



# Tour Program

SILVER MOON MO260919014 / 14 DAYS

September-19-2026 / October-03-2026

Tokyo, Japan / Tokyo, Japan

| Date                              | Arrive  | Depart   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 19 Tokyo, Japan                   |         | 7:00 PM  |
| 20 Day at sea                     |         |          |
| 21 Osaka, Japan                   | 8:00 AM |          |
| 22 Osaka, Japan                   |         | 11:00 PM |
| 23 Day at sea                     |         |          |
| 24 Hiroshima, Japan               | 7:00 AM | 5:00 PM  |
| 25 Kanmon Strait Passage, Japan   | 2:00 AM | 4:00 AM  |
| 25 Fukuoka (Kyushu Island), Japan | 9:00 AM | 7:00 PM  |
| 26 Busan, Korea, Republic of      | 7:00 AM | 11:00 PM |
| 27 Day at sea                     |         |          |
| 28 Kanazawa, Japan                | 7:00 AM | 11:00 PM |
| 29 Day at sea                     |         |          |
| 30 Hakodate (Hokkaido), Japan     | 8:00 AM | 6:30 PM  |
| 1 Miyako, Iwate, Japan            | 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM  |
| 2 Day at sea                      |         |          |
| 3 Tokyo, Japan                    | 8:00 AM |          |

# General Information

## ORGANISED SHORE EXCURSIONS

Booking Direct with Silversea gives you peace of mind. Our local tour operators are fully insured and have been comprehensively vetted. In the unlikely event of issues with a Silversea tour, we assume responsibility and the ship will wait for our delayed shore excursion. These are important factors when comparing value. Please bear in mind as we traverse many far reaching destinations, the local infrastructure varies and is beyond our control. Road conditions and vehicles available locally may not be up to standards we are accustomed to. Guides and drivers may speak with a heavy accent at times depending on the port of call. Be assured however that at Silversea, we contract only the best tours and best operators available at each destination. Please Note: Silversea reserves the right to make any changes or modify a tour in case of unforeseen circumstances and/or to ensure the safety and comfort of our guests.

## BOOKING & CANCELLATION DEADLINES

Shore Excursions are available on a first-come, first served basis. Guests should note that some shore excursions are very popular with guests and often ending up being waitlisted. In order to avoid disappointment, it is therefore suggested to book in advance via [my.silversea.com](http://my.silversea.com) until 48 hours prior to sailing. Last-minute requests to participate in excursions are subject to availability, which in some cases may not be determined until departure time pier-side. If changes or cancellations are required once onboard, tickets must be returned to the Shore Concierge Desk within the cancellation deadline. For our selected Shore Excursions Tickets returned after the cancellation deadline will be charged 100% cancellation fee to the guest's onboard account. Cancellation deadlines for the majority of our shore excursions is 48hrs prior to the port of call. Please note that certain shore excursions might have a different cancellation deadline; all cancellation deadlines are stated in the please note section of the shore excursion, booking form and shore excursion tickets.

## ONLINE ADVANCE RESERVATION OF SHORE EXCURSIONS

Silversea operates an online reservation option, allowing guests to reserve their shore excursions at leisure prior to their cruise. In order to access this, please log on to MySilversea ([my.silversea.com](http://my.silversea.com)) up to 48 hours prior to your sail date. If you have reserved your shore excursion online, you will receive further information upon embarkation onboard.

## SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURES TIMES

Departure times are published in the ship's daily newspaper, the Silversea Chronicles and on shore excursion tickets. When the ship is at anchor, guests must allow additional time to tender ashore. Silversea Cruises reserves the right to adjust itineraries and shore excursion departures as local conditions dictate.

## ON BOARD RESERVATIONS

You may also reserve and purchase your shore excursions. You will find a shore excursion booking form in your suite and at the Shore Concierge desk. Select the shore excursions in which you wish to participate, then leave the completed and signed form at the Shore Concierge desk prior to the booking deadline indicated. Shore Excursion tickets will be delivered to your suite and your selected excursions charged to your shipboard account. Overland and exclusive excursions must be pre-paid by credit card through your reservation agents. If still available they may also be purchased on board. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participants in order to operate as described. If this minimum number is not met, Silversea reserves the right to offer the programme at a different rate or to cancel the specific departure.

## SHORE EXCURSION PRICING

Prices are generally quoted per person, per tour, with the exception of Silver Shore Privato or group-designated excursions. Prices are subject to change without notice. Please visit MySilversea ([my.silversea.com](https://my.silversea.com)) for the most up-to-date information. Please note that prices for Shore Excursions are quoted in U.S.Dollars only. Discounts for children under 12 years of age are available on some, but not all tours. Prices for children, if available, will be adjusted onboard. Please see the Shore Concierge team prior to your excursion to discuss the availability of children's pricing.

## SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURE TIMES

As a courtesy to fellow guests, shore excursion departures generally will not be announced unless there is an unforeseen change. Departure times from the ship are published in the ship's daily newspaper, the Silversea Chronicles and on shore excursion tickets. Guests are kindly requested to proceed ashore at least 10-minutes prior to the shore excursion departure time. The Shore Concierge team will be pierside to direct you to the appropriate transportation. When the ship is at anchor, guests must allow additional time to tender ashore. Silversea Cruises reserves the right to adjust itineraries and shore excursion departures as local conditions dictate. Please note that approximate pier departure times are also listed in MySilversea ([my.silversea.com](https://my.silversea.com)).

## SHORE EXCURSION SUITABILITY

Silversea offers a broad range of activities for our guests of all physical capabilities. However, certain excursions are more appropriate for physically fit and active guests. All excursions offered are clearly identified with an activity level to assist you. We also offer a good variety of Accessible Shore Excursion worldwide (according to the ports availability and local structure) that are designed for guests unable to negotiate motor coach steps or for full time wheelchair/scooter users. The vehicle used on this type of shore excursion is adapted with an access ramp (or lift where available) to accommodate a limited number of mobility devices. In order to use the ramp and/or lift, guests are required to be seated on a wheelchair or scooter. For your safety and enjoyment and that of your fellow guests, please be certain to select excursions that meet your physical capability. We therefore encourage guests to review the excursion description carefully including the PLEASE NOTE section which includes useful information. Silversea also offers Destination Experience Briefings onboard. If you have any questions or concerns regarding shore excursion suitability, please contact the Shore Concierge ([shoreconcierge@silversea.com](mailto:shoreconcierge@silversea.com)) prior to your cruise or visit the Shore Concierge desk for more detailed information once onboard.

## ON LAND – DESTINATION EXPERT SERVICES

Our dedicated Destination Experts are available to assist guests with in-depth destination knowledge and the personalised planning of tailor-made experiences. Whether you're looking for cultural immersions, exclusive excursions, scenic flightseeing, or curated water-based activities, our experts will work with you to craft the ideal programme to suit your preferences. This bespoke service is designed for guests seeking thoughtfully arranged, personalised itineraries rather than independent exploration. Requests should be submitted no later than 15 days prior to sailing, and guests must have a deposited or fully paid booking. Please note that confirmed, exclusive programmes are subject to strict cancellation policies.

To begin planning your custom experience, email our Destination Experts at [destinationexpert@silversea.com](mailto:destinationexpert@silversea.com) and include your booking number. Our team is available Monday through Friday to help you create truly memorable on-shore moments.

## ONBOARD SHORE CONCIERGE TEAM

Whether you wish to participate in an organised shore excursion or tailor-made shore excursion, Silversea's experienced Shore Concierge team are happy to assist you to plan the best shore-side experiences with knowledgeable suggestions, personalized planning for sightseeing, water sports, golf and more. The Shore Concierge team is available onboard on sea days from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Office opening hours in port may vary whilst staff is shore-side assisting those on excursions. Please refer to the Silversea Chronicles for daily office opening hours. Once onboard, those considering a bespoke excursion should contact the Shore Concierge team at their earliest possible convenience, as time may be a factor in reaching local contacts. Please be aware that once arrangements are confirmed they are non-refundable.

## DESTINATION EXPERIENCE BRIEFINGS

Throughout the voyage the Shore Concierge Manager and Destination Consultant will offer port and shore excursion information prior to arrival in each port of call. Their aim is to give you a travel experience that goes beyond the ordinary and answer as many of your questions as possible. The information is presented in the theatre or is pre-recorded and played on your in-suite entertainment system, and will allow more time to enjoy and immerse yourself in each port.

## SILVERSEA SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary transportation may be provided by Silversea when the local town is beyond a reasonable walking distance from the port. This service may not be possible in ports where a strong taxi union exists, preventing Silversea from providing a complimentary shuttle. The availability and schedule for this service will be announced onboard and listed in the Silversea Chronicles. We are not able to advise this in advance. Operationally, intervals between shuttle bus departures could be affected by local traffic. Silversea is not liable for any unforeseen delays. There will be a break in service for driver meal times. Shuttle service is offered during the day only. The shuttle service is designed to augment local transportation; guests requiring more flexibility may prefer not to wait for a shuttle and secure a taxi at their own expense.

## CHILDREN ON TOUR

To ensure the safety of our younger guests, participation by children in certain shore excursions may be restricted. Children up to the age of 8 years old are only permitted to participate in suitable Silver Shore Excursions and the shuttle service if the vehicles are equipped with the correct safety harness and seating equipment. Such harnesses' and secure seating cannot be guaranteed. Alternately, guests may use their own approved safety seat, booster seat or harness as long as they are compatible with the local touring vehicle and can properly secure the young guest. Silversea reserves the right to refuse children under the age of 8 years old on any tour on the basis of safety.

## VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CHARGES

Please note that photography at some museums, sites and monuments and/or the use of video cameras may not be allowed or may incur a charge. These charges are not included in the tour price and are at guests' own expense. Further details will be in the detailed shore excursion description and please note section. Please ensure to review these in detail prior to departing on your shore excursion.

## SHOPPING STOPS

While our organised excursions are not generally geared to the serious shopper, some shore excursions allow for short shopping stops as indicated in the shore excursion description. In the interest of all participants, guests should adhere to the allotted time and return to the tour vehicle promptly as advised by the tour guide or ship's escort. Please Note: The selection of shops is generally left to the discretion of the tour operator. Silversea does require that establishments be

reputable, of general interest to our guests and offer quality goods. However, all purchases are the responsibility of the individual.

# Activity Level and Icon Definition



## Minimal Activity

Excursions are easily paced without the need for excessive walking or physical activities. Being able to board motor coaches and negotiate steps can be encountered.



## Extensive Activity

Active excursions are recommended only for those guests in good physical health, with considerable amounts of physical activity.



## Moderate Activity

Full participation requires being in good physical condition and may involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing.



## Adventure Tour - Physically fit

Active excursions are recommended only for those guests in good physical health, with considerable amounts of physical activity.



## Moderate Mobility Issue

Tours recommended for guests able to walk short distances, can navigate the steps of a motor coach and at venues, and/or travel with a standard size manual collapsible wheelchair or scooter, (able to fit in the motor coach luggage compartment).



## Wheelchair Accessible

Designed for guests unable to navigate motor coach steps. This level is ideal for full time wheelchair/scooter users, slow walkers, and their party. The vehicle on this type of tour has an access ramp (or lift where available) to accommodate a limited number of mobility devices. These tours are entirely step-free with shorter walking/rolling distances.



## Evening Excursion

The excursion is taking place in the evening.



## Limited Space Available

Please be aware that there is only limited space available on this tour. Places are delivered on a first come first served basis.



## New Excursion

This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea.



## Meal Included

A meal is included in the excursion.



## Beach

Unwind and enjoy pristine beaches or exclusive coastal locations - perfect for relaxation of water-based activities.



## Nature

Discover the natural beauty of each region, from serene landscape to thrilling outdoor explorations in the unspoiled environments.



## Culinary

Indulge in the local flavors and gastronomic traditions with curated food experiences that offer a deeper understanding of regional cuisine.



## Culture

Immerse yourself in the history, art, and traditions of each destination through expertly guided tours and exclusive access to cultural sites.



### **Wellness**

Relax and revitalize with bespoke wellness experiences that focus on personal well-being, from lavish spa treatments to meditation sessions.



### **"S.A.L.T"**

Discover the soul of the destination through the lens of food with tailored culinary experiences that unlock the culinary culture of each place.



### **Active**

For the adventurous traveler, enjoy high-energy activities designed to get the heart pumping while exploring new destinations.

SEPTEMBER 21 2026, MONDAY

# Osaka - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### OSA-A / Introduction to Osaka

Difficulty



Price: \$159 - Duration: 5.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka's feudal and religious past during this picturesque, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Osaka, Osaka Castle, Weapons, Armour, Artefacts, Panoramic Viewpoint

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximate 50-minute drive to the Osaka Castle. Built in the late-16th century, the castle was burned down in a series of 17th-century battles. It was later reconstructed, but its donjon was destroyed by fire once again. The castle's final reconstruction took place in the early-20th century. Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour. The first seven floors of the castle display various weapons, armour, and artefacts of a bygone era. The eighth-floor features splendid panoramic vistas and photo opportunities of the castle's surrounds. Leaving Osaka Castle, re-board your coach for the drive to Sumiyoshi-ku and a visit to the Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine.

Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine, Four Sanctuaries, 600 Stone Garden Lanterns, Red, Arched Bridge

Built in the 3rd century, the shrine is beloved by the people of Osaka as the guardian deity for sailors and a deity to bring prosperity. It also serves as the headquarters of over 2,000 Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrines throughout Japan. Some three-million people visit this shrine at the beginning of each New Year. The shrine is home to the first-fourth sanctuaries. Each sanctuary is built in the Sumiyoshi-Zukuri style with straight roofs, the oldest Shrine architecture style, and all are designated as National Treasures. In the precincts surrounded by woods, over 600 stone garden lanterns stand in a row and a red, arched bridge spans over the pond. Following your visit, re-board your coach for the approximate 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately two miles (about 3.2 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 40 steps at the entrance to the Osaka Castle, and 190 steps to access the top floor. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Photography/videography is not permitted on the third and fourth floors of the Osaka Castle. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.



## OSA-B / Kyoto Highlights & High-Speed Shinkansen Train

Difficulty



Price: \$379 - Duration: 8.50 hr(s)

Experience Kyoto on the fast track during a panoramic, full-day sightseeing excursion to this historic city via bullet train.

Osaka, Bullet Train to Kyoto, Golden Pavilion

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 45-minute drive to the Shin-Osaka Station. Upon arrival, board the high-speed Shinkansen bullet train for the short ride to Kyoto. Upon arrival at the Kyoto Station, board a coach and transfer to the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) for an exterior visit. Built as a villa during the Muromachi Period in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was later converted into a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold.

Nijo Castle, Cultural Treasures, Chinese Gate, Ni-no-maru Garden, Pictures on Doors

Next, re-board your coach and head to the Nijo Castle, built in 1626 as the residence of Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. The Honmaru (Main Court) burned down in 1788. The only original part remaining is the Ni-no-maru (Second Court). The present 'Honmaru', built in 1827, is a replica of the one that originally stood on the grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. The castle, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, is also renowned for its many cultural treasures dating from the 16th-century Momoyama Era, including the Karamon (Chinese Gate), Ni-no-maru Garden, and pictures on the doors of the building.

Shozan Resort Kyoto, Japanese Lunch, Heian Jingu Shrine

Leaving Nijo Castle, re-board your coach and proceed for a Japanese, set-menu lunch at the Shozan Resort Kyoto. After lunch, re-board your coach and transfer to the Heian Shrine (Shrine of Peace), built in 1895 to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Kyoto (Heian-Kyo capital). The Heian Shrine is dedicated to two emperors: Emperor Kammu, the first emperor to rule Kyoto, and Emperor Komei, the last emperor to live out his reign in the city.

Afterward, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 1.5-hour drive back to the pier. A comfort stop is made en route.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.5 miles (about 2.4 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and board/de-board the bullet-train, and 40 steps at the Nijo Castle and Heian Jingu Shrine. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must remove their shoes before entering the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 45 minutes-1.5 hours in each direction. Photography/videography is not permitted inside the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. The tour sequence may vary.**

Due to ongoing repair-and-restoration projects on the Nijo Castle grounds, some of the buildings may be covered.

## OSA-C / The Spirit of Japan: Nara & Kyoto

Difficulty



Price: \$359 - Duration: 9.00 hr(s)

Discover the essence of Japanese culture and history through this captivating tour of Nara and Kyoto's most revered sites on this full-day cultural exploration tour. It offers a perfect balance of Nara's ancient grandeur and Kyoto's refined beauty, providing a comprehensive insight into Japan's spiritual and cultural heritage. From the largest bronze Buddha to the most enigmatic rock garden, every stop on this journey promises to leave you with lasting memories and a deeper understanding of Japanese history and aesthetics.

Nara, Todaiji Temple, Great Buddha Hall

Disembark the ship and board your motorized coach for an approximately one hour drive to Nara, where your journey begins at the awe-inspiring Todaiji Temple. Founded in 752 AD and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Todaiji is one of Japan's most historically significant temples. Its vast Daibutsuden, or Great Buddha Hall, is the largest wooden structure in the world and houses an immense bronze statue of Buddha Vairocana rising 15 meters tall. As you explore the temple grounds, enjoy encounters with the friendly deer that wander freely here, long regarded as sacred messengers of the gods.

Local Lunch

A short transfer then brings you to a local restaurant for a traditional Japanese lunch, where the fresh flavors of the region provide both nourishment and a glimpse into Kyoto's celebrated culinary heritage.

Kyoto, Golden Pavillion

Following lunch, relax on an approximately one hour and fifteen-minute drive to Kyoto, where the shimmering Golden Pavilion (Kinkaku-ji) awaits. This exquisite three-story temple, covered entirely in gold leaf, was originally built in 1397 as the retirement villa of Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu before becoming a Zen temple. Reflected in the still waters of its surrounding pond, the Golden Pavilion is one of Kyoto's most iconic and unforgettable sights.

Iconic Zen Rock Garden, Ryoanji Temple

Your final stop is Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen rock garden. With its 15 carefully placed stones set upon a sea of white gravel, this minimalist masterpiece has inspired contemplation and debate for centuries. The wider temple grounds, featuring a scenic pond and lush seasonal gardens, invite quiet reflection before your return journey. At the end of your visit, re-board your coach for the approximately one hour and forty-minute transfer back to the port, where your ship awaits your return and the day's memories linger.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 2.5 miles (about four kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 20 steps at the Todaiji Temple. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. . The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 60 minutes-70 minutes in each direction. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary.**

## OSA-D / The View of Osaka

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Experience the stunning beauty and history of Osaka from two unique perspectives during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion.

**Shitenno-ji Temple, 6th-Century Temple Buildings**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the Shitenno-ji Temple, built in the late-6th century by a son of Emperor Yomei. One of Japan's oldest temples, Shittenno-ji was the first to be built by the state and founded in 593 by Prince Shotoku, who supported the introduction of Buddhism into Japan. Whilst several of the temple's buildings have burned down several times throughout the centuries, they have always been carefully reconstructed to reflect the original, 6th-century design.

**Outer Temple Grounds, Interior Tour, Gokuraku-jodo Garden, Pagoda, Main Hall, Kannon Statue**

Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour around the outer temple grounds. Once inside the temple, see the Gokuraku-jodo Garden, the pebble-covered courtyard with a five-storey pagoda, and the Main Hall where Prince Shotoku is enshrined as a statue of Kannon. Following your visit, re-board your coach and drive to the Umeda area for a visit to the Umeda Sky Building.

**Umeda Sky Building, 40-Storey Towers, Bridges, Escalator, Sky Walk, Panoramic Views Over Osaka**

The Umeda Sky Building is amongst the tallest buildings in Osaka and one of its most recognisable landmarks. At a height of approximately 567 feet (173 metres), the building consists of two, 40-storey towers that connect at their two uppermost stories, with bridges and an escalator for crossing the wide, atrium-like space in the centre. The highlight of your tour is a visit to the Sky Walk, where you can enjoy spectacular, 360-degree panoramic views overlooking Osaka. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 40-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.6 miles (about one kilometre), at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 30 steps inside the Shitenno-ji Temple; a lift is available at the Umeda Sky Building. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Photography/videography of the Buddha Statue at the Shitenno-ji Temple is strictly prohibited. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## OSA-E / Kyoto On Your Own Exploration

Difficulty



Price: \$159 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Experience the splendid beauty and landmarks of bustling Kyoto at your leisure during this full-day, self-guided sightseeing excursion.

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 75-minute drive to Kyoto. From dazzling temples and graceful geishas to colourful shops and exotic delicacies, Japan's seventh-largest city offers something for everyone.

Spectacular, must-see sights to explore during your visit include such UNESCO World Heritage Sites as the Kinkaku-ji, Kiyomizu-dera and Byodo-in temples, castle, traditional Gion Geisha District, Philosopher's Path, picturesque Arashiyama

District, Nijo Castle, and more. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

Drop off Point Kyoto Train Station (subject to change)

**Please note: The drop off point will be Kyoto Train Station (subject to change). This tour involves a moderate to extensive amount of walking, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not guided. Walking in Kyoto is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Photography and videography is prohibited in some temples. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The driving distance between the pier and Kyoto is approximately 1/1.5 hours in each direction. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## OSA-F / Mt. Rokko & Sake Museum

Difficulty



Price: \$119 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Embrace the scenic splendour and traditions of Osaka and its surrounds during this delightful, half-day sightseeing excursion. Osaka, Mt. Rokko, Observation Point, Breath-Taking Panoramic Views, Gift Shoppe  
Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 50-minute drive to beautiful Mt. Rokko. Located in southern Hyogo on the northern coast of Osaka Bay, the approximately 3,000-foot (about 914-metre) Mt. Rokko is the highest peak in the Rokko mountain range, and equipped with a variety of leisure and sporting activities. Upon arrival, drive to the top of the mountain for a stop at the Mt. Rokko Observation Point. From here, take in spectacular panoramic vistas of Kobe's Osaka Bay and, on clear days, the Inland Sea. Before you leave, you can browse the gift shoppe for a memento of your visit.  
Japanese Sake Museum, Guided Tour, Sake Production, Short Films & Videos, Sake Tasting  
Next, re-board your coach and head to the Japanese Sake Museum. Upon arrival, take a guided tour of this large, two-storey structure, which is populated by life-sized dioramas depicting the various steps involved in sake production. Along the way, learn about the centuries-old history of sake, observe its production process, hear traditional music played through the speakers, view short films and videos, and sample fine quality sake made from the pure water running through the Rokko Mountains. An on-site gift shoppe is available if you would like to browse for a memento of your visit. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 547 yards (about 500 metres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, and 40 steps at Mt. Rokko and the Sake Museum. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary.**

## OSA-G / Kyoto Arashiyama Bamboo Forest & Rickshaw Ride

Difficulty



Price: \$409 - Duration: 9.00 hr(s)

Explore the revered landmarks of Kyoto in a unique new way during this bespoke, full-day sightseeing excursion with lunch.

Osaka, Tenryu-ji Temple

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 1.5-hour drive to Arashiyama. Upon arrival, your first stop is at Tenryu-ji, the head temple of the Tenryu branch of Rinzaï Zen Buddhism. The temple was founded by Ashikaga Takauji in 1339, primarily to venerate Gautama Buddha, and its first chief priest was Muso Soseki. Construction was completed in 1345. Due to its connection to both the Ashikaga family and Emperor Go-Daigo, the Tenryu-ji Temple is held in extremely high esteem, and ranked number one among Kyoto's so-called 'Five Mountains'. In 1994, it was designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the 'Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto'. Leaving the temple, re-board your coach and head to the Bamboo Forest.

Arashiyama, Rickshaw Ride, Bamboo Forest, Free Time, Shopping, Moon Crossing Bridge, Lunch

Despite being one of the city's top attractions, the mystical bamboo path at Arashiyama is a great change-of-pace for your day in Kyoto. Upon arrival, take a leisurely, approximately 30-minute rickshaw ride through the Bamboo Forest. Some free time is made available to browse for souvenirs of your visit amongst the local vendors and explore the Arashiyama area at your leisure. See the Togetsukyo Bridge (Moon Crossing Bridge), Arashiyama's most iconic landmark. Originally built during the Heian Period (794 -1185), the bridge was most-recently reconstructed in the 1930s and looks particularly attractive in the foreground of the forested mountainside. Next, re-board your coach and proceed for a Japanese lunch at a local restaurant.

Golden Pavilion

After lunch, re-board your coach and head for an exterior visit at the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion). Built as a villa during the Muromachi Period in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was later converted into a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately two-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.86 miles (about three kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and rickshaw, and at the sites visited. Walking at the Arashiyama area is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 1.5-two hours in each direction. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**



## OSA-H / Teppanyaki Demo & Dinner

Difficulty



Price: \$409 - Duration: 3.50 hr(s)

Embrace the exquisite flavours of an authentic, Teppanyaki-style dinner during this savoury, half-day epicurean excursion and city tour.

### Teppanyaki-Style Restaurant & Dinner

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to a Teppanyaki restaurant. Teppanyaki is a style of Japanese cuisine in which an iron griddle is utilised to cook food. The word 'Teppanyaki' is derived from 'teppan', which means iron plate, and 'yaki,' which means grilled, broiled, or pan-fried. On this tour, the chef cooks meats and vegetables for you and right in front of you. Upon arrival, you are welcomed and seated for your Teppanyaki-style meal, where the food is freshly-prepared in your presence and served on heated iron plates. After this delightful repast, re-board your coach for a short sightseeing tour of Osaka.

Tsutenkaku Tower, Panoramic Views, Osaka City, Awaji Island, Rokko and Ikoma Mountains

From your coach see the famous Tsutenkaku Tower, built in 1912 and modelled after the Eiffel Tower of Paris. At the time of its construction, the approximately 210-foot-high (about 64-metre-high) Tsutenkaku Tower was the tallest tower in Asia and a symbol of Osaka. Rebuilt in 1956, the present-day, approximately 338-foot-high (about 103-metre-high) Tsutenkaku Tower offers sweeping panoramic vistas over Osaka City, Awaji Island, and the Rokko and Ikoma mountain ranges. Following your visit, re-board your coach and head to the Dotonbori District, located near Osaka's city centre.

### Dotonbori District

One of the symbols of Osaka and beloved by residents, Dotonbori is a dense area of restaurants and amusement spots located along the south bank of the Dotonbori Canal. Osaka is a food-lover's delight, and neon-lit Dotonbori offers hundreds of eateries. The area began as an entertainment district and still has Bunraku (puppet show) theatres, halls for Rakugo (comic story-telling) and, of course, movie theatres. The area is often featured in both domestic and foreign films, as it typifies the lively spirit of Osaka. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 327 yards (about 300 metres), at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and at the restaurant; a lift is available at the restaurant. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Guests are advised to wear smart-casual, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional food and beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. This tour is available in the evening only. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## OSA-L / Geisha Performance with Local Dinner

Difficulty



Price: \$509 - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

Savour a unique opportunity to experience an authentic Geisha performance with dinner during this unforgettable, half-day Geisha excursion.

### Kyoto, Japanese Dinner with Geisha Performance

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 1 hour - 45 minutes drive to the dinner venue. Upon arrival, you are seated for a Japanese Kaiseki Style dinner. During dinner, you are treated to an authentic Geisha performance, a rare treat even for the Japanese people due to its limited public access and a traditional business custom prohibiting first-time visitors from making reservations. In honour of your visit tonight, you have been granted special access to this unique occasion.

#### About the Geisha Performance

Geishas are professional entertainers who attend to guests during meals and other occasions, and have been wearing kimonos since the Edo Period (1603-1867). They are regarded as 'traditional and iconic Japanese women' who have learned graceful behaviour, traditional customs, and various Japanese arts such as dancing and playing musical instruments. The role of the Geisha is to make guests feel at ease with conversation, using special dialects, drinking games, and dance performances. At the conclusion of this special occasion, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 219 yards (about 200 metres), at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 10 steps at the restaurant. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Guests are advised to wear smart-casual, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. This tour is available in the evening only. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 1 hour - 45 minutes in each direction. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## OSA-N / Katsuo-ji Temple & Kuromon Market

Difficulty



Price: \$169 - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Explore the legends and local shoppes of Osaka during this bespoke, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Osaka, Katsuoji Temple, Complimentary Daruma Doll

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately one-hour drive to the Katsuoji Temple, an historic temple founded in 727 A.D. According to legend, Katsuoji has come to be known as the 'winning temple' because its faithful came here to pray for success or victory in their endeavors. Katsuo-ji is also called the 'Winning Daruma Doll Temple'. A 'Daruma' is a round doll with no eyes. Followers purchase them, make a wish, and draw one eye on their dolls. When their wish comes true, they draw the other eye on their dolls and return them to the temple. During your visit, see hundreds of Daruma dolls lined up in a small hall. Following your visit, receive a complimentary Daruma doll, then re-board your coach and transfer to the Kuromon Market.

Kuromon Market, Diverse Shoppes, Food, Clothing, Housewares

Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour. This bustling, approximately 1,903-foot-long (about 580-metre-long) shopping street houses many as 170 shoppes selling fresh vegetables, fruit, fish, meats, traditional sweets, clothing, and housewares. Kuromon is called Osaka's 'Minami Kitchen', as perishable foods account for half of the goods on sale in the street. Due to the freshness and variety of its food, Kuromon is a beacon for profession chefs and locals, especially on Saturday when all its shoppes hold sales. Following a guided walking tour of the market, enjoy some free time for independent shopping and exploration. Afterward, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.86 miles (about three kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 10 steps at the Kuromon Market, and 200 steps at the Katsuoji Temple. Walking at the Kuromon Market is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair.**

Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 30 minutes to one hour in each direction. The tour sequence may vary. The main Tori gate in the Shrine is under renovation until November 2024.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

### OSA-10 / S.A.L.T. Culinary workshop and lunch with Japanese master at stunning Zen retreat

Difficulty



Price: \$509 - Duration: 6.50 hr(s)



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We recommend guests having light breakfast, as lunch will be served from 11.00am.

Embark on a culinary odyssey to Awaji Island, the mythical birthplace of Japan. Immerse yourself in the island's rich tapestry of nature, history, and gastronomy as you explore the art of fermentation with a renowned chef in a breathtaking Zen retreat designed by a Pritzker Prize-winning architect.

Awaji Island, Zenbo Seinei Zen Retreat

Awaji Island, the mythical birthplace of Japan, offers a culinary journey that melds ancient tradition with gastronomic innovation. A 90-minute drive from Osaka pier, this "miketsukuni" - land of royal provisions - has long supplied imperial tables with its exceptional produce and seafood. At the heart of this experience lies Zenbo Seinei, a modern Zen retreat designed by Pritzker Prize winner Shigeru Ban. Perched above lush forests, it offers breathtaking 360-degree views of Awaji's unspoiled landscape.

Fermentation Workshop with Chef Nobuaki Fushiki, Eight - Course Authentic Lunch, Farm Visit

For this morning experience, you will be welcomed with a drink and meet the gregarious "Fermentation Prince," Chef Nobuaki Fushiki, a master of traditional and modern Japanese culinary techniques, for an illuminating fermentation workshop at Haru Sansan, their beautiful farmhouse on the grounds. Then, it's on to the main retreat quarters of Zenbo Seinei where we will indulge in an early lunch, with eight fermentation-focused courses paired with sake. Through this, Chef Fushiki demonstrates the artistry of fermentation that has shaped Japanese cuisine for millennia. After the meal, see the roots of your meal at the farm where Zenbo Seinei harvests fresh vegetables, from where we will return to the pier by private coach.

After lunch, return to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves little amount of walking for approximately 0.5 miles (about 350 meters), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 30 steps at the venue. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. The tour sequence may vary.



## OSA-S / S.A.L.T. Essential Tastes: Celebrating the Cuisine of Osaka and the Science of Umami

Difficulty



Price: \$479 - Duration: 5.75 hr(s)



Japan is home to one of the most exciting, varied and endlessly delicious culinary scenes on the planet. It's also famously challenging to explore on your own. To help us understand and appreciate this most complex and compelling cuisine we travel and eat our way through the vibrant port city of Osaka.

Your Host, a Food and Sake Expert and Writer Based in Tokyo

Melinda Joe's passion for Japanese food and culinary culture brought her to Tokyo where she consults and writes about restaurants, foodculture, and sake for a variety of publications and is a columnist for The Japan Times.

Sakai City \ The Art of Japanese Knives

We begin our day in Sakai, just south of Osaka, to visit the Sakai Denshokan, a museum dedicated to one of the city's traditional crafts \ knife making. Sakai knives are coveted by chefs from around the world who value their precision and quality as well as the history and lore surrounding these special tools. This is followed by a visit to a famous and ancient producer of Japanese knives. We'll learn about the craft of hand-forged knives, central to the cooking of Japan, a tradition that dates to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and hear from the artisans at work. Of course, you will have a chance to take home one of these pieces of functional art.

At these stops, we'll also meet Eric Chevallier, a French-born bladesmith and Japanese knife expert and connoisseur who will talk about the role these tools play in the cuisine.

Introduction to Kombu \ Kombu Facility

We follow this with an exploration of kombu (sea kelp), a key ingredient in dashi, the basic building block of Japanese cuisine. With a visit to a top kombu facility, we see how the product is sourced and used in many dishes and our chef guide explains the world of umami, or the "fifth taste," a crucial element of Japanese cooking that has also influenced top chefs and restaurateurs globally.

Seasonal and Regional Lunch at a Michelin-starred Restaurant

We continue these themes of umami and regionality at Ajikitcho Bunbu-an, a renowned kaiseki restaurant with one Michelin star. Second-generation chef Ryusuke Nakatani's multi-course hyper-seasonal menu is both traditional and inventive. Located centrally, the restaurant has a rural and transporting feeling thanks to its construction of timber and stone as well as an elegant and serene garden with a stone alley and bamboo fence. Here, the ingredients and exquisite presentation encourages you to "take in the feeling of each Japanese season with all of your five senses."

This exploration of umami and an appreciation of many aspects of Japanese cuisine seen through the food and traditions of this city is truly a special insider's look at this most fascinating cuisine and culture that continues to inspire and delight chefs and taste-seekers everywhere.

**Please note: This tour involves a minimal to moderate amount of walking and standing with some steps to negotiate at the visited sites and a few to get on/off the coach. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility but not for those who utilize a wheelchair. Please be advised that special dietary requests or menu substitutions may be not be possible to accommodate in this program. Guests must be at least 21 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

## OSA-J / Kyoto by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$2199 - Duration: 9.50 hr(s)



Explore the iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites and important cultural properties of Kyoto during this panoramic, full-day, sightseeing tour via private van.

Osaka, Kyoto

Depart the pier with your driver and guide in a private, air-conditioned van and begin your tour with a scenic, approximately two-hour drive to historic Kyoto. Once the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto is a sophisticated city on the island of Honshu with thousands of classical Buddhist temples. It is also home to many gardens, Shinto shrines, palaces, and traditional wooden houses, a number of which have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Heian Jingu Shrine

Upon arrival in Kyoto, explore the city and its surrounds at your own pace. Your first stop is at the Heian Jingu Shrine (Shrine of Peace). Designated an Important Cultural Property of Japan, it was built in 1895 to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Kyoto (Heian-Kyo capital). The Heian Shrine is dedicated to two emperors: Emperor Kammu, the first emperor to rule Kyoto, and Emperor Komei, the last emperor to live out his reign in the city. Following your visit, re-board your van and head to the Nijo Castle.

Nijo Castle, Chinese Gate, Ninomaru Palace & Garden

The Nijo Castle is a fortification of cypress wood built in 1603 as the residence of Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. The Hon-maru (Main Court) burned down in 1788. The only original part remaining is the Ninomaru (Second Court). The present 'Hon-maru', built in 1827, is a replica of the one that originally stood on the grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. The castle, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, is protected by a moat, stone walls, and ingenious nightingale floors, which chirp like a bird when walked upon to alert the guards of potential intruders. It is also renowned for its many cultural treasures dating from the 16th-century Momoyama Era, including the Karamon (Chinese Gate) and Ninomaru Palace & Garden.

Local Restaurant, Japanese Lunch, Golden Pavilion

After a stop for a Japanese, set-menu lunch at a local restaurant, transfer to the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) for an exterior visit. Built as a villa during the Muromachi Period in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was later converted into a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold. At the conclusion of your excursion, re-board your private van and commence the approximately two-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.24 miles (about two kilometres), at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the van, 10 steps at the Heian Jingu Shrine, 20 steps at the Nijo Castle, and 50 steps at the Golden Pavilion. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must remove their shoes before entering the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Photography/videography is not permitted inside the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. Due to ongoing repair-and-restoration projects on the Nijo Castle grounds, some of the**

buildings may be covered. This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Participation is limited to four-six guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Purchases of food, drinks, and souvenirs are at the expense of each guest. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately two hours in each direction. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

## OSA-K / Kyoto by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1699 - Duration: 9.50 hr(s)

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providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Photography/videography is not permitted inside the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. Due to ongoing repair-and-restoration projects on the Nijo Castle grounds, some of the buildings may be covered. This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Participation is limited to two guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Purchases of food, drinks, and souvenirs are at the expense of each guest. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately two hours in each direction. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

## OSA-V / Osaka by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1099 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## OSA-W / Osaka by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1399 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## OSA-X / Osaka by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1199 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## OSA-Y / Osaka by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1599 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## OVERLAND EXPERIENCES

### 01MIDOSA-D / Overland Experience: Pearls of Kyoto

Difficulty



Price: NA - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Indulge your senses with Japanese history, architecture, and customs in a unique new way during this scenic and memorable journey to legendary Kyoto. From 794 A.D. to 1600 A.D., this city was the centre of Japan's cultural and political universe, and signs of the spirit and tradition are everywhere. Kyoto is home to thousands of classical Buddhist temples, many gardens, Shinto shrines, palaces, and traditional wooden houses, several of which have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. During your one-night overland excursion, indulge your senses in this historic storybook city, and explore its traditions,

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culture, and cuisine. See the gilded Golden Pavilion, experience an authentic tea ceremony at the 14th-century Tenryuji Temple, Enjoy ample free time for independent shopping and exploration in the Arashiyama District, and ride on the high-speed Shinkansen bullet-train. Visit the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine with its 10,000, red-painted Torii gates, the Sanjusangendo Temple, a National Treasure. A kimono-wearing session at a traditional wooden townhouse and a Kaiseki-style Japanese repast with Geisha performance cap off your Kyoto experience in grand style.

#### FULL DESCRIPTION:

(01MIDOSA-D) Pearls of Kyoto

Duration: 1 1/2 Days/1 Night

Departs from: Osaka at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Re-join ship: Osaka at approximately 6.15 p.m.

Reserve by: At least 90 days prior to sailing

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

This Overland Experience requires advance booking through Silversea Reservations no later than 90 days prior to the sail date. Requests received after this date may be accommodated on a space-available basis. Tickets are available in limited quantities, and participation cannot be guaranteed for those guests not booking well in advance. A minimum number of participants is required to operate this programme. If this minimum number is not met, Silversea reserves the right to offer the programme at a different rate based on private arrangements, or to cancel the specific departure. Cancellation fee, unless otherwise advised, 90 - 0 days prior to the initial sailing date: 100% of the programme fare per person is due.

Payment in full is due at time of final payment. Bookings made within 120 days of sailing require full payment within seven days of booking or sooner, as specified by Silversea.

All Overland Experience fares are subject to change, and not guaranteed until payment is received in full by Silversea. All Overland Experiences are non-transferable, and non-refundable, within 90 days of sailing. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older. All Overland Experiences are owned by independent contractors, and Silversea makes no representations and assumes no responsibility for the services provided by these operators. Overland Experiences may be modified by the operators at their sole discretion.

#### VISA INFORMATION:

Please check with your travel professional for details regarding visa requirements for Japan. It is the responsibility of each guest to obtain all appropriate visas before cruising.

#### LOCAL CURRENCY:

The local currency is the Japanese Yen; however, US Dollars are well-accepted by most vendors. Local ATMs are available in some locations visited, and credit cards are accepted in most larger shops and hotels (a shopping stop is planned during this program).

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#### DAY ONE \ Osaka/Kyoto

After disembarking the ship, meet your guide and depart for the scenic drive to Kyoto

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#### About Kyoto

Once the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto is a sophisticated city on the island of Honshu with thousands of classical Buddhist temples. It is also home to many gardens, Shinto shrines, palaces, and traditional wooden houses, a number of which have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. A visit to Japan is an introduction to the diversity and tolerance of various eastern religions, including Shinto, Buddhism, and Zen, amongst others.

Experience the Golden Pavilion, an UNESCO World Heritage Site

Upon arrival in Kyoto, an exterior photo stop is made at the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion). Built as a villa of an aristocrat in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was converted to a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold.

Visit a machiya, or traditional wooden townhouse, and try wearing a kimono

Afterward, re-board your coach and head to a machiya (traditional wooden townhouse). Machiyas were popular with craftsmen and merchants in Kyoto up until World War II, and kept in good condition as Kyoto was not bombed during the war. During your visit to this traditional-style house, you are invited to try wearing a kimono.

Transfer to your hotel for check-in and some free time to freshen-up before dinner

Following your visit, re-board your coach and transfer to your hotel for check-in and some free time before dinner.

This evening, dine on a Kaiseki-style Japanese repast with Geisha performance



This evening, transfer to a local restaurant for a set-menu, Kaiseki-style Japanese dinner accompanied. During dinner, you are treated to an authentic Geisha performance, a rare treat even for the Japanese people due to its limited public access and a traditional business custom prohibiting first-time visitors from making reservations. In honour of your visit tonight, you have been granted special access to this unique occasion.

About the Geisha performance

Geishas are professional entertainers who attend to guests during meals and other occasions, and have been wearing kimonos since the Edo Period (1603 A.D.-1867 A.D.). They are regarded as 'traditional and iconic Japanese women' who have learned graceful behaviour, traditional customs, and various Japanese arts such as dancing and playing musical instruments. The role of the Geisha is to make guests feel at ease with conversation, using special dialects, drinking games, and dance performances. At the conclusion of this special occasion, re-board your coach and transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight accommodations in a Superior Twin or Double Room at The Thousand Kyoto \ Kyoto

DAY TWO \ Kyoto/Osaka

After breakfast at the hotel, check-out and transfer to the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine

After breakfast at the hotel and check out, meet your guide and transfer to the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine. There are more than 40,000 Inari Shrines in Japan, and this is the head shrine. It was founded in 711 A.D. and is dedicated to five Shinto deities. More than 10,000 red-painted Torii gates straddling the approximately 2.5-mile (about four-kilometre) path up the hill behind it were donated by the faithful, as were the many stone statues of foxes, messengers of the Inari Taisha Shrine.

Discover the Sanjusangendo Temple, a National Treasure

Leaving the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, re-board your coach and head to the Sanjusangendo Temple, a National Treasure. This temple is famous by a seated, thousand-armed Kannon, the Goddess of Mercy, and more than 1,000 small statues of Kannon in the Main Hall. The temple derives its name from the 33 spaces between the pillars in front of the main altar. In Buddhism, the number '33' is of symbolic importance. The bodhisattva Kannon incarnates in 33 different shapes in its missions of mercy.

Visit the Tenryuji Temple, an UNESCO World Heritage Site

Next, re-board your coach and head to the Tenryuji Temple. Built in 1339 by the ruling shogun, Ashikaga Takauji, the Tenryuji Temple is the most famous temple in Kyoto's Arashiyama District, which is now registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Experience an authentic Japanese tea ceremony

Whilst at the Tenryuji Temple, experience the Japanese tea culture during an authentic Japanese tea ceremony. Enjoy the hospitality of your hosts as they demonstrate how to prepare, and host, a tea ceremony, and, of course, how to make a bowl of matcha green tea.

Buddhaist Cuisine lunch at Tenryuji Temple and walk in Arashiyama District

Following the tea ceremony, savor a delectable Buddhist cuisine lunch. After lunch, proceed with a walk in the Famous Bamboo Forest, one of the city's top attractions. The mystical bamboo path at Arashiyama is a great change of pace for your day in Kyoto. The Togetsukyo Bridge (Moon-Crossing Bridge) is Arashiyama's most iconic landmark. It was originally built during the Heian Period (794 A.D.-1185 A.D.), and most recently reconstructed in the 1930s. The bridge looks particularly attractive in the foreground of the forested mountainside.

Enjoy ample free time for independent shopping and exploration in the Arashiyama District

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Ride the high-speed Shinkansen bullet-train to Shin-Osaka

Afterward, re-board your coach and transfer to Kyoto Station for a short ride on the high-speed Shinkansen bullet-train to Shin-Osaka. Upon arrival at Shin-Osaka, board a coach and commence the scenic, approximately 40-minute drive back to the port of Osaka.

Transfer to the pier and ship

Upon arrival at the port of Osaka, transfer to the pier and embark the ship.

Please note: This Overland Experience involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 3.2 miles (about 5.1 kilometres), at times over uneven, bumpy, gravel, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and board/de-board the bullet train, and 200 steps at the sites visited. This tour is recommended for active guests in good physical condition. This tour is not suitable for pregnant guests, guests with neck and/or back problems, guests with heart and/or respiratory conditions, guests prone to motion sickness, guests with a fear of heights, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, sunglasses with a strap, a weatherproof jacket, raingear, small backpack for land excursions, camera, a plastic bag to keep your camera or photographic equipment dry, medications, and Japanese Yen, US Dollars, or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Please dress conservatively when going ashore. As a rule, women

should never wear anything remotely revealing (miniskirts, shorts, capris, beachwear, and sleeveless or low-cut tops), and men should always wear shirts and trousers in public. Proper attire is required to enter the temples, monasteries, and pagodas; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Shoes must be removed prior to entering the temples; we suggest bringing along a pair of thick socks, because the pavement may be very hot. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Guests must carry their passports and ship's ID at all times. Guests should be respectful towards local sentiments and customs. Photography/videography may not be permitted inside some areas of the Sanjusangendo Temple. The tour sequence, timings, and itinerary are subject to change without prior notice. Expect crowds and traffic at the sites visited. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

**Programme Includes:**

One-night stay in a Superior Twin or Double Room at The Thousand Kyoto \ Kyoto

Shinkansen bullet-train-ride: Kyoto/Shin-Osaka

One breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner, with drinks included

Exterior photo stop at the Golden Pavilion \ Kyoto

Visit a machiya, or traditional wooden townhome \ Kyoto

Kimono-wearing experience \ Kyoto

Japanese dinner with Geisha performance at a local restaurant \ Kyoto

Visit to the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine with its 10,000 red-painted Torii gates

Visit the Sanjusangendo Temple, a National Treasure \ Kyoto

Tenryuji Temple visit with Japanese tea experience \ Kyoto

Buddhist Cuisine Lunch at Tenruji Temple \ Kyoto

Free time in the Arashiyama District \ Kyoto

All sightseeing and transfers as per itinerary

**Not Included:**

Any meals and drinks not specified above, gratuities to drivers and tour guides, laundry, telephone calls, cancellation insurance and other personal items.

**Photography is not permitted in some areas of the Castle. Enroute back the ship, make a stop at the Nishiki Market. Known as 'Kyoto's Kitchen', you'll find everything from incredible street food to exquisite table ware. Afterwards relax and enjoy the hour scenic journey back to Osaka where you will be welcomed back to the ship. Please note: This Mid-Voyage Land Adventure requires moderate to extensive walking (often on gravel pathways) plus climbing steps during site visits. The tour therefore is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or guests utilising a wheelchair. We recommend wearing layered clothing and comfortable walking shoes. Trip essentials should fit into a carry-on bag that can be accommodated. Remember to bring your camera and some Japanese Yen for any local purchases. Shoes need to be removed at the entrance to Nijo Castle. The tour sequence may vary and traffic patterns may affect tour timings.**

**Programme Includes:** One-night stay at Okura Kyoto Hotel (or similar) - Kyoto One breakfast, One Western lunch, one traditional set menu Japanese dinner with Geisha performance (two drinks, choice of soft drinks, beer or wine with lunch and dinner) All sightseeing and transfers as per itinerary

**Not Included:** Any meals, drinks not specified above, gratuities to the drivers and tour guides, laundry, telephone calls, cancellation insurance and any other personal items.

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# Osaka - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### OSA-A / Introduction to Osaka

Difficulty



Price: \$159 - Duration: 5.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka's feudal and religious past during this picturesque, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Osaka, Osaka Castle, Weapons, Armour, Artefacts, Panoramic Viewpoint

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximate 50-minute drive to the Osaka Castle. Built in the late-16th century, the castle was burned down in a series of 17th-century battles. It was later reconstructed, but its donjon was destroyed by fire once again. The castle's final reconstruction took place in the early-20th century. Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour. The first seven floors of the castle display various weapons, armour, and artefacts of a bygone era. The eighth-floor features splendid panoramic vistas and photo opportunities of the castle's surrounds. Leaving Osaka Castle, re-board your coach for the drive to Sumiyoshi-ku and a visit to the Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine.

Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine, Four Sanctuaries, 600 Stone Garden Lanterns, Red, Arched Bridge

Built in the 3rd century, the shrine is beloved by the people of Osaka as the guardian deity for sailors and a deity to bring prosperity. It also serves as the headquarters of over 2,000 Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrines throughout Japan. Some three-million people visit this shrine at the beginning of each New Year. The shrine is home to the first-fourth sanctuaries. Each sanctuary is built in the Sumiyoshi-Zukuri style with straight roofs, the oldest Shrine architecture style, and all are designated as National Treasures. In the precincts surrounded by woods, over 600 stone garden lanterns stand in a row and a red, arched bridge spans over the pond. Following your visit, re-board your coach for the approximate 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately two miles (about 3.2 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 40 steps at the entrance to the Osaka Castle, and 190 steps to access the top floor. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Photography/videography is not permitted on the third and fourth floors of the Osaka Castle. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.

## OSA-B / Kyoto Highlights & High-Speed Shinkansen Train

Difficulty



Price: \$379 - Duration: 8.50 hr(s)

Experience Kyoto on the fast track during a panoramic, full-day sightseeing excursion to this historic city via bullet train.

Osaka, Bullet Train to Kyoto, Golden Pavilion

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 45-minute drive to the Shin-Osaka Station. Upon arrival, board the high-speed Shinkansen bullet train for the short ride to Kyoto. Upon arrival at the Kyoto Station, board a coach and transfer to the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) for an exterior visit. Built as a villa during the Muromachi Period in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was later converted into a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold.

Nijo Castle, Cultural Treasures, Chinese Gate, Ni-no-maru Garden, Pictures on Doors

Next, re-board your coach and head to the Nijo Castle, built in 1626 as the residence of Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. The Honmaru (Main Court) burned down in 1788. The only original part remaining is the Ni-no-maru (Second Court). The present 'Honmaru', built in 1827, is a replica of the one that originally stood on the grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. The castle, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, is also renowned for its many cultural treasures dating from the 16th-century Momoyama Era, including the Karamon (Chinese Gate), Ni-no-maru Garden, and pictures on the doors of the building.

Shozan Resort Kyoto, Japanese Lunch, Heian Jingu Shrine

Leaving Nijo Castle, re-board your coach and proceed for a Japanese, set-menu lunch at the Shozan Resort Kyoto. After lunch, re-board your coach and transfer to the Heian Shrine (Shrine of Peace), built in 1895 to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Kyoto (Heian-Kyo capital). The Heian Shrine is dedicated to two emperors: Emperor Kammu, the first emperor to rule Kyoto, and Emperor Komei, the last emperor to live out his reign in the city.

Afterward, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 1.5-hour drive back to the pier. A comfort stop is made en route.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.5 miles (about 2.4 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and board/de-board the bullet-train, and 40 steps at the Nijo Castle and Heian Jingu Shrine. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must remove their shoes before entering the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 45 minutes-1.5 hours in each direction. Photography/videography is not permitted inside the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. The tour sequence may vary.**

Due to ongoing repair-and-restoration projects on the Nijo Castle grounds, some of the buildings may be covered.

## OSA-C / The Spirit of Japan: Nara & Kyoto

Difficulty



Price: \$359 - Duration: 9.00 hr(s)

Discover the essence of Japanese culture and history through this captivating tour of Nara and Kyoto's most revered sites on this full-day cultural exploration tour. It offers a perfect balance of Nara's ancient grandeur and Kyoto's refined beauty, providing a comprehensive insight into Japan's spiritual and cultural heritage. From the largest bronze Buddha to the most enigmatic rock garden, every stop on this journey promises to leave you with lasting memories and a deeper understanding of Japanese history and aesthetics.

Nara, Todaiji Temple, Great Buddha Hall

Disembark the ship and board your motorized coach for an approximately one hour drive to Nara, where your journey begins at the awe-inspiring Todaiji Temple. Founded in 752 AD and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Todaiji is one of Japan's most historically significant temples. Its vast Daibutsuden, or Great Buddha Hall, is the largest wooden structure in the world and houses an immense bronze statue of Buddha Vairocana rising 15 meters tall. As you explore the temple grounds, enjoy encounters with the friendly deer that wander freely here, long regarded as sacred messengers of the gods.

Local Lunch

A short transfer then brings you to a local restaurant for a traditional Japanese lunch, where the fresh flavors of the region provide both nourishment and a glimpse into Kyoto's celebrated culinary heritage.

Kyoto, Golden Pavillion

Following lunch, relax on an approximately one hour and fifteen-minute drive to Kyoto, where the shimmering Golden Pavilion (Kinkaku-ji) awaits. This exquisite three-story temple, covered entirely in gold leaf, was originally built in 1397 as the retirement villa of Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu before becoming a Zen temple. Reflected in the still waters of its surrounding pond, the Golden Pavilion is one of Kyoto's most iconic and unforgettable sights.

Iconic Zen Rock Garden, Ryoanji Temple

Your final stop is Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen rock garden. With its 15 carefully placed stones set upon a sea of white gravel, this minimalist masterpiece has inspired contemplation and debate for centuries. The wider temple grounds, featuring a scenic pond and lush seasonal gardens, invite quiet reflection before your return journey. At the end of your visit, re-board your coach for the approximately one hour and forty-minute transfer back to the port, where your ship awaits your return and the day's memories linger.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 2.5 miles (about four kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 20 steps at the Todaiji Temple. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. . The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 60 minutes-70 minutes in each direction. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary.**

## OSA-D / The View of Osaka

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Experience the stunning beauty and history of Osaka from two unique perspectives during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion.

**Shitenno-ji Temple, 6th-Century Temple Buildings**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the Shitenno-ji Temple, built in the late-6th century by a son of Emperor Yomei. One of Japan's oldest temples, Shittenno-ji was the first to be built by the state and founded in 593 by Prince Shotoku, who supported the introduction of Buddhism into Japan. Whilst several of the temple's buildings have burned down several times throughout the centuries, they have always been carefully reconstructed to reflect the original, 6th-century design.

**Outer Temple Grounds, Interior Tour, Gokuraku-jodo Garden, Pagoda, Main Hall, Kannon Statue**

Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour around the outer temple grounds. Once inside the temple, see the Gokuraku-jodo Garden, the pebble-covered courtyard with a five-storey pagoda, and the Main Hall where Prince Shotoku is enshrined as a statue of Kannon. Following your visit, re-board your coach and drive to the Umeda area for a visit to the Umeda Sky Building.

**Umeda Sky Building, 40-Storey Towers, Bridges, Escalator, Sky Walk, Panoramic Views Over Osaka**

The Umeda Sky Building is amongst the tallest buildings in Osaka and one of its most recognisable landmarks. At a height of approximately 567 feet (173 metres), the building consists of two, 40-storey towers that connect at their two uppermost stories, with bridges and an escalator for crossing the wide, atrium-like space in the centre. The highlight of your tour is a visit to the Sky Walk, where you can enjoy spectacular, 360-degree panoramic views overlooking Osaka. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 40-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.6 miles (about one kilometre), at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 30 steps inside the Shitenno-ji Temple; a lift is available at the Umeda Sky Building. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Photography/videography of the Buddha Statue at the Shitenno-ji Temple is strictly prohibited. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## OSA-E / Kyoto On Your Own Exploration

Difficulty



Price: \$159 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Experience the splendid beauty and landmarks of bustling Kyoto at your leisure during this full-day, self-guided sightseeing excursion.

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 75-minute drive to Kyoto. From dazzling temples and graceful geishas to colourful shops and exotic delicacies, Japan's seventh-largest city offers something for everyone.

Spectacular, must-see sights to explore during your visit include such UNESCO World Heritage Sites as the Kinkaku-ji, Kiyomizu-dera and Byodo-in temples, castle, traditional Gion Geisha District, Philosopher's Path, picturesque Arashiyama

District, Nijo Castle, and more. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

Drop off Point Kyoto Train Station (subject to change)

**Please note: The drop off point will be Kyoto Train Station (subject to change). This tour involves a moderate to extensive amount of walking, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not guided. Walking in Kyoto is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Photography and videography is prohibited in some temples. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The driving distance between the pier and Kyoto is approximately 1/1.5 hours in each direction. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## OSA-F / Mt. Rokko & Sake Museum

Difficulty



Price: \$119 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Embrace the scenic splendour and traditions of Osaka and its surrounds during this delightful, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Osaka, Mt. Rokko, Observation Point, Breath-Taking Panoramic Views, Gift Shoppe

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 50-minute drive to beautiful Mt. Rokko. Located in southern Hyogo on the northern coast of Osaka Bay, the approximately 3,000-foot (about 914-metre) Mt. Rokko is the highest peak in the Rokko mountain range, and equipped with a variety of leisure and sporting activities. Upon arrival, drive to the top of the mountain for a stop at the Mt. Rokko Observation Point. From here, take in spectacular panoramic vistas of Kobe's Osaka Bay and, on clear days, the Inland Sea. Before you leave, you can browse the gift shoppe for a memento of your visit.

Japanese Sake Museum, Guided Tour, Sake Production, Short Films & Videos, Sake Tasting

Next, re-board your coach and head to the Japanese Sake Museum. Upon arrival, take a guided tour of this large, two-storey structure, which is populated by life-sized dioramas depicting the various steps involved in sake production. Along the way, learn about the centuries-old history of sake, observe its production process, hear traditional music played through the speakers, view short films and videos, and sample fine quality sake made from the pure water running through the Rokko Mountains. An on-site gift shoppe is available if you would like to browse for a memento of your visit. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 547 yards (about 500 metres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, and 40 steps at Mt. Rokko and the Sake Museum. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary.**

## OSA-G / Kyoto Arashiyama Bamboo Forest & Rickshaw Ride

Difficulty



Price: \$409 - Duration: 9.00 hr(s)

Explore the revered landmarks of Kyoto in a unique new way during this bespoke, full-day sightseeing excursion with lunch.

Osaka, Tenryu-ji Temple

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 1.5-hour drive to Arashiyama. Upon arrival, your first stop is at Tenryu-ji, the head temple of the Tenryu branch of Rinzaï Zen Buddhism. The temple was founded by Ashikaga Takauji in 1339, primarily to venerate Gautama Buddha, and its first chief priest was Muso Soseki. Construction was completed in 1345. Due to its connection to both the Ashikaga family and Emperor Go-Daigo, the Tenryu-ji Temple is held in extremely high esteem, and ranked number one among Kyoto's so-called 'Five Mountains'. In 1994, it was designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the 'Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto'. Leaving the temple, re-board your coach and head to the Bamboo Forest.

Arashiyama, Rickshaw Ride, Bamboo Forest, Free Time, Shopping, Moon Crossing Bridge, Lunch

Despite being one of the city's top attractions, the mystical bamboo path at Arashiyama is a great change-of-pace for your day in Kyoto. Upon arrival, take a leisurely, approximately 30-minute rickshaw ride through the Bamboo Forest. Some free time is made available to browse for souvenirs of your visit amongst the local vendors and explore the Arashiyama area at your leisure. See the Togetsukyo Bridge (Moon Crossing Bridge), Arashiyama's most iconic landmark. Originally built during the Heian Period (794 -1185), the bridge was most-recently reconstructed in the 1930s and looks particularly attractive in the foreground of the forested mountainside. Next, re-board your coach and proceed for a Japanese lunch at a local restaurant.

Golden Pavilion

After lunch, re-board your coach and head for an exterior visit at the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion). Built as a villa during the Muromachi Period in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was later converted into a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately two-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.86 miles (about three kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and rickshaw, and at the sites visited. Walking at the Arashiyama area is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 1.5-two hours in each direction. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**



## OSA-H / Teppanyaki Demo & Dinner

Difficulty



Price: \$409 - Duration: 3.50 hr(s)

Embrace the exquisite flavours of an authentic, Teppanyaki-style dinner during this savoury, half-day epicurean excursion and city tour.

### Teppanyaki-Style Restaurant & Dinner

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to a Teppanyaki restaurant. Teppanyaki is a style of Japanese cuisine in which an iron griddle is utilised to cook food. The word 'Teppanyaki' is derived from 'teppan', which means iron plate, and 'yaki,' which means grilled, broiled, or pan-fried. On this tour, the chef cooks meats and vegetables for you and right in front of you. Upon arrival, you are welcomed and seated for your Teppanyaki-style meal, where the food is freshly-prepared in your presence and served on heated iron plates. After this delightful repast, re-board your coach for a short sightseeing tour of Osaka.

Tsutenkaku Tower, Panoramic Views, Osaka City, Awaji Island, Rokko and Ikoma Mountains

From your coach see the famous Tsutenkaku Tower, built in 1912 and modelled after the Eiffel Tower of Paris. At the time of its construction, the approximately 210-foot-high (about 64-metre-high) Tsutenkaku Tower was the tallest tower in Asia and a symbol of Osaka. Rebuilt in 1956, the present-day, approximately 338-foot-high (about 103-metre-high) Tsutenkaku Tower offers sweeping panoramic vistas over Osaka City, Awaji Island, and the Rokko and Ikoma mountain ranges. Following your visit, re-board your coach and head to the Dotonbori District, located near Osaka's city centre.

### Dotonbori District

One of the symbols of Osaka and beloved by residents, Dotonbori is a dense area of restaurants and amusement spots located along the south bank of the Dotonbori Canal. Osaka is a food-lover's delight, and neon-lit Dotonbori offers hundreds of eateries. The area began as an entertainment district and still has Bunraku (puppet show) theatres, halls for Rakugo (comic story-telling) and, of course, movie theatres. The area is often featured in both domestic and foreign films, as it typifies the lively spirit of Osaka. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 327 yards (about 300 metres), at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and at the restaurant; a lift is available at the restaurant. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Guests are advised to wear smart-casual, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional food and beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. This tour is available in the evening only. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## OSA-L / Geisha Performance with Local Dinner

Difficulty



Price: \$509 - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

Savour a unique opportunity to experience an authentic Geisha performance with dinner during this unforgettable, half-day Geisha excursion.

### Kyoto, Japanese Dinner with Geisha Performance

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 1 hour - 45 minutes drive to the dinner venue. Upon arrival, you are seated for a Japanese Kaiseki Style dinner. During dinner, you are treated to an authentic Geisha performance, a rare treat even for the Japanese people due to its limited public access and a traditional business custom prohibiting first-time visitors from making reservations. In honour of your visit tonight, you have been granted special access to this unique occasion.

#### About the Geisha Performance

Geishas are professional entertainers who attend to guests during meals and other occasions, and have been wearing kimonos since the Edo Period (1603-1867). They are regarded as 'traditional and iconic Japanese women' who have learned graceful behaviour, traditional customs, and various Japanese arts such as dancing and playing musical instruments. The role of the Geisha is to make guests feel at ease with conversation, using special dialects, drinking games, and dance performances. At the conclusion of this special occasion, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 219 yards (about 200 metres), at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 10 steps at the restaurant. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Guests are advised to wear smart-casual, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. This tour is available in the evening only. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 1 hour - 45 minutes in each direction. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## OSA-N / Katsuo-ji Temple & Kuromon Market

Difficulty



Price: \$169 - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Explore the legends and local shoppes of Osaka during this bespoke, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Osaka, Katsuoji Temple, Complimentary Daruma Doll

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately one-hour drive to the Katsuoji Temple, an historic temple founded in 727 A.D. According to legend, Katsuoji has come to be known as the 'winning temple' because its faithful came here to pray for success or victory in their endeavors. Katsuo-ji is also called the 'Winning Daruma Doll Temple'. A 'Daruma' is a round doll with no eyes. Followers purchase them, make a wish, and draw one eye on their dolls. When their wish comes true, they draw the other eye on their dolls and return them to the temple. During your visit, see hundreds of Daruma dolls lined up in a small hall. Following your visit, receive a complimentary Daruma doll, then re-board your coach and transfer to the Kuromon Market.

Kuromon Market, Diverse Shoppes, Food, Clothing, Housewares

Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour. This bustling, approximately 1,903-foot-long (about 580-metre-long) shopping street houses many as 170 shoppes selling fresh vegetables, fruit, fish, meats, traditional sweets, clothing, and housewares. Kuromon is called Osaka's 'Minami Kitchen', as perishable foods account for half of the goods on sale in the street. Due to the freshness and variety of its food, Kuromon is a beacon for profession chefs and locals, especially on Saturday when all its shoppes hold sales. Following a guided walking tour of the market, enjoy some free time for independent shopping and exploration. Afterward, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.86 miles (about three kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 10 steps at the Kuromon Market, and 200 steps at the Katsuoji Temple. Walking at the Kuromon Market is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair.**



Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately 30 minutes to one hour in each direction. The tour sequence may vary. The main Tori gate in the Shrine is under renovation until November 2024.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

### OSA-10 / S.A.L.T. Culinary workshop and lunch with Japanese master at stunning Zen retreat

Difficulty



Price: \$509 - Duration: 6.50 hr(s)



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We recommend guests having light breakfast, as lunch will be served from 11.00am.

Embark on a culinary odyssey to Awaji Island, the mythical birthplace of Japan. Immerse yourself in the island's rich tapestry of nature, history, and gastronomy as you explore the art of fermentation with a renowned chef in a breathtaking Zen retreat designed by a Pritzker Prize-winning architect.

Awaji Island, Zenbo Seinei Zen Retreat

Awaji Island, the mythical birthplace of Japan, offers a culinary journey that melds ancient tradition with gastronomic innovation. A 90-minute drive from Osaka pier, this "miketsukuni" - land of royal provisions - has long supplied imperial tables with its exceptional produce and seafood. At the heart of this experience lies Zenbo Seinei, a modern Zen retreat designed by Pritzker Prize winner Shigeru Ban. Perched above lush forests, it offers breathtaking 360-degree views of Awaji's unspoiled landscape.

Fermentation Workshop with Chef Nobuaki Fushiki, Eight - Course Authentic Lunch, Farm Visit

For this morning experience, you will be welcomed with a drink and meet the gregarious "Fermentation Prince," Chef Nobuaki Fushiki, a master of traditional and modern Japanese culinary techniques, for an illuminating fermentation workshop at Haru Sansan, their beautiful farmhouse on the grounds. Then, it's on to the main retreat quarters of Zenbo Seinei where we will indulge in an early lunch, with eight fermentation-focused courses paired with sake. Through this, Chef Fushiki demonstrates the artistry of fermentation that has shaped Japanese cuisine for millennia. After the meal, see the roots of your meal at the farm where Zenbo Seinei harvests fresh vegetables, from where we will return to the pier by private coach.

After lunch, return to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves little amount of walking for approximately 0.5 miles (about 350 meters), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 30 steps at the venue. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. The tour sequence may vary.

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

## OSA-J / Kyoto by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$2199 - Duration: 9.50 hr(s)

Explore the iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites and important cultural properties of Kyoto during this panoramic, full-day, sightseeing tour via private van.

Osaka, Kyoto

Depart the pier with your driver and guide in a private, air-conditioned van and begin your tour with a scenic, approximately two-hour drive to historic Kyoto. Once the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto is a sophisticated city on the island of Honshu with thousands of classical Buddhist temples. It is also home to many gardens, Shinto shrines, palaces, and traditional wooden houses, a number of which have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Heian Jingu Shrine

Upon arrival in Kyoto, explore the city and its surrounds at your own pace. Your first stop is at the Heian Jingu Shrine (Shrine of Peace). Designated an Important Cultural Property of Japan, it was built in 1895 to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Kyoto (Heian-Kyo capital). The Heian Shrine is dedicated to two emperors: Emperor Kammu, the first emperor to rule Kyoto, and Emperor Komei, the last emperor to live out his reign in the city. Following your visit, re-board your van and head to the Nijo Castle.

Nijo Castle, Chinese Gate, Ninomaru Palace & Garden

The Nijo Castle is a fortification of cypress wood built in 1603 as the residence of Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. The Hon-maru (Main Court) burned down in 1788. The only original part remaining is the Ninomaru (Second Court). The present 'Hon-maru', built in 1827, is a replica of the one that originally stood on the grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. The castle, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, is protected by a moat, stone walls, and ingenious nightingale floors, which chirp like a bird when walked upon to alert the guards of potential intruders. It is also renowned for its many cultural treasures dating from the 16th-century Momoyama Era, including the Karamon (Chinese Gate) and Ninomaru Palace & Garden.

Local Restaurant, Japanese Lunch, Golden Pavilion

After a stop for a Japanese, set-menu lunch at a local restaurant, transfer to the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) for an exterior visit. Built as a villa during the Muromachi Period in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was later converted into a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold. At the conclusion of your excursion, re-board your private van and commence the approximately two-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.24 miles (about two kilometres), at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the van, 10 steps at the Heian Jingu Shrine, 20 steps at the Nijo Castle, and 50 steps at the Golden Pavilion. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese Yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must remove their shoes before entering the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Osaka may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Photography/videography is not permitted inside the Ninomaru Palace at the Nijo Castle. Due to ongoing repair-and-restoration projects on the Nijo Castle grounds, some of the**

buildings may be covered. This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Participation is limited to four-six guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Purchases of food, drinks, and souvenirs are at the expense of each guest. The driving time between the pier and sites visited is approximately two hours in each direction. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

## OSA-K / Kyoto by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1699 - Duration: 9.50 hr(s)

Explore the iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites and important cultural properties of Kyoto during this panoramic, full-day, sightseeing tour via private car.

### Osaka, Kyoto

Depart the pier with your driver and guide in a private, air-conditioned coach and begin your tour with a scenic, approximately two-hour drive to historic Kyoto. Once the ancient capital of Japan, Kyoto is a sophisticated city on the island of Honshu with thousands of classical Buddhist temples. It is also home to many gardens, Shinto shrines, palaces, and traditional wooden houses, a number of which have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

### Heian Jingu Shrine

Upon arrival in Kyoto, explore the city and its surrounds at your own pace. Your first stop is at the Heian Jingu Shrine (Shrine of Peace). Designated an Important Cultural Property of Japan, it was built in 1895 to commemorate the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Kyoto (Heian-Kyo capital). The Heian Shrine is dedicated to two emperors: Emperor Kammu, the first emperor to rule Kyoto, and Emperor Komei, the last emperor to live out his reign in the city. Following your visit, re-board your coach and head to the Nijo Castle.

### Nijo Castle, Chinese Gate, Ninomaru Palace & Garden

The Nijo Castle is a fortification of cypress wood built in 1603 as the residence of Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. The Hon-maru (Main Court) burned down in 1788. The only original part remaining is the Ninomaru (Second Court). The present 'Hon-maru', built in 1827, is a replica of the one that originally stood on the grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. The castle, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, is protected by a moat, stone walls, and ingenious nightingale floors, which chirp like a bird when walked upon to alert the guards of potential intruders. It is also renowned for its many cultural treasures dating from the 16th-century Momoyama Era, including the Karamon (Chinese Gate) and Ninomaru Palace & Garden.

### Local Restaurant, Japanese Lunch, Golden Pavilion

After a stop for a Japanese, set-menu lunch at a local restaurant, transfer to the Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) for an exterior visit. Built as a villa during the Muromachi Period in 1397, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was later converted into a temple. The temple burned down in 1950 and was rebuilt in 1955. It is approximately 41 feet (about 12.5 metres) in height, and the second-and-third storeys are covered with approximately two tons (about 1.8 metric tons) of pure gold foil. The mirror reflection on the still pond in the garden is a marvellous site to behold. At the conclusion of your excursion, re-board your private car and commence the approximately two-hour drive back to the pier.

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## OSA-V / Osaka by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1099 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## OSA-W / Osaka by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1399 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

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**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## OSA-X / Osaka by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1199 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## OSA-Y / Osaka by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1599 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Osaka at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

SEPTEMBER 24 2026, THURSDAY

# Hiroshima - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### HIJ-F / Peace Memorial Park & Museum

Difficulty



Price: \$119 - Duration: 3.00 hr(s)

Explore the pathos of war and impact of the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima during this compelling, half-day sightseeing excursion to the Hiroshima Peace Park Memorial & Museum.

Hiroshima, Peace Memorial Park & Museum, Memorials, Monuments, Museums, Lecture Halls

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum. The location of the park was once the busiest downtown commercial and residential district, and it was subsequently built on an open field created by the explosion. Today, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is home to many memorials, monuments, museums, and lecture halls, and draws over a million visitors annually. Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city in the world to suffer from a nuclear attack at the end of World War II, on August 6, 1945. The park also honours the memories of the bomb's direct and indirect victims, which number well over 200,000 people.

Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall Remains, Arched Tomb Cenotaph, Stone Chest

Upon arrival, proceed for a stop at the skeletal remains of the former Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall, the only building left standing near the hypocentre of the bomb's blast. The hall's hollowed dome, appropriately named the 'Atomic Bomb Dome', was intentionally left in ruins as a stark visual reminder of the bomb's destruction. During a stop at the Arched Tomb Cenotaph, you may take a moment to remember the victims of the bomb. Each one of the 220,000 victims' names are inscribed on the stone chest beneath the arch.

Museum Visit, Displays, Personal Belongings, Compelling Photographs, Related Stories, Shopping

Your final stop is at the Museum, which consists of two buildings depicting the history of Hiroshima and day of the atomic bomb. The displays include personal belongings, compelling photographs, and stories of the sadness and aftermath of the bomb. In sharp contrast to the atrocities of war and atomic bomb, bear witness to the miraculous, decades-long recovery of Hiroshima, whose remarkable restoration is truly inspiring in its scope. Following your visit, you may opt to re-board your coach for the drive back to the pier or remain in the city for shopping and exploration at your leisure, then return to the ship on your own.

**Please note:** This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.1 miles (about 1.8 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 50-60 steps at the sites visited; a lift is available at the museum. Walking at the Peace Memorial Museum is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Hiroshima may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Guests will see sensitive material, including graphic pictures and displays of atrocities of war, on display in the Peace Memorial Museum. Expect crowds and long lines at the sites visited. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary.



## HIJ-G / Miyajima Island & Torii Gate

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to logistics, an optional drop off at the city center is not possible. We recommend participating in the full day experience HIJ-L Miyajima Sacred Island & Hiroshima Highlights for guests wishing to explore Hiroshima highlights after Miyajima Island Exploration.

Explore the island of Miyajima and its majestic Itsukushima Jinja Shrine, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, during this picturesque, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Hiroshima, Hiroshima Castle, Miyajima-Guchi Ferry Terminal, Ferry-Ride, Miyajima Island

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 45-minute drive to the Miyajima-guchi Ferry Terminal. Upon arrival, embark a ferry for the short ride to Miyajima Island. Only 12 square miles (about 31 square kilometres) in area and consisting mostly of steep, wooded hills, Miyajima is ranked as one of the three most scenic spots in the country. During your guided walking tour of Miyajima Island, take in exquisite views of your picturesque surrounds and stop for a visit at the majestic Itsukushima Jinja Shrine.

Itsukushima Jinja Shrine, Torii Gate, Boardwalks, Buildings, Prayer & Main Halls, Noh Theatre Stage

This UNESCO World Heritage Site, National Treasure, and Important Cultural Property is thought to date from the mid-16th century. Its dramatic, approximately 50-foot-tall (about 15.2-foot-tall), reddish-orange-coloured Torii Gate is distinctively built over water, giving it the illusion of 'floating' in the sea during high tide. Built on pillars, the shrine complex consists of multiple buildings, including a Prayer Hall and Main Hall, all of which are connected by boardwalks. There is also the Noh Theatre Stage, where plays that paid homage to the gods were once performed, and, surprisingly, many wild deer that can be seen walking around the island.

Free Time, Independent Shopping & Browsing, Ferry-Ride, Hiroshima

Following your tour, some free time is made available to explore the streets of the island and browse the local shops at your leisure. Afterward, return to the ferry terminal and embark your ferry for the short ride back to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, disembark the ferry, re-board your coach, and commence the approximately 45-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.3 miles (about 2.2 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the ferry, and at Miyajima Island. Walking at Miyajima Island is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Hiroshima may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. The public ferry is not exclusive to Silversea guests. Expect crowds and long lines at the sites visited. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary.

## HIJ-H / Hiroshima Castle & Garden

Difficulty



Price: \$119 - Duration: 3.50 hr(s)

Experience the beauty and tranquillity of an Edo-period castle and Shukkei-en Garden during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Hiroshima Castle, Central Keep, Museum, Shrine, Ruins, Fortifications, Panoramic City Views

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 40-minute drive to the Hiroshima Castle, an imposing, feudal-era, flatlands fortress built by a powerful Samurai clan in 1589. The castle's five-story main keep was destroyed by the firestorm following the explosion of the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima at the end of World War II. Reconstructed in 1958, its central keep is now a museum, and today houses a shrine, ruins, and a section of defensive fortifications. Your approximately 100-step ascent to the top of the castle is rewarded with panoramic views overlooking the city.

Shukkei-en Garden, Miniature Forests, Valleys & Mountain Landscapes, Garden Paths, Pond

Next, re-board your coach and transfer to the nearby Shukkei-en Garden (Shrunk Scenery Garden). As its name implies, the garden offers uniquely-beautiful images of miniature natural formations. The Shukkei-en Garden was built after the Hiroshima Castle, and dates from 1620. The charming miniature forests, valleys, and mountain landscapes are refreshing and peaceful. Upon arrival, take a leisurely stroll along winding garden paths surrounded by the central pond. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 40-minute drive back to the pier via some of the residential and business districts of Hiroshima.

After the tour, guests have the option to return to Ujina Port or disembark at the Peace Memorial Park.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.86 miles (about three kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone, and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, several steps at the Shukkei-en Garden, and 100 steps at the Hiroshima Castle. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Hiroshima may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Expect crowds and long lines at the sites visited. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## HIJ-I / Art of the Japanese Brush

Difficulty



Price: \$199 - Duration: 3.50 hr(s)

Explore the history, production, and uses of the renowned Kumano brushes during this immersive, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Hiroshima, Kumano

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 45-minute drive to the town of Kumano, where approximately 80% of the brushes made in Japan are still made by hand from animal fur. Years ago, Kumano rose to prominence in the brush-making industry when it was encouraged by Hiroshima officials to produce the brushes to supplement its local farming economy. Later, Japanese calligraphy was introduced as a school subject, and the increased demand for brushes bolstered the industry in Kumano.

Fudenosato Kobo Museum, Guided Tour, Exhibits

Upon arrival at Kumano, proceed for a visit to the Fudenosato Kobo Museum. The museum plays a central role in presenting the history, various uses, and distinct characteristics that go into these renowned brushes, which have a variety of uses that include painting, writing, and calligraphy. Following a guided walking tour of this captivating museum and its exhibits, you are invited to try your hand at utilising the Kumano brushes yourself during an interactive drawing activity.

Interactive Drawing Activity, Hanging Scroll, Kumanofude, Shopping, Souvenirs, Brushes

On a large, white sheet of traditional Japanese paper, you can draw words or anything that inspires you. After completing your art, the paper is made into a hanging scroll that you can bring home with you to utilise as a decoration. Before you leave, some free time is made available for shopping at Kumanofude, the museum's store, which offers a selection of more than 1,500 types



of fude (brushes). At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 45-minute drive back to the pier.

After the tour, guests have the option to return to Ujina Port or disembark at the Peace Memorial Park.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.3 miles (about 0.5 kilometres), at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 12 steps at the Fudenosato Kobo Museum. Walking at the Fudenosato Kobo Museum is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Hiroshima may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Expect crowds and long lines at the sites visited. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## HIJ-L / Miyajima Sacred Island & Hiroshima Highlights

Difficulty



Price: \$279 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore the history and highlights of Hiroshima during this scenic and informative, full-day sightseeing excursion with lunch.

Hiroshima, Hiroshima Castle, Miyajima-Guchi Ferry Terminal, Ferry-Ride, Miyajima Island

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 45-minute drive to the Miyajima-guchi Ferry Terminal. Upon arrival, embark a ferry for the short ride to Miyajima Island. Only 12 square miles (about 31 square kilometres) in area and consisting mostly of steep, wooded hills, Miyajima is ranked as one of the three most scenic spots in the country. During your guided walking tour of Miyajima Island, take in exquisite views of your picturesque surrounds and stop for a visit at the majestic Itsukushima Jinja Shrine.

Itsukushima Jinja Shrine, Torii Gate, Boardwalks, Buildings, Prayer & Main Halls, Noh Theatre Stage

This UNESCO World Heritage Site, National Treasure, and Important Cultural Property is thought to date from the mid-16th century. Its dramatic, approximately 50-foot-tall (about 15.2-foot-tall), reddish-orange-coloured Torii Gate is distinctively built over water, giving it the illusion of 'floating' in the sea during high tide. Built on pillars, the shrine complex consists of multiple buildings, including a Prayer Hall and Main Hall, all of which are connected by boardwalks. There is also the Noh Theatre Stage, where plays that paid homage to the gods were once performed, and, surprisingly, many wild deer that can be seen walking around on the island.

Free Time, Independent Shopping & Browsing, Ferry-Ride, Hiroshima, Local Restaurant, Lunch

Following your tour, some free time is made available to explore the streets of the island and browse the local shops at your leisure. Afterward, return to the ferry terminal and embark your ferry for the short ride back to the Miyajima-guchi Ferry Terminal. Upon arrival, disembark the ferry, re-board your coach, and proceed for a Japanese, set-menu lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, re-board your coach and transfer to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum.

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum, Memorials, Monuments, Statues

The area where the park now lies was ground zero for the atomic bomb on August 6, 1945. Following the bombing, Peace Memorial Park was created and dedicated to those who lost their lives during and after the attack. Take a guided stroll through the park to discover its many memorials, monuments, and statues, then enter the Peace Memorial Museum, the park's main attraction. The museum consists of two buildings depicting the history of Hiroshima and day of the atomic bomb, August 6, 1945. See displays of personal belongings, compelling photographs, and stories of the sadness and suffering after the bomb. Following your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 2.5 miles (about four kilometres), at times over uneven, natural, and cobblestone surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the ferry, and 60 steps at the sites visited. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Although credit cards are mostly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Infrastructure in Hiroshima may be basic, and local conditions may be challenging; coaches, guides, hotels, restaurants, equipment, and services are the best-available in the area, but may not be up to the standards of those found on other ports. Therefore, we urge flexibility and understanding as we visit unique, less-touristic destinations. The cost of providing a tour programme in this area is proportionately more expensive than in neighbouring regions, as vehicles and guides are brought in from the whole region. This may be reflected in the prices of the tours, and we thank you for your understanding. Additional food and beverages are available at the restaurant at each guest's own expense. The public ferry is not exclusive to Silversea guests. Guests will see sensitive material, including graphic pictures and displays of atrocities of war, on display in the Peace Memorial Museum. Expect crowds and long lines at the sites visited. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

### HIJ-V / Hiroshima by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1499 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Hiroshima at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

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### HIJ-W / Hiroshima by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1599 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

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## HIJ-X / Hiroshima by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1599 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

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## HIJ-Y / Hiroshima by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1899 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

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SEPTEMBER 25 2026, FRIDAY

# Fukuoka (Kyushu Island) - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### FUK-H / Highlights of Fukuoka

Difficulty



Price: \$219 - Duration: 6.50 hr(s)

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Daizafu Tenmangu's main hall is undergoing major renovations from May 2023 until around 2026. However, a unique temporary offering hall with grass and trees on its roof was built to serve visitors during the renovation period.

Depart the pier for the approximate 40-minute drive to the Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine. Among the hundreds of Tenmangu Shrines throughout Japan, Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine is the most important one alongside Kyoto's Kitano Tenmangu. Tenmangu Shrines are dedicated to the spirit of Sugawara Michizane, a scholar and politician of the Heian Period. Because of his great learning, Michizane has been associated with Tenjin, a Shinto deity of education, and is popular among students. A wide range of good luck charms can be purchased from the shops around the main hall. Most popular are education related charms which are supposed to help students pass exams. After the approximately 90 minutes visit, re-board the coach and drive to a local restaurant for a Japanese set-menu lunch.

Next, you will head to Kushida Shrine. It was founded in 757 when Hakata was the point of arrival and departure for trade and diplomatic missions between Japan, China and Korea. From early to mid-July the shrine hosts the Yamakasa Gion Festival, the biggest festival in Fukuoka. On the last day of the Festival, seven teams from the seven neighborhoods of Hakata race carrying giant floats called "Kazariyama". Each of the floats are decorated with traditional figures and scenes and are up to 10 meters tall and weigh 1 ton. One of the huge floats is on permanent display in the shrine grounds.

Your last stop is Fukuoka Tower. It was built in 1989 for the Yokatopia Expo that was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of municipalizing Fukuoka as a city. The tower stands 234 meters high and is Japan's tallest seaside tower. From the observation platform at 123 meters above the ground, visitors enjoy a 360 degree panoramic view that covers the city of Fukuoka to Hakata Bay.

Your tour concludes with an approximate 15-minute transfer back to the pier.

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Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking (approximately 3.2km or 2.0miles) with around 200 steps at the sites and a few to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. For dietary restrictions please contact the on board Shore Concierge Team upon embarkation. Please be advised that special dietary requests or menu substitutions may be not be possible to accommodate in this program. Due to the popularity of sights visited, some crowding may be anticipated. Although credit cards are mainly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. The main hall of the shrine is under restoration, guests can enjoy a temporary installation and access to the surrounding garden instead.

## FUK-I / Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine & Kyushu National Museum

Difficulty



Price: \$119 - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

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When Kyushu National Museum was opened in 2005, it joined the Tokyo, Kyoto, and Nara National Museums to become only the fourth national museum in the country. The museum building itself is a massive blue construction that resembles a sports stadium more than an exhibition space. The museum's appearance is made even more striking by the fact that it is located in a city as small as Dazaifu. Upon first entering the building visitors will surely be impressed by the spacious entrance hall. The main exhibition is on the fourth floor and is divided into five chronological sections that span Japanese history from the Prehistoric Era to the Edo Period(1603-1868). The sections are further divided into smaller rooms that have a unifying theme. The museum has an impressive collection of artifacts that are presented in both a creative and informative fashion. Your tour concludes with an approximate 30-minute transfer back to the pier.

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## FUK-N / Ancient & Modern Fukuoka

Difficulty



Price: \$129 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

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Next, a short drive will take you to the Fukuoka Tower. It was built in 1989 for the Yokatopia Expo that was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of municipalizing Fukuoka as a city. The tower stands 234 meters high and is Japan's tallest seaside tower. From the observation platform at 123 meters above the ground, visitors enjoy a 360 degree panoramic view that covers the city of Fukuoka to Hakata Bay.

Your tour concludes with an approximate 15-minute transfer back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves extensive amount of walking (total distance about 2km or 1.2miles) on unpaved and paved surface with approximately 100 steps at the shrine and a few to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended. The view from the Fukuoka Tower depends on the weather. Due to the popularity of sights visited, some crowding may be anticipated. Although credit cards are mainly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

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## FUK-P / Hakata Walking Exploration

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 3.75 hr(s)

Departing your ship, you will head to the Hakata City Hall (approximately 30min drive) to take the local subway. During this walking tour we are going to visit three very important shrines.

Jotenji Temple. It's famous for its stone monuments. This temple was founded by a monk who studied in China with the support from Hakata merchants in 1241.

Tochoji Temple, was built in the early ninth century by the famous Buddhist priest Kukai (Kobo Daishi) after his return from China. Its name means "a temple that reaches far to the East" and it is said to express Kukai's wish for Buddhism to spread from Fukuoka in the West to the East of Japan. The temple is best known for its huge Buddha statue, the Great Buddha of Fukuoka. Another point of interest is the Jigoku or hell experience where you walk through a dark corridor. The temple also features a five-story pagoda that is said to contain a Buddhist relic, a bone of the historical Buddha Shakyamuni.

Kushida Shrine was founded in 757 when Hakata was the point of arrival and departure for trade and diplomatic missions between Japan, China and Korea. From early to mid-July the shrine hosts the Yamakasa Gion Festival, the biggest festival in Fukuoka. On the last day of the Festival, seven teams from the seven neighborhoods of Hakata race carrying giant floats called "Kazariyama". Each of the floats are decorated with traditional figures and scenes and are up to 10 meters tall and weigh 1 ton. One of the huge floats is on permanent display in the shrine grounds.

After the guided stroll of Hakata City, your guide will escort you take the local subway and back to the Hakata City Hall where the walking tour started. Depending on ship's departure you may stay in town and return to the port/ship at your leisure via shuttle bus service.

**Please note: This tour involves extensive amount of walking (total distance about 3km or 1.86miles) on paved, inclined streets and some steps at the various sites and a few to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. The tour includes also a subway ride. Although credit cards are mainly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

### FUK-K / S.A.L.T. Hidden Gems of Fukuoka: Discover Local Food and Drink

Difficulty



Price: \$369 - Duration: 3.50 hr(s)

This soul-food hop offers an immersion into Fukuoka's heart, where traditions continue to evolve, one bite and sip at a time. The Experience



This 2.5-hour walking tour begins at a modern-classic kakuuchi \ a standing bar born from Kyushu's working-class roots. In this laid-back setting, beloved by locals for its unfussy charm, you'll rub elbows with Fukuokans while sipping sake with local seafood specialties. Weaving through the city's vibrant streets, the enticing aroma of grilled chicken guides you to your next stop. Here, expertly prepared Kyushu fowl pairs perfectly with smooth shochu, reflecting the region's fondness for rich flavors. The tour concludes at Fukuoka Craft's original taproom, unexpectedly housed in a Mexican restaurant. Local beer expert and wife of Brewmeister David Victor, leads an exclusive tasting of local brews, demonstrating how craft beer has joined sake and shochu as a favorite tipple in the city's dynamic food scene.

#### The Menu

The tour begins with a snack of mentaiko, Fukuoka's iconic Korean-inspired spicy pollock roe, and small plates of aji-furai, golden-fried horse mackerel fillets. This local specialty owes its popularity to Fukuoka's proximity to Matsuura port, famed for Japan's largest horse mackerel catch. Next, Kyushu's renowned chicken takes center stage. Grilled to perfection and dressed in a "secret" sauce, it's served alongside smooth local shochu. At Fukuoka Craft, local beer expert Yoko Hirano presents a curated beer flight, sharing the story of how a microbrewery in a Mexican restaurant became the birthplace of Fukuoka's leading craft brewery.

#### The Hosts

This culinary journey is led by two passionate experts. Ryo Ishii, a bilingual Fukuoka native with a love for food, culture, and adventure, guides guests through the city's vibrant food scene. The tour culminates with Yoko Hirano, whose global travels from Canada to Germany sparked a deep appreciation for craft beer. As the wife and drinking partner of Fukuoka Craft co-founder David Victor, Yoko has been instrumental in growing the brewery from its Mexican restaurant origins into a major regional presence. Drawing on her expertise, she'll guide guests through a carefully curated tasting flight while sharing the story of Fukuoka's craft beer evolution. Together, Ryo and Yoko offer an insider's view of Fukuoka's evolving culinary and craft drinks landscape.

After filling your stomachs and hearts, return to the pier by your private coach.

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

### FUK-V / Fukuoka by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1399 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



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## FUK-W / Fukuoka by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



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## FUK-X / Fukuoka by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



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## FUK-Y / Fukuoka by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1999 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

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SEPTEMBER 26 2026, SATURDAY

# Busan - Korea, Republic of

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### BUS-A / Introduction to Busan

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Discover the history, culture, and local life in Busan during this scenic and informative, half-day introductory excursion.

Busan, UN Memorial Cemetery, Memorial Halls, Monuments

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the UN Memorial Cemetery. It honours UN soldiers from 16 countries, and UN aids from five countries, who were killed in battle during the Korean War from 1950-1953. The UN Memorial Cemetery is also the only memorial cemetery in the world dedicated to UN soldiers. This serene park covers an expansive, grassy plain area featuring halls, memorials, monuments, and ponds. Following your guided tour, re-board your coach and head for the Busan Museum.

Busan Museum, Exhibition Rooms, Artefacts, Jagalchi Fish Market

Opened in 1978, the Busan Museum plays a leading role in preserving the historical and cultural heritage Busan. It offers seven regular exhibition rooms that are spread over three floors displaying thousands of artefacts collected from the Busan and Gyeongnam areas, along with the Kiln and Outdoor Exhibition halls. The Outdoor Exhibition Hall is home to precious pagodas, Buddhist statues, and monuments. A new exhibition hall displays a wide array of relics from the Prehistoric Age to modern times. Next, re-board your coach and head to the Jagalchi Fish Market. This bustling, harbour-side market stretches into the downtown area and offers fresh seafood, including a large shellfish section in the middle of the market.

Guided Tour, Fresh Seafood & Shellfish, Gukje Market (International Market), Free Time, Shopping

During your guided visit, the mountains of fresh seafood and shellfish on ice, sea air, and resonant voices of the market folk combine to create an unforgettable experience. Your final stop is at the Gukje Market. Busan's largest and most central market area, it was formed by merchants descended from refugees of the Korean War. The alleyways are divided into six market districts offering a wide array of goods, including silk, linen, clothing, bags, glasses, and curtains. Following a short, guided tour, some free time is made available for shopping at your leisure. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.86 miles (about three kilometres), at times over uneven and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach; lifts are available at the Busan Museum. Walking at the Gukje Market is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and local currency or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. The Busan Museum is closed on Mondays; in the event this excursion takes place on a Monday, a visit to the Oryukdo Skywalk is substituted. The tour sequence may vary. Jagalchi Fish Market is closed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. On these dates it will be replaced by Sin Dong A Fish Market, which offers a similar guest experience.**

### BUS-C / Korean Cuisine

Difficulty



Price: \$309 - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)



Discover the secrets to preparing sumptuous Korean cuisine during this interactive, half-day cooking excursion with lunch.

## Busan, Jagalchi Fish Market, Fresh Seafood & Shellfish

Depart the pier for the short drive to the bustling, harbour-side Jagalchi Fish Market, which stretches into the downtown area. As a seaport, the Jagalchi Fish Market offers fresh seafood, including a large shellfish section in the middle of the market. Boats unload their catches here very early each morning, and sell them on the spot. By the time you arrive, mountains of fresh seafood are attractively arranged on ice. During your guided visit, the fresh seafood and shellfish on ice, sea air, and resonant voices of the market folk combine to create an unforgettable experience.

### Lotte Mart & Department Store, Free Time, Shopping

Leaving the Jagalchi Fish Market, re-board your coach and continue on to Lotte Mart, a local grocery market located inside of the Lotte Department Store. Upon arrival, enjoy the Korean local grocery experience during some free time for shopping at your leisure. Following your visit, re-board your coach and head to the nearby Cooking Institute.

### Cooking Institute, Korean Cooking Lesson, Lunch, Complimentary Apron

Upon arrival, meet your chef and begin your interactive cooking lesson. Learn to prepare bulgogi, a Korean barbecue dish typically consisting of grilled marinated beef, or bibimbab, a signature Korean dish consisting of warm white rice topped with namul (sautéed and seasoned vegetables), gochujang (chili pepper paste), and soy sauce or doenjang (a salty soybean paste). A raw or fried egg, and sliced meat (usually beef), are common additions. After your cooking lesson, dine on the meal you have helped to prepare and receive a traditional Korean apron as a memento of your visit. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.96 miles (about 1.55 kilometres), at times over uneven and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and five steps at the entrance to the Cooking Institute. Walking at the Lotte Mart is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and local currency or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The Lotte Department store is closed on every second and third Monday of the month, in the event this tour takes place on these dates a visit to the local Gjuke Market is substituted. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Jagalchi Fish Market is closed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. On these dates it will be replaced by Sin Dong A Fish Market, which offers a similar guest experience.**

## BUS-D / UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Gyeongju

Difficulty



Price: \$309 - Duration: 8.50 hr(s)

Explore a few of the most venerated UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Korea during this panoramic, full-day sightseeing excursion.

### Busan, Gyeongju

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 1.5-hour drive through the city and countryside en route to Gyeongju. Located on the eastern coast where the morning sunlight first touches the Orient, Gyeongju was formerly the capital of the Shilla Kingdom, and centre of Korea, when Shilla unified the peninsula in 676 A.D. An UNESCO World Heritage Site, Gyeongju was also designated by UNESCO as one of the world's ten most historically significant sites and is known as the 'museum without walls'.

### Bulguksa Temple, Local Restaurant, Traditional Korean Bulgogi Lunch

Upon arrival at Gyeongju, your first stop is at the Bulguksa Temple, an UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Korea's best-known temples. Located on the western slope of Mt. Tohamsan, the Bulguksa Temple is a monument to both the skill of the Shilla architects and depth of Buddhist faith at the time. Whilst most of the wooden buildings have been rebuilt over the centuries, all of the stone bridges, stairways and pagodas are original. Following your visit, re-board your coach and proceed for a traditional Korean bulgogi (marinated beef) lunch at a local restaurant.

### Gyeongju National Museum, Gold Crowns, Buddhist Artefacts, Stone Sculptures, Emuile Bell

After lunch, re-board your coach and head to the Gyeongju National Museum. A place of compelling interest, the National Museum, preserves much of the Shilla heritage, including magnificent gold crowns, pottery, Buddhist artefacts, and stone sculptures. The museum also houses the Divine Bell of King Seongdeok the Great, also referred to as the legendary Emuile

Bell. One of Asia's largest and most resonant bells, the Emulle Bell is comprised of approximately 19 tons (about 17.2 tonnes) of bronze and stands approximately 11 feet (about 3.4 metres) in height.

Tumuli Park, Royal Shilla Tombs, Flying Horse Tomb, Artefacts

Leaving the museum, re-board your coach and transfer to Tumuli Park, a collection of royal Shilla tombs located in the middle of Gyeongju. The park contains 20 tombs, of which the Chonmachong Tomb (Flying Horse Tomb) is the most famous. Its name comes from the picture of a flying horse found painted on white birch bark when the tomb was excavated in 1974, and subsequently yielded more than 11,500 artefacts. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 1.5-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking for approximately 2.5 miles (about four kilometres), at times over uneven and natural surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 60 steps at the entrance to the Bulguksa Temple. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and local currency or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Additional food and beverages are available at the restaurant at the expense of each guest. The driving time between the pier and Gyeongju is approximately 1.5 hours in each direction. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary.**

## BUS-E / Highlights of Busan

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Experience the coastal beauty of Busan and one of its most beautiful Buddhist temples during this picturesque, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Busan City and Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, Shoreline Temples, Statues & Sculptures

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately one-hour drive through Busan City en route to the magnificent Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, one of the visited and revered Buddhist temples in Busan. Founded in 1376 and restored in 1970, this Buddhist Temple is located atop a huge rock emerging from the ocean. This spectacular site houses numerous temples along the shoreline, along with dozens of statues and sculptures. The sound of the ocean waves from the East Sea and melody of sutra chanting from the temple combine to create a magical effect, and further enhance the appeal of this stunning architectural marvel.

Apec House

Next, re-board your coach and drive along Haeundae Beach to the APEC House built to host the 2005 APEC Summit meeting at the tip of Dongbaek Island, which stands near Haeundae Beach. This eye-catching glassy building has been one of Busan's symbolic places since then. Because of its priceless location, Nurimaru APEC House offers breathtaking views and amazing photo spots. You can see the whole length of Gwangan Bridge that stretches over Gwangalli beach from Nurimaru. The picturesque lighthouse over a jeongja, a traditional Korean pavilion, is a unique photo spot as well.

Following your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.55 miles (about 2.5 kilometres), at times over uneven and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 100 steps at the Haedong Yonggungsa Temple. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and local currency or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Expect crowds and long lines at the sites visited. The tour sequence may vary.**



## BUS-G / Gamcheon Cultural Village & Local Market

Difficulty



Price: \$129 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Experience a slice of local life in the Korean coastal city of Busan during this bespoke, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Busan, Gamcheon Cultural Village, Street Art

Depart the pier for the short drive to the Gamcheon Cultural Village. Nestled into the side of a mountain, Gamcheon Village was once a dilapidated neighborhood that housed refugees following the Korean War. It was transformed in 2009, when the government's Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism launched an initiative to turn the area into a creative community. Under the theme, 'Dreaming of Busan Machu Picchu', painters and sculptors added their colourful and artistic touches to the streets, homes, and businesses of Gamcheon. Today, tourists flock to Gamcheon for a look at some of the finest street art in the country.

Jagalchi Fish Market, Guided Tour, Fresh Seafood & Shellfish

Following your guided tour of the Gamcheon Cultural Village by a native guide, re-board your coach and head to the Jagalchi Fish Market. This bustling, harbour-side market stretches into the downtown area and offers fresh seafood, including a large shellfish section in the middle of the market. During your guided visit, the mountains of fresh seafood and shellfish on ice, sea air, and resonant voices of the market folk combine to create an unforgettable experience.

Gukje Market (International Market), Free Time, Shopping

Your final stop is at the Gukje Market. Busan's largest and most central market area, it was formed by merchants descended from refugees of the Korean War. The alleyways are divided into six market districts offering a wide array of goods, including silk, linen, clothing, bags, glasses, and curtains. Following a short, guided tour, some free time is made available for shopping at your leisure. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking for approximately 2.5 miles (about four kilometres), at times over uneven and natural surfaces and steep inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 200 steps at the Gamcheon Cultural Village. Walking at the Gukje Market is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and local currency or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. The tour sequence may vary. Jagalchi Fish Market is closed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. On these dates it will be replaced by Sin Dong A Fish Market, which offers a similar guest experience.**

## BUS-I / Busan by Night

Difficulty



Price: \$329 - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)



Makgeolli, Korean Rice Beer Tasting

Korea's oldest folk liquor. Korean rice beer. The signature brew is a favorite among Koreans and foreigners for its clean and refreshing taste. Loved for generations and recently updated with the addition of bananas and honey, makgeolli is an iconic drink with appeal across age groups. Its place in Korean culture isn't likely to change any time soon.

Haeundae Food Market

Haeundae Market, located within a 5 min walking distance from Haeundae Beach, is a paradise where people can try out various types of food and visit different kinds of places. The famous shops are overcrowded with people waiting in a line to eat spicy rice cakes, fritters, noodle soup, twisted bread stick, pork and rice soup, sliced raw fish, and grilled hagfish as seen on TV. The market is a paradise where you can try out anything you want. If you are lucky enough, you might come across free food samples from generous vendors while exploring the market.

BUSAN X the SKY

BUSAN X the SKY observatory was opened to the public in July 2020 with cafes, restaurant, art gallery and souvenir shop spread across its three floors.

From the sky observatory, you can enjoy the best views of the ocean, mountain ranges and Busan's famous landmarks such as Haeundae Beach, Dongbaek Island, Haeundae Marine City, Gwangandaegyo Bridge. Go up the flight of stairs to the 99th floor and try some coffee or tea at the the Highest Starbucks in the World.

#### Korean BBQ Dinner

Finally proceed to a local restaurant to experience a delicious Korean BBQ at a local restaurant with amazing views of Haeundae beach. Korean barbecue is a popular method in Korean cuisine of grilling meat, typically pork. It is often prepared on gas or charcoal grills built into the dining table itself.

At the conclusion of your dinner, return to the pier.

**Please note: This tour has a moderate amount of walking of approximately 2.0 km or 1.2 miles, and a few steps to get on/off the coach. It is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilize a wheelchair. We suggest wearing comfortable clothing and walking shoes.**

## BUS-L / Treasures of Busan

Difficulty



Price: \$349 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

On October 8, 2025, due to the Chuseok National Holiday, the tea ceremony will be held at the Busan Museum and will be conducted by a professional tea ceremony master instead of a monk. Please note that this tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those using a wheelchair. The tea ceremony involves traditional floor seating on Korean cushions (bangsuk), and chairs are extremely limited. Chairs can be provided only upon prior request.

Experience the uniquely beautiful and historic treasures of Busan, and tea-time with a monk, during this immersive, full-day sightseeing excursion with lunch.

Busan, Beomeosa Temple, Iljumun Pagoda, Royal Palace Wings, Pavilions, Tea-Time with a Monk

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 50-minute drive to the Beomeosa Temple. Located at the edge of Mt. Geumjeongsan, Beomeosa Temple was constructed by the monk, Ui Sang, in 678 A.D. Renovated in 1713, the temple is one of the most delicate and luxurious architectures of the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). Features include Iljumun, the 9th-century, three-storey pagoda with four pillars, seven royal palace wings, pavilions, three gates, and eleven hermitages. Designated a National Monument, Beomeosa is surrounded by beautiful wisteria woods and valleys. Following your temple tour, don't miss an exclusive opportunity for Silversea guests to meet and meditate with a monk, and talk over a cup of tea.

Haeundae Beach, Dongbaek Island, Nurimaru, APEC House, Gwangan Bridge, Lighthouse, Jeongja

Next, re-board your coach and drive along Haeundae Beach to the APEC House, built to host the 2005 APEC Summit meeting at the tip of Dongbaek Island, which stands near Haeundae Beach. This glassy, eye-catching building has been one of Busan's iconic landmarks since then. Because of its priceless location in Nurimaru, APEC House offers spectacular panoramic views and amazing photo opportunities. Upon arrival, enjoy breath-taking vistas of the entire length of the Gwangan Bridge that stretches over Gwangalli Beach from Nurimaru. The picturesque lighthouse over a jeongja (traditional Korean pavilion), is a unique photo spot as well. Time-permitting, an evening view over Nurimaru is especially beautiful.

Lunch, Jagalchi Fish Market, Fresh Seafood & Shellfish, Gukje Market, Free Time, Shopping

After lunch at a local restaurant, transfer to the harbour-side Jagalchi Fish Market, which stretches into the downtown area and offers fresh seafood, including a large shellfish section in the middle of the market. The mountains of fresh seafood on ice, sea air, and resonant voices of the market folk combine to create an unforgettable experience. Your final stop is at the Gukje Market. Busan's largest and most central market area, its alleyways are divided into six market districts offering a wide array of goods, including silk, linen, clothing, bags, glasses, and curtains. After a short tour, some free time is made available for shopping at your leisure. Following your visit, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.3 miles (about 2.1 kilometres), at times over uneven and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 100 steps at the entrance to the Beomeosa Temple. Walking at the Gukje Market is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and local currency or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Additional**

food and beverages are available at the restaurant at the expense of each guest. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. On October 8, 2025, due to the Chuseok National Holiday, the tea ceremony will be held at the Busan Museum and will be conducted by a professional tea ceremony master instead of a monk. Please note that this tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those using a wheelchair. The tea ceremony involves traditional floor seating on Korean cushions (bangsuk), and chairs are extremely limited. Chairs can be provided only upon prior request. Jagalchi Fish Market is closed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. On these dates it will be replaced by Sin Dong A Fish Market, which offers a similar guest experience.

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

### BUS-V / Busan by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1599 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Busan at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

### BUS-W / Busan by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1799 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Busan at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

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**BUS-X / Busan by Private Van with Guide - Half Day**

Difficulty



Price: \$1499 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Busan at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-4 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

**BUS-Y / Busan by Private Van with Guide - Full Day**

Difficulty



Price: \$1699 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Busan at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-4 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

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# Kanazawa - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### KAN-A / Highlights of Kanazawa & Tea Ceremony Experience

Difficulty



Price: \$319 - Duration: 7.00 hr(s)

#### Traditional Art & Craft Museum of Ishikawa

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximate 30-minute drive to Traditional Art & Craft of Ishikawa. The museum is the only one place where 36 designated traditional crafts produced in Ishikawa prefecture are displayed. The keyword for this museum is the beauty of clothes, food, lifestyle, praying, play, music and festival.

#### Kenroku-en Garden, Japanese Lunch

Next stop is Kenroku-en, one of the three celebrated "Great Gardens of Japan." This 25-acre landscape garden was originally developed by the great daimyo of Kanazawa Castle. Kenroku-en boasts Japan's first fountain, a teahouse dating to 1774, and a pagoda donated to the Maeda clan by the great warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi. The celebrated Ganko-bashi is a bridge comprising 11 red stones laid out to resemble a formation of flying geese. Next, re-board your coach for a short drive to a local restaurant for a Japanese set-menu lunch.

#### Gyokusen-An for Tea Ceremony

After lunch, head to Gyokusen-an for a traditional tea ceremony. It offers a pleasant view of the garden. Here we take the opportunity to see an authentic tea ceremony performance.

#### Higashi Chaya District

Your final destination is the Higashi Chayamachi, where feudal times preserved with its wooden latticed houses and winding, narrow streets. Homes are still in use and well preserved by residents, maintaining the atmosphere of bygone days. Walking down the street one can almost imagine the sounds of Japanese shamisen and drums.

After a cheerful walk of Higashi Chaya District re-board, the coach commences the approximately 30 minutes' drive back to the port and to your ship.

**Please note:** This tour involves a moderate to extensive amount of walking (approximately 2.2km or 1.36miles) over cobblestones, unpaved and paved walkways, with around 30 steps at the various sites and a few to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Guests will be asked to remove their own shoes at Gyokusen-an for the tea ceremony. The maximum capacity of the teahouse is 15-17 guests so the group will be split accordingly. When the first group enjoys the tea with the guide, the other will stroll around the tea house and garden without the guide. For dietary restrictions please contact the on-board Shore Concierge Team upon embarkation. Please be advised that special dietary requests or menu substitutions may not be possible to accommodate in this program. Although credit cards are mainly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. The Traditional Art & Craft Museum of Ishikawa is closed on every third Thursday of the month; therefore, this site will be replaced by a visit to Oyama Shrine on April 17th, 2025.

## KAN-B / UNESCO World Heritage Villages of Shirakawago & Gokayama

Difficulty



Price: \$359 - Duration: 8.25 hr(s)

Experience the rich architectural traditions of the Japanese countryside on a tour including two of the region's most picturesque villages.

### Shirakawago Village

Shirakawago widely known as one of the most scenic places in Japan, is surrounded by dramatic pine tree-covered mountains. After an approximately 90 minutes journey, arrive to Shirakawago Village. Here you'll find the unique Japanese thatched-roof farmhouses that are the center of attention. There are approximately 90 thatched farmhouses, sheds, and barns built about 200-300 years ago that were added to UNESCO'S World Heritage List in 1995. They are examples of the Gassho-zukuri style, a form of construction that resembles hands-clasped in prayer. Aesthetically pleasing, the steeply pitched roofs are extremely practical during the heavy snowstorms of the Shokawa River valley. Pitched at 60 degrees and oriented along a north-south axis, the farmhouses are able to more efficiently capture sunlight and shed weighty burdens.

### Farmhouse Visit, Local Lunch

After your guided tour of the farmhouse, enjoy some free time in the village. Next, re-board the coach and your tour continue to Gokayama. Prior arrival you'll be taken to a local restaurant for a local set-menu lunch.

### Gokayama Village, Local Activities

After lunch an approximately half hour drive will take you to Gokayama Washinosato.

Like Shirakawago, Gokayama earned its place as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1995 and boasts the same style of Gassho-zukuri pitched-roof construction. Arriving in this charming village, you'll proceed to a special site where you'll be treated to fascinating demonstrations of the art of Japanese paper making. Known as washi, the process of creation is long and involved and that often undertaken in the depth of winter. The cold weather inhibits bacteria, prevents decomposition, makes the fibers contract for a crisp feel, and provides farmers with a source of winter income.

The kozo tree, or paper mulberry, is the most commonly used fiber in making Japanese paper. The kozo branches are boiled and stripped of their outer bark and then dried. The fibers are then boiled with lye to remove the starch, fat and tannin and any remaining impurities in the fibers are picked out by hand. The kozo is laid on a rock or board and beaten. Wet balls of pulp are mixed in a vat with water and one of two traditional methods of paper making (nagashi-zuki or tame-zuki) is employed. In both methods, pulp is scooped onto a screen and shaken to spread the fibers evenly. Nagashi-zuki (which uses neri in the vat) produces thinner paper, while tame-zuki (which does not use neri) produces thicker paper.

You'll have the unique opportunity to lend a hand in the process of Japanese papermaking, enjoying the camaraderie of this shared activity.

Upon conclusion of this unique experience, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 90-minute journey to the pier via the breathtaking Japanese countryside.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate to extensive amount of walking (approximately 2.2km or 1.36miles) over cobblestones and unpaved walkways, with around 20 steps at the various sites and a few to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Guests will need to take off your shoes in the Wada Family's House. For dietary restrictions please contact the on-board Shore Concierge Team upon embarkation. Please be advised that special dietary requests or menu substitutions may not be possible to accommodate in this program. Although credit cards are mainly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## KAN-D / Samurai & Geisha Districts with Gold Leaf Experience

Difficulty



Price: \$199 - Duration: 4.75 hr(s)

An approximately 30-minute transfer through the city will take you to the Gold Leaf Experience.



### Gold Leaf Experience

A gold leaf is made by beating gold into an extremely thin sheet with a thickness of 0.1 to 0.125 millionths of a meter. It is so thin that it will disappear when you rub it with your fingers. The production of gold leaf started in Kanazawa at the end of the 16th century, and it is produced more than 98% in Kanazawa.

### Nagamachi District

Next stop is in the famous Nagamachi District. Nagamachi was a samurai district located at the foot of the former Kanazawa Castle, where samurai and their families used to reside. The area preserves a historic atmosphere with its remaining samurai residences, earthen walls, private entrance gates, narrow lanes and water canals. One of the main attractions of the district is the centrally located Nomura Samura House, a restored samurai residence displaying the lifestyle and artifacts of the era when samurai were prosperous.

### Higashi Chaya Geisha District

And at the end of the tour drive to the Higashi Chaya Geisha District. A Chaya means teahouse is an exclusive type of restaurant where guests are entertained by geisha who perform song and dance. During the Edo Period, chaya were found in designated entertainment districts, usually just outside the city limits. The largest one of the chaya districts in Kanazawa is the Higashi Chaya district. The construction of two-story houses except teahouses was prohibited in the Edo period. Homes are still in use and well preserved by residents. After a short orientation walk, experience maintaining the atmosphere of at that time.

Conclude the tour with an approximately 30 minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves moderate amount of walking (approximately 1km or 0.6miles) of walking over cobblestones and paved walkways, with around 20 steps at the various locations. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Guests need to take off their shoes at Nagamachi Samurai Residence and Gold Leaf Experience. Although credit cards are mainly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## KAN-H / Kenroku-en Garden & Higashi Chaya District

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximate 30-minute drive from terminal to Kenroku-en Garden.

### Kenroku-en Garden

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Approximately 30-minute coach driving will take you back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking (approximately 1.3km or 0.8miles) over paved and unpaved walkways, with around 20 steps at the Kenrokuen Garden and a few to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Although credit cards are mainly accepted, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## KAN-I / Kanazawa Geigi Performance & Dinner Experience

Difficulty



Price: \$409 - Duration: 3.00 hr(s)

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the dinner venue. Upon arrival, you are seated for a set -menu Japanese Kaiseki dinner. During dinner, you are treated to an authentic Kanazawa Geigi performance. Geigi (Geisha) in Kanazawa value their customs and ceremonies, handed down from generation to generation since the feudal era. Refined dance performances and the playing of various musical instruments have also been handed down. Usually almost every Chaya (Geisha house) will refuse service to clients without an introduction. In honor of your visit to night, you have been granted special access to this unique occasion.

**Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes. Guests must remove their shoes before entering the Ryo-tei for dinner.**

## KAN-K / The Temple of Eternal Peace & Craftmanship of Fukui

Difficulty



Price: \$269 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Immerse in the heritage and culture of the Fukui Prefecture as you discover Eiheiji Temple, a headquarters of Zen Buddhism, and then continue to the birthplace of Echizen lacquerware and a village devoted to traditional metalworking.

### Temple of Eternal Peace

Depart the pier for a scenic, approximately 90-minute drive to visit Eiheiji, which translates to 'Temple of Eternal Peace'. This large temple complex nestled on a cedar-covered mountain slope just outside the city of Fukui was founded by Dogen Zenji, the Buddhist scholar who introduced Soto Zen to Japan in the early 13th century. Featuring a network of more than 70 buildings, each connected to the other by covered walkways, the temple continues to serve as a tranquil training center for Zen Buddhism.

### Reception Hall, Buddha Hall, Founder's Hall, Lecture Hall, Lunch

Upon arrival, enter the Reception Hall to begin your tour of such key rooms as the Buddha Hall, with its three statues of Buddhas past, present, and future; the Founder's Hall, which contains the ashes of Dogen Zenji; and the Lecture Hall, where the monks learn the teachings of Buddha. As you explore this sacred site, take a moment to savour the intricate beauty of its traditional Japanese architecture, set amid the surrounding majesty of nature.

Next, re-board your coach for the short drive to a nearby restaurant for lunch.

### Echizen Lacquerware Hall

After lunch, a journey of about 40 minutes takes you to the city of Sabae, the birthplace of Echizen lacquerware. Here visit Echizen Lacquerware Hall, a craftsman's workshop where you can watch lacquerware artisans at work. Renowned for its unique luster and beauty, lacquerware's history dates back centuries and is produced using techniques that have been handed down over generations. The shop offers a variety of lacquerware products that you'll have time to browse for the perfect keepsake to take home.

### Takefu Knife Village

Finally, a 30-minute drive takes you to Takefu Knife Village, a unique workshop, shop, and museum showcasing the craft of forging knives and cutting tools. Here you can witness the production processes carried out by traditional smiths as they create some of the world's finest cutlery pieces. After gaining insights on this ancient metalworking craft, enjoy time to peruse the shop's distinctive products.

At the conclusion of your enriching experience, re-board the motor coach for a drive of about 90 minutes back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves walking about 850 metres (2,800 feet), at times over uneven surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and several at the sites visited, including about 200 steps at the Eiheiji Temple. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Guests will need to remove their shoes inside**

the buildings of Eihei Temple. It is not possible to see craftsmen at work on Sundays at Takefu Knife Village. Only guided walking is included on Sundays. Japanese yen is required for any purchases; guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary.

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

### KAN-L / S.A.L.T. Atelier to Table: The Art of Japanese Food & Ceramics

Difficulty



Price: \$469 - Duration: 5.00 hr(s)



In Kanazawa, culinary artistry and traditional craftsmanship intertwine. For centuries, the city has attracted master artisans who craft everything from vibrant Kutaniyaki porcelain to Kanazawa lacquerware. Each meticulously crafted piece elevates the flavors it holds, imbuing the meals with symbolic meaning. Discover just how integral these crafts are to Kanazawa's gastronomic narrative in this tour, where we will witness techniques passed down through generations at an award-winning Kutaniyaki ceramics artisan workshop. We'll participate in an authentic tea ceremony led by a tea master in the famed Kenroku-en Garden, where these beautiful crafts come to life in one of Japan's most refined cultural rituals. To finish, we will indulge in an elaborate kaiseki lunch made with the finest local ingredients at a ryotei, a traditional high-end Japanese restaurant - a feast for all the senses.

#### The Experience

Guests will travel via private coach from Kanazawa port to Kutani Kosen Kiln, a prestigious 150-year-old kiln with Imperial Family connections. As one of the few workshops in Kanazawa city still performing all Kutaniyaki processes in a single location, visitors will witness 5th-generation master Koichiro Toshioka demonstrates the techniques that have earned the kiln numerous international awards. The journey continues with an authentic tea ceremony within magnificent Kenroku-en Garden, experiencing this refined ritual that has flourished under samurai influence since the Edo period. The cultural immersion culminates at a traditional ryotei restaurant, where guests will savor a Japanese kaiseki haute cuisine meal imbued with the essence of centuries-old local Kaga cuisine, showcasing the region's sophisticated culinary heritage.

#### The Menu

The exquisite kaiseki meal highlights seasonal ingredients from both the Sea of Japan and surrounding mountains, a hallmark of the culinary traditions of Kaga, the original name for the region where Kanazawa is located. Signature specialties include jibu-ni (the region's iconic hot pot with duck simmered in flavorful dashi broth) and tai kara-mushi (delicately steamed sea bream in a Chinese-influenced style).

#### The Host

Host Alejandro Falla earned his master's degree in cultural heritage from Kanazawa University, drawn to the city for its rich artistic traditions that flourished under the Maeda clan's patronage. His specialized knowledge of regional history allows him to illuminate the profound connections between Kanazawa's traditional crafts and culinary arts, revealing how they collectively form the city's distinctive cultural identity. Since 2020, Alejandro has guided visitors through Kanazawa's hidden gems, sharing his passion for what he considers his second home and helping guests experience the living heritage that makes this city a unique cultural destination.

**Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing and flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Guests must be 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages.**

**Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. Tour sequences may vary. The menu is based on fresh seasonal ingredients, therefore subject to change.**

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

## KAN-V / Kanazawa by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1499 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Kanazawa at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## KAN-W / Kanazawa by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1899 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Kanazawa at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

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## KAN-X / Kanazawa by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1699 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Kanazawa at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## KAN-Y / Kanazawa by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$2099 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Kanazawa at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 3-6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

SEPTEMBER 30 2026, WEDNESDAY

# Hakodate (Hokkaido) - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### HKD-A / Introduction to Hakodate

Difficulty



Price: \$149 - Duration: 3.50 hr(s)

Discover the local lifestyle, culture and history of Hakodate during this scenic, half-day orientation tour of the city.

#### **Hakodate Morning Market**

Depart the pier for the brief walk to the Hakodate Morning Market. Upon arrival, take a guided stroll through this bustling market, which is engulfed by cars and people from the time the 400 stalls open at 5 a.m. Discover an abundance of fresh fish and seafood, including squid, salmon eggs, sea urchins and the hairy crabs for which Hokkaido is famous. The market also offers fresh, locally-grown vegetables, along with flowers and household goods.

#### **Goryokaku Park and Tower**

Next, board your coach and drive to Goryokaku Park. The park is home to the remaining walls of Japan's first Western-style fort. The fort is named Goryokaku, or 'Pentagon Fort' due to its star shape. Nothing is left of the citadel, which was constructed by the Togukawa Shogunate to defend Japan against the threats from the north. During your visit, you can ride the elevator up to the Observation Deck of the 351-foot-tall (107-metre-tall) tower at the park entrance, and take in splendid views of the park, Mt. Hakodate and the downtown area.

#### **Mount Hakodate**

Leaving Hakodate Morning Market, your drive proceeds up to the Mount Hakodate Overlook, or 'Hakodateyama'. Upon arrival, take one way only the Hakodate Ropeway (cable car) up to the all-weather observatory at the 1,100-foot (335-metre) summit, which offers panoramic views over the surrounding area (weather permitting).

Following your visit, re-board your coach for the approximate 40-minute drive back to the pier.

(Hakodate cable car will not be operated due to the bad weather. In this case, the tour will go up/ down to Mt. Hakodate by bus and may partially vary the tour itinerary)

**Please note:** This tour involves a moderate to extensive amount of walking for approximately 1 mile (1.6 kilometres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 20 steps at the aerial cable car on Mt. Hakodate and up to 40 steps at the Goryokaku Tower. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing, and carry a sweater or windbreaker for the visit at Mt. Hakodate; you need one if you opt to walk around outside the observatory. Sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses are also recommended. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. The view from Goryokaku Tower and the Mt. Hakodate observatory is weather permitting. The Ropeway is subject to weather conditions, in case of bad weather guest will reach Mt Hakodate Observatory by coach only. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. During the Winter closure of the road leading to Mt Hakodate (November - April), the tour itinerary will be modified to include a round trip by ropeway to Mt Hakodate Observatory.



## HKD-B / Hakodate In-Depth

Difficulty



Price: \$289 - Duration: 7.25 hr(s)

Explore the picturesque beauty and landmarks of Hakodate during this full-day sightseeing excursion to the city and its environs.

### Hakodate Morning Market and Lunch

After meeting your guide, depart the pier and walk to the Hakodate Morning Market. Upon arrival, take a guided stroll through this bustling market, which is engulfed by cars and people from the time the 400 stalls. Discover an abundance of fresh fish and seafood, including squid, salmon eggs, sea urchins and the hairy crabs for which Hokkaido is famous. The garden also offers fresh, locally-grown vegetables, along with flowers and household goods.

### Goryokaku Park and Hakodate Magistrate's Office

Next, board your coach for a short drive to the Goryokaku Park and Tower. The park is home to the remaining walls of Japan's first Western-style fort. The fort is named Goryokaku or 'Pentagon Fort' due to its star shape. Nothing is left of the citadel, which was constructed by the Tokugawa Shogunate to defend Japan and the Magistrate's office against the threats from the north. At Goryokaku Tower, guests will ride the elevator up to the Observation Deck of the 351 foot tall (107 metre tall) tower at the park entrance, and take in splendid views of the park, fort, Mt. Hakodate and the downtown area. Enjoy a stroll through the park to the Hakodate Magistrate's Office, which provides a stunning example of traditional Samurai (Edo) architecture.

### Mount Hakodate Overlook

After lunch, your tour continues with a drive to the Mount Hakodate Overlook or 'Hakodateyama'. Upon arrival, take one way only the Hakodate Ropeway (cable car) up to the all-weather observatory at the 1,100-foot (335-metre) summit, which offers panoramic views over the surrounding area (weather permits).

### Kanamori Red Brick Warehouse

Following your visit at Mt. Hakodate, re-board your coach and drive down to the Kanamori Red Brick Warehouse area. Remodelled in 1988 as part of the redevelopment of Hakodate's waterfront, this area's old, red-brick warehouses have been converted into bars and restaurants.

Your tour concludes with an approximate 15-minute drive back to the pier.

(Hakodate cable car will not be operated due to the bad weather. In this case, the tour will go up/ down to Mt. Hakodate by bus and may partially vary the tour itinerary)

**This tour involves an extensive amount of walking, with approximately 0.8 miles ( 1.2 kilometres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 40 steps at the aerial cable car on Mt. Hakodate and up to 60 steps at the Goryokaku Tower. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing, and carry a sweater or windbreaker for the visit at Mt. Hakodate; you will need one if you opt to walk around outside the observatory. The view from Goryokaku Tower and the Mt. Hakodate is dependent upon weather conditions. Guests wishing to enter the Magistrate's office are required to remove their shoes, therefore guests must be wearing socks to experience this portion of the tour. The lunch served during this tour includes a Western Style set menu. For dietary restrictions please contact the on board Shore Concierge Team upon embarkation. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. The Ropeway is subject to weather conditions, in case of bad weather guest will reach Mt Hakodate Observatory by coach only. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. During the Winter closure of the road leading to Mt Hakodate (November - April), the tour itinerary will be modified to include a round trip by ropeway to Mt Hakodate Observatory.**

**\* \*Motomachi area is at 10-minute walking distance from Red Brick Warehouses, then guide will have instruction with MAP to get the area for guests who would like to reach there.**

## HKD-C / Hakodate Museum & Mount Hakodate

Difficulty



Price: \$149 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Take a journey through Northern Japan's epic past during this scenic and informative half-day museum tour of Hakodate, with a visit to Mount Hakodate and the waterfront red brick warehouse district.

### Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples

Depart the pier for the morning drive into Hakodate and the Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples, which is located in an old bank building on the Motoi-zaka slope leading away from the consulate. During your visit, you view exhibits of valuable tools and ethnological materials that were collected over many years by Professors Osamu Baba and Sakuzaemon Kodama, and used by the Ainu people in their daily life. Learn about the people across Eastern Siberia and the Alaskan Islands.

### Mount Hakodate

Next, your drive proceeds up to the Mount Hakodate Overlook, or 'Hakodateyama'. Reaching the summit with the Hakodate Ropeway (cable car), arrive at the observatory at 1,100 feet (335 metres) for panoramic views over the surrounding area. After admiring the vista, drive back to downtown Hakodate to the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse district.

### Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse Area

This waterfront area was once the site of shipyards and foreign settlements and since about 1879, it prospered as a warehouse zone. The original buildings were destroyed by fire but were rebuilt in 1909. The Kanemori logo on these buildings once symbolized the trade-port of Hakodate. Re-modeled in 1988 as part of a waterfront area redevelopment with a theme of 'the old and the new', these buildings house shops, restaurants, galleries and meeting areas, while still offering a glimpse into Hakodate's golden age of shipping.

Following some free time to explore, re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

(Hakodate cable car will not be operated due to the bad weather. In this case, the tour will go up/ down to Mt. Hakodate by bus and may partially vary the tour itinerary)

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 1 mile (1.6 kilometres), with 40 steps at the aerial cable car on Mt. Hakodate and up to 70 steps at the top of the mountain as well as 40 steps at the museum. This tour is suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair but must be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing, and bring a sweater or jacket as it may be cool at the summit. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. The view from Goryokaku Tower and the Mt. Hakodate is dependent upon the weather conditions. At Hakodate City Museum of Northern Peoples, no flash photography or food is permitted inside. The Ropeway is subject to weather conditions, in case of bad weather guest will reach Mt Hakodate Observatory by coach only. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. During the Winter closure of the road leading to Mt Hakodate (November - April), the tour itinerary will be modified to include a round trip by ropeway to Mt Hakodate Observatory.**

## HKD-D / Onuma National Park

Difficulty



Price: \$179 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Indulge your senses with the pristine natural beauty of Hakodate during this invigorating walking tour at Onuma National Park.

### Onuma National Park

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximate one-hour drive to Onuma National Park, which is renowned for its picturesque, island-dotted lakes and dormant volcano, Mount Komaga-take. At approximately 3,937 feet (about 1,200 metres), Mount Komaga-take is a prominent feature of the landscape in this part of southern Hokkaido.

Thanks to a temperate climate and a combination of heavy rainfall and melting snow, the area is a paradise for bird-life and boasts an abundance of diverse vegetation. The park's most attractive area is located between the two lakes, Onuma and Konuma (large and small lakes), which are explored on foot during your 1.5-2-hour guided nature walking tour.

The walking trails meander between the lakes' peninsulas and islands, several of which are connected by small bridges. Your guide serves as a translator for the Japanese-speaking nature guide.

Following your walking tour, re-board your coach for the approximate one-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 4.5 miles, (7.3 kilometres) at times over uneven ground, for 2 hours. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, a camera, and bottled water from the ship. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Operation of this tour is subject to favourable weather conditions. Space on this tour is limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## HKD-F / Strolling Around Motomachi District

Difficulty



Price: \$149 - Duration: 5.25 hr(s)

Discover the beauty, culture and charm of Hakodate on-foot during this delightful, half-day walking tour through this historic city.

### Hakodate Morning Market

Depart the pier for the brief walk to Hakodate Station. Upon arrival, take a guided stroll through the bustling Hakodate Morning Market, which is engulfed by cars and people from the time the 400 stalls open at 5 a.m. Discover an abundance of fresh fish and seafood, including squid, salmon eggs, sea urchins and the hairy crabs for which Hokkaido is famous. The garden also offers fresh, locally-grown vegetables, along with flowers and household goods.

### Motomachi District and Churches

Next, board a tram at the Hakodate-ekimae Tram Station for the short ride to Jujigai Station. Upon arrival, walk up the inclined streets of the Motomachi District. Along the way, see historic churches such as the Gothic-style Motomachi Roman Catholic Church, famous for the altar presented to it by Pope Benedict XV. The view from atop the hill is stunning, and reflects the contrast between the hill, churches and shoreline.

### Mount Hakodate and Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse

Your tour continues with a Hakodate Ropeway cable car-ride up to the all-weather observatory at the 1,100-foot (335-metre) summit, which offers spectacular panoramic vistas over the surrounding area (weather permitting). Afterward the cable car down, your walking tour continues on-foot to the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse. Remodelled in 1988 as part of the redevelopment of Hakodate's waterfront, this area's old, red-brick warehouses have been converted into bars and restaurants. Some free time is made available here for shopping and exploration before returning to the Jujigai Station for the tram-ride to the Hakodate-mae Station. Upon arrival, commence the approximately 10-minute walking back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 4 miles (about 6.4 kilometres), with inclines in the Motomachi District, a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 40 steps at the cable car station and 70 steps at the top of Mt. Hakodate. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring a light sweater or jacket from the ship. Proper attire is required to enter the cathedral; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Loud talking is not permitted inside the church. On Sunday mornings, church holidays and during weddings, tour groups are not allowed inside churches during services; guests may have a chance to visit the church independently. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. The view from the Mt. Hakodate observatory is dependent upon weather conditions. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you to book in advance to avoid disappointment. (Hakodate cable car will not be operated due to the bad weather. In this case, the tour will go up/ down to Mt. Hakodate by bus and may partially vary the tour itinerary). Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## HKD-H / Strolling Around Hakodate

Difficulty



Price: \$139 - Duration: 5.00 hr(s)

Discover the beauty, culture and charm of Hakodate on-foot during this delightful, half-day walking tour through this historic city.

### Hakodate Morning Market

Depart the pier for the brief walk to Hakodate Station. Upon arrival, take a guided stroll through the bustling Hakodate Morning Market, which is engulfed by cars and people from the time the 400 stalls open at 5 a.m. Discover an abundance of fresh fish and seafood, including squid, salmon eggs, sea urchins and the hairy crabs for which Hokkaido is famous. The garden also offers fresh, locally-grown vegetables, along with flowers and household goods.

### Motomachi District, Churches, and Old Public Hall of Hakodate Hall

Next, board a tram at the Hakodate-ekimae Tram Station for the short ride to Suehirocho Station. Upon arrival, walk up the Old Public Hall of Hakodate Hall which is a notable historic building in Hakodate, designated as important cultural property. It has a magnificent main hall and rooms reserved for special guests. When members of the Imperial family visited Hakodate, they stayed and rested in the rooms. After that you will have a time to stroll around the inclined streets of the Motomachi District. Along the way, see historic churches such as the Gothic-style Motomachi Roman Catholic Church, famous for the altar presented to it by Pope Benedict XV. The view from atop the hill is stunning, and reflects the contrast between the hill, churches and shoreline.

### Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse

Your tour continues to the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse. Remodeled in 1988 as part of the redevelopment of Hakodate's waterfront, this area's old, red-brick warehouses have been converted into bars and restaurants. Some free time is made available here for shopping and exploration before returning to the Jujigai Station for the tram -ride to the Hakodate-ekimae Station. Upon arrival, commence the approximately 15-minutes walking back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 3 miles (about 5 kilometres), with inclines in the Motomachi District, a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring a light sweater or jacket from the ship. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you to book in advance to avoid disappointment. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

### HKD-V / Hakodate by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1499 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Hakodate at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of**

vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Luxury vehicles are limited in this area, local taxis may be used instead.

## HKD-W / Hakodate by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1599 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Hakodate at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

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## HKD-X / Hakodate by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1559 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Hakodate at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 5 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Luxury vehicles are limited in this area, local taxis may be used instead.**

## HKD-Y / Hakodate by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1799 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Hakodate at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 5 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Luxury vehicles are limited in this area, local taxis may be used instead.**



OCTOBER 01 2026, THURSDAY

# Miyako, Iwate - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### MYW-A / Morioka Hachiman Shrine & Nanbu Ironware

Difficulty



Price: \$279 - Duration: 7.50 hr(s)

Discover the traditions of Morioka, the largest city in the Iwate prefecture. The tour features sake making and ironware which has been the two well-known crafts of the city.

#### Morioka Hachimangu Shrine

Depart from the pier by coach and drive to Morioka. Start off by paying homage to the guardian deity of city at the Morioka Hachimangu Shrine. Established by feudal lord Nanbu Shigenobu in 1680 as the guardian shrine of the then Morioka domain and its people, the shrine has been revered by the locals since, with the shrine housing 12 different deities all believed to be efficacious for different aspects of life.

#### Asabiraki Sake Brewery Tour, Japanese style lunch

Visit and learn about Japanese sake (rice wine) at the Asabiraki Sake Brewery established in 1871, during the Meiji Era. Take a short brewery tour and enjoy some sake samples. Morioka historically has been known for quality sake thanks to its rich production of rice and water source. The shop located in the brewery property offers a wide selection of not only the sake made at the Asabiraki brewery but also local food products related to sake.

#### Iwachu Nanbu Ironware Factory Museum

The Nanbu Ironware is best known for high-quality teapots which are known for its ability to maintain the temperature once heated and the rough texture of the surface preventing the content from burning out. The Iwachu Nanbu Ironware Factory Museum showcases the traditional process of the ironware as well as some contemporary productions using the traditional techniques developed over the years. See an example of Japanese craftsmanship evolving to serve the needs of everyday life in the present era. At the end of your visit you will have a chance to shop for a product which you might find functional for your everyday life as well!

Having completed your visit, return to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves a moderate amount of walking with approximately 30 steps at Morioka Hachiman Shrine, 50 steps at Asabiraki Sake Brewery. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. The lunch served during this tour includes a Japanese style set menu. For dietary restrictions please contact the on board Shore Concierge Team upon embarkation. Please be advised that special dietary requests or menu substitutions may be not be possible to accommodate in this program. As many local vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.

## MYW-B / Miyako Geo Park

Difficulty



Price: \$119 - Duration: 3.50 hr(s)

Miyako, a city located in the center of the coastal Iwate Prefecture, suffered devastating damage from the earthquake and tsunami of 2011. Seawater swept across the city's coastal districts, destroying everything in its path. Your tour takes you to the Jodogahama area which boasts picturesque scenery with the jagged rocks protruding from the sea.

Head to Jodogahama Beach for a photo stop. The name derives from a Buddhist monk from the 17th century comparing the landscape to the idea of "Jodo" or "Pure Land" which is believed to be one of the Buddhist versions of paradise. It is a National Scenic Reserve, known for the beautiful white-pebble beach that creates a striking contrast against the deep blue ocean. The pine trees which grow on top of the rocks enhance the landscape. The area was critically affected by the tsunami of March 11th, 2011 as the tidal waves carried debris from destroyed buildings and covered the entire beach. However, locals worked to remove the debris and preserve the iconic landscape of their hometown.

### Michinoeki Taro

Stop by at Michinoeki Taro, which was newly built in 2018 as a symbol of the area's recovery from the tsunami impact. The facility sells local produce.

### Sanno-iwa Rocks

Drive further up north to take in the unique view of the Sanno-iwa rocks which consist of the Otoko-iwa, Onna-iwa and Taiko-iwa. These rocks were first formed through volcanic activities in the area, and then sediments deposited onto the ocean floor which eventually were exposed to the wind and waves to be carved out into their shapes today.

### Miyako Gyosai Fish Market

Finally you will visit the Miyako Gyosai Fish Market. Miyako City is home to a vibrant fishing industry that harvests a large variety of seafood from the waters along the Sanriku Coast. The Miyako Gyosai Fish Market is one of the city's public markets.

The market is packed tightly with rows of vendors selling all sorts of fish, seafood, vegetables and fruits. Much of the seafood is freshly brought in from Miyako Port. In addition to the larger stalls, the market reserves one section for local farmer's to directly sell their produce to market visitors.

Return to the pier by coach.

**Please note: This tour involves a minimal amount of walking with approximately 10 steps to negotiate. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair who must be able to get on/off the coach without assistance. Lightweight comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. As many local vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## MYW-D / Jodogahama & Ryusendo

Difficulty



Price: \$179 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore the beauty of nature on half-day tour visiting the Jodogahama beach and the Ryusendo cave, which is enlisted as a Natural Monument of Japan.

### Sanriku Fukko National Park Coastline and Jodogahama beach

Depart the port in the morning and head to the picturesque coastline of Sanriku Fukko National Park. Jodogahama awaits you for a serene view, which got its name as resembling the idea of Buddhist paradise "Jodo" or "Pure Land". The jagged rocks line up to create a lovely landscape, with the contrast between the white sand and the deep blue of the ocean. The area was critically affected by the tsunami of March 11th, 2011 as the tidal waves carried debris from destroyed buildings and covered the entire beach.

## Ryusendo Cave

Travel inland this time to the Ryusendo Cave, considered to be one of the three primary limestone caves in all of Japan. A seemingly fathomless subterranean world of its own, more than 2.5 miles has been discovered out of which 0.4 miles is open to the public. See the clear blue underground lakes and stalagmites that constitute this mystical world that expands underground.

After your underground adventure, reboard your coach for the return to the port.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking and approximately 310 steps at the Caves. This tour and is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair. The cave's year-round temperature is approximately 50° therefore it is recommended to bring a warm outer layer. Ryusendo is a 'living' cave; water often drips from the cave roof; guests may wish to wear a rain jacket. The ground is wet and slippery. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Lightweight comfortable clothing, sturdy non-skid walking shoes are recommended. Please be advised that special dietary requests or menu substitutions may be not be possible to accommodate in this program. As many local vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequency may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## MYW-E / Ryusendo Cave & Scenic Boat cruise

Difficulty



Price: \$279 - Duration: 7.00 hr(s)

Northern Miyako is famous for its Ryusendo Cave Ryusendo Cave National Monument and Kitayamazaki Cliffs -- fabulous scenery and landforms just 60 minutes from the pier.

Ryusendo Cave, Japanese-style lunch

Depart the pier and travel northwest to the Ryusendo Cave, considered to be one of the three primary limestone caves in all of Japan. A seemingly fathomless subterranean world of its own, more than 2.5 miles has been discovered out of which 0.4 miles is open to the public. See for yourself the clear blue underground lakes and stalagmites that constitute this mystical world that expands underground.

Kitayamazaki Observatory & Scenic Boat Cruise

Visit the Kitayamazaki observatory of a breathtaking view of the steep cliff that drops straight to the ocean. This cliff continues along the shoreline for about 5 miles, giving it the nickname "The Alps of the Ocean".

After a photo stop at the observatory, head head to Jodogahama Beach, to ride a Sightseeing Boat Cruise. Jodogahama Beach, meaning 'Pure Land Beach' is designated as National Scenic Beauty in Japan. Enjoy the magnificent view of the beach and the contrast between white rock and green trees ashore. You would find a huge rock, called 'Candle Rock' during the cruising.

After disembarking the boat, your coach will return you back to the port.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking and approximately 310 steps at the Caves, 30 steps at the Boat Cruise and 30 steps at Kitayamazaki. This tour and is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair. The cave's year-round temperature is approximately 50° therefore it is recommended to bring a warm outer layer. Ryusendo is a 'living' cave; water often drips from the cave roof; guests may wish to wear a rain jacket. The ground is wet and slippery. Wear sturdy non-skid walking shoes. Lightweight comfortable clothing, sturdy non-skid walking shoes are recommended. The lunch served during this tour includes a Japanese style set menu. For dietary restrictions please contact the on board Shore Concierge Team upon embarkation. Please be advised that special dietary requests or menu substitutions may be not be possible to accommodate in this program. As many local vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequency may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## MYW-F / Tsunami Aftermath & Sanriku Geo Park

Difficulty



Price: \$209 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Miyako, a city located in the center of the coastal Iwate Prefecture, suffered devastating damage from the earthquake and tsunami of 2011. Seawater swept across the city's coastal districts, destroying everything in its path. Your tour takes you to the Taro area and the Jodogahama area which boasts picturesque scenery with the jagged rocks protruding from the sea.

### Taro Kanko Hotel

Depart the pier for the 30 minute journey to the Taro Kanko Hotel, which was one of the very few structures that remained intact after the tsunami washed through the town. Spend approximately one hour with your guide. The first two floors of the hotel were completely washed away with only the pillars remaining. The upper floors have been preserved and are now open to the public to provide information on disaster prevention. A local guide will join you and will share with you what happened on March 11th, 2011 and after. Brace for an explicit video showing footage of the tsunami washing out the town.

Take in the view of the Sanno-iwa rocks which consist of Otoko-iwa, Onna-iwa and Taiko-iwa. These rocks were first formed through volcanic activity in the area, and then sediments deposited onto the ocean floor which eventually were exposed to the wind and waves to be carved out into the shapes that they are today.

### Michinoeki Taro

Stop at Michinoeki Taro, which was newly built in 2018 as a symbol of the area's recovery from the tsunami impact. The facility sells local produces as well as offer educational activities for disaster prevention.

### Jodogahama

The final visit of the day is Jodogahama. It got its name as resembling the idea of Buddhist paradise "Jodo" or "Pure Land". The jagged rocks line up to create an unusual landscape, with the contrast between the white sand and the deep blue of the ocean. The area was critically affected by the tsunami of March 11th, 2011 as the tidal waves carried debris from destroyed buildings and covered the entire beach.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking with approximately 100 steps at the Taro Kanko Hotel. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. As many local vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The video at the Taro Kanko Hotel contains graphic images of the tsunami and is in Japanese only. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## MYW-H / Cultural Exchange with Junior High School Students in Miyako

Difficulty



Price: \$199 - Duration: 3.75 hr(s)



Immerse yourself in the school system and highlights of Miyako, on this unique half-day tour offering the opportunity to meet and interact with the students from the local Junior High School. Top off your visit with traditional dance performance offered by the students. At the end of your visit to the local school, explore some of Miyako's highlights accompanied by the students.

Local Junior High School, Students Encounter & Traditional Dance Performance

Board your coach for the approximately 15-minute transfer to the Local Junior School for a once of a lifetime encounter with the local students. Here, assist to their performance of local traditional dances. After the performance, join in the exchange meeting. Students will introduce Miyako's history, culture, and the Great East Japan Earthquake that their region experienced in English.

Jyodogahama Beach, White Sands, Blue Ocean

After this heartwarming encounter, re-board your coach for a short drive to the exquisite Jyodogahama Beach, which beckons you with its serene landscape. The jagged rocks line up to create an otherworldly landscape, and the contrast between the

white sands and deep blue of the ocean evokes images of a paradise. The area was critically affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of 2011, as the tidal waves carried debris from destroyed buildings and covered the entire beach. However, locals worked to remove the debris and preserve the iconic landscape of Miyako.

#### Miyako Gyosai Fish Market

Following your visit to Jyodogahama Beach, your tour concludes with a short visit to Miyako Gyosai Fish Market. Miyako City is home to a vibrant fishing industry that harvests a large variety of seafood from the waters along the Sanriku Coast. Due to its inland location, it escaped direct damage by the 2011 Tsunami. The market is packed tightly with rows of vendors selling all sorts of fish, seafood, vegetables and fruits. Much of the seafood is freshly brought in from Miyako Port. In addition to the larger stalls, the market reserves one section for local farmer's to directly sell their produce to market visitors.

Return to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a minimal amount of walking with approximately 10 steps to negotiate. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair who must be able to get on/off the coach without assistance. Lightweight comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. As many local vendors do not accept credit cards or US dollars, Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior to the cruise. The tour sequence may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

### MYW-X / Miyako by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1599 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Miyako-Itawe at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 5 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Team on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Luxury vehicles are limited in this area, local taxis may be used instead.**

### MYW-Y / Miyako by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1899 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Miyako-Itawe at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to up to 5 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Team on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Due to the limited availability of qualified English-speaking guides in this region, this service is in very limited supply and at a premium. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. Luxury vehicles are limited in this area, local taxis may be used instead.



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# Tokyo - Japan

## HIGHLIGHTS EXPERIENCES

### TYO-A / Ancient & Modern Tokyo with Ginza Shopping

Difficulty



Price: \$289 - Duration: 7.50 hr(s)

Experience a unique blend of old and new during this scenic, full-day sightseeing and shopping excursion in Tokyo.

**Asakusa Kannon Temple and Nakamise-Dori**

Depart the pier for the approximate 40-minute drive to the Asakusa Senso-ji Temple. Founded in the early-7th century, it is the oldest extant temple in Tokyo. Enter through the Kaminarimon Gate, or 'Nitenmon', which is bedecked (weather-permitting) with a huge red paper lantern. Your guided tour includes a stroll down the Street of Inside Shops, or 'Nakamise-Dori', an alley lined with traditional vendors selling food, souvenirs and handmade crafts.

**Imperial Palace**

Next, re-board your coach and drive to the Imperial Palace plaza. The palace is located on the original site of Edo Castle, the seat of power for the Tokugawa Shoguns during the Edo Period (1604-1866). A stop is made at the Nijubashi Bridge, a picturesque two-tiered bridge, for a superb photo opportunity of your surroundings.

**Meiji Shrine**

Continue on to the Meiji Shrine. Dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, the father of modern Japan, this beautiful shrine stands in a dense forest glade in the very heart of Tokyo. The setting symbolises the separation of the spiritual from the worldly. Enter the shrine through twin, 40-foot-tall (12-metre-tall) Torii Gates, one of the largest in Japan. Following your visit, proceed for lunch at a local restaurant.

**Ginza**

Your tour concludes with a visit to the Ginza, one of the most luxurious shopping districts in the world. The streets of the Ginza are lined with numerous department stores, boutiques, restaurants and bars. This is a great place for window-shopping.

Upon arrival, approximately one hour is made available for browsing the shops at your leisure before commencing the brief drive to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 2,240 yards (about 2,048 metres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, 20 steps to negotiate at the Meiji Shrine, and approximately 15 steps to negotiate at the Asakusa Kannon Temple and Nakamise Street. Walking at the Ginza shopping area is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Casual clothing is recommended. The lunch served during this tour includes a Japanese style set menu. For dietary restrictions please contact the on board Shore Concierge Team upon embarkation. Menu substitutions may be not be possible to accommodate. Japanese Yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise. A minimum number of participants is required to operate this programme. Order of visit may vary. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility.**

### TYO-A2 / Ancient & Modern Tokyo ( Full day Tour & Airport Transfer- Narita Airport)

Difficulty



Price: \$329 - Duration: 8.75 hr(s)

Guests with international flights departing after 8:00 p.m. can discover a unique blend of old and new during this scenic, full-day sightseeing excursion to Tokyo with lunch and an airport transfer.

Tokyo, Imperial Palace Plaza, Nijubashi Bridge, Photo Stop

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the Imperial Palace Plaza. The palace is located on the original site of Edo Castle, the seat of power for the Tokugawa Shoguns during the Edo Period (1604-1866). A stop is made at the Nijubashi Bridge, a picturesque, two-tiered bridge, for a superb views and photo opportunities of your surrounds.

Torii Gates, Meiji Shrine

Next, re-board your coach and head to the Meiji Shrine. Dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, the father of modern Japan, this beautiful shrine stands in a dense forest glade in the very heart of Tokyo. The setting symbolizes the separation of the spiritual from the worldly. Upon arrival, enter the shrine through the twin, 40-foot-tall (12-metre tall) Torii Gates, one of the largest gates in Japan.

Asakusa, Asakusa Senso-ji Temple, Kaminarimon Gate, Local Restaurant, Lunch

Following your visit, re-board your coach for the drive to Asakusa and a visit to the Asakusa Senso-ji Temple. Founded in the early-7th century, it is the oldest extant temple in Tokyo. Enter through the Kaminarimon Gate, or 'Nitenmon', which is bedecked (weather-permitting) with a huge, red paper lantern. Your guided tour includes a stroll down 'Nakamise-Dori', an alley lined with traditional vendors selling food, souvenirs, and handmade crafts. Following your tour and a brief stop to browse for souvenirs, re-board your coach and proceed for lunch at a local restaurant.

Ginza District, Free Time, Shopping, Narita Airport

After lunch, your final stop is at the Ginza, one of the most luxurious shopping districts in the world and a great place for window-shopping. The streets of the Ginza District are lined with numerous department stores, boutiques, restaurants, and bars. Upon arrival, approximately one hour is made available to browse the shoppes at your leisure. Leaving the Ginza, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 1.5-hour transfer to Narita Airport for check-in and your flight home.

**Please note: This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Tokyo's Narita Airport after 8:00 p.m. This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 2.2 miles (about 3.5 kilometres), at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 80 steps at the sites visited. Walking in the Ginza District is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility, and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a sweater or light jacket, bottled water, and Japanese Yen or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Proper attire is required to enter temples and shrines; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour; minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old. Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment. It is not permitted to stay on the coach during the various stops.**

## TYO-B1 / Gardens & Fine Arts in Tokyo (Tour & Haneda Airport Transfer)

Difficulty



Price: \$219 - Duration: 5.00 hr(s)

This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Tokyo's Haneda Airport after 4:00 p.m.

### **Tokyo, Hamarikyu Garden, Seaside Garden, Ponds, Oldest Pine Tree in Tokyo, Flowers, Teahouse**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the exquisite Hamarikyu Garden. The only surviving seaside garden of Japan's Edo Period, the Hamarikyu Garden was constructed as a residence for a Japanese feudal lord in the 17th century. Later, it was an official duck-hunting ground for the Tokugawa Shogunate before passing into the hands of the Imperial family during the Meiji Period. Ponds in the garden are by seawater, and the scenery delicately changes with the ebb-and-flow of the tide. Two duck-hunting fields remain, and the 300-year-old pine tree by the garden's entrance is the largest such tree in Tokyo. The garden is rich in flowers, and sports a teahouse on a small island within a pond. After a guided walking tour of the Hamarikyu Garden, re-board your coach and head to Meiji Shrine.

### **Meiji Shrine**

Meiji Shrine is the largest shrine in Japan with 700,000 square meters in total, and is dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, the father of modern Japan. This beautiful shrine stands in a dense forest glade in the very heart of Tokyo. The greatest number of people visit here for first visit shrine for a year. The setting symbolizes the separation of the spiritual from the worldly. Enter the shrine through twin, 40-foot-tall (12-metre-tall) Torii Gates, one of the largest in Japan.

**Imperial Palace, Lawn with Pine Groves, Fountain, Samurai Sculpture**

Following a guided tour of Meiji Shrine, re-board your coach and continue on to your last stop, the outer-garden of the Imperial Palace. The Imperial Palace Plaza comprises the moats and spacious plaza between the east side of the Imperial Palace and Marunouchi office buildings. On either side of the road, through the middle of the plaza, stretches a lawn with pine groves. On the north side of the plaza stands a fountain commemorating the marriage of the Emperor and Empress. To the south is a bronze of Kusunoki Masashige, a 14th-century Samurai loyal to the emperor.

At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute transfer to Haneda Airport, and your flight home.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.4 miles (about 2.2 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, ten steps at the Outer Gardens of the Imperial Palace, 20 steps at Hamarikyu Garden, and 50 steps at the Nezu Institute of Fine Art. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and local currency for purchases from the ship. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Tokyo's Haneda Airport after 4:00 p.m.**

**TYO-B2 / Ancient & Modern Tokyo (Tour & Haneda Airport Transfer)**

Difficulty



Price: \$319 - Duration: 7.75 hr(s)

Guests with international flights departing after 7:30 p.m. can discover a unique blend of old and new during this scenic, full-day sightseeing excursion to Tokyo with lunch and an airport transfer.

Tokyo, Imperial Palace Plaza, Nijubashi Bridge, Photo Stop

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the Imperial Palace Plaza. The palace is located on the original site of Edo Castle, the seat of power for the Tokugawa Shoguns during the Edo Period (1604-1866). A stop is made at the Nijubashi Bridge, a picturesque, two-tiered bridge, for a superb views and photo opportunities of your surrounds.

Torii Gates, Meiji Shrine

Next, re-board your coach and head to the Meiji Shrine. Dedicated to the Emperor Meiji, the father of modern Japan, this beautiful shrine stands in a dense forest glade in the very heart of Tokyo. The setting symbolizes the separation of the spiritual from the worldly. Upon arrival, enter the shrine through the twin, 40-foot-tall (12-metre tall) Torii Gates, one of the largest gates in Japan.

Asakusa, Asakusa Senso-ji Temple, Kaminarimon Gate, Local Restaurant, Lunch

Following your visit, re-board your coach for the drive to Asakusa and a visit to the Asakusa Senso-ji Temple. Founded in the early-7th century, it is the oldest extant temple in Tokyo. Enter through the Kaminarimon Gate, or 'Nitenmon', which is bedecked (weather-permitting) with a huge, red paper lantern. Your guided tour includes a stroll down 'Nakamise-Dori', an alley lined with traditional vendors selling food, souvenirs, and handmade crafts. Following your tour and a brief stop to browse for souvenirs, re-board your coach and proceed for lunch at a local restaurant.

Ginza District, Free Time, Shopping, Haneda Airport

After lunch, your final stop is at the Ginza, one of the most luxurious shopping districts in the world and a great place for window-shopping. The streets of the Ginza District are lined with numerous department stores, boutiques, restaurants, and bars. Upon arrival, approximately one hour is made available to browse the shoppes at your leisure. Leaving the Ginza, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 40-minute transfer to Haneda Airport for check-in and your flight home.

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**Guests must be at least 20 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. It is not permitted to stay on the coach during the various stops.**

## TYO-Q1 / Gardens & Fine Arts in Tokyo (Tour & Airport Transfer - Narita Airport)

Difficulty



Price: \$219 - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Tokyo's Narita Airport after 4:00 p.m.

### **Tokyo, Hamarikyu Garden, Seaside Garden, Ponds, Oldest Pine Tree in Tokyo, Flowers, Teahouse**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the exquisite Hamarikyu Garden. The only surviving seaside garden of Japan's Edo Period, the Hamarikyu Garden was constructed as a residence for a Japanese feudal lord in the 17th century. Later, it was an official duck-hunting ground for the Tokugawa Shogunate before passing into the hands of the Imperial family during the Meiji Period. Ponds in the garden are by seawater, and the scenery delicately changes with the ebb-and-flow of the tide. Two duck-hunting fields remain, and the 300-year-old pine tree by the garden's entrance is the largest such tree in Tokyo. The garden is rich in flowers, and sports a teahouse on a small island within a pond. After a guided walking tour of the Hamarikyu Garden, re-board your coach and head to Meiji Shrine.

### **Meiji Shrine**

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### **Imperial Palace Plaza (Photo stop)**

Following a guided tour of Meiji Shrine, re-board your coach and continue on to your last stop, the outer-garden of the Imperial Palace. The Imperial Palace Plaza comprises the moats and spacious plaza between the east side of the Imperial Palace and Marunouchi office buildings. On either side of the road, through the middle of the plaza, stretches a lawn with pine groves. On the north side of the plaza stands a fountain commemorating the marriage of the Emperor and Empress. To the south is a bronze of Kusunoki Masashige, a 14th-century Samurai loyal to the Emperor.

At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 60-minute transfer to Narita Airport, and your flight home.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.4 miles (about 2.2 kilometres), at times over uneven, cobblestone and natural surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, ten steps at the Outer Gardens of the Imperial Palace and 20 steps at Hamarikyu Garden. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and local currency for purchases from the ship. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Local Tour Guides tend to have a strong accent therefore we urge flexibility. This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Tokyo's Narita Airport after 4:00 p.m. It is not permitted to stay on the coach during the various stops.**

## PRIVATE EXPERIENCES

## TYO-V / Tokyo by Private Car with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1199 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Tokyo at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Team on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Please note that private services in this part of the world are at a high premium and we thank you for your understanding. Guides may be heavily accented. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## TYO-W / Tokyo by Private Car with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1699 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Explore Tokyo at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to the cruise start date. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Team on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary. Please note that private services in this part of the world are at a high premium and we thank you for your understanding. Guides may be heavily accented. Japanese yen is required for any purchases: guests are advised to exchange money at the airport prior the cruise.**

## TYO-X / Tokyo by Private Van with Guide - Half Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1299 - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

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## TYO-Y / Tokyo by Private Van with Guide - Full Day

Difficulty



Price: \$1899 - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

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