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JAPAN: LAND OF THE RISING SUN

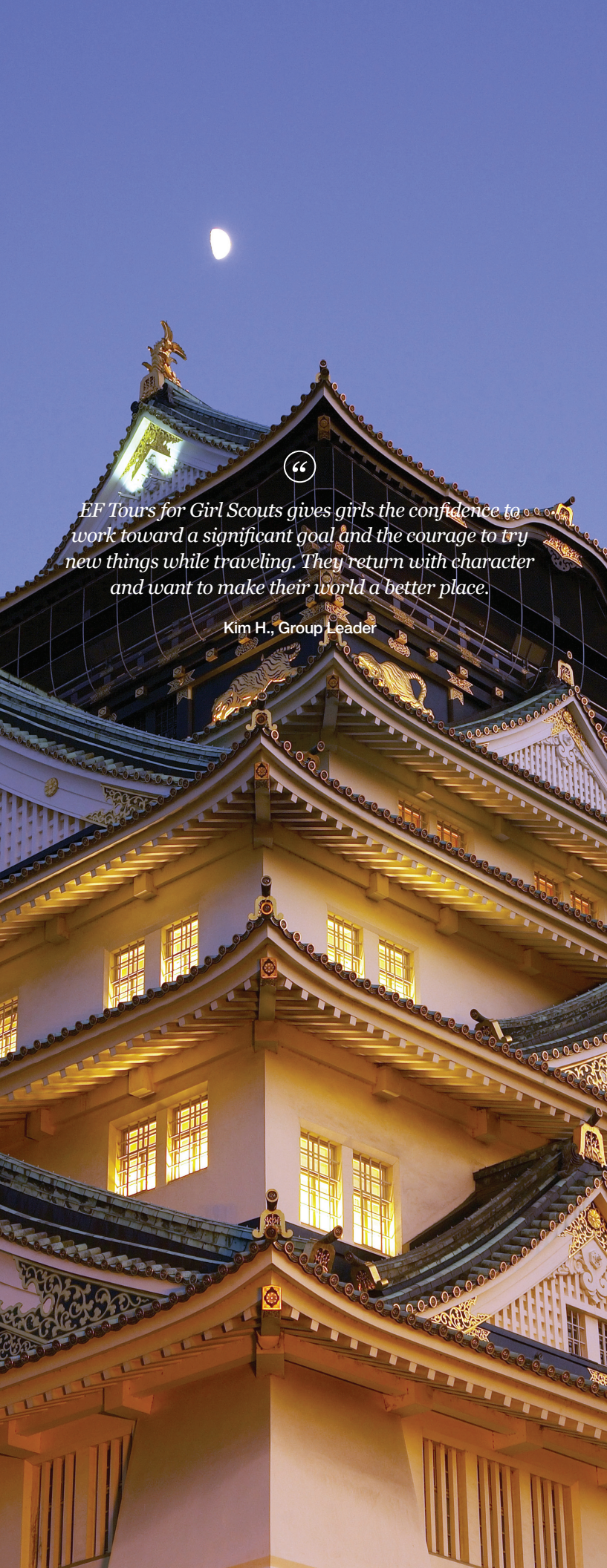
9 or 11 days | Japan

Treat your troop to the treasures of Japan past and present, from the bustling streets of Tokyo to the ancient temples of Kyoto. Stroll through sacred shrines, see the Great Buddha in Kamakura, and catch a glimpse of majestic Mount Fuji. Feast on an authentic tempura dinner, and enjoy true Japanese hospitality at an inn that echoes a traditional ryokan, an amazing cultural and learning experience for every Girl Scout.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (3 with extension); 2 tours led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Meiji Shinto Shrine; Asakusa Kannon Temple; Hachimangu Shrine; Lake Hakone cruise; Mount Komagatake Ropeway; Nijo Castle; Gold Pavilion; Inari Taisha Shrine. *With extension: Itsukushima Shrine; Peace Memorial Museum; Himeji Castle*
-  **Experiential Learning:** Cultural activity
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Bullet train; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension);
-   Breakfast and dinner daily





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Kim H., Group Leader

DAY 1: FLY OVERNIGHT TO JAPAN

DAY 2: TOKYO

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Tokyo, city of contrasts. During your stay you'll encounter the Imperial Palace's stately grandeur close to stories-tall jumbotrons, bound to wow even the most seasoned city-dwellers. See Harajuku's young denizens blaze a path for fashion lovers everywhere in this inimitable shopping district. Counteract the bustle of Tokyo's streets with a visit to the Meiji Shinto Shrine. Quiet and stillness reign inside the elaborate Inner Garden, a wooded oasis in the middle of the city. Make your way to the largest Buddhist temple, Asakusa Kannon. Here, restaurants, theaters, and cinemas surround a five-story pagoda—a perfect symbol of Tokyo's enduring past and ultramodern future.

DAY 3: TOKYO

- Take an expertly guided tour of Tokyo: Ginza District; Imperial Palace Plaza; Shinjuku District; Odaiba City
- Visit the Meiji Shinto Shrine
- Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple

DAY 4: TOKYO

- Take a walking tour of Shibuya/Arajaku
- Enjoy a cultural activity

DAY 5: KAMAKURA | HAKONE-ATAMI AREA

- Travel to Kamakura
- Visit the Hachimangu Shrine
- See the Great Buddha
- Continue on to Hakone. Boasting botanical gardens, an open-air museum, and spectacular views of Mt. Fuji, Hakone welcomes tens of millions of visitors every year. Your stay includes a boat cruise on the sparkling Lake Ashi and a cable car ride up Mount Komagatake. Experience true Japanese hospitality when you spend the night in an inn that echoes a traditional ryokan. During your stay, enjoy the simplicity of your surroundings and sleep on a futon atop tatami-matted floors—remember to remove your shoes before you enter.
- Spend the night in an inn that echoes a traditional ryokan

DAY 6: HAKONE | KYOTO

- Travel to Owakudani
- Tour Hakone National Park
- Take a cruise on Lake Hakone
- Ride a cable car up Mount Komagatake
- Stop for a photo at Odawara Castle
- Travel by bullet train to Kyoto, a city that conjures up images of sunlit walks around tiered pagodas and quiet lakes lined with cherry blossom trees. Experience this scenery firsthand on your visit to the tranquil Gold Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple painted in delicate gold leaf. As the national capital for over a millennium, Kyoto offers you a unique glimpse into the history of Imperial Japan. Long rows of iconic vermilion torii (gates) lead to the inner shrine of Fushimi-Inari Taisha, located near the base of the Inari mountain. Originally constructed to honor the god of rice, you can still see stone foxes, known messengers of Inari, standing throughout the elaborate complex. On your visit to Nijo castle, wander through the Japanese cypress halls that the powerful Tokugawa shogunate called home.

DAY 7: KYOTO

- Take an expertly guided tour of Kyoto
- Visit Nijo Castle
- Visit the Gold Pavilion
- Attend a kimono show at the Textile Center
- Visit the Inari Taisha Shrine

DAY 8: KYOTO

- Take a tour of Arashiyama Bamboo Forest
- Enjoy free time in Kyoto or
- ☛ Optional: Visit Nara—Todaiji Temple; Deer Park; Kasuga Shrine

DAY 9: DEPART FOR HOME

EXTENSION DAYS**DAY 9: KYOTO | HIROSHIMA**

- Travel by bullet train to Hiroshima
- Take an excursion to Miyajima Island
- Visit Istukushima Shrine
- Visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum

DAY 10: OSAKA

- Visit Himeji Castle
- Return to Osaka

DAY 11: DEPART FOR HOME

Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

**TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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