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14-Day Autumn Journey

Budget Guide: £2,000 per person

November 10-24, 2025 | Group of 12

■■ ■■■ Mt. Fuji | ■■■ Nara Deer | ■ Fox Village | ■ Hokkaido Snow | ■■ Okinawa

■ Budget Breakdown - £2,000 Target

Expense	Budget Option	Cost per Person	Total for 12	Booking Source
International Flights	Economy, advance booking	£450	£5,400	Skyscanner/Expedia
Domestic Flights	Budget airlines (Peach/Jetstar)	£80	£960	Skyscanner Japan
JR Rail Pass	14-day Ordinary	£426	£5,112	JR Pass.com
Accommodation	Mix Airbnb/Budget Hotels	£600	£7,200	Airbnb/Booking.com
Meals	Convenience stores + casual dining	£280	£3,360	Local restaurants
Local Transport	IC cards + day passes	£45	£540	Station counters
Activities	Free attractions + onsen	£75	£900	Local booking
Ski Day	Equipment rental + lift	£44	£528	Resort booking
TOTAL		£2,000	£24,000	

■ Budget Accommodation Options

■ Tokyo (3 nights) - Nov 10-13

Option A - Airbnb Group House (Recommended) • Large house in Shibuya/Shinjuku area for 12 people • Cost: £90/night total (£7.50 per person per night) • Book via: Airbnb.com - Search "Tokyo large group house 12 guests" • Benefits: Kitchen for group meals, social space, cultural experience **Option B - Budget Hotel Rooms** • 6 twin rooms at business hotel (2 people per room) • Cost: £25/night per person (£300 total per night) • Book via: Booking.com - "Tokyo Station Hotel" or "Capsule Hotel chains" • Benefits: Individual privacy, breakfast included, central location **Option C - Mixed Accommodation** • 4 people in Airbnb + 8 people in nearby budget hotel • Cost: £20/night per person average • Book via: Combination of Airbnb.com and Expedia • Benefits: Flexibility for different preferences

■ Mt. Fuji Area (2 nights) - Nov 13-15

Option A - Kawaguchiko Group Villa • Traditional Japanese house with Mt. Fuji views • Cost: £120/night total (£10 per person per night) • Book via: Airbnb.com - Search "Kawaguchiko villa 12 guests mountain view" • Benefits: Authentic experience, group cooking, stunning views **Option B - Budget Ryokan** • Traditional inn with shared facilities • Cost: £35/night per person (including breakfast) • Book via: Booking.com - "Kawaguchiko budget ryokan" • Benefits: Traditional experience, onsen access, meals included **Option C - Hostel-style Accommodation** • Mixed dormitory and private rooms • Cost: £25/night per person • Book via: Expedia - "Fuji Five Lakes hostels" • Benefits: Meet other travelers, lowest cost option

■ Kyoto/Nara (2 nights) - Nov 15-17

Option A - Traditional Machiya House • Restored traditional wooden house in Gion district • Cost: £140/night total (£11.67 per person per night) • Book via: Airbnb.com - Search "Kyoto traditional house 12 guests Gion" • Benefits: Cultural immersion, perfect location, group space **Option B - Budget Temple Lodging** • Stay at Buddhist temple with vegetarian meals • Cost: £30/night per person (including meals) • Book via: Booking.com - "Kyoto temple lodging shukubo" • Benefits: Unique cultural experience, meditation sessions **Option C - Kyoto Guest House** • Modern guest house with shared facilities • Cost: £28/night per person • Book via: Expedia - "Kyoto downtown guest houses" • Benefits: Social atmosphere, central location

■ Sendai (2 nights) - Nov 17-19

Option A - Business Hotel Group Booking • 6 twin rooms at business hotel near station • Cost: £22/night per person • Book via: Booking.com - "Sendai Station business hotels" • Benefits: Convenient for Fox Village day trip, reliable **Option B - Sendai Guest House** • Large guest house with group accommodation • Cost: £18/night per person • Book via: Airbnb.com - Search "Sendai group accommodation" • Benefits: Lowest cost, local area experience **Option C - Hot Spring Resort** • Budget onsen resort outside city • Cost: £35/night per person (including dinner) • Book via: Expedia - "Sendai onsen budget resorts" • Benefits: Relaxing hot springs, traditional meals

■ Hokkaido (2 nights) - Nov 19-21

Option A - Ski Lodge Dormitory • Shared accommodation at ski resort • Cost: £40/night per person • Book via: Booking.com - "Niseko budget ski lodges" • Benefits: Ski-in/ski-out, meet other skiers, equipment storage **Option B - Sapporo Budget Hotel** • Stay in Sapporo city, day trips to ski areas • Cost: £25/night per person •

Book via: Expedia - "Sapporo budget hotels" • Benefits: City nightlife, food scene, cheaper accommodation
Option C - Group Chalet • Rent entire chalet for group • Cost: £50/night per person • Book via: Airbnb.com - "Niseko group chalet 12 people" • Benefits: Group bonding, cooking facilities, privacy

■■ Okinawa (3 nights) - Nov 21-24

Option A - Beach House Rental • Entire house near beach for group • Cost: £100/night total (£8.33 per person per night) • Book via: Airbnb.com - Search "Okinawa beach house 12 guests" • Benefits: Beach access, group cooking, relaxing end to trip
Option B - Naha City Guest House • Central location in Naha with shared facilities • Cost: £20/night per person • Book via: Booking.com - "Naha budget accommodations" • Benefits: Easy airport access, explore local culture
Option C - Resort Hotel Group Booking • Budget resort with group discounts • Cost: £35/night per person • Book via: Expedia - "Okinawa budget resorts" • Benefits: Resort amenities, organized activities

■ Money-Saving Strategies

■ **Flights:** • Book 2-3 months in advance for best prices • Use flight comparison sites: Skyscanner, Momondo, Google Flights • Consider flying Tuesday/Wednesday for lower fares • Pack light to avoid baggage fees on domestic flights ■ **Accommodation:** • Book Airbnb for longer stays (3+ nights) for better rates • Use Booking.com for last-minute hotel deals • Consider staying slightly outside city centers • Book directly with hotels for potential upgrades ■ **Food:** • Convenience store meals: £2-4 per meal • Ramen shops: £4-6 per bowl • Conveyor belt sushi: £8-12 per meal • Cook group meals in Airbnb kitchens • Look for lunch sets (teishoku) for better value ■ **Transport:** • Use IC cards (Suica/Pasmo) for small savings • Buy day passes for local transport • Walk when possible - great for sightseeing • Use overnight buses for longer distances (saves on accommodation) ■ **Activities:** • Many temples and shrines are free • City parks and gardens often have no entrance fee • Free walking tours in major cities • Happy hour discounts at many attractions

■ Booking Timeline & Links

Immediate (Now - 1 week): • Book international flights: Expedia.com, Skyscanner.com • Purchase JR Rail Pass: JRPass.com • Set up group decision-making process **2-3 months before (August-September):** • Book accommodations based on group votes • Book domestic flights: Peach.com, Jetstar.com • Purchase travel insurance **1 month before (October):** • Confirm all bookings • Download essential apps • Start learning basic Japanese phrases **Key Booking Websites:** • Airbnb.com - Group houses and unique stays • Booking.com - Hotels with free cancellation • Expedia.com - Package deals and group bookings • Agoda.com - Asia-focused hotel booking • Skyscanner.com - Flight comparisons • JRPass.com - Rail pass purchase

■ Final Budget Summary

Target: £2,000 per person achieved by: • Choosing budget accommodation options (averaging £20-30/night) • Mixing Airbnb group houses with budget hotels • Using convenience stores and casual dining • Booking flights well in advance • Maximizing JR Pass value • Focusing on free and low-cost activities **Contingency fund: £200 per person recommended** • For unexpected expenses, souvenirs, and treats • Emergency accommodation or transport changes • Special meals or experiences not in base budget