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Japan Highlights  
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**03 TOKYO**

Four nights covering Asakusa, Ueno, Shinjuku, Shibuya, Harajuku, Tsukiji Market, teamLab Planets, Pokémon Center, one free day, and a choice day.

**06 HAKONE**

Two nights in Hakone. Ryokan experience and Hakone Loop with Pirate ship and Lake ashi viewing.

**07 NAGOYA**

One night in Nagoya: arrival evening for local specialties, Earch check out and full day at Ghibli Park with timed entry.

**08 KYOTO**

Three nights in Kyoto: Arashiyama self-guided day, full cultural day with guide (Kiyomizudera, Gion, tea ceremony, kimono), and a countryside day in Tamba-Sasayama & Kameoka.

**09 OSAKA**

Four nights in Osaka: guided food and culture day, Nara & Asuka countryside day, one flex day for Himeji Castle or shopping, plus an arrival reset day with Dotonbori evening.

# OVERVIEW



**March 07 – 21 (15 days, 14 nights)**

**Tokyo** (5N) → **Hakone** (2N) → **Kyoto** (3N) → **Osaka** (4N) Balanced plan with guided and self-guided days.

- Tokyo (5N): Arrival, Sanso-ji, SkyTree and Ueno, Shinjuku/Shibuya/Harajuku, Tsukiji Market, teamLab, and cultural highlights.
- Hakone (2N): Ryokan stay with onsen, pirate ship cruise, gardens and mountain views.
- Kyoto (3N): Guided cultural day with Mico, self-guided Arashiyama.
- Osaka (4N): Food and culture tour, Nara day trip with forest bathing, sumo viewing for a flex day or (Himeji Castle or shopping).

# TOKYO



## **March 7 — Tokyo (Arrival Day)**

Arrival around 4:30 PM. Grab an early dinner nearby and try to stay up until 9–10 PM to adjust for jetlag. Keep it gentle today.

Overnight Tokyo. Self-guided Tour

## **March 8 — Tokyo (Intro)**

Start with Sensoji Temple in Asakusa, visit SkyTree for the city view and stroll through Ueno. A balanced first full day to explore the cultural heart of Tokyo.

Overnight Tokyo. Self-guided Tour

## **March 9 — Tokyo (The Big Three Districts)**

Shinjuku for viewpoints and quirkiness, Shibuya for the scramble and city lights, and Harajuku for its pet cafes the kids will love. Evening option: Shibuya Sky or casual dinner.

Overnight Tokyo. Self-guided Tour

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# TOKYO



## March 10 — Tokyo (Food & Immersive Art)

Morning at Tsukiji Market for easy bites, then a walk around the Imperial Palace grounds. Afternoon at TeamLab for a futuristic art adventure. Evening stop at the Pokémon Center and a sweets hunt.

Overnight Tokyo. Self-guided Tour

## March 11 — Tokyo (Cooking class, Ghibli Museum, Revisit)

This day is all about flexibility. You can revisit attractions you enjoyed from Days 1 to 3, with a midday visit to the Ghibli Museum and an optional cooking class and shopping.

Next stop **Hakone**

# HAKONE



## **March 12 — Travel: Tokyo → Hakone**

Check out of your Tokyo hotel and take the train to Hakone via bullet train and local train. After check-in at your ryokan, enjoy the onsen baths and relax into the mountain atmosphere. Depending on arrival time, you can add a short walk by Lake Ashi or visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum.

Overnight Hakone. Free transportation Guide

## **March 13 — Hakone (Full Day Highlights)**

Ride the Hakone Ropeway for mountain views, cruise Lake Ashi on the pirate ship, and enjoy hot spring relaxation at your ryokan. Optional: explore Hakone Shrine and the surrounding forest paths.

Overnight Hakone. Self-guided Tour

# KYOTO



## **March 14 — Hakone → Kyoto**

Check-out from Hakone, Take the Shinkansen from Odawara Station to Kyoto, arriving before dinner or early morning. I'll recommend some good spots to explore near your hotel, along with a few restaurant options. Consider this a light rest day."

## **March 15 — Kyoto Guided with Mico**

A full cultural day with me: Kiyomizudera, Gion's backstreets, Nishiki Market food sampling, Sanjusangendo + Fushimi inari at night. Long day ahead

Overnight Kyoto

## **March 16 — Kyoto Arashiyama**

Spend the day in Arashiyama at an easy pace—Bamboo Grove, Monkey Park, and the Sagano Scenic Railway if the kids are up for it.

Overnight Kyoto. Self-Guided Tour

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## OSAKA



### **March 17 — Kyoto → Osaka (Reset Day)**

Train ride to Osaka. Check in, rest, a little nearby shopping, then an evening stroll and dinner in Dotonbori. Overnight Osaka.

### **March 18 — Osaka - Guided with Mico**

Osaka food and culture day: Kuromon Market tastings, knife shop demo, hidden alleys, sake samplings and visit the underworld. 5-7 hours  
Overnight Osaka.

### **March 19 — Osaka (Nature & Early History Guided with Mico)**

Day trip with a driver through the Nara Park and primeval forests —forest bathing, waterfalls, ancient carvings of Japan's first capital region. 1 full day with vehicle  
Overnight Osaka.

## OSAKA



### **March 20 — Osaka (Flex Day)**

Option A: Day trip to Himeji Castle for a climb and castle exploration or Day Trip to Miyajima.

Option B: Shopping day around Namba/Umeda and Orange Street + Sumo viewing.

Farewell dinner in Osaka.

Overnight Osaka.

### **March 21 — Osaka → Tokyo Departure**

Early Shinkansen back to Tokyo (about 2.5 hours). early afternoon for final shopping—Shinjuku or Akihabara works well. Shibuya Sky revisit (optional). Stay near the station or airport for an easy departure.

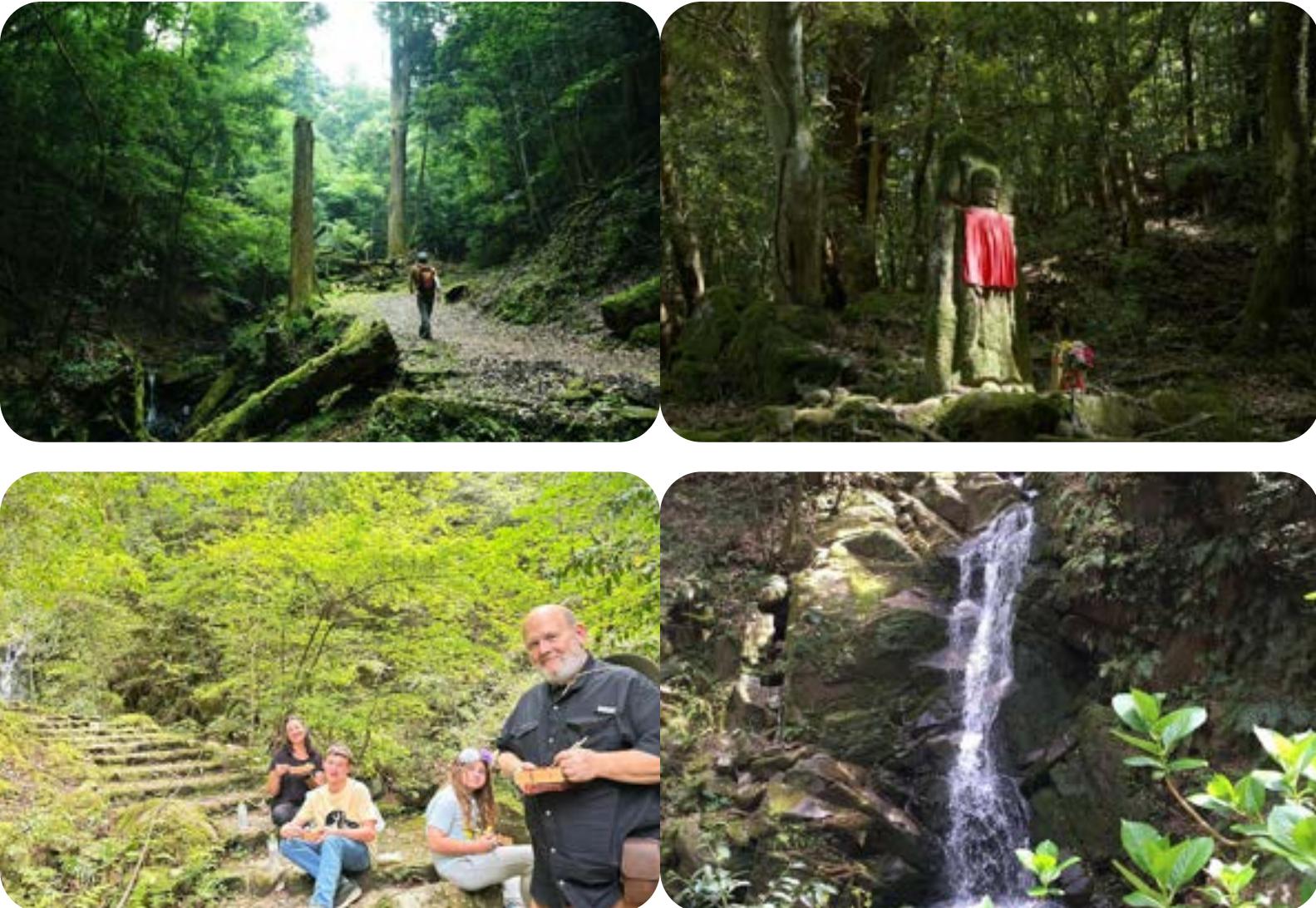
Overnight Tokyo.

## TAMBA-SASAYAMA AND KAYABUKI NO SATO



I will also bring you to a magical forest nearby that no tourist has ever been.

## NARA'S PRIMEVAL FOREST



There's also a lot of ancient carvings in the forest, its super rare to find any people inside the forest -which makes the visit a true hidden gem.