

## Hakone National Park & Mt Fuji Views



Approximately 9 Hours



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This tour is a great opportunity for a close-up view of one of the most recognizable landmarks of Japan—Mt Fuji—viewed from **Hakone National Park**. You will also visit the popular resort town of Hakone. Drive to Hakone for a lovely view of Mt Fuji from one of the **boats** that ply the waters of **Lake Ashi**, located at the foot of the mountain. After **lunch** at a local restaurant, you will transfer to the **Mt Komagatake Aerial Cableway**, where your guide will lead you up a stairway to an observation platform providing a panoramic view of Mt Fuji, weather permitting. You will also visit the **Hakone Open-Air Museum**, which contains numerous sculptures by artists from all over the world. The museum is especially known for its collection of 26 pieces by Henry Moore, including one that is more than 13 feet tall. The sculpted beauty of the art creates a stark contrast with the natural surroundings.

### Notes:

Although this excursion takes you to one of the best locations for viewing Mt Fuji, the mountain is often shrouded in clouds and views cannot be guaranteed.

## Meiji Shrine & Japanese Cultural Experience



Approximately 8½ Hours



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This morning you will visit what is often referred to as the most splendid Shinto shrine in all of Japan. Built in 1920 in memory of the Emperor Meiji, the **Meiji Shrine** was destroyed in World War II and rebuilt in 1958. All the features of the original shrine were preserved and its setting in a tranquil garden environment is a breath of fresh air in the context of a lively and densely populated city. After **lunch**, enjoy a mixed program designed to give you a broad experience of **Japanese culture**, with a chance to try your hand at **calligraphy**. All participants will learn how to write a Kanji character using ancient calligraphy methods. Then, take part in a traditional **tea ceremony**, prepared by a master. Finally, one member of your tour group will be chosen to wear a colorful kimono while the others watch this elaborate method of dressing.

### Notes:

Travel time to Tokyo is approximately 1½ hours each way.

## Old Town Tokyo



Approximately 8½ Hours



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Value



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Head to the **Fukagawa** area, east of the Sumida River, called the *shitamachi*(Old Town). Your first stop is at the **Fukagawa Edo Museum**, nestled in a narrow, tree-lined street among numerous temples and shrines. The museum was established in 1986, and here you will enjoy a display of the Edo period, including everyday items and plants, and a reconstruction of Fukagawa Saga town. At **Kiyosumi Park**, near the Sumida River, it is easy to imagine you are far from the bustle of the city. After **lunch** at a local restaurant, visit **Nezu Jinja Shrine** built for Shogun Tsunayoshi Tokugawa. The shrine has been designated a **National Cultural Asset**. Proceed to Ueno, which is a district in Tokyo's Taito Ward, best known as the home of Ueno Station and **Ueno Park**. Some of Tokyo's finest cultural sites are also found here, including museums and a major public concert hall. You will visit **Ameyoko Discount Market** (a very crowded local market) near Ueno Station, returning to the ship after some time to **shop** .

## Temple & Shrines of Kamakura



Approximately 5 Hours



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5 out of 5

Value



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A compelling place to visit, **Kamakura** invites the visitor to explore the treasures of the Shinto and Buddhist religions. The Shoguns made Kamakura an important town when it served as their capital from AD 1192 - 1333, but it is the quiet walks and spiritual peace that are its attractions in the 21st century. The masterpiece among these is at the **Koutokuin Temple**—the first stop on your tour. Here you will see the Daibutsu (great Buddha), which stands 42½ feet tall and is the second-largest statue of Buddha in Japan. The statue boasts remarkable statistics, having been completed in 1252, cast in bronze and weighing about 121 tons. A dramatically different view of eastern religion can be seen at the **Hachimangu Shrine**, dedicated to the god of war. Relax for the drive back to the pier in Yokohama.

### The Best of Tokyo



Approximately 8½ Hours



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The wonders of **Tokyo** are yours to discover on this full day of sightseeing. Travel by motor coach to the city center, passing famous landmarks en route. You'll head to the **Imperial Palace Plaza** in central Tokyo—home of Japan's Emperor. There will be time to wander in the Plaza, which provides a view of the Fushimi-Yagura watchtower. This famous building is a remnant of the mighty Edo period. You'll also see the famous Nijubashi Bridge. Driving through central Tokyo, you will see National Diet Building, the Guest House, Tokyo Tower, and several important facilities from the window. The next stop is **Asakusa**. In ancient times this was a notorious entertainment district, but now it is the location of the beautiful Senso-ji or **Kannon Temple**. A golden image of the Buddhist goddess, Kannon, is enshrined here. Legend claims the statue was miraculously fished out of the river in AD 628. **Lunch** will be served at a local restaurant or hotel. One of Tokyo's best-known areas is the legendary **Ginza district**—virtually unequalled for glitz, glamour and good deals. You will have short stop at the Ginza; then, return to the ship.

### Yokohama by Night



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoy a relaxing and interesting one-hour drive through Yokohama—a city of quiet, contemplative places and lively, neon-lit streets. Enjoy the dichotomy as you travel to a **local restaurant** for a **Japanese meal** and a memorable evening.

## Yokohama Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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