

Ports & Excursions



Osaka, Japan

For centuries, Osaka was Japan's cultural and commercial gateway to Asia - the point of entry both for trade goods and, most importantly, cultural influences that shaped Japanese society. From tea to Zen, from art to science and philosophy, Osaka was Japan's contact with the great East Asian cultures that flourished in China and Korea. The city reached its zenith in the late 16th century, when the great feudal lord Toyotomi Hideyoshi made Osaka his capital. Toyotomi was master of Japan, and an immense administrative and commercial center rapidly developed around Osaka Castle. After Toyotomi's death, the nation's seat of power shifted from Osaka to a sleepy little fishing village called Edo - modern Tokyo. While overshadowed by Tokyo, Osaka remains Japan's second largest city and a vital commercial

Modern Osaka is home to monuments from Japan's past including Toyotomi's immense castle and the Sumiyoshi Shrine. The city is also your gateway to Kyoto, Japan's ancient imperial capital and the nation's cultural and spiritual center.

Points of Interest

🚺 Kiyomizu Temple

Founded in 778, the temple is one of the most celebrated in Japan and renowned for its great veranda, supported by hundreds of pillars, which sticks out over the hillside, looking over Kvoto.

Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion

Set in a magnificent strolling garden, the pavilion extends over a reflecting pond and the top two floors are completely covered in gleaming gold leaf.

3 Nijo Castle

Built by Tokugawa's first shogun, the majestic 410-year-old castle is the site of two lavish palaces.

Todai-Ji Temple

Dating back to 745, records show that more than 2,600,000 people helped build the world's largest wooden building and the world's largest bronze Buddha that rests inside the Great Hall.

🟮 Osaka Castle

One of Japan's most famous castles, the grounds cover 400 acres and contain 5 structures. The Castle's garden is famous for its 600 cherry trees and the site of an annual cheer blossom festival.

🜀 Fushimi-Inari Shrine

One of Kyoto's oldest and most revered Shinto shrines, it holds all of Japan's 40,000 shrines dedicated to Inari, the god of rice, sake and prosperity.

🕜 Ryoanji Temple

Originally built as an aristocrat's villa and converted into a Zen temple in 1450, the temple is noted for its beautiful Zen rock garden, exquisite grounds, and teahouses.

Shorenin

Also known as the Awata Palace, Kyoto's 800-year-old Buddhist temple offers a contemplative escape from the everyday. Enjoy a leisurely stroll around its gardens or admire the many charming sights tucked inside.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Best of Kyoto (Guided in English) OSA-100 | Osaka, Japan

style lunch will be served at a local hotel.

You will visit:

from \$199.95 Spend a day visiting some of Kyoto's most iconic and beautiful attractions. A few of the highlights include Nijo Castle, built for Shogun



World Heritage Site

Kyoto: Revered Shrines & Temples (Guided In English)

OSA-105 | Osaka, Japan | Group Size: 40

You will visit:





from \$159.95

Enjoy a guided tour exploring some of the most celebrated sights in Japan, including the Fushimi-Inari Shrine, dedicated to the god of rice and prosperity: the Kivomizu Temple, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Ryoanii Temple, also designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and famous for its rock garden. Enjoy a Japanese lunch and later, a chance to shop.

Tokugawa Ieyasu; and exterior view of the Golden Pavilion. Visit the Heian Shrine; shopping at the Kyoto Handicraft Center. A western



World Heritage Site

OSA-120 | Osaka, Japan | Group Size: 40

Kyoto & Nara (Guided in English)

You will visit:







from \$169.95 (AUD)

Spend a day exploring historic and breathtaking temples and shrines. Start your day with a visit to the renowned Todai-Ji Temple. Then, marvel at the Golden Pavilion where the upper two stories are covered in pure gold leaf. Enjoy lunch before seeing the Kiyomizu.



Highlights of Osaka (Guided in English)

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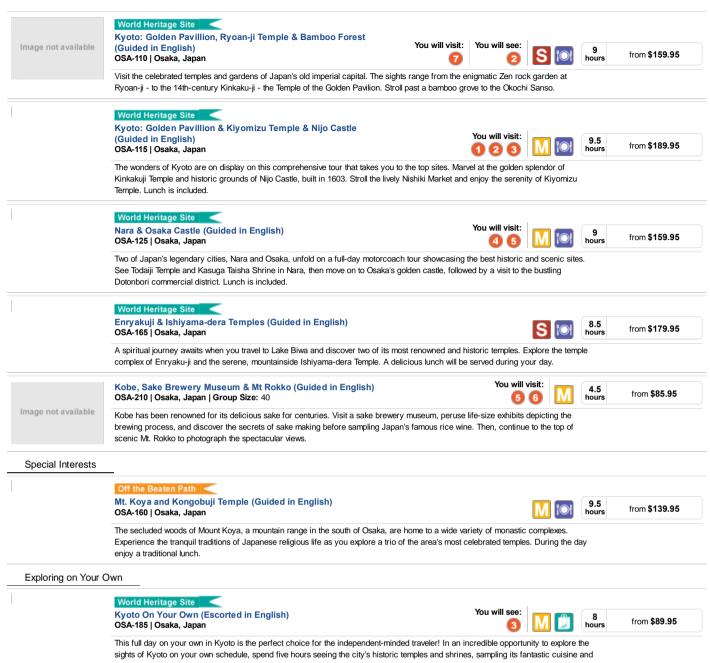
You will visit:



4.5 hours from \$69.95

Discover two of Osaka's historical treasures. Your guided tour through the city includes a visit to Osaka Castle, Osaka's most famous landmark. Then, marvel at the architecture of the Sumiyoshi Shrine, one of the oldest Shinto shrines in Japan.

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even fitting in a little shopping!

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