

Travelrite International
invite you to join us for the

RAIL JOURNEYS OF JAPAN

13 to 29 September 2025

Visiting Tokyo, Hakone, Gifu, Toyama,
Kyoto, Osaka, Fukuoka, Beppu,
Kumamoto and Kagoshima



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Kurobe Gorge Railway

The Kurobe Gorge Railway offers breathtaking views of Japan's stunning landscapes, meandering through deep gorges and lush forests. It's a scenic journey showcasing the beauty of the Northern Alps.

Sagana Scenic Railway

The Sagana Scenic Railway in Japan features picturesque views as it travels through verdant landscapes and valleys. This charming train ride showcases the natural beauty of the Nagano Prefecture, making it a delightful experience for travellers.

Kanpachi Ichiroku

Kanpachi Ichiroku is a scenic train on Kyushu Island that runs through picturesque countryside, providing stunning views of rural landscapes and seasonal scenery. It's a relaxing way to experience the natural beauty of the region.



Bullet Train Travel — The bullet train, or Shinkansen, is Japan's high-speed rail network, famous for its speed, efficiency, and punctuality. Connecting major cities like Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto, it travels at speeds up to 320 km/h (200 mph). When travelling on the bullet train, your luggage will be transferred between hotels by truck. In some cases, your luggage may be delivered the next day and so an overnight bag may be required.

DAY 1 Saturday, 13 September 2025

Depart Australia

Today we depart Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth on our overnight flights to Tokyo, via Singapore.

DAY 2 Sunday, 14 September 2025

Arrive Tokyo, Japan

This morning we arrive in Tokyo and enjoy a sightseeing tour. We see the famous Tsukiji fish market and the Asakusa district, well-known as a region of old Tokyo. We see the Asakusa Kannon Temple, a Buddhist temple also known as "Sensoji." The temple was built in 645 A.D with the finest Japanese architecture. We will also visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken, the shrine is a popular place for traditional Japanese weddings. Our last stop of the day will be at the famous Tokyo Tower. Inspired by the Eiffel Tower, the Tokyo Tower stands at 333m tall is the second tallest structure in Japan. This evening we enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3 Monday, 15 September 2025

Tokyo

Today we enjoy our first spectacular rail journey on the outskirts of Tokyo! Operated by the JR East Company, Sotobo Line is a railway line that links Chiba and Kamogawa. Starting in Chiba, it passes through some of the other cities in the prefecture, including Oami-Shirasato, Mobarra, Isumi, and Katsuura, and offers scenic views of the rural countryside. As it runs along the coast and approaches Kamogawa, passengers can also enjoy fantastic views of the Pacific Ocean.

DAY 4 Tuesday, 16 September 2025

Hakone, Japan

This morning we are transferred to the railway station for our exciting bullet train ride on the famous Shinkansen train to Odawara, travelling up to 270 kmph. On arrival, we take the Hakone Tozan Line, a sightseeing train line running from Odawara Station in Odawara to Hakone-Yumoto Station in Hakone. Throughout the 15-kilometre-long ride, passengers are treated to the amazing sights of

thick forested valleys and mountains, and colourful flowers by the tracks. We are transferred to our hotel in the late afternoon.

DAY 5 Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Gifu, Japan

Today we enjoy a cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Ashi, surrounded by lush greenery and iconic views of the Hakone Shrine nestled along its shores. In the afternoon, we take the bullet train to Nagoya, before connecting with the local Tokaido train onto Gifu. On arrival, we check into our hotel.



DAY 6 Thursday, 18 September 2025

Toyama, Japan

This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Gifu City. We will visit Gifu Castle for panoramic views, see the Great Buddha Statue at Shohoji Temple and Yanagase Shopping Street for local flavors. After lunch, we travel to Toyama. The Takayama Main Line is a JR West Company railway line that provides opportunities to enjoy the gorgeous landscapes of the prefecture. The journey from Gifu Station to Toyama Station takes you on a memorable sightseeing experience, as you pass by the impressive, rugged mountains and valleys, and the pristine and immaculate rivers on the way to Toyama.



DAY 7 Friday, 19 September 2025

Toyama

Run by the private railway company Kurobe Gorge Railway, the Kurobe Gorge Main Line is a sightseeing train that runs along the Kurobe River, affording picture-worthy views of the mountains, cliffs, valleys, and ravines of the Northern Japan Alps. It covers a distance of 20 kilometres, from Unazuki Station to Nekomata Station, passing through dozens of tunnels and going over 20 bridges.

DAY 8 Saturday, 20 September 2025

Kyoto, Japan

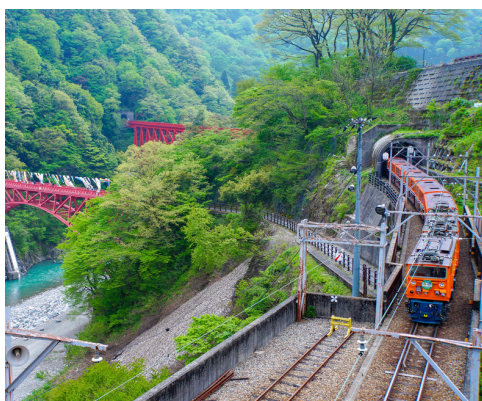
Today we depart Toyama and travel to Kyoto. We'll take the bullet train to Tsugura and then transfer to the Thunderbird onto Kyoto. On arrival into Kyoto, we enjoy a sightseeing tour including Kinkakuji, better known as the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Formally known as Rokuonji, the temple was the retirement villa of the shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu, and according to his will, it became a Zen temple of the Rinzai sect after his death in 1408. We then visit the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant stone path through the northern part of Kyoto's Higashiyama district that follows a canal, lined by hundreds of cherry trees (cherry trees bloom in April).



DAY 9 Sunday, 21 September 2025

Kyoto

Today we enjoy a journey on the Sagano Scenic Railway. A popular sightseeing train line in Kyoto, the Sagano Scenic Railway is a 7.3-kilometer-long line that showcases the natural beauty of this historic city. Featuring train cars with wooden benches and traditional designs, it runs at slower-than-usual speeds, as it follows the Hozugawa River, to allow the passengers to take in the magnificent scenery. Later we visit the Imperial Palace, which was the residence of the Imperial family until the capital was moved to Tokyo in 1869. Within the Imperial Palace grounds, which are enclosed by a roofed earthen wall, are the Seiryoden (Palace Hall) and the Kogosho (Minor Palace) – reminiscent of the dynastic age.



DAY 10 Monday, 22 September 2025

Osaka, Japan

We travel to Osaka to join the Hanawa Line, operated by JR West. It extends 63.1 kilometers from Osaka's Tennoji Station to Wakayama's Wakayama Station. Along the way, passengers get the best seats for a glimpse of the countless cherry trees in the valleys and mountains in this part of the Kansai region. We return to Osaka for a sightseeing tour including the panoramic view of the entire city from the Floating Garden Observatory standing in the top of Umeda Sky Building, and stroll along the bustling Dotonbori Shopping Area.

DAY 11 Tuesday, 23 September 2025

Fukuoka, Japan

Today we travel by bullet train to Fukuoka, the capital of Kyushu. Fukuoka blends ancient temples with bustling shopping districts and gourmet delights like Hakata ramen.



On arrival, we enjoy an orientation tour of the city including the Fukuoka Castle, Tochoji Temple to admire Japan's largest wooden Buddha and Kushida Shrine, home of the massive Gion Yamakasa Festival float. We then check into our hotel.

DAY 12 Wednesday, 24 September 2025

Beppu, Japan

A free morning to explore Fukuoka. At midday, we embark the Kanpachi Ichiroku train for a comfortable and scenic journey down south to Beppu. Kick back in the cozy interiors and let the train take you on a memorable ride through beautiful landscapes. Lunch is served onboard shortly after departing Fukuoka and there are two "hospitality stations" where you can enjoy interacting with the locals and purchasing local specialties at the stops. On arrival into Beppu, we check into our hotel.



DAY 13 Thursday, 25 September 2025

Kumamoto, Japan

The morning is free to explore Beppu, Japan's hot spring capital. Dive into rejuvenating onsens, from steamy mud baths to soothing mineral waters, amidst a backdrop of lush green mountains. In the afternoon, we travel by private coach to Kumamoto, most famous for its castle, which is one of Japan's largest and most complete.

DAY 14 Friday, 26 September 2025

Kagoshima, Japan

This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Kumamoto, including the castle and Kato Shrine. After lunch, we travel to Kagoshima by bullet train. On arrival, we check into our hotel where we spend the next two nights.

DAY 15 Saturday, 27 September 2025

Kagoshima

Located on the southern tip of Kyushu, Ibusuki is renowned for its volcanic sand beaches, pristine natural landscapes, and rejuvenating onsen. The coastal adventure truly begins aboard the 'Limited Express Ibusuki no Tamatebako', a specially crafted train for the route to Ibusuki. The train has large windows, offering breathtaking ocean vistas. On arrival in Ibusuki, there is free time to explore and we will also visit the Southernmost JR Train Station Monument before heading back to Kagoshima. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner.

DAY 16 Sunday, 28 September 2025

Departure

Today we begin our journey home, flying to Tokyo before connecting onto Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney.

DAY 17 Monday, 29 September 2025

Arrive Australia

Tour members arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.

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Tour Price

The price per person twin-share	\$ 9,695
Plus Air Taxes	\$ 256
Single supplement:	\$ 1,495



Included in the tour price:

- Return economy-class flights from Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth to Tokyo.
- Economy-class flight from Kagoshima to Tokyo.
- Economy-class rail travel as listed in the itinerary
- Accommodation in first and moderate first-class accommodation throughout the tour including breakfast.
- Welcome and farewell dinner.
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary.
- Luggage transfers between hotels.
- Tour management by Travelrite International.

Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.



Extending: You can stay longer in Japan for minimal extra cost. Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. All passengers must complete and sign a Travelrite International booking form.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on train, general transport and accommodation costs on 31 October 2024. Travelrite International reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 60 days prior to the commencement of the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments made by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Cancellations within 60 days of departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellation outside 60 days from departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$900 per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY: Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary or train journeys to fit in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport with at least six months validity. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 1 x 23kg free baggage allowance on flights and luggage trucks in Japan.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 60 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these fly/cruises, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/cruise and/or make such changes in the fly/cruises as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the Queen Victoria fly/cruise passage contract with Cunard, detailed on the Cunard website. If you do not have details of these terms please contact Travelrite International and we will send them to you.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise

the tour. Travelrite International may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite International reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite International your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite International any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite International in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite International advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$900 per person to:

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