



JAPAN ARCHITECTURE & CULTURAL TOUR

Overview & themes to be covered (5N6D)

Theme to be covered 1 - Metabolism in Japan

Metabolism was a post-war movement emphasising organic growth and modular design.

Tour Highlights:

- **Nakagin Capsule Tower (Kisho Kurokawa)**
- **Shizuoka Press Centre (Kenzo Tange)**
- **Tokyo Olympic Stadiums (Kenzo Tange)**
- **Hillside Terrace Complex (Fumihiko Maki)**

Theme 2 - Contemporary Design

Contemporary Japanese architecture blends minimalism, materiality, and nature.

Tour Highlights:

- - **21_21 Design Sight (Tadao Ando)**
- - **Nezu Museum (Kengo Kuma)**
- - **Prada Aoyama (Herzog & de Meuron)**
- - **Tokyo International Forum (Rafael Vinoly)**

Theme 3 - Traditional & Sacred Spaces

Japan's spiritual architecture showcases timber craft, wabi-sabi, and landscape harmony.

Tour Highlights:

- **Kinkaku-ji, Kyoto (gold-leaf pavilion)**
- **Fushimi Inari Shrine (vermillion torii)**
- **Church of the Light (Tadao Ando)**
- **Ise Grand Shrine (rebuilt every 20 years)**

Culmination & Capstone Project

Participants synthesise their observations into a final design proposal, research paper, or presentation. Projects should reflect on the interplay between tradition and innovation in Japanese architecture, demonstrating critical analysis of spatial, material, and cultural strategies encountered during the tour.