Yoshino and Kyoto - 3 Days

Cherry blossoms in early April

*The Chery Blossom paradise, **Mount Yoshino**; more than 30,000 cherry trees are spread over its mountains and offer a landscape with all variations of white and pink. Because Yoshino is in Nara Prefecture and adjacent to **Kyoto**, a trip to Yoshino can be combined with many other destinations. This is a trip to Yoshino with a side-trip to Kyoto.*

Day 1: Tokyo / Yoshino

Departure around 8:00am for Yoshino by Shinkansen and train from Tokyo station via Kyoto (duration: about 4:30).

Visits and meals at your convenience

*The highland village of **Yoshino**, with its terraced houses a remote mountainside, is one of the most beautiful places in Japan to admire cherry blossoms. Mount Yoshino is adorned with more than 30,000 cherry trees of 200 different species and their staggered flowering patterns provides three weeks of magic (late March to mid-April).*

Mount Yoshino

Activity and visit Suggestions:

- **Hiking**
  Hike along the hills and mountain ridges and admire the cherry blossoms all around you or on the nearby mountainsides (hiking itineraries available on request).

- **Kinpusen-ji Temple**
  Its main pavilion, Zao-do, is one of the most imposing wooden buildings in Japan.

- **Yoshimizu-jinja**
  The former residence of Emperor Go-Daigo. Its architecture resembles that of a 14th century palace. Inside you can admire a collection of armor and painted screens.

Dinner and night at a Ryokan.

Day 2: Yoshino/Kyoto
Breakfast at the Ryokan.

Depart Yoshino station for Kyoto at 9:00am.

Visits and meals at your convenience

Kyoto *is the cultural capital of Japan. Former residence of the emperors and the first shoguns between 794 and 1868, this provincial city, although modern, is the heart of traditional Japanese culture. The city is a mixture of modern quarters and countless islets of traditional monuments, not to mention private mansions with their gardens and tea pavilions, where ceremonies of floral arrangements, dance and harp music are still common. The cherry blossoms associated with traditional culture in Kyoto create magical landscapes.*

Philosopher's path

Visit Suggestions:

- **Philosopher's Path (Tetsugaku no michi)**
  Famous path that connects the Silver Pavilion to the Nanzen-Ji Temple, meandering along a stream lined with beautiful trees and charming little temples. This is one of Kyoto's most popular places to take a pleasant walk on a path lined with flowers and trees, including 450 cherry trees.

- **Maruyama Park (Maruyama Koen)**
  This park offers walkways winding through trees, a small koi pond, souvenir shops and restaurants, is the perfect place to rest from the hustle and bustle of the city. However, in late March and early-April, it loses its quiet atmosphere when its many cherry trees bloom. For two weeks, the crowds storm him during the Hanami (flower viewing season).

- **Kiyomizu Temple**
  The Kiyomizu Temple offers panoramic views of the city. The building is built on a hillside, on a platform supported by huge stilts. For more than 1000 years, pilgrims have climbed the slope to pray and drink water from the sacred spring (kiyo-mizu in Japanese). Registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994, you can enjoy the World Heritage site with 1500 blooming cherry trees in the background.

Night at a hotel.

Day 3: Kyoto/Tokyo
Breakfast at the hotel.

Visits and meals at your convenience

In the late afternoon, depart Kyoto for Tokyo by Shinkansen.

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