

# 6D5N Special Golden Route (G671)

(Kansai Airport-Osaka-Kobe-Kyoto-Nagoya-Nagano-Fuji-Tokyo-Narita Airport)

## Day 1

Arrive at Kansai Airport

- **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.
- **Kobe Harbourland** -It is a shopping and entertainment district between JR Kobe Station and the waterfront of Kobe's port area. The district offers a large selection of shops, restaurants, cafes and other amusements, which, together with the romantic evening atmosphere, have made it a popular spot for couples and tourists alike.
- **Kitano Ijinkan-** It is a city district at the foot of the Rokko mountain range where many foreign merchants and diplomats settled after the Port of Kobe was opened to foreign trade in the second half of the 19th century. More than a dozen of the former

mansions, known as Ijinkan, remain in the area and are open to the public as museums.

## Day 2

- **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.



- **Kinkaku-Ji** -Kinkakuji is a Zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf.
- **Nishijin-** It is Kyoto's famed weaving district, in the northwest part of central Kyoto, is one of the most traditional areas – it's a great place to see machiya (old Kyoto townhouses).
- **Lake Biwa-** It is the largest freshwater lake in Japan, located in Shiga Prefecture, northeast of the former capital city of Kyoto. Because of its proximity to the ancient capital, references to Lake Biwa appear frequently in Japanese literature, particularly in poetry and in historical accounts of battles.

### Day 3

- **Tsumago-juku-** It is the forty-second of the sixty-nine post towns on the Nakasendō. It is located in Nagiso, Kiso District, and Nagano Prefecture, Japan. It has been restored to its appearance as an Edo-era post town and is now a popular tourist.



- **Mars Shinshu-** Situated between the north and south Japanese alps, Mars Shinshu is Japan's highest whisky distillery, at nearly 800 meters. The Hombo families have been distilling for more than a century and they added whisky to their repertoire in 1949 in Kagoshima. That was the southernmost whisky made in Japan until 1984, when all whisky production was moved to the current location in Nagano.

### Day 4

- **Fuji 5<sup>th</sup> Station-** It lies at approximately the halfway point of the Yoshida Trail, which leads from Fujiyoshida Sengen Shrine at the mountain's base to the summit of Mount Fuji.



- **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.

### Day 5

- **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.
- **Ginza-** Tokyo's most famous upmarket shopping, dining and entertainment district, featuring numerous department stores, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, night clubs and cafes.



- **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 6

Departs from Narita Airport