



# Golf Japan

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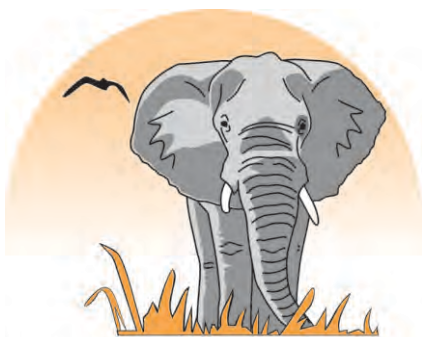
Golf in Japan offers some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world with many of them having been designed by leading golf course design firms from the West to resemble famous courses such as Pebble Beach and Augusta National. Combine this with a renowned food culture, world leading technology, fascinating history and beautiful landscapes; there has never been a more compelling time to visit.

### May 16

On arrival at Narita International Airport and clearing immigration you will be greeted by your English Speaking Chauffeur and transferred to the ideally located Royal Park Hotel Iconic Tokyo Shiodome. The hotel is connected by underpass to both the Shimbashi and Shiodome stations and is only a 5 minute walk from the world famous Ginza district. This evening, there will be a welcome cocktail party to get everyone settled for the trip ahead.

### May 17

Your first full day in Japan will give you a chance to get acclimatized and see the sights of this incredible city. Your guide will meet you in the hotel lobby and take you off on a full day of sightseeing that starts with a visit to the Imperial Palace, the celebrated residence of Japan's imperial family. Located on the former site of the Edo Castle, the huge park area is surrounded by moats and massive stone walls. From there you will head to Hamarikyu Garden, a vast landscaped park characterized by its tranquility in the middle of Tokyo and then to the small streets of Asakusa, one of Tokyo oldest and well preserved districts where you can still feel the presence of Ancient Japan.



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You will walk along Nakamise dori street, which dates back to the Edo period when the Sensoji Temple's neighbours were given special right to open their shops in the approach to the temple. You will also visit the huge Meijijingu Shrine, constructed in 1920 by more than 100,000 volunteers to honor Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan at the outset of the Meiji period. It is then back to the hotel late in the afternoon to rest up before heading out for dinner.

### May 18

The first day of golf for the trip has you off after breakfast for the Miho Golf Club. This is one of several golf courses in Japan which has been designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr and plays to just over 7,000 yards from the back tee. However, there is a choice of four tee boxes on each hole, making the course playable for everyone.

The 18 hole, par-72 golf course winds its way through native oak and evergreen forests with a number of lakes present throughout the course. Water does not really come into play on the front 9 holes, mainly featuring only on the 2nd hole but once into the back nine it becomes a serious hazard. Once the round is complete, you head back to the hotel where the evening is free to enjoy one of the many great restaurants in the area.

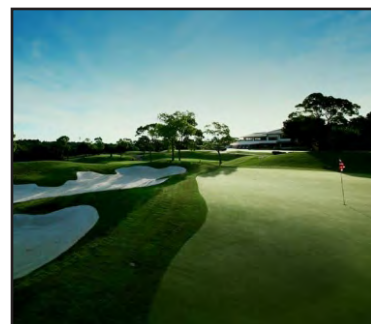


### May 19

It is time to depart Tokyo so after checking out of the hotel, you will be transferred to the Tokyo Station where you will catch the bullet train to Nagoya. On arrival there, you will be met and transferred to the Ise Shima area and the Nemu Hotel and Resort. The hotel is located on 740 acres overlooking scenic Ago Bay and surrounded by Ise-Shima National Park. It offers a variety of outdoor and marine activities, including yoga and stand up paddle boarding plus has its own hot springs and golf course! While staying here, dinner is included each night.

### May 20

After breakfast you head back to the golf course and a round at the Nemu Golf Club. This course recently underwent a major remodeling and is now a premium golfing destination in Japan. Overlooking Ago Bay the course is a wonderful mix of seaside splendour and woodland retreat. At 6768-yards the course is not the longest you will come across, but the intricate design and the ever-changing sea-breezes will keep all golfers on their toes. There will be time after golf to enjoy the resort amenities before having dinner as a group at the hotel.



### May 21

You check out of the hotel in the morning in your golf clothes as before heading to your next destination, you will enjoy a round of golf at the Kintetsu Hamajima Country Club. The Club is a beautiful seaside resort that runs along the Ago Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Similar to the day before, you have a beautiful course that overlooks the bay but is really a course of two halves. The front nine weaves through the native woodland, with sweeping fairways, gentle undulations, water hazards and beautiful white sand bunkers which create a

wonderful parkland layout. Then the back nine transforms into a wonderful seaside links style golf course with incredible views out across the Pacific Ocean but which now has you at the mercy of the seas breezes. After golf, you have use of the Club's excellent facilities to change and then enjoy lunch in the restaurant with its fantastic ocean view. It will then be time to board your bus for the drive onto Kyoto. On arrival, you will get checked into the Thousand Kyoto Hotel, a luxury hotel in in the Shimogyo Ward district, near Kyoto Station. Its amazing location puts you close to top attractions such as Maruyama Park, Kyoto Tower, museums, temples, and cultural sites. It will have been a long day but you may still have time to enjoy some black tea or sake in the hotel's modern tea bar.



## May 22

After two days of golf, it is time for a break so today you will be taken on a full day sightseeing tour to discover Kyoto! First, you will have an experience of ZEN Meditation where you will be introduced to the basics of its practice (who knows, this might help your golf game!). From there you head to Fushimi Inari Taisha which is the head shrine of Inari located at the base of a mountain bearing the same name. In early Japan, Inari was seen as the patron of business and each of the Torii is donated by a Japanese business. You then head to the Arashiyama district to visit the Tenryu-ji Temple. This famous Zen Buddhist temple is the head temple of the Tenryu-ji branch of the Rinzai Zen sect and is part of the World Cultural Heritage monuments. Enjoy a relaxing stroll around the Bamboo Forests, designated as one of the three most beautiful bamboo forests in Japan, before continuing on to the last stop, the Golden Pavilion Kinkakuji Temple, originally built in 1397 to serve as a retirement villa for Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu.



## May 23

It is time to head back to the golf course, this time for a round at the Seta Club (North Course). The course was created by renowned course design architect Seiichi Inoue and at 7012-yards the course is relatively long from the back tees. However, the course's playability from the various tee positions enables every level of golfer to enjoy this wonderful layout. Water hazards are not abundant but when they do appear in the design they create a huge problem for many golfers as they are in play in a big way. After golf you head back to the hotel and have the remainder of the day free to explore and have dinner.

## May 24

This day is yours to do as you please in the great city of Kyoto.

## May 25

It is time to depart Kyoto. This morning it will be an early check out and departure from the hotel as you head to the Kyoto Station in time to catch the bullet train to the Hakone area. On arrival at Odawara Station, you will be met by your guide and taken for a tour of the Hakone area and weather permitting have some fantastic views of Mt. Fuji! Hakone is a volcanic national park near Mt. Fuji, the tallest and most famous mountain in Japan and while here you will take a ropeway ride to Owakudani valley, the area around the crater created in the last eruption of Mt. Hakone, 3,000 year ago. After the tour is done, you board the train again for the ride to Izu where you will be met and taken to the Kawana Hotel. This classic hotel was established in 1928 and will treat you to fantastic views of the Pacific as well as its two beautiful golf courses. While staying at the Kawana, dinner is included each night.



## May 26

There's reason this place has acquired the reputation of being the country's Pebble Beach. Kawana conveys a dynamism that is physically challenging as well as stunningly beautiful. For the first round of golf you will be playing the Fuji Course, designed by C.H. Alison and opened in 1936. This course is known as one of the tournament courses used by the Ladies Professional Golfers' Association of Japan and is one of the best in the country.

### May 27

You check out of the hotel in the morning but before departing, you will play one last round; this time on Kawana's Oshima Course, designed by Mitsuaki Otani and opened in 1928. Although it is one of the oldest courses in Japan, its many slopes, narrow fairways, blinds and valleys will keep you challenged. After golf and time to freshen up, you will board the bus for the drive back into Tokyo where you will check into the Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho. This Luxury Collection Hotel will welcome you with a seamless blend of historic elegance, modern style and exquisite service and is ideally situated steps from the iconic Akasaka Prince Classic House.



### May 28

Enjoy your last day in Japan doing whatever you like as this one is free to do as you wish.

### May 29

You check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport to catch your flight home.

## COST: \$9200.00

### INCLUDES:

Accommodation as listed based on double occupancy (4-5 star properties)  
Breakfast daily  
6 Rounds of golf including carts and lunch at each course  
Welcome cocktail party  
4 Dinners  
Sightseeing Tours as indicated including lunch  
All transfers and train tickets as listed

### NOT INCLUDED:

International Airfare  
Drinks & any meals other than specified  
Personal expenses

**Airfares, Trip Extensions and Non Golfer rates are available on request**

**Deposit: \$2000.00 per person at time of booking**

**Final Payment due: April 01, 2021**

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