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Japan Family Tour with Anime & Manga

This unique adventure takes you to the heart of Japan, exploring many facets and inspirations of the anime and manga culture. Tour and explore many landmarks, manmade and natural alike, that are not only featured in many fan favorite films and comics, but also culturally rich in history. With breathtaking sites such as the Kamogawa River, the Kinkakuji Temple, or the Nijo Castle, it's easy to see how artists were inspired. Delve into your love of Japanese art and pop culture while learning the history behind it!

Day 1: Welcome to Japan!

Famous for its sprawling neon-lit landscape, it is also home to expansive parkland, peaceful shrines and temples, and lovingly tended gardens. At the heart of the hyperactive center lies the serene Imperial Palace, the home of the ruling emperor that provides a tangible link to the city's historical past. Behind the shopping, entertainment, and commercial emporia you will find quaint wooden houses, private gardens with meticulously clipped bonsai trees and the calm of the Hamarikyū Gardens.

Day 2: Tokyo, Ghibli Museum & Ghibli Pilgrimage Tour

Hayao Miyazaki is one of Japan's most acclaimed animators and the whimsical creations of his animation studio, Studio Ghibli. See many famous characters including a life-sized robot from Castle in the Sky on the rooftop garden. Next, tour Tokyo and see Hotel Gajoen, whose ostentatious interior served as the inspiration for the bathhouse decor in Spirited Away.

Day 3: Full Day Tokyo Anime Pilgrimage Tour

Anime (Japanese animation) and manga (comics) are loved throughout the world and are just as important a piece of Japanese culture as more traditional arts is. On this full day tour, a local guide will take you around to discover some real-life places that have appeared in anime in the past. There will also be some time to do a little shopping.

Day 4: Full Day Hakone Excursion from Tokyo and Ends in Hakone by Private Car

Today leave Tokyo behind as you journey to Hakone, the gateway to Mt. Fuji and the surrounding national park. Your local guide for the day will accompany you on the journey there. Your tour will end at your Hakone Accommodation. Throughout the day you will have a chance at catching a glimpse of Mt. Fuji but be advised that she is a notoriously shy mountain, and the weather needs to be perfectly clear. Visibility is best from November to March.



Day 5: Kyoto

This is a must-see destination and is the nation's former capital and was the residence of the emperor from 794 until 1868. With 2,000 religious buildings, including 1,600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines, as well as palaces, gardens and associated architecture, it is one of the best-preserved cities in Japan and has 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites. Kyoto represents the "Japan of old" and beyond the high-rise skyscrapers built as a monument to progress, the real monument to Japan's historical and cultural past can be found in the city's narrow alleyways where tea houses abound and kimono-clad geisha hurry from elegant function to function.

Day 6: Kyoto

On this half day tour, you will discover some anime and manga-related venues around the historic city. First, you will head to the International Manga Museum which opened in November of 2006. It consists of three floors and a basement, and most of its walls are lined with shelves of manga. Browsing this massive collection of manga is one of the museum's main attractions. Next, you will head across town to the Kamogawa River. This iconic natural landmark and the surrounding buildings have appeared in numerous anime and manga over the years such as K-On! and Blue Exorcist. You will walk down to Yasaka Shrine in Gion, which has appeared in anime The Eccentric Family and Bakemonogatari.

Day 7: Kyoto

Visit 2 of Kyoto's 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites and a local market on this half day tour. Start with a visit to Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion), which was originally built as a retirement villa for the Shogun. After his death it became a Buddhist Temple at his request and is now one of Kyoto's most famous temples. Next is Nijo Castle, an ornamental castle that was built by the founder of the Edo Shogunate as his Kyoto residence and is surrounded by stunning surrounding gardens. Finish the day with a visit to Nishiki Market. Known as "Kyoto's Kitchen", Nishiki is a narrow shopping street lined more than 100 shops, selling fresh seafood and vegetables, pickles, Japanese sweets and sushi.



Day 8: Kyoto / Tokyo

From Kyoto station you will take the bullet train to Tokyo. Along the way you'll visit the Imperial Palace and Asakusa, Tokyo's old town. Visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple and wander down Nakamise, a shopping street. Travel across town to Meiji Shrine, a shrine dedicated to the deified spirit of Emperor Meiji and a popular place for traditional Japanese weddings.

Day 9: Depart Japan A private transfer will take you from your accommodation to the departure airport

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