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15 DAYS LUXURY JAPAN & PHILIPPINES CRUISE - OSAKA TO MANILA

Travel from Japan to the Philippines along the Pacific's "Ring of Fire," where tectonic forces forge volcanic islands and eclectic seas. Journey south from bustling Japan and Yakushima's cedar forests to the Amami Islands' mangroves, then snorkel Kerama Shoto's reefs and sea turtle havens. Step onto Kalanggaman's exquisite sandbar, swim in Donsol's whale shark territory, and explore Apo Reef's UNESCO-listed corals before concluding two weeks of discovery in Manila.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Osaka, Japan

Japan's third-biggest city has thrown off its shackles and stepped out of the shadows to light up the sky with glaring neon signs and a larger-than-life outlook. Giant octopuses cling to buildings and bustling restaurants pack in the crowds in this great and garish place, which is Japan at its most friendly, extroverted, and flavorful. So dive in headfirst to experience an

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all-out sensory assault of delicious food, shopping cathedrals, and glittering temples. Dotombori Bridge bathes in the multicolored, jewel-like lights of signage-plastered buildings, and the neon lights dance on the canal's waters below. Osaka is known as the nation's kitchen, and the Kuromon Ichiba Market has served as the city's spot to tuck in for almost 200 years. Full of street food stalls - try pufferfish, savory Okonomiyaki pancakes, or ginger and onion-flavoured octopus, among the endless feast of exotic flavors. Osaka Castle is another of the city's landmarks, built in the 16th century by Toyotomi Hideyoshi. A modern museum now waits inside, where you can learn about the country's history, and why this castle is a symbol of Japanese unity. Be sure to take the elevator up to the observation deck for a panoramic view of Osaka's spread. A colorful park encloses the castle and blooms with an ocean of pale pink cherry blossoms during the season - the elegant black tiers rising from the pink haze below is one of Osaka's most alluring visions. Kyoto's peaceful cultural treasures and temples are also just a short jaunt away on Japan's sleek trains, should you wish to explore further afield.

Day 2 - Kochi, Japan

Kochi Castle, with its elegant black and white tiered roofs, is one of only twelve of the original castles remaining in Japan. Step inside to explore authentic feudal architecture and admire sweeping views over the city and mountains. The surrounding landscape is dotted with temples and forested hillsides, where the historic Shikoku Pilgrimage route winds. Beyond the castle, the Makino Botanical Garden guides visitors through pathways and greenhouses of diverse flora. The Shimanto River -- Shikoku's longest -- draws outdoor enthusiasts with peaceful hiking trails and a serene backdrop for reflection. Facing the

vast Pacific on Shikoku's southern coast, Kochi is celebrated for its katsuo no tataki -- lightly seared skipjack tuna -- and thriving sake-brewing tradition.

Day 3 - Miyanoua - Yakushima, Japan

Day 4 - Amami Islands, Japan

Day 5 - Kerama Archipelago, Japan

Day 6 - Day at sea

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Day 7 - Calayan, Babuyan Islands, Philippines

Day 8 - Day at sea

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Day 9 - San Luis, Capul Island, Philippines

Capul Island offers a glimpse into the Philippines' rich history and serene coastal beauty. Known for its historic Spanish-era church and lighthouse, the island provides peaceful walks along scenic shores and opportunities to learn about its colonial past. With its charming traditions and stunning ocean views, Capul

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promises a quiet, authentic escape into a less-traveled part of the Philippines.

Day 10 - Bohol (Tagbilaran), Philippines

Bohol is a captivating island destination renowned for its stunning natural wonders and rich cultural heritage. Marvel at the famous Chocolate Hills, relax on pristine beaches, and explore lush rainforests home to unique wildlife like the tarsier, one of the world's smallest primates. With its blend of scenic landscapes, historic sites, and vibrant local traditions, Bohol offers a memorable and authentic Philippine experience for all who visit.

Day 11 - Kalanggaman private island, Philippines

Kalanggaman Island is a stunning tropical paradise famous for its exceptionally long, powdery sandbar that appears to float on a sea of turquoise waters. Surrounded by vibrant coral reefs teeming with colorful marine life, the island offers perfect opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, and soaking in breathtaking views of unspoiled nature. Its pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and lush scenery create a picture-perfect setting for relaxation and unforgettable photos, making it a truly spectacular escape into one of the Philippines' most remarkable natural wonders.

Day 12 - Donsol, Philippines

Donsol is renowned worldwide for its incredible opportunity to swim and snorkel with gentle whale sharks in their natural habitat, making it a truly unique eco-tourism destination. Beyond this awe-inspiring experience, explore lush mangrove forests, enjoy peaceful river tours, and learn about local conservation efforts. With its rich marine biodiversity and vibrant community, Donsol offers an unforgettable adventure that

combines wildlife encounters with cultural insights and lasting memories of this remarkable region.

Day 13 - San Fernando, Sibuyan Island, Philippines

Sibuyan Island offers a lush haven of natural beauty and adventure, from the towering peaks of Mt. Guiting-Guiting to pristine beaches and vibrant coral reefs. Enjoy exhilarating hikes with breathtaking views, explore secluded coves perfect for swimming and snorkeling, and immerse themselves in the island's rich biodiversity. With its untouched forests, diverse marine life, and warm local communities, Sibuyan promises a memorable escape into one of the Philippines' most pristine and captivating islands.

Day 14 - Apo Reef, Philippines

Apo Reef, the world's largest coral reef system, is a breathtaking underwater paradise renowned for its vibrant coral gardens and diverse marine life. Snorkel or dive among colorful fish, sea turtles, and reef sharks in crystal-clear waters, or enjoy scenic boat trips to explore secluded islands and pristine beaches. With its incredible biodiversity and stunning seascapes, Apo Reef offers an unforgettable experience for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.

Day 15 - Manila, Philippines

Known as the Pearl of the Orient, Manila is the Philippines's sprawling capital city and a chaotic scramble of intoxicating urban energy. A megacity of culture and creativity, there's a lot to discover amid these chockablock streets. The delicious food wins many fans, but it is the friendly Filipinos - always eager to help - who ensure that Manila takes a special place in the hearts of many visitors. The Baywalk is one of the city's best places for catching a legendarily intense sunset - or wandering

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among joggers and leisurely strollers. The city's Intramuros area is its cobbled historic core - and was the center of power when the Spanish ruled these lands. Decorated with colonial architecture and citadels, the district is known for its rumbling horsedrawn carriages and storied history. Head to Fort Santiago, which aims canons out across the water from its chunky stone walls. The UNESCO World Heritage Site stands against the odds, despite World War II bombardments, fires, and earthquakes - a true testament to Manila's incredible resilience. As one of the most densely populated places in the world, Manilla can be manically busy at times, but you can always escape to Rizal Park. With Chinese and Japanese gardens and plenty of room for open-air events, it's a beautiful oasis within the city. It's also an incredibly important national symbol, as the location where the hero of independence, Jose Rizal, was executed. A large statue now memorializes him here, and the park was renamed in his honor.

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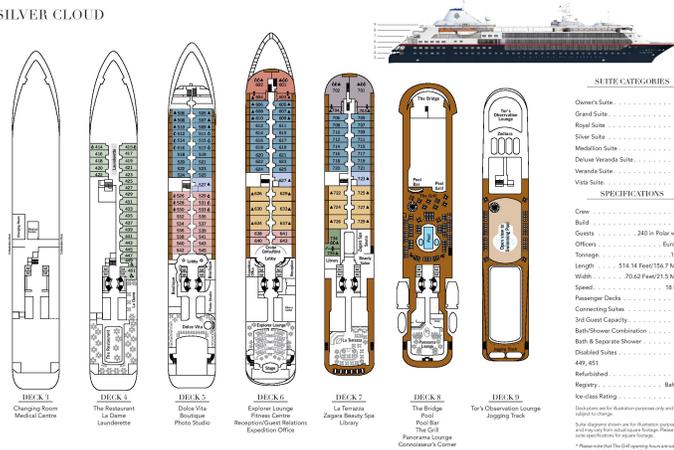
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