🌸 JAPAN 8-DAY ITINERARY

(With hotels, distances, Yamato, and optimal flow)

🗓️ Day 1 – April 19 (Tokyo Arrival + Asakusa to Shibuya)

🛬 Arrival at 5:30 AM

- Use **Yamato** to forward your luggage to **Wise Owl Hostels Shibuya**
- Store essentials in a backpack

Morning (Asakusa):

- **Sensoji Temple** (arrive by 7:00–7:30 AM)
- **Nakamise Shopping Street**
- **Fuglen Asakusa** for coffee
- **Sumida River Walk**

Midday:

- Head to **Ginza**
  - Shop at **UNIQLO Ginza**
  - Café hopping
  - See **Tokyo Tower from 7-Eleven (Higashiazabu)**

Afternoon:

- Head to **Shibuya**, check in (from ~3 PM)

Evening:

- **Hikarie Building** (11th floor) for **sunset views**
- **Glitch Coffee** (or alternate local café)
- **Shibuya largest Mego donki shopping**
- **Shibuya Crossing**, explore **Shibuya nightlife**

🗓️ Day 2 – April 20 (Tokyo: Nature + Modern Art) TeamLab Planets Tickets

Morning:

- Visit **Meiji Jingu Shrine**
- Explore **Harajuku & Takeshita Street**
- Head to **Shinjuku**, lunch & quick walk (or view from Tokyo Gov Building)

Evening:

- Head to **TeamLab Planets** (Toyosu) for your **6 PM slot**
- Dinner nearby or return to Shibuya

🗓️ Day 3 – April 21 (Mt. Fuji + Hakone → Kyoto Travel) Mt fuji tour booked + Bullet from Mishima to Kyoto booked

? Send luggage to Urban Hotel Kyoto using Yamato (or talk to your Mt. Fuji tour guide beforehand to check whether there is space for luggage on the bus, so you can carry it with you and leave it safely in the bus while exploring Fuji).
? Carry essentials in a backpack

- Leave for **Hakone** or **Fuji Five Lakes** area
    - **Lake Ashi Cruise**
    - **Owakudani Valley**
    - **Hakone Ropeway**
    - Optional: **Chureito Pagoda** for Fuji view

Evening:

- Take **Shinkansen from Odawara to Kyoto Station**
- Check in at **Urban Hotel Kyoto**

🗓️ Day 4 – April 22 (Kyoto Nature + Traditional Streets) Sagano Romantic Train Pass

Morning:

- Take the **11 AM Sagano Romantic Train**
- Visit **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove**
- Optional: **Tenryu-ji Temple**
- Walk along **Hozugawa River** if you like

Afternoon:

- Visit **Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion)**

Evening:

- Head to **Gion Hanamikoji Street**
- Explore traditional streets, take night photos

🗓️ Day 5 – April 23 (Kimono Photos + Kyoto Temples)

Morning:

- Arrive at **Hanaemi Kimono Rental** (near Maruyama Park) around **9 AM**
- Get dressed, take beautiful photos around:
    - **Maruyama Park**
    - **Yasaka Shrine**
    - **Ninenzaka & Sannenzaka**

Midday:

- Head to **Kiyomizu-Dera Temple**

Afternoon:

- Visit **Fushimi Inari Taisha**
- **(optional):** enjoy a **Fushimi Jikkokubune boat ride** if available

Evening:

- Chill or explore Kyoto cafés/dinner

🗓️ **Day 6 – April 24 (Kyoto → Osaka) – Kyoto & Osaka sightseeing pass to travel**

➡ Check out & take quick train to **Osaka (30–45 min)**
➡ Check-in: **APA Hotel Osaka Tanimachi 4chome Ekimae**

Morning/Afternoon:

- Visit **Osaka Castle**
- Do **boating** in the castle moat - 📍 **Departure Point: Gozabune Pier** (located inside Osaka Castle Park, near the castle's main keep) – 10 am to 4 pm
- Take subway to Kuromon Market for a quick local lunch

Evening:

- Head to **Dotonbori (indoor amusement park/ shopping – orange street/ food streets)**
- **Do Dotonbori canal boat ride (take ferry on Dotonbori bridge- depart from Dotonbori Bridge – best just before sunset or when it's lit up)**
- **Stay out to enjoy the night markets, neon signs, and street eats**
- 💡 **Pro Tip: Arrive at Dotonbori Bridge for the boat around 5:30–6:00 PM to catch twilight + lights!**

✅ 🗓️ **Day 7 – April 25 (Nara → Ikoma → Osaka + Umeda Views + Shopping) –** Kintetsu Rail pass

Morning – Nara & Ikoma Day Trip:

Take a quick train from Osaka to Nara (~45 minutes)

Visit in order:

1. **Travel to Nara:** Take the Kintetsu Nara Line from Osaka to Nara (~45 minutes).
2. **Nara Park:** Interact with the friendly deer and enjoy the serene environment.
3. **Tōdai-ji Temple:** Visit this iconic temple housing the Great Buddha.
4. **Optional – Naramachi:** If time permits, take a leisurely stroll through this traditional district.

Midday – Journey to Ikoma:

1. **Train to Ikoma Station:** From Kintetsu Nara Station, board the Kintetsu Nara Line towards Osaka and alight at **Ikoma Station** (~20 minutes).
2. **Ikoma Cable Car:** Follow signs to the **Toriimae Station** (a short walk from Ikoma Station) to board the **Ikoma Cable Car**. This charming funicular, featuring retro-styled cars, will transport you up Mount Ikoma.

Afternoon – Ikoma Sanjo Amusement Park:

1. **Explore the Park:** Disembark at **Ikoma-Sanjō Station**, located adjacent to the **Ikoma Sanjo Amusement Park**. Enjoy various attractions, including the historic **Flying Tower** and the scenic **Cycle Monorail**, offering panoramic views of Osaka.
2. **Lunch:** Dine at the park's eateries or bring a picnic to enjoy amidst the mountainous backdrop.

Late Afternoon – Return to Osaka:

1. **Descend via Cable Car:** Take the cable car back down to Ikoma Station.
2. **Train to Osaka:** Board the Kintetsu Nara Line to your preferred Osaka station (e.g., Osaka-Namba Station) (~20 minutes).

Evening : Choose your vibe:

Option 1 (Views & City Fun):

- Visit Umeda Sky Building – Kuchu Teien Observatory
- Ride the nearby HEP FIVE Ferris Wheel (optional)

Option 2 (Relaxing):

- Go to Spa World Osaka or Nobeha no Yu Tsuruhashi Onsen for a rejuvenating soak 🛁

Night:

- Don Quijote Shopping Spree – open late for souvenirs, cosmetics, snacks & fun finds

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🗓️ **Day 8 – April 26 (Return to Tokyo + Chill)**

➞ Morning: Take **Shinkansen back to Tokyo**

Options depending on your mood:

- **Ueno Park or Akiabara**
- **Coffee shop with Tokyo skyline view** to unwind
- **SPA**

Evening:

- Tokyo metropolitian observatory (free Tokyo night view)
- Last dinner in Japan 🍜

🗓️ **Day 9 – April 27 (Bye Japan)**