Kyoto Immerse yourself in Japan’s traditional side, among the temples and shrines of the old Imperial capital.

Osaka Budget an evening for the bright lights and big flavours of this fun-loving city.

Tokyo Get your bearings and a taste for urban Japan.

Nara Hop over to Nara to see the Daibutsu (Great Buddha).

Himeji Spend a morning touring Japan’s best-preserved castle.

Hiroshima Bear witness to the momentous history of the 20th century at Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Park.

Miyajima Watch the sun set over the island’s floating torii (shrine gate) and then bed down in a ryokan (traditional Japanese inn).