JAPAN

The Golden Road

Neon cities. Mountain villages. A thousand red gates.



8 days · 7 nights | Culture & discovery

Travel from Tokyo’s bright crossings into Fuji-Hakone lake country, through Matsumoto and Takayama to the thatched roofs of Shirakawa-go. Continue through Nagoya to Osaka, with Kyoto and Nara completing this journey across central Japan.

Departure: Enquire for the next departure

This is a sample itinerary summary. Your final quotation confirms dates, accommodation, services, current pricing and booking terms.

The journey, day by day

Route: Tokyo → Fuji–Hakone → Matsumoto → Takayama → Shirakawa-go → Nagoya → Osaka → Kyoto & Nara

Day 01 — Arrival in Tokyo

Arrive at Haneda, transfer to your hotel and rest. Meet your guide to explore Asakusa, Sensō-ji Temple and Nakamise shopping street.

Day 02 — Tokyo’s bright contrasts

Visit Tokyo Skytree’s 350-metre deck, Shinjuku, Shibuya Crossing and the Hachikō statue.

Day 03 — Fuji & the Hakone lakes

Visit Mount Fuji’s 5th Station where conditions allow. Cruise Lake Ashi and ride the Hakone Ropeway over Owakudani before dinner and a Fuji-area hotel stay.

Day 04 — Lakeside views & a castle town

Visit Lake Kawaguchiko and Oshino Hakkai, then stop for photos at Matsumoto Castle before an overnight stay in Matsumoto.

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Day 05 — Old towns & thatched roofs

Explore Takayama's Old Town and the UNESCO village of Shirakawa-go, then continue to Nagoya.

Day 06 — Industry, castles & Osaka

Visit the Toyota Commemorative Museum and stop for Nagoya Castle photos before travelling to Osaka.

Day 07 — Deer, bamboo & red gates

Meet Nara Park's deer, explore Arashiyama's Bamboo Grove and walk beneath Fushimi Inari's torii gates. Optional Tōdai-ji entry is extra.

Day 08 — Osaka & the journey home

Visit Kuromon Market, stop for Osaka Castle photos and explore Shinsaibashi and Dōtonbori before your airport transfer.

The practical things

Accommodation

7 nights' twin-sharing hotel accommodation across Tokyo, Kawaguchiko, Matsumoto, Nagoya and Osaka. Exact hotels are reconfirmed for your departure.

What's included

- Round-trip Qatar Airways flights via Doha in the supplied group programme, subject to reconfirmation
- 7 nights' twin-sharing accommodation
- Private coach and English-speaking guide
- Specified sightseeing entry tickets
- Daily breakfast and dinner on the Fuji-area day
- One bottle of water per person daily

What's extra / to confirm

- Meals other than those specified
- Tips
- Optional Tōdai-ji Temple entry
- Single-room supplement

Good to know

- The supplied 5–12 October 2026 departure has passed; enquire for the next departure.
- Original flight arrival and first hotel dates differ; these will be reconciled in your final programme.
- Mount Fuji access depends on weather and road conditions.

For current departures and a confirmed quotation, contact SoulSteps.