

Extend your stay: “Journey to Ancient Imperial Nara & Kyoto (2 days)”

Day 1

In the morning guests depart Tokyo for *Kyoto* on the famed *Shinkansen* bullet train. The journey takes only a little over two hours and with luck and fine weather, the imposing sight of *Mt. Fuji* is clearly visible from the windows of the train.

Upon arrival at Kyoto Station, guests are escorted to *Nara*, the capital of Japan 1,300 years ago. Here guests are transported back to the ancient world of Japan’s Imperial past, with visits to *Todaiji Temple*, home of the enormous seated figure of the Buddha, *Kasuga Shrine* and *Nara Park*. Here history and nature coexist in graceful harmony.

After a day of sightseeing guests transfer back to a Kyoto hotel by coach.

Day 2

The second day is set aside for a comprehensive tour of the World Heritage City of *Kyoto*, Japan’s capital of a thousand years. An experienced guide will provide insights into this fascinating city that was the heart of the nation in cultural and political terms, and the home of many essential aspects of what is regarded as high Japanese culture today. The astonishing Golden Pavilion of *Kinkaku-ji Temple*, the Shogun’s residence at *Nijo Castle*, *Sanjusangendo Temple*, and the hillside setting of *Kiyomizu Temple* are among the must-see spots on the tour.

In the evening, a tailor-made reception/party can be arranged upon request, utilizing world-famous samurai movie sets, private residences and gardens that have been passed down through many generations of the same family. Exclusive introduction-only restaurants frequented by geisha are a further fascinating option.

Day 3

Time on the third day is free until departure time. Guests are transferred to Kansai International Airport for their homeward flight.