

A POINT HACKER'S ITINERARY:

Journey to Japan

There is so much to love about Japan. There's the incredible dining scene – where quality cooking is a given, from humble street stalls to top-rated establishments. Want to ski on powdery slopes? Buy a year's worth of cosmetics, tax-free? Sleep on a futon in a temple on a mountain? Zoom around the streets of Tokyo, dressed as Mario? It's all possible.

And it's easy to fly to Japan from Australia - especially with some points up your sleeve. Whether you're starting your journey in the food capital of Osaka, or diving head-first into the bright lights of Tokyo, we'll show you how you can journey to Japan in style.

This itinerary is designed to be replicated end-to-end, and you can view the full experience and all of our tips to earn points at pointhacks.com.au.

RETAIL PRICE

\$6,123

WE PAID

\$1,952

PER PERSON

+ 90,000

QANTAS POINTS

Pricing as of June 2023

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Fun facts



Fine dining heaven

Japan has more than 400 Michelin-starred restaurants - second only to France.



A loud affair

Slurping your noodles is a sign of enjoyment, so don't be afraid to be a little noisy!



Unlucky number

The number 4 in Japan is considered unlucky, so it's usually avoided.



The scramble

Roughly 2,500 pedestrians cross Shibuya's famous crossing at a time.

Trip highlights



China Airlines Business Class
Stylish sleep onboard the A350.



ANA Business Class
Refined Business Class dining.



Tokyo
Fish markets & Michelin dining.



Arashiyama
Monkey park & bamboo grove.

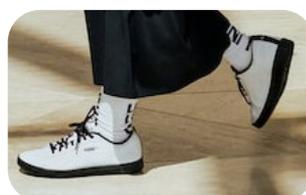
Souvenirs to buy



Japanese snacks
Your friends will thank you.



Chopsticks, ceramics
High-quality utensils for home.



Comfortable shoes
You'll be walking around a lot.



Extra luggage
Trust us, you'll need it!

What to pack



Flights & train

SYD-TPE-KIX

China Airlines
Business Class (Reward)
Airbus A350 & Boeing 777
Depart: 10:10 pm | Arrive: 12:50 pm⁽⁺¹⁾
90,000 Qantas Points + \$166 (now \$193)

Shin-Osaka to Tokyo

Shinkansen (Nozomi) - bullet train
Green Car (1st Class)
\$166

HND-SYD

ANA
Business Class (Reward)
Boeing 787
Depart: 8:55 am | Arrive: 7:30 pm
• \$929 pp to buy LifeMiles on sale and redeem, or;
• 78,000 Velocity Points + fees & taxes, or;
• 45,000 Virgin Atlantic Flying Club points + fees and taxes



Stay

Mercure Tokyu Stay Osaka Namba
4 nights | \$362 per person
Accor Plus member's app offer



Hotel Gracery Shinjuku
2 nights | \$330 per person
Qantas Hotels



Activities

Sample street food in Osaka

Visit Sensō-ji temple in Tokyo

Dig into Michelin-starred soba

Shop for goods tax-free

Snap a photo with the Glico man

Tuck into tantalising Kobe beef

Say hello to the deer in Nara

Stroll through Tsujiki Fish Market

Shuffle through Shibuya Crossing

We always travel carbon neutral where possible. Accommodation prices are per person based on twin share.

Points earning tips and tricks

Want to earn points towards your own Japan experience? Here's how you can boost your points balance.



Booking a swanky hotel in Shinjuku, or a cosy Airbnb in Osaka? You can pocket up to 3 Qantas Points per \$1 when you book accommodation via [Qantas Hotels](#). Plus, [Points Club](#) members earn up to 50% more.



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Turn your weekly grocery shop into flights by linking your [Woolworths Everyday Rewards](#) card to your Qantas Frequent Flyer account.

But wait, there's more...



China Airlines Airbus A350 Business Class (Sydney-Taipei)
Stylish seats and attentive service using Qantas Points.



China Airlines Boeing 777 Business Class (Taipei-Osaka)
Enjoy the works on this blissful Business Class flight to Osaka.



ANA Boeing 787 Business Class (Tokyo-Sydney)
A comfortable daytime journey down under with excellent food.



How to hack your way to Tokyo with points
Our top tips for flying to Tokyo from Australia.