



Japan Golf Trip – 19th to 26th May 2019

We would like to welcome you onto our Golf Tour of Japan hosted by Anne Rollo.

Day 1 - Sunday 19th May 2019

Arrival Day - On arrival into Tokyo's Narita, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, **Akasaka Excel Hotel Tokyu** where you will stay for 3 nights in a Standard Non-smoking room. Akasaka is an exciting part of the city comprising business and entertainment districts—high-end dining, bars, and clubs are a short walk from major corporate offices. Shibuya, Ginza, and Roppongi districts are also easily accessed. Guestrooms have a distinctly Japanese essence while being modern and functional, a comfortable environment set in a prime location.



Room Amenities

For Your comfort

Television (regular channels, Paid VOD), telephone, hot water pump pot, refrigerator, hair dryer, bidet, LAN cable, Laundry service

For Your convenience

Japanese green tea and black tea, slippers, bath towels, face towels, body wash, combined, facial soap & hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush set, razor, hair brush, nightwear (pj top)

Internet

Internet-access LAN ports in all rooms
High-speed Wi-Fi LAN
Rental PC (all night rate: JPY1,620) available, reservation required

The rest of your afternoon is at your leisure. Tonight, we will enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** to meet your fellow golfing travellers.

Day 2 - Monday 20th May 2019

After breakfast, you will be transferred to **Taiheiyo Club** to play the **Narita Course**. Blessed with soil and topography supremely suited to a golf course and designed by Gary Player, who won all four of the world's major golf championships, this course quickly became referred to as one of the most memorable in Japan. The holes make use of the level marshes and plains that curve subtly among

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small groves. Player has said, "Lots of places seemed to be asking to be hole locations from the very start. There was practically no need to shave off mountains or move masses of earth. Just standing there, I could envision a hole and then plan it. I had no idea such a wonderful location still existed in Japan." **Course access is exclusive to The Golf Touring Company.**

Tee Times: TBA – caddies included.



After golf, you will be transferred back to the **Akasaka Excel Hotel Tokyu**. The rest of your afternoon & evening is at your leisure.

Day 3 - Tuesday 21st May 2019

After breakfast, you will be transferred to **Narita Hills Country Club** to play your second round of golf. Aiming for a course loved by golfers of all levels, Narita Hills Country Club was born. In a beautiful natural setting, Narita Hills is very quiet because it is not under the aircraft's navigation route, and you are able to hear the sweet sounds of birds singing and refreshing wind blowing around you. The course is the masterpiece of Mr. Pete Dye, one of the world's leading designers; you will be captivated by its beautiful scenery with abundant trees, large ponds and bunkers merging with natural topography. One of the main characteristics is the green lawn. They introduced the state-of-the-art variety 4th generation "Memorial" bent grass to all 18 holes. This is a new strong and disease resistant variety, only at Narita Hills Country Club in Japan at this time.

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After golf, you will be transferred back to the **Akasaka Excel Hotel Tokyu**. The rest of your afternoon is at your leisure. Tonight, we have arranged for you to be taken to a night of Japanese culture, **Sumo Wrestling**.

Sumo is a Japanese style of wrestling and Japan's national sport. It originated in [ancient times](#) as a performance to entertain the [Shinto deities](#). Many rituals with religious background, such as the symbolic purification of the ring with salt, are still followed today. In line with tradition, only men practice the sport professionally in Japan.

The rules are simple: the wrestler who first exits the ring or touches the ground with any part of his body besides the soles of his feet loses. Matches take place on an elevated ring (dohyo), which is made of clay and covered in a layer of sand. A contest usually lasts only a few seconds, but in rare cases can take a minute or more. There are no weight restrictions or classes in sumo, meaning that wrestlers can easily find themselves matched off against someone many times their size. As a result, weight gain is an essential part of sumo training.



The governing body of professional sumo, Japan Sumo Association hosts only six tournaments every year. Each tournament lasts for 15 days during which each wrestler performs in one match per day except lower ranked wrestlers who perform in fewer matches.

All sumo wrestlers are classified in a **ranking hierarchy** (banzuke), which gets updated after each tournament based on the wrestlers' performance. Wrestlers with positive records (more wins than losses) move up the hierarchy, while those with negative records get demoted. The top division is called "Makuuchi" and the second division is called "Juryo". At the pinnacle of the sumo hierarchy stands the yokozuna (grand champion). Unlike wrestlers in lower ranks, a yokozuna cannot be demoted, but he will be expected to retire when his performance begins to worsen.

Day 4 - Wednesday 22nd May 2019

After breakfast, you will need to **check out** of the hotel before you are taken on a **Half Day Sightseeing Tour of Tokyo** with an English speaking guide. See some of the top Tokyo temples, gardens and shopping areas during this morning tour.

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In the mid-afternoon you will be transferred to **Hakone** for the next 4 nights in a Moderate Room at the **Hakone Hotel**. The Hakone Hotel is a resort hotel located in the popular resort area of Hakone, near Tokyo. The hotel offers a quiet, relaxing environment and its grounds and neighborhood offer views of the beautiful **Mt. Fuji**. The Hakone Hotel, also known as the Fujiya Hotel Lake View Annex, is a member of the group that includes the Fujiya Hotel, one of the most famous hotels in Hakone and host to countless celebrities such as John Lennon.



One of the best parts about travel in Japan is bathing in hot springs. Hakone Hotel is located in the shore of Lake Ashi, famous area as one of the "17 Hakone Hot Springs". The hotel has two bathrooms that enjoy the natural view of Hakone. "Ashinoko no Yu" offers views of Lake Ashi and mountains. "Taikan no Yu" has open-air bath where you can gaze up at the sky.



The baths are said to be effective in relieving neuralgia, muscle pain, joint pain, stiff shoulders, bruises, etc. Ladies & Gents are allocated separate times and alternated regularly.

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Day 5 - Thursday 23rd May 2019

After breakfast, you will be transferred to **Fuji Kogen Golf Club** for your round of golf. Designed by the fabled Japanese professional golfer Rokuzo Asami, two-time winner of the Japan Open Golf Tournament in 1928 and 1931, this course opened on August 27, 1960. Located at the base of Mt. Fuji, this course was among the first to open in the western part of Kanagawa prefecture. A course surrounded by the natural beauty of Mt. Fuji and the Fuji Highlands, this course can be enjoyed by both avid and weekend golfers alike. A relatively flat golf course located in the woods, with subtle undulating fairways and greens. The course offers more challenges than what visually appears. A course beautifully lined with mature pine trees, with the breathtaking beauty of Mt. Fuji awaits your visit. **Tee Times: TBA**



After golf, you will be transferred to back to the **Hakone Hotel** and the rest of your afternoon & evening is at your leisure.

Day 6 - Friday 24th May 2019

After breakfast, you will be transferred to **Sengoku Golf Club** for your round of golf. Built in 1917 and having a long history and tradition, this is one of the finest golf courses in Japan. This course provides exciting challenges by making use of the natural landscape. It is 6,651 yards in the overall length with 18 holes and a par 72. Although the course layout is rather flat, tricky undulations have been created through hand-sculpting. **Tee Times: TBA**

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Day 7 - Saturday 25th May 2019

After breakfast, you will have a sightseeing tour around **Hakone** with a transfer to and from **Hakone Open Air Museum**, which has one of the best collections of sculptures anywhere in the world. The Hakone Open Air Museum successfully attempts to create a harmonic balance of nature and art by exhibiting various sculptures on its grounds in combination with views of the surrounding valley and mountains.



The rest of the afternoon & evening is at your leisure.

Day 8 - Sunday 26th May 2019

After an early breakfast, you will need to **check out** of the hotel before you are transferred to **Taiheiyo Golf Club** to play the **Gotemba West Golf Course**. In 1998, this elegant course gained a great reputation as the home of the first Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Ladies Tournament. The proximity of the neighboring Gotemba Course adds to its charm, but its strategically demanding nature must not be overlooked. The natural setting on the lower slopes of Mount Fuji is put to good use. At the same time, water hazards and cliffs pose potentially troublesome traps. This highly playable course with its ever-green fairways, separator cedar, cypress trees, and golf carts offers opportunities to

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enjoy golfing to its full potential. Not far from the metropolitan area, it is a fine place to rest the body and mind. **Course access is exclusive to The Golf Touring Company.**

Tee Times: TBA – caddies included



After golf, you can freshen up at the Clubhouse and we will have some **light refreshments** along with a small **prize presentation** before you will be transferred to Haneda International Airport or Narita International Airport for your flight home.

Japan Tour Package Inclusions:

- Fully escorted by ALPG golf professional, Anne Rollo
- Arrival Transfer from Narita International Airport only.
- Accommodation in Share Twin rooms in Tokyo & Hakone
- All ground transportation on tour
- Sightseeing tours with English speaking guide in Tokyo and Hakone
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome Dinner on arrival day & Light Refreshments on final day
- 5 Rounds of Championship golf (including exclusive access to Narita Hills, Taiheiyo Narita & Gotemba West courses).
- Golf carts for every round & caddies included at Narita Hills, Taiheiyo Narita & Gotemba West courses (tipping not expected)
- Transfer back to Narita or Haneda International Airport
- Fun Stableford competitions each day and a relaxed team event on the last day
- Daily winners and Overall winner & Runner Up
- Pre-game and on course lessons with ALPG golf professional, Anne Rollo

Tour Cost Per Person:

Twin Share	\$6,595.00pp
Single Occupancy Only (very limited, based on first in basis)	\$7,995.00pp

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Deposit Due on Confirmation	\$3,000.00pp
Stage 1 payment due 14 September 2018	\$1,500.00pp
Final Balance due by 01 March 2019	

Exclusions

- Flights to Japan
 - Travel Insurance (Not Obligatory but Recommended)
 - Caddie Tips (if applicable)
 - Items of a Personal Nature (Drinks, additional meals, souvenirs, etc.)
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions,

Best Regards,

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