



Takayama Heritage Trail

A country exploration from Tokyo to Kyoto
3 days – 2 nights

Head inland from Tokyo on this great tour to visit the impressive Takayama and Kanazawa area including the Samurai residences, and the old town buildings. A real insight into old and traditional Japan.

Day 1 Tokyo – Takayama

Today you will be transferred to the station to board a morning Shinkansen (bullet train) for your train journey to Nagoya where you change trains to the Limited express train to Takayama.

The journey will take you through some stunning countryside during the 4 hour journey. On board there are quality toilets, a smoking room and drinks and snacks are bought through regularly by trolley. You are welcome to take a packed lunch which are available to purchase at the train station before boarding.



Takayama is a city in the mountainous Hida region of Gifu Prefecture. It retains a traditional touch like few other Japanese cities, especially in its beautifully preserved old town, which has been beautifully preserved with many buildings and whole streets of houses dating from the Edo Period (1600-1868), when the city thrived as a wealthy town of merchants. The southern half of the old town, especially the Sannomachi Street, survives in a particularly pretty state with many old homes, shops, coffee houses and sake breweries, some of which have been in business for centuries.

On arrival you will meet your local guide for a walking tour to visit Yatai Kaikan Hall and on to Kusakabe Folk Museum, one of Takayama's oldest merchant homes and then wander through Kami Sannomachi Street, still retaining much of its original atmosphere and traditional buildings.

Overnight in **Takayama**

Day 2 Takayama – Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa (L)

Today you will visit the Takayama Morning Market before a visit to the World Heritage Shirakawa-go where you can savour the taste of home-style cooking that can only be experienced in regions such as this. You will then continue to the Wada Residence (a traditional thatched-roof farmhouse).

After lunch, you will have time to walk around the thatched roof village of Shirakawa-go before heading to Kanazawa for your overnight.

Overnight in Kanazawa

Day 3 Kanazawa - Kyoto

Your first stop today will be the Nagamachi Samurai District and soak in the atmosphere of the days of the samurai in this area, where the earthen walls, waterways, and stone paths remain as they were when samurai of the Kaga domain resided here.

Moving on you will visit what is justifiably one of Japan's three most beautiful landscape gardens, Kenrouku-en Gardens. This spacious garden used to be the outer garden of the Kanazawa Castle and offers amazing seasonal views all year round.

Continuing on you will visit the Higashi Chaya district, with its wooden-latticed exteriors of teahouses lining both sides of the stone-paved street, where something from the Edo period still lingers in the air. This area is an Important Traditional Building Preservation District.

After a stop at the Hakuza (gold leaf shop) you will head to Kanazawa Station where you will board the JR Limited Express train to Kyoto where you will be taken by taxi to your hotel.

Arrive Kyoto around 6pm. Tour arrangements end here.

Please ask us for hotel options and extensions for you to explore Kyoto.

Departures: Vary throughout the year, below are indicative dates only based on weekday travel – please enquire for full details

Agent Booking Code: SUN3GL2000

Price per person from (3 star)	Single	Double/Twin	Triple	Child
Travel: 05 – 25 Jan 17	\$1,664	\$1,593	\$1,539	\$1,437

Price per person from (4 star)	Single	Double/Twin	Triple	Child
Travel: 05 – 25 Jan 17	\$1,729	\$1,729	\$1,701	\$1,573

Tour Notes:

1/ This is a locally guided tour with different local guides provided for you in each city. The tour operates on a modular basis and you may be travelling with different passengers each day.

2/ Trains in Japan do not have adequate space for luggage storage. Your baggage will be transferred overland from Tokyo to Takayama on day 1 and will be at your hotel when you arrive in Kyoto on day 3. An allowance of one piece of baggage per person is included. Additional pieces will incur a surcharge payable direct in Japan. Alternatively if you are returning to Tokyo at the completion of this tour we recommend leaving your main luggage at your Tokyo Hotel and traveling with a small overnight bag.

3/ A pre tour night in Tokyo is required to join this tour

Price Includes: All transport and sightseeing with local English speaking guide, Shinkansen train tickets, all Accommodation as indicated

Price Excludes: International flights, insurance, visa if required, personal expenses and gratuities

T&Cs: Prices are valid until 28 December 2017 and subject to availability. Prices are correct at 14 November 2016 but may vary due to currency fluctuations and may change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances until paid in full. Weekend and holiday surcharges apply – please enquire for details. Cancellation fees apply, please refer to terms and conditions on reverse of our brochure or visit www.activeasia.co.nz