Forest Bathing | Japan

8 days / 7 nights | 9 to 16 September 2018



Forest bathing— just being in the presence of trees—became part of a national public health program in Japan in 1982 when the forestry ministry coined the phrase shinrin-yoku and promoted topiary as therapy.

The environment's wisdom has long been evident to the culture: Japan's Zen masters asked: If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears, does it make a sound?

Join me on this unique, escorted small group tour (max 8) combining yoga, meditation and forest bathing. Immerse yourself in the history, culture and peace that Japan has to offer.

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Itinerary at a glance

Day 1: Sunday 09 Sep

Transfer from Haneda Airport

Overnight Tokyo

Day 2: Monday 10 Sep

Train to Kawaguchico at the base of Mt Fuji where we overnight

Day 3: Tuesday 11 Sep

Train from Kawaaguchico to Matsumoto

Collected from Shinano Matsukawa station to visit the Nishina Shinmeigu Shrine - introduction to Shintoism. Arrive Yasuesou, short walk around chamomile dinner Meals B D

Accommodation: Yasuesou

Day 4: Wednesday 12 Sep

Yoga before breakfast followed by a chamomile essence

factory tour

Transferred to Jojuji Temple (10mins) for zazen meditation and tea ceremony.

Two hour stroll. (Mostly flat/slight downhill)

Meals B.L D

Accommodation: Yasuesou

Day 5: Thursday 13 Sep

Meditation and yoga before breakfast and check-out. Transfer to Akashina station for train journey to Nagano Visit Zenkoji Temple and enjoy local lunch.

Transfer by bus to Okusha, walk to accommodation via Kagami Lake a (taking 2.5 hours)

Meals B L D

Accomodation: Tsukiyama Ryokan

Day 6: Friday 14 Sep

Meditation and yoga in big tatami room After breakfast we transfer to 童話の森ギャラリー, for a certified 'forest therapy' walking course (1.2km, taking 1.5 hours, loop course) Luggage waiting at accommodation when we arrive.

Meals B L Accommodation: El Bosco

Day 7: Saturday 15 Sep

Check-out after breakfast; Transfer to Kurohime station

for train journey to Kanazawa

Overnight Kanazawa

Day 8: Sunday 16 Sep

Flight home

Tour ends Kanazawa

INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights accommodation
- · Meals as indicated on itinerary
- All sightseeing activities, incl. entrance fees & local guides
- · Fully escorted
- For full itineray and terms & conditions, please visit website at www.jhtours.com.au

TOUR PRICE - LAND ONLY 8 days / 7 nights

\$3,885 per person (Max 8 perople)
plus 7 day rail pass: \$380 ordinary;
(subject to exchange rate) \$490 green/first

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares & taxes
- · Anything of a personal nature
- Tours or activities outside the published itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Passport, visa fees & departure taxes
- Excess baggage
- · Transfers outside the group transfers

IMPORTANT NOTES

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