

5D4N Cherry Blossom (G847)

(Kansai Airport-Osaka-Kyoto-Nagoya-Hamamatsu-Tokyo-Narita Airport)

Day 1

Arrive at Kansai Airport

- **Todai Temple**-It is one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. The temple was constructed in 752 as the head temple of all provincial Buddhist temples of Japan and grew so powerful that the capital was moved from Nara to Nagaoka in 784 in order to lower the temple's influence on government affairs.
- **Osaka Castle**- The construction of Osaka Castle started in 1583 on the former site of the Ishiyama Honganji Temple, which had been destroyed by Oda Nobunaga thirteen years earlier. Toyotomi Hideyoshi intended the castle to become the center of a new, unified Japan under Toyotomi rule.



- **Shinsaibashi**- It is the largest shopping area in Osaka where many boutiques and specialty shops are gathered, attracting local people and visitors.

Day 2

- **Arashiyama**- It is a pleasant, touristy 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. Arashiyama is particularly popular during the cherry blossom and fall color seasons. The Togetsukyo Bridge is Arashiyama's well known, central landmark. Many small shops, restaurants and other attractions are found nearby, including Tenryuji Temple, Arashiyama's famous bamboo groves and pleasure boats that are available for rent on the river.

- **Kinkaku-Ji** -Kinkakuji is a Zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf.
- **Kiyomizu Temple**-Kiyomizudera is one of the most celebrated temples of Japan. It was founded in 780 on the site of the Otowa Waterfall in the wooded hills east of Kyoto, and derives its name from the fall's pure waters.



- **Fushimi Inari**- It is 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.

Day 3

- **Hamamatsu Flower Park-** It is a park by Lake Hamana, where the weather is mild all year round. The total area of the site is 300,000 square meters, and about 100,000 plants of about 3000 species are cultivated. It is a great place for relaxing and looking at flowers, or taking a walk. Flowers such as plums, cherries, roses, tulips, azaleas, irises, and hydrangeas bloom in turn from spring to early summer. In autumn there are red spider lilies and roses, and every winter more than 200 camellia trees are in full bloom.



- **Oshino Hakkai-** It is a touristy set of eight ponds in Oshino, a small village in the Fuji Five Lake region.
- **Sensoji (Asakusa Kannon Temple)-**A Buddhist temple located in Asakusa. It is one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples.
- **Gotemba Premium Outlet-**The outlet is Japan's most popular outlet mall, located in Gotemba City at the base of Mount Fuji, not far from Hakone. The mall features over 200 stores along with a number of restaurants, a food court and a 50 meter high Ferris wheel.

Day 4

- **Asama Shrine-** Asama shrine is registered with world cultural heritage as some "Fujisan, Sacred place and source of

artistic inspiration". It was erected to gain eruption of Mount Fuji which occurred for 864 years. The sacred tree of seven cedars called "Shichi-hon Sugi" is very famous. All these are more than 1,200 years old. It is authorized by a natural monument of Yamanashi.

- **Imperial Palace-** The current Imperial Palace is located on the former site of Edo Castle, a large park area surrounded by moats and massive stone walls in the center of Tokyo, a short walk from Tokyo Station. It is the residence of Japan's Imperial Family.
- **Asakusa-** Located in Taito-ku along the west bank of the Sumida River, the Asakusa district once thrived as a temple town for the nearby Senso-ji Temple, but now it is a downtown area that rivals Ginza, Shinjuku, Ikebukuro and Shibuya.



- **Aeon Mall Makuhari-** The 360 specialty shops includes the Grand Mall featuring shops for grownups and the Pet Mall's specialty pet shops, providing a variety of choices.

Day 5

Departs from Narita Airport