

A PRIVATE JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN

Kyoto & Osaka

Six days in Japan's cultural heart

DATES
November 8–13, 2026

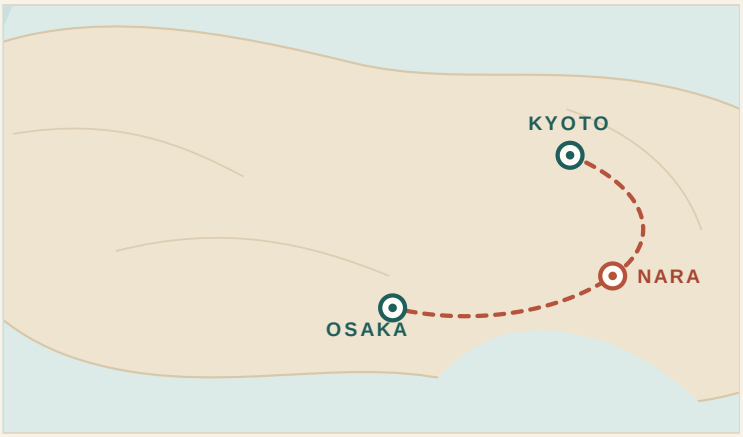
TRAVELERS
The Alvarez Family · 2 travelers

ROUTE
Kyoto → Nara → Osaka

SEASON
Autumn · 6 days / 5 nights

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Trip at a glance



Kyoto, Nara & Osaka

Three cities, one unhurried route. Temples at first light, market lunches, a private riverboat, and a Nara day trip built around the deer park and the Great Buddha.

6 DAYS	**5** NIGHTS
3 CITIES	**1** PRIVATE GUIDE

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DAY 1 · SUN, NOV 8

Arrival & Gion at dusk

KYOTO

13:20	Land at Kansai International, private transfer to Kyoto
15:30	Check in at Hotel Kanra, tea and unpack
17:30	Walk through Gion's lantern-lit lanes
19:00	Welcome dinner at Gion Karyo

Stay: **Hotel Kanra Kyoto**

Meals: Dinner

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DAY 2 · MON, NOV 9

Shrines, markets & tea

KYOTO

07:30	Fushimi Inari before the crowds
10:30	Nishiki Market tasting walk
12:30	Lunch at a machiya townhouse
14:30	Private tea ceremony in Higashiyama
17:00	Free evening; advisor dinner suggestions

Stay: **Hotel Kanra Kyoto**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Arashiyama & Nara

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DAY 3 · TUE, NOV 10

Arashiyama & the river

KYOTO

07:00	Bamboo grove walk at first light
09:00	Tenryu-ji temple and garden
11:00	Monkey park ridge walk
12:30	Lunch beside the Katsura River
14:00	Private riverboat through the gorge

Stay: **Hotel Kanra Kyoto**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Private riverboat through the gorge with a local guide, including the bamboo forest walk, a stop at the Okochi Sanso garden, a private tea stop at the garden's upper pavilion, and a traditional kaiseki lunch beside the river

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DAY 4 · WED, NOV 11

Temples, deer & mochi

NARA

08:10	JR Miyakoji Rapid to Nara
09:15	Todai-ji Temple and the Great Buddha
11:00	Nara Park deer walk
12:30	Lunch at Kasuga Hoshino
14:00	Kasuga Taisha shrine and lanterns
15:30	Nakatanidou mochi pounding
17:00	Return to Kyoto; evening at leisure

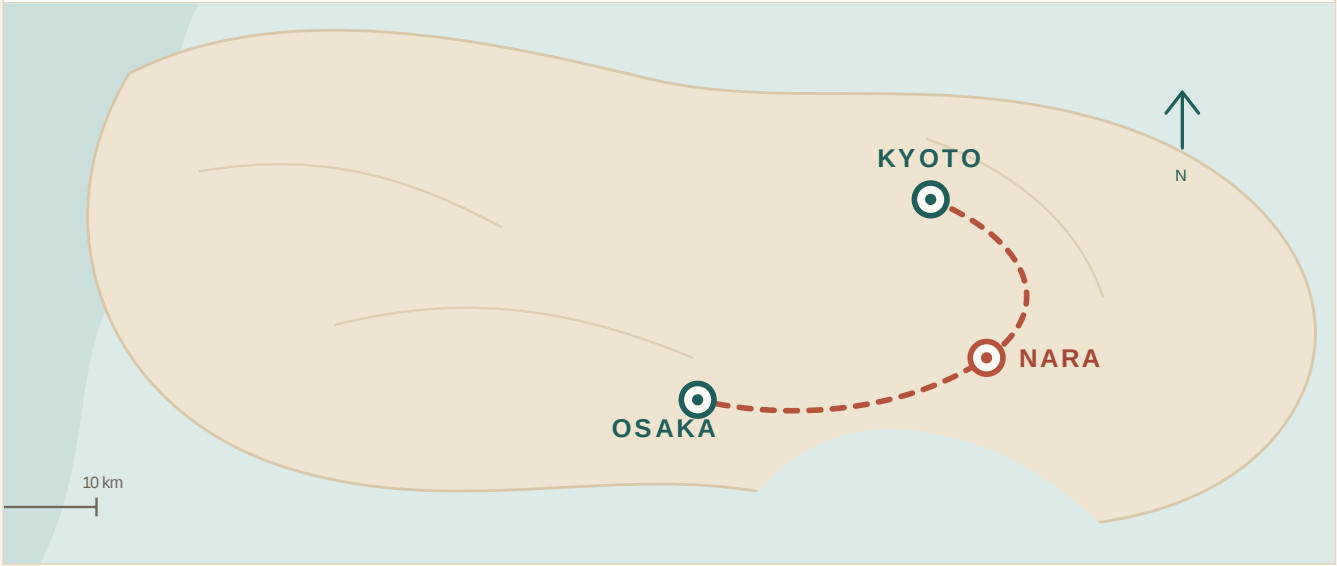
Stay: **Hotel Kanra Kyoto**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

NARA DAY TRIP Private guide, Todai-ji, the deer park, and a mochi pounding stop — all on foot or by local train.

DAY 4 · NARA DAY TRIP

Kyoto → Nara → Kyoto · 50 min by train



Osaka & departure

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DAY 5 · THU, NOV 12

Dotonbori after dark

OSAKA

09:00	Private transfer to Osaka
10:30	Osaka Castle and park walk
12:30	Lunch in Kuromon Market
15:00	Check in and rest
18:00	Dotonbori street-food crawl

Stay: **The Osaka Station Hotel**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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DAY 6 · FRI, NOV 13

Departure

OSAKA

08:00	Breakfast at the hotel
09:30	Private transfer to Kansai International
12:40	Flight home

Stay: —

Meals: Breakfast

BEFORE YOU GO

WEATHER
November is crisp and dry: 8–17°C in Kyoto, a little warmer in Osaka. A light jacket and a compact umbrella cover most days.

GETTING AROUND
Your 7-day Kansai rail pass covers the airport train, Kyoto buses, and the Nara and Osaka trains. IC cards are fine for everything else.

ETIQUETTE
Quiet voices on trains, no eating while walking, and no tipping. At shrines, follow the temizuya hand-washing steps and keep phone calls brief.

PACKING
Comfortable walking shoes are essential. Bring a small day bag, a refillable bottle, and socks you can slip off for temple visits.

MONEY
Japan is still cash-friendly. Carry ¥20,000–30,000 for small shops and temples; most hotels and larger restaurants take cards.

EMERGENCY
Your advisor is reachable on WhatsApp for the whole trip. In an emergency, dial 119 for ambulance or fire, 110 for police.

GOOD TO KNOW Reserve Kyoto restaurants two to three weeks ahead. Many small counters do not take walk-ins, and the best ones fill up before the weekend. For Osaka, book the teamLab slot for the evening of Day 5 if you want a quieter Dotonbori.

BOOKING SUMMARY

Trip total	**$8,560**
Deposit paid	**$2,140**
Balance due	**$6,420**

Balance due by September 25, 2026. Final payment is due 45 days before departure.

INCLUDED

- 5 nights, centrally located hotels
- Daily breakfast + 4 lunches
- 7-day Kansai rail pass
- Private guides in Kyoto and Nara
- Airport transfers both ways

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Dinners not listed