

# Semi-Finals & Finals (Escorted) Tokyo/Hiroshima

#### Your Escorted tour (land only) includes:

- 10 nights of 4-star accommodation Tokyo & Hiroshima (Please note in Japan, room allocations are mainly twin beds rather than double)
  - 7 night stay at Grand Prince Hotel Takanawa, in Tokyo 0
  - 3 night stay at Sheraton Grand Hotel, in Hiroshima including sightseeing 0
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Official Match tickets (Category B) to 4 matches as listed
- Return match transfers
- Coach / Train travel throughout
- Eve of Final Function held 31 October
- All Blacks Tours Merchandise
- SUICA Rail Pass for Tokyo with \$30 New Zealand dollars pre-loaded (you can top-up at any time)
- Services of All Blacks Tours staff throughout
- All administration and ticket handling fees •

#### Match Tickets Included:

- semi-final 1, Saturday 26 October, International Stadium Yokohama, kick-off 5:00pm
- semi-final 2, Sunday 27 October, International Stadium Yokohama, kick-off 6:00pm
- bronze final, Friday 1 November, Tokyo Stadium, kick off 6:00pm
- the final, Saturday 2 November, International Stadium Yokohama, kick-off 6:00pm

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A more personalized itinerary will be provided closer to departure that includes further details on timings. Please note this is a preliminary itinerary and is subject to change





# Thursday 24 October

Welcome to Rugby World Cup 2019™! Japan promises to host one of the most unique and exciting tournaments to date. Japan is distinctively unique in its attractiveness as a destination. The subtle balance of culture and futurism intertwine to shape the countries diverse DNA. Japan offers global rugby fans and intrepid travelers alike, endless opportunities to experience its history, gastronomy, neon-lit cities and natural beauty.

Rugby World Cup 2019 gives you an opportunity to truly embody what it means to Be There. Japan will throw you out of your comfort zone vet draw you back in with a sense of a familiarity produced simply by surrounding yourself with other All Blacks fans. Your journey to Japan 2019<sup>™</sup> begins today!

Our Semi-Finals & Finals Tour starts in Japan's bustling capital city, Tokyo. You will need to make your own way to the hotel where we will spend the next four nights in 4\* accommodation. We recommend taking the train from the airport. Tokyo's rail system is one of the most sophisticated in the world, it is easy to navigate and an experience in itself! Alternatively, taxis are also available from the airport if you prefer a more direct route.

Spend tonight at your leisure. Head out to explore and get your first taste of Tokyo by finding something to eat or going for a drink. You can explore more of the city tomorrow morning so no need to rush!

# Friday 25 October

Start your day with breakfast in the hotel restaurant before enjoying your day at leisure exploring Tokyo.

Tokyo is one of the world's most exciting cities, and at 12 million people, it is also one of the most populous. It is a thriving center of economy, industry and culture. Although crowded, it is clean, orderly and safe. No other city in the world is like Tokyo, with its astonishing diversity and exotic blend of old and new as a strong sense of history and tradition remain. Here you will also find some of the world's finest restaurants, alongside the lively subculture of Japan's youth. Each major district of Tokyo offers its own world of unique surprises, from art galleries, museums and concert halls, to large department stores, theater and more. There is literally something for everyone in Tokyo.

One of the true highlights of any tour is meeting new people and making lifelong friends. This evening you have the option of joining other supporters in the group to mix and mingle in the hotel bar and build up to tomorrows match. This is the perfect opportunity to talk all things rugby and celebrate being in Japan. \*Please note this is a cash bar.

#### Saturday 26 October

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It's semi-final time! We are down to the business end of the tournament, and very close to finding who will be competing for the Webb Ellis Cup. Spend this morning at your leisure before preparing for the big game. Match transfers included.

#### GAME DAY! Semi-Final 1 International Stadium Yokohama Kick Off: 5:00pm

The pressure is about to be turned up. The semi-final will take place at International Stadium Yokohama, which at capacity, holds over 72,000 fans! You are about to witness history.

#### Sunday 27 October

Morning at leisure.

Today, we will see the winners of quarter-finals 3 & 4 compete for the coveted place in Saturday's Rugby World Cup 2019 Final. Match transfers included.

#### **GAME DAY!** Semi-Final 2

International Stadium Yokohama

Kick Off: 6:00pm

One place in the Rugby World Cup final is still up for grabs, who will join the winner of semi-final 1?



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### Monday 28 October

Today is a travel day to Hiroshima. Once we arrive in Hiroshima we will check-in to our hotel where we will stay for the next three nights.

Hiroshima Prefecture is located in the southwestern part of the Japanese islands. It is rich in natural beauty of the Inland Sea and the Chugoku Mountains. Much of Japans landscape is characterized within this region presenting a refreshing alternative to the hustle and bustle of Tokvo.

Hiroshima is one of the most historically significant cities within Japan and to an extent, the world. Despite its dark legacy Hiroshima is quickly becoming a vibrant destination to visit. Friendly picturesque and a paradise for foodies, this city will continue to surprise you at every turn.

#### **Tuesday 29 October**

Today we will explore one of the most iconic destinations in Japan, Miyajima. While this name may not ring any bells, there is no doubt you have seen the hundreds of images of The Great Torii. Miyajima Island, one of the most scenic spots in Japan, has long been regarded as an island of Gods on the beautiful Seto Inland sea. It is a romantic and historical island where Itsukushima Shrine, a World Heritage site is located, along with the virgin Forest of Mt. Misen along with numerous preserved shrines, temples and historical monuments.

You will also have the opportunity to ascend Mount Misen. As the highest mountain on Miyajima island, Mt Misen is more than 535m above sea level. Once you reach the top you will be greeted with incredible panoramic views stretching for as far as the eye can see.

# Wednesday 30 October

Today we will visit the Atmoic Bomb Dome and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, a true highlight of the tour.

At 8:15am on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1945, the first atomic bomb in history was dropped on Hiroshima. Although the Atomic Bomb dome was located almost directly underneath the explosion, it somehow avoided complete destruction and still remains in tact to this day. The site was designated a world heritage site in 1996 and acts as a reminder of the horrors if war whilst also representing the true value of peace.

#### Thursday 31 October

Today we will travel back to Tokyo where we will spend the last three nights of the tour.

This evening we will be joined by a huge contingent of All Blacks fans at the Official All Blacks Tours Eve of Final Function. We will be celebrating the tournament to date as we build up to the all-important Rugby World Cup final. Tokyo will be buzzing over finals weekend as rugby fans descend on the city. The evening presents the perfect opportunity to mix and mingle with other All Blacks fans as well as some very special guests

Dress code: Smart Casual

#### **Friday 1 November**

Enjoy breakfast before spending much of your day at leisure.

This afternoon we head to Tokyo Stadium, to watch the bronze final.

GAME DAY! **Bronze Final Tokyo Stadium** Kick Off: 6:00 PM

While both teams are, no doubt disappointed on missing out on the final there is still a lot to play for in the bronze final. Each team will be playing for pride and of course, a few bragging rights. Plus, it's a good excuse to squeeze in one more game of rugby before we leave Japan!



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## **Saturday 2 November**

Today is the final of Rugby World Cup 2019. Here's hoping we witness the All Blacks take home the Webb Ellis Cup for the third time in a row! Final fever will take over the city of Tokyo so get out and about this morning and soak up the atmosphere. Match transfers included.

#### **GAME DAY!** Rugby World Cup 2019 Final International Stadium Yokohama Kick Off: 6:00 PM

Well it has all come down to this, 20 nations competing over 6 weeks for this moment. The Rugby World Cup final is undoubtedly the pinnacle of World Rugby as well as any rugby fans ultimate bucket list experience. Settling in to see which nation gets crowned champions of this prestigious tournament.

# **Sunday 3 November**

And just like that the tour has come to an end! Today is departure day as we farewell Japan. With all the excitement, over, and another Rugby World Cup done and dusted, it's time to start packing our bags and depart. In 10 nights, we have watched four live Rugby World Cup 2019 matches, eaten delicious food, seen incredible sights and made some awesome new friends. We hope this was an experience you can cherish forever.

#### We look forward to seeing you on tour.

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