

FROM **3.495\$**-DAYS **11/15**

**DEPARTURE DATES**  
Every **Saturday**

**EXPECTED HOTELS**

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's «My Trip» page.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

The route will be **bilingual with Spanish and English-speaking guides**. On certain dates, depending on sales, the circuit will be divided into two with a bus in each language.  
**MEALS:** The different nationalities and cultures who cohabit in our groups make it difficult to satisfy all preferences. Europamundo gives our customers the opportunity to taste local food in the destination visited, however, many are international cuisine. You could find the restaurant list and menu type on each tour on the website "My Trip".

**A NIGHT SCENE**  
**KOBE, JAPAN**



**RED BRIDGE**  
**IKAO, JAPAN**

**WONDERS OF JAPAN END OSAKA** **OPTION 1**

**WONDERS OF JAPAN END TOKYO** **OPTION 2**

**(OPT. 1) WONDERS OF JAPAN END OSAKA**  
**01 SAT. Tokyo.-**  
Welcome to Japan! Transfer by coach (SHUTTLE BUS) to hotel.  
**18H30.-** Meeting with guide. Late in the afternoon, we will pay a visit to this fascinating country by taking a trip on the **metro** (tickets included) to the **Shinjuku district** and see the crowds of people who use this modern and efficient collective transport system. Shinjuku is one of the most important nightlife districts. **Dinner included** and return to hotel by metro with our guide

**02 SUN. Tokyo.-**  
In the morning, we take part in a **5-hour trip** with our guide to see this amazing city, with its hustle and bustle and extremely modern districts that coexist with quiet, peaceful areas. Brief stop at the **Zojoji Temple** to take a beautiful photograph of the Tokyo Tower. Pay attention to the hundred of Jizos, stone traditional protecting deities who guide us on our travels, give power to those who are weak (such children) and those in dangerous places, and who are dressed including hats, robes and windmills. Then we head to the **junction of Shibuya**, a junction that is said to be the most crowded in the world. The **Meiji Temple** is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, his wife, and their spirits. We continue on our bus along the elegant street of **Omotesando**. We will edge the most beautiful part of the Imperial Palace and the gardens. Stop to visit the famous **Nijubashi Bridge**. We will pass through the district of **Akihabara**, the "electric town" with icons from the popular Japanese Manga and Anime culture and then see **Kokugikan**, the Sumo stadium, home of this Japanese sport. We will also visit the Buddhist **temple of Sensoji**, the oldest and most important temple in Tokyo, with its 55-metre-high pagoda. Then we will have some free time to visit the traditional commercial street of Nakamise in the district of **Asakusa**. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. Return to hotel.  
Free time in the afternoon.

**03 MON. Tokyo - Mount Fuji - Kawaguchiko.-**  
We travel to the beautiful area of Monte Fuji, through pretty countryside on our way. First of all we see the **ARAKURAYAMA SENGEN PARK**, with its beautiful pagodas, and from here enjoy the best and most well-known views of Mount Fuji. After this we go on to **KAWAGUCHIKO** with its tiny houses, flowers and mountains, and its beautiful lake. On our arrival, we will visit the **FUJI SENGEN SHRINE** set in a magical site surrounded by tall trees, and the starting point of the traditional pilgrimage to the mountain. At the shrine, we will express our thanks for being able to visit this wonderful place. The visit also includes a **delightful boat trip** on Kawaguchiko Lake. After lunch, we start to ascend Mount Fuji on the road that takes us to the "fifth station", surrounded by spectacular forests and views, to a height of 2,305 metres.  
*Note: In winter, the route up to Mount Fuji is closed due to snow or other adverse weather conditions; during this season, we will ascend as far as the au*  
Return to Kawaguchiko, with time to stroll near the lake. We will stay at a **Ryokan** (a traditional Japanese hotel) and have the chance to enjoy its **ONSEN** (public baths). **Dinner included**.  
*Note: In the planned Ryokan, some rooms are in Japanese style, with accommodation on tatamis, and others are in western-style. Accommodation may sometimes be in a western type hotel.*

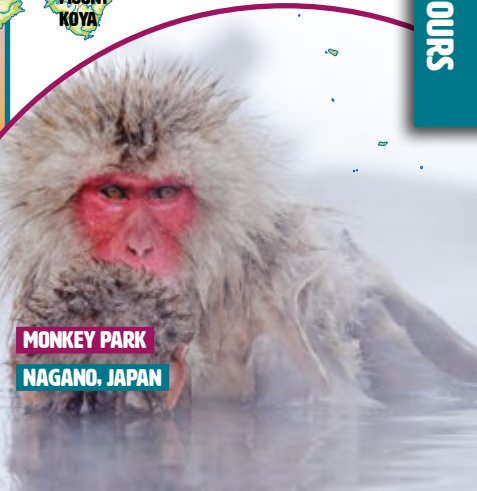
**04 TUE. Kawaguchiko - Iyasi no Sato Nenba - Toyota - Kyoto.-**  
We are only 130km (81 miles) from **KYOTO**. In the morning, we continue along the pretty road bordered by lakes to **IYASHI NO SATO NENBA**, a tiny village destroyed by a typhoon in 1966 and later restored as a traditional open-air mountain village and museum. Its traditional houses have been transformed into arts and crafts shops, restaurants and traditional museums. We then have the opportunity to admire the **SHIRAITO FALLS**, considered done of the most attractive sites in Japan, with a waterfall height of 150 metres. We will then continue to **NAGOYA**, the third most important city of Japan, on the shores of the Pacific. Here we will visit the **TOYOTA MUSEUM** (admission included), a must-see for motor lovers. We continue to **KYOTO**, accommodation.

**05 WED. Kyoto.-**  
We spend all day in the city that was the capital of Japan from the year 794 to 1868 and home to the Imperial Court. During World War II the city was the only major Japanese to escape the bombardments, and so it still preserves its wealth of artistic heritage; the famous protocol restricting greenhouse gas emissions was signed in Kyoto in 1997. We head for the outskirts of Kyoto to **Arashiyama**, where we cross the **Togetsukyo Bridge** ("bridge over the moon"), which has fantastic views. We will visit the **Tenryuji temple**, one of the "five major Zen temples of Kyoto" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by a walk through its mystic **bamboo forest**. The visit includes a trip to one of the most important parts of the city. We will see the marvellous **Shinto Shrine of Fushimi Inari**, the **Imperial Palace** and **Kinkakuji temple**, "the golden pavilion" and its wonderful gardens.  
Free time before visiting **GION**, a busy traditional quarter famous for its **Geisha**. Free time.

**06 THU. Kyoto - Nara - Osaka.-**  
We leave for **NARA** and visit **Todaiji**, a magnificent Buddhist temple built in 752, which has a giant Buddha and where passengers can take photos and touch and feed the deer that wander through the park. **Lunch included**. After the visit, we will see **HORYUJI** Buddhist temple, a World Heritage Site that includes a seminary, monasteries and temples. Its main pagoda temple is one of the oldest wooden buildings in the world and is the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan and an important place of worship.  
We continue to **OSAKA**, where we arrive in the evening. Accommodation in this modern city (Japan's second city). We will visit Dotonbori, a colourful district filled with nightlife.

**07 FRI. Osaka - Engyo-ji - Himeji - Okayama.-**  
We leave for **Mount SHOSA**, and its **ENGYO-JI** complex of temples dating back more than 1,000 years, which was the place where the film "The last Samurai" was made. **Cable car** ride. After this we will see **HIMEJI**, where we will include entry to its immense complex that shows us the architecture of Japanese castles. **Lunch included** in a local restaurant. We go on to **OKAYAMA**, where we will visit **Korakuen**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan, with its lakes, waterfalls and traditional tea-houses.

**08 SAT. Okayama - Kurashiki - Hiroshima- Itsukushi- ma - Hiroshima.-**  
We leave for **KURASHIKI**, a city with a very well preserved historical centre. Time for a stroll in this charming place with its atmosphere from the past. We continue on our way to **HIROSHIMA**, a city sadly known for the atomic bomb that fell on it in 1945 and which levelled the city. We will stroll

**HIROSHIMA****JAPAN****MONKEY PARK****NAGANO, JAPAN**

around the **Peace Memorial, the Dome of the bomb** and we will visit the **impressive Museum of Peace**. After the war we will seek peace by embarking on a **ferry to the island** "where men and gods live together", with the sanctuary of **ITSUKUSHIMA** dedicated to the guardian of the seas, built partially over the sea. Time to visit the temple, to stroll around its pretty centre and have lunch. Return to our hotel in Hiroshima. **Dinner included.**

*Note: The order of the visits in Hiroshima may vary without affecting their content.*

**09 SUN. Hiroshima - Matsuyama.-**

Today we will take a **ferry** to **Shikoku** Island, on a pleasant crossing that lasts two hours and a half and see the many islands that make up Japan. In **MATSUYAMA** we will take the **cable car** up to its impressive castle. Afterwards, we will visit **ISHITEJI**, a beautiful Buddhist temple and a place of pilgrimage. **Lunch included.** In the late afternoon, we will visit **DOGGO ONSEN** (admission included), a traditional Japanese bath facility built in the 19th century.

**10 MON. Matsuyama - Kotohira - Takamatsu - Naruto - Kobe.-**

We depart for **KOTOHIRA**, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the God of sailors and a place of pilgrimage. The shrine stands on Mount Zosu and is reached by climbing 785 steps. Afterwards in **TAKAMATSU** we will visit **RITSURIN**, one of the prettiest gardens in Japan. **Lunch included.** Then, in **NARUTO**, we cross an impressive bridge over the sea, stopping on the way to admire the construction and walk on its glass floor with the sea 45 metres below us. Our road is surrounded by beautiful scenery and then crosses long bridges between islands over the sea. Arrival in **KOBE**, accommodation.

**11 TUE. Kobe - Osaka.-**

In **Kobe** we visited the **Earthquake Memorial Museum**, a place to remind the tragic seism that devastated the city in 1995 and its perfect reconstruction. We go on to **OSAKA**, arrival at noon. *Note: On some dates, the Earthquake Museum may be changed for the Sake Museum or a climb up Kobe Tower.* End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

**(Opt. 2) Wonders of Japan end Tokyo Days 1 - 10 as in Opt. 1**

**11 TUE. Kobe - Osaka - Mount Koya.-**

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*Note: We consider the sojourn at the monastery as an experience of great existential value. The rooms at this place are modest, without bathrooms, in the traditional Japanese style with tatamis. Bathrooms are communal.*

**12 WED. Mount Koya - Kyoto.-**

Japanese breakfast at the shrine. We will depart for **KYOTO** at first light where we will enjoy a full free day. Our guide will inform you so you can make the best of your alone time and visit the most interesting places in this gorgeous city.

**13 THU. Kyoto - Tsumago - Matsumoto.-Nagano.-**

We set out for **TSUMAGO**, passing attractive country scenery on our way. This small village with its wooden houses is one of the prettiest places in Japan. Free time to explore and **lunch included.** Then we continue to **MATSUMOTO**, a tourist city, where we will visit the impressive 16th century castle, known as the "Crow Castle". Free time to explore this bustling tourist city. We continue to **NAGANO**, accommodation.

**14 FRI. Nagano - Monkey Park - Kusatsu - Ikaho Onsen.-**

In **NAGANO** we will see the **Zenko-ji**, a place of pilgrimage with the first Buddhist image in Japan. Our travellers will be included the **Gomakuyo ceremony** to bring luck. After this, we will travel to the beautiful Japanese Alps and in the mountains we will go to the **JIGOKUDANI Monkey Park**, where we will **include lunch** and stroll amidst its forests with its rivers and spa waters where colonies of Japanese macaques live and bathe. After this, very beautiful high mountain scenery (we go up to 2,172 metres), passing semi-active volcanoes. **KUSATSU**, an attractive spa town, its main square full of life. We will include attendance at a **Yumomi show**, with its actresses and singing telling us about the traditional method used to cool the spa waters. We follow this with a walk in the city park which has the open air Onsen. Then on to **IKAHO**, a picturesque spa town where we will stroll in its ancient centre with its staircase streets. We will stay at a **RYOKAN**, a Japanese style hotel where we will continue to enjoy its baths. **Traditional Japanese dinner included.**

*Note: In the autumn, depending on the amount of fruit in the mountains, the movement of the monkeys is unpredictable. If the macaques do not come down to the park, it may be closed. The visit to Kusatsu and the Yumomi show are cancelled due to the weather from November to April.*

**15 SAT. Ikaho - Nikko - Tokyo.-**

We continue on our way to **NIKKO**, and in this fantastic town we will visit the impressive **Nikko-Toshogu Temple** with its room with the sound of a dragon. We will also see the **Taiyuinbyo mausoleum**, an impressive place full of peace. After this a stroll by the river in Kanmangafuchi, Hundreds of Jizos watch us! We will have free time in the centre before leaving for **TOKYO** once more.- Arrival in **Tokyo** at around 18.30 in the evening.-End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.

**THE PRICE INCLUDES**

- **Europamundo General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Kawaguchiko Lake.
- **City tour in:** Tokyo, Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Shinjuku in Tokyo, Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto, Dotonbori in Osaka.
- **Ticket admission:** Metro, Zojoji Temple, Meiji Temple, Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Arakurayama Sengen Park in Mount Fuji, Fuji Sengen Shrine in Kawaguchiko, Village Museum in Iyashi No Sato Nenba, Toyota Museum, Tenryu-ji Temple, Arashiyama bamboo forest in Kyoto, Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, Todai-ji Temple and Horyu-ji Temple. in Nara, Engyo-ji Temple in Engyo-ji, Castle in Himeji, Korakuen Gardens in Okayama, Itsukushima Temple, Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Dogo Onsen, Ishiteji Temple in Matsuyama, Shinto shrine in Kotohira, Ritsurin Garden, Naruto Brigde, Earthquake Memorial Museum in Kobe.
- **Ferry:** Hiroshima - Miyajima, Hiroshima-Matsuyama.
- **Funicular:** Mount Shosa in Engyo-ji, Matsuyama castle in Matsuyama.
- **8 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Tokyo, Tokyo, Kawaguchiko, Nara, Himeji, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Takamatsu.

**(Additional services Opt. 2)**

- **City tour in:** Kyoto.
- **Evening Transfer:** Traditional quarter of Gion in Kyoto.
- **Ticket admission:** Okuno Mausoleum, Kongobuji Temple and Ajikan or Zazen meditation in Mount Koya, Shrine of Fushimi Inari, Imperial Palace, Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto, Matsumoto Castle, Zenko-ji Temple, Gomakuyo ceremony, Jigokudani Monkey Park in Nagano, Yumomi performance in Kusatsu, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Taiyuinbyo Mausoleum in Nikko.
- **4 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Mount Koya, Tsumago, Nagano, Ikaho.

