

Japan



Rich Culture

Unique and steeped in harmony. Rooted in respect, tea ceremonies, bowing and modesty



Diverse Food

Traditional dishes include sushi, miso soup, yakitori, teppanyaki, noodles – ramen, soba and udon, gyoza



Natural Beauty

Cherry blossom, Japanese Alps including Mt Fuji, volcanic hot springs, snow monkeys



Deep Traditions

Seasonal celebrations including Hanami (cherry blossom), calligraphy, onsen bathing, tea ceremonies

| Region | Highlights | Ideal For | Suggested Itinerary |
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| Tokyo & Kanto | Toyko, Yokohama, Nikko Tushu-gu Shrine | First timers & city explorers | Classic Japan, page 32 |
| Kansai | Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, cherry blossom | First timers, culture seekers & families | Family Adventure in Japan, page 44 |
| Chubu | Nagoya, Mount Fuji | Nature lovers | Japan Essentials, page 35 |
| Chugoku | Hiroshima, Okayama, snow monkeys | History & culture lovers, nature seekers | Trains & Traditions of Japan, page 46 |
| Kyushu | Nagasaki, Fukuoka, onsens, beaches, nature | Nature lovers | Story of Japan, page 38 |
| Hokkaido | Sapporo, Hakodate, winter sports, seafood | Active, adventure seekers | Japan by Rail, page 24 |
| Okinawa | Okinawa Islands, beaches | Relaxation | Okinawa Islands, page 57 |

Why First Class Holidays?

Award Winning Service: Our team of Japan experts have first-hand knowledge of the destination and can guide you through every step of the journey. Our partners in Japan are some of the most respected in the business and we know from our own experience how well your clients will be looked after.

Price Match Promise: We work hard sourcing competitive pricing from airlines and our partners to ensure you get the best value for money. If you find a better price elsewhere, sold with the same service conditions, we will happily lower our price to match. See our full terms & conditions for details.

Brochure: Our 100-page brochure features a wide range of experiences, including escorted tours, independent touring, rail journeys, cruises, and short stay packages. It also showcases a wide range of hotels, onsens and ryokans across Japan. Available on Tradegate and to download on our website.

Find out more:





First Timers

- **Classic Japan** – Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka
- **Highlights** – Bright lights of Tokyo, temples and shrines, history & tradition in Osaka and Kyoto
- Easy pace of travelling, good hotels and travel on the iconic shinkansen (bullet trains)
- **Add On** – Nagano for snow monkeys



Repeat Visitors

- **Rural Japan** – itineraries that include Naoshima, Takamatsu, Iya Valley and Himeji.
- Cultural immersion, off the beaten tourist trail.



When to Go

- **Spring** – March to May. Cherry blossom, book 12 months in advance.
- **Autumn** – September – November. Cooler temperatures, autumn colours.
- **Winter** – December – February. Winter sports. Quieter although can be cold.



Rail

- **Rail Passes** – valid for 7, 14, 21 days. Purchase within 3 months of departure date. Allows unlimited travel on all Shinkansen trains (except Nozomi and Mizuho), JR buses and ferries. Some exceptions apply.
- **IC Cards** – Pre-paid cards which offer a convenient way to use public, regional transport including the subway.
- **Rail Tickets** – tickets for individual journeys can be purchased in advance or directly from ticket machines at the station. Booking in advance is recommended.



Visa & Travel Essentials

- **British Citizens** – passport must be valid for duration of stay, with a blank page for the visa. Visa are available on arrival in Japan for tourism up to 90 days. Please check <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/japan> for the most up to date information.
- **Vaccinations:** Check current health advisories.
- **Connectivity:** Direct flights from the UK into Tokyo (Narita and Haneda) and Osaka.
- **Currency:** Japanese Yen. We recommend carrying some currency as Japan is still a cash-based society and not all outlets accept UK debit/credit cards.



Cultural Awareness

- Japan is a warm and welcoming country, steeped in tradition and etiquette.
- English is widely spoken but always use plain English and speak slowly.