




SAIZEN TOURS



JAPAN ALPS TOUR

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Return economy airfares Australia – Japan with Jetstar Airways (indicative quote only)
 All airport charges and taxes
 In-flight extras
 Feed Me Pack – flights to and from Japan
 Entertain Me Pack (private video unit) – flights to and from Japan
 Comfort Me Pack (blanket, pillow) – one-way flight from Japan
 7-Day Ordinary Japan Rail Pass
 Airport Limousine Bus transfer from Airport to Tokyo
 4 nights Tokyo youth hostel including daily breakfast and dinner
 Tokyo Disneyland 1-Day Passport
 Entrance to Ghibli Museum
 2 nights Kanazawa hotel including daily breakfast
 Kanazawa program including;
 - decorating chopsticks with gold leaf in the Higashi Chaya District
 - entrance fee to Nomura Family House in the Nagamichi Samurai District
 - Loop Bus charges
 Nohi Bus transfer from Kanazawa to Shirakawago
 1 night Shirakawago gassho-zukuri inn including breakfast and dinner
 Nohi Bus transfer from Shirakawago to Takayama
 2 nights Takayama temple/youth hostel including daily breakfast
 10% Japan Consumption Tax
 Included teacher/s as specified including teacher's airport taxes
 Teacher's complimentary tour diary

DAY ONE – TOKYO

Depart Australia on your international flight to Tokyo.
 Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY TWO – TOKYO

Suggested sightseeing:
 Asakusa, Harajuku, Akihabara
 Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY THREE – TOKYO

Tokyo Disneyland
 Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY FOUR – TOKYO

Ghibli Museum
 Suggested sightseeing:
 Shinjuku, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Buildings, Shibuya
 Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY FIVE – KANAZAWA

Board the Hokuriku Shinkansen
 Suggested sightseeing:
 Kenrokuen Garden
 Kanazawa Castle
 Overnight: Kanazawa hotel – Breakfast included

DAY SIX – KANAZAWA

Fully guided one-day program
 Gold-leaf chopsticks decoration
 Geisha district
 Samurai district
 Overnight: Kanazawa hotel – Breakfast included

DAY SEVEN – SHIRAKAWAGO

Cross the alps by coach
 Self-guided visit to this World Heritage listed village.
 Overnight: Shirakawago gassho-zukuri inn
 Breakfast and dinner included

DAY EIGHT – TAKAYAMA

Continue across the alps by coach
 Wander the ancient streets of Takayama
 Overnight: Takayama temple/youth hostel
 Breakfast included

DAY NINE – TAKAYAMA

A full day to explore Takayama.
 Suggested sightseeing:
 Takayama Jinya (manor house)
 Takayama Yatai Kaikan Hall (hall of the festival floats)
 Hida Folk Village.
 Overnight: Takayama temple/youth hostel
 Breakfast included

DAY TEN – IN TRANSIT

Return to Narita Airport by bullet train and express train
 Overnight: In transit - late dinner and light breakfast included on board

DAY ELEVEN

Arrive Australia early morning.

COST PER PERSON FROM:

Student 11 years and under: \$3,175.00 per person
 Student 12 years and over: \$3,545.00 per person
 Extra adult: \$3,725.00 per person
 Based on a minimum group size of 10-14 participants plus two teachers included

Student 11 years and under: \$2,965.00 per person
 Student 12 years and over: \$3,340.00 per person
 Extra adult: \$3,520.00 per person
 Based on a minimum group size of 15-19 participants plus two teachers included

Student 11 years and under: \$2,865.00 per person
 Student 12 years and over: \$3,235.00 per person
 Extra adult: \$3,415.00 per person
 Based on a minimum group size of 20-24 participants plus two teachers included

Student 11 years and under: \$2,925.00 per person
 Student 12 years and over: \$3,300.00 per person
 Extra adult: \$3,475.00 per person
 Based on a minimum group size of 25+ participants plus three teachers included

All prices are subject to currency fluctuations and are subject to change until full payment.
 Tour Itinerary is based on self-escorted sightseeing suggestions.
 Can be combined with own sister school arrangements.

JAPAN ALPS ITINERARY



DAY ONE – TOKYO Depart Australia on your international flight to Tokyo, Japan. Airport Limousine Bus to Tokyo.

Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY TWO – TOKYO A full day to explore the popular areas in Tokyo. The best place to experience a carnival atmosphere any day of the year is Asakusa. Famous for its covered walkways of souvenir, fashion and toy- shops that extend for several blocks and Tokyo's oldest temple. Sensoji Temple was founded in the 7th century and is dedicated to Kannon, Goddess of Mercy, and is therefore popularly called the Asakusa Kannon Temple.

Harajuku – the teenage area of Tokyo where you will find the latest trends in teenage fashion, food and music. Every Sunday, young Japanese flock to this area to see the latest bands and dancers that perform in the streets. The Meiji Shrine is located nearby so have your camera ready, as there are usually many traditional weddings and christenings taking place on a Sunday. This famous shrine and garden is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji and his Empress.

Akihabara – Tokyo's famous 'Akihabara' Electric City. Bathed in neon, Akihabara has more than 300 shops specialising in the latest electrical goods such as ipods, watches, computer games and more.

Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY THREE – TOKYO Ride the latest rides, watch the street parade and meet Mickey Mouse at the world's famous themepark - Tokyo Disneyland. There is so much to see and do here including the Teacup ride, Space Mountain ride and Buzz Lightyear ride. The 'Disney Electric Light Parade' in the evening is spectacular.

Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY FOUR – TOKYO Ghibli Museum is, a commercial museum featuring the Japanese anime work of Studio Ghibli. The museum is a fine arts museum, but does not take the concept of a usual fine arts museum. With many features that are child-oriented and a sprawling and occasionally maze-like interior, the museum is a playfully created place.

Shinjuku is a fast developing shopping and amusement quarter, and is one of Tokyo's largest commuter terminals. There are three Shinjunks; South, East and West. Bustling South & East Shinjuku is a heaven for shopping, people-watching, movie-going, eating and drinking. West Shinjuku, on the other hand, is exceptional for strolling along wide boulevards and Tokyo-viewing from the tops of the soaring skyscrapers. Tokyo Metropolitan Government Buildings (Tocho Building) has an observatory on the 45th floor (202-m high) which commands a panoramic view of metropolitan Tokyo. A number of sculptures are exhibited outside around the buildings.

Shibuya is one of Tokyo's most colorful and busy districts, packed with shopping, dining and nightspots serving swarms of visitors that come to the district everyday. A prominent landmark of Shibuya is the large intersection in front of the station's Hachiko Exit. A statue of a loyal dog named Hachiko. According to a famous story, the dog waited for his master every day in front of Shibuya Station, and continued to do so for years even after his master had passed away. It is one of Tokyo's most popular meeting points.

Overnight: Tokyo youth hostel – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY FIVE – KANAZAWA Farewell Tokyo and travel to Kanazawa on board one of the newest bullet trains, the Hokuriku Shinkansen. Kanazawa is one of the few typical castle towns still remaining in Japan. Here, one can see many winding paths and blind alleys which form a labyrinth effectively designed to thwart an enemy's attack. The streets lined on either side with latticed doors and earthen walls remind one of old Japan. Spend the afternoon at Kenrokuen Garden, is considered one of the three most beautiful landscape gardens in Japan.

Overnight: Kanazawa hotel – Breakfast included

DAY SIX – KANAZAWA Saizen Tours has organised a fully guided one-day program to cover some of the best sites in Kanazawa. Includes gold-leaf chopsticks decoration, Geisha district and Samurai district.

Overnight: Kanazawa hotel – Breakfast included

DAY SEVEN – SHIRAKAWAGO Cross the alps by coach and visit this World Heritage listed village. Step back in time and visit the World Heritage listed village of Shirakawago, nestled in the Japan Alps. This small village of old thatched farmhouses depicts how life used to be in the region before roads opened it up to the rest of the world. Winter used to mean complete isolation with the entire region often blanketed under 6ft of snow. Open-hearth fireplaces are still used for cooking and warmth and the steep angled roofs look like hands in prayer, hence these farmhouses are known as gassho-zukuri.

Overnight: Shirakawago gassho-zukuri inn – Breakfast and dinner included

DAY EIGHT – TAKAYAMA Continue across the alps by coach to this traditional town in the Hida Mountains. Spend the afternoon and following day exploring Takayama's sights. Compact and easy to explore on foot, visit the quaint shops and tearooms and wander the ancient streets of Takayama.

Overnight: Takayama temple/youth hostel – Breakfast included

DAY NINE – TAKAYAMA A full day to explore Takayama. Visit the Takayama Jinya (manor house), Takayama Yatai Kaikan Hall (hall of the festival floats) and the Hida Folk Village.

Overnight: Takayama temple/youth hostel – Breakfast included

DAY TEN – IN TRANSIT Return to Narita Airport by bullet train and express train. Perhaps time for some last minute shopping. Meals and movies on board your overnight flight to Australia.

Overnight: In transit - late dinner and light breakfast included on board

DAY ELEVEN Arrive Australia early morning.

Note: Tour Itinerary is based on self-escorted sightseeing suggestions.