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Vacations Discounters, Inc.

Custom Tour

Exclusive for BKS Members

“Splendors of Japan”

9 Days

May 29 - June 6, 2017



Group Guided Vacations Custom “Splendors of Japan” prepared for Vacations Discounters

YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

- City tour of Tokyo and Kyoto, walking tour of Takayama
- Visit the Imperial Palace Plaza in Tokyo, the Kinkakuji Temple, Sanjyusangen-do Hall and Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto
- View Mt. Fuji at 2,300m
- See the traditional Gassho-zukuri houses in Shirakawago and the beautiful gardens of Kenrokuen in Kanazawa

Trip Glossary:

Visit – In-depth sightseeing with a Local Specialist or your Travel Director, includes fast track entry (where applicable).

View – A brief stop to take in the sight and capture photos.

See – See the sight while driving by on the coach.

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

Eclectic cities, traditional villages, snow-capped mountains and coastal beauty combine. Discover the splendours of Japan on a journey of discovery, from iconic Tokyo to Takayama and Kyoto.

YOUR INCLUDED DINING

- 8 breakfasts.
- 1 Welcome Reception
- 4 lunches - (including 1 Be My Guest).
- 4 dinners.

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

- Luxury air-conditioned coach or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Hand-picked 4 or 5 star accommodation
- All portorage and restaurant gratuities
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver
- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- 1 group transfer on Day 1 and Day 8.



Itinerary Custom “Splendors of Japan”

DAY 1 Monday, May 29, 2017

ARRIVE KYOTO

Welcome to Kyoto. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception drink and local appetisers.

Meal(s): WR

Hotel: Nikko Princess Kyoto or similar

DAY 2 Tuesday, May 30, 2017

KYOTO SIGHTSEEING

This morning go to Fushimi Inari Shrine and see the tunnel of thousands of bright orange torii gates that snake through the forest up into the mountains. Then head to the Sanjusangendo Hall, a temple famous for its 1001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy. Later, enjoy a special Be My Guest Farewell Lunch at a traditional ryokan nestled in the peace and quiet of Mt. Yoshida. The ryokan was built in 1932 by master craftsmen to serve as the second residence of the uncle of the current Japanese Emperor, Akihito. Learn more about local Japanese customs as your hosts welcome you into their beautiful home. Enjoy the pleasures of a truly flavourful and unique dining experience of Kaiseki cuisine, crafted from the very freshest of seasonal delicacies. After lunch visit the Kinkakuji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its Golden Pavilion. The Kinkakuji history dates back to 1397, when the villa was purchased by Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu. When Yoshimitsu died, the building was converted into a Zen temple by his son. Later continue on to the The evening is free to explore, relax at the hotel or take an Optional Experience.

Meal(s): B, BGL

Hotel: Nikko Princess Kyoto or similar

DAY 3 Wednesday, May 31, 2017

KYOTO - KANAZAWA

This morning travel by train to Kanazawa. Today, discover the secrets of gold leaf painting during a visit with a Local Specialist. The production of gold leaf started in Kanazawa at the end of the 16th century and now. Continue on to the gardens of Kenrokuen, rated as one of the top three most beautiful gardens in Japan and a great place to see Cherry Blossom in the springtime. Explore the ornate landscapes, temples and ponds or enjoy an Optional Experience visit to a Japanese tea house within the gardens. Later take a short walk through the Omicho

market to see the local fish catch and enjoy an insiders view of everyday life in a busy coastal town. Enjoy some free time at the market to browse the stalls before visiting the Nomura house, an elegant samurai mansion with beautiful small gardens belonging to a high-ranked samurai family. Later check in to your centrally located hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening.

Meal(s): B

Hotel: Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel or similar

DAY 4 Thursday, June 1, 2017

KANAZAWA - TAKAYAMA - GOKAYAMA - KANAZAWA

Today visit the Kami-Sannomachi-suji District, home to renowned local artisans. Walk through the narrow streets and admire the ancient Japanese wooden architecture. After a Hida Beef Lunch, take a step back in time during a visit to the peaceful mountain villages and UNESCO designated sites of Gokayama. You will observe local artisans making washi paper and try your hand at making your own, a Cultural Insight. See the unique Gassho-zukuri wooden houses; the steeply sloped thatched roofs resemble two hands together in prayer. Later head back to Kanazawa for a free evening to explore.

Meal(s): B, L

Hotel: Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel or similar

DAY 5 Friday, June 2, 2017

KANAZAWA - MATSUMOTO

This morning drive to Matsumoto. Visit Matsumoto Castle, one of the most beautiful and complete original Japanese castles and a great Cherry Blossom viewing spot in the springtime. Marvel at its unique timber and stone structure. Later visit Daio Wasabi Farm. Tonight enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Meal(s): B, D

Hotel: Shinshumatsushiro Royal Hotel or similar

DAY 6 Saturday, June 3, 2017

MT. FUJI AND LAKE KAWAGUCHI SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast depart on a full day of sightseeing, beginning at the Five Lakes District dominated by majestic UNESCO listed Mt. Fuji. At 3,776m, it is Japan's highest mountain and most recognisable icon. Ascend to the 5th Station of Mt. Fuji to enjoy some spectacular views at 2,300m (weather permitting). After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant continue to Owakudani via the

Hakone Ropeway, a cable car ride over the forest beside Lake Ashi. Later arrive in Tokyo your home for the next 4 nights.

Meal(s): B, L

Hotel: Hotel New Otani or similar

DAY 7 Sunday, June 4, 2017

TOKYO SIGHTSEEING

This morning start your city tour with a visit to the Imperial Palace Plaza, a large park area in the centre of Tokyo. View the Imperial Palace, built on the former site of Edo Castle, it is surrounded by its original inner moat. Next visit the Meiji Shrine located in a forest that covers an area of 700,000 square metres and consists of 365 different species of tree. During lunch, enjoy a cooking class and learn how to make sushi with a Local Specialist in the famous Ginza district. Continue to Asakusa and visit the Sensoji Buddhist temple. It is one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular temples and has been rebuilt countless times since it was founded in 628, making it Tokyo's oldest temple site. Visit Nakamise, a shopping street over 200 metres long that stretches from the outer gate to the temple's second interior gate.

Meal(s): B, L

Hotel: Hotel New Otani or similar

DAY 8 Monday, June 5, 2017

TOKYO FREE TIME

Today is free to explore at your leisure. Tonight join your Travel Director and fellow traveler for a Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s): B, FD

Hotel: Hotel New Otani or similar

DAY 9 Tuesday, June 6, 2017

DEPART TOKYO

After breakfast, your group will be transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Meal(s): B



Pricing

The below land-only, **Per Person prices are based on twin-share accommodations** and are based on quoted departure date. No discounts apply.

9 Days / 8 Nights May 29 - June 6, 2017	
25 – 26 guests per coach	\$3,774
20 – 24 guests per coach	\$3,944
15 – 19 guests per coach	\$4,189
10 – 14 guests per coach	\$4,700
Single Room Supplement (subject to availability)	\$1,006
Triple Room Reduction (subject to availability)	\$190
Travel Protection Plan	Varies

Additional Notes:

Passport requirement: Must be valid 6 months after day of travel.

Booking procedures:

- Contact Nancy Vinson – Vacation Discounters
- Phone: 888 655-6141
- Email: nancy@vacationdiscounters.net

Deposit: \$500.00 per person – Due at time of booking

This deposit is refundable up until four (4) months prior to departure.

Final Payment: Due April 20, 2017

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Terms & Conditions

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Excess baggage
- Lunches and meals other than specified
- Expenses of personal nature and incidentals at the hotels
- Transportation, sightseeing and admissions other than specified
- Tips and gratuities (\$3 – 5, or Euro equivalent, per day, per person suggested for Travel Director and Coach Driver and \$2 per day, per person suggested for Local Experts)
- This list is illustrative and not a complete list of every item not included.

Trafalgar's Travel Protection Plan is not included and can be purchased for an additional charge, please inquire for details

RESERVATIONS

We require a minimum of 20 guests in order to operate a custom group. Trafalgar reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised trips require minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met Trafalgar reserves the right to cancel arrangements.

Land Deposits – A \$500 deposit will be required to book a customized group and confirm the land arrangements. This deposit is refundable up until four (4) months prior to departure. Additional deposits may be required by particular hotels which we secure for the trip. As they become known you will be invoiced accordingly and payment conditions specified.

Final Payment – Required 65 days prior to the group's departure date.

Payment – Trafalgar accepts payments made in the form of checks, money orders, American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover Card. Your payment is not deemed made until Trafalgar receives it.

AIR

Air is covered under a separate agreement. Air arrangements will not be made until the land deposit is received and requires an additional deposit per person. The group air deposit is due within 7 days of receiving an air confirmation. Specific airline terms and conditions will be provided at the time air space is booked as each airline has their own policies and procedures

Airport Transfers – A group transfer will be provided as long as the group arrives and departs on the start and end dates of the tour on the same flight. One group transfer per coach is included in the price quoted. If requested, additional airport transfers (group or private) can be provided at a supplementary cost. If Trafalgar is not providing the air for your group, please provide the flight information in writing 65 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Travel documents will be sent to you approximately 35 days prior to tour start date (providing full payment has

been received). If your group is leaving earlier, please ask your Groups Specialist to request your travel documents in good time. If travel documents are required the next day or earlier than 35 days prior to departure an additional fee based on the actual shipping cost will apply. If documents need to be sent to an international address, an additional fee based on the actual shipping cost will apply.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Trafalgar must receive all cancellations and revisions in writing.

Group Cancellations – Outside of 120 days prior to departure will receive a refund of the group deposit or may transfer the deposit to a future custom group booking (with the exception of non-refundable air deposits). Within 95 days prior to departure will forfeit group deposit.

Individual cancellations:

- 95 – 66 days prior to departure will forfeit group deposit
- 65 – 22 days prior to departure incur a 25% land cancellation penalty
- 21 – 8 days prior to departure will incur a 30% land cancellation penalty
- 7 – 1 day prior to departure will incur a 50% land cancellation penalty
- Day of departure incur a 100% land cancellation penalty

If guest cancellation causes the rest of the group to drop to a higher price bracket and final payment has been received, 100% land cancellation penalty may apply. Regardless if guest numbers drop or increase after final payment has been paid to Trafalgar, you will be re-invoiced accordingly, based on full paying guest numbers traveling, corresponding with the applicable price break quoted. This applies up until day of departure.

Additional cancellation penalties may apply based on special inclusions and individual hotel policies. Pre- and post-trip accommodations cancelled between 14 days and the day of departure may incur penalties up to 100% of the accommodations cost.

No penalty for name changes unless air arrangements are involved up until 65 days prior to departure or prior to final payment being received.

Group packages that include airline tickets are subject to penalties in accordance with the airline's own terms and conditions applicable to the airfare. These penalties are in addition to any land penalties incurred.

Please note there will be no reduction or refund from the price for any unused segments.

Individual purchase of Travel Protection Plan is non-refundable and may affect the amount and type of penalty and/or refund if individual cancels within penalty period.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Every endeavor is made to ensure all services are included as per your quote request, however it is your responsibility to check all inclusions in the attached itinerary as any items not specified will incur supplemental charges.

Trip Prices – Prices are per person in US Dollars and are net (i.e., non-commissionable). Unless otherwise stated the trip (including Vacation Host) is priced in twin share.

Single and Triple Room Request – Trafalgar reserves the right to limit the number of single and triple (if available) rooms per group. Europe tours are usually based on a maximum of six single rooms.

Coach – A standard Europe coach will hold 49 guests. If your group requires more than one coach, the guests will be billed based on the number of total guests PER COACH and not the number of guests in the group (e.g. group size of 60 people = 30 guests per coach, billed at appropriate 30 rate).

Hotel Accommodations – All accommodations are subject to availability at time of booking and no accommodations will be reserved until group deposit has been received, at which point we will endeavor to book hotels. If the group stays in any city during a major trade fair, holiday or peak travel season, accommodations may be very difficult to secure. In this case, we reserve the right to accommodate the group outside of the city and a surcharge may apply to the price of the accommodation.

Travel Protection Plan – For your convenience, we will add the plan cost on our trip invoice and include it in the balance due. Simply pay the amount indicated on your travel invoice inclusive of this plan cost. You are enrolled upon Trafalgar receipt of payment for the applicable plan cost, in addition to any required trip deposits and/or final balances.

Please be aware that it is in your best interest to purchase the program at time of deposit. Remember, if you purchase the plan within 2 days of your initial trip deposit/payment you will be covered for pre-existing conditions. The earlier effective date will protect you against unforeseen circumstances that may arise at a later date and the Pre-Existing Condition exclusion.

Passport and Visas – Each guest is responsible for having a passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond the conclusion of their trip; all necessary visas and permits; and they must comply with entry, health or other requirements of the countries visited. Some of our vacations enter a country more than once; therefore multiple-entry visas may be required for some countries. The Operators and/or their employees and their agents are not responsible for passport, visa requirements, entry, health or other requirements of the countries visited or for any loss sustained by guests for failing to comply with laws, regulations, orders and/or requirements of countries visited.

Change Fee – Upon confirmation of arrangements, any voluntary change in any component of the itinerary may result in a \$50 per person fee (airline penalties and fees, if applicable, will be additional).

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS PER TRAFALGAR'S STANDARD BOOKING CONDITIONS MAY APPLY—REFER TO APPROPRIATE BROCHURE.

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