



JAPAN 2019 Rugby Team Ireland



Trail by Rail 10-Day Adventure

SEP 21st – 30th 2019

Quote Reference: **1004927**



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Itinerary

You will find shown below an overview of your itinerary. Please review this and the information on the detailed service breakdown carefully and contact me if you have any questions.

	<i>Day to Day Detail</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Accommodation</i>
Saturday 21 <i>September</i>	<p>Arrive into Tokyo Narita OR Haneda Airport on your scheduled flight (not incl.)</p> <p>Met on arrival by our local driver</p> <p>Transferred to your hotel directly (Check-in at hotel is from 3pm drop bags if your flight arrives early)</p> <p>Free time</p>	Tokyo	3 or 4 Star Tokyo Hotel including breakfast
Sunday 22 <i>September</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Free day</p> <p>Transfer to Yokohama Stadium</p> <p style="text-align: center;">★★ Match 1 ★★ Ireland v Scotland Venue: International Stadium Yokohama Kick Off: 16:45</p> <p>Evening sports pub crawl with a local guide (all-you-can-drink one session included)</p>	Tokyo	3 or 4 Star Tokyo Hotel including breakfast
Monday 23 <i>September</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Optional Day Tours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tokyo 1 Day Tour 2. Tokyo Food Tour 3. Kamakura 1 Day Tour <p><i>Prices for day tours will be released at a later stage. Enquire with your consultant if you would like to receive a quotation.</i></p>	Tokyo	3 or 4 Star Tokyo Hotel including breakfast

Tuesday 24 <i>September</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Transfer to Hakone Guided tour of Hakone Visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hakone shrine ❖ Lake Ashi Cruise ❖ Owakudani observatory ❖ Lunch included <p>Enjoy onsen (hot spring) & dinner at your traditional Japanese ryokan stay</p>	Tokyo Hakone	Traditional Japanese Ryokan in Hakone National Park with hot springs & kaiseki dinner included
Wednesday 25 <i>September</i>	<p>Breakfast at your ryokan</p> <p>Bullet train to Kyoto</p> <p>Afternoon free time in Kyoto</p>	Hakone Kyoto	3 or 4 Star Kyoto or Osaka Hotel including breakfast
Thursday 26 <i>September</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Day at leisure (Suggested itinerary and details will be provided in your travel pack)</p> <p>Night out in Kyoto with a local guide - England v USA match 19:15 (All-you-can-drink one session included)</p>	Kyoto	3 or 4 Star Kyoto or Osaka Hotel including breakfast
Friday 27 <i>September</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Day at leisure</p> <p>OPTION: Day trip to Hiroshima & Miyajima</p>	Kyoto Hiroshima Miyajima Island	3 or 4 Star Kyoto or Osaka Hotel including breakfast
Saturday 28 <i>September</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Bullet train from Kyoto</p> <p>Transfer to Shizuoka Ecopa Stadium</p> <p style="text-align: center;">★★ Match 2 ★★ Ireland v Japan Venue: Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa Kick Off: 16:15</p> <p>Transfer to station</p> <p>Bullet train back to Tokyo</p>	Kyoto Shizuoka Tokyo	3 or 4 Star Tokyo Hotel including breakfast

Sunday 29 September	Breakfast at your hotel Day at leisure (Suggested itinerary and details will be provided in your travel pack)	Tokyo	3 or 4 Star Tokyo Hotel including breakfast
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Monday 30 September	Breakfast at your hotel Transfer from your Tokyo hotel to airport Depart Tokyo on your scheduled flight	Tokyo	Tour Ends <i>Post-Tour extensions are available. Enquire with your travel consultant for ideas and costs.</i>
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Destination Highlights

Tokyo

Everything that you have heard about Tokyo is true – and it is not. For if ever there was a city that you could not confine to one definition, this would be it. The never-ending hustle and bustle of the city creates an energy that is quite contagious. One minute you may be elevated 450 metres above ground overlooking Tokyo’s sprawling metropolis, the next you might be cheering on two sumo wrestlers tackle each other in the sumo stadium. Despite the presence of people and stores everywhere, there is an order that allows things to work efficiently, seemingly against the odds. Tradition and technology stand side by side in this city that can be whatever you want to make of it.



Hakone

Hakone is a beautiful national park area around 50 miles west of Tokyo and just to the south of Mt Fuji, Japan's most sacred peak. The area consists of a handful of small villages and hamlets all connected by a variety of local transport, including buses, cable cars and a mountain railway that winds itself through the region's hills and valleys. Hakone has plenty to see and do, from tasting eggs boiled in volcanic waters to taking a boat trip across beautiful Lake Ashi. The outdoor sculpture park and Picasso gallery is a great place to wander around for an afternoon. Or maybe you will just sit back and relax whilst soaking in one of the many therapeutic hot spring baths that Hakone is so famous for. The other main draw to this area is the proximity to Japan's most sacred and iconic mountain, Fuji-san with its near perfect symmetrical form soaring skywards and towering over the surrounding hills. From Hakone you have one of the best chances of getting a view of Mt. Fuji from the various view points to be found throughout the area. However, be sure to have your camera at the ready; Fuji is notoriously shy and you do not want to miss that precious photo opportunity!



Kyoto

Oozing with tradition, Kyoto is the ultimate destination for anybody who wants to soak up time-honoured Japanese culture. Home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites, over 1,600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines, this ancient city showcases the heart and soul of traditional Japan. Kyoto boasts an array of world-class gardens, majestic festivals and delicate cuisine, all of which make much of the rhythms of nature and the changing of the seasons. On first glance however, visitors will see that like any large Japanese city, grid-like Kyoto has its fair share of neon and concrete. But the discerning eye will soon pick out Kyoto's treasures: sacred shrines tucked in among shopping arcades, time-honoured teahouses nestling among modern businesses and mysterious geisha scuttling down backstreets among the tourists and souvenirs. Kyoto's charm lies in these details and whether you're here for three days or three years, the closer you look, the more you'll discover.



Hiroshima

Hiroshima is a city that needs little introduction. It is of course well-known for being the site of one of two atomic bombs dropped on Japan at the end of the Second World War. Despite its tragic past, Hiroshima is now a bustling and vibrant city which has risen phoenix-like from the ashes. The Peace Park and Museum are a poignant reminder of the reason for Hiroshima's fame and everyone should spend an afternoon in this part of town. Other attractions in Hiroshima include Hiroshima Castle and the baseball stadium. The Shukkei-en garden is well worth an afternoon stroll with a number of tea houses dotted about the grounds. No visit to Hiroshima would be complete without sampling okonomiyaki, a kind of Japanese savoury pancake, that you choose the ingredients for before having one of the cooks make it on a hot plate right in front of your eyes. If the smell doesn't tickle your taste buds, the taste will leave them screaming out for more.



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Miyajima Island

Miyajima Island, located just off the coast of Hiroshima, is one of Japan's most loved places with a charming rural atmosphere to match the beautiful surroundings. The island is perhaps best known for the red torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine which appears to be floating in the sea. In the evening this gate and the shrine behind it (as well as other traditional buildings in the area) are floodlit and the atmosphere is magical. A cable car takes you to fantastic views across the Inland Sea from Mount Misen, the highest point of the island. There are many pleasant walks on Miyajima among the temples and along the bustling shopping street in the island's small village. You may also see some of the island's native fauna; the sacred deer are easy to spot as they roam freely, but you'll have to work a little harder to spot any of the resident monkey population; keep your eyes peeled! Miyajima is a wonderful place to slow down, unwind and relax, so take your time and let the magic of this island enchant you!



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- ❖ Izakaya Night Out with Locals
- ❖ Traditional Ryokan Stay
- ❖ Onsen (Hot Spring Baths)
- ❖ Ride on Bullet Trains

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Cost

Room Type	Price Per Person
Standard (3*) Twin/Double Room Sharing	€ 2,500.00
Standard (3*) Single Occupancy Rooms	€ 3,200.00
Superior (4/5*) Twin Room Sharing	€ 3,865.00
Superior (4/5*) Single Occpuancy Rooms	€ 5,215.00

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What's Included?

Please find below a detailed breakdown of all the services included in this package. **If the service does not appear in this list then it is not included in the package.** This list reflects exactly what you will receive in terms of flights, accommodation, transport and other services such as guiding or event tickets.

Accommodation

Date	Nights	City	Hotel	Accommodation
Sat 21 Sep 19	3	Tokyo	Standard or Superior City Centre Hotels	Western Style - Incl. B'fast
Tue 24 Sep 19	1	Hakone	Standard or Superior Ryokan	Japanese Style - (Incl. B'fast & Dinner)
Wed 25 Sep 19	3	Kyoto	Standard or Superior City Centre Hotels	Western Style - Incl. B'fast
Sat 28 Sep 19	2	Tokyo	Standard or Superior City Centre Hotels	Western Style - Incl. B'fast

Transport

Date	City	Service	
Sat 21 Sep 19	Tokyo	Airport - Tokyo Hotel Transfer	Mini-Van / Shared Service
Sun 22 Sep 19	Tokyo	Hotel to Stadium Transfer	Return Transfer to/from hotel in Tokyo
Tue 24 Sep 19	Tokyo	Transfer from Tokyo to Hakone	Shared Coach
Wed 25 Sep 19	Hakone	Japan Rail Pass	7 Days – Ordinary
Wed 25 Sep 19	Hakone	Train from Odawara to Kyoto	Japan Rail Pass - Ordinary
Sat 28 Sep 19	Kyoto	Bullet train from Kyoto to Shizuoka	Japan Rail Pass - Ordinary
Sat 28 Sep 19	Shizuoka	Bullet train from Shizuoka to Tokyo	Japan Rail Pass - Ordinary
Mon 30 Sep 19	Tokyo	Tokyo Hotel – Airport Transfer	Mini-Van / Shared Service

Other

Date	Service	
Sun 22 Sep 19	Evening Sports Pub Crawl in Tokyo with Local Guide	Guide - Private Service
Tue 24 Sep 19	Guide Service in Hakone	Guide - Private Service
Thu 26 Sep 19	Evening Fun Night Out in Kyoto with Local Guide	Guide - Private Service

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UJT's Additional **Services:**

Standard on all of our trips to Japan are the following services:

- ✓ Comprehensive tailor-made travel pack
- ✓ Local Emergency Contact
- ✓ All taxes and service charges
- ✓ Financial Protection

Not Included:

- Meals other than those detailed above
- International Flights
- Baggage Handling (Don't worry, we will advise on how and when to send your large bags from hotel to hotel - a cheap, efficient, and reliable service)
- Tour Guide / Driver Gratuity (optional)
- Optional Tours (list will become available closer to the dates)
- RWC Match Tickets*

** "My team and I are working closely with an official ticket agent. If you are based in Ireland and would like us to arrange tickets, we can do so through this agent. However, where possible, we recommend you arrange your own tickets as this will be the most cost effective way to travel for RWC"*

Darina Slattery, UJT Owner/Manger

UJT's Essential **Travel Pack**

At Unique Japan Tours we aim to make your adventures in Japan run as smoothly as possible. To facilitate this we will provide a detailed Travel Pack, tailor-made for your specific trip including:

- ✓ Tips, hints and information covering subjects as diverse as transport, food, language and bathing etiquette!
- ✓ Detailed step-by-step itinerary including hotel names (in both English and Japanese – good to have for taxi drivers) and daily suggested itineraries with clear details on how to make this happen!
- ✓ Customised access maps with bi-lingual train times and full instructions for every journey you will be making in Japan.
- ✓ Destination guides giving you up to date information on each place you visit.
- ✓ Local Area Maps, Vouchers, and Emergency contact details.

Any other information you have specifically requested from us, e.g. dietary requirements message in Japanese to hand to hotels etc. etc.

Luggage Forwarding Service

Although we do not include baggage handling in most of our packages (unless groups or specifically requested) you will be able to make use of Japan's fantastic luggage forwarding service during your trip. This service is reliable, efficient and affordable, and means you relax and travel in comfort without having to drag heavy bags around with you for much of your trip. A suitcase or bag can be sent from one destination to another on an overnight basis for around 1,000-1,800yen. If your trip involves stays in multiple destinations your Travel Pack will contain details of specific points during the trip where we suggest you make use of this forwarding service, and you can pay on the day should you choose to do so - virtually all hotels are happy to help.

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Top 5 Reasons to choose UJT....

1. FULLY BONDED – FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Unique Japan Tours is a member of the The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited, so rest assured, your tour is fully protected no matter what country you are paying from. Full details of this will be clearly explained in our terms and conditions.



2. 11 YEARS IN BUSINESS (2007 – 2018)

UJT's Founder, Darina Slattery, began her research 20 years ago at Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo. Today, she leads a team of Japan travel experts, working with various local suppliers in Japan directly, and selling tours to Japan globally. This **invaluable knowledge** will ensure you make the most out of your time and money spent in Japan.



3. A PERSONAL SERVICE & FAMILY FRIENDLY

Our work ethic is **family & customer focused**. Darina grew up in the hotel industry (family-run) where hospitality and service were key to its success. UJT prides itself on offering a **very personal service** from start to finish. We also welcome face-to-face meetings in our Dublin city centre office (54 Dawson Street, Dublin 2).

4. FULLY FLEXIBLE & TAILOR-MADE

Your trip can be tailored exactly the way you want it. If you fancy adding in Sumo tickets, or an evening with a Kyoto Geisha, just ask! The crazier the request, the happier we are in making sure you get the very best out of your time in Japan.

5. JAPAN BASED

Our Japan based operation, **UJT Services G.K.** based in Tokyo is ready to help/assist you on the ground offering peace of mind throughout every stage of your journey. You will be provided with an emergency and local phone number to contact at any time, if the need arises. Our team are a mix of Japanese and International staff, all of whom have lived and worked in Japan for some time.



How it works:

Below you will find the process on how Unique Japan Tours will operate 2019's Rugby World Cup tours. If, for any reason, we have to make any changes, we will inform you in advance.

- ✓ Read and agree our **Full [Terms & Conditions](#)**
- ✓ Pay your **non-refundable booking deposit** of €250 p/person
- ✓ Once secured, you are not required to do anything else until closer to the date. We will be in touch with you as necessary with updates on hotels and any other services.
- ✓ Fill out your details on your own Unique Japan Tours **[Travel Portal](#)** (your travel consultant will send you this once deposit is received)
- ✓ Final Payment is due by **July 20th, 2019**. Payments can be made online or by bank transfer. Or, **Pay as you go'** through your own **[Travel Portal](#)** – from anytime after you pay deposit up until July 20th, 2019.
- ✓ Your **Travel Pack** is sent to your postal address **2 weeks prior** to your start date (if you need it sooner we can be flexible but advance notice is needed)

Price Guarantee & Availability of Services

- ✓ Please note that all arrangements are subject to availability unless otherwise stated. We receive your deposit on the understanding that we will refund it, should we be unable to confirm your itinerary or offer an alternative you find acceptable. However, the deposit is non-refundable once all the arrangements you requested have been confirmed. It is recommended that you purchase cancellation/medical insurance at the time of deposit payment.

How to book?

When ready to book, all we need to get started is your deposit of €250 per person. If you prefer to do a bank transfer, we can email this to you.

Pay Deposit Online: <https://www.uniquejapantours.com/online-payment/>

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