



HIGHLIGHTS

WAKAYAMA

- Tore Tore Market • Tuna cutting
- Engetsujima • Sandanbeki Cave
- Senjojiki • Kishu Umeboshi Kan
- Nachi Taisha • Nachi Waterfall
- Hashikuiwa Rocks • Fish Port

ISE

- Futami Okitama Jinja
- Mikimoto Pearl Island
- Ise Shrine • Okage Yokocho

IGA

- Ninja Museum

KYOTO

- Fushimi Taisya Shrine
- Kiyomizu Temple
- Sannenzaka Shopping Slope
- Sagano Train Ride • Kameoka
- Arashiyama Bamboo Forest
- Togetsukyo Bridge
- Katsura River • Kinkakuji

KOBE

- Kobe Chinatown • Harborland

OSAKA

- Tsutenkaku Food Street • Dotonbori
- Shinsaibashi • Osaka Castle

MEALS

- 6 Breakfasts / 5 Lunches / 5 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

- 6 Nights Hotel Stay



8D Wakayama + Kyoto (JWAK8)

DAY 1 Singapore → Kansai

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport and begin your holiday with a pleasant flight to Japan.

DAY 2 Kansai - Wakayama - Shirahama

- Meal on Board, Japanese Set Lunch, Hotel Dinner -

Upon arrival, meet and greet by our local representative. Proceed to **Tore Tore Market**. It offers a variety of local products, including fresh seafood, locally-brewed spirits and umeboshi (salt-pickled ume). Next, you can enjoy watching a **tuna cutting** demonstration. Drive along the Shirahama coast and have a photo-stop to view the magnificent **Engetsujima**, the small sandstone that formed the island. Continue to visit **Sandanbeki Cave** (admission included), a rock wall that comprises of approximately 2 kilometers of steep cliffs which are 50 metres high. The raging waves striking the cliffs are certainly exciting and will leave you a memorable experience! You can take an elevator to the underground caves, allowing you to experience the dynamic presence of the stormy seas right before your eyes. Next, we move on to view **Senjojiki**, also known as "one thousand tatami mats", which perfectly describes the appearance of these flat, sheet-like rocks.

Note: In the event of poor weather conditions (rain, strong wind, etc), Sandanbeki Cave may be risky to travel, thus there will be no replacement.

DAY 3 Shirahama - Nachikatsuura

- Breakfast, Japanese Seafood Hotpot Lunch, Hotel Dinner -

After breakfast, proceed to **Kishu Umeboshi**

Kan where you can see plum foods manufacturer, you can try the food and taste umeshu plum wine and plum juice there. Thereafter, proceed to **Nachi Taisha**, a Shinto shrine located halfway up Nachi Mountain, about 350 meters above sea level. Continue to view the magnificent **Nachi Waterfall**. Enjoy breath taking views of this 133m waterfall, the tallest and one of the most famous waterfalls in Japan. Lastly, catch a glimpse of the **Hashikuiwa Rocks**, comprised of a row of pointed, oddly-shaped rocks.

DAY 4 Nachikatsuura - Ise

- Breakfast, Toppanyaki Lunch, Hotel Dinner -

After breakfast, visit the **Nachikatsuura Fish Port** - here fishermen come every morning to lay out their catch for auction. You can observe from the gallery at the 2nd floor and see how they use a sharp sickle to prod and lift the fish to check it's quality before placing their bid. Continue to the **Futami Okitama Jinja**, famous for a pair of large and small rocks located side by side in the sea, known as Meoto-iwa (lit. husband and wife rock). The rocks serve as a torii gate, for locals to offer prayers to the sunrise and a sacred rock 700 meters offshore from Meoto-iwa. Thereafter, visit the **Mikimoto Pearl Island** where Mr Kokichi Mikimoto became the world's first to succeed in culturing pearls in 1893. The museum on the island showcases the beautiful cultured pearls and you can also watch the Ama's demonstration on traditional pearl cultivation diving. Next, visit the famous **Ise Shrine**, which is one of the most important shrines in Japan that has an approximately 2,000 years of history. It has been designated as a National Treasure by the Japanese government. Stroll around the **Okage Yokocho**, a lovely traditional street lined up with machiya (old wooden houses) that sells local snacks, crafts and little souvenirs.

DAY 5

Ise - Iga - Kyoto

- Breakfast, Japanese Set Lunch, Izakaya Dinner -

Today, visit **Ninja Museum** (admission included), which is a museum dedicated to the history of the ninja and ninjutsu. This typical ninja house has protections such as set traps and fake hallways. You will be able to experience hidden doors, secret passageways and hidden compartments that were designed by the ninjas back then. In addition, you can experience throwing stars in the Ninja Experience Space and watch the popular ninja shows. **Fushimi Taisya Shrine** is an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. It is famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The trails lead into the wooded forest of the sacred Mount Inari, which stands at 233 meters above sea level and belongs to the shrine grounds. Thereafter, visit a UNESCO World Heritage Site - **Kiyomizu Temple** (admission included). It has a large veranda supported by hundreds of pillars and was built in 1633 on a hillside. Take a stroll along **Sannenzaka Shopping Slope** that features many souvenir shops, handicrafts shops, kimono shops, restaurants and small cafes. Souvenirs at affordable prices are available here.

Note: In the event that accommodation in Kyoto hotel is unavailable, it will be replaced in Osaka hotel.

DAY 6

Kyoto - Osaka

- Breakfast, Japanese Set Lunch -

After breakfast, proceed to **Kinkakuji** (admission included), the Golden Pavilion. Being one of Kyoto's leading temples, it is a pond-centered garden featuring a shining golden pavilion designated as a National Special Historic Site and a National Special Landscape. Next, hop on **Sagano Train Ride** (admission included), from rural **Kameoka to Saga Station**. This charming, old fashioned train takes you through forested ravines and views of mountains can be appreciated from here. The sights give you a pleasant view of the scenery of **Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Togetsukyo Bridge** and **Katsura River**. Continue to the **Tsutenkaku Food Street**. The streets of Shinsekai are flooded with light from flashy neon signs and the busy hubbub of crowds. Shinsekai is home to plenty of places where you can enjoy delicious food.

Note: In the event Sagano Train stop during the season, it will be replaced by Ninja Train.

DAY 7

Osaka - Kobe - Kansai

- Breakfast, Yakiniku Dinner -

Commence the day with a visit to see the majestic **Osaka Castle** (entrance fee excluded). Explore the **Kobe Chinatown** and **Harborland**, a mosaic town along the bay, with attractions such as a garden, amusement park, restaurants and a shopping mall. Continue to the shopping paradise "**Shinsaibashi**" and be amazed by the many shops and departmental stores selling trendy clothes, shoes, books, etc. Visit food paradise "**Dotonbori**", where many cafes, restaurants, street food stalls, e are located. See the colourful illuminated neon signboards by the **Dotombori Canals**, with their mirror reflections on the water.

DAY 8

Kansai → Singapore

- Breakfast, Meal on Board -

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for the flight back to Singapore. We hope that you had a memorable vacation with ASA Holidays.

Note: SQ 623 2330/0510 may replace SQ 619 at times. In the event of replacing with SQ623 flight, the group will spend the day shopping at the US-originated Rinku Chelsea Premium Outlets.



Note:

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2. All bookings will be subjected to terms and conditions as stipulated in this brochure.
3. Admission and entrance ticket will be included when specified.
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5. Tour is conducted in Mandarin.

6. All hotel ratings are based on local standards. In the event that accommodation in the stated hotel is unavailable, it will be replaced by another hotel of similar standards.
7. During major events, accommodation may not be in the city mentioned.
8. ASA Holidays recommends you to buy travel insurance for your travel to ensure coverage.
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11. Room types are based on run of the house and allocated by respective hotels. ASA Holidays will not be responsible for the differences of the room allocated.
12. For groups of 26 passengers and above, we will have a tour manager to accompany the tour throughout.