

# **KOSHER WORLD ADVENTURES**

**OFFERING KOSHER VACATIONS THROUGHTOUT THE WORLD SINCE 2015** 

## **GENERAL FAQ- JAPAN TOUR**

#### Why Japan?

Japan offers a unique cultural experience, with its serene and beautiful gardens, fascinating history filled with samurais, alliances, betrayals, and rituals like seppuku (ritual suicide). The cultural contrasts make Japan an unforgettable destination.

Do I need a Visa for Japan? No, a visa is not required.

**Do I need any inoculations for Japan?** No vaccinations are needed.

#### What is the currency in Japan?

The Japanese Yen is the currency. At the time of writing, the exchange rate is approximately  $\frac{150}{100} = USD \frac{14}{100} + \frac{150}{100} = 0.000$ 

### Can I use credit cards in Japan? Are prices fixed?

Yes, credit cards are widely accepted. Prices are fixed, and bargaining is considered impolite in Japan, as it questions the honesty of the initial price offered.

#### What kind of shopping can I expect in Japan?

Shopping for kimonos, handmade wooden spoons on Miyajima Island, traditional ceramics, and silk prints are popular. You'll also find many traditional and inexpensive souvenirs. However, keep in mind that Japan can be quite expensive.

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#### Can I use my mobile phone in Japan?

It's best to come with an international mobile package that includes internet access so you can receive trip updates via WhatsApp and contact us if needed.

# Is there internet and are there hair dryers at the hotels?

Yes, all hotels provide internet and hair dryers.

### What type of electricity is used in Japan?

Japan uses 100 volts, different from North America (110V) and Europe (230V). The plugs have two flat, non-polarized pins, similar to North American outlets.

# What's the weather like in Japan? What kind of clothing should I bring? Mornings and nights are cool, so it's best to bring layers. Although it's not the rainy season, a foldable umbrella is recommended.

## What's the story with kosher food in Japan?

Kosher food can be challenging in Japan, but we've arranged kosher breakfast services at select hotels. Breakfast rooms are separate, and we bring in kosher foods such as granola, hummus, eggplant spread, lox, and bread from Chabad. Some food, like vegetables, fruit, cereal, yogurt, and hard-boiled eggs (prepared in separate pots), is provided by the hotel.

Lunches will be prepared during breakfast, and dinners are provided by Chabad. In Tokyo, the Chabad menu includes Japanese flavors, while in Kobe, there's a mix of traditional Japanese and Chabad dishes.

### Is it safe to drink the water in Japan?

Yes, tap water is safe to drink. Many hotels offer complimentary bottled water, and there are vending machines throughout Japan offering a variety of hot and cold drinks.

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What is the time zone in Japan? Japan operates on GMT + 9 hours.

What kind of toilets can I expect in Japan? Expect clean facilities, even in public areas.

### Should I bring any medication? What about insect repellent?

Yes, bring all regular medications and pack essentials like headache and antidiarrhea pills. Carry medication with you in your hand luggage, not checked baggage. It's also a good idea to bring insect repellent, although flying insects are rarely a problem in Japan.

#### What should I pack for the trip?

Travel light! While we won't take any flights within Japan, we will take two bullet train rides where you'll need an overnight bag, as your main luggage will be sent ahead by luggage truck. You're limited to one large suitcase per person for this service, and large suitcases cannot be brought onto the bullet train.

#### Is Japan safe?

Japan is one of the safest countries in the world. Major cities are pleasant and generally safe to explore, even at night. However, as in any large city, keep your valuables close in crowded places and avoid carrying large amounts of cash or your passport during the day—leave them in your hotel safe. While we've never had issues, be mindful of potential pickpockets in busy areas.

Looking forward to seeing you in Japan!

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