

A Poor Man's Journey through Japan

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10 Day Itinerary

- Asakusa/Tokyo
- Kanazawa
- Shiga
- Kyoto (2 Days)
- Nara
- Osaka
- Hyogo
- Aichi

Traveling to Asakusa

- Arrive at Narita Airport at about 8:30AM
- Take the Keisei Main Line from Narita Airport to Asakusa Station
- Arrival at Asakusa Station should be around 10:30AM
- Costs: 1,100 yen total

Tokyo/Asakusa

Historical/Spiritual:

- Kaminarimon
- Nakamise Shopping Street/Shin-Nakamise
- Senso-ji Temple
- Hanayashiki Amusement Park
- Meiji Shrine
- Tokyo Imperial Palace
- Kabuki-za

Modern:

- Tokyo Skytree

Kaminarimon - Day 1

- Large gate entrance that leads to Senso-ji
- Has been destroyed at least 4 times (The current structure is from the 1960s)
- Shinto gods Fujin and Raijin are displayed
- The main center piece is a Chochin that is 4 meters tall

5 Minute walk from Asakusa Station



Nakamise Shopping Street - Day 1

-Around 90 shops on the main street

Things to buy in Nakamise:

-Odango (1000 yen)

-Ohashi (800 yen)

-Maneki Neko (Varies)

-Japanese masks (Varies)



Shin-Nakamise - Day 1

Things to buy in Shin-Nakamise:



Background of Asakusa Shin Nyaka

A cat whose head is wrapped in cloth and leaves to shape, transformed into Shin Nyakane, one city and decided to stay. His name means where he came from. He says, "Eeyoyee, too noisy (just) to watch cat me," and "It's a nyaka (just)!" Some people began to call the cat "Shin Nyaka," and that led to the establishment of Asakusa Shin Nyaka.

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Asakusa Shin Nyaka Shopping Street Association

Shin Nyaka items

Available at these stores:

- 北海道ショップ 商家ののぞて
- 三ツ橋ハンセン 美ね館
- りんぽん

Asakusa Tourism Guide

Tokyo Skytree Town

Take Skytree Town opened on May 20, 2012, as a tourist base and commercial facility. The Skytree, 634m tall, is the tallest tower in the world. The two observation decks offer panoramic views of the Tokyo skyline. The Park features Tokyo Skytree's 40 large and 200 small waterfalls. Skytree is open with the exception of winter holidays. It is closed from the 23rd to the 29th of December. Ticket prices are available on the website.

Sensoji Temple

One of the most famous temples in Tokyo, Sensoji Temple is a Buddhist temple. It is one of the most famous temples in Tokyo. It is one of the most famous temples in Tokyo. It is one of the most famous temples in Tokyo.

Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center

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Shin Nakamise shopping street runs east-west in Asakusa

Commonly called "Shin-Nyaka," Shin Nakamise Shopping Street runs east to west in Asakusa. The comprehensive mall presents the various facets of Asakusa and will charm you with its serene atmosphere. A pleasant, relaxing shopping experience awaits with a washed roof to protect you from the rain and the hot summer sun.

Map of Asakusa

Transportation guide from Asakusa

to Shibuya	32 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Shinjuku	25 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Nishi-Shinjuku	18 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Tokyo	16 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Utsunomiya	14 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Maebashi	12 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Utsunomiya	10 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Maebashi	8 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Utsunomiya	6 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Maebashi	4 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)
to Utsunomiya	2 Asakusa (Tokyo Metro) Green Line (2011)

Shin Nakamise Shopping Street

Shin Nakamise Directory

English

Asakusa's longest covered shopping street with 121 stores. A pleasant shopping experience awaits even on rainy days or hot summer days.

Asakusa Shin Nakamise Shopping Street Promotion Association



Senso-ji Temple - Day 1

- Buddhist temple
- Originally completed in 628
- Temple is dedicated to Kannon
- Rebuilt as a symbol of peace after WWII
- Garden within the temple

Expenses:

- O-mikuji
- 100 yen question answers

Leave around 3PM



Hanayashiki Amusement Park - Day 1

- Opened in 1853 under the name “Flower Park”
 - Horned beetles and pandas are primary characters in the park
 - Japanese garden
- Costs for the day:
- 1000 yen entrance fee
 - 2300 yen unlimited ride pass
 - 2000 yen for lunch

About a 3 minute walk from the temple, leave at 6PM



Tokyo Skytree - Day 1

- Tallest structure in Japan, second tallest structure in the world (634 metres or 2080 feet)
- Seismic proofing due to a central shaft made of reinforced concrete
- Observation decks are the main focus for tourists

Costs of skytree:

- 2820 yen fast ticket
- Iki dinner course 12,960 yen

*Total Yen Spent in Asakusa: ~29,730
About a 20min ride from Asakusa Station
(150yen), leave at 10PM*



Tokyo Imperial Palace - Day 2

- Located on the former site of Edo Castle

- Tour is only of the palace grounds

Imperial Palace East Gardens

- Honmaru/Ninomaru

- Castle Tower

20 Minute walk from Tokyo Station, Start at 10AM leave at 1:30~



Meiji Shrine - Day 2

- Dedicated to Emperor Meiji
- Popular shrine on Hatsumode
- Shinto Activities
- Meiji Treasure House
- Inner Garden

Costs:

- 500 yen for the Treasure House
- 500 yen for the Inner Garden

30 Minute ride from Tokyo Station that costs 330 yen, leave at 6PM



Kabuki-za - Day 2

- Reconstruction has occurred many times
- Reopened in 2013

Costs:

About 25,000 yen for the best quality seats

10 Minute ride from Tokyo Station at the cost of 170 yen



Eating and Souvenirs - Day 2



-Kyushu Jangara - Ramen

Costs: 999 yen

16 Minute ride from Meiji Shrine at 140 yen

-Matenzushi - Sushi

Costs: 5,000 yen

7 Minute walk from Tokyo Station

-Ema and Charms from Meiji Shrine

Around 500 yen each

Total Cost of Day 2: 34,379 yen



Traveling to Ishikawa

- Arrive at Kanazawa station around 9 a.m. from Tokyo station by Bullet train
- Costs: 14,120 yen total

Total Yen Spent: 14,120 yen

Ishikawa



Kanazawa

Famous for Buke (武家 = Samurai)

☆Buke

- Kanazawa castle (金沢城)

...Maeda's castle in the Edo period

Feudal lord of Kaga in the 5th generation

(admission fee; 310 yen)



Cont. Ishikawa

- Kenrokuen(兼六園)

...one of Three Great Gardens of Japan

Kaga clan's garden(admission fee; 310 yen)



- Nagamachibukeyashikidouri(長町武家屋敷通)

...many middle and low level

Samurai houses in the Edo period are preserved here

Hotel in Kanazawa (10,000yen)

Total Yen Spent: 24,740



Souvenirs and foods in Ishikawa



Food

seafood bowl

(1000 yen)

Souvenir

Japanese traditional sweets (1000 yen)

✂️ Food and souvenir: 2000 yen

✂️ All transportation in Ishikawa is walking

✂️ Grand Total for Ishikawa: 26,740 yen



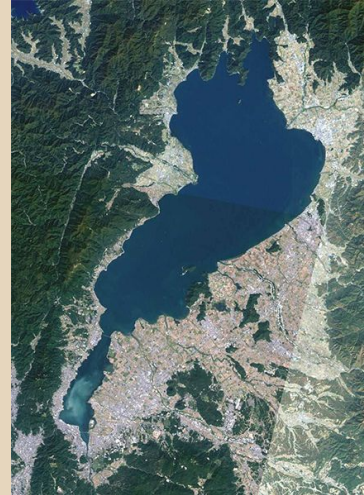
Traveling to Shiga

-Arrive at Ishiyamadera Station from Kanazawa Station at 9AM

Total Yen Spent: 7,070 yen

Shiga - 滋賀

- Formed in 1872
- Capitol city: Otsu (大津)
- Home of the “Mother Lake”
- Previously known as Omi Province (近江)



Shiga - 石山寺 Ishiyama-dera

- Stoney Mountain Temple
- Constructed in 762
- Eight Views of Omi (近江八景)
- Murasaki Shikibu; “The Tale of Genji”

7,070 yen (JR fee) + 500 yen (admission fee)



Shiga - びわ湖クルーズ Lake Biwa Cruise

- 60 minute cruise
- “Freshwater Sea” (淡海)
- 1,100 species; 58 indigenous
- Close to ancient capitol; cultural/literary influence



360 yen (JR fee) + 2,260 yen (cruise fare)

Shiga - おうみんち Ohminchi

- Largest farmers market in Shiga
- Local produce
- Local food buffet; gelato corner
- Omi tea (近江茶)



8,274 yen (cab fare) + 4,000 yen (Omi tea + other souvenirs)

Shiga - 塩野温泉 Shiono Onsen



- Koga Ninjutsu
- Omi beef (近江肉)
- Hot spring bath (温泉)



12,604 yen (cab fare) + 6,000 yen (dinner)

Traveling to Kyoto

- Arrive at Fushimiinari station from Konan Station in Shiga around 9 a.m. (JR fee 840yen)

Total Yen Spent: 840yen

Kyoto

Historical/Spiritual

- Sanjyusangendo (三十三間堂)
- Nishisiki market (錦市場)
- Tanukiyamadanifudoin (狸山谷不動院)
- Ryoanji (龍安寺)
- Fushimiinaritaisya (伏見稻荷大社)

Modern

- Touei Uzumasa Eigamura (東映太秦映画村)
- Jinrikisya (人力車)



Kyoto~Day1~



- Fushimiinaritaisya(伏見稲荷大社)
...The head of Inari shirine, rebuild15th century, about10,000 Torii in the shrine
↓JR
- Toei Uzumasa Eigamura(東映太秦映画村)
...Built in 1975, movie studio theme park
(admission fee; 2,200yen)

JR:Fushimiinari-Hanazono station station:430 yen

Total yen spent 3,470yen



Cont. Kyoto~Day1~

↓Walk

- **Ryoanji(龍安寺)**

...rock garden, built in 15th century,

Rinzai(sect)(admission fee; 500 yen)

↓Walk

- **Rickshaw(人力車)**

...local sightseeing and guide(2000yen)

- **Hotel in Arashiyama(40000yen)**

Total yen spent 5,970yen



Kyoto ~Day 2

↓Bus

- Tanukiyamadanifudoin(狸谷山不動院)

...Musashi Miyamoto sharpened his sword,
a number of Tanuki(500yen)

↓Bus

- Sanjyusangendo(三十三間堂)

...12th century, 1,001 multiarmed deities

(600 yen)

Total yen spent 7,070yen



Cont. Kyoto ~Day 2~



- The garden of Kyoto Imperial Palace(京都御苑)

...court nobles houses in Edo period

-*Kyoto Imperial Palace (京都御所)

...14th~19th;government affairs and

ceremonies

☆Court nobles

- Nishiki market(錦市場) - 1300 years old

- Hotel- near Kyoto station

(10,000yen)

Transportation: 1day bus ticket(500 yen)

Total yen spent 7,570yen





Souvenirs and foods in Kyoto

Souvenirs

- Otabe -mochi(500yen)
- Lucky charms(500yen)

Foods

- Pickled vegetables-in Nishiki market(1000yen)
- Green tea(1000yen)
- Tofu and Yuba(3000yen)

Transportation during trip

JR, 1 day bus ticket

Total yen spent 6,000 yen(food and souvenirs)

Grand total in Kyoto :13,570yen



Traveling to Nara

- Arrive at Nara Station around 9AM
- Take the JR Nara Line from Kyoto Station
- Costs: 710 yen total

Nara Prefecture

Historical/Spiritual:

- Todaiji temple
- Nara Park
- Harushika Brewery

Todaiji Temple

- Nandaimon Gate
- Daibutsuden (Great Buddha Hall)
- Shoso-in
- Todaiji Museum

Costs:

-800 yen for the temple and museum

45 Walk from the JR Nara Station, Leave at 5PM



Nara Park

-Sika Deer

-Rickshaw rides around the park

Costs:

150 yen to feed the Deer

3,000 yen for the Rickshaw



Harushika Brewery

- Sake tasting
 - Sparkling Sake called “Tokimeki”
 - Dry Sake called “Chokarakuchi”
- Costs: 500 - 5,000 yen per bottle of Sake

21 Minute walk from the Nara Station



Places to eat in Nara



Yoberaya: Serves Udon and the average price is 2000 yen

Sanshu-tei: Located in Isui-en Garden, serves Mugu toroi and Unagi tororo, the average price is 1200 yen



Grand Total for Nara: 13,210 yen

Traveling to Osaka

Leave from the JR Nara Station and arriving in the JR Osaka Station

- 800 yen per person.
- 45 minute travel time.

Total Yen Spent: 5941 yen

Osaka

- Sumiyoshi-taisha
- Shitenno-ji
- Osaka Castle
- Umeda Sky Building



Sumiyoshi-taisha

- Considered national treasure
- Mentioned in multiple famous literature.
- 390 yen in transportation



Shitteno-ji

- Ancient buddhist temple
- Oldest officially administered temple in Japan
- 370 yen in transportation and other fees



Osaka Castle

- Destroyed and rebuilt multiple times
- Many historical artifacts on display
- 810 yen for transportation and entrance.



Umeda Sky Building

- 173 meters high
- Connected by atrium extending 150 meters
- Cost of 860 yen for travel and entrance to the sky garden.



Food in Osaka



- Osaka is famous for their food
 - Lunch (after Shitteno-ji)
 - Takoyaki at CREO-RU cost: 500 yen for six pieces of Takoyaki, travel cost of 210 yen
- Dinner
 - Okonomiyaki at Okonomiyaki Kiji: 2001 yen for the full meal

Traveling to Hyogo

Arrive at the Kansai Station around 10 a.m

Two and a half hour travel by plane

Total cost of the travel is about 8,500 yen

Arrive at the Kobe train station around 11 a.m

Total Yen Spent: 8,500

Hyogo

Himeji Castle

-This Castle was
the first in Japan
It was a temple



Expenses about 1,730 yen admission fee 2,020

Hyogo continued



Kitano Ijinnkan

-This tower was
considered as
a fine tower in Kobe

Expenses 1,600 yen



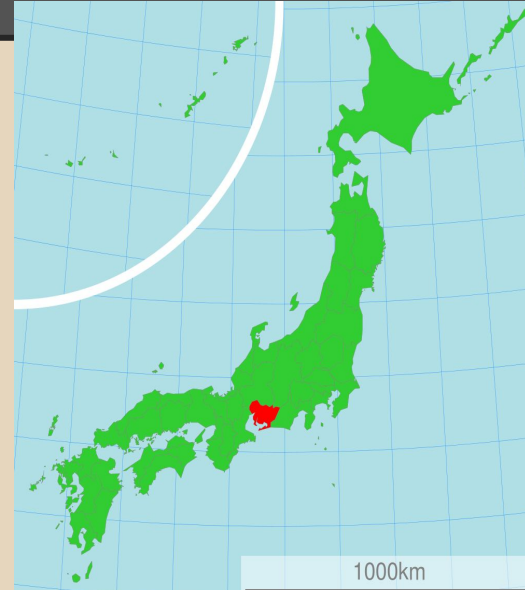
Traveling to Aichi

From Kenchomae Station to Nagoya Station

Leave 8:15 AM, arrive 9:54 AM (7850 yen)

Aichi

- Nagoya Castle
- Tokugawa Art Museum + Garden
- Osu Kannon Temple
- Atsuta Shrine



Aichi - Nagoya Castle



- Edo period: Seat of Togukawa family Owari branch
- Emphasize Tokugawa Ieyasu's power, secure Tokaido road
- Castle town grew into Nagoya

Transportation via Nagoya Station: 200 yen/ride + 3 minute walk

Entrance fee: 500 yen/person



Aichi - Tokugawa Art Museum + Garden

- Museum: Large treasure collection ranging from samurai armor and swords to poems and scrolls
- Over 10,000 items
 - 9 National treasures and 57 Important Cultural Properties
- Garden: retirement residence of local lords
- Several walkways leading to a tea house and rest houses



Transportation: 200 yen/ride

Entrance: 1350 yen/person to access both museum and garden



Aichi - Osu Kannon Temple

- Buddhist temple moved from Gifu prefecture due to constant floods
- Worships Kannon, goddess of mercy
 - Wooden statue of Kannon carved by Koba Daichi
- Shinpuki Library: over 15,000 Japanese and Chinese texts
 - Important Cultural Property: Kojiki

Transportation: 200 yen/ride



Aichi - Atsuta Shrine

- One of Shinto's most important shrines
- Enshrines Amaterasu the Sun Goddess
- Holds the sacred sword Kusangi (an imperial regalia)
 - not on public display

Transportation: 190 yen/ride and 10 minute walk





Aichi - Food and Souvenirs

- Food
 - Hitsumabushi (3000 yen)
 - Tebasaki (400 yen/5 wings)
 - Kishimen noodles (600-850 yen)
- Souvenirs
 - Koma (675 yen)
 - Tosa dako (1840 yen)
 - Noren (8690 yen)



Traveling back to Narita

- Take the Shinkansen from Nagoya Station to Narita Airport
- Costs: 13,870 yen

Total Cost of the Trip

- Asakusa - 29,730 yen
 - Tokyo Day 2 - 34,379 yen
 - Ishikawa - 26,740 yen
 - Shiga - 41,068 yen
 - Kyoto - 13,570 yen
 - Nara - 13,210 yen
 - Osaka - 5,941 yen
 - Hyogo - 13,850 yen
 - Aichi - 22,485 yen
 - Travel back to Narita - 13,870 yen
- Grand Total: 214,573 yen

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