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of this iconic market. This is a great way to experience the local culture and cuisine right from the start.

12:00 PM	Senso-ji Temple Visit	Asakusa, Tokyo	\$10
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Next, visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and explore the Nakamise-dori market leading to it. Admire the temple's stunning architecture and immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance. The Nakamise-dori offers a variety of traditional crafts and snacks, perfect for souvenirs and a taste of local culture. Don't miss the chance to draw your fortune at the temple.

3:00 PM **Sumida River Cruise** Sumida River, Tokyo \$40

Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Sumida River, offering unique views of Tokyo's skyline and iconic landmarks. This scenic journey provides a different perspective of the city, allowing you to appreciate its modern architecture and historical bridges. It's a perfect way to unwind and capture memorable photos of Tokyo's urban landscape.

6:00 PM **Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden** Shinjuku, Tokyo \$5

Conclude your day with a visit to Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden, a tranquil oasis in the heart of the city. Stroll through its diverse landscapes, including Japanese, English, and French gardens. This serene escape offers a peaceful contrast to Tokyo's bustling streets, providing a moment of reflection and appreciation for nature.

8:00 PM **Dinner in Shinjuku** Shinjuku, Tokyo \$50

Enjoy dinner in Shinjuku, known for its diverse culinary scene. From traditional Japanese cuisine to international flavors, Shinjuku offers a wide range of dining options to satisfy any palate. Explore the area's vibrant nightlife and enjoy a delicious meal to end your first day in Tokyo.

Daily Total: \$135

Day 2 October 27, 2024

Experience Tokyo's trendy districts, peaceful shrines, and the magical world of Studio Ghibli.

9:00 AM **Shibuya Crossing** Shibuya, Tokyo \$0

Start your day at the iconic Shibuya Crossing, the world's busiest intersection. Experience the organized chaos as you navigate through the crowds. Observe the unique pedestrian scramble from the Starbucks overlooking the crossing for a great photo opportunity. This is a quintessential Tokyo experience.

10:00 AM **Harajuku Takeshita Street** Harajuku, Tokyo \$40

Explore Harajuku's Takeshita Street, known for its unique street style and trendy shops. Discover colorful fashion boutiques, quirky cafes, and vibrant street art. Immerse yourself in the youthful energy and creative atmosphere of this iconic district. Don't miss the chance to try some of the unique snacks and sweets available here.

1:00 PM **Meiji Jingu Shrine** Harajuku, Tokyo \$0

Visit Meiji Jingu Shrine, a peaceful oasis dedicated to Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken. Stroll through the serene forest surrounding the shrine and admire the traditional architecture. This tranquil escape offers a moment of reflection and appreciation for Japanese history and culture. It's a perfect contrast to the bustling streets of Harajuku.

3:00 PM **Ghibli Museum (Advance Booking Required)** Mitaka, Tokyo \$10

Immerse yourself in the whimsical world of Studio Ghibli at the Ghibli Museum. Explore the museum's enchanting exhibits and discover the magic behind beloved animated films like 'Spirited Away' and 'My Neighbor Totoro'. This is a must-visit for animation fans, offering a unique and immersive experience. Remember to book your tickets well in advance.

6:00 PM **Dinner in Shibuya** Shibuya, Tokyo \$60

Enjoy dinner in Shibuya, known for its trendy restaurants and vibrant nightlife. From traditional Japanese cuisine to international flavors, Shibuya offers a wide range of dining options to satisfy any palate. Explore the area's unique shops and entertainment venues after your meal.

Daily Total: \$110

Day 3 October 28, 2024

Discover Tokyo's museums, parks, and the electric town of Akihabara.

9:00 AM **Tokyo National Museum** Ueno Park, Tokyo **\$15**

Begin your day at the Tokyo National Museum, exploring its extensive collection of Japanese art and artifacts. Discover the rich history and cultural heritage of Japan through its diverse exhibits. This is a great way to gain a deeper understanding of the country's artistic traditions and historical significance.

12:00 PM **Ueno Park Exploration** Ueno Park, Tokyo **\$10**

Explore Ueno Park, a sprawling green space home to several museums, a zoo, and a beautiful pond. Stroll through the park's serene pathways and discover its hidden gems. This is a perfect place to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Tokyo. You can also visit the Ueno Zoo or other museums within the park.

3:00 PM **Akihabara Electric Town** Akihabara, Tokyo **\$30**

Immerse yourself in the electric atmosphere of Akihabara, known as Electric Town. Discover the latest gadgets, anime merchandise, and gaming arcades. Explore the area's unique shops and experience the vibrant culture of this tech-centric district. This is a must-visit for tech enthusiasts and anime fans.

6:00 PM **Tokyo Skytree** Sumida, Tokyo **\$30**

Ascend the Tokyo Skytree for panoramic views of the city skyline. Admire the breathtaking scenery from one of the world's tallest structures. This is a perfect way to appreciate the vastness and beauty of Tokyo. You can also enjoy dinner at one of the Skytree's restaurants.

8:00 PM **Dinner near Tokyo Skytree** Sumida, Tokyo **\$50**

Enjoy dinner near the Tokyo Skytree, with a variety of dining options available. From traditional Japanese cuisine to international flavors, you'll find something to satisfy your palate. Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and stunning views of the city while you dine.

Daily Total: \$135

Day 4 October 29, 2024

Escape to Hakone for stunning views of Mount Fuji and serene landscapes.

9:00 AM **Day Trip to Hakone** Hakone **\$60**

Embark on a day trip to Hakone, a mountain resort town known for its stunning natural beauty. Experience breathtaking views of Mount Fuji, serene lakes, and lush forests. This is a perfect escape from the city,

offering a chance to relax and appreciate the beauty of the Japanese countryside.

10:30 AM **Lake Ashi Cruise** Lake Ashi, Hakone **\$20**

Enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Ashi, surrounded by stunning views of Mount Fuji and the surrounding mountains. This relaxing journey offers a unique perspective of the area's natural beauty. Capture memorable photos of the iconic scenery and enjoy the tranquility of the lake.

12:00 PM **Hakone Open-Air Museum** Hakone **\$20**

Visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum, showcasing contemporary sculptures against the backdrop of the surrounding mountains. Explore the museum's diverse collection and appreciate the fusion of art and nature. This is a unique and inspiring experience for art lovers and nature enthusiasts.

3:00 PM **Hakone Ropeway** Hakone **\$30**

Experience the Hakone Ropeway, offering stunning views of volcanic hot springs and panoramic landscapes. This thrilling ride provides a unique perspective of the area's natural wonders. Capture memorable photos of the volcanic activity and the surrounding scenery.

6:00 PM **Dinner in Hakone or Return to Tokyo** Hakone/Tokyo **\$50**

Enjoy dinner in Hakone, savoring local cuisine and the tranquil atmosphere. Alternatively, return to Tokyo for dinner and explore the city's vibrant nightlife. Choose the option that best suits your preferences and enjoy a delicious meal to end your day.

Daily Total: \$180

Kyoto, Japan

Days 5-8

Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, is a city steeped in history and tradition. Explore its stunning temples, serene gardens, and geisha districts, all while experiencing the city's unique and timeless charm.



Accommodation

Hotel Image

Hotel Granvia Kyoto



From: Oct 29-Nov 2

📍 JR Kyoto Station, Karasuma Central Exit, Shiokoji-dori, Kyoto, Japan, 600-8216

★★★★★ 4.5/5

\$300 /per night

\$1200 total

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 Daily Itinerary

Day 5 October 30, 2024

Explore Kyoto's iconic shrines, temples, and the geisha district of Gion.

9:00 AM **Fushimi Inari Shrine** Fushimi, Kyoto **\$0**

Begin your Kyoto adventure at Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its thousands of vibrant red torii gates winding up a mountainside. Hike through the enchanting pathways and admire the stunning views. This is a unique and unforgettable experience, offering a glimpse into Japanese spirituality and natural beauty.

12:00 PM **Tofuku-ji Temple** Higashiyama, Kyoto **\$10**

Visit Tofuku-ji Temple, known for its stunning Zen gardens and vibrant autumn foliage. Explore the temple's serene landscapes and admire the traditional architecture. This is a perfect place to relax and appreciate the beauty of Japanese garden design. The temple is especially beautiful during the fall season.

3:00 PM **Kiyomizu-dera Temple** Higashiyama, Kyoto **\$10**

Explore Kiyomizu-dera Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site with a wooden stage offering panoramic views of Kyoto. Admire the temple's stunning architecture and immerse yourself in its spiritual ambience. This is a must-visit for its cultural significance and breathtaking scenery. Don't miss the chance to drink from the Otowa Waterfall for good luck.

6:00 PM **Gion District Exploration** Gion, Kyoto **\$0**

Wander through the Gion district, known for its preserved wooden machiya houses and geishas. Explore the area's charming streets and soak in the traditional atmosphere. This is a unique opportunity to experience the cultural heritage of Kyoto. You might even spot a geisha on her way to an appointment.

8:00 PM **Dinner in Gion** Gion, Kyoto \$70

Enjoy dinner in Gion, known for its traditional restaurants and refined cuisine. From kaiseki (multi-course Japanese dinner) to local specialties, Gion offers a wide range of dining options to satisfy any palate. Experience the elegance and charm of this historic district while you dine.

Daily Total: \$90

Day 6 October 31, 2024

Discover Kyoto's bamboo groves, temples, and the historic Nijo Castle.

9:00 AM **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove** Arashiyama, Kyoto \$0

Start your day at the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, a mesmerizing pathway through towering bamboo stalks. Stroll through the serene grove and immerse yourself in its natural beauty. This is a unique and unforgettable experience, offering a peaceful escape from the city. The sunlight filtering through the bamboo creates a magical atmosphere.

10:30 AM **Tenryu-ji Temple** Arashiyama, Kyoto \$5

Visit Tenryu-ji Temple, a Zen temple with stunning gardens and mountain views. Explore the temple's serene landscapes and admire the traditional architecture. This is a perfect place to relax and appreciate the beauty of Japanese garden design. The temple's gardens are especially beautiful during the fall season.

12:00 PM **Arashiyama Monkey Park Iwatayama** Arashiyama, Kyoto \$5

Hike up to the Arashiyama Monkey Park Iwatayama and interact with wild monkeys in their natural habitat. Enjoy panoramic views of Kyoto from the mountaintop. This is a unique and fun experience for animal lovers and nature enthusiasts. You can purchase food to feed the monkeys, but be sure to follow the park's guidelines.

3:00 PM **Nijo Castle** Kyoto \$10

Explore Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site and former residence of the Tokugawa shogunate. Admire the castle's stunning architecture and learn about its historical significance. This is a must-visit for history buffs and those interested in Japanese feudal history. The castle's 'nightingale floors' are designed to chirp when stepped upon, providing a unique security feature.

6:00 PM **Pontocho Alley Dinner** Pontocho, Kyoto \$60

Enjoy dinner in Pontocho Alley, a narrow street along the Kamogawa River lined with restaurants and bars. Savor local cuisine and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. This is a perfect place to experience Kyoto's nightlife and culinary scene. Many restaurants offer outdoor seating with views of the river.

Daily Total: \$80

Day 7 November 1, 2024

Visit Kyoto's golden pavilion, Zen gardens, and the bustling Nishiki Market.

9:00 AM **Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion)** Kyoto **\$5**

Visit Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), a stunning Zen temple covered in gold leaf. Admire the temple's reflection in the surrounding pond and immerse yourself in its serene beauty. This is a must-visit for its iconic status and breathtaking scenery. The temple is especially beautiful on a sunny day.

11:00 AM **Ryoan-ji Temple** Kyoto **\$5**

Explore Ryoan-ji Temple, famous for its enigmatic Zen rock garden. Contemplate the meaning of the garden's arrangement and immerse yourself in its tranquil atmosphere. This is a perfect place for meditation and reflection. The garden's design is open to interpretation, making it a unique and thought-provoking experience.

1:00 PM **Daitoku-ji Temple** Kyoto **\$10**

Visit Daitoku-ji Temple, a complex of Zen temples with beautiful gardens and tea houses. Explore the temple's diverse landscapes and admire the traditional architecture. This is a perfect place to experience the beauty of Japanese garden design and tea culture. Each sub-temple within Daitoku-ji has its own unique character and charm.

4:00 PM **Nishiki Market** Kyoto **\$30**

Explore Nishiki Market, known as 'Kyoto's Kitchen', and sample local delicacies. Discover a wide variety of food stalls and shops selling everything from fresh seafood to traditional sweets. This is a great way

to experience the local culinary scene and try new flavors. Be sure to try some of the market's unique and seasonal offerings.

6:00 PM **Dinner in Kyoto** Kyoto \$60

Enjoy dinner in Kyoto, known for its refined cuisine and traditional restaurants. From kaiseki (multi-course Japanese dinner) to local specialties, Kyoto offers a wide range of dining options to satisfy any palate. Experience the elegance and charm of this historic city while you dine.

Daily Total: \$110

Day 8 November 2, 2024

Visit Kyoto's temples, railway museum, and enjoy shopping for souvenirs.

9:00 AM **Sanjusangen-do Temple** Kyoto \$6

Visit Sanjusangen-do Temple, home to 1,001 life-sized statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy. Admire the temple's stunning collection and immerse yourself in its spiritual ambiance. This is a unique and unforgettable experience, showcasing the artistry and devotion of Japanese Buddhist culture.

11:00 AM **Kyoto Railway Museum** Kyoto \$12

Explore the Kyoto Railway Museum, showcasing the history of Japanese railways. Discover a wide variety of trains and exhibits, from steam locomotives to modern bullet trains. This is a must-visit for train enthusiasts and those interested in the history of transportation in

Japan. You can even climb aboard some of the trains and experience what it was like to ride them.

1:00 PM **To-ji Temple** Kyoto \$8

Visit To-ji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site with a five-story pagoda, the tallest wooden structure in Japan. Admire the temple's stunning architecture and learn about its historical significance. This is a must-visit for its cultural importance and architectural beauty. The temple's pagoda is a symbol of Kyoto.

3:00 PM **Shopping in Kyoto** Kyoto \$40

Enjoy shopping in Kyoto, known for its traditional crafts and souvenirs. Explore the area's unique shops and discover local products such as ceramics, textiles, and paper goods. This is a great way to find unique gifts and mementos of your trip. Be sure to visit some of the traditional craft shops to see artisans at work.

6:00 PM **Farewell Dinner in Kyoto** Kyoto \$70

Enjoy a farewell dinner in Kyoto, savoring the city's refined cuisine and traditional atmosphere. Reflect on your experiences and memories of your time in Kyoto. This is a perfect way to end your visit to this historic city. Choose a restaurant that offers a special dining experience, such as a traditional tea ceremony or a geisha performance.

Daily Total: **\$136**

Osaka, Japan

Days 9-10

Osaka, a vibrant and modern city, is known for its delicious street food, lively nightlife, and friendly locals. Explore its iconic landmarks, bustling markets, and unique cultural attractions, all while experiencing the city's energetic and welcoming atmosphere.



Accommodation

Hotel Image

Imperial Hotel Osaka

From: Nov 2-4

8-50 Temma 1-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka, 530-0042, Japan

★★★★★ 4.6/5

\$350 /per night

\$700 total

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Daily Itinerary

Day 9 November 3, 2024

Explore Osaka's castle, street food scene, and shopping district.

9:00 AM **Osaka Castle** Osaka \$6

Begin your Osaka adventure at Osaka Castle, a symbol of the city's rich history and power. Explore the castle grounds, visit the museum inside the main tower, and admire the stunning architecture. This is a must-visit for history buffs and those interested in Japanese feudal history. The castle's park is also a great place to relax and enjoy the scenery.

11:00 AM **Dotonbori Street Food Tour** Dotonbori, Osaka \$40

Embark on a street food tour of Dotonbori, Osaka's vibrant entertainment district. Sample local delicacies such as takoyaki (octopus balls), okonomiyaki (savory pancake), and kushikatsu (deep-fried skewers). This is a great way to experience Osaka's culinary scene and try new flavors. Be sure to try some of the district's unique and seasonal offerings.

2:00 PM **Shinsaibashi Shopping** Shinsaibashi, Osaka \$50

Enjoy shopping in Shinsaibashi, Osaka's premier shopping district. Explore the area's department stores, boutiques, and specialty shops. This is a great place to find unique gifts and souvenirs. Be sure to visit some of the district's hidden gems and local shops.

5:00 PM **Umeda Sky Building** Umeda, Osaka \$15

Ascend the Umeda Sky Building for panoramic views of Osaka's skyline. Admire the breathtaking scenery from one of the city's tallest structures. This is a perfect way to appreciate the vastness and beauty of Osaka. You can also enjoy dinner at one of the Sky Building's restaurants.

7:00 PM	Dinner in Dotonbori	Dotonbori, Osaka	\$60
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Enjoy dinner in Dotonbori, known for its vibrant nightlife and diverse culinary scene. From traditional Japanese cuisine to international flavors, Dotonbori offers a wide range of dining options to satisfy any palate. Experience the energy and excitement of this iconic district while you dine.

Daily Total: \$171

Day 10 November 4, 2024

Visit Osaka's shrines, retro districts, and relax at Spa World.

9:00 AM	Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine	Osaka	\$0
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Visit Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine, one of Japan's oldest Shinto shrines, known for its unique architecture and serene atmosphere. Explore the shrine's grounds and admire its traditional design. This is a perfect place to experience Japanese spirituality and culture. The shrine's Sorihashi Bridge is a particularly iconic feature.

11:00 AM	Shinsekai District	Shinsekai, Osaka	\$30
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Explore the Shinsekai district, a retro neighborhood with a nostalgic atmosphere. Discover its unique shops, restaurants, and the iconic Tsutenkaku Tower. This is a great place to experience a different side of Osaka and step back in time. Be sure to try some of the district's local specialties, such as kushikatsu.

1:00 PM **Tennoji Zoo** Tennoji, Osaka **\$5**

Visit Tennoji Zoo, home to a diverse collection of animals from around the world. Explore the zoo's exhibits and learn about wildlife conservation. This is a fun and educational experience for animal lovers of all ages. The zoo is also a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

3:00 PM **Spa World** Osaka **\$25**

Relax and rejuvenate at Spa World, a unique onsen (hot spring) theme park. Experience different bathing cultures from around the world. This is a perfect way to unwind and pamper yourself before your departure. Be sure to try some of the different types of baths and saunas available.

6:00 PM **Farewell Dinner in Osaka** Osaka **\$60**

Enjoy a farewell dinner in Osaka, savoring the city's delicious cuisine and vibrant atmosphere. Reflect on your experiences and memories of your time in Japan. This is a perfect way to end your incredible journey. Choose a restaurant that offers a special dining experience, such as a traditional izakaya (Japanese pub).

Daily Total: \$120

Total Estimated Cost**\$1272**

*Prices are approximate and may vary