

Trends of Malaysian Incentive Travel to Japan 2024

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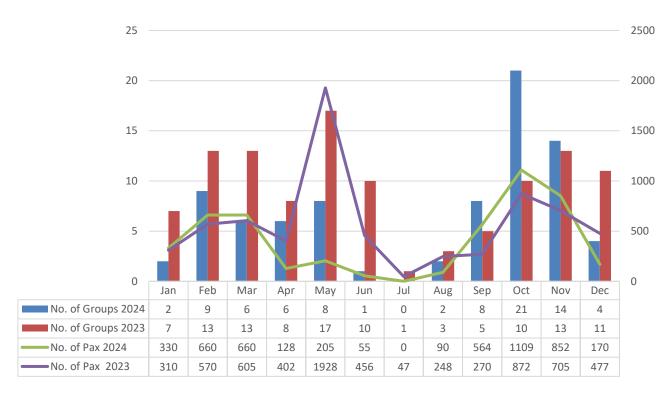
Overview

	2024	2023
No. of Groups* *Including staggered groups from same organizer	82	111
Total No. of Pax	4,891	6,948
Average Duration of Stay in Japan	5 Nights	5 Nights

- Due to the revised requirements for JNTO HQ incentive support in FY2024, and rising ground fees in Japan, the no. of groups collected is lesser than the previous fiscal year.
- The average group size is 86 pax per group in 2024 under statistical calculation, but more groups are around 20-60 pax per group based on data monitoring.
- The average duration of stay in Japan remained to be 5 nights with total 6-day or 7-day travel period.



No. of Groups* & No. of Pax by Month 2024 & 2023



In 2024, the travel habit of Malaysian incentive groups remained the same as 2023: Malaysians are mainly travelling during cool or cold season that cannot be found in Malaysia.

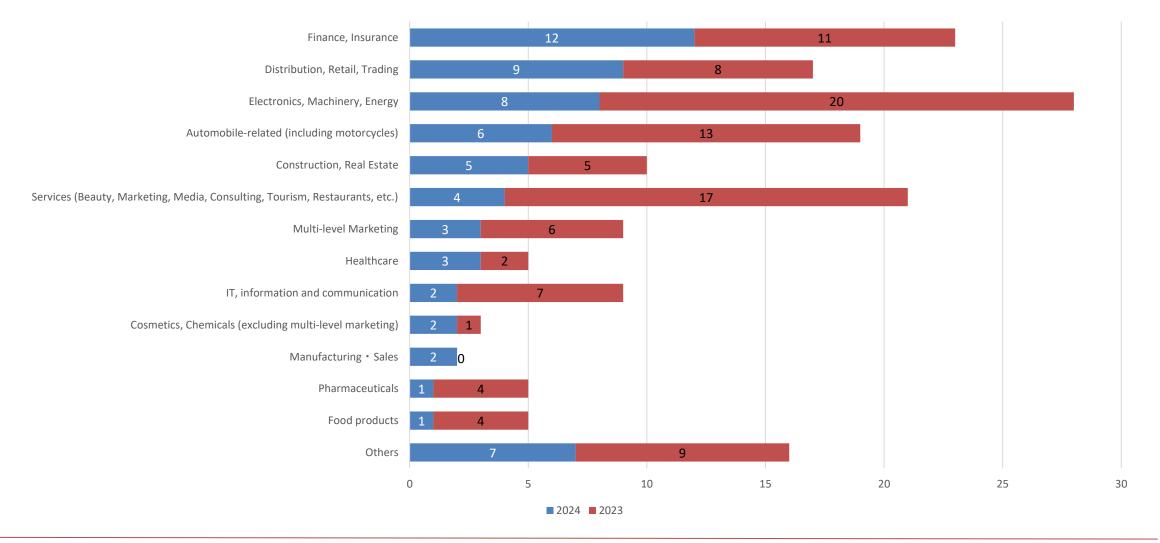
- In 2024, October has the most incentive groups and no. of pax, which is quite different from the pattern in 2023. May 2023 had the highest no. of groups and pax, but mainly due to a large scale incentive group of 1,290pax.
- Besides summer season, the figure for January is also comparatively low for both years, due to the beginning of new financial year for most Malaysian companies.

^{*}Includes staggered groups from same organizer with different departure dates

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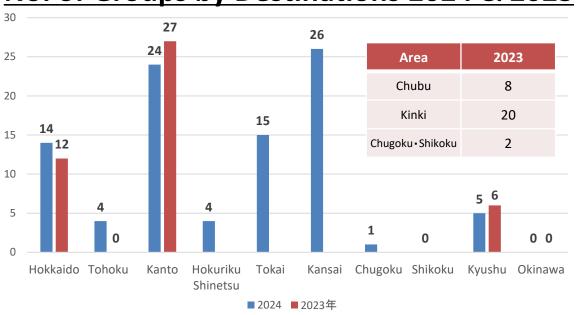
No. of Groups by Business Type 2024 & 2023











- *Each area contains the data of same group visiting multiple areas.
- **The area categorization has been revised in 2024 for some parts of Japan. The 2023 data of relevant area is listed in separate table.
- ***There are groups that did not share about their destinations during hearing.

- From the graph above, we can still observe the high demands on Golden route which normally includes Kanto (Tokyo, Kanagawa), Kansai (Osaka, Kyoto) and Tokai (Shirakawago, Mt. Fuji).
- Hokkaido, being Malaysians' top choice for winter season has secured its place after Tokai region.
- In 2024, Tohoku and Hokuriku Shinetsu (Alpine Route) have risen as 2 new incentive destinations in Malaysia. The selection of incentive destinations usually get influenced by the leisure market trend a lot which Tohoku and Alpine Route contents are being massively promoted on social media these years.





Tour Fee per pax 2024

	Total Tour Fare	Ground Fare	Freight
Average	USD 2,268	USD 1,610	USD 760
	≈RM 9,926	≈RM 7,046	≈RM 3,326
Median	USD 2,016	USD 1,585	USD 700
	≈RM 8,823	≈RM 6,937	≈RM 3,064



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Support Programs for Incentive Travels

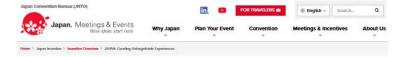
Region: Kanto

Support for Promoting Incentive Travel										
Type of Support	Tokyo	Tsukuba	Maebashi	Saitama	Chiba	Narita	Kisarazu	Urayasu	Yokohama	Hakone
Site inspection support (provision of accommodation, food, tourist activities)	✓	-	-	-	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	-
Creation of draft proposals, providing information	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Support During Incentive Travel										
Type of Support	Tokyo	Tsukuba	Maebashi	Saitama	Chiba	Narita	Kisarazu	Urayasu	Yokohama	Hakone
Accommodation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Airport transfer services	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Welcome banners	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Chartered transport (e.g. coaches)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Prepaid cards for public transport	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Venues (MICE facilities, unique venues)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Event management services	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Recruiting volunteers to assist at events	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Excursions, technical visits etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Attractions, entertainment etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Experience programs	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	-



Japan Experiences for Incentive Groups

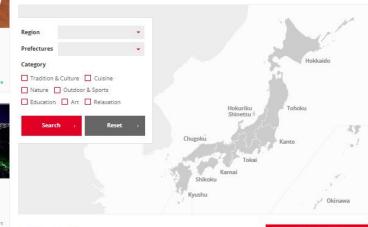




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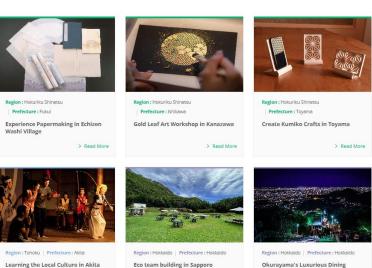
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