JAPAN

LAND OF THE RISING SUN

Connect the metropolises Osaka and Tokyo with the old, traditional Imperial Japan in Kyoto on the Japanese main island Honshu – experience endless ski runs in powder snow on the island of Hokkaido, which benefits from the Siberian storms, with its capital Sapporo. Preset itinerary possible - bookable for 2 persons and more - daily start on request possible. Travel period: approximately from mid-December till end of February/early March.

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Double room accommodation in hotels in Osaka, Hokkaido, Sapporo and Tokyo, with bed and breakfast. Single rooms on request.
- Hotel accommodation in Hokkaido in traditional style ("Tatami")
- English-speaking tour guide on pre-booked trips to Kyoto and Tokyo
- German-speaking tour guide in Hokkaido on ski runs and transfer rides*)
- Rides to ski regions in all-wheel drive cars with 7 or 9 seats

not included:

- International flight Europe – Japan and return, current prices starting at EUR 690,- (last updated 11/2015)
- Domestic flights Osaka-Sapporo-Tokyo, current prices starting at EUR 250,- (last updated 11/2015)
- Ski lift tickets in Hokkaido (about EUR 35,- per day)
- Train ticket Osaka-Kyoto
- Private expenses
- Tips are not common in Japan and won't be accepted!

PRICE	
doubleroom from	**2.890,-**

More information at your travel agency!

Day 1: arrival

Flight Europe - Japan (Osaka). Arrival and transfer to upper middle class hotel (e.g. Washington Hotel Osaka). Spend the afternoon at your own leisure or join an optional city stroll in Osaka Namba, Osaka's leisure district.

Day 2: Kyoto

In the morning train ride Osaka-Kyoto (approximately 1 hour). By bus (public transport) you go up to the elevated Kiyomizu temple which is the city's landmark. Enjoy the magnificent view high above the city. Afterwards visit of Kodai-ji-Temple and Yasaka shrine. Your tour ends in the old and traditional Gion quarter. With some luck you can spot a geisha between the teahouses and restaurants. In the evening train ride back from Kyoto station to Osaka. Including English-speaking tour guide to/from Kyoto train station.

Day 3: Kyoto - Asari

Transfer to the airport after breakfast and flight from Osaka to Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido. Pickup and transfer to Asari. Journey time about 1.5 hours. Relax while taking an "Onsen" bath which is a traditional bath in volcanic hot springs. Accommodation in a typical Japanese hotel with "Tatami" mats (Western Style rooms and beds on request).

Day 4: Ski-/Snowboard

Pickup and ride to one of the surrounding ski regions of the Asari-Dake mountain chain after breakfast. Journey time about 30 to 45 minutes. Here starts your love affair with "Japanese pow" - This is the Japanese powder snow which is due to its proximity to the sea and the resulting salinization of the snow crystals similar to the North American champagne powder

Day 5 - 8: Ski-/Snowboard

Equivalent to description of Day 4, though the plan is to go skiing or snowboarding in a different ski region every day.

Day 9: Sapporo

Check out at the hotel after breakfast and stowage of baggage in car. Skiing and snowboarding half a day, then drive to Sapporo and ther you have the opportunity for a city stroll, shopping and sightseeing. Overnight stay in an upper middle class hotel (e.g. Washington Hotel Gracery Sapporo, or similar one). On request it is also possible to spend the last night in Sapporo at Chitose Airport.

Day 10: Sapporo - Tokio

Train ride to Chitose Airport in Sapporo after breakfast. Journey time about 1 hour. Flight to Tokyo. Transfer to your booked upper middle class hotel (e.g. Washington Shinjuku). In the afternoon possible city stroll through Shibuya with its legendary mixture, Akihabara - the electronic district of Tokyo - and Shinjuku with its countless small shops and restaurants - the best way to end a travel and city day in a relaxed atmosphere.

Day 11: Tokio

City round trip with English-speaking tour guide half a day – optionally in the morning or in the afternoon (Attention! Varying program): The morning tour starts approximately at 8:30 a.m. and goes till 1 p.m. Drive to Tokyo Tower on your own (not included) and start of the tour with the amazing panoramic view of Tokyo and its canyons of houses from the Tokyo Tower. This is followed by a visit to the Meji shrine and a walk through the Eastern gardens of the Imperial Palace. This tour ends in the Ginza district with its countless shops and restaurants. The afternoon tour starts at about 1:30 p.m. and goes till 6 p.m. Your sightseeing tour through Tokyo starts at Hama Rikyu gardens. Then you take a boat trip on Sumida river to the traditional quarter of Asakusa where you can visit the Kannon temple. Followed by a drive/walk (alternating) through the shopping mile Nakamise-dori, Kappabashi , Ueno or the electronic district Akihabara. This tour ends in the Ginza district.

Day 12: Journey home

Drive from hotel to international airport after breakfast and flight Tokyo – Europe. Arrival on same day in the evening in Europe and end of journey

*) = Tobi Eder, born in Tirol, former ski racer, tour guide, event consultant and globetrotter lives in Sapporo, Hokkaido, for 3 months every winter since 1999. He and his Japanese wife Ikuko take care of you during your stay in Hokkaido and show you the best and most beautiful deep snow descents of Japan.