

JAPAN "OSAKA" (05) DAYS TOUR

Visit: Osaka, Kyoto, Wakayama, Universal Studios



Osaka Castle



Universal Studios Osaka



Wakayama Prefecture



Fushimi Inari Shrine



TOUR FARE: from ***USD2,388** p/person

Single Supp: **USD400** Based on TWN/TRP Sharing

Departure Dates: **04/07, 05/12, 05/26, 06/09**

Via: (Philippine Airlines)



Itinerary:

DAY 01 MANILA / OSAKA

(D)

Assemble at the airport for your departure flight to **OSAKA, JAPAN**. Upon arrival, meet by our local representative and transfer to Osaka Castle for photo stop. **Osaka Castle** was first built between 1583 and 1585 by the warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi who ruled over Japan at that time. During Hideyoshi's lifetime the castle was constantly enlarged and improved and the town of Osaka grew with it becoming an important center of trade and politics. Much of the castle was destroyed in the wars of the early 17th century, rebuilt again in 1620, and then lost again to a fire caused by a lightning strike in 1665. Balance of the afternoon visit **Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi Namba** area for shopping (if time permits). Lastly, transfer to hotel and check in. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight stay at **Hilton Osaka** or similar class.

DAY 02 OSAKA / KYOTO / OSAKA

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning proceed for Kyoto excursion tour. **Kyoto** is the capital of Japan for more than a thousand years from 794 to 1868. Kyoto is endowed with an almost overwhelming legacy of ancient Buddhist temples, majestic palaces and gardens of every size and its richest cultures and its most refined cuisine. Tour visit **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto. It is famous for its thousands of vermilion TORII gates, which straddle a network of trails behind its main buildings. The trails lead into the wooded forest of the sacred Mount Inari, which stands at 233 meters and belongs to the shrine grounds. Then proceed to **Gion**, which is Kyoto's most famous geisha district, located around Shijo Avenue between Yasaka Shrine in the east and the Kamo River in the west. It is filled with shops, restaurants and ochaya (teahouses), where geiko (Kyoto dialect for geisha) and maiko (geiko apprentices) entertain. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **Arashiyama and Togetsukyo Bridge**. Arashiyama is a pleasant, touristy district in the western outskirts of Kyoto. The area has been a popular destination since the Heian Period (794-1185). The **Togetsukyo Bridge** is Arashiyama's well known, central landmark. Also, many small shops, restaurants are found nearby. Lastly, transfer to the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight stay at **Hilton Osaka** or similar class.

DAY 03 OSAKA / WAKAYAMA / OSAKA

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning proceed to **Wakayama**. **Wakayama Prefecture** is located south of Osaka in the Kansai Region. Sightseeing including visit to **Awajima Shrine**, which is well-known for the "Hina Nagashi" ritual that takes place on March 3 every year. Many women visit this shrine to make prayers related to female matters such as childbirth and fertility. It is famous for its dolls which have been dedicated from all over the country and are lined up in the vermilion-lacquered front hall. Then proceed to **Wakayama Marina City**, it is an artificial island in Wakayama City Bay. On the island there are **Porto Europa Theme Park (not including entrance)**, **Kuroshio Fish Market**, a hotel with a beautiful view of a harbor, Kishu Kuroshio Hot Spring and a fishing park. At Kuroshio Market, tuna cutting shows are held three times a day. Watch in awe as a giant tuna is skillfully cut right in front of guests.

Kuroshio Market is also home to many fresh seafood restaurants and souvenir shops with a wide selection of local products. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit **Wakayama Castle** which was first built on the orders of warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi (1536-1598) in 1585. Wakayama Castle did not survive World War II, unfortunately, and most of the present buildings are a 1958 post-war reconstruction. Transfer to Osaka and dinner at a local restaurant. Lastly, back to the hotel. Overnight stay at **Hilton Osaka** or similar class.

DAY 04 OSAKA UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

(B/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today begin with full day tour of “**Universal Studios Japan**”. It is the legendary entertainment company’s first studio theme park outside of the United States. It combine the most popular rides and shows from Universal’s Hollywood and Florida Movie Studio Theme Parks, along with all new attractions designed specifically for Japan. Enjoy the different attractions and rides namely : Shrek’s 4-D Adventure, Amazing Adventure of Spider Man , Backdraft, Jurassic Park – The Ride, Jaws, Universal Wonderland, Despicable Me Minion Mayhem and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter (expect long queue), etc. Lastly, transfer to the hotel. Lunch at own arrangement. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight stay at **Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport** or similar class.

DAY 05 OSAKA / KANSAI / MANILA

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning proceed to Kansai Airport in time for your departure flight back to Manila.

*****END OF TOUR*****

LEGEND: B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner

REMARKS:

~RATE IS EXCLUDED OF AIRLINE TAX, PH TAX, VISA HANDLING FEE & TIPPING FOR THE GUIDE AND DRIVER
~FOR MORE DETAILS KINDLY COORDINATE WITH OUR TRAVEL SALES CONSULTANT



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