

FINDERS & KEEPERS SAFARIS

A LIFE OF MAKING MEMORIES

SOLO SAFARI

The Alpine Peaks & Hidden Samurai
Valleys

*“The Crow Castle, Edo-period timber streets, UNESCO thatched roofs, and
Kenroku-en's teahouse breakfast”*

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DAYS

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GRAN CLASS BULLET TRAIN

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KENROKU-EN GARDEN TEAHOUSE

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SOLO

FROM

\$9,000

PER PERSON

Overview

Engineered for luxury travelers who crave deep mountain passes, dramatic Edo-period timber architecture, and pristine landscape gardens. This circuit keeps guests fully positioned within the rugged Chubu and Hokuriku alpine regions — from the striking five-story black wood architecture of Matsumoto Castle and the dark-timber merchant houses of Takayama to the UNESCO straw-thatched roofs of Shirakawa-go and a private breakfast inside a historic teahouse at Kenroku-en, one of Japan's three great landscape gardens.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wanosato Takayama — a premium luxury machiya estate in the heart of Takayama's preserved Edo-period town
- Takayama Old Town — perfectly preserved dark-wood merchant houses dating to the Edo Period, sake breweries, and traditional shops
- Shirakawa-go (UNESCO) — the unique steep-sloped straw-thatched Gassho-zukuri farmhouses designed to withstand heavy mountain snows
- Hida-Furukawa — walking along old white-walled timber storehouses to look down into stone water canals where over 1,000 massive colourful koi fish swim
- Kanazawa gold-leaf and Kaga Yuzen silk masterclass — hammering gold to near-invisible sheets, hand-painting silk kimonos with natural river water
- Matsumoto Castle (The Crow Castle) — striking five-story black wood architecture with steep stone walls and a beautiful surrounding moat
- Aged sake and Hida beef canapés from a private wooden deck over the rushing Miyagawa River at sunset
- Kenroku-en Garden — one of Japan's three great landscape gardens. Private hot bento breakfast inside a historic wooden teahouse before the public gates open
- Myoryuji Ninja Temple — a private architectural walk through trick doors, hidden trapdoors, and secret passageways completely free of crowds
- Gran Class bullet train from Kanazawa back to Tokyo — the most luxurious rail experience in Japan

The Crow Castle, Edo-period timber streets, UNESCO thatched roofs, and Kenroku-en's teahouse breakfast

The Itinerary

01

TAKAYAMA, GIFU, JAPAN

Day 1 | Nairobi » Tokyo » Takayama — Arrival in the Alpine Estate

VIP handling at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta Airport, international flight to Narita or Haneda Airport in Tokyo. VIP airport pickup, private luxury SUV up the winding mountain passes into the rugged Chubu region. Check into Wanosato Takayama — Luxury Traditional Suite — or a premium machiya estate in the heart of Takayama's preserved Edo-period streets. Private guided tour of Takayama if arriving before 4:00 PM. Welcome dinner.

- Wanosato, Takayama
- Dinner

02

MATSUMOTO & TAKAYAMA

Day 2 | Matsumoto Crow Castle & Takayama Timber Alleys

Drive to Matsumoto Castle — the Crow Castle. The striking five-story black wood architecture with steep stone walls and a beautiful surrounding moat, one of Japan's most beautiful original castles. Private historian explains its history. Return to Takayama Old Town — perfectly preserved dark-wood merchant houses from the Edo Period. Aged sake and Hida beef canapés from a private wooden deck over the rushing Miyagawa River at sunset. Return for gourmet dinner.

- Wanosato, Takayama
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

SHIRAKAWA-GO

Day 3 | The Straw Roofs of Shirakawa-go

Into the remote alpine valleys to Shirakawa-go (UNESCO) — the unique steep-sloped straw-thatched Gassho-zukuri farmhouses designed to withstand heavy mountain snows, with the surrounding mountains as backdrop. Walking through the historic village, exploring the interior of a traditional farmhouse. The observation deck for panoramic views of the entire UNESCO settlement. Return for a relaxed evening.

- Wanosato, Takayama
- Breakfast, Dinner

04

KANAZAWA, ISHIKAWA, JAPAN

Day 4 | Journey to the Gold Coast of Kanazawa

Drive down the mountain passes to the coastal city of Kanazawa — stunning mountain and coastline views throughout the descent. Check into The Hotel Sanraku Kanazawa — Luxury Suite — looking out over the historic geisha districts. Afternoon exploring the Higashi Chaya District, its traditional teahouses and geisha culture. Gourmet dinner.

- The Hotel Sanraku Kanazawa
- Breakfast, Dinner

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KENROKU-EN GARDEN, KANAZAWA

Day 5 | Kenroku-en Garden — Private Teahouse Breakfast

Kenroku-en — widely considered one of Japan's three great landscape gardens. The iconic two-legged stone lantern and the ancient kotoji bridge reflecting on the water. A private hot bento breakfast inside a historic wooden teahouse facing a quiet koi pond before the public gates open. The profound stillness of a garden that has been cultivated for three centuries. Return for a relaxed afternoon.

- The Hotel Sanraku Kanazawa
- Breakfast, Dinner

06

HIDA-FURUKAWA

Day 6 | Hidden Gem — Hida-Furukawa Koi Canals

The hidden gem of Hida-Furukawa — walking along old white-walled timber storehouses to look down into stone water canals where over 1,000 massive colourful koi fish swim through the mountain water. The quiet streets, the local sake brewery, and the historic temple. A charming village that receives a fraction of Takayama's visitors. Return for gourmet dinner.

- The Hotel Sanraku Kanazawa
- Breakfast, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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HIDA-FURUKAWA

Day 7 | Myoryuji Ninja Temple — After-Hours Private Walk

A private architectural walk through the trick doors, hidden trapdoors, and secret passageways of the Myoryuji Ninja Temple — completely free of public crowds. The secret rooms, hidden staircases, and ingenious defensive features of this fascinating temple. Your guide explains the history and purpose of each hidden feature. Return for a relaxed evening.

- The Hotel Sanraku Kanazawa
- Breakfast, Dinner

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HIDA-FURUKAWA

Day 8 | Alpine Spa & Sea of Japan Banquet

A relaxed day at the luxury estate — premium wellness featuring local cedar-wood oil body treatments and thermal rock bathing. A grand torch-lit banquet featuring fresh Sea of Japan seafood on an open-air stone deck under a hanging canopy of paper lanterns.

- The Hotel Sanraku Kanazawa
- Breakfast, Dinner

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HIDA-FURUKAWA

Day 9 | Exclusive Gold-Leaf & Kimono Heritage Tour

An exclusive artisan studio with indigenous master gold-leaf beaters and Kaga Yuzen silk dyers — hammering gold down to near-invisible sheets, hand-painting silk kimonos with natural river water. A private performance of geisha Shamisen string music and oral storytelling. Celebratory farewell dinner paired with vintage sake.

- The Hotel Sanraku Kanazawa
- Breakfast, Dinner

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HIDA-FURUKAWA

Day 10 | Gran Class Bullet Train to Tokyo — Departure

A relaxed luxury breakfast. Board the Gran Class bullet train from Kanazawa — Japan's most luxurious rail experience — running along the coast back to Tokyo. Complementary spa session at a city hotel. International flight back to Nairobi.

- City Hotel, Tokyo
- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$9,800

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Pricing is an estimate subject to confirmation based on season, group size, and final accommodation selection.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	SHOULDER SEASON	\$11,000
Cherry blossom season across the country		
May – Sep	BEST VALUE	\$9,000
Warm, humid summer — better value		
Sep – Dec	PEAK SEASON	\$11,250
Autumn foliage — one of Japan's best seasons		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP tarmac handling at all airports
- » All private luxury vehicle transfers
- » 9 nights luxury accommodation
- » All meals — Full Board throughout
- » International flights Nairobi–Tokyo–Nairobi
- » Matsumoto Castle private historian
- » Takayama Miyagawa River sunset deck
- » Shirakawa-go UNESCO village tour
- » Kenroku-en private teahouse breakfast
- » Hida-Furukawa koi canal walk
- » Myoryuji Ninja Temple private walk
- » Cedar-wood oil spa treatments
- » Sea of Japan seafood banquet
- » Gold-leaf & kimono heritage masterclass

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Nairobi (confirm at booking)
- Gratuities for guides & staff
- Premium imported alcohol
- Gold-leaf & silk purchases at guest discretion
- Items of a personal nature

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