

LOCAL FAVOURITES AND HIGHLIGHTS

TOKYO Guided visit to the Meiji Shrine, then participate in a calligraphy class, kimono fitting and 🍱 traditional tea ceremony at a local artist's studio. Visit the Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest tower, Asakusa Kannon Temple, and Nakamise Shopping Arcade. Cable-car ride with views of Mount Fuji and cruise on Lake Ashi for more views of this beautiful area, Conclude the day with a thrilling shinkansen (bullet train) ride back to Tokyo. A full day at leisure gives you time to explore the city's unique districts like Ginza or Shibuya on your own,

TAKAYAMA Visit Matsumoto Castle and a local wasabi farm enroute to Takayama. In Takayama sightseeing includes visits to the morning market, Takayama Jinya historic site, and a 🌺 sake tasting at a local

KANAZAWA Drive through Shokawa Valley en route to Shirakawa for a visit to the Gassho-Zukuri thatched-roof houses (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). In Kanazawa, visit Kenroku-en garden, followed by a goldleaf design class to make your own bento box.

KYOTO Participate in a **1** Japanese cooking class followed by visits of Fushimi Inari Shrine and Kiyomizu Temple, Another day of guided sightseeing includes visits to the Temple of the Gold Pavilion, Sanjusagendo Temple, and Yuzen Handmade Corner to learn the ancient kimono fabric-dyeing techniques and create your own souvenir. Last, take a day trip to Nara including guided sightseeing at Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine (UNESCO World Heritage Sites).

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CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

THA Long Bay

Hoi An

Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Departures

January to

December

HANOI Take a **0** cyclo ride and walking tour through the Old Quarter. Visit the mausoleum and the humble cottage of Ho Chi Minh, the father of modern Vietnam, as well as the Ho Chi Minh Museum, Lunch is served at a non-profit restaurant that teaches local children restaurant skills for stable employment opportunities. Also visit the ancient Temple of Literature, followed by the infamous Hanoi Hilton,

HA LONG BAY Travel to Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and embark on your overnight cruise.

HOI AN Take a cruise on the Thu Bon River and participate in a 🏩 fishing lesson. Later, explore historic Hoi An on a walking tour including an old merchant house, the Hoi An Museum, a Chinese assembly hall, and the famous Japanese covered bridge. For dinner, participate in a cooking class.

HUE Enroute to Hoi An, see China Beach, landing point for U.S. soldiers during the Vietnam War. Visit the tombs of the Nguyen Emperors: the Khai Dinh Mausoleum and the Royal Tomb of Tu Duc. After lunch, visit the Imperial Citadel and Thien Mu Pagoda, the unofficial symbol of the city by cyclo.

HO CHI MINH CITY See Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Catinat), the Rex Hotel, Ho Chi Minh Square, the Municipal Theatre, Central Post Office, and Notre Dame Cathedral. Visit the War Remnants Museum, followed by Ben Thanh Market, the largest and oldest in the city. Explore the Cu Chi

SIEM REAP Guided tour of the Angkor Temple complex with visits to Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and the Bayon Temple. Explore Bantaey Srei, a temple dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva, Then interact with children at a local school. Visit Ta Prohm Temple which has been left relatively untouched and surrounded by jungle. Enjoy dinner followed by a traditional Apsara dance performance.

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