# JAPAN CHERRY BLOSSOM

**GOLF TOUR** 



### WHEN TOURING WITH GO GOLFING, IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

Bringing golfers together for the best time of their life is our mission at Go Golfing. And at the core of this mission is <u>YOU</u>. Your safety, comfort and joy will always come first in everything we do.

We start spoiling you from the time you get in touch. We help you with flights, insurance, visas and a packing checklist which brings comfort that you've got everything you need. The excitement starts from the time you say YES and regular tour updates build the anticipation of what's coming on tour.

Discover the magic in the itinerary. We guarantee you'll play the best private and resort courses. You'll stay in central hotels so you can explore freely. We've done the hard yards to bring you hand-picked and curated experiences, sightseeing and cultural immersion that we know you'll love.

Go Golfing's 27 years of experience travels with you. Our hosts undertake accreditation and destination training to ensure the tour is delivered to the highest standards. They'll make you feel welcome, introduce you around, organise the golfing competition and take care of your luggage and clubs. And when it comes to fun, they'll be the ringleaders. Local guides passionately share stories that connect you with their countries history, rich culture and way of life.

On tour strangers quickly become friends. In fact, we make sure you get to know a little about everyone on tour before you even leave home. 52% of travellers are female and 66 is the avg age. 72% are couples and 28% are singles. We even have a solo travellers club for singles looking to room share. There's been 17 marriages from couples who met on tour and countless friendships.

You'll be joining a wonderful community of golf-travellers, adventure-seekers and fun-lovers. 88% of clients have toured with us more than once, and incredibly, 57 travellers have now racked up more than 25 Go Golfing tours.

Go Golfing tours more countries than any other golf travel company in the world. We go above and beyond so you come home asking "Where to next?"

This tour is AMAZING, we hope you can join us.

Peter Mc Carthy

Founder & Chief Entertainment Officer

FOR THE LOVE OF GOLF AND TRAVEL





DAY 1 Arrive in Osaka, Japan

2 April, 2024

Welcome to **Japan**! You'll arrive in Osaka (Kansai Airport) and feel like you've been transported to another world. **Osaka** is a large port city and commercial center on the **Japanese island of Honshu**. It's known for its modern architecture, nightlife and hearty street food. You'll have a meet and greet walk to your accommodation and be given time to rest before we all come together for **welcome drinks**.

(D, Drinks) HOTEL: Nikko Hotel Kansai Airport

DAY 2: Osaka to Kobe After breakfast, you will have a sightseeing day to **discover Osaka** and its wonderful sights. Visit the **Osaka Castle** (outside only), and experience a **Cherry Blossom Special River Cruise and buffet lunch in Osaka** before being transferred to **Kobe.** Here we will check in and have an **Evening Cooking Lesson**, dinner and drinks.

(B, L, D, Drinks) HOTEL: Oriental Hotel Kobe

DAY 3: Kobe After a hearty breakfast at the hotel the golfers will tee off for the first round at **Sanko Golf Club - Japan Course** 

#### **NATURALLY PICTURESQUE: Sanko Golf Club**

An 18-hole, par-72 golf course designed by Greg Norman. Over the years it has played host to several top tournaments including the Sanko Mid Ladies Golf Tournament, Professional Baseball OB Golf Championship and the PGA Senior Tour. Situated at the foot of a mountain, a beautiful place to enjoy a round of golf but expect to be challenged throughout the 18 holes. Fairways feature natural undulations plus many large bunkers and several water hazards. The course plays to 6,844 yards from the back tee, which is not particularly long but there are 3 other tee positions from which to choose. Golfers will enjoy lunch at the golf club.

**Non-Golfers** will embark on a sightseeing day. You will visit **Nara** where the wild deers roam freely and you will see **Todaiji Temple**. You will find this is the perfect destination for experiencing **traditional temples and shrines**. You will also be treated to a very unique **Calligraphy Experience**.

Tonight, the evening will be at your leisure.













#### DAY 4: Kobe

We start the day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a day of spectacular sightseeing in KOBE. On the 'must-see list' is The Earthquake Museum, Sake Brewery (incl. tasting...of course), The Akashi Bridge, a walk through Chinatown and a drive through the Kitano area.

Dinner will be at your leisure. Choose to relax at the hotel, catch up with newfound friends, or explore the city by night.

(B) HOTEL: Oriental Hotel Kobe

#### DAY 5: Kobe

Golfers will tackle the second round at Rokko Kokusai Course.

#### **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. Golfers lunch included.

**Non-Golfers** will discover **Naoshima Art & Architecture Sanctuary.** This is an island location where you can wander through a myriad of contemporary art and view the Naoshima Pumpkin - an iconic creation by renowned Japanese artist, Yoyoi Kusama.

The evening will be at your leisure.

(B, GL) HOTEL: Oriental Hotel Kobe

#### DAY 6: Kobe to Kyoto to Kanazawa

After breakfast you will be transferred to **Kyoto**. 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. We then 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. This is where you will get to experience a **Tea Ceremony & Zen Meditation**. Now, completely relaxed, you will be transferred to **Kanazawa** by train, and check into your next hotel.

The evening will be at your leisure.

(B, L) HOTEL: Hyatt Centric Kanazawa



#### DAY 7: Kanazawa

Today we'll tee-off at another bucket list golf course for the golfers - **Kanazawa** - **Twin Fields Golf Club**.

#### **HEMMED BY PICTURESQUE MOUNTAINS: Kanazawa 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 while you enjoy lunch.

**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.

Tonight is at your leisure.

(B, GL) HOTEL: Hyatt Centric Kanazawa

#### DAY 8: Kanazawa

After breakfast, explore the Kanazawa region and all it charms. Tucked away in the central Japanese mountains and surrounded by rice paddies, it is reminiscent of a bygone era. Large houses with steeppitched 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: **Shirakawago**, **the Wadake Thatched House & Minkaen Area**. You will also get to experience **Kanazawa**, the **Kenrokuen Garden** and **Higashi-Chaya Quarter**.

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

(B, D) HOTEL: Hyatt Centric Kanazawa

DAY 9: Kanazawa to Hakone All Aboard for the **Bullet Train** to **Odawara**. You will then be transferred to **Lake Ashi**, where you will ride **Hakone Ropeway to Owakudani Geothermal area**.

Dinner will be at the hotel tonight.

(B,D) HOTEL: Indigo Hakone Hotel







# DAY 10: Hakone

Golfers get ready for the **Dai-Hakone Golf Club** and bring the camera.

#### **MAJESTIC LAYOUT: Dai-Hakone Golf Club**

Spread out on the majestic Sengokuhara plain against the background of the broad mountains of the outer rim of Hakone Crater, the Dai-Hakone Country Club offers 18 handmade holes landscaped with exquisite individuality. A notable feature of the course is the hole No.17 known as the "Lotus flower". A challenging hole but won't give too much away. Daihakone is also the site of the CAT Ladies Pro Golf Tournament. Golfers will enjoy lunch at the golf club.

**Non-Golfers** can relax at the hotel and explore or take in the tour on offer to the **open** air museum and **Hakone Marquetry (Wooden Mosaic) Making.** 

The evening will be at your leisure.

(B, GL) HOTEL: Indigo Hakone Hotel

#### DAY 11: Hakone

Golfers, play like the champions at Taiheiyo Club Gotemba West.

#### PLAY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHAMPIONS: Taiheiyo Club Gotemba West

Featuring majestic views of Mount Fuji. this is truly a hillside course. Selected as the No. 1 course in Japan by the country's leading golf magazine Par Golf, it's no surprise that Gotemba is host to a range of international professional tournaments, including the Mitsui Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters and the World Golf Championships EMC World Cup. Golfers around the world agree "you haven't golfed in Japan until you've played Gotemba." Golfers will enjoy lunch at the golf club.

Non-Golfers can opt in for some sightseeing in this spectacular region of Japan. You will visit the Chureito Pagoda, with Cherry Blossom & Mt. Fuji views. You will also visit the Itchiku Kubota Museum, which is an intriguing museum devoted to Kubota Itchiku stands in the wooded hills along the northern coast of Lake Kawaguchiko. and Hakone Marquetry (Wooden Mosaic) Making. To round off the day of exploration, you will have the opportunity to do a spot of retail therapy at Gotemba Premium Outlets.

The evening will be at your leisure.

(B, NGL) HOTEL: Indigo Hakone Hotel



DAY 12: Hakone to Tokyo The coach will be ready to collect you after breakfast to transfer you to **Odawara** to explore the centuries-old landmark. We hop on the **Bullet Train to Tokyo** and enjoy a stroll to **Nijubashi Bridge at Imperial Palace.** Enjoy lunch at leisure.

The evening is at your leisure.

(B) HOTEL: Strings Intercontinental

#### DAY 13: Tokyo

Start the day at **Tokyo Sky Tree**. Rising 350m, stand on 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. You'll be able to get up close and personal. We then 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.

Dinner will be at leisure.

(B, L) HOTEL: Strings Intercontinental

#### DAY 14: Tokyo

Today the golfers will experience the beauty and challenge of Camellia Hills.

#### SHOWPIECE: Camellia Hills Golf Club

By name alone, the Camellia Hills Golf & Country Club conjours up an image of landscape and architectural excellence. The reality of this vision for members and visitors is just as pleasing and certainly enjoyable for those trying to conquer the greens. 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. The show piece of this club is the impressive club house where you will be provided with a fabulous lunch.

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 it's 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, GL, D) HOTEL: Strings Intercontinental





### DAY 15: Tokyo

It's time to say our goodbyes!

Our final breakfast together and then we are off to the Narita Airport or Haneda airport.

**Note:** be careful when you tell a Go Golfing Traveller to 'come visit sometime!' - they will! We'll ensure you can keep in touch with your new friends, we think the best time you can spend with someone is on holiday, so be sure to keep an eye on our website or **subscribe to our newsletter** for the latest tour releases!

It's not over yet! Keep an eye out for your Post-Tour Memento in the mail!

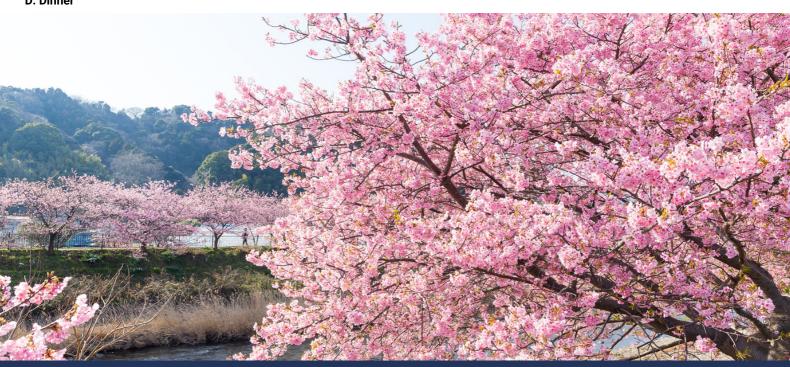
(B) HOTEL: Strings Intercontinental

#### Legend

B: Breakfast L: Lunch

NGL: Non-Golfer Lunch GL: Golfer Lunch

D: Dinner





### **INCLUSIONS**

#### 14 nights accommodation:

- 1 Night Nikko Hotel Kansai Airport
- · 4 Nights Oriental Hotel Kobe
- 3 Nights Hyatt Centric Kanazawa
- · 3 Nights Indigo Hakone Hotel
- 3 Nights Strings Intercontinental

#### **Golfer Inclusions:**

- 6 rounds of golf, including shared carts:
  - Sanko Golf Club
  - Rokko Kokusai Course
  - Twin Fields Golf Club
  - Dai-Hakone Golf Club
  - Taiheiyo Club Gotenba West
  - o Camellia Hills Golf Club

Caddies, carts & lunch included

#### **Breakfast daily**

- 6 lunches (golfers)
- 3 Non-Golfers lunch
- 4 dinners, including:

Welcome and Farewell Dinners with Drinks

#### Sightseeing / Highlights:

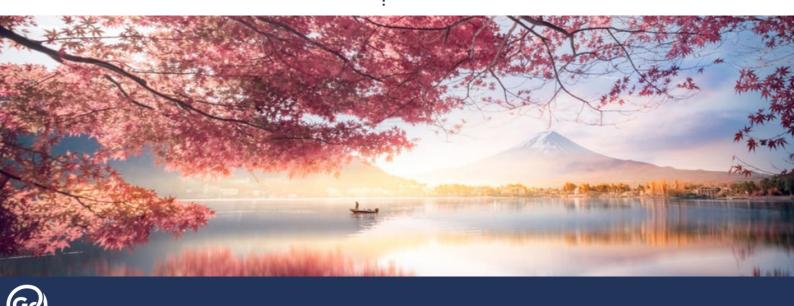
- Osaka Castle & Cherry Blossom River Cruise
- · Full day in Kobe, incl. Sake Brewery
- Tea Ceremony and Zen Meditation
- Bullet train and Ropeway
- Lunch with Sumo Demonstration
- Edo-Tokyo Museum
- Tokyo Sky Tree

#### Non-golfer Inclusions:

- Calligraphy Experience
- Naoshima Art & Architecture Sanctuary
- Nomura Samurai House & Gold Leaf Embellishment Experience
- · Hakone Marquetry Making, and more...

#### **Other Inclusions:**

- Private transfers to and from the airport at the beginning and end of your tour
- Commemorative polo shirt for both golfers and non-golfers
- Luxury air-conditioned coach transfers throughout
- Individual and team competition with prizes
- · Welcome and farewell dinners with drinks
- Accompanied by a Go Golfing accredited host



### **BOOKING INFORMATION**

#### Ready to book?

Visit our website or call +61 7 5508 2250 and one of our travel experts will be happy to assist you with your booking and answer any questions you may have.

### **Pricing**

Golfer Twin Share	AUD \$13,345 PP
Golfer Single	AUD \$16,875 PP
Non-Golfer Twin Share	AUD \$12,495 PP

### **Travel Insurance & Flights**

If you would like to receive a quote for flights and/or travel insurance, tick the box on your booking form and we will have our partner travel agent get in touch with you to provide some options.

Did you know that Go Golfing members who fly domestically with Virgin Australia Airways can bring their golf clubs for free? Terms and conditions apply, check out the website for more details.

### **Special Request**

We can tailor your tour to suit you - add an extra night or more, swap out one experience for another, just let us know in the Special Requests section of your booking form and we'll confirm the details with you.

### **Payments**

- An initial deposit of AUD \$3000 pp at time of booking.
- Alternately, you can elect to pay in full.
- Final payment is then payable on or before 25 January 2024.
- Full booking terms and conditions can be found on the Go Golfing website or the tour booking form.

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