



# JAPAN'S INLAND SEA TO THE ALPS

11 DAYS + FROM \$5,999 + Small Groups of Never More than 16 Guests

## Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + With the smallest groups in Japan, our expert native guides have the flexibility to adjust your sightseeing for a more uncrowded experience with Japan's many delights.
- + Explore Japan's enduring ways with our exclusive cultural encounters - like spending time with Geisha, strolling through Kyoto's Gion district and learning the finer points of Sake at our private tasting.
- + Visit the famed Tsukiji Fish Market and learn to prepare a variety of fine quality sushi with a skilled Tokyo chef.
- + Learn the ancient tenets of Japanese design at Kenrokuen Garden and visit Shirakawago, an alpine hamlet.

Established health protocols are observed at all times

## OUR JOURNEY

📍 See 6 UNESCO World Heritage sites

### DAY 1 | *Welcome to Kyoto!*

You'll be met at the airport and guided to the coach that will take you to the deluxe *Granvia Hotel* for a 4-night stay in the heart of town.

### DAY 2 | *The best of Kyoto*

Your tour of Kyoto 📍 includes Nijo Castle, Kinkakuji Temple and Sanjusangendo with its 1,001 statues of Kannon, Goddess of Mercy. Delve into Japan's traditions when you dine with Geisha and stroll in Gion where Kabuki traditions began long ago.

MEALS B+L+D

### DAY 3 | *Miyajima + Hiroshima*

Cross the tranquil Inland Sea to Miyajima Island and visit Itsukushima Shrine 📍, established in the 6th century. Just off shore, a majestic red Torii Gate rises from the sea. In Hiroshima, visit Peace Memorial Park 📍 where the Memorial Museum stands as a sobering reminder of the destruction wrought by the Atomic bomb. MEALS B

### DAY 4 | *Japan's first capital*

Discover the ancient capital of Nara 📍 where Buddhism was first introduced to Japan nearly 1,500 years ago. You'll visit Todai-ji Temple to see its immense statue of Buddha, and then stroll the peaceful lantern-lined forest paths of Kasuga Shrine. MEALS B





### DAY 5 | *Bullet Train to Kanazawa*

Journey to Kanazawa and visit the Nomura Samurai Residence and Kutani Kosen Pottery Studio to see skilled artisans at work. Then stroll through Kenrokuen, revered as one of Japan's three finest gardens. Overnight at the 5-star *Nikko Hotel*. MEALS B

### DAY 6 | *Shirakawago*

Travel to Shirakawago, famed for its "Joined Hands" farmhouses. More than a century old, they derive their name from their steeply pitched roofs which look like hands joined together in prayer. Continue to the deluxe *Associa Takayama Resort*. MEALS B+L+D

### DAY 7 | *Exploring Takayama*

Spend time at the lively morning market and admire perfectly-preserved buildings like Takayama Jinya, a government hall of the Edo era. Enjoy a tasting of fine sake and tour the Folk Craft Museum. At the Festival Floats

Exhibit Hall, you'll see parade floats dating back 400 years and still used in the town's colorful spring and autumn festivals. MEALS B+L

### DAY 8 | *Onward to Tokyo*

Journey by rail to Tokyo and transfer to the *Keio Plaza Hotel* where your Premier Grand room offers access to the Club Lounge. MEALS B

### DAY 9 | *Tokyo sightseeing*

Enjoy our special morning visit to the famous market in Tsukiji where the best chefs come to procure the freshest seafood. Then join one such chef to learn the art of preparing sushi. Ascend Tokyo Observatory for breathtaking views and stroll through Nakamise Arcade to visit Asakusa Kannon Temple. MEALS B+L

### DAY 10 | *Mt. Fuji and Hakone*

Travel to the 5th Station of Mt. Fuji and continue to Hakone National Park. Enjoy a lake cruise and ascend Mt. Komagatake by cable car for sweeping vistas over the forested mountains. MEALS B+D

### DAY 11 | *Depart Tokyo*

Step aboard the comfortable airport limousine coach for your trip to the airport. MEALS B

### *Spend the night at a Japanese Inn*

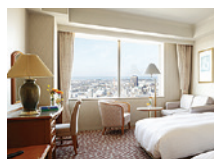
On Day 4, you can delight in traditional Japanese hospitality with a stay at the Yoshi-ima Ryokan. \$150 per person double, \$200 solo.

### Our Deluxe City-Center Hotels



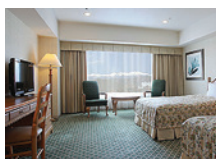
#### KYOTO - GRANVIA HOTEL

Our deluxe hotel is a striking landmark with shops and dining in the heart of the city.



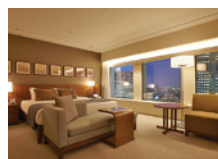
#### KANAZAWA - NIKKO HOTEL

Our contemporary 5-star hotel blends European elegance with traditional Japanese warmth.



#### TAKAYAMA - ASSOCIA TAKAYAMA RESORT

In forested mountains, this resort is one of the finest in Japan's Alps.



#### TOKYO - KEIO PLAZA HOTEL

You'll stay in a Premier Grand room on the Club Floor at our deluxe hotel in exciting Shinjuku.



### TAKAYAMA SPRING FESTIVAL

Delight in Japan's famous cherry blossoms and experience a centuries-old festival including a night market and a spectacular parade with enormous, ingenious floats.



### CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Discover Japan's enchanting springtime beauty with city and countryside vistas awash in a profusion of delicate pink cherry blossoms. The Japanese love this time of year... You will too!

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OUR ORIGINAL JOURNEY *Value*

- + Escorted comprehensive sightseeing every day, including all entrance fees
- + 17 meals: 10 buffet breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners with wine at dinner
- + 10 nights in our handpicked deluxe hotels
- + All on-tour transportation with on-coach WiFi, airport transfers, and the Bullet Train
- + All luggage handling, hotel taxes and fees
- + All gratuities are included, except for your Trip Leader
- + 3 or more guests save \$50 - \$200 each
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

## 2021-2023 Rates

LAND ONLY PER PERSON

### Never More than 16 Guests

2021	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
May 13	\$6,999	\$2,400
May 27, Jun 7	\$6,499	\$2,000
Jul 15	\$7,599	\$2,000
Aug 19, Sep 9, 16	\$6,499	\$2,000
Oct 4 - <b>Takayama Fall Festival</b>		
Oct 7, 14	\$6,999	\$2,400
Nov 4	\$7,299	\$2,800
2022		
Mar 24, 28, Apr 1, 3, 6, 7 - <b>Cherry Blossoms</b>		
Apr 9 - <b>Takayama Spring Festival</b>	\$7,899	\$2,800
Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13		
Oct 4 - <b>Takayama Fall Festival</b>	\$7,299	\$2,200
Nov 7 - <b>Fall Foliage</b>	\$7,899	\$3,000
2023		
Mar 23, 28, Apr 1, 3, 6, 7 - <b>Cherry Blossoms</b>		
Apr 9 - <b>Takayama Spring Festival</b>	\$7,899	\$3,000

Save up to \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo when you pay in full at time of booking

### Go on a Custom Journey

Our Custom Travel experts can tailor a tour anywhere across the Japanese archipelago.