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## JAPAN AUTUMN LEAVES TOUR

13 Day Conducted Tour  
for **\$6,675** per person twin share

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This is amazing value for a destination such as Japan, as the price covers all of the following:

- Air fares with Cathay Pacific Airways from Sydney and Melbourne into Tokyo and out of Osaka.
- Accommodation in mainly three to four star hotels with private facilities.
- Nearly all meals in Japan, as stated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and transport, and entrance fees to many attractions.
- A 12 day tour of Japan during the spectacular autumn leaves period.
- A Geisha Dance performance and a Japanese Tea Ceremony.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guide and driver.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



The colourful autumn leaves draw just as many visitors to Japan in autumn as the cherry blossoms do in spring, and the viewing of autumn leaves has been a popular activity in Japan for centuries. Today people still set out all over the country to find the best spot to view the beauty of the stunning yellow, orange and red leaves. Don't miss your chance to tour Japan during this great season.

If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1140.



**The tour departs Australia on the 15<sup>th</sup> November and returns 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for Japan Autumn Leaves Tour**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **15.11.18 Australia – Hong Kong - Tokyo**

Depart Sydney at 8.40am on CX 110, arriving in Hong Kong at 3.05pm.  
Depart Melbourne at 8.50am on CX 134, arriving in Hong Kong at 3.15pm.  
All passengers then depart Hong Kong at 4.20pm on CX 542, arriving in Tokyo (Haneda Airport) at 9.05pm.  
Upon arrival we are transferred to the hotel for a three night stay.  
Accommodation: Tokyo Toshi Centre Hotel similar

### **16.11.18 Tokyo - Nikko - Tokyo**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we will travel to Nikko, a small city at the entrance to Nikko National Park. Visit Toshogu Shrine, Japan's most lavishly decorated shrine complex and mausoleum of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa shogunate. Nikko has been a centre of Shinto and Buddhist mountain worship for many centuries and Nikko National Park continues to offer scenic, mountainous landscapes, lakes, waterfalls, hot springs, wild monkeys and hiking trails. We will visit Kegon Water Falls and Lake Chuzenji.  
Accommodation: Tokyo Toshi Centre Hotel similar

### **17.11.18 Tokyo**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we will visit Asakusa Temple, a very popular Buddhist temple, built in the 7th century and the Edo Museum, a museum of the history of Tokyo during the Edo period. We also visit Happo-en Garden. Happo-en means "beautiful from every angle". When visiting the Happo-en Garden you will see that the name doesn't even begin to describe this Japanese garden and teahouse. We take a stroll through tree lined paths of century old bonsai, cherry and maple trees. Take in the lush gardens and budding flowers surrounding a tranquil pond. Afterwards we visit Mori Tower, where we will go up to the Observation Deck for a bird's eye view of Tokyo. On the way back to the hotel we have some free time for shopping in the Ginza shopping area.

Accommodation: Tokyo Toshi Centre Hotel similar

### **18.11.17 Tokyo - Hakone - Mt. Fuji - Isawa**

**(B/L/D)**

Travel to Hakone by coach. We visit the Peace Park and the Owakudani Hot Springs by cable car. Continue to visit Mt. Fuji. If the weather permits, we will climb up to the 5th station by coach, which is about 2300 metres above the sea level and where we will visit the Visitor Centre. This evening enjoy a hot spring spa at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Isawa Shinko Hotel or similar (Japanese Tatami room)

### **19.11.17 Isawa - Lake Suwako - Takayama**

**(B/L/D)**

Proceed to visit Lake Suwako, which is the largest lake in Nagano prefecture. After that we drive to Takayama. We will visit the Historical Government House (Takayama Jinya). The building served as the Tokugawa government's administrative building for 177 years (1692 - 1868). Of the 60 local government offices that were once spread throughout Japan, this is the only one still in existence.

The Town Village still stands on the east side of the Miyagawa River flowing through Takayama and in the middle of it is Sanmachi, where Edo period houses remain. This district was designated as an area of important traditional buildings by the Japanese Government.

Accommodation: Takayama Best Western Hotel or similar

**20.11.18 Takayama - Shirakawago Gassho Village - Kanazawa**

**(B/L/D)**

We start the day with a visit to Shirakawago Lookout, which looks over the nearby village. We then proceed to the Historic Village of Shirakawa-go, one of Japan's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Shirakawa-go (White River Old District) is located in the village of Shirakawa. This village is well known for houses constructed in the architectural style known as gassho-zukuri (prayer-hands construction) style, which is characterised by a thatched and steeply slanting roof resembling two hands joined in prayer. The design is exceptionally strong and in combination with the unique properties of the thatching, allow the houses to withstand and shed the weight of the region's heavy snowfalls in winter. Afterwards we will proceed to Kanazawa for an overnight stay. Whilst in Kanazawa we will see a demonstration of how gold leaf is made, followed by a visit to the former samurai residential area.

Accommodation: Kanazawa Nikko Hotel or similar

**21.11.18 Kanazawa - Lake Biwako**

**(B/L/D)**

This morning enjoy a city tour of Kanazawa, visiting Omicho morning market and the Geisha district. After lunch visit Kenrokuen Garden which is one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Afterwards we travel to Lake Biwako, the largest freshwater lake in Japan. Stay overnight at Lake Biwako.

Accommodation: Nagahama Royal Hotel or similar

**22.11.18 Lake Biwako - Kyoto**

**(B/L/D)**

After breakfast we will travel to Kyoto where we will enjoy a visit to Fushimi Inari Taisha, the head shrine of Inari, which is 233 metres above sea level. Continue to visit Arashiyama, a district on the western outskirts of Kyoto. It also refers to the mountain across the Oi River, which forms a backdrop to the district. Arashiyama is a nationally designated Historic Site and Place of Scenic Beauty.

In the evening we enjoy a Geisha Show with dinner.

Accommodation: Karasuma Kyoto Hotel or similar

**23.11.18 Kyoto**

**(B)**

Today is at leisure in Kyoto to explore this ancient city on your own.

Accommodation: Karasuma Kyoto Hotel or similar

**24.11.18 Kyoto - Nara - Osaka**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we will begin with a visit to watch a Kimono show at Nishinjin Showroom.

After that, visit Kiyomizudera, an independent Buddhist temple in Kyoto. The temple is part of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto UNESCO World Heritage Site. After the visit to the temple there is some free time to visit Kiyomizu, literally meaning 'Kiyomizu Hill'. This route is the most common approach for visitors to the Kiyomizu temple complex in Kyoto. It is a steep uphill walk, but most people take it slowly to enjoy the variety of souvenir and snack stands along the way. Also included today is a visit to the golden pavilion (Kinkakuji). Afterwards we

travel to Osaka for a two night stay. Enroute we stop in Nara and visit Todaiji Temple (Great Buddha Temple).

Accommodation: Osaka Agora Moriguchi Hotel or similar

**25.11.18 Osaka - Himeji - Osaka**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we drive to Himeji, which is most famous for its magnificent castle. Himeji Castle is widely considered to be Japan's most beautiful surviving feudal castle. The castle is designated as both a national treasure and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After this visit we return to Osaka by bullet train (Shinkansen).

Accommodation: Osaka Agora Moriguchi Hotel or similar

**26.11.18 Osaka – Hong Kong**

**(B/L)**

Today we check out of the hotel and are transferred to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch we visit Osaka Castle and Shinsaibashi area, one of Osaka's major downtown areas, featuring many stores, such as Shinsaibashi-suji Shopping Centre. We are then transferred to the airport for our flights home.

All passengers depart Osaka at 6.05pm on CX 595, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.40pm.

Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 11.55pm on CX 101, arriving in Sydney at 12.05pm the next day (27.11.18).

**27.11.18 Hong Kong – Australia**

Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 00.05am on CX 105, arriving in Melbourne at 12.20pm.

**Note:**

One or more of the proposed hotels for this tour will be using Japanese Tatami rooms. In this style of hotel, passengers will sleep on a futon on the floor instead of a western style bed. This has been intentionally included in the tour so you can experience more of Japan's traditional culture. All of the accommodation on this tour has private bathroom facilities.



### Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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**Tour Difficulty Level 3**

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures.

## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Japan Autumn Leaves Tour

**Deposits and Payments:** A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 8 weeks prior to departure.

**Refunds and Cancellations:** Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

**Airline Tickets** - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

**Insurance:** Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

**Passports:** All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for Australian passport holders.

**Basic Tour Price and Taxes:** Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

**Not Included in the Cost:** All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa / MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

**Breakaway Fee** - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$105 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions

**Booking through other Agents:** As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

**Accreditation** - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

**Twin Share Bookings** - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

**Health and Fitness** - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

**Limitation of Liability** - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

## MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Tour : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

**Single room / Twin beds / Double bed:** (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.**

**HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details and severity: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No  
If no, please provide details about these limitations: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No  
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: \_\_\_\_\_

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

**DISCLAIMER**

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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