



CBT Holidays

Cherry Blossom Special Departure! 24 March 2026

Japan Highlights

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Every spring, Japan transforms into a soft pink wonderland as cherry blossoms—sakura—blanket the country in breathtaking beauty. From the ancient temples of Kyoto to the bustling parks of Tokyo, this fleeting season symbolizes renewal, reflection, and natural splendor. Whether enjoying a hanami picnic beneath the blossoms or strolling through lantern-lit paths at night, visiting Japan during cherry blossom season offers an unforgettable blend of culture, serenity, and seasonal charm



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Day 1 24 Mar Arrival Hiroshima

Upon arrival in Hiroshima, you are met and transferred to your hotel; subject to hotel check in policy, normally check in time is 15:00. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Stay 2 nights in Hiroshima.

Day 2 25 Mar Hiroshima Meal: B/D

After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour to discover the scenic island of Miyajima, famously known as “Shrine Island.” The highlight is the iconic giant torii gate, which appears to float on the sea during high tide—a truly picturesque sight. As you explore the island, you may encounter wild deer roaming freely, adding to the island’s charm. Don’t miss the opportunity to sample fresh oysters, a beloved local delicacy. In the afternoon, return to the mainland to visit the Atomic Bomb Dome (Hiroshima Peace Memorial). Once the Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall, this UNESCO World Heritage Site now stands as a powerful symbol of peace and a poignant reminder of the city’s history. After the tour, return to your hotel for the evening.

Day 3 26 Mar Hiroshima - Osaka Meal: B

This morning, board the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Osaka. Upon arrival, head to the

vibrant Namba area, where your city exploration begins. Visit the historic Shitennoji Temple, one of Japan’s oldest Buddhist temples. Then enjoy a scenic walk along the canal, browse the multi-story Don Quijote megastore, and experience the lively energy of Shinsaibashi-suji Shopping Street, a paradise for shoppers and food lovers alike. In the afternoon, visit Osaka Castle, one of the city’s most iconic landmarks. Surrounded by expansive parkland and moats, the castle offers stunning panoramic views of the city from its observation deck and a glimpse into Japan’s feudal past. After your sightseeing, return to your hotel for an overnight stay in Osaka

Day 4 27 Mar Osaka – Nara - Kyoto Meal: B

This morning, depart Osaka and drive to Nara, Japan’s first permanent capital. Visit the majestic Todaiji Temple, one of the country’s most important and historic Buddhist temples. Inside, you’ll find the Great Buddha Hall (Daibutsuden), housing one of the largest bronze Buddha statues in the world. While exploring Nara Park, you’ll likely meet the city’s famous free-roaming deer, considered sacred messengers of the gods. Be sure to try feeding them shika senbei—special deer crackers available from local vendors. In the afternoon, continue your journey to Kyoto and visit the iconic Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This stunning Zen





Buddhist temple, with its top two floors covered in gold leaf, is beautifully set beside a reflective pond and surrounded by peaceful gardens. Afterward, check in to your hotel in Kyoto for the evening.

Day 5 28 Mar Kyoto Meal: B/L

Begin your day with a visit to the iconic Kiyomizu-dera Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Kyoto's most celebrated landmarks. Perched on a hillside, its famous wooden veranda juts out over the valley, offering sweeping views of the city below—especially breathtaking during cherry blossom or autumn foliage seasons. Continue to Arashiyama, a scenic and charming district on Kyoto's western edge. Stroll across the symbolic Togetsukyo Bridge, explore quaint local shops and cafés. Don't miss a walk through Arashiyama's Bamboo Grove, where towering stalks create a magical, tranquil atmosphere. A quick visit to Gion, Kyoto's geisha district, with hostesses in colorful kimonos often sighted on the wooden Tatsumi Bridge, or amid upscale Japanese restaurants and boutiques on Hanamikoji Street before returning to your hotel.

Day 6 29 Mar Kyoto – Tsuruga - Kanazawa Meal: B/L

Depart Kyoto at 10:00 AM, with a stop in the port city of Tsuruga for lunch and a short walk along the harbor. Then continue to Kanazawa; upon arrival in the afternoon, visit the renowned Kenrokuen Garden, one of Japan's top three gardens, known for its seasonal beauty and elegant landscape design. Overnight stay in Kanazawa.

Day 7 30 Mar Kanazawa – Takayama Meal: B/D

Today we visit Shirakawa-go. Shirakawa-go Gassho-zukuri village, which has beautiful retro landscape like the scenery of Japan back in the day. It was selected as an important traditional building preservation district in 1976, and in 1995, Shirakawa-go together with Gokayama (In Toyama Prefecture) was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (Cultural Heritage). Shirakawago is also a place where you can deeply feel the rural culture way of life. Overnight in Takayama.

Day 8 31 Mar Takayama - Hakone Meal: B/L/D

Spend the morning exploring Takayama on foot, strolling past traditional merchant houses and sake breweries in the beautifully preserved old town. Then drive toward Hakone, stop en route at Lake Suwa for lunch and leisurely take a lake cruise. Continue to Hakone and check in for a 2-night stay.

Day 9 01 Apr Hakone - Mt. Fuji Meal: B/D

This morning, we drive up Japan's highest mountain, the iconic Mt Fuji, arguably one of Japan's most potent symbols. Proceed to Mt Fuji 5th Station to enjoy a breath-taking view of the volcano and its surrounds. After lunch at your own expense, take a leisure scenic cruise on Lake Ashi. It was formed in the caldera of Mount Hakone after the volcano's last eruption 3000 years ago, we then take the Hakone Ropeway to have a 360-degree view of Mount Fuji and Hakone area. We arrive Ohwakudani, also named as Great Boiling Valley, which is formed by volcanic eruption 4000 years ago. With white smoke coming out from the valley with very strong Sulphur smell, you can buy the "Kuro-tamago" (black boiled egg) there with the legend saying that eating one egg will add 7 years to your life.

NOTE: Ascending to Mt. Fuji 5th Station is subject to weather conditions. Alternatively, it will replace with Fujisan World Heritage Center

Day 10 02 Apr Hakone to Tokyo**Meal: B**

The morning is free at leisure; you may wish to attempt the round two onsen and /or wander around beautiful nature nearby. In the afternoon we drive to Tokyo.

Day 11 03 Apr Tokyo**Meal: B/D**

Spend a worth full day sightseeing in one of the biggest Metropolitan cities in the world. The tour will start visiting the venerable Asakusa Kannon Temple, also called Sensoji, which has more than 1300 years of history. You will also go to the iconic Tokyo SkyTree. Then we will stop at Tsukiji fish market where you still can find many stalls selling seafood, seasonal fruits, assorted nuts, soft cream, egg rolls, sashimi and more, you will enjoy your own lunch there. Afterwards we will relax and take a cruise along the canal before we return to our hotel. Overnight in Tokyo.

Day 12 04 Apr Tokyo – Australia**Meal: B**

This morning is at leisure; in the afternoon, transferred to the airport for your flight bound for Australia.

This tour subjects to a minimum of 6 participants for guaranteed departure.

Land only Price:
\$7680 pp

Inclusions:

1. Twin share 4* hotels
2. Fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, entrance fees, all transfers and meals as per itinerary.
3. Bullet train from Hiroshima - Osaka.
4. Tipping

Exclusions:

1. Any air tickets
2. Personal expenses
3. Travel insurance

4* Hotels for your references: Hiroshima Oriental Hotel; Osaka Holiday Inn Namba; Kyoto Nikko Princess Hotel; Kanazawa Ken Hotel & Resort; Takayama Green Hotel; Hakone Yumoto Tenseien; Tokyo La Vista Hotels Tokyo Bay

