



Japan Rail, Tram and Sightseeing Tour

May 4–24, 2014

The Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. is proud to announce its 12th international tour. **Japan Rail, Tram and Sightseeing** will cover all four principal Japanese Islands, Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku, and Hokkaido in an extensive 21-day program. The tour will include first-class travel on Japan's Shinkansen ("Bullet") trains in order to visit many historic and modern tram and interurban operations throughout the country. There will general sightseeing opportunities provided to cover many of Japan's beautiful and historic places.

During 21 days of travel we will cover many major and provincial cities. The tour will begin in Tokyo on Sunday, May 4 as we settle into our luxury hotel, with Tokyo sightseeing and a tram charter the next day followed by our welcome dinner. The last tour activity will be our farewell dinner after a day in Tokyo on Friday, May 23; with an overnight stay to follow and departure from Japan on Saturday, May 24. All breakfasts will be provided and four additional dinners will also be included on days when late arrivals are scheduled.

We will stay four nights in Tokyo, three nights in Toyama, two nights in Hiroshima, two nights in Nagasaki, two nights in Matsuyama, three nights in Kyoto, two nights in Hakodate, and the last two nights in Tokyo. Three or four star hotels close to railway stations will be our homes during the tour. Checked baggage will be transported separately between cities so that tour members will only have to carry their cameras and hand baggage when they travel by train from location to location.

We plan on chartering historic equipment (where available), visiting depots, utilizing service trams and interurbans, and experiencing escorted sightseeing in the following locations:

Tokyo - Three full days with plenty of time for day trips and sightseeing.

- Toden Arakawa line fantrip and visit to the Setagaya line.
- Hakone day trip via Odakyu Railway with Mt. Fuji included.
- Enoshima day trip including Kamakura tour, Enoshima Electric Rwy. and Shonan monorail.

Toyama - Shinkansen travel from Tokyo to Toyama with time to visit the tram system.

- Fukui/Takaoka day trip to visit both tram systems. Separate coach tour of area available.
- All-day tour of Kurobe Gorge and Japan Alps via train, funicular, ropeway and trolleybus.



Hiroshima - Shinkansen travel from Toyama to Hiroshima with stop in Okayama to view tram system.

- Sightseeing by tram and interurban followed by visit to tram depot.

Nagasaki - Shinkansen and connecting train travel to Nagasaki with sightseeing by tram and visit to tram depot.

- Day trip to Kumamoto/Kagoshima tram systems; separate coach tour of area available.

Matsuyama - Connecting train, Shinkansen and Ferry travel to Matsuyama with time to visit tram system.

- Day trip to Kochi to visit tram system and charter trip on an Oslo or Lisbon tram.

Kyoto - Connecting train and Shinkansen travel from Matsuyama to Kyoto.

- Escorted tour to historic Nara and time for round-trip ride on Keifuku Railway in Kyoto.
- Osaka day trip via Hankyu railway, and chartered car on Hankai Electric Tramway.
- A separate sightseeing tour of Osaka will also be available.

Hakodate - Shinkansen and connecting train travel from Kyoto to Hakodate.

- Sapporo day trip with visit to tram system and subway control center.
- Time to visit Hakodate tram system.
- Connecting train and Shinkansen travel to Tokyo.

Ticket Information

Air transportation is by individual choice. First arrival is in Tokyo. Tokyo can be accessed from Narita airport via high-speed train, and our 21-day rail pass can be used if picked up at the Airport and validated on May 4. If arriving early, pick up and validate pass in Tokyo on or after May 4. Departure will be from Tokyo. Air arrangements, especially if you are using frequent flyer miles, are best made as soon as possible. Extra nights are available up to three days before and three days after the tour, in Tokyo.

Land arrangements will cost \$5595 per person with double occupancy (\$1195 single supplement), and will include:

- Rooms at 3- or 4-star hotels that tentatively are as follows: Shinagawa Prince Hotel Main Tower in Tokyo (upon arrival in Japan and before departure from Japan), Toyama Excel Hotel, Hotel Granvia Hiroshima, Hotel New Nagasaki, Hotel Sunroute Matsuyama, New Miyako Hotel in Kyoto, and Hakodate Kokusai Hotel.
- Group travel via "green pass" first class passage on Japanese Railways.
- Breakfast on each day of travel, and a total of six dinners.
- All excursions aboard chartered or regular service vehicles.



If you choose to arrive before the trip in Tokyo, from May 1–2 onward you may stay at the Shinagawa Palace Hotel Main Tower for an additional \$110 per person per day, double occupancy or \$210 single occupancy. If you stay in Tokyo after the trip on May 24–25 to May 27–28 you may stay at the same hotel as above for an additional \$100 per person per day, double occupancy or \$190 single occupancy. Please note this on the coupon below when sending in your reservation.

To reserve your Japan tour, please complete the order form below and send to:
Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc., Box 3323, New York, NY 10163-3323.
A stamped and self-addressed envelope will NOT be necessary.

\$500 deposit must be received by February 1, 2014, and full payment must be received by March 1, 2014. Make checks or money orders payable to: Electric Railroaders' Association, Inc. For questions call 917-714-7087 or email scedper@aol.com. Thank you.

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Name: _____ Age (as of May 2014): _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Passport Number: _____

Number of Participants:	_____	@ \$5595 Each	\$ _____
Single Supplements:	_____	@ \$1195 Each	\$ _____
1 to 3 nights in Tokyo per person, double (May 1, 2, 3):	_____	@ \$110 Per Night	\$ _____
1 to 3 nights in Tokyo per person, single (May 1, 2, 3):	_____	@ \$210 Per Night	\$ _____
1 to 3 nights in Tokyo per person, double (May 24, 25, 26)	_____	@ \$100 Per Night	\$ _____
1 to 3 nights in Tokyo per person, single (May 24, 25, 26):	_____	@ \$190 Per Night	\$ _____
		TOTAL COST:	\$ _____