

2 Day Mt. Fuji Tour Detailed Itinerary

Our summit takes place over 2 days. On the first day we will hike up to Fujisan Hotel mountain hut and rest for the night. On the second day we shall finish the ascent of Mount Fuji, descend to the 5th station and return to your hotel in Tokyo.

The hike from the 5th station (2,000m / 6,561ft) to our reservations at the Fujisan Hotel mountain hut (3,400m / 11,150ft) is 5km, which will take up the majority of our first day. The climb starts from Mt. Sho-Fuji; a panoramic view point which on a clear day offers a 360 degree view opening up grand vistas of the wooded lowlands and flanking mountains. The trail begins by walking through a Shinto temple in sub-alpine shrubs and trees and then gradually ascends into alpine climbing. Once in the alpine, the terrain gets steeper and we start walking on multi-color green and red rocks unique to volcanoes. Groups typically climb for one hour and then rest for 10-15 minutes.

Once at the Fujisan Hotel, the team leader will address specifics regarding the rest of the climb, including route conditions, food, equipment, clothing recommendations, as well as answer any questions you may have. As with all mountain huts on Mt. Fuji, our accommodations at the Fujisan Hotel are modest and basic. Huts on Mt. Fuji were designed as emergency shelters and are to this day utilized as such. There are no extra dry rooms for wet items and you will be sleeping in a sleeping bag, in a bunk, in crowded conditions. Also, please be advised that sleeping arrangements at the hut are mixed gender. Each person is allocated 1.6 square meters so please be aware you may not sleep comfortably. Depending on our descending route, some groups will have the option of leaving behind at the hotel any extra luggage not needed at the summit. Please consult your guide as to which trail you will be descending on.

Everyone will be woken up between 1:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. in order to get to the summit in time for the sunrise. Before hiking we encourage everyone to munch on some energy bars, to prepare for the final ascent. This final ascent is the physical crux of the route; it is truly a spectacular hike. At 3,400m (11,316ft) we join the main trail and zigzag up in line with other pilgrims in the pre-sunrise darkness. We climb at a relaxed steady pace with long breaks every hour.

The sunrise atop Mt. Fuji, known as goraiko or "Buddha's Halo", is stunningly brilliant. The sun gradually appears in dazzling shades of purple, pink, and orange over the sea of clouds that Japanese call "The ocean of cotton". The summit of Mount Fuji is very spectacular. Various temples, shrines, and tori's (Shinto "gateways for the gods") scatter the large dominating crater on the summit. Weather permitting, an option to hike around the half-kilometer wide crater is provided for those still up for the challenge. After time spent at the summit and a hot breakfast, the group begins their descent to the Subashiri 5th station. This takes about half the time of the ascent but still requires significant effort. Once at the 5th station participants will be given time to relax and order drinks/food, before we take the bus back to Shinjuku Station. The bus will depart from the Subashiri 5th station between 10:30-11:00 a.m.; As the season progresses, the bus departure time is adjusted so as to account for the later sunrise time.

In the event that a guest is unable to reach the Subashiri 5th station for the bus departure, an FMG staff will be on hand to transport guests to the Gotemba station where a public bus or train can be taken back to Tokyo or other final destination. The group is scheduled to arrive back in Tokyo between 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Our exact arrival time at Tochomae train station will vary based on traffic as well as when your climb is scheduled. A trip scheduled on September 1 is more likely to arrive back in Tokyo later than a trip on July 1 due to a later sunrise time.

Please note: if a guest is unable to arrive at the 5th station in time for the scheduled bus departure, they will be responsible for the additional cost of taking a public bus or train from Gotemba to Tokyo. We do not recommend scheduling airline flights for the same day as your descent from Mt. Fuji.