

A LUXURY JOURNEY TO EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC JAPAN

2019

SPECIAL JAPAN TOUR

Boston to Kyoto
Celebrating 60 Years
as Sister Cities



Traditional Japan / Arts & Crafts /
Culture & Nature / UNESCO World
Heritage Site

Led by English speaking tour guide
through Days 2-9

With accommodations at luxury
hotels and traditional Japanese inns

An authentic Japanese experience for
first-timers and frequent visitors alike



Brought to you by GrayMist
Organized by H.I.S. International Tours



an unforgettable

EXPERIENCE

Workshops and lectures on traditional Japanese arts, crafts, and practices

Tokyo

Karakuri-Byobu Making

After learning about traditional Japanese folding screens, you'll have the chance to design and build your own Karakuri-Byobu (Trick Folding Screen).

Workshop by Kataoka Byobu
www.byobu.co.jp/create/

Nara

Nara Ittobori

In Japanese, "itto" means "one-knife" and "bori" means "carving." "Ittobori" is a traditional method of whittling Japanese dolls using a single knife.

Workshop by Moichi Higashida
www.naradoll.com



Miyajima

Shakushi Making

The shakushi (rice scoop) is one of the traditional folk crafts of Miyajima. Now you can try your hand at making your own.

Kyoto

Zazen

Zazen is a meditative discipline that is typically the primary practice of the Zen Buddhist tradition. Learn traditional Japanese customs and practices in the heart of Kyoto.

Lecture and Zazen experience at Ryosokuin in Kennin-Temple

Japanese Garden & Maccha (Green Tea)

Experience and learn about Japanese Gardens and the ritual tea ceremony at a historic location in Kyoto.

Lecture and tea ceremony by Yuri Ugaya

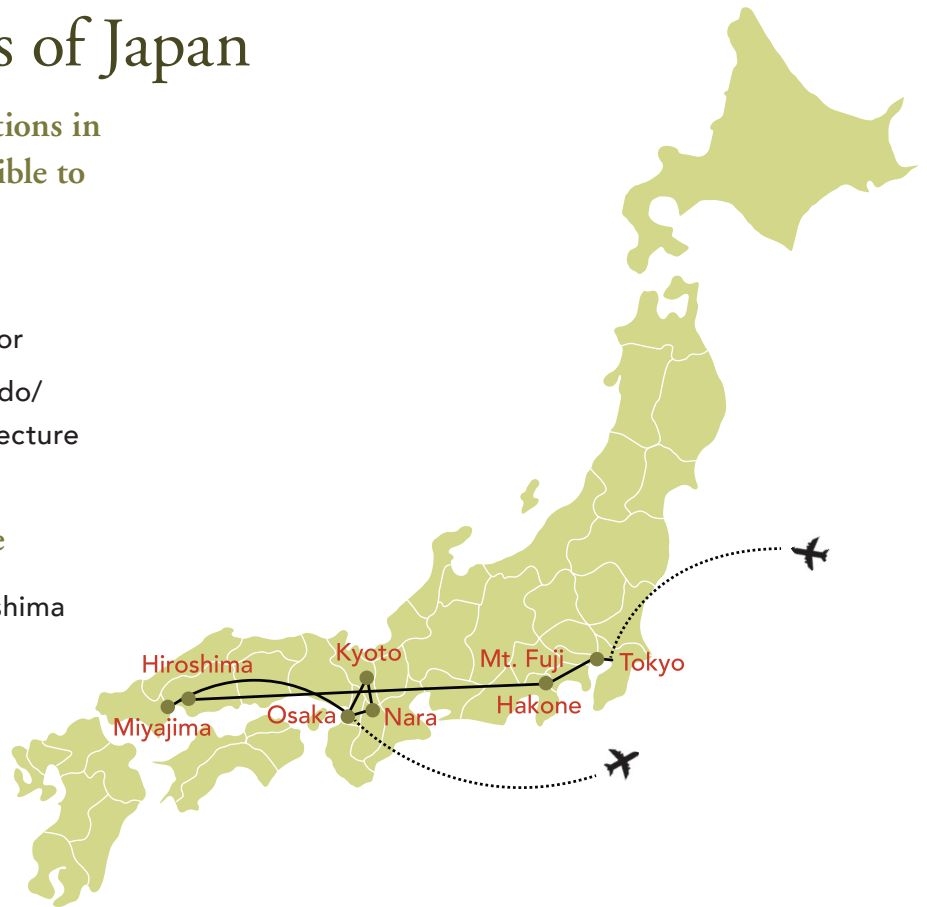
See the Treasures of Japan

This tour will take you to locations in Kyoto that are usually inaccessible to normal tourists.

- ◆ Ryosokuin Temple
- ◆ Chouraku-kan, 3F Special Floor
- ◆ Kiyomizu-dera Temple, Daikodo/
Jōjuin Temple for Buddhism lecture

UNESCO World Heritage Site

- ◆ The Atom Bomb Dome, Hiroshima
- ◆ Miyajima
- ◆ Toudaiji, Nara
- ◆ Kinkakuji, Nijoujo and
Kiyomizu-dera in Kyoto



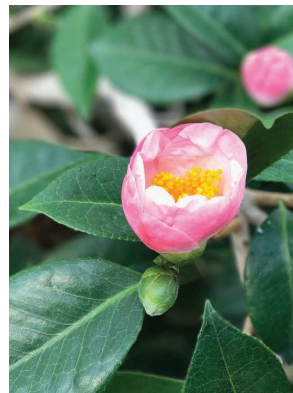
Transportation

We will use a variety of transportation methods, so you can experience the landscapes and world-renowned bullet trains.


- ◆ Chartered bus for passengers and luggage
- ◆ Shinkansen (Japanese Bullet Train) : Day 4 & 6
- ◆ Ferry : Day 5









Tour Guide

An English speaking tour guide will accompany the tour during day 2-9.



Itinerary

Date	Itinerary	Hotel	Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner (❖ meal included)
DAY 1 Sep 28 Sat	Arrive in Tokyo ✈ Check in to hotel and enjoy views of the Tokyo skyline	Tokyo Hotel New Otani Tokyo	
DAY 2 Sep 29 Sun	Charter bus 🚌 ◆ Imperial Palace, Asakusa, Harajuku, etc. Experience Make your own trick folding screen ◆ Stroll around Asakusa wearing Japanese kimono (for a small additional fee) Experience Make your own faceted glass from Edo (additional fee) 	Tokyo Hotel New Otani Tokyo	B ❖ at Hotel L N/A D ❖ Happo-en: Japanese & Western style dinner
DAY 3 Sep 30 Mon	*Prepare carry-on bag for one night (Hakone) Leave the rest of your luggage at hotel reception to be transferred directly to Hiroshima Full Day Tour in Hakone by private bus 🚌 ◆ Owakudani Valley by Hakone Ropeway 🗻 ◆ Hakone Sightseeing cruise ◆ The Hakone Open-air Museum	Hakone Hoshino Resort KAI Hakone	B ❖ at Hotel L ❖ Hakone Kowaki-en Daimonji Terrace: Buffet Lunch D ❖ at Hotel: Japanese Food
DAY 4 Oct 1 Tues	Private bus to Mishima Station Leave Mishima for Hiroshima via Nagoya 🚄 by bullet train Arrive in Hiroshima and transfer to hotel on foot ◆ The Atom Bomb Dome ◆ Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum	Hiroshima Hotel Granvia Hiroshima <i>directly connected to Hiroshima Station</i>	B ❖ at Hotel L ❖ Bento box D N/A
DAY 5 Oct 2 Wed	*Prepare carry-on bag for one night (Miyajima) Leave the rest of your luggage at hotel reception to be transferred directly to Osaka Private Bus to ferry terminal (Miyajima-guchi) Public Ferry to Miyajima 🚢 ◆ Sightseeing: Itsukushima Shrine with floating Torii Gate 🏯 ◆ Enjoy views of illuminated Itsukushima Shrine at night Experience Make your own Japanese wooden ladle	Miyajima Iwaso	B ❖ at Hotel L N/A D ❖ at Hotel: Japanese style

<p>DAY 6 Oct 3 Thurs</p>	<p>Transfer to ferry terminal on foot Public ferry Miyajima to Miyajima-guchi  Private bus to Hiroshima station Leave Hiroshima for Shin-Osaka by bullet train  ◆ Sightseeing: Osaka Castle, Do-tonbori, Shinsaibashi by private bus </p> 	<p>Osaka Sheraton Miyako Hotel Osaka</p>	<p>B ❖ at Hotel L N/A D N/A</p>
<p>DAY 7 Oct 4 Fri</p>	<p>Sightseeing by private bus  ◆ Todaiji Temple(Big Buddha) ◆ Nara Park Experience Nara Ittoubori -one-knife carving Experience Visit Japanese tea whisk making studio & experience tea ceremony</p>	<p>Kyoto The Celestine Kyoto Gion</p>	<p>B ❖ at Hotel L ❖ Heijo: Japanese style D N/A</p>
<p>DAY 8 Oct 5 Sat</p>	<p>Sightseeing by private bus  ◆ Kinkakuji Temple ◆ Choraku-kan ◆ Kawai Kanjiro Museum ◆ Fushimiinari Shrine (if time allows)</p>	<p>Kyoto The Celestine Kyoto Gion</p>	<p>B ❖ at Hotel L ❖ Gion Okumura: French lunch, Kyoto style D N/A</p>
<p>DAY 9 Oct 6 Sun</p>	<p>Sightseeing by private bus  ◆ Ryosokuin ◆ Nijo Castle ◆ Kiyomizu Temple (Walk Ninenzaka slope and Sannenzaka slope) Experience Zen Meditation & Lecture on Japanese Garden Experience at Kiyomizu Temple: Special lecture about the teachings of Buddha in the great lecture hall closed to the public. Special viewing of the Jojuin Garden.</p>	<p>Kyoto The Celestine Kyoto Gion</p>	<p>B ❖ at Hotel L ❖ Izama: Light Kyoto-style home cooking & Tempura D ❖ The Sodho: Course Italian Dinner, Kyoto style</p>
<p>DAY 10 Oct 7 Mon</p>	<p>Transfer to Kansai airport by private bus Leave for Boston </p>		<p>B ❖ at Hotel</p>

Remarks: The routes and schedule are subject to change.

Accommodations

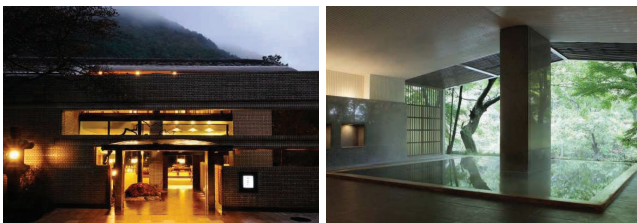
Day 1&2

Tokyo: Hotel New Otani Tokyo



Day 3

Hakone: Hoshi No Resort KAI
(Modern Japanese Style Hotel)



KAI Hakone is a hot spring ryokan with rooms offering river views. There is much here that reflects the culture and nature of Hakone, from parquet furnishings to hot spring baths that open out onto vibrant natural scenery, as well as exclusive activities that give a taste of this traditional hot spring town's history.

Nature spreads all around KAI Hakone, allowing guests to enjoy the seasonal scenery and the sounds of the nearby Sukumo River from the comfort of their rooms. Low sofas and beds give each room a spacious feel, while our signature rooms feature parquet furniture.

Day 4

Hiroshima: Hotel Granvia Hiroshima



Day 5

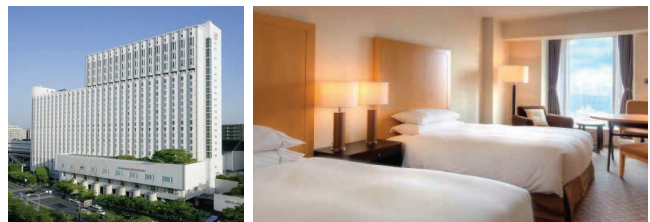
Miyajima: Iwaso (Traditional Ryokan Style)



This property is a ryokan, which is a type of traditional Japanese Inn. This property also has one of the top-rated locations in Miyajima.

Day 6

Osaka: Sheraton Miyako Hotel Osaka



Day 7-9

Kyoto: Celestine Kyoto Gion



What's a ryokan?

A ryokan is a traditional Japanese inn. They usually feature bathhouses, multicourse dinners, communal spaces where guests can relax, and rooms with woven-straw flooring and futon mats. Like hotels, a range of ryokans (from budget to luxury) is available. What originated centuries ago as a free rest house for long-distance travelers has evolved into a popular destination for relaxation surrounded by therapeutic mineral springs.

Information & Application Requirements

- 1 Date: Saturday, Sep 28 ~ Monday, October 7, 2019 [9 nights 10 days]
- 2 Guided tour with English-speaking Tour Conductor
- 3 Participants: Minimum 10 / Maximum 12
- 4 Price: \$5965.30 per person (Prices are per person based on double occupancy)
Additional fee for single room occupancy \$1,650.00
- 5 Meals included: Breakfast 9, Lunch 5, Dinner 4
- 6 **Reservation by Monday, May 27, 2019**
Please fill out Application Form at <http://bit.ly/2PzPygm>
- 7 Payment: Deposit (20% of the total price) within 7 days after reservation
Balance due: by July 27, 2019
- 8 Cancellation Policy & Fees
From May 28, 2019 to July 28, 2019: 20% of the total price
From July 29, 2019 to August 27, 2019: 50% of the total price
From August 28, 2019 to September 28, 2019: 100% of the total price
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- 10 Remarks: Prices are subject to change without prior notice, and may vary depending on availability.





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Who we are

H.I.S.

H.I.S. has been in business since 1980 and was ranked number one in sales for oversea travels in Japan. We have 300 branches in Japan, and over 500 branches throughout the world. That means we've consistently created great tours that deliver. Our standards are set high, so we understand quality-we know Japan, and we know travel.

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GrayMist

GrayMist Studio & Shop, is a Nantucket Basket weaving studio & gift shop, located in the quiet neighborhood of Huron Village. Etsuko Yashiro is both the store's founder and a master Nantucket Basket Maker. Her mission through GrayMist is to share happiness through the valuable, rich essence of her experiences and passion for Nantucket, Nantucket baskets, craftsmanship and artistry. Beyond that, we have nurtured a community and culture that permeates everything we do – from how things look, feel and function, to how we interact and integrate our lives with those we meet. GrayMist both creates and curates gifts and classes that are imbued with simple mastery and a humbly generous spirit. GrayMist is giving and meticulous in all that we undertake, while supporting the local and global community in our own small way. We wish to share the gifts in the shop, that are chosen to be fun, thoughtful, enriching, responsible (free trade), clever, and warm – attractive in different ways to a variety of shop guests.

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