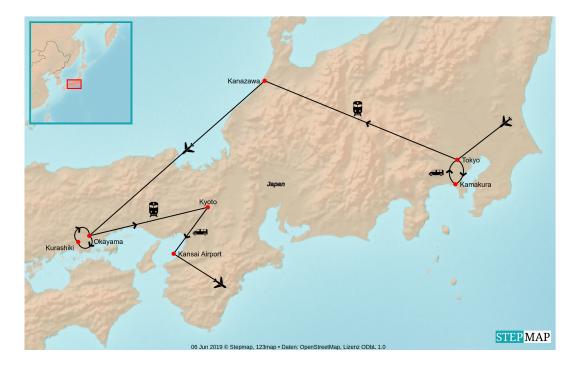


Japan Garden Tour (12 days)

Day 1 Arrival in Tokyo



Arrival in Tokyo. Meet and greet by your local tour guide. Transfer to hotel. Halfday tour to the Meiji-Schrine, a national sanctuary, and the 634m high Tower "Sky Tree" to enjoy a panorama of Japanese Capital.

Day 2 Tokyo



One day garden tour with visiting some most representative gardens in Tokyo. In the Koishikawa Garden you will find a harmonious combination of japanese and chinese elements. In Rikugi-en, you will understand how Japanese literature has inspired its garden architectur. Further Visiting Shinijuku Gyo-en, one of the biggest and most popular parks in Tokyo. It was constructed and laid out in the mixture of French, English and Japanese style.

Day 3 Tokyo



One day excursion by train to Kamakura. A lovely town lies at the Sagami Bay and was betwenn 12.-14. century Japanese capital. Visiting the Kotoku-in Temple with its giant buddha statue and strolling on the Komachi Street for shopping and delicacy tastings.

Day 4 Tokyo-Kanazawa



Take highspeed Shinkansen train to Kanazawa, an ancient city with rich art and cultural offers. Visiting the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, an Icon architecture with world-class exhibitions.



Visiting the Kenroku-en, one of the most famous and most beautiful gardens in Japan. A stroll around the garden will help you understand Japanese landscape theory while viewpoints and hidden nooks to be discovered. Afterwards visiting the Kanazawa Castle and the old town "Higashi Chaya".

Day 6 Kanazawa-Okayama-Kurashiki



Take highspeed Shinkansen train to Okayama and Visiting the Koraku-en Garden. The garden features ponds, hills, plum groves, and a tea plantation. It is arranged with wide lawns that is not usual in Japanese gardens. This circuit-style garden is devised so that visitors can enjoy the passing scenery while strolling through. Afterwards car ride to Kurashiki.

Day 7 Kurashiki



One day sight seeing tour around Kurashiki. Visit the Bikan Historical Area, once a trade center and now under national preservation. Take a boat tour on the narrow canals and enjoy a picture of Edo Period (1603-1868), as all the hourse are original or originally restored from that time. Afterwards visiting the Kojima Jeans Street, the birthbplace of Japanese Jeans. Finally visiting the Mt. Washuzan Observatory for a stunning view of the Great Seto brigde and the quintessential scenery fo the Setonaikai (The Inland Sea).

Day 8 Kurashiki-Okayama-Kyoto



Car ride to Okayama railway station. Take Take highspeed Shinkansen train to Kyoto, the cultral capital of Japan. Visiting the Shugukuin Imperial Villa, featuring gardens and buildings of traditional style, and the Ginkakuji Temple.

Day 9 Kyoto



One day Kyoto Garden tour: Visiting the Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the Golden Pavillon Temple with top two floors completely covered in gold leaf, and the Ryoanji Temple: Kyoto's best Zen Rock Garden. Afterwards strolling in the old town of Kyoto. Day 10 Kyoto



One day excursion to Arashiyama, a pleasant, tourist district in the western outskirts of Kyoto. The area has been a popular destination since the Heian Period (794-1185), when nobles would enjoy its natural setting. Visiting the picturesque Bamboo Sea and the Moos Garden at Gio-ji Temple.

Day 11 Kyoto



Free day on your own, enjoying some japanese finest cuisine or strolling along those centuries long handcrafts stores.

Day 12 Depart



Car ride to Kansai International Airport in Osaka. Depart.