

# TRAVELBOUND

## EDUCATION



TAILOR-MADE EDUCATIONAL TOURS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

# JAPAN

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

### CULTURAL TOUR

## THREE REASONS TO CHOOSE TRAVELBOUND EDUCATION

### 1. WE HELP YOU ORGANISE YOUR SCHOOL TOUR

Your role as tour leader can seem daunting (especially on top of your busy job as a teacher), so we will provide you with any of the following items to optimize your tour launch.

- Step-by-Step launch process (how to get your trip off the ground)
- Letter to parents template (you can just fill in the blanks)
- Sister school partnerships (We can help connect the dots for you)
- Posters (to advertise your trip)
- Risk Assessments (to help you complete any necessary paperwork)
- PowerPoint Presentation (promote your destination!)
- Fundraising information (to help families kick-start their campaigns)

### 2. WE HAVE PROVEN EXPERTSE IN TRAVEL

Every year 20,000 happy, worldly and educationally enriched students return from subject related tours which Travelbound Education has helped custom build for each school. We're deeply proud of our solid reputation built from over 25 years in the travel education industry. Experience which we use to provide personal, friendly and expert service, which helps make your tour idea a reality.

### 3. OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND SECURITY

- **Safety Management Systems** – Our risk assessments are carried out using reliable, accredited and independently verified resources. This audit process is used for all accommodation, excursions and transport providers.
- **On-tour representation (with 24/7 support)** – A Travelbound representative will meet you in-country, and when on tour you will have access to a 24-hour emergency duty office to speak with highly trained staff.
- **Financial Security** - As part of the world's largest leisure company, TUI Travel PLC, Travelbound provides financial protection to all school groups and further, we are fully ATOL bonded.
- **Worldwide offices, global reach** – UK, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Middle East and USA
- **Responsible travel** – It is our responsibility as an educational tour operator to consider the environment, economy and culture of our destinations as of paramount importance, and our very own eco-tourism specialist is dedicated to help reduce our impact.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

This tour is a mini-project, and to give this project the best chance of success:

1. **Take 10-minutes to review this itinerary** and let us know of any amendments (or ideas!) to improve it.
2. **Confirm an Itinerary and provisional Departure Date** to allow the opportunity for Travelbound to create a customized quote that fits your school criteria.
3. **Money matters...so build in a buffer** between the amount per student and your final number (Use this to buy additional meals, pay for public transport or shout the students a special treat in-country!).
4. **Raise interest with students and families** allowing maximum time for families to get on board.
5. **Confirm your booking:** Contact us to confirm student interest with completed booking forms and provisional deposits to lock in your quoted amount.
6. **Coordinate the tour:** Your tour coordinator will be your main point of contact to discuss the finer details of your trip. They will forward a confirmation pack and book all the components of your tour ensuring a trip of a lifetime.



## ITINERARY- Japan

<b>Day 1</b>  <b>Meal</b> <b>Inclusions:</b> <i>Dinner</i>	<b>AUCKLAND → TOKYO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet at Auckland Airport and depart on your flight to Tokyo</li> <li>• Meet Guide at Airport and coach transfer to Hotel</li> <li>• Check in at Hotel and have dinner</li> </ul> <i>Overnight Tokyo</i>
<b>Day 2</b>  <b>Meal</b> <b>Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>TOKYO</b> Breakfast at Hotel before meeting guide for a coach transfer to day excursions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tokyo Metropolitan Government Office Building-</b> Ascend to the free observation decks of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building in Shinjuku for the most magnificent panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond.</li> <li>• <b>Edo-Tokyo Museum-</b> With over 50 large scale models and 2500 original objects and replicas this modern museum covers the history of the city of Tokyo, formerly known as Edo. See how the city developed over 400 years from when the warlord Tokugawa Ieyasu established his government in Edo. Learn about the impact of WWII on the city and how it has developed over the centuries into the modern metropolis we see today.</li> <li>• <b>Asakusa Kannon Temple and Nakamise Shopping Street-</b> Asakusa Kannon Temple is one of Japan's most popular and colourful Buddhist's temples. The Nakamise market is a shoppers' paradise! Part of the Asakusa Kannon Temple complex, it is a covered street with bustling stalls along each side - perfect for your souvenir shopping.</li> </ul> <i>Overnight Tokyo</i>
<b>Day 3</b>  <b>Meal</b> <b>Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i> <i>Lunch</i>	<b>TOKYO</b> Breakfast at Hotel before meeting guide for a coach transfer to day excursions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tokyo Fish Market-</b> Enjoy an early morning guided visit to one of Tokyo's world famous bustling wholesale fish, fruit and vegetable markets. The variety of fish and seafood is astounding and reflects the importance of marine produce in the Japanese diet and culture. In the fast paced atmosphere of the market learn how the fish and seafood are caught, distributed and sold.</li> <li>• <b>Sushi-making and sushi-sampling-</b> Following the visit to the fish market have fun learning the art of sushi making from a sushi master. Create your own sushi laver wrapped rolls with rice and other ingredients. Discover the origins of Sushi and its importance in Japanese cuisine and culture. Enjoy the Sushi you have prepared during the class for lunch.</li> <li>• <b>Shibuya Crossing-</b> Shibuya is a crowded, fashionable, trend-setting area of Tokyo particularly popular with young people. Fashion shops, game centres and fast food restaurants abound. Observe the organized chaos of the Shibuya crossing from the Tsutaya building on the crossings north side. When the lights change at this famous junction, students can witness a sea of people cross from all sides.</li> <li>• <b>Sumo district and Sumo Museum-</b> Tokyo's Ryogoku district is the home of sumo, Japan's national sport. It is here you will find the main sumo tournament hall ('Kokugikan') and museum. The museum has many exhibits associated with the traditions and sport of sumo wrestling including ornamental wrestler aprons. It may be possible to watch sumo wrestlers training although the programme is only announced the night before.</li> </ul> <i>Overnight Tokyo</i>

<p><b>Day 4</b></p> <p><b>Meal Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>BEIJING---KYOTO</b></p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bullet Train to Kyoto</b></li> <li>• <b>Check in/ Drop bags at Hotel</b></li> <li>• <b>Manga Museum</b>-The Kyoto International Manga Museum, housed in an old primary school building, contains a large collection of Japanese Manga. The museum also looks at the development of Manga internationally and has a smaller collection of international works. Events at the museum often involve foreign artists and there are frequent temporary exhibitions.</li> <li>• <b>Calligraphy lesson</b>- Calligraphy or Shodo is recognised as an art form in Japan and is an important part of Japanese culture. It was introduced from China in the 6th and 7th century and is the art of writing Kanji (Chinese characters) or Kana (Japanese syllabaries) using a special brush and ink on Japanese paper.</li> </ul> <p><i>Overnight Kyoto</i></p>
<p><b>Day 5</b></p> <p><b>Meal Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>KYOTO</b></p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Daisen-In Temple and meditation class</b>- The Daisen-in, located inside the Daitoku-ji Temple, is one of the oldest buildings of the Zen sect of Buddhism. The complex is home to a historically important stone and sand Japanese garden, designated as of historic interest. Meditation is at the core of Zen Buddhism and students will engage in a lesson to learn this art.</li> <li>• <b>The Golden Pavilion</b>-The Kinkaku-ji Temple or golden pavilion is so called because of the gold-plated sanctuary which houses Buddha's bones. The temple was built in 1397 for the third Ashikaga Shogun Yoshimitsu. The Temple is reflected in a pond surrounded by a beautiful garden which is said to express paradise. Each visitor receives a fortune scroll.</li> <li>• <b>Gion area of Kyoto</b>- Gion is probably Kyoto's best known area due to its historic links with Geisha. It continues the tradition and Maiko or apprentice Geisha can still sometimes be seen walking around this pretty area with its wooden lattice windows. Shops sell traditional wares and crafts associated with Geisha culture.</li> </ul> <p><i>Overnight Kyoto</i></p>
<p><b>Day 6</b></p> <p><b>Meal Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i> <i>Dinner</i></p>	<p><b>KYOTO---HIROSHIMA</b></p> <p>Breakfast and check out of hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bullet train to Hiroshima</b></li> <li>• <b>Check in/ Drop bags at Hotel</b></li> <li>• <b>Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial Museum</b>— Due to its tragic past during WWII, Hiroshima is now known as a City of Peace. See the symbolic ruined building, the A-bomb dome, which is one of the few to remain standing after the atomic blast of August 6th 1945. Wander through the Peace Park on an area devastated by the world's first deployed atomic bomb with its memorial to the victims. The moving Memorial Museum tells the story of the immediate and lasting impact of the Atom bomb on the population of Hiroshima.</li> <li>• <b>Free Time</b></li> <li>• <b>Traditional Japanese Meal</b>- Okonomiyaki - Japanese pancakes.</li> </ul> <p><i>Overnight train to Shanghai</i></p>

<p><b>Day 7</b></p> <p><b>Meal Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast Lunch</i></p>	<p><b>HIROSHIMA</b></p> <p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch Ferry to Island of Miyajima</li> <li>• <b>Island of Miyajima-</b> Take a steam boat across to the peaceful UNESCO World Heritage site of Miyajima Island one of Japan's most beautiful and treasured sites. This is the location of the 12th century Itsukushima-jinja Shrine with its 17 individual shrines and connecting corridors. The temple's beautiful Torii Gate stands in the bay and is only accessible at low tide. Small wild deer roam free on the island due to their religious status.</li> <li>• <b>Momiji Manju cooking experience-</b> Momiji Manju is a small maple leaf cake filled with mashed sweet bean paste. Although there are various theories as to why it came to be made in the maple-leaf shape, this cake has a history of more than 100-years. In addition to the orthodox strained/unstrained sweet bean paste, a wide variety of fillings include cheese cream, chocolate cream, custard cream and powdered tea-flavoured cream.</li> <li>• Catch ferry back to Hiroshima</li> </ul> <p><i>Overnight in Hiroshima</i></p>
<p><b>Day 8</b></p> <p><b>Meal Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>HIROSHIMA--TOKYO</b></p> <p>Breakfast at hotel before a coach transfer to Bullet Train.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullet train to Tokyo</li> <li>• Transfer to Hotel to drop bags/check in</li> <li>• <b>Free afternoon in Tokyo</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Overnight in Tokyo</i></p>
<p><b>Day 9</b></p> <p><b>Meal Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>TOKYO</b></p> <p>Breakfast at hotel before a coach transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tokyo Disneyland</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Overnight in Tokyo</i></p>
<p><b>Day 10</b></p> <p><b>Meal Inclusions:</b> <i>Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>TOKYO → AUCKLAND</b></p> <p>Breakfast at hotel before a coach transfer to the airport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart Tokyo for Auckland</li> </ul>

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Return economy flights
- ✓ Return airport transfers from the arrival airport to your hotel
- ✓ All accommodation
- ✓ All transport as outlined in the itinerary
- ✓ Meals as outlined in the itinerary
- ✓ Admission to all activities and attractions as outline in the itinerary
- ✓ Information on resorts, hotels and excursions with guidebooks and maps available on request
- ✓ 24 hour emergency back-up and support
- ✓ Kiwi Holidays Travel Insurance

## EXTRAS TO BUDGET FOR

- Visas (if required)
- Transport to and from Auckland Airport
- Meals and drinks not included in the itinerary
- Drinks - water is provided with meals. Soft drinks and juices at extra cost
- Additional excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Spending money – souvenirs and extras

## ORGANISING YOUR STUDY TOUR IN 7 EASY STEPS



1. Itinerary Planning
2. Launch
3. Booking
4. Documents Collecting and Tour Prep
5. Confirming
6. Departure
7. Return Meeting

## AMMENDMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Changes are permitted and any additional charges will be assessed at time of change. If you wish to cancel or amend all or part of your tour you should advise us in writing (by letter, email or fax) as soon as possible. A cancellation or amendment is effective only when received in writing by the company from the group contact who signed the booking form. Any new person added to the booking must provide a signed acknowledgement. PLEASE NOTE: If any cancellation reduces the number of paying group members below the minimum number required for a particular tour price or concession (including free places), the invoice will be adjusted accordingly for all remaining group members.

## TOUR COST GUARANTEE

Once your tour has been booked and first deposit paid, Travelbound guarantee that the price of your tour is fixed. This means that your tour price is not subject to any unpredictable extra costs associated with currency fluctuations. **Please note**, as this is a quotation only, we are not holding any of your travel arrangements. To secure your booking you need to provide written confirmation of the tour itinerary, student/staff numbers and overall cost as approved.