

JAPAN ARCHITECTOUR

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Organized in collaboration with **Japan Travel Bureau**, Budapest branch
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Tour guidance in Croatian & English.

Day 1 Zagreb → ✈ → Tōkyo

October 17/18 Afternoon, meeting at Zagreb Intl. Airport, flying Qatar Airways QR0218 Airbus A321 to Doha Hamad Intl. Airport. Departing Doha for Tōkyo by QR0807 Boeing 777-200LR. Arriving at Tokyo Narita Intl. Airport on the evening of Oct. 18th. Hotel check-in. 🏨 *Hotel Monterey Ginza*

Day 2 Tōkyo, Traditional + Contemporary Architecture

October 19 Breakfast, walking and public transportation to **Meiji Jingu Shrine**, dedicated to Emperor Meiji (1852-1912), one of the holiest Tōkyo pilgrimage destinations. Take a stroll through **Harajuku**, the *Champs-Élysées* of Tōkyo with fancy stores, boutiques and contemporary architectural masterpieces. We will see the **Prada store** (Herzog & de Meuron, 2006), a view of the Tokyo panorama from the top of **New Tokyo City Hall** (Kenzo Tange, 1991) and more. 🏨 *Hotel Monterey Ginza*

Day 3 Tōkyo, Traditional + Contemporary Architecture

October 20 Breakfast, walking and public transportation to **Ueno Park**, one of Tōkyo's biggest parks with finest examples of the architecture of Le Corbusier, Kunio Maekawa, Yoshio Taniguchi, Tadao Ando et al. Afternoon, a visit to **Sensō-ji** (Asakusa Kannon Temple, 1657) headquarters of Buddhism and stroll by downtown theaters, cinemas and other facilities in addition to numerous restaurants. Explore streets with traditional Japanese goods and souvenirs and take photos with geishas. Return to downtown Tōkyo by boat down Sumida river. Optional evening visit to **Kabuki** theater to see selected scenes. 🏨 *Hotel Monterey Ginza*

Day 4 Tōkyo, Contemporary Architecture

October 21 Breakfast, walking and public transportation to **Tōkyo Bay** artificial islands, proposed in 1960 by Kenzo Tange and the Metabolists, the most widely renowned Japanese architectural movement. We will also see **K-Museum** (Makoto sei Watanabe, 1996.) and more. 🏨 *Hotel Monterey Ginza*

Day 5 Tōkyo → Nikko, Traditional Architecture

October 22 Breakfast, we take a full day chartered coach tour of Nikko city. **Nikko Mausoleum** from the 17th century Tokugawa period consisting of **Tōshō-gū** shrine, **Rinnō-ji** Temple, **Treasure Museum**, **Futarasan Shrine** and **Oku-no-in** (Inner Precincts) containing the **Tomb of Ieyasu**. Many sites are designated National Treasures, as well as the **Sacred bridge**, **Nemuri-neko** (Sleeping Cat), and **Three wise monkeys**, Mizaru, Kikazaru, Iwazaru of the 'see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil' proverb. 🏨 *Hotel Monterey Ginza*

Day 6 Tōkyo, Contemporary Architecture + History

October 23 Optional, early morning visit to **Tsukiji**, the largest fish wholesale market in the world. Activate Japan Rail Pass. After breakfast, we will walk and use public transportation to visit contemporary architecture, including, **Edo – Tōkyo Museum** (Kionori Kikutake, 1993) where the history of the City of Tōkyo is displayed with models, plans and stories about Tōkyo as the capital of Edo or Tokugawa period (1603-1867). Afternoon for shopping and leisure. 🏨 *Hotel Monterey Ginza*

Day 7 Tōkyo → Sendai, Contemporary Architecture

October 24 Breakfast, Day trip to **Sendai** by Shinkansen (bullet train), then bus tour to visit some outstanding examples of contemporary Japanese architecture including the **Mediateque** (Toyo Ito, 2001). In the evening, returning to Tokyo by Shinkansen. 🏨 *Hotel Monterey Ginza*

Day 8 Tōkyo → Kyōto Contemporary Architecture

October 25 After breakfast, moving to Kyōto by Shinkansen. Along the way, **Yokohama Passenger Terminal** (Foreign Office Architects, 2003.) and **China Town**. Afternoon, Kyōto contemporary architecture. Among other places, we will see **Kyōto Station** (Hiroshi Hara, 1997) one of the world's biggest train stations; 500m long, 60m high, floor area 240,000m². Hotel check-in with luggage delivered by a chartered truck. An evening visit to Kyōto's **Gion quarter**, famous entertainment and Geiko quarter. 🏨 *Hotel Aranvert Kyoto*

Day 9 Kyōto Traditional Architecture

October 26 Breakfast, a day trip by bus to visit the most outstanding examples of traditional architecture in Kyōto; temples, pavilions, castles, gardens and famous **Ryōan-ji** stone garden. 🏨 *Hotel Aranvert Kyoto*

Day 10 Kyōto → Himeji → Hiroshima → Miyajima

October 27 Breakfast, a day trip to Hiroshima by Shinkansen. Stop-over at Himeji Castle. Visit **Hiroshima Peace Center** and the **Atomic Bomb Dome**, the epicenter of the bomb and other buildings, including memorials and the Museum in the **Memorial park**. Afternoon visit to **Itsukushima** by boat and **Miyajima Shrine** with Torii, a 16m high red wooden gate in the middle of the sea. In the evening, Shinkansen ride back. 🏨 *Hotel Aranvert Kyoto*

Day 11 Kyōto → Ōsaka and Ibaraki Contemporary Architecture

October 28 Hotel breakfast, trip by public transportation to see Ōsaka's contemporary architecture, and on to Ibaraki city to visit **Church of the Light** (Tadao Ando, 1989, 1999) and more. Luggage transferred by chartered truck to Tokyo Narita Intl. Airport. 🏨 *Hotel Aranvert Kyoto*

Day 12 Kyōto → Narita Airport → ✈ → Zagreb

October 29 After breakfast, visiting by public transportation, **KIX Osaka International Airport** (Renzo Piano, 1994-2006). Afternoon, taking Shinkansen to Tokyo and going to Tokyo Narita Intl. Airport. Departing for Doha, Qatar Airways flight QR0807 Boeing 777-200LR. Departing Doha Hamad Intl. Airport for Zagreb, QR0217 Airbus A320. Arriving at Zagreb Intl. Airport on morning of Oct. 30th.



Prada boutique (Herzog & de Meuron, 2006)

Get immersed into the spaces, places and ways of Japan in autumn.



Miyajima

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Tour prices

GROUP SIZE	👤	20-24	15-19	10-14
PRICE PER PERSON	EUR	2785	3010	3340

Payment due: August 7th, 2017.

Included: Transport - Economy class return flight ticket, airport fees & taxes, 7-day Japan Rail Pass incl. Bullet train tickets, chartered coaches, buses where mentioned; Accommodation - 11 nights at ★★ hotels in twin rooms (Tokyo Hotel Monterey Ginza, Kyoto Aranvert Hotel) with breakfasts. Single rooms are available at supplement 590 EUR per person; Expert-guided sightseeing - tour program and organization.

Not Included: Public transport fares - Buses and trains, private train transportation during Japan Rail Pass activation; Admission tickets Museums, theaters, monuments, gardens, shrines, castles, markets, villas, Chartered luggage transfer - about 25 EUR per luggage piece.

Japan travel points!

Documents	Valid passport is needed. Visa is not needed for Croatian citizens. Travel and health insurance recommended.
Basics	Japanese language, English is not widely used. Time-zone is Japan Standard Time (JST).
Electric power	100V (50-60Hz), most of the standard mobile and laptop chargers will work with an appropriate Japanese plug.
Food	local or international provided, clean, no need to take extra precautions.
Money & Shopping	100 Japanese yen (JPY) - 6 HRK, 1 EUR - 125 JPY. Tipping is NOT appreciated. Store and shop prices are fixed - no bargaining. When purchasing technical goods, always mention: it is for the European market.
Internet	Hotels provide internet. Free Wi-Fi is not widely available, but sightseeing spots, most cafés and restaurants do provide it.
Weather	We can expect pleasant temperatures and beautiful fall colors. Autumns are usually dry with little or no rainfall.
Wardrobe	Casual, a few pairs of comfortable shoes + clean socks. At shrines, temples, gardens, traditional restaurants shoes are taken off.
Medicine	Take with you some extra useful, personal medicine.