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## Japan at Cherry Blossom Time

**Duration** : **12 Days / 11 Nights**  
**Departure Dates** : **01 April 2012**

### Day 1: Tokyo and Kyoto

Travel by bullet train to Kyoto. Check in to your hotel overlooking Kyoto in the setting of a Japanese garden. Free afternoon. Welcome dinner tonight at Junsei Japanese garden restaurant. **(D)**

### Day 2: Kyoto

Stroll the Philosopher's Path this morning with hundreds of Cherry trees in full bloom. At Hakusa Sonso witness a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony performed in its own beautiful garden. **(B,L)**

### Day 3: Kyoto

Morning visit to Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion). The three tiered pavilion glows with a covering of 18-carat gold leaf. Admire the perfect reflection on the broad Mirror Lake before it. Ryoanji Temple is our next stop, Japan's finest example of a rock and sand garden. Next an exclusive visit to Saihoji Temple and the famous Moss Garden. **(B)**

## Day 4: Kyoto

To Nijo Castle, dating from 1603. The garden here, Ninomaru Garden, is planted with ancient pine trees and 430 Sakura cherry trees. Next visit Heian Shrine, a combination of Chinese and Japanese architecture. Enter this strolling garden of the Meiji period through 300 weeping flowering cherries. **(B)**

## Day 5: Kyoto - Kanazawa

This morning, catch the express train north through Japan's picturesque countryside, to the university city of Kanazawa on the Sea of Japan. Visit the Samurai House district and the ancient home of the Nomura Family with its garden in the Kobori Enshu style. **(B)**

## Day 6: Kanazawa

Visit Kenroku-en Gardens, famous for its mature conifer trees and channel gardens of water iris. Kenroku-en combines the six essential features of true gardens: vastness, symmetry, solemnity, coolness, antiquity and pleasure. This is one of Graham Ross' favourite gardens in the world. **(B)**

## Day 7: Kanazawa - Awazu

Travel deep into the Japan Alps to visit Shirakawago Village nestled in a rural setting reminiscent of old Japan. Overnight stay at a traditional Japanese Ryokan, including a Japanese style dinner. **(B,D)**

## Day 8: Awazu - Nikko

A great train journey today to Nikko. Cross the spine of Japan's main island with forests of Japanese Cryptomeria cedar and Chamaecyparis cypress with dotted maples. See Lake Chuzenji and Kegon Waterfall thundering 97m into its canyon and Ryuzu (Dragon Head) Cascade. A warm welcome awaits at the historic Nikko Kanaya Hotel. Silver service dinner at your hotel tonight. **(B, D)**

## Day 9: Nikko

Today a walking tour of Toshogu Shrine, built in 1542 with its ornate Yomeimon Gate and serene Futarasan Shrine. See the giant cryptomerias over 400 years old, the Shinkyō Sacred Bridge across the waters of the Daiya River. Tonight enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner at the hotel. **(B, D)**

## Day 10: Nikko - Tokyo

Today our coach takes us to Tokyo, with stops to see the Sacred Way of ancient Cedar Trees. Visit Omiya Bonsai Village to view some of Japan's finest Bonsai. **(B)**

## Day 11: Tokyo

Rikugien Garden is your destination this morning, a strolling garden laid out in 1695. Later this morning visit Nezu Shrine, one of the famous Meiji Ten Shrines of Tokyo to see the 3000 azaleas in bloom. The private farewell dinner tonight is held in the hotel's garden restaurant. **(B, D)**

## Day 12: Tokyo - Home

Day at leisure to explore Tokyo. Take a stroll down the famous Ginza. Go shopping or enjoy the many temples and amazing sites this ancient city has to offer. Late afternoon transfer to Narita Airport for return flights.