

CHERRY BLOSSOM

JAPAN GOLF TOUR

1 - 15 APRIL 2023 | 15 DAYS | 6 ROUNDS OF GOLF | FULLY ESCORTED



In Japan, the cherry blossom represents the fragility and the beauty of life. It's a reminder that life is overwhelmingly beautiful but also tragically short. Sakura Blossoms are a metaphor for life itself: beautiful yet fleeting. We invite you to celebrate this ephemeral moment in time with an unforgettable journey throughout this exquisite and unique country.



Enjoy the very best the "land of the rising sun" offers up. Be spellbound by magnificent **feudal castles**, **bonsai gardens** and a sea of **cherry blossoms** everywhere you go; get up close with **sumo wrestlers** and **Geishas**; ride the world-famous high-speed Bullet Train past the majestic Mt Fuji; and play golf on fairways lined with cherry blossom trees in full bloom. This fully escorted golf tour will take you to the major sightseeing hotspots throughout Japan from **Kobe (Osaka)**, **Kyoto**, **Kanazawa** onto **Hakone (Mt Fuji)** and **Tokyo**.

Golf in Japan is as unique as its glorious landscape. The courses are groomed to perfection and we've handpicked some of the **best private and resort courses** and added expert caddies to guide you around these golfing masterpieces.

Frequent travellers on Go Golfing tours rate Japan among the best! Let our experienced hosts and local guides take you on a magical journey that will leave you wondering why it took you so long to discover Japan.

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Osaka Castle

DAY 1: OSAKA

Welcome to Japan! On arrival, you'll be greeted at **Kansai International Airport** (Osaka) and transferred to the **Nikko Hotel Kansai Airport, Osaka**. Please note, for guests coming from Osaka International Airport, transfers incur an additional cost.

Tonight, settle in and come together for a **welcome drink** in your hotel. (Drink) Hotel: **Nikko Hotel Kansai Airport, Osaka**

DAY 2: OSAKA TO KOBE

HIGHLIGHT: Panoramic City Tour - Osaka and Kobe

This morning, we discover **Osaka** and its delights, including **Osaka Castle**, and cruise the river on the world renowned **Special Cherry Blossom River Cruise** before we transfer to **Kobe**. After a group lunch in Kobe, we embark on a **Panoramic City Tour**.

Check in to the **Oriental Hotel Kobe** overlooking the beautiful **Kobe Harbour**, in the heart of the historic **Kyu-Kyoryuchi area**.

Tonight we immerse ourselves in to Japanese cuisine and touch up on our culinary skills with a traditional **Japanese cooking class and dinner**. (B,L,D) Hotel: **Oriental Hotel Kobe, Kobe**

DAY 3: KOBE

Keen to discover Japan's golfing gems, today we tee off our first round!

STRATEGIC: Yokawa Country Club

This course design is fair yet strategic, rewarding the critically-thinking golfer whilst flattering the average player with wide fairway landing areas. Make sure to work on your short game as the greens are a challenge to master!

Non-golfers journey to beautiful **Nara**. Wild deers roam freely in Nara Park, where we'll visit **Tōdai-ji Temple**, and enjoy a **calligraphy experience**.

INSIDERS TIP: The Japanese golf experience is wonderfully refreshing and sprinkled with elements of Japanese culture. You'll enjoy the hospitable staff, the delicious Japanese food in between the front and the back nine at each round and, if you're really keen, the soothing bath house experience afterwards.

(B,L,G) Hotel: **Oriental Hotel Kobe, Kobe**

DAY 4: KOBE

HIGHLIGHT: Kobe Sightseeing

Today we explore the wondrous city of Kobe. We'll start in the **Kitano-cho Historical Area** before we make our way to the **Kobe Earthquake Memorial Museum**. Built in commemoration of the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake from 1995, the museum dives into the history of the quake and disaster prevention. Kobe is renowned for its sake distilleries so we'll end our afternoon with a visit to a **Sake brewery and tasting**.

Enjoy an evening at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore the city. Your hotel is located right next to Kobe City Museum which features one of the world's largest collections of Namban Art, a centuries old Japanese art style.

(B) Hotel: **Oriental Hotel Kobe, Kobe**



Yokawa Country Club



Deer at Nara Park (non-golfers)



Kobe Harbour



"I highly recommend this tour. The golf courses were great... My goodness what can one say about the club houses other than "SPECTACULAR". The caddies were so obliging and gracious. Their English was a thousand percent better than my Japanese!"

John Cox and Penny McGovern, 2019

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Rokko Kokusai Golf Club

DAY 5: KOBE

Today we play the blossom-lined fairways of the 2015 Japan Open host.

EXCLUSIVE: Rokko Kokusai Golf Club

This private golf club is recognized as one of the best golf courses in Japan. The layout was redesigned by Nicklaus Design in 1996 and features beautifully curved fairways lined with cherry blossoms in full bloom. **Remote controlled golf carts** will chaperone you around the course. Yes, that's right - no pedal or steering, just a button to start and stop!

Non-golfers will discover **Naoshima Art and Architecture Sanctuary**. Located on an island, you'll wander through an array of contemporary art and see the **Naoshima Pumpkin**, an iconic installation by renowned Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama.

(B,LG) Hotel: **Oriental Hotel Kobe, Kobe**

DAY 6: KOBE TO KANAZAWA, VIA TOKYO

This morning we check out and make our way to **Kyoto** to immerse ourselves in its captivating culture on a full-day sightseeing tour.

HIGHLIGHT: Kyoto Sightseeing

First stop is Kyoto's most famous site, the dazzling gold leaf encased **Kinkaku-Ji Golden Pavilion**. We then venture to the World Heritage **Nijo Castle**, home to one of Kyoto's most famous **cherry blossom** collections.

We'll enjoy a fusion lunch at a restaurant in a famous artist's atelier. After lunch, we make our way to the beautiful and quaint **Gion-Higashiyama** area. Thick with temples, shrines, museums and traditional shops, you'll be smitten by its charm and authenticity. One of the highlights will be the exquisite **Kodaiji temple** founded in 1605.

We then board the evening train to **Kanazawa** on the west coast of Japan, where we check in to the **Hyatt Centric Kanazawa**.

INSIDERS TIP: Be sure to check out the Kanazawa train station. It's voted one of the 14 most beautiful train stations in the world with its impressive wooden-shaped **Tsuzumi Gate** and glass **Motenashi Dome**.

(B,L) Hotel: **Hyatt Centric, Kanazawa**

DAY 7: KANAZAWA

Another spectacular round awaits the golfers today!

CHAMPIONSHIP: Twin Fields Golf Club

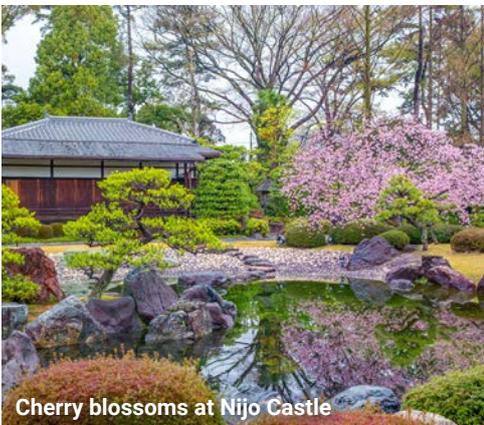
Prepare for a stunning par-72 layout in the heart of Komatsu. With rolling mountains and wood-lined fairways, Twin Fields will surely make you stop and stare. Its 18 holes are immaculately maintained for a seamless and enjoyable round. Make sure to spend some time in the luxurious clubhouse. Relax in the elegant lounge with uninterrupted views of the lake and course.

Non-golfers enjoy a morning tour of **Kanazawa**. Located at the foot of the former Kanazawa Castle, the area preserves a historic atmosphere as the old **Samurai District**. Wander the **Omicho Market** then visit the **Nomura Samurai House** for a **Gold Leaf Embellishment Experience**.

(B,LG) Hotel: **Hyatt Centric, Kanazawa**



Kinkaku-Ji Golden Pavilion



Cherry blossoms at Nijo Castle



Twin Fields Golf Club



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Geishas in Kanazawa

DAY 8: KANAZAWA

HIGHLIGHT: Kanazawa Sightseeing

We have a full day to explore Kanazawa region and all its charms. The morning is devoted to exploring **Shirakawa-go World Heritage Village**. Tucked away in the central Japanese mountains and surrounded by rice paddies, it is reminiscent of a bygone era. Large houses with steep-pitched roofs have been preserved. It's true Japanese countryside.

We'll then make our way to **Higashi Chayamachi** historical district. Discover authentic historical buildings and Kanazawa's highlight: unquestionably the **Kenrokuen Garden**, literally 'the Garden of the Six Sublimities', one of the 3 most beautiful landscape gardens in Japan.

Tonight, we enjoy a **Shabu Shabu dinner** with a **Geisha** dance.

(B,D) Hotel: **Hyatt Centric, Kanazawa**



Shinkansen Bullet Train - Mt Fuji

DAY 9: KANAZAWA TO HAKONE

After check out, we board the train to **Hakone**, famous for its **Hot Springs** (onsen), natural beauty and views to the iconic volcano **Mount Fuji**. On our journey, we will board the **Shinkansen** (bullet train).

After our arrival, we cruise the beautiful **Lake Ashinoko**, with glorious Mt Fuji as the backdrop. We continue to the **Mount Komagatake Ropeway** for your ride up to **Owakudani geothermal area**.

This evening, we take part in a traditional Japanese dinner served at our hotel.

(B,D) Hotel: **Indigo Hakone Hotel, Hakone**

DAY 10: HAKONE

PICTURE PERFECT: Dai-Hakone Golf Club

Spread out on the magnificent Sengokuhara plain and set against the background of the volcanic **Mount Hakone** and **Mount Kamiyama**. The open parkland layout provides spacious fairways lined by majestic trees. Beware the course's signature hole, the 17th, known as the 'Lotus Flower', a challenging layout where the green is surrounded by bunkers.



Dai-Hakone Golf Club

Non-golfers dive into **Hakone Marquetry (Wooden Mosaic) Making** and explore the **Open Air Museum**.

Evening is at leisure.

(B,LG) Hotel: **Indigo Hakone Hotel, Hakone**

DAY 11: HAKONE

WORLD-CLASS: Taiheiyo Club Gotemba West

Bubba Watson calls Taiheiyo his course away from home, and you will too once you've play its sweeping layout. Ranked #1 in Japan by Par Golf, it is a true hillside course and features majestic views of Mount Fuji you haven't golfed in Japan until you've played here.



Taiheiyo Club

Non-golfers visit **Chureito Pagoda** with sensational views of the cherry blossom and **Mount Fuji**. We'll then explore **Itchiku Kubota Museum**, and finish with shopping at **Gotemba Premium Outlets**.

Evening is at leisure.

(B,LG) Hotel: **Indigo Hakone Hotel, Hakone**



"The whole experience was exceptional. The various venues with the cherry blossom in bloom were beautiful, the organisation was superb and the company was great. My "wow" moment was seeing my wife Helen "out wrestling" a Sumo and giving us all a laugh."

Frank and Helen Woodhouse, 2019

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Tokyo skyline

DAY 12: HAKONE TO TOKYO

This morning, we check out and make our way to the train station for our 30 minute train ride to Tokyo. Before our ride, we'll stop at **Odawara Castle** to explore the centuries-old landmark.

Once in Tokyo, we'll stop for lunch then check in to the luxurious **ANA Intercontinental Hotel**. Located in the Minato district of Tokyo, the hotel is perfectly located near the iconic Tokyo Tower and the upmarket shopping district of **Ginza**.

Evening is at leisure.

(B) Hotel: ANA Intercontinental, Tokyo

DAY 13: TOKYO

HIGHLIGHT: Tokyo Sightseeing

Start the day at **Tokyo Sky Tree**. Rising 350m, stand in the Observatory Deck for amazing views of the city. We'll then take part in **Kimono dressing** and a **Bonsai lesson**, before enjoying lunch with a fantastic **Sumo demonstration**. Sumo is still regarded by many in Japan as the National Sport and is a unique institution. At lunch, you'll get up close and personal and see how surprisingly supple and fit the sumos are.

After lunch, we find our way through the historic **Asakusa** district starting with the **Sensoji Temple**, a very popular Buddhist temple built in the 7th century, and the **Kaminarimon** "The Gate of the Gods of Wind and Thunder". Indulge in some shopping in **Nakamise** market streets where you'll find a variety of traditional, local snacks and tourist souvenirs.

Relax with an evening at leisure.

(B,L) Hotel: ANA Intercontinental, Tokyo

DAY 14: TOKYO

After breakfast, we play our final round of the tour.

THRILLING: Camellia Hills Golf Club

This course was designed for golfers enjoy the thrill and fun of golf. It is a Ladies' favourite stop for JLPGA Earth Mondamen Cup. Its lush fairways and well-manicured greens are considered the best in Japan. Add bunkers, undulations and forest, and you'll certainly have a challenge on your hands.



Sumo demonstration



Sensoji Temple



Camellia Hills Golf Club

Non-golfers start the morning wandering through the charming **Imperial Palace Gardens** before venturing through the **Tsukiji Market**, a thriving seafood market, where we'll tuck into a mouth-watering **sushi lunch**. With full bellies, we'll watch a **Taiko Drumming** performance then move on to **Harajuku**. A colourful, buzzing district, Harajuku is known for its vibrant display of Japanese pop culture.

Tonight we come together for a **farewell dinner**. We'll toast to our champions and share stories of our fabulous adventure.

(B,L,D) Hotel: ANA Intercontinental, Tokyo

DAY 15: TOKYO

It's time to bid a fond farewell to Japan and take away with us wonderful memories and new friendships. Private transfers to airport. (B)



"As a first time non golfer, the trip was great. The accommodation was excellent, the people were all very friendly, the host and his wife were excellent and looked after us well."

Wendy Shea, 2019

INCLUSIONS



14 nights 4-star accommodation with breakfast daily:

- ▶ 1 night at Nikko Hotel Kansai Airport, Osaka
- ▶ 4 nights at Oriental Hotel, Kobe
- ▶ 3 nights at Hyatt Centric, Kanazawa
- ▶ 3 nights at Indigo Hakone Hotel, Hakone
- ▶ 3 nights at ANA Intercontinental, Tokyo

6 rounds of golf with carts and caddies:

1. Yokawa Country Club
2. Rokko Kokusai Golf Club
3. Twin Fields Country Club
4. Dai-Hakone Golf Club
5. Taiheiyo Club Gotemba West
6. Camellia Hills Golf Club

Lunches: 9 for golfers and 4 for non-golfers

Dinners: 4 inc:

- ▶ Welcome dinner: Japanese cooking class and dinner, inc beverages
- ▶ Shabu Shabu Dinner with Geisha Dance
- ▶ Farewell dinner with beverages

Sightseeing / Experiences:

- ▶ Cherry blossoms throughout
- ▶ Cherry Blossom special river cruise
- ▶ **Kobe sightseeing:** Kobe Earthquake Memorial Museum and more

- ▶ **Kyoto sightseeing:** Kinkaku-Ji Golden Pavilion, Nijo Castle, Gion-Higashiyama, and Kodaiji Temple

- ▶ **Kanazawa sightseeing:** Shirakawa-go World Heritage Village and Kenrokuen Garden

- ▶ **Lake Ashinoko cruise** and Mount Komagatake Ropeway

- ▶ Tokyo Sky Tree visit and Tokyo Sightseeing

- ▶ Kimono dressing and bonsai lesson

- ▶ **Tokyo sightseeing:** Sensoji Temple, Kaminarimon, and Nakamise

Non-golfer inclusions as per itinerary

Other inclusions:

- ▶ Luxury air-conditioned coach
- ▶ Group Airport transfers*
- ▶ Individual and team competitions with prizes
- ▶ **Fully escorted:** Go Golfing's experienced host and English-speaking local Japanese guide

**Transfers from Osaka International Airport at additional cost*

PACKAGE

Golfer - Twin Share

AUD 13,064 pp

Non Golfer - Twin Share

AUD 12289 pp

Golfer - Single

AUD 16,116 pp

An initial deposit of AUD 3,000 per person must accompany your booking form. Final payment is due by 25 January 2023. View Terms & Conditions on booking form.



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When the Portuguese discovered Taiwan, they called it Ilha Formosa (Beautiful Island). The Chinese, Dutch, and Spanish settled in Taiwan making it a fascinating cultural melting pot. It was the Japanese who introduced golf in the 1910's and you'll play the country's first ever golf course- now ranked in the world's top courses,



We have selected the best courses that feature an exceptionally diverse landscape including the **TaShee Golf Course, Taiwan's #1 golf course**. You'll also enjoy an English speaking caddy who will be there to help you make the most of your play on every single course.

This tour will explore the cultural heritage of two cities filled with lively traditions, beautiful temples, and spectacular scenery. Highlights will include a private boat cruise around the **Sun Moon Lake**, local culinary delights, Hakka tea making and tea plantation visit, and night markets.

Non-golfers are well looked after with many fun workshops and sightseeing while golfers play.

April is the ideal time to visit Taiwan and you may even see glimpses of cherry blossoms. This tour combines cultural heritage, exotic cuisine and, of course, the best golf Taiwan has on offer. We hope this will be an unforgettable experience you'll cherish forever.

Please note: Taiwan's international borders are yet to open to tourists. The official advice is that borders are likely to re-open at the end of 2022. For this reason, we are taking expressions of interest only until the official advice is confirmed.



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