

## An Extraordinary Opportunity to Experience Japan in a Vibrant Yet Relaxing Way

### Tokyo and Hakone (4 days/3 nights)



#### Day 1: Tokyo

Upon arrival at Tokyo's Haneda Airport, you will be met by your personal concierge and taken by private sedan with driver to your luxury accommodations at The Peninsula Tokyo or the Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo. All hotel rooms for the duration of your stay in Japan will be suite type accommodations (subject to availability). All transportation will be by chauffeured, luxury sedan unless otherwise noted.

#### **Hotel: The Peninsula Tokyo or the Mandarin Oriental**

This evening we begin our culinary journey through Japan, which will be one of the highlights of your trip. From little known neighborhood Japanese restaurants that serve exquisite cuisine to world renowned French and Italian restaurants, Japan offers the finest selection of indigenous and international dining experiences in the world and we can arrange reservations for you at the best restaurants that Tokyo has to offer. Access to the smaller, quintessential local restaurants that often serve the finest Japanese food is often difficult if not impossible unless one speaks Japanese.

Our wealth of experience in Japan however has provided us with a network of such restaurants where the chef will treat our customers as if they are regular clientele, thereby allowing you to experience Japanese cuisine at its finest.

## **Day 2: Tokyo**

To start today, you will be met at the hotel by your personal concierge who will review with you the itinerary for your journey in Japan. Your personal concierge will be your “go to” person for restaurant suggestions and reservations, shopping suggestions, etc. and will remain with you for the duration of your stay in Tokyo. This morning, you may choose to *take a privately escorted tour of Tokyo’s fashion hotspots with a local fashion/trend consultant who will guide you through Tokyo’s myriad of designer boutiques and stores, while explaining the city’s ever-changing fashion trends or explore the world of contemporary art with a local expert who will guide you through Tokyo’s collection of trend-setting galleries.*

*If your interests lie in the more traditional realm, participate in a private tea ceremony at Meiji Shrine conducted by a master of this art or if food is your passion, visit Tsukiji, the largest fish market in the world, with a seasoned culinary expert who knows Tsukiji inside and out and who can explain to you in detail the intricacies of the market and the myriad of fish before your eyes.*

*Following lunch, journey to Ginza, one of the world’s premier high-end shopping destinations or explore the world of Japan’s more traditional arts with visits to the Nezu Art Museum and the Tomo Museum with its stunning array of Japanese pottery.*

Tokyo is a city that does not sleep and in addition to fine dining, the evening presents you with exciting activities from which to choose. Explore the city’s cultural life at a world-class symphony or ballet, attend a pop concert, listen to fabulous jazz music or watch a performance of Noh or traditional Japanese drama at an intimate theater.

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## Day 3 Hakone



This morning, depart on a two-hour car journey for Hakone, a beautiful mountainous area with verdant forests, small lakes and thermal springs. You will spend tonight at Gora Kadan, an architecturally stunning ryokan or Japanese inn at which one can enjoy the finest aspects of traditional Japanese hospitality. Located on the grounds of the former summer villa of a member of the Imperial family, the building and facilities have earned high praise for their design, being in harmony with the nearby mountains and blending Japanese tradition along with modern design elements. A stay at Gora Kadan is akin being at a luxurious retreat. Relax while gazing upon the surrounding mountainside, enjoy a tranquilizing spa treatment or sooth your soul in a delectably warm Japanese bath.

### **Japanese Inn: Gora Kadan**

## **Day 4: Hakone Return Journey Home**

After spending a relaxing morning at Gora Kadan, you will be driven two-hours to Tokyo's Haneda Airport for your return journey home. If you wish to partake in more high-end retail shopping, you will be driven back to the heart of Tokyo prior to departing Haneda Airport on your homeward bound flight this evening.

## About Us

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