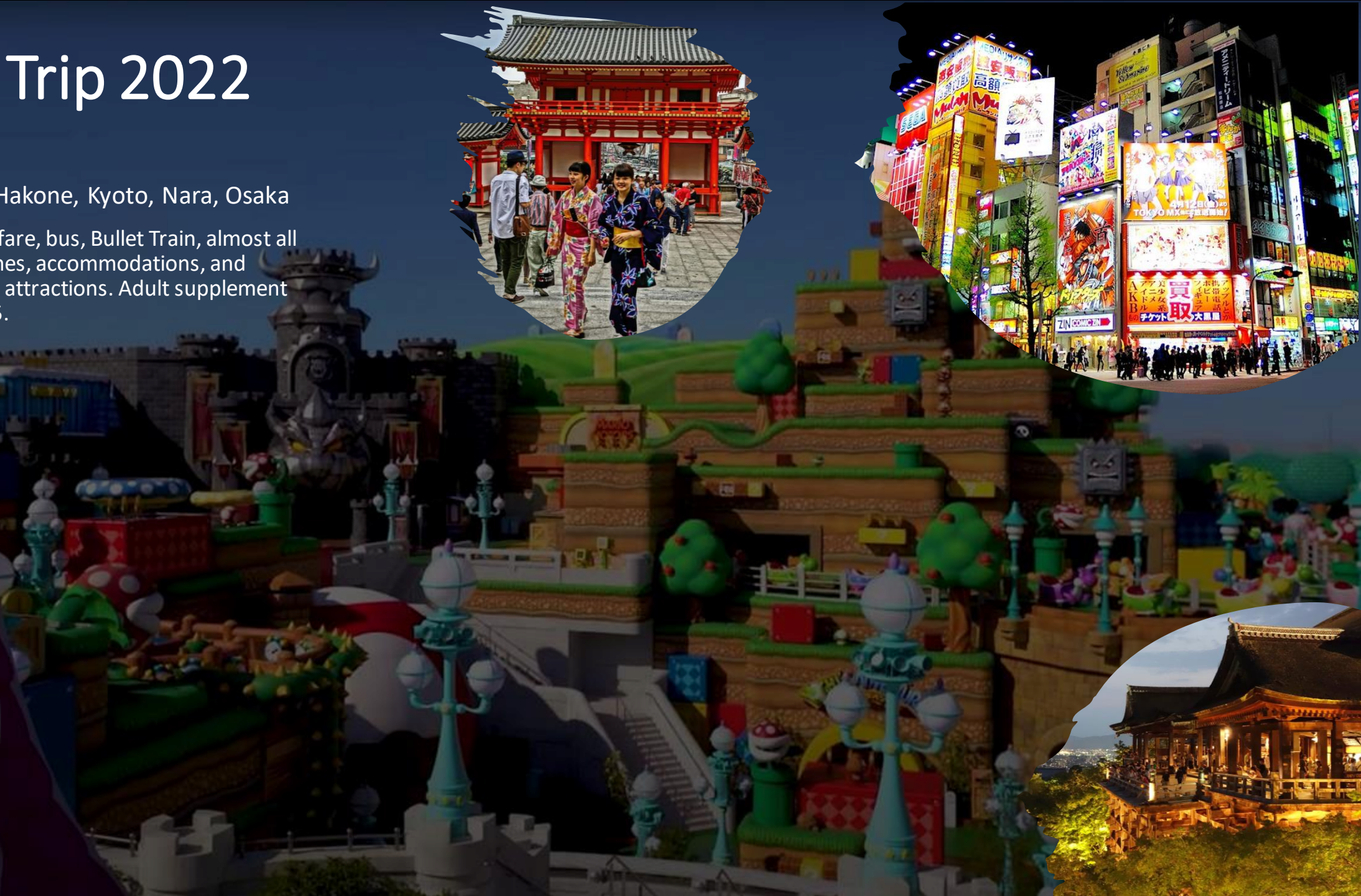


# Japan Trip 2022

- July 8-17, 2022
- 10 days: Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka
- \$4832 includes airfare, bus, Bullet Train, almost all meals except lunches, accommodations, and entrance tickets to attractions. Adult supplement an additional \$485.



# Day 1 July 8 – Fly to Narita/Tokyo Airport

- Depart from DFW
- Departure time TBD





# Day 2 July 9 – Konnichiwa Tokyo

- Meet with Explorica tour director
- Check into hotel: TBD
- Explore the area if there's time



A vibrant, crowded street scene in Tokyo, likely a shopping district. The street is lined with multi-story buildings featuring a variety of colorful signs and advertisements. On the left, a prominent red sign for 'Eggman ENTERTAINMENT' is visible, along with a 'B1' sign. Further down, a McDonald's sign is seen. On the right, a 'WOLFGANGBUCK EXPRESS' sign is prominent. A large crowd of people is walking down the street, and a tall, modern glass skyscraper is visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is one of a bustling, modern urban environment.

## Day 3 – Tokyo Landmarks

- Tokyo guided sightseeing tour:
  - Imperial Palace East Garden
  - Sensouji Temple
  - Meiji Shrine
  - Yoyogi Park
  - Harajuku District
  - Shibuya Crossing
  - Tempura Dinner



# Imperial Palace East Gardens

The **Imperial Palace East Gardens** is a spacious, sprawling garden in the center of Tokyo. It's the only part of the inner palace that's open to the public.

Sensouji Temple is the oldest, most famous and most significant of Tokyo's temples. It is an ancient Buddhist temple in Asakusa.





# Meiji Shrine

- This beautiful, green retreat from the surrounding concrete jungle was built in 1920 to venerate the Emperor Meiji (1852-1912) under whose reign Japan became a modern state. It is Japan's most famous Shinto Shrine.





## Yoyogi Park

Out of all the parks in Tokyo, Yoyogi Park has the most character; equal parts beautiful, quirky and just plain odd.

- Nestled between some of the city's biggest tourist hotspots there's no excuse not to stop by this iconic park.



# Harajuku District

- Buzzing Harajuku is renowned for colorful street art and youth fashion, with quirky vintage clothing stores and cosplay shops along Takeshita Street.





# Shibuya Crossing

- **Shibuya Crossing** is a world famous and iconic intersection in Shibuya. The scramble is famous for being the busiest crossing in the world. Here you can find the popular meetup spot at the statue honoring Japan's faithful dog, Hachiko.



Tempura Dinner  
- first of many  
delectable dining  
experiences





#### Day 4 Tokyo: Odaiba

Diver City Tokyo Plaza is a shopping mall designed with the theme of creating a "theatrical city space."  
**Gundham**-Aside from the statue you can visit the store & café inside Diver City.  
**teamLab Borderless**-most visited museum in the world dedicated to a single group or artist



#### Day 4 Tokyo: Akihabara (Akiba) Freetime in Akiba (aka Electric Town)

Akihabara is known as the world leading electric town and home to Otaku culture. It's the best place to witness the underground culture of Japan and shop high-tech gadgets. From electronics shops to maid cafés, check out best things to do in Akihabara





# teamLab Borderless

- Within its first year of opening, teamLab Borderless was easily one of the most visited attractions in Japan. However, a newly awarded certificate from [Guinness World Record](#) officially makes it the most visited museum dedicated to a single group or artist in the world.



Day 5 Tokyo-[Hakone](#)  
UNESCO  
World Heritage Site

- Lake Ashi cruise and views of Mount Fuji
- Mount Komagatake
- Hakone Shrine – floating torii gate and grounds
- Lake Ashi cruise and views of Mount Fuji





Overnight stay  
at a Ryokan-  
Traditional  
Japanese Inn



## Day 6 Hakone to Kyoto & Nara

Nara Excursion:

Nara Deer Park

Todai-ji temple (largest Buddha)

Fushimi Inari Shrine- famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates

Kasuga Grand Shrine- considered one of the most sacred places in all of Japan. The interior is famous for its many bronze lanterns, as well as the many stone lanterns that lead up the shrine.

*Travel via the Bullet Train!*





# Day 7 Kyoto & its many UNESCO World Heritage Sites



- **Kyoto guided sight-seeing tour:**

- **Tenryu-ji garden-** most famous Zen temple in the area
- **Arashiyama-Sagana Bamboo Forest-** Japan's most famous and photographed bamboo grove
- **Kinkaku-ji temple (Golden Pavilion)**
- **Kiyomizu Temple- "Pure Water Temple"**- It is said that this water possesses the power to extend one's life and fulfill one's wishes.
- **Sannen-zaka & Ninenzaka Streets-** The preserved districts of Ninenzaka and Sannen-zaka are two of Kyoto's most attractive lanes, leading from Kiyomizu-dera Temple.
- **Gion Street-** filled with shops, restaurants and ochaya (teahouses), where geiko (Kyoto dialect for geisha) and maiko (geiko apprentices) entertain.





## Day 8 Osaka: Universal Studios & Nintendo World!

Entrance ticket included in tour price. "Fast Pass" must be purchased closer to the day of visit.

# Day 9 Osaka- Japan's 3rd largest city.

Last and best day to enjoy food and shopping!



- Osaka Castle- one of Japan's most famous landmarks that played a major role in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century.
- Nishinomaru garden
- Kuromon Market- nicknamed "osaka's Kitchen, a must for foodies: unique food items in grocery stores, little mom-and-pop shops, cozy places to eat, plus souvenirs
- Dotombori- an eccentric mix of tourists and locals, restaurants and shopping:
  - Don Quixote- one of Japan's largest discount stores



Day 10 Sayounara Japan  
End of Japan Trip 2022

Depart from Osaka  
Airport with memories to  
last a lifetime.