



Discover the Japan Luxury Travel Alliance Destinations

Discover Kyoto City and Kyoto Prefecture

From sumptuous meals to restorative retreats, secret temples and small, centuries-old shops, Japan's cultural heart is a multi-layered destination of endless wonders. Widely considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world, the country's former imperial capital is home to over 1600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines. Centuries of devotion to spirituality and attention to craft have resulted in inspired architecture and a rich artisan culture that influences everything, from divine wellness therapies to unforgettable cuisine. Beyond the city, Kyoto Prefecture, extending from the coast all the way into the mountainous interior of Honshu, offers even more incredible experiences — from invigorating hikes through enchanting pine forests to traditional tea ceremonies.

Access

From Sapporo

Approx. 2hrs Flight Transfer from Shin-Chitose Airport to Itami Airport

Approx. 1hr Chauffeur Transfer from Itami Airport to Kyoto City

From Ishikawa

Approx. 2hrs Train Transfer from Kanazawa Station to Kyoto Station

From Wakayama

Approx. 2hrs Chauffeur Transfer from Wakayama City to Kyoto City

Approx. 2.5hrs Train Transfer from Wakayama Station to Kyoto Station via Namba Station

Discover Sapporo

For centuries, the remote, mountainous northern island of Hokkaido and its magnificent, Lord of the Rings-type scenery was inhabited by indigenous Ainu tribes, a people with a rich culture of fishing and a deep, spiritual connection to the water. Back then, the land was called Ezo province. By 1869 the island was christened "Hokkaido", meaning "northern sea route". A major trading hub, the city now boasts a population of over two million people and is home to a plethora of excellent restaurants — from ramen joints to cozy izakaya dens and Michelin-starred eateries — plus bars, shopping districts and festivals. Just a 50-minute, scenic drive from downtown Sapporo lies the charming town of Jozankei. This healing mecca is one of Japan's finest destinations for hot spring bathing, and there are now a number of luxurious onsens (open-air bathing facilities) and ryokans (traditional Japanese inns) to visit.

Access

From Kyoto

Approx. 1hr Chauffeur Transfer from Kyoto City to Itami Airport

Approx. 2hrs Train Transfer from Itami Airport to Shin-Chitose Airport

From Ishikawa

Approx. 1.5hr Flight Transfer from Komatsu Airport to Shin-Chitose Airport

From Wakayama

Approx. 40mins Chauffeur Transfer from Wakayama City to Kansai International Airport

Approx. 2.5hr Flight Transfer from Kansai International Airport to Shin-Chitose Airport

Discover Ishikawa

In the fertile fields, seaside fishing hamlets and windswept peninsulas of Ishikawa — a province on the far western coast of Honshu — lives a little-known Japan. It's a place far removed from the country's heaving, big cities, where people's lives are still innately tied to the land, the sea and the seasons. With its rich and diverse landscape, Ishikawa is one of the most incredible Japanese destinations for wellness and reconnecting with nature. Located right in the center of the Japanese archipelago, the long, lean prefecture of Ishikawa boasts an array of landscapes: from the snow-covered, soaring Hakusan mountain range in the south to the farmland around Kanazawa in its center and the rugged coastline and serene bays of the Noto Peninsula in the province's far north.

Access

From Kyoto

Approx. 2hrs Train Transfer from Kyoto Station to Kanazawa Station

From Sapporo

Approx. 1.5hr Flight Transfer from Shin-Chitose to Airport Komatsu Airport

From Wakayama

Approx. 4hrs Train Transfer from Wakayama Station to Kanazawa Station via Osaka Station

Discover Wakayama

Japan's spiritual heartland of Wakayama, south of Osaka, is known as the home of Mt Koya, the sacred temple mountain and seat of Shingon Buddhism, and the trailhead of a network of pilgrimage trails known as the Kumano Kodo. A sense of spirituality pervades long cultivated traditions in Wakayama, from temple cuisine to onsen bathing, inspired by both the religion and the dramatic natural landscapes of the Kii Peninsula. Soak up the joys of hot spring bathing at Wakayama's top onsen retreats There are countless delights in onsen bathing — relaxing in mineral-rich waters are not only beneficial to mind and body, it's also a shared activity that forges bonds. Whether you're traveling alone or with loved ones, these three luxurious destination ryokans are the perfect settings for a healing holiday

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From Sapporo

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From Ishikawa

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About Japan Luxury Travel Alliance

Formed in 2016, the Japan Luxury Travel Alliance (JLTA) is a group of several Japanese localities, each offering unique and inspired experiences in luxury travel. The members of the alliance are: Kyoto, one of Japan's leading historical and cultural destinations; the city of Sapporo, renowned for its fine, powder-like snow; Ishikawa Prefecture, where the fascinating samurai culture endures to this day; and Wakayama Prefecture, home of Mt Koya and the spiritual trail known as the Kumado Kodo. The group's objectives are to collaborate on delivering consistently high quality travel experiences and to promote Japan as an ideal destination for luxury travelers from around the world. The Ultimate Indulgences Expeditions Series is a project with curated content by luxury travel specialists members of Japan Luxury Travel Alliance project.