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**SAMPLE ITINERARY**  
**MUSIC TOUR OF ASIA - JAPAN**  
*B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner*

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**DAY 1 – ARRIVAL TOKYO (-)** 

Welcome to Tokyo! **Tokyo**, the capital city of Japan.

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**DAY 2 – TOKYO (B,D)** 

Discover and explore exciting Tokyo where the past mingles with the future and the ultra-modern stands side-by-side with the traditional.

Start off your day at **Imperial Palace**, the home of the Emperor of Japan, you will learn about the history of the property and its significance. Discover **Asakusa Senso-ji**, one of Tokyo's most iconic monuments and the oldest temples in Tokyo. You will gain an understanding of Japanese religion. Walk down **Nakamise Street**, one of the oldest shopping streets in Japan, dating back to the 1500's!

**Participate in the first performance.**

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**DAY 3 – TOKYO (B,D)** 

Participate in a cultural exchange program and expose to the Japanese club activities such as tea ceremony, Taiko drums and martial arts, etc.

**Participate in the second performance.**

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Discover **Harajuku**, the “kawaii” capital.

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**DAY 4 – TOKYO TO MT. FUJI TO SHIZUOKA (B,D)** 

Board a motor coach for your journey to the icon of Japan, Mt. Fuji and Hakone, a mountainous region that is part of the **Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park**.

Enjoy a relaxing boat cruise on scenic **Lake Ashino-ko**, a beautiful crater lake formed in the caldera of Mount Hakone. Weather permitting, enjoy a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji, Japan's most sacred mountain, as we cruise on the serene lake.

Late afternoon, travel to **Shizuoka**, where you will refresh your mind next to this mountainous and green city.

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**DAY 5 – SHIZUOKA TO OSAKA (B,D)**  

Morning, explore **Hamamatsu**, a UNESCO City of Music since 2014, an important musical center and the birthplace of Japan's modern musical instrument industry. The city brims with music year-round, from the Hamamatsu Jazz Week festival to the prestigious Hamamatsu International Piano Festival.

Admire a collect preserved musical instruments and related materials from around the world at **Museum of Musical Instruments**. Or take a special Kawai Piano Factory Tour to learn the production of the famous grand pianos.

Afternoon, experience the first bullet train to **Osaka**, Japan's 2nd largest metropolitan city and famous food culture city.

Explore **Dotonbori**, a famous food street where you will taste the Japanese food culture.

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#### **DAY 6 – OSAKA TO KYOTO TO OSAKA (B,D)**

Immerse yourself into the traditional Japan in Kyoto. **Kyoto** was the ancient capital of Japan for more than one thousand years. Kyoto is the best way to discover the "real Japan" and truly learn about its culture. Kyoto includes many stunning temples, beautiful gardens, colorful shrines, and the world-famous geisha.

First stop at **Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion**, a beautiful zen temple which covered by gold leaf. Then visit **Kiyomizu-dera Temple**, a historic monument and an UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk through **Fushimi Inari Shrine**, it is famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates. Explore **Gion** geisha district, with hostesses in colorful kimonos.

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#### **DAY 7 – OSAKA TO OKAYAMA (B,D)**

Discover the Land of Sunshine – **Okayama**, the characteristically Japanese white wall architecture and the willow trees lining the banks of the Kurashiki River. Kurashiki prospered in the 1600s as an integral destination for the transportation of goods, and the area continues to offer a historically attractive atmosphere of a calm and harmonious life.

Take a “**Traditional Boat Tour of Kurashiki Canal.**” This boat tour offers a chance to admire the town’s white walls from a small boat along the Kurashiki River that flows through the center of town. Experience Japanese culture firsthand by strolling through **Kurashiki’s historic streets.**

**Participate in the third performance.**

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#### **DAY 8 –OKAYAMA TO HIROSHIMA (B,D)**

Explore World Heritage sites in Hiroshima; walk through the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Visit the only remaining building after the bomb - the Atomic Bomb Dome followed by a memorable performance at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park which you will share the message of peace through music.

**Hiroshima Peace Museum** is a museum located in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, in central Hiroshima, Japan, dedicated to documenting the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in World War II. The museum was established in August 1955 with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Hall

**Hiroshima Peace Memorial / Atomic Bomb Dome**, originally the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall, and now commonly called the Genbaku Dome, Atomic Bomb Dome or A-Bomb Dome, is part of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

**Participate in the fourth performance.**

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#### **DAY 9 – DEPARTURE(B)**

Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. Take bullet train to Kansai Airport for your flight back to home.