

Osaka City Tour



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Tour Summary

We will take the escalator up through the outside girders of Umeda Sky Building to see the splendid views of city, river, and port. In the basement we will find a meticulously recreated heritage shopping street as well as a modern cafe. We will walk by the river, admire the street sculpture, and the Museum of Ceramics, and visit the fabulous gold and white castle with its spectacular dolphin roof finials. We will explore the elegant garden with public spaces and private corners.

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Introduction to Osaka





Osaka is a fabulous mixture of ancient tradition and modern innovation. We will start our day by traveling the escalator through the girders of the futuristic Umeda sky building.



We will admire the views from the observation decks and then travel down to the basement and wander along the recreated streets of old Japan.



Next we will head down towards the river. On the way we will duck down an alley behind the Avanza building to find this hidden gem.



It's a very modern mirror glass and steel Shinto shrine with a very traditional bellrope and statue of a Biwa player. This is the Dojima Yakushi Worship Hall



Next we will walk by the river and see traditional lanterns on the bridge...



... and some very athletic statuesque ladies.



Then we will head on to the wonderful castle with its spectacular grounds...



...and a stunning white-and-gold building...



...rising tier over tier into the sky.



We will see exquisite detail on ordinary things such as the roof of a well...



....and note the contrast between ancient and modern times, such as airplanes that fly past the castle.



After exploring the wonderful castle museum and the grounds—and, of course, the shops—we will enjoy the sunset as we wander back beside the river.

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