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Japan 2019 Rugby 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.

	Daily Schedule	Location	Accommodation & Meals
Saturday 21 September	Arrive into Tokyo Narita OR Haneda Airport on your scheduled flight Met on arrival by our local driver Transferred to your hotel directly (Check-in at hotel is from 3pm drop bags if your flight arrives early) Free time (Suggested itinerary & details will be provided in your travel pack)	Tokyo	Standard Hotel: Akasaka B Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: New Otani Hotel (or similar) Meals: None
Sunday 22 September	Breakfast at your hotel Free day (Suggested itinerary & details will be provided in your travel pack) Transfer to Yokohama Stadium ★★ Match 1 ★★ Ireland v Scotland Venue: International Stadium Yokohama Kick Off: 16:45 Post Match Entertainment at local Izakaya (casual style drinking/dining with 2 hours All you can Eat & Drink session included)	Tokyo	Standard Hotel: Akasaka B Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: New Otani Hotel (or similar) Meals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Breakfast✓ Dinner with Drinks included

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Monday 23 September	Breakfast at your hotel Afternoon City Sightseeing with local guide (included).	Tokyo	Standard Hotel: Akasaka B Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: New Otani Hotel (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Tuesday 24 September	Breakfast at your hotel Free Day Tokyo or join one of our Optional Day Tours to: Optional Day Tours: 1. Tokyo 1 Day Tour 2. Tokyo Food Tour 3. Kamakura 1 Day Tour 4. Nikko Unesco World Heritage 5. Mt Takao <i>Prices for day tours will be released at a later stage. Enquire with your travel consultant.</i>	Tokyo	Standard Hotel: Akasaka B Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: New Otani Hotel (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Wednesday 25 September	Breakfast at your hotel Meet our local staff in your hotel lobby in the morning Transfer to Matsumoto by coach or train Visit: - Nagano Snow Monkey Park - Matsumoto Castle Enjoy free time in the afternoon/evening	Tokyo ↓↓ Matsumoto	Standard Hotel: Matsumoto Tokyu Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Buena Vista Hotel (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast

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Thursday 26 September	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Transfer to Kawaguchiko by coach or train</p> <p>Sightseeing around Kawaguchiko Area including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cable Car Ropeway - Cruise on Lake Kawaguchi - Adventure up to 5th Station of Mt Fuji <p>Return to your hotel in the evening Enjoy a relaxing time at your hot spring before your 1st traditional Japanese evening meal</p>	<p>Matsumoto</p> <p>↓↓</p> <p>Kawaguchiko</p>	<p>Standard Ryokan: Lake Hotel (or similar)</p> <p>Superior Ryokan: Kounanaso (or similar)</p> <p>Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breakfast ✓ Dinner
Friday 27 September	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Optional Day Tours with local guide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FujiQ Highland Fun Park 2. Kawaguchiko Hiking <p>Dinner & Onsen at your hotel</p>	<p>Kawaguchiko</p>	<p>Standard Ryokan: Fuji Lake Hotel (or similar)</p> <p>Superior Ryokan: Kounanaso (or similar)</p> <p>Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breakfast ✓ Dinner <p>Dinner</p>
Saturday 28 September	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Transfer to Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">★★ Match 2 ★★ Ireland v Japan Venue: Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa Kick Off: 16:15</p> <p>Transfer to Kyoto after the match by bullet train using your Japan Rail Pass</p>	<p>Kawaguchiko</p> <p>↓↓</p> <p>Kyoto (via Shizuoka)</p>	<p>Standard Hotel: Daiwa Roynet Hotel (or similar)</p> <p>Superior Hotel: Hotel Granvia Kyoto (or similar)</p> <p>Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breakfast

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Sunday 29 September	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Kyoto City Sightseeing with our local Kyoto expert guide (included):</p> <p>Visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Nijo Castle ❖ Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) ❖ Lunch at local restaurant ❖ Arashiyama Bamboo Forest ❖ Heian Shrine ❖ Gion Area <p>●● Highlight ●● Authentic Tea Ceremony with Kyoto Geisha Experience</p>	Kyoto	<p>Standard Hotel: Daiwa Roynet Hotel (or similar)</p> <p>Superior Hotel: Hotel Granvia Kyoto (or similar)</p> <p>Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breakfast ✓ Lunch ✓ Tea Ceremony & Entrance Fees included
Monday 30 September	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Free day in Kyoto</p> <p>Or, you will be given the option to join one of our Unique Japan Tours special day tours</p> <p>Sample of our Optional Day Tours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nara & Arashiyama Day Trip 2. Suntry Japanese Whiskey Distillery (Limited availability. Pre-booking required) 	Kyoto	<p>Standard Hotel: Daiwa Roynet Hotel (or similar)</p> <p>Superior Hotel: Hotel Granvia Kyoto (or similar)</p> <p>Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breakfast
Tuesday 01 October	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Free day in Kyoto or Optional Tours available</p>	Kyoto	<p>Standard Hotel: Daiwa Roynet Hotel (or similar)</p> <p>Superior Hotel: Hotel Granvia Kyoto (or similar)</p> <p>Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breakfast

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Wednesday 02 October	Breakfast at your hotel Transfer to Kobe Free time or Optional Tours available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kobe Sake Brewery VisitKobe Beef Lunch or DinnerHerb Garden & Carpentry Museum	Kyoto ↓↓ Kobe	Standard Hotel: Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu Rei Hotel (or similar) Deluxe Hotel: Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Thursday 03 October	Breakfast at your hotel Free time or Optional Tours available (see above) Transfer to Stadium ★★ Match 3 ★★ Ireland v Europe 1 Venue: Kobe Misaki Stadium Kick Off: 19:15 Return to your hotel Post Match Entertainment arranged locally (pay separately)	Kobe	Standard Hotel: Kobe Sannomiya Tokyu Rei Hotel (or similar) Deluxe Hotel: Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Friday 04 October	Breakfast at your hotel Bullet Train from Kobe to Hiroshima Free time in Hiroshima (Suggested itinerary & details will be provided in your travel pack)	Kobe ↓↓ Hiroshima	Standard Hotel: Hiroshima JAL City Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hiroshima Sheraton Hotel (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast

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Saturday <i>05 October</i>	Breakfast at your hotel Free time or Optional Tours will be available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Miyajima Island 1 Day Tour	Hiroshima Miyajima Island	Standard Hotel: Hiroshima JAL City Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hiroshima Sheraton Hotel (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Sunday <i>06 October</i>	Breakfast at your hotel Train from Hiroshima to Nagasaki Free time in Nagasaki (Suggested itinerary & details will be provided in your travel pack)	Hiroshima ↓↓ Nagasaki	Standard Hotel: JR Kyushu Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hotel Nagasaki Best Western Premier Collection (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Monday <i>07 October</i>	Breakfast at your hotel Free time with suggestions on where to go and how to get there in your travel pack. Optional Guided Tours will also be available, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gunkanjima (Battleship Island) & Nagasaki Guided Tour	Nagasaki	Standard Hotel: JR Kyushu Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hotel Nagasaki Best Western Premier Collection (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Tuesday <i>08 October</i>	Breakfast at your hotel Train from Nagasaki to Kumamoto Free afternoon in Kumamoto (Suggested itinerary & details will be provided in your travel pack)	Nagasaki ↓↓ Kumamoto	Standard Hotel: Kumamoto Tokyu REI Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hotel Nikko Kumamoto (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast

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Wednesday 09 October	Breakfast at your hotel Free time or Optional Tours will be available: • Mt Aso Day Tour	Kumamoto Mt Aso	Standard Hotel: Kumamoto Tokyu REI Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hotel Nikko Kumamoto (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Thursday 10 October	Breakfast at your hotel Train from Kumamoto to Fukuoka Free time in Fukuoka (Suggested itinerary & details will be provided in your travel pack)	Kumamoto ↓↓ Fukuoka	Standard Hotel: Fukuoka Tokyu Excel Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hotel Nikko Fukuoka (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Friday 11 October	Breakfast at your hotel Free time or Optional Tour will be available: • Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine & Kyushu National Museum Day Tour	Fukuoka	Standard Hotel: Fukuoka Tokyu Excel Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hotel Nikko Fukuoka (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast
Saturday 12 October	Breakfast at your hotel ★★★ Match 4 ★★★ Ireland v Europe 1 Venue: Fukuoka Hakatanomori Stadium Kick Off: 19:45 Post Match Entertainment will be available to join with our local city representatives (Pay locally)	Fukuoka	Standard Hotel: Fukuoka Tokyu Excel Hotel (or similar) Superior Hotel: Hotel Nikko Fukuoka (or similar) Meals: ✓ Breakfast

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Sunday <i>13 October</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Option 1: Transfer back to Tokyo by bullet train</p> <p>Option 2: Depart Japan from Fukuoka Airport (Finnair)</p> <p>Option 3: Depart Japan from Osaka International Airport (Kansai)</p>	<p>Fukuoka</p> <p>↓↓</p> <p>Tokyo / Osaka / Fukuoka</p>	<p><i>Your Hotel tonight will depend on which airport you fly home from. Inform your Travel Consultant once you have your flights confirmed.</i></p>
Monday <i>14 October</i>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel</p> <p>Transfer from your hotel to airport (included no matter which city you stay)</p> <p>Depart Japan on your scheduled flight</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Post-Tour extensions available. Consult with any of our Japan travel experts.</p>	<p>Tokyo</p> <p>Fukuoka</p> <p>Osaka</p> <p>(Options available)</p>	

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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.



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Yokohama

Yokohama has a real buzz about it and is a great place to stay. Why not take a ride up to the dizzy heights of the Landmark Tower which is the tallest building in Japan and on a good day you can see not only Yokohama and Tokyo, but Mt Fuji rising up in the distance. There are some lovely parks and walking routes around the city as well as great shopping. The Ramen noodle museum is not to be missed and in the basement there is a recreation of old Japan where you can sample a variety of noodles from all over the country. If you are still hungry then why not have a wander around the largest China Town in Japan and I am sure you will leave with a full stomach!



Sunday Sep 22, 2019:

Ireland V Scotland @

International Stadium Yokohama 16.45 KO

Saturday 26 & 27 Oct, 2019 SEMI FINALS 1 & 2

Saturday 02 Nov, 2019 FINAL 18.00 KO

Capacity: 72,327



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Matsumoto

Matsumoto is an alpine city surrounded on all sides by the towering peaks of the Japan Alps and has an almost European feel to it. The city is most famous for its original castle which is only a short distance from the station. This is one of the only original castles in Japan and really gives you a sense of ancient Japan and how the samurai used to live and fight. The city also boasts a number of sake breweries, hidden in the backstreets amongst the traditional buildings, a good museum of Ukiyoe woodblock prints, and is the home of soba noodles, the local speciality which is particularly delicious. You can also try some of the city's other local delicacy - raw horse! The city has a really relaxed atmosphere and a cosmopolitan feel befitting of a city renowned for its musicians and authors. The famous violin teacher, Suzuki (of the Suzuki method) originated from Matsumoto and you will find a commemorative statue on the street opposite the station.



Kawaguchiko

Lake Kawaguchi is the most easily accessible of the Fuji Five Lakes. It is located in Kawaguchiko Town, a hot spring resort named after the lake, and well connected with central Tokyo by trains and direct buses. The main draw to this area are the amazing views of Mount Fuji. From Kawaguchiko you can sit back and relax in one of the many hot spring baths gazing up at its near symmetrical form or if you want to get even closer then there are regular buses up to the fifth station. In the summer months this is the ideal base for climbing Mount Fuji and the start of the traditional pilgrimage route.

Oshino Hakkai is a small village in the Fuji Five Lakes just twenty minutes by bus from Kawaguchiko. Built on the site of a former sixth lake that dried out several hundred years ago, it attracts visitors from all over, who enjoy wandering around the traditional town which is famous for its set of eight ponds and traditional thatched houses. Each pond are fed by the running waters of Fuji-san, making the water very clear and some drinkable.



Other attractions in the area include the theme park Fuji Q High Land, featuring one of the world's tallest roller coasters and other thrilling attractions with Mount Fuji as a spectacular backdrop. There are also a number of excellent art museum and galleries including the Ichiku Kubota Museum which displays some simply stunning textiles and kimono.

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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.



Dinner With Geisha At Local Kyoto Restaurant

On one evening in Kyoto you will experience the very rare chance to meet and chat with one of Kyoto's infamous white faced and kimono clad Geisha's known as 'Maiko', exclusive to Kyoto.

Our guide will meet you at your hotel lobby. Together, make your way to a traditional restaurant in Kyoto for an evening feast of food and drink in a private room. Your Maiko will make an appearance for approx. 30-40 minutes giving you full attention to your questions and curiosities! She will perform a traditional dance or if playing an instrument, will bring this with her too.



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Hamamatsu (Shizuoka)

The city of Hamamatsu was once a castle town, and later flourished as a post station for travelers. Located in the western part of Shizuoka Prefecture and situated about midway between Tokyo and Osaka, it sits near the center of Honshu. The city's total area is quite large. The city has Lake Hamana-ko to the west, in the area extending from Hamamatsu Station along the Pacific Ocean. To the south is the Enshu-nada Sea, which hugs the Nakatajima Sakyu (sand dunes). To the north are mountains covered with lush greenery, and the Tenryu-gawa River. With the sea, lakes, mountains and rivers, the area displays a variety of expressions. Gyoza, a type of Japanese dumpling, are a popular dish in this city.



Saturday Sep 28, 2019 JAPAN V IRELAND @ Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa 16.15 KO

Capacity: 50,889



Kobe

Located in the Kansai region of Japan, Kobe is the capital city of Hyogo Prefecture. Kobe is truly a cosmopolitan city and has close ties with countries all around the world due to the busy port. Unusually for Japan, foreign visitors are a common sight to the residents of Kobe and the city even has a Chinatown and is home to Japan's first golf course which was built in 1903. In the west, Kobe is perhaps best known for the devastating earthquake which hit in 1995, the city has now fully recovered and you can learn about the earthquake at the fascinating downtown museum. Although Kobe is justly famous for its highly regarded beef, it has many other culinary delights including fresh fish such as sea bream and octopus from the nearby Akashi Kaikyo Channel

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(which is spanned by the world's largest suspension bridge called Akashi Kaikyo Bridge). Mt Rokko behind Kobe is the setting for one of Japan's first "onsen" spa resorts, namely Arima Onsen which has been used as far back as the 8th Century and is still providing restorative soaks today! Mt Rokko also provides a breathtaking view of the city and sea beyond.



Thursday Oct 03, 2019:

Ireland V Russia

@ Kobe Misaki Stadium 19.15 KO

Capacity: 30,132



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 okomiyaki, 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!



Nagasaki

Often described as one of the most picturesque cities in Japan, Nagasaki's position near the sea and the geography of the area makes this town very appealing. Nagasaki has a cosmopolitan atmosphere and it has a lot to offer for a relaxing few days in this part of Japan. Of course Nagasaki is mainly famous for being the target of the second atomic bomb at the end of World War Two. The A bomb hypocenter and the nearby museum are well worth a visit and essential if you are to understand the history of the area. Nagasaki was for many years the only city in Japan to be open to the West and you can see evidence of this throughout the city. There are shrines, temples, Catholic churches and European style buildings; something that you will rarely find in other areas of Japan. At night, you can get great views from Inasa-yama which has a cable car which takes you up the 330m hill. The local specialty is shippoku which combines European, Chinese and Japanese food in lots of small dishes eaten around a round table. Other local foods include chanpon (seafood, meat and vegetables with noodles) and sara udon (similar to chanpon but with a thicker sauce).



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Kumamoto

Kumamoto is well worth spending half a day exploring Kumamoto Castle. Built more than 400 years ago by the warlord Kato Kiyomasa, the castle was considered impregnable in its time due to its many innovative defensive designs. Large parts of the castle were destroyed however, in Japan's last civil war in 1877, when an army of former samurai unsuccessfully attempted to challenge the new Meiji government. Today's castle is a faithful reconstruction and is one of the largest castles in Japan. Also of interest in Kumamoto is the beautiful mountain style garden at Suizen-ji Temple and brave foodies may wish to try the local speciality: raw horse meat!



Mt Aso

The ancient yet still active Aso volcano located in the middle of Kyushu, is one of Japan's most impressive geographical formations. The awe-inspiring caldera is one of the largest in the world measuring a mighty 25 by 18km. Within the caldera crater are five mountain peaks and the highest summit, Naka-Dake, which visitors can hike up to or reach by cable car. From there you can peer down into the hot bubbling crater cauldron. Further down the slopes the Aso caldera gives way to open pastures and grasslands making for excellent walking and hiking opportunities. Of course all this volcanic activity means there are plenty of hot spring baths available, the best of which are in the onsen resort of Kurokawa.



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Fukuoka

Fukuoka has recently become a very attractive destination for both foreign and Japanese tourists. This is a modern city on the up and is fast gaining a reputation for its culture, entertainment and future thinking. Fukuoka boasts the country's largest hotel, longest bar, biggest cinema complex and the most advanced baseball stadium and the stunning architecture of "Canal City" is well worth a few hours exploration. This is a complex containing a hotel, cinemas, and shopping built around a semi-circular strip of water. If you are after something more traditional then head to the Hakata Machiya Folk Museum which contains folk crafts for which the city is famous. Try the local delicacy at your own risk! Fugu or blow fish is the poisonous fish that is served throughout Japan but is most delicious and cheapest in this area. Chefs must be specially trained to prepare this fish but several people still die each year from poisoning. If Fugu doesn't take your fancy then why not get a snack from one of the many Yatai street vendors. Finally, a trip out to Dazaifu Temple is definitely not to be missed.



Saturday Oct 12, 2019:

Ireland V Play-off Winner @ Fukuoka
Hakatanomori Stadium 19.45 KO

Capacity: 30,000



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Cost

Room Type	Price per Person
Standard (3*) Twin/Double Room Sharing	€ 5,500.00
Standard (3*) Single Occupancy Rooms	€ 6,900.00
Superior (4/5*) Twin Room Sharing	€ 7,500.00
Superior (4/5*) Single Occupancy Rooms	€ 9,700.00

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. Tour hotel list will be confirmed 90 days prior to the tour dates.

Accommodation

Date	Nights	City	Hotel	Accommodation
Sat 21 Sep 19	4	Tokyo	3* or 4/5* Star City Centre	Western Style incl. B'fast
Wed 25 Sep 19	1	Matsumoto	3* or 4* Star City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast
Thu 26 Sep 19	2	Kawaguchiko	Standard or Superior Ryokan	Japanese Style Incl. B'fast & Dinner (2)
Sat 28 Sep 19	4	Kyoto/Osaka	3* or 4/5* City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast
Wed 02 Oct 19	2	Kobe	3* or 4* City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast
Fri 04 Oct 19	2	Hiroshima	3* or 4* City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast
Sun 06 Oct 19	2	Nagasaki	3* or 4* City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast
Tue 08 Oct 19	2	Kumamoto	3* or 4* City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast
Thu 10 Oct 19	3	Fukuoka	3* or 4/5* City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast
Sun 13 Oct 19	1	Tokyo	3* or 4/5* City Centre	Western Style Incl. B'fast

Transport

Date	City	Service	
Sat 21 Sep 19	Tokyo	Airport - Tokyo Hotel Transfer	Shared (Standard) or Private (Superior)
Sat 21 Sep 19	Tokyo	Suica Card Tokyo	Suica Card - Transport Pass
Wed 25 Sep 19	Tokyo	Japan Rail Pass	7 Days - Ordinary (Standard Package) or Green for (Superior Package)
Thu 26 Sep 19	Matsumoto	Transfer from Matsumoto to Kawaguchiko	Chartered Coach
Sat 28 Sep 19	Kawaguchiko	Kawaguchiko to Shinkansen Station	Chartered Coach
Sat 28 Sep 19	Shizuoka	Train from Shizuoka to Kyoto	Japan Rail Pass - Ordinary or Green
Sun 29 Sep 19	Kyoto	Kyoto Full Day Sightseeing	Chartered Coach
Fri 04 Oct 19	Kobe	Japan Rail Pass	14 Days - Ordinary (Standard Package) or Green for (Superior Package)
Mon 14 Oct 19	Tokyo	Airport - Tokyo Hotel Transfer	Shared or Private Service

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Other

Date	Service	
Thu 26 Sep 19	Transfer assistant	Assistant - Private Service
Sun 29 Sep 19	Full Day Private Guide Service in Kyoto	Guide - Private Service + Lunch + Entrance Fees
Sun 29 Sep 19	Authentic Tea Ceremony Featuring Kyoto Geisha	Private Service

What's Not Included?

Unique Japan Tours are working closely with an Official Ticket Agent for match ticket & flight packages. Below is a guideline price of what it will cost to purchase your tickets & flights separately.

- CAT D + Economy Flight: €2,085
 - CAT C + Economy Flight: €2,382
 - CAT B + Economy Flight: €2,662
 - CAT A + Economy Flight: €2,970
- Prices include tickets to all 4 pool games for Ireland
 - Business Class Supplement: €3,080 per person
 - Flight will be available to book 360 days prior to your start date
 - Airlines offered are at the discretion of the Official Travel Agent
 - Deposit required to secure match tickets €150 per person paid directly to the Official Ticket Agent

●● TOP TRAVEL TIPS ●●

1. Avoid any price increase in our land packages by booking now.
2. Price is fixed when deposit (€250 pp) is paid.
3. Enter rugby world cup lottery draw for your chance to win tickets to games.



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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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
- ✓ Option to secure your Rugby Match Tickets & Flights through our preferred RWC Official Travel Agent

Not Included:

- Meals other than those detailed above
- International Flights & Match Tickets*
- 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)

** See page 22 for Price Guidelines*

EMAIL: rugby2019@uniquejapantours.com

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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.

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Why Choose Unique Japan Tours?

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. 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH JAPAN

UJT's Founder, Darina Slattery MBS, BA (hons), began her research over 20 years ago at Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo. Today, she leads a team of Japan travel experts, working with hundreds of local suppliers in Japan directly, selling tours to Japan globally. This **invaluable knowledge & expert advice** 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 professional **personal service** from start to finish. We also welcome face-to-face meetings in our city centre Dublin office (54 Dawson Street, Dublin 2).

4. FULLY FLEXIBLE & TAILOR-MADE

If this trip does not suit your needs, then why not ask for a Tailor Made Trip around the Rugby Games you wish to see. Our team of Japan & Rugby Travel Experts are capable of just about anything when it comes to traveling 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 step 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 in Japan are a mix of Japanese and International staff, all of whom will know your tour inside out!



How it works?

Below you will find the process on how Unique Japan Tours will operate 2019's Rugby 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 now, to secure your place
- ✓ 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. Stage payments may be requested depending on your tour. Payment dates will be clearly stated on your final invoice.
- ✓ 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. All passengers traveling with Unique Japan Tours are required to take out medical and cancellation travel insurance.

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/japan-rugby-2019/>

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