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Itinerary

## ADAM LIAW CULINARY TOURS

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 JAPAN

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📍 Tokyo | Shiretoko | Lake Akan | Sapporo | Osaka | Kyoto

12-DAYS

## Tour Inclusions

- ✈️ Flights
- 🏠 Accommodation
- 🍴 Meals
- 🚌 Transfers
- 🏞️ Activities

## Tour Highlights



Join one of Australia's most beloved chefs, food writers, and TV hosts, Adam Liaw, as he leads travellers on immersive culinary journeys across Japan and beyond. With Gullivers, Adam has been curating exclusive tours blending food, culture, and adventure for over 5 years.

- Visit to **Shiretoko Goko** (5 lakes) in the World Heritage listed Shiretoko Peninsula National Park
- A gourmet lunch in Kyoto at Michelin hatted restaurant, **Kinobu**
- The Gion Festival, experience the sights, sounds and smells of historic Nishiki arcade, the provedores to Kyoto's leading restaurants.
- Visit Fushimi Inari, a Shinto shrine famous now for its vermilion torii gates.

## 12-DAY PACKAGE

FROM

**\$9,980**

Price is per person, twin share, air + land package. Plus airline taxes & fees.

\*Indicative Cost



Interested parties, please contact Avia for full details of the tour itinerary and final costings.



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# ITINERARY

DAY 1

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY

AUSTRALIA > TOKYO



- Depart from Sydney by All Nippon Airways' overnight flight NH880. Departure details for interstate travellers are shown at the end of this brochure.

DAY 2

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TOKYO > SHIRETOKO



- Arrive at **Haneda Airport Tokyo**. After clearing quarantine and customs, check in for your connecting flight to **Hokkaido Island, Flight NH377** dep. Haneda at 12:35, arr. Nemuro Nakashibetsu at 14:15.
- We head on to the peaceful rustic fishing village of Utoro in the World Heritage listed **Shiretoko Peninsula National Park**, home to deer, foxes and squirrels. If time allows, we visit The Shiretoko World Heritage Conservation Centre.
- We make our way to our hotel and check in for 2 nights. Dinner at hotel (The Shiretoko Daiichi Hotel or similar).

DAY 3

SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY

SHIRETOKO



- Morning at leisure. This afternoon we will visit **Shiretoko Goko** (5 lakes) and do a little bush walking along carefully curated tracks and take in the scenery. Visit also Shiretoko National Park Nature Centre.
- Dinner at hotel.



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- We leave the hotel by chartered coach this morning to view the beautiful caldera lake, **Lake Mashu**.
- After viewing the lake we travel on to Lake Akan, **the centre of Ainu culture in Hokkaido**. Ainu from all over Japan congregate at Lake Akan in October each year for the ancient Marimo Festival, celebrating their unique culture. We check in at the Tsuruga hotel hot spring resort for 1 night.
- After dinner at the hotel we will soak up some of the local culture with a walk around the Lake Akan shopping strip, lined with little shops plying handicrafts and sculptures for which the Ainu are so famous.



- After checking out from our hotel we travel by chartered coach to **Sapporo**.
- On the way to Sapporo, we will visit **The Nibutani Ainu museum** in the Biratori region. This museum has Ainu crafts designated as important tangible folk cultural properties and lots of audiovisual and book materials. The exhibitions in this museum are utilized for the study of Ainu culture of the Saru Valley.
- Upon arrival at Sapporo, we transfer to our hotel (Sapporo Stream Hotel or similar) and check in for 1 night. Our hotel is located in the heart of **Sapporo's shopping district**. Remainder of the day is free at leisure. Your tour coordinator will be happy to assist you with your dinner arrangements. Sapporo is famous for its "**Ramen**" noodles. Why not try some tonight at a local noodle bar – just like the locals?





- 08:30 Check out from hotel and transfer to Sapporo domestic airport.
- 11:10 Depart from Chitose by All Nippon Airways' flight NH774, arriving at **Itami** at 13:00.
- On arrival, we board a coach for a visit to **Arima**. Enjoy strolling through Arima onsen before transferring to **Kobe** to enjoy dinner at a Kobe beef teppanyaki restaurant tonight. "Kobe beef", synonymous with branded beef of the highest quality, has enchanted gourmets around the world.
- Tonight's restaurant offers beef graded A4 and A5 by strict standards, from Tajima cattle raised in Hyogo Prefecture, the only beef allowed to bear the name of "Kobe beef."
- After dinner, transfer to hotel in **Osaka**, check in for 1 night at Hotel Nikko Osaka or similar. This evening if you feel energetic enough, follow your tour leader for an evening walk to **Dōtonbori**, a vibrant precinct filled with towering neon signs and restaurants serving up local specialties.



- 10:00 Check out from hotel and travel to **Kyoto**. Enjoy a gourmet lunch in Kyoto at Michelin hatted restaurant, **Kinobu**. The **Gion Festival** began over 1100 years ago as procession to appease the gods following a plague and sickness. The festival floats have grown in stature and opulence with each year to become the spectacle we will see over the next couple of days. One of the most prestigious floats will be parked just outside the restaurant, affording us a closer look. We will also experience the sights, sounds and smells of historic Nishiki arcade, the provedores to Kyoto's leading restaurants.
- Check in at hotel Hotel Okura Kyoto or similar for 3 nights. This evening, join the locals and other visitors walking along the main streets of Kyoto to absorb the general buzz of celebration of the Gion Festival "**Yoi-yoi-yama**" night and view the famous floats - the "**Hoko**" that will pass by some distance away on festival day and which will be on display in the streets in the neighbourhood northwest of the parade route.

DAY 8

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY

KYOTO GION FESTIVAL



- Morning at leisure. For lunch today, we enjoy a teppanyaki lunch.
- We hop onto a train and head off to visit **Fushimi Inari**, a Shinto shrine famous now for its vermilion torii gates. There we will explore the array of almost 10,000 vermilion torii gates wending their way through the hills behind **Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine**. The rest of afternoon is free at leisure.
- This evening, join the locals and other visitors walking along the main streets of Kyoto to absorb the carnival atmosphere of Gion Festival “**Yoiyama**” night. There will be music and many more people enjoying the rows of little stalls brimming with street food, trinkets and children’s luckydip games along the closed-off streets.

DAY 9

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY

KYOTO GION FESTIVAL PARADE



- Enjoy the colourful Gion Festival procession of floats this morning, some of them over 25m in height from the ground to the roof and weighing up to 12 tonnes.
- 14:00 After the parade has passed, we meet again for sightseeing by chartered coach, travelling to the **Sagano Arashiyama** area at the foot of the mountains in the northwest corner of Kyoto. Once the exclusive domain of the feudal aristocracy it is famous for its seasonal beauty and bamboo groves.
- We also visit the **UNESCO world heritage Golden Pavilion** (Kinkakuji), a beautiful Zen temple whose top two storeys are completely covered in gold leaf.

DAY 10

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

KYOTO > TOKYO



- Check out from hotel. We will travel from Kyoto to Tokyo by Bullet Train. Upon arrival at Tokyo
- Station, we catch a local train (4 minutes) to the Ginza area for a meal at a gourmet restaurant Rokusantei. After lunch, we walk to our hotel. We end our trip with a stay in the 5-star Imperial Hotel Tokyo for 2 nights.



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DAY 11

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TOKYO



- 09:00 Meet at lobby for full day sightseeing, visiting **Kappabashi** wholesale kitchenware district.
- Visit also **Asakusa Temple and Tsukiji outer market**.
- 18:30 Farewell get-together at **Aqua Lounge** on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel, looking out over the serene landscape of the Imperial Palace grounds.

DAY 12

MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TOKYO



- Today is our last day in Japan, so you might wish to do some last-minute souvenir hunting or an optional half day activity. The official hotel check-out time is 12:00.
- 18:00 Transfer from the hotel to Haneda airport by chartered coach, to check in for your flight back to Australia.
- 22:45 Depart Haneda by All Nippon Airways' overnight flight NH879 dep. HANEDA 22:45.

DAY 13

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

KYOTO > TOKYO



- 09:25 Arrive in Sydney. Interstate passengers make their way to Virgin Australia Airlines
- connecting flights.



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# INCLUSIONS

## FLIGHTS

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- All international and domestic flights:
  - Return economy airfare: Australia (Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne\*) / Tokyo / (Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne\*)
  - From Haneda to Nemuro Nakashibetsu
  - From Sapporo to Itami/Osaka airport

\* Other cities can be quoted on request, pricing may change

\* *Included airfare is an estimation only and is subject to change. Suitable airlines and flight schedules to be reviewed upon booking confirmation.*

## ACCOMMODATION

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- 11 nights – 3.5~5 star hotel accommodation

## MEALS

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- 18 meals: Breakfasts x 10, Lunches x 3 and Dinners x 5, Including Michelin-hat-winning restaurant.

## TRANSPORTATION

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- Chartered coaches and Bullet Train rides. All transportation as specified.

## ACTIVITIES

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- Sightseeing of Shiretoko, Lake Mashu, Lake Akan, Sapporo, Osaka, Kyoto, Tokyo

## TOUR LEADER

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- Travelling with Adam Liaw on a fully escorted tour with an experienced tour leader.

## OTHER

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- All tipping – Coach drivers, hotels (incl. service fees) and restaurants.
- Baggage portorage service – 1 piece per person and tips/service fees



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# NOT INCLUDED

- **All Airline Taxes/levies/surcharges – currently valued at approx. \$270.00 per paying tour participant. Taxes & Fuel surcharges are subject to fluctuate up or down and will be reconfirmed at time of final invoice**
- Excess baggage costs over and above free limit set by airline
- Meals & drinks other than stated under inclusions
- Any suggested or optional sightseeing as detailed in itinerary
- Items of personal nature (e.g. laundry, phone calls, room service, etc.).
- Passport and visa costs – please check with this office if you require visas for your tour. If you are travelling on a non- Australian passport, please check if you require a re-entry visa.
- Travel Insurance HIGHLY RECOMMENDED by the Australian Government – available at Gullivers. Please refer to [Travel Insurance Gullivers](#) for more information >> Insurance | Gullivers for more information.
- All land costs shown are subject to alteration (up or down) due to currency fluctuations. Increases in land and air costs may arise between now and the date of departure. Costs will also depend on availability of flights, hotels, trains, buses etc quoted on. These costs are subject to the group travelling together throughout the tour. Any variation will incur an amendment fee and may also jeopardise the costs for the rest of the group.
- Land costs are based on AUD

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