

Hike & Bike Japan Adventures 2025

Terms & Conditions

15 Day Travel Package

\$12,995 per person

○ **What's Included**

- Return Economy Airfares Auckland to Tokyo / Osaka return
- Return airport transfers and all transfers throughout trip
- 14 nights in a lovely selection of hotels, Ryokan and Minshuku
- Comfort level is of 3-4 star
- 14 Breakfast, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- Transport by local bus, train, bullet train, cycle and walking
- 1 English speaking Guide throughout
- Entry Fees to attractions listed
- Options to join a Cooking or Calligraphy class on the last day
- Join a fun like-minded group to this new and inspiring tour.

Highlights

- 5 Hike days, 3 Cycle days, ride the local bus, bullet and domestic trains
- Shibuya walking tour and Golden Gai orientation walk
- Shimanami Kaido cycling, Kyoto cycling
- Gion District walk, Daimonjiyama hike
- Hiking Nakasendo Trail, hiking Kumano Kodo
- Sake Brewery & Tasting, Tea Ceremony
- Mikimoto Pearl Museum
- Dotonbori street food walk

○ **What's not Included**

- Meals not indicated on itinerary and personal purchases
 - (allow NZD\$1000 for spending)
- Travel Insurance – compulsory
- Transport on free days is at own expense.

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How To Book

Complete our **ONLINE BOOKING FORM**, and then email a copy of the front page of your passport and advise payment of a \$1000 non-refundable deposit per person.

Email: - andrea@wildsidetravel.nz

Bank Transfer - **ANZ 06-0507-0871753-01**

Please use **WILDSIDE / 203** as your Reference

Credit Card – add 1.6% fee. Phone this through to us.

Final Payment

Will be due 6 weeks prior to departure. **Friday 25 April 2025.**

Cancellations:

If **Wildside Travel** cancels the trip due to advice from our Ground Operators and cannot provide the tour due to sudden Boarder restrictions, and other reasons beyond our control, you are due a refund of all refundable services paid less an admin fee of \$80 per person. Or monies can be deferred to a 2026 tour. If **you** wish to cancel, your deposit remains non-refundable, if you have paid in full prior to 25 April a refund will be calculated according to Airline and Accommodation refund policies. **No refunds will be given after 25 April.** We recommend you take out insurance cover early (minimum of 5 weeks prior to travel), so you are covered for money paid at any time. If you leave the trip to come home early, there is no refund for unused portions.

COVID If you chose to travel at the present time, you do so knowing the situation post Covid is continually changing. You acknowledge that you understand the possibility you, or your travel plans, may be negatively impacted before, during or after your travel. In this fluid environment, you make a decision knowing that those negative impacts may include, but are not limited to, attractions being closed, travel and transport services being impacted, facilities being understaffed, last-minute changes or closures, or new self-isolation rulings and additional costs incurred as a result.

Insurance:

Travel insurance is one of those things that travellers often regret not taking when it's too late. Whilst of course an incident-free travel experience is the goal, the unexpected or unavoidable will sometimes occur. By taking out travel insurance you can arm yourself with a level of protection generally against the likes of stolen or lost luggage, delays, cancellation, medical emergencies providing peace of mind for your travel investment. I highly recommend having travel insurance for other unforeseen circumstances, and Covid does have reasonable scenario cover, so please discuss your policy options. Example: an 16 day policy starts at \$198 for basic cover for a person under 60yrs.

Prices

All prices stated herein are based on a 'group rate' set at current 2025 pricing and a minimum of 10 persons travelling. We are holding allotments on all services. Any changes (if at all) will be notified early and well before any due dates. Should we not reach 10 persons, there may be a price adjustment for those booked, and it would be at your own discretion to continue at the adjusted price or not (funds refundable in this scenario).

Ground Operator

Our Ground Operator is INTREPID TRAVEL who have created a tailored and bespoke trip for us and we will be using their contracted guides while in Japan.

Room Types

Pricing is based on Double or Twin-share – 2 persons sharing a room.

We are holding allotments and should availability of this room type be unavailable, alternative categories will be offered and notified early.

If you would like to book a **Single room** there will be an additional charge of **\$1,530** paid over and above the package price. If you are single and happy to twin-share with another traveller, make a note on the booking form. If we are unable to offer this – the Single Supplement above will apply.



Flights / Air New Zealand:

1 NZ 99 **04JUL** Auckland – Narita depart 1015 hrs arrive 1815 hrs

2 Tour

3 NH2178**18JUL** Kansai – Narita depart 1415 hrs arrive 1540 hrs

4 NZ 90 **18JUL** Narita – Auckland depart 2000 hrs arrive 0925 hrs **19JUL**

**Group cannot add or alter flights once booked – group must travel on same International flights*

You may wish to add domestic flights from your hometown around the above services, the tickets can then be issued as **one** ticket so you may check right through making transfers in Auckland easier. Please ask for Premium Economy or Business class seats if you prefer extra comfort.

Is this trip right for you?

The active nature of this trip means that the fitter you are, the more you'll be able to enjoy the activity on offer. It is expected that travellers joining this trip will have had some experience hiking and cycling before they join. On some hikes, you'll need to be able to carry a small overnight pack on the trail because we will forward your main luggage to the next destination. Hiking distances vary from 3 to 15km per day with no more elevation change than 60 to 900 m. The cycling distances are around 30 km each. The hikes on the Kumano Kodo and Nakasendo Way include sections rather than the whole trail, which gives you an experience of the trails without needing to commit to multiple days of strenuous trekking. In some destinations you may be staying in a Ryokan, which is a Japanese-style inn with shared facilities. It's a great taste of tradition, but not everyone finds futon mattresses on a tatami mat or small bathrooms and proximity to other guests as comfortable as Western-style hotels.

Travel documents

All participants must be in possession of a valid passport (valid for 6 months after the date of your return) and all visas, permits required for your passport type. It is ultimately your responsibility to have the necessary documentation and paperwork to travel including health declarations and entry requirements outlined below.

New Zealand passport holders do not require an entry visa for Japan (90- days visa free), if you have another type of passport, please let us know.

Guide to visiting shrines and temples in Japan

There are over 100,000 shrines and temples in Japan so there is no escaping the experience!

Shrines

Shrines are characterised by the torii gate (usually red in colour) at the entrance. Shrines serve the Shinto religion. Just inside the shrines there will be a 'temizuya' or water pavilion where you will be required to wash your hands and mouth using a ladle. There is also a bowing, clapping, and praying routine to make in front of the altar.

Temples

Temples are characterised by the sanmon gate at the entrance. Temples serve the Buddhist religion. Temples are not as strict in terms of prayer ritual however it is important to behave in a calm and respectful manner. You may also be required to take off your shoes.

Collecting Shrine and Temple Stamps

Goshuincho or a 'stamp book', is a small decorative book used for collecting goshuin, an original shrine or temple stamp. The priest or staff member will put a red stamp in your goshincho and inscribe extra details in black ink. The stamp books can be purchased at bookstores, souvenir stores, or at a shrine and temple itself. For each red stamp you are expected to give a donation of around 300-500 JPY.