

AUTHENTIC JAPAN - LUXURY CRUISE 2028

Discover traditional Japan, forged by millennia of traditions, where nature and the sacred become one. Among the trade winds, the dreamlike landscapes of lush green hills, mystical mountains and ancestral temples nestling in preserved nature will fill you with wonder. Toba, Miyajima, Kumamoto ... the historic cities reveal their imperial secrets throughout the different ports of call, while Zen gardens and peaceful temples celebrate Shinto heritage. This journey into the heart of the Japanese soul will also immerse you in the moving history of Nagasaki and Hiroshima , which are now some of Japan's most relaxed and fascinating destinations.



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Day 1 - Tokyo

Whether you've been there or not, **Tokyo is a dream place** and always will be. Seated on the east coast of Honshu island, it is one of the largest cities in the world - with more than 13 million inhabitants intramural -, and one of the most active. With its 23 districts, the Japanese capital breathes life into a unique and motley universe: from the high-tech Akihabara district to the quiet, historical streets of Asakusa, through the night-time effervescence of Shinjuku and the trendy boutiques of Harajuku, Tokyo and its inhabitants will surprise you for sure. Everything seems somehow planned to make you want to stay. And it's not Tokyo's **tradition of fine food** that will make you change your mind.



Day 2 - Shimizu

The former city of **Shimizu** is located on Japan's Pacific coast, to the south-west of Tokyo. In 2003, it was incorporated into the neighbouring city of **Shizuoka** , hence the "former" status. From its port, considered one of the three most beautiful in Japan, the panorama over **Suruga Bay** is unique. You will be able to visit Kunozan Toshogu, a Shinto shrine located south-east of Shizuoka. **Miho no Matsubara Beach** , lined with a magnificent pine grove, offers breathtaking views of the **UNESCO-listed Mount Fuji** on clear days.

Day 3 - Toba

Toba is a coastal city located in Japan's Mie Prefecture, on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Situated in the **Ise-Shima National Park** , Toba has given its name to majestic bay sheltering a string of small islands, famous for the beauty of their forests and the production of **cultured pearls**. You will have the possibility of discovering the **Ise Shrine** , residence of the Imperial family and venerated by the Japanese people as the "soul of Japan".

Day 4 - Katsuura

Located in a peaceful cove overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Katsuura is a true coastal paradise home to the largest number of **natural open-air hot springs** in the entire Wakayama Prefecture. Numerous rocky islets are scattered across the calm waters of this secluded bay, providing delicious local seafood for you to enjoy as you savour the fresh air of this timeless place. Katsuura is part of Japan's largest peninsula,**the Kii Peninsula** , and home to **Kumano Nachi Taisha Shrine** , one of the Kumano Sanzan, a religious complex dedicated to the three sacred mountains of Kumano.

Day 5 - Osaka

Like its big sister Tokyo, Osaka is the product of ancestral traditions and amazing **technological innovations.** And despite its size, its location on the Pacific Ocean give it a sense of **serenity**. The main historic landmark is the 16th century **Osaka Castle,** which stands proud in the midst of majestic skyscrapers. The lively streets of Dotomburi and the bizarre Shinsekai district attract thousands of locals and visitors. A multitude of restaurants offer menus full of regional specialities: takoyaki, made with octopus, and other succulent dishes such as kushikatsu kebabs.

Day 6 - Tomonoura

Anchored to the south-eastern end of the Nunakama Peninsula, facing the calm and clear waters of the Seto Inland Sea, **Tomonoura** is a destination particularly appreciated for its **authentic and old-fashioned atmosphere** that gives it an incomparable charm. In the past used as a port where boats would moor while waiting for a favourable wind, the charming and picturesque village now serves to**inspire many filmmakers and artists**. With good reason, since its craggy landscapes, its cherry trees in blossom, its gentle way of life, its traditional wooden houses and its port, preserved since the Edo era, notably enabled the artist **Hayao Miyazaki** to make the animated film Ponyo.

Day 7 - Hiroshima

Visiting **Hiroshima** is a moving experience. The town spreads along **Honshu Island** , along the inside coasts of Seto. While firmly focused on the future, Hiroshima doesn't forget its past, and a visit to the **Peace Memorial Park** and **Genbaku Dome** is a must. You'll enjoy the city's **modern, cosmopolitan atmosphere and effervescent



nightlife** just as much as the peaceful stillness of its natural parkland areas such as splendid Shukkei-en, the town's historic garden.

Day 7 - Miyajima Island

At the heart of the Inland Sea, **Miyajima** , the "island sanctuary" will reveal its treasures. In the background you will see the **Shinto Grand Sanctuary** , whose entrance is guarded by a magnificent vermillion "Torii". Considered to be one of the most beautiful sites in the Japanese islands, you will be transported by the unique character and the serenity of this sacred site.

Day 8 - Aburatsu

Located on the south-east coast of Kyushu island in scenic Miyazaki Prefecture, **Aburatsu** is a natural port, linked to the town of **Nichinan**. Because of its position Aburatsu has become a major maritime passage into the numerous regions of Asia. It has a serene atmosphere, typical to southern Japan, with a gentle landscape of rolling hills. On the **outskirts of Nichinan,** you can visit Obi Castle, dating from the Edo period. Slightly to the north of the old town, the **Udo-Jingu shrine also** features among the region s wonders.

Day 9 - Ibusuki, Kagoshima

Located in the heart of Kagoshima Prefecture, Ibusuki is a coastal town renowned for its many **hot springs** and **hot sand baths** on the seashore. A true seaside resort, the town stretches across the southern tip of the Satsuma Peninsula, with its main centre extending along the coast and overlooking **Kagoshima Bay**. It offers spectacular views of **Mount Kaimon** , also called Satsuma Fuji due to its resemblance to Mount Fuji. You will discover **Chiran** , a historic village in Kagoshima where you will find a **preserved samurai district** with houses and gardens dating back around 250 years. The town is also home to the **Chiran Peace Museum**. Located on the site of the former Chiran Army Air Base, it serves as a memorial to the young men who sacrificed their lives as kamikaze pilots during the Second World War.

Day 10 - Kumamoto

In the heart of Ky sh , **Kumamoto** embodies the understated elegance of traditional Japan. Its **majestic castle** dominates a city steeped in history, surrounded by serene gardens and spectacular volcanic landscapes. Just outside the city, **Mount Aso** offers unforgettable experiences: hikes along smoking volcanic ridges, panoramic vistas, and hot-spring villages nestling in lush greenery. Kumamoto reveals another side of Japan, both intimate and grandiose, where**culture, nature and lifestyle** converge.

Day 11 - Sakitsu

Facing the mythical island of Kyushu, between the Yatsushiro and Ariake seas, **the** **island region of Amakusa** both surprises and captivates. Composed of some one hundred verdant islets surrounded by stunning seabeds, the Japanese archipelago was once a refuge for many Christians fleeing the ban on Catholicism in the 17th century during the Edo period. Nestled on the shore of a cove opening onto the calm waters of Yokaku Bay, **Sakitsu** is a charming fishing port. Immerse yourself in its Christian heritage, notably through a visit to its **emblematic church** blending Western and Japanese cultures. Rebuilt in 1934, it is now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Day 11 - Unzen, Parc national d'Unzen-Amakusa



Located in the north of the Shimabara Peninsula, the town of Unzen lies at the heart of Unzen-Amakusa National Park, **Japan 's first national park**, founded in 1934. Created to preserve the region's culture and nature, this natural haven covering more than 280 km² (108 sq. miles) combines **a spectacular volcanic environment** with the landscapes of the **Amakusa Islands**. During this enchanting interlude, you will be able to discover the park's legendary high-temperature **hot springs** , volcanic gas vents, and **highly diverse wildlife**. With impressive natural phenomena and open views over the sea, this stop offers an elegant immersion in one of the most emblematic environments of southern Japan.

Day 12 - Nagasaki

Located on the north-west coast of Kyushu, **Nagasaki** will impress you by its rich heritage. Despite the destruction in 1945, you can visit several ancient sites, including the beautiful 19th-century **Catholic Church of Oura** and its garden, the **sanctuary of Suwa Shrine** or several Buddhist temples. A visit to the **Atomic Bomb Museum** gives you insight into the extent of the damage caused by the nuclear attack. Close by, a walk in the **Memorial Peace Park** leads you to a collection of objets d'art offered as a gift from Japan to the world.

Day 13 - Busan

With around four million inhabitants, **Busan** is the second largest metropolis on South Korea, after Seoul. This dynamic harbour city, located in the south-east, surrounded by the warm waters of the Sea of Japan, benefits from a mild, pleasant climate. You'll find delightful simply to stroll around the **lively streets** and explore the city's outstanding cultural heritage of art galleries, museums, and Buddhist sites, such as the **Haedong Yonggungsa temple,** which elegantly sits on the waterfront. Rich too in magnificent beaches and superlative natural landscapes, Busan's peaceful atmosphere will win you over, as will its inhabitants, whom you'll have the pleasure of meeting.

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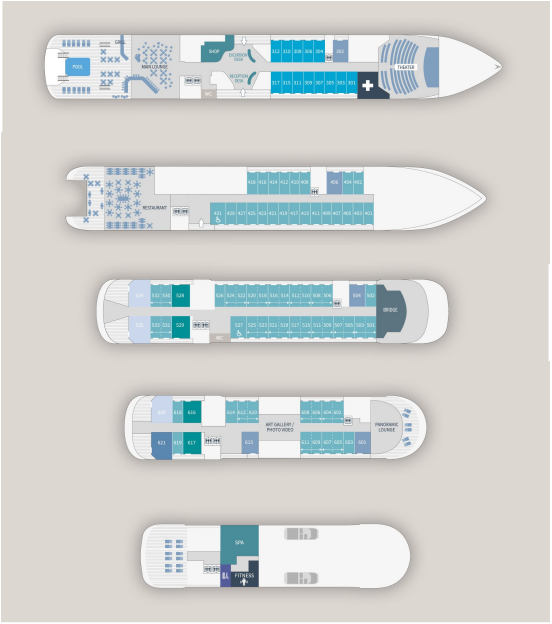
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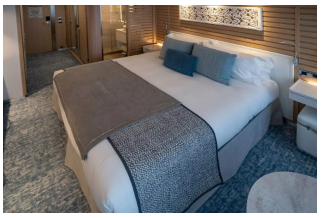
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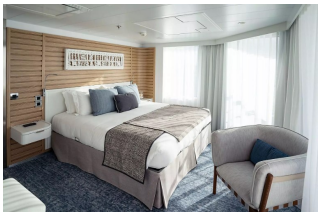
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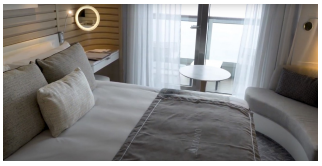
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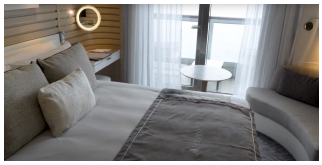


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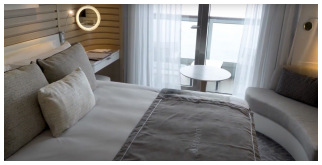




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