



# TRAVEL PLAN JAPAN

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Select relevant information about Japan from reading
- Plan a tour itinerary
- Compose persuasive text to convince others to buy your itinerary

🕒 1-1.5 HOURS

ADULT SUPERVISION FOR  
INTERNET RESEARCH

DIFFICULTY: ★★★★★

## YOUR MISSION

AQUILAnauts, we want you to plan the holiday of a lifetime – a Grand Tour of Japan, to last 10 days, taking in the best things Japan has to offer visitors on the five main islands. A travel plan like this is called an **itinerary**. Your itinerary must include at least one activity or attraction on each island, plus meals and shopping opportunities (shoppoportunities?). Once planned, you'll need to convince your family that your itinerary provides the best possible tour of Japan.

## GET STARTED

### PHASE 1:

**Research.** On pages 4 - 5 of AQUILA's Japan issue there is plenty of information about the five main islands and some of the many sights and sounds that might attract visitors. Edward's weekly diary in the **Tokyo Days** article on page 8 gives some extra insight. But why leave it at that? The internet has some fantastic sites that can help you to make your tour really special. Here are a few you could try:

- <https://www.japan.travel/en/uk/>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-japan/>
- <https://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/>

Make a list of the things you find that you think your family would love. These could be particular natural highlights like volcanoes, or forests, places to visit such as skyscrapers or historic buildings, or experiences like skiing, hot springs and snow monkeys, or simply wandering through a park, enjoying the beautiful spring cherry blossom! You'll need to think about food too (mmm – ramen noodle soup is our favourite!). Can you include three 'dream' meals in your itinerary? And what would a holiday be without shopping? Make sure to include at least one trip to buy souvenirs.

On a map of Japan, mark each attraction with a number corresponding to your list. Have you found attractions for each of the five main islands? If not, do a little more research.



## PHASE 2:

**Selection.** Here's where you really exercise your travel agent skills. Your trip is for ten days. On some of those days, you might be able to do two or three activities, while others might take a whole day on their own. It's time to edit your list – choose only the best activities and make sure you will be able to fit them all in!

## PHASE 3:

**Make your 10-day plan.** Where will you start your journey? On the chilly island of Hokkaido, or way down south on Okinawa? Or perhaps a start in the mind-blowing capital city of Tokyo? Work out the best order for all your activities, then put them into a table like the one below.

How are you going to travel from each activity to the next? Will it be by car, bullet train, boat, bicycle, hot air balloon or inline skates? How long will each journey take (ages on roller blades!)?

Finally, you'll need somewhere to stay each night. You could list this as a city or town, or you could research a particular hotel or location. It might be one of the amazing pod hotels in Tokyo, or perhaps camping with a spectacular view of Mount Fuji.

Itinerary	Activity and location (include meals here too)	Onward travel methods and times
Day 1	Activity 1	
	Activity 2	
	Activity 3	
Overnight stay 1		
Itinerary	Activity and location (include meals here too)	Onward travel methods and times
Day 2	Activity 1	
	Activity 2	
	Activity 3	
Overnight stay 2		

## PHASE 4:

**Presentation.** You've come up with an amazing itinerary but you'll need to sell this to your family. You could give a spoken presentation, you could make your itinerary into a beautiful booklet full of drawings and detailed descriptions. Or maybe you'd like to present it podcast-style, by recording it to a digital device and sending it electronically to all your family members. Remember, it must sound amazing in order to convince them, so use all your best vocabulary skills and persuasive language. For example;

*Spend a breathtaking day in the company of Japan's most famous volcano, Mt. Fuji, sometimes known as Fuji-san or Fujiyama. Take a stunning walk around Lake Kawaguchi, visit the Nihonzan Myohoji Buddhist temple and finish your day by photographing a spectacular sunset on an evening hike.*

**Have fun thinking of the best ways to entice your family to book this trip of a lifetime!**

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- \* What kinds of things do your family like to see and do on holiday?
- \* Could your presentation include a map of the entire route?
- \* Will the time of year make a difference to whether you can access some of the attractions? Cherry blossom is around in April, but doesn't last all year ...
- \* Can you work out how much it would cost for each person?
- \* What else would you include if it was 14 days rather than ten, or longer?