

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR YOUR JAPAN TOUR

CLIMATE:

Temperatures range from 53–59°F (12–15 °C).

SEASON:

The plum blossom comes to an end in March, signaling the beginning of Spring, quickly followed by the climax of cherry blossom season into April. These stunning flowers are best viewed in Tokyo, where their gentle pink hue blankets mountains, fields, and gardens as far as the eye can see.

CLOTHING:

Walking shoes, light jackets, and light sweaters are recommended. Skirts, shorts, and sleeveless tops are NOT permitted in temples and palaces.

TIME DIFFERENCE:

Japan is 13 hours ahead of the US.

CURRENCY:

1 USD = approx. 156 Japanese yen (JPY).

NO CASH TRANSACTIONS:

Only electronic or digital payment methods are allowed for shopping.

ELECTRICITY:

100V/50Hz/60Hz (2 pin flat adapter).

ETIQUETTE:

Japan is known for stern etiquette rules, although they're less strict than you might think.

- **Greetings:** The typical greeting is a slight bow, but foreigners may be greeted with a handshake; hugging and cheek-kissing are considered taboo.
- **Queueing:** The Japanese are famous for forming neat lines in front of subway doors, ramen shops, etc.
- **Eating and Drinking:** Eating and drinking on streets and in subway cars is generally frowned upon; beverages in resealable containers are an exception.
- **Train Travel:** Silence is often requested to ensure comfort and respect for all passengers. No food consumption is allowed, however small snacks are permitted.

IMPORTANT DO'S AND DON'TS OF JAPANESE

CULTURE:

While politeness is a priority here, every foreigner makes their fair share of social gaffs, or gaijin faux pas.

BOWING:

- DO bow politely when someone bows down to you.

EATING:

- DON'T blow your nose at the table; do it in the restroom.
- DO cover your mouth with your hand or a napkin when using a toothpick.
- DO put your palms together and say "Gochiso sama deshita" after finishing a meal—it's a polite way of expressing thanks.

DRINKING:

- DON'T drink until everyone has been served and others around you raise their glasses for a toast.

GREETINGS:

- Konnichiwa = Hello; good day; good afternoon
- Ohayo gozaimasu = Good morning
- Konbanwa = Good evening
- Oyasumi = Good night
- Sayonara = Goodbye

GETTING AROUND:

- Go is the most widely taxi service used in Japan – learn more at go.goinc.jp/lp/inbound.
- DON'T tip service workers because it can be seen as insulting.
- DON'T open or close taxi doors, drivers open them with an automatic button.

TRASH:

- There are fewer public trash cans due to cultural emphasis on cleanliness and responsibility.
- DO carry trash with you until it can be disposed of in a designated area.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- In-room bathtubs are standard, with showers conveniently installed within the bathtubs.
- Porter service is unavailable, travelers will need to carry their own luggage.
- On the train journey from Tokyo to Hiroshima, travelers are advised to bring a small carry-on bag containing a pair of clothes, essential medicines, and other necessary personal items. The rest of the baggage will be couriered to Osaka.
- The approximate time allotted for sightseeing is around 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- WhatsApp call is available.
- Free WIFI is available in some tourist spots.

MEALS:

- Buffet breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant on all days.
- The menu served is multicuisine.
- Indian breakfast is possible in Osaka.
- Continental breakfast is provided in Tokyo and Hiroshima.
- Lunch time is from 1–2 PM (1300–1400 hours); dinner time is from 7–8 PM (1900–2000 hours).
- Daily Indian vegetarian or non-vegetarian meals with Jain or Swami Narayan food available upon request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Jaya Travel tour manager!

