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Konichiwa!

Here is a family friendly, 2-week itinerary for Japan. We travelled with our 3-year-old and 2 55+ Year Old parents.

This itinerary has a mix of adventure and relaxation time, that is perfect for the whole family.

If you have questions or need tips? Send me an email at nicola@prettyfarfromhome.com or checkout our socials using the icons below.

Arigato Gozaimsu,

Nicola



Take me to the Fun! ↓

Itinerary



FLIGHT Air New Zealand direct to Narita Tokyo, Japan

TRAVEL TIME 11 Hours

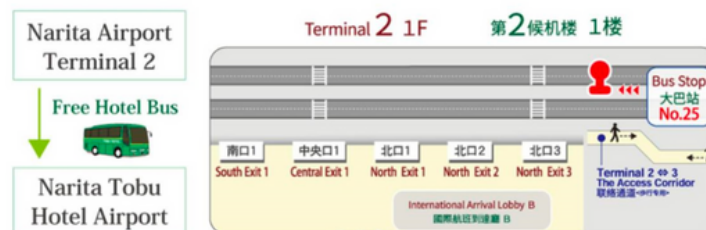
DAY 1: LAND IN TOKYO

ACCOMMODATION:

Narita Tobu Hotel

Tokko 320-1, Narita 286-0106
成田東武ホテルエアポート
取香320-1 成田市, Japan

Afternoon: Free Hotel Shuttle Bus to Narita Tobu Hotel, from terminal 2 (bus stop #25)



Evening: Dinner and Relax
Convenience store located on ground floor of hotel - or catch an uber/cab to a local dining establishment in Narita (10mins away).

Would not recommend eating at this hotels restaurant, it costs approx. \$60nzd per adult

DAY 2: DOWNTOWN TOKYO HERE WE COME

ACCOMMODATION:

Ichiyu-Louis Stage Iriya #901 (AirBNB)

2-chōme-12-11 Iriya, 入谷801号室,
Taito City, Tōkyō-to 110-0013, Japan



Morning: Checkout by 11am, free shuttle back to Airport, send bags using Yamato (in terminal), look out for the famous Yamato sign!

Head underground to catch the Narita Express to Keisei Ueno Station, Tokyo (pre-purchase tickets [here](#) for a smooth transfer experience)

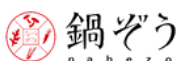
Don't forget to load your Suica Card on your Apple iPhone Wallet or purchase the "Welcome Suica Card" from one of the ticket machines



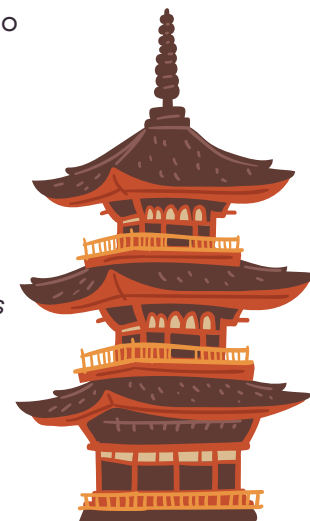
Afternoon: Explore Imperial Palace and Gardens - lunch then catch train to Tokyo Tower.

Evening: Explore Shinjuku, Harajuku and Shibuya

Booking at Nabezo Shabu Shabu - Hot Pot all you can eat restaurant



(This place is an undercover gem, we thought the Sukiyaki was the best, with the shabushabu a good broth to cook all your veggies - we got the nabezo course for approx. \$40 per adult)





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DAY 3: TEAM LABS AND GANDAM

ACCOMMODATION: Ichiyu-Louis Stage Iriya #901 (AirBNB)

Morning: Explore Team Labs (approx. \$30nzdp - kids free)

We were supposed to catch the Ferry Bus to Odaiba but the timing didn't work with our entry time for Team Labs so we opted to catch an XL Uber (approx. \$80nzd)

Team Labs: Purchase tickets [here](#) (approx. \$30pp, under 5's free) - This is worth a visit, but would recommend an early time slot.

Afternoon: Lunch and Shopping at Driver City Mall (Giant Gundam Statue)

Evening: Dinner at a local Ramen Restaurant (*use Google Translate to help out*) and an evening walk around the local streets near Air BNB.

DAY 4: GRANBERRY PARK AND KFC BUFFET

ACCOMMODATION: Ichiyu-Louis Stage Iriya #901 (AirBNB)

Morning: Train from Iriya Station to Grandberry Park (*take the route with the **Hanzomon Line** for the fastest and least amount of transfers*)

Afternoon: **Outlet Shopping!!!**
Grandberry Park is an outlet mall, that includes an enormous indoor kids playground, an entire floor arcade, the Snoopy Museum and of course outlet shopping. We spent the day here and were entertained the entire time (including our 3yo)

Evening: 7.00pm Dinner at **KFC Buffet** within Grandberry Park Mall (approx. \$30per adult)

Train back to Iriya Station and home.



DAY 5: ASAKUSA TEMPLE AND TRANSFER DAY

ACCOMMODATION: **Hilton Tokyo Bay (ヒルトン東京ベイ)**

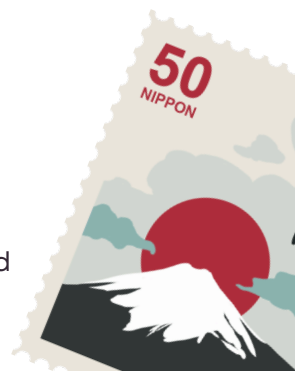
1-8 Maihama, Urayasu, Chiba 279-0031, Japan
〒279-0031 千葉県浦安市舞浜1-8

Morning: **6.00am - Uber to Asakusa Temple (go early for no crowds)**
Breakfast in the local area - explore cute cafes (and Happy Pancake) - Pack Up and Head to Tokyo Bay (*send bags ahead with Yamato*)

Afternoon: **Catch train from Iriya Station to Tokyo Bay**
Swimming at Hotel (*after navigating the subway and trains to Tokyo Bay we spend the afternoon chilling at the pool*)

Evening: Lawsons - Don't underestimate the quality of food you can purchase at the local Konbini. If you're staying at the Hilton, they have a Lawsons in the building.

Early night relaxing for an early start and big day at Disneyland tomorrow.





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DAY 6: DISNEYLAND JAPAN

ACCOMMODATION:

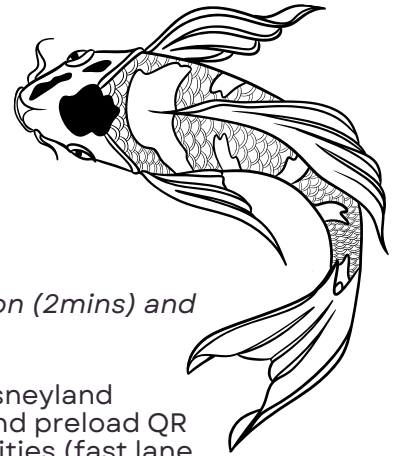
Hilton, Tokyo Bay

Morning: 6.00am Buffet Breakfast

Day: Disneyland Tokyo
Catch the free shuttle bus (or walk) to Bayside Station (2mins) and catch loop train to Maihama station.

Tickets: Purchase tickets beforehand on Klook or Disneyland Tokyo website, **download Disneyland Resorts app** and preload QR codes for easy access at the gates and booking facilities (fast lane etc.)

Get there early to take advantage of short wait times!



DAY 7: SHINJUKU, SHIBUYA AND HARAJUKU

ACCOMMODATION:

Ichiyu-Louis Stage Iriya #901 (AirBNB)

Morning: Send bags on to Osaka from Yamato, Hilton Reception Desk

Train into Shibuya, Shinjuku and Harajuku

We went go-kart racing. (2x Adults for 2hours) from Tokyo Bay (15minute Uber) and met up with family in central Tokyo to explore Shibuya, Shinjuku and Harajuku

Evening:

Shinkansen to Osaka Station, Osaka
Dinner on the train (grab an Ekiben at the station and some snacks before boarding - this train is one of the few trains you can eat and drink on).

Local line out to Air BnB



DAY 8: OH! OSAKA

ACCOMMODATION:

Osaka Air BNB (Kami).

1-chōme-7-22 Kamikuratsukuri,
Hirano Ward, Osaka, 547-0004, Japan

Morning: **Dotonburi** - Catch local train from Kami Station into downtown Osaka and on to Dotonburi. Make sure to check out the awesome shopping

Afternoon: **Osaka Castle, Americamura and Downtown Osaka** - Train from Dotonburi to Osaka Castle (these are all within reasonable walking distance).

Evening: **Dinner at local Ramen**
We checked out a small foodcourt in the basement of Chuo Station (Nishishinsaibashi) which had some excellent food choices open until 9pm.



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DAY 9: UNIVERSAL STUDIOS OSAKA

ACCOMMODATION:

Osaka Air BNB (Kami)

Morning: Train to Universal Studios (leave early - trains to and from Universal are busy and lines to get in can be long). Trains come approx. every 20minutes.

Day: **Tickets:** Purchase tickets beforehand on [Klook](#), you can preload QR codes for easy access at the gates and booking facilities (fast lane etc.) Get there early to take advantage of short wait times!

You will need a [Day Pass for Entry](#) which can be found [here](#). You can also purchase fast passes to make getting on the popular rides without the 4 hours waits (no, seriously, lines at universal can be 4 hours long).

- [4 Ride Fast Pass](#)
- [7 Ride Fast Pass](#)

Remember to download the app before arriving for easy access!



DAY 10: NARA PARK

ACCOMMODATION:

Osaka Air BNB (Kami)

Morning: Train to Nara from Kami Station (you can catch the local train or a bullet train from Kami Station)

Day: Catch local bus from Nara JR Station into downtown Nara

Hire Bikes from Local Bike Shop (*trust me, after all the walking you would have just done, bikes makes it easy to see Nara without hurting your feet*)

We hired e-bikes from [Life 21](#) which was a short walk from the main street in Nara. They have baby seats available, each bike came with a basket (handy for carrying bags) and a lock.

We had to return the bikes by 6pm, which gave us a good days cycling work for about \$40nzd.

Make sure to collect a local map from the counter and head towards Nara Park to see the local Deer and temples.



DAY 11: KEEP IT COOL, KYOTO

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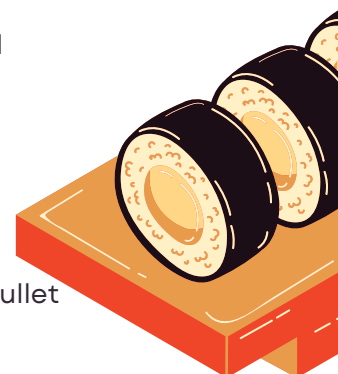
Osaka Air BNB (Kami)

Morning: Train to Kyoto from Kami Station (you can catch a local or bullet train from Kami JR to Kyoto).

Day: Much like Nara, checkout Kyoto on a bike. Kyoto is a small city in comparison to Osaka and Tokyo, but not as small as Nara. Pick a couple of attractions, and cycle from the train station to them. This allows you to see maximum Kyoto without having to catch **VERY BUSY** local buses.

We hired e-bikes from [Rent-a-Bike Kyoto Miyabiya](#). It was a 10minute walk from Kyoto Station and costs approx. \$40nzd for a days hire.

We had to return the bikes by 7pm, which gave us a good days cycling



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DAY 12: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA ISLAND

ACCOMMODATION: Osaka Air BNB (Kami)

Morning: Train to Shin Osaka from Kami Station, then on the Shinkansen from Shin Osaka to Hiroshima (approx. 2hrs)

Day: Hiroshima is a city worth visiting if you have time - we explored the Peace Museum, Atomic Bomb Dome & Park, Hiroshima Castle then caught a ferry to Miyajima Island.

Miyajima Island is a small island in the harbour that is famous for its Tori Gate in the water and the large Oysters they grow.

Remember to grab snacks from the Konbini for your ride back to Tokyo, the last Shinkansen from Hiroshima leaves at 10.12pm - check Google Maps!

DAY 13: SHIN SEKAI & SHOPPING

ACCOMMODATION: Osaka Air BNB (Kami)

Morning: Train 1 stop to Tenoji Station and head on down to Shin Sekai

Day: We spent the last day exploring Shin Sekai which has some excellent back alley's filled with arcades, ramen stores and an old school local vibe.

A Mega Don Quijote is within a 2min walking distance from the Tsutenkaku tower - so make sure to grab some goodies here.

We went back to Dotonburi to grab some last minute shopping and to explore the riverside in the night lights (remember to grab a pick with the Neon Gilco Sign). Shops close at 9pm and there is plenty to do in that time.

Trains stop at midnight, so be sure to get back to the local station in time.

DAY 14: BACK TO TOKYO

ACCOMMODATION: Narita Tobu Hotel

Tokko 320-1, Narita 286-0106

成田東武ホテルエアポート

取香320-1 成田市, Japan

Morning: We caught the Shinkansen from Osaka back to Tokyo and out to Narita Airport

Day: After check-in we caught an Uber from the hotel to Naritasan, Omotesando a local street with lots of yummy food stalls and gift shops. It was great to just wander around and enjoy an edo period experience.

DAY 15: BACK TO NZ

ACCOMMODATION: Narita Tobu Hotel

Morning: We caught an Uber out to **Shisui Outlet Park** for some last minute shopping- then back to the hotel.

At 3pm we caught the shuttle from Narita Tobu Hotel to the Airport for check-in

