

SAMPLE ITINERARY JAPAN PERFORMANCE TOUR

(itinerary subject to change)

DAY ONE: KYOTO ARRIVAL (D)

Afternoon Arrive into Osaka, collect your luggage and move through customs and immigration. Meet your local Japanese Tour Manager and load the coach.
 Depart for Kyoto.

Beyond the nondescript high-rises around Kyoto Station hides the Japan of your imagination: a place where you'll see geisha glide past 17th-century teahouses in Gion's narrow alleys; where you can imagine the lives of court nobility at the Imperial Palace; where you can seek contemplation in Ryoanji's Zen rock gardens and under billowing cherry trees on the Philosopher's Path. If Tokyo is the door to Japan's future, Kyoto is a window on its mysterious past.



Afterwards, transfer and check-in to a local hotel.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant, and the rest of the evening is free for an early night.

DAY TWO: KYOTO / SHIGA PREFECTURE (B,D) – Performance #1

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 This morning enjoy a visit to the Kyoto Handicraft Center – your chance to enjoy demonstrations of Japanese traditional arts and crafts and a fabulous place to shop for authentic Japanese souvenirs and gifts.

Afternoon Lunch on your own in Kyoto.
 Load the coach and transfer to a venue in the Shiga Prefecture (TBC – either Azuchi or Takashima City).
 Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.

Evening Dinner as a group at a local restaurant or a box dinner will be supplied at the venue.
Performance at a local venue in the Shiga Prefecture (TBC) in conjunction with a local ensemble.
 Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel in Kyoto.



DAY THREE: KYOTO (B)

- Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
 Depart on a full day of sightseeing around Kyoto.
 First you will visit the Kyomizu Temple.

Kiyomizudera (literally "Pure Water Temple") is one of the most celebrated temples of Japan. It was founded in 780 on the site of the Otowa Waterfall in the wooded hills east of Kyoto, and derives its name from the fall's pure waters. In 1994, the temple was added to the list of UNESCO world heritage sites.

Later this morning, visit the Heian Shrine.

Heian shrine was built on the occasion of the 1100th anniversary of the capital's foundation in Kyoto and is dedicated to the spirits of the first and last emperors who reigned from the city, Emperor Kammu (737-806) and Emperor Komei (1831-1867). Heian is the former name of Kyoto.



- Afternoon Lunch on your own in Kyoto.
 After lunch, enjoy a visit to Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion).

Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion) is a Zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Kinkakuji is an impressive structure built overlooking a large pond, and is the only building left of Yoshimitsu's former retirement complex.



- Evening Dinner on own in Kyoto and return to the hotel.

DAY FOUR: KYOTO → TOKYO (B,D) – Performance #2

Morning

Breakfast as a group at the hotel.

Check-out of the hotel and transfer to the Kyoto Train Station.

Depart on the Shinkansen (bullet train) for Tokyo (approx. 2.5 hour train ride).

The capital of Japan and the world's most populous megalopolis, Tokyo's kaleidoscopic lights, crush of humanity and sheer scale can be overwhelming for first-timers. Yet linger a while and you'll almost certainly encounter the serene side of traditional Japan. Discover graceful tea ceremonies and traditional gardens, a world apart from skyscraper-dotted Shinjuku or trend-obsessed Harajuku.

Afternoon

Arrive into Tokyo Station and board the coach. Depart for the area of Tokyo known as Asakusa where you will have free time for lunch on your own.

Asakusa is an ancient area of Tokyo whose main attraction is Sensoji, a very popular Buddhist temple, built in the 7th century. The temple is approached via the Nakamise, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional, local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries.



Transfer to a local Tokyo area high school (TBC).

Upon arrival, meet with your hosts and setup for a rehearsal.

Exchange rehearsal with your high school hosts.

Evening

Afterwards, enjoy a Welcome Party / Dinner hosted by the school. This will be a chance to meet all of the host students and families and exchange gifts.

Performance at a local Tokyo area high school (TBC). This concert will be shared with your hosts.

Afterwards, say goodbye to your hosts and transfer/check-in to a local area hotel.

DAY FIVE: TOKYO (B) – Performance #3

Morning

Breakfast as a group at the hotel.

After breakfast, load the coach and depart for a visit to Shibuya – a shopping and eating district popular with a lot of young Tokyoites.

Shibuya deserves a prize as the district with more two-story televisions than any other area in the world.



Afternoon

Lunch on your own in the area.

Transfer to a local venue in the Tokyo area (TBC – possibly a university or community hall).

Group rehearsal at tonight's venue.

Late Afternoon

Performance at a local venue in Tokyo (TBC). This concert may be shared with a local ensemble.

Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.

Evening

En route, stop for dinner on own at a food court.

Arrive back at the hotel.

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DAY SIX: TOKYO (B,D)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Following breakfast, load the coach and depart for the Harajuku area. Upon arrival, enjoy a visit to the Meiji Jingu Shrine.
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Meiji Jingu is the Shinto shrine that is dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. After the emperor's death in 1912, the Japanese Diet passed a resolution to commemorate his role in the Meiji Restoration. An iris garden in an area of Tokyo where Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken had been known to visit was chosen as the building's location.



Afternoon	Lunch on own in Harajuku followed by time to explore.
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Harajuku refers to the area around Tokyo's Harajuku Station, which is between Shinjuku and Shibuya on the Yamanote Line. It is the center of Japan's most extreme teenage cultures and fashion styles but also offers shopping for adults and some historic sights.

Afterwards, load the coach and transfer to the Ginza district where you will have time to explore..

The Ginza is Tokyo's most famous upmarket shopping, dining and entertainment district, featuring numerous department stores, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, night clubs and cafés. One square meter of land in the district's center is worth over ten million yen, making it one of the most expensive real estate in Japan.



Evening	Farewell Dinner as a group at a local restaurant then return to the hotel.
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DAY SEVEN: TOKYO DEPARTURE (B)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel and transfer to a Tokyo area airport. Arrive at a Tokyo area airport and check-in for your flights. Depart Tokyo.
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WELCOME HOME!!



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INCLUSIONS:

- ♪ Round-trip, economy class airfare including taxes/fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ♪ Accommodation:
 - KYOTO – Three (3) nights at a local hotel
 - TOKYO – Three (3) nights at a local hotel
- ♪ Breakfasts: Daily (six (6) total) at the hotels
- ♪ Dinners: Four (4) as a group at local restaurants (or box dinners)
- ♪ Full-sized deluxe touring coach as required by the itinerary
- ♪ High Speed Train (shinkansen) between Kyoto and Tokyo
- ♪ One (1) local tour manager per coach with the group in Japan
- ♪ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
 - KYOTO:
 - * Kyoto Handicraft Center
 - * Kyomizu Temple
 - * Heian Shrine
 - * Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion)
 - TOKYO:
 - * Asakusa
 - * Shibuya
 - * Meiji Jingu Shrine
 - * Harajuku
 - * Ginza
- ♪ Performance setup in Japan as follows:
 - KYOTO AREA:
 - * Performance at a local venue in the Shiga Prefecture (TBC) in conjunction with a local ensemble
 - TOKYO AREA:
 - * Performance at a local Tokyo area high school in conjunction with a host ensemble (TBC)
 - * Performance at a local venue (TBC) possibly in conjunction with a local ensemble
- ♪ Large percussion / piano rental as required by the ensemble for all concerts (as is available)
- ♪ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ♪ Taxes and tolls where applicable

EXCLUSIONS:

- ♪ Ground Transportation from Home Airport
- ♪ Checked Baggage charges / Excess or overweight baggage charges
- ♪ Meals not listed in "Inclusions" / Drinks at included dinners
- ♪ Sightseeing entrances not indicated in the itinerary/inclusions list
- ♪ Passport processing fees
- ♪ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)
- ♪ Tips to Tour Managers or Drivers
- ♪ Trip Cancellation Insurance