

Japan Tour

13 – 21 May 2026



Join ANZCO Foods and experience Japan: a country where scenic rural landscapes contrast with vibrant modern cities. Gain insights into the country's beef industry, explore markets, meet local people, and experience some of the country's iconic cities and regions, soaking up the centuries-old tradition and fast-paced modern life for which Japan is known.

Itinerary

Day 1 **Wednesday 13 May** FLY AUCKLAND – TOKYO

AM Assemble at Auckland Airport early this morning and check in for your 10:15am Air New Zealand flight direct to Tokyo (11 hours).

PM Around 6.15pm, arrive at Tokyo's Narita Airport and complete entry formalities. Meet airport guide and transfer by coach to central Tokyo – Japan's incredible capital city and home to 14 million people, 37 million in greater Tokyo! Check into your hotel and relax after your travels.

Meals: Airline meals

Overnight: Toyko Shibuya/Shinjuku

Day 2 **Thursday 14 May** TOKYO

AM Today you will explore the huge city of Tokyo with ANZCO Foods. You will gain insights into the local food industry and visit supermarkets where ANZCO Foods lamb and Ocean Beef are sold. This is a good introduction to how produce is sold – quite different to what you see at home.

PM After lunch at Bikkuri Donkey restaurant, visit Niku no Kiwami to see how Wagyu beef is sold in Japan. After some time to relax, enjoy a welcome dinner at Nagaokaya. Dining at Nagaokaya will give you the opportunity to try ANZCO lamb, as well as sampling local specialties.

Meals: B

Overnight: Toyko Shibuya/Shinjuku

Day 3 **Friday 15 May** TOKYO – TSUKUBA

AM An early start for those wanting to visit the expansive Toyosu wholesale market where you can observe tuna auctions taking place (5:30–6:30am), as well as seeing other seafood, fruit and vegetables prepared for sale. After the market visit and breakfast, you have an opportunity for some personal sightseeing (options to be suggested).

PM Later this afternoon, depart Tokyo by coach, travelling north to Tsukuba City in the countryside of Ibaraki Prefecture (approximately 1hr 30 mins drive). Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Meals: B D

Overnight: Tsukuba City

Day 4 **Saturday 16 May** TSUKUBA – KYOTO – SHIGA

AM Depart after breakfast to visit Hitachi Waygu beef cattle enterprise. This traditional Japanese breed has evolved over centuries of breeding and unique management. It's renowned for its flavour, tenderness and internal marbling. Learn about the farming operation and enjoy sampling Hitachi beef over lunch at a local restaurant.

PM Return to Tokyo and board a bullet train for a high-speed trip to Kyoto Station (2 hours, 15 minutes). On arrival, transfer to a traditional style inn ("ryokan") in Shiga Prefecture. Enjoy the tranquil surroundings and perhaps experience a traditional Japanese onsen (hot spring bath).

Meals: B L D

Overnight: Shiga Ryokan

Day 5 **Sunday 17 May** SHIGA – KYOTO

AM In the morning, visit Omi Wagyu farm. Omi beef, known as "Omi-gyu" in Japanese, is a premium brand of wagyu beef that originates from the Shiga Prefecture in Japan – it's as famous as Kobe beef. From breeding to fattening, they produce beef cattle produced in Omi and manage about 500 cattle. In addition to Omi beef, they also produce F1 cattle through a partnership with a nearby dairy farm (about 50 cattle).

PM Enjoy sampling Omi beef at a local restaurant before visiting a nearby tea farm – another iconic industry of Japan. Learn about the production process and importance of tea in Japan before travelling on to the elegant city of Kyoto for a two-night stay.

Meals: B L D

Overnight: Kyoto City

Day 6 Monday 18 May KYOTO

AM Today we take in the sights of the ancient city of Kyoto – Japan's former capital. Kyoto is a city with a rich cultural heritage, thousands of Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, Imperial palaces, gardens and traditional wooden houses. We begin our day taking a stroll through Kyoto's famous bamboo forest, then there's an opportunity to enjoy a traditional tea ceremony or visit a sake (rice wine) brewery.

PM After a break for lunch, visit the exquisite Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion and zen rock garden, Ryoanji. Later we enjoy a captivating dinner show with a traditional Maiko performance (apprentice Geisha).

Meals: B D

Overnight: Kyoto City

Day 7 Tuesday 19 May KYOTO – TOKYO

AM Depart Kyoto by bullet train this morning and return to Tokyo. On arrival, explore more of the city including landmarks such as the Imperial Palace, Sensoji and the lively Ginza and district.

PM A chance to freshen up before this evening's farewell dinner at the ANZCO Foods owned Wakanui Restaurant, a fine dining restaurant exclusively supplied with ANZCO lamb and Ocean Beef. Enjoy New Zealand produce and the night views of Tokyo Tower for your last night.

Meals: B D

Overnight: Tokyo City

Day 8 Wednesday 20 May FLY TOKYO TO AUCKLAND

AM Free time today for personal activities or shopping.

PM Mid-afternoon departure to Narita Airport and check in for your evening flight to Auckland.

Meals: B

Overnight: In flight

Day 9 Thursday 21 May ARRIVE AUCKLAND

AM Arrive at Auckland around 9am this morning and continue home.

NB: This itinerary is based on the latest information Farm to Farm International Tours has available. Some aspects, including farm visits, may change where necessary.