

PHILIPPINES, TAIWAN AND JAPAN LUXURY SMALL SHIP CRUISE

Between the preserved shores of the northern Philippines and the refined coasts of Japan , set off on a journey whose every port of call reveals a singular facet of East Asia. In the Philippines, the waters scattered with islets of the Hundred Islands National Park, the historic heritage of Currimao and the distant lands of Claveria offer a glimpse into unspoiled nature. Further north, the Batanes archipelago unveils its lush green hills and its windswept cliffs, before Taiwan reveals its full diversity. Between Hualien , gateway to the East coast's spectacular landscapes, and Keelung , a lively historic port, the island boasts steep slopes, living traditions and striking seascapes. In Japan, Okinawa, Miyanoura, Uwajima, Kochi and Yaizu will in turn unveil a rich maritime heritage.



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Day 1 - Manila

On first sight, the Philippines' capital shows its highly Americanised Asian megalopolis side, with ultramodern skyscrapers set all along the waterfront. But when you stroll through the cobbled streets of the **Intramuros** district, you'll discover a different side of **Manila** , one that's full of old-world charm. An enchanted pause in the middle of urban bustle, Rizal Park's 60 hectares of magnificent green parkland is perfect for recharging your batteries. To see the city from a different angle, take a walk along Roxas boulevard, a popular seaside promenade.

Day 2 - Hundred Islands National Park



A protected area created in 1940, the **Hundred Islands National Park** is a designated natural site that brings together **124 beautiful tropical islands and islets** , scattered across the crystal-clear waters of the Lingayen Gulf. It is an iconic attraction in the Philippines, offering visitors charming **white sandy beaches** , abundant vegetation and **marine life**. This preserved site also has limestone cliffs and **coral reefs** , making it a veritable corner of paradise for nature fans.

Day 3 - Currimao

A small coastal town located in the province of Ilocos Norte, **Currimao** is a privileged gateway to **Vigan** , a former Chinese trading port and one of the best preserved Spanish colonial towns in Asia,**a UNESCO World Heritage Site**. There, you will discover a unique architectural blend and remarkably well-preserved heritage treasures, such as the baroque Cathedral of Saint Paul and the traditional stone houses on Calle Crisologo. A real journey back into time!

Day 4 - Claveria

Located in the charming municipality of Claveria in Cagayan, Claveria Beach is a **hidden jewel** offering visitors a real coastal experience. It is characterised by its natural beauty, and its inhabitants live on**fishing** and **farming** , mainly rice. You will be able to watch the fishermen return with their catch and discover the **local traditions** of this community, which is home to 32,000 inhabitants. A genuinely lush destination, the scenic route to Sentinella Hill affords **stunning views over the mountains and the coast**. In the heart of the Santa Maria Chapel, children playing guitar and **dancers** will set the rhythm of this tranquil escape. Featuring relaxation and a change of scenery, the port of call in Claveria promises to be idyllic.

Day 5 - Batanes

In the **north of the Philippines** , the unspoilt Batanes archipelago reveals landscapes of striking beauty, with **wind-beaten cliffs** and **verdant hills**. From Basco, the province's emblematic lighthouse, **roads lined with flowers** lead to the villages of the Ivatan people, whose stone houses are designed to withstand typhoons. This **remote and peaceful** archipelago offers an atmosphere where nature is ever-present, shaping a unique and still little-known part of the world.

Day 6 - Hualien

Nicknamed "the beautiful island" by Portuguese sailors, 70% of the island of Taiwan is covered in lush, subtropical vegetation. When your ship stops in Hualien discover the stunning Taroko Gorge. This natural masterpiece, sculpted by the pure waters of the Liwu River, is known for its 1,200 metre-high marble cliffs, from which a unique panorama unfolds. During your stop here, discover the Eternal Spring Shrine, a complex clinging to the side of a mountain, made up of several small temples and overlooking a glistening waterfall. Then, along the Tunnel of Nine Turns, you will be able to admire the spectacular gorges which wind their way through deep canyons over some twenty kilometres.

Day 7 - Keelung (Chilung)

On the north-east tip of **Taiwan,** the harbour city of **Keelung** stands on one of the most beautiful coasts on the island. Nearby is the spectacular natural park of**Yehliu,** famed for its striking rock formations. It's easy to tour the city's historical sites on trails that cross the lush green hills surrounding the harbour from Chung Cheng Park to Fort Ershawan, you can enjoy superb views of Keelung and the



coastline. But the main attraction is the **Miaokou night market,** where you can taste some typically Taiwanese culinary delights.

Day 8 - At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 9 - Naha, Okinawa

Capital of Okinawa Prefecture, the town of **Naha** is located on the south-west of the island. You will love its lively atmosphere, particularly along **Kokusai Dori,** otherwise known as 'international street'. The picturesque **Makishi Public Market,** nicknamed 'Naha's kitchen' offers a profusion of colourful fish, Okinawan foodstuffs and local spices and you can sample delicacies cooked on the spot.

Day 10 - Motobu, Okinawa

In the north of Okinawa Island, between azure waters and rolling green hills, Motobu invites you to pause and take in its beauty. Far from the beaten path, this destination reveals landscapes imbued with quiet poetry. Framed by the silhouette of Mount Yae, Motobu unfolds through its white-sand beaches and villages where time seems to flow at a different pace. At the heart of one of the world's renowned Blue Zones, discover the Okinawan way of life and meet the "Memory Sherpas", guardians of stories and traditions who keep the spirit of the archipelago alive. Journey into Okinawa's fascinating past as you admire the ruins of Nakijin Castle, before exploring the historic district of Bise, renowned for its impressive green tunnels.

Day 11 - Miyanoura, Yakushima

Miyanoura, on the unspoiled island of Yakushima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, reveals a natural world of remarkable richness. Between mist-covered mountains, lush forests and wild coastlines, the island is home to majestic thousand-year-old cedar trees, some of which are said to have inspired the enchanting landscapes of the film Princess Mononoke. The spectacular Senpiro Falls, cascading down a vast granite monolith, is one of the island's most iconic landmarks. Yakushima is also the guardian of ancestral craftsmanship, passed down through generations and deeply connected to its exceptional natural environment.

Day 12 - Uwajima

Located on the west coast of Shikoku island, Uwajima will delight lovers of history and traditional customs. The magnificent **Uwajima Castle** was built in the 17th-century by the powerful Date clan and has a beautiful ornamental garden and bridge. The much-visited **Taga Shrine** is dedicated to fertility and is full of phalluses. As for eating, you must taste jakoten, a local delicacy based on fried fish.

Day 13 - Kochi



The fourth largest island in the Nippon archipelago, Shikoku, is also the best preserved. Here, **forests and oceans** stretch as far as the eye can see. On the southern coast of the island, Kochi, the tranquil metropolis will quietly welcome you. You can enjoy a lively town, with many commercial centres and restaurants. On the menu, katsuo tataki, a local speciality with delicately grilled fish. But Kochi, overlooked by the benevolent shadow of its castle, also invites you to explore its magnificent **Katsurahama beach,** its museums and **Buddhist temples,** the site of a famous annual pilgrimage.

Day 14 - Yaizu

Located in the Shizuoka Prefecture, the port town of Yaizu is one of Japan's main fishing centres. As you explore, you will get a feel for the lively atmosphere of this **iconic port** , with its blend of local traditions and artisanal craftmanship. Yaizu is also known for the **traditional** **production** of dried bonito flakes, an essential ingredient in Japanese cuisine. The region also reveals another, more peaceful, face, with the **lush green landscapes** of the famous **Shizuoka tea plantations** , which spread across the surrounding hills and illustrate the importance of tea growing in this region of Japan.

Day 15 - 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.

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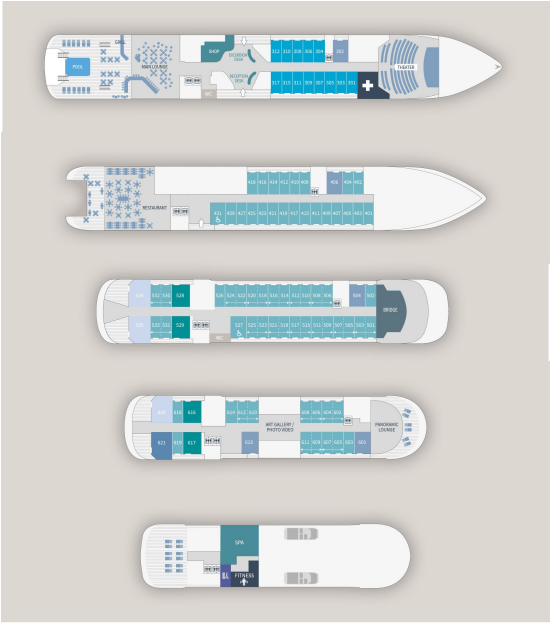
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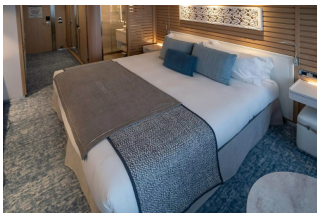
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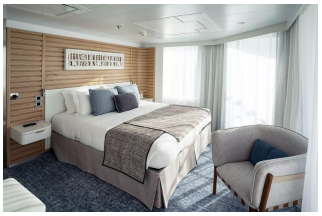
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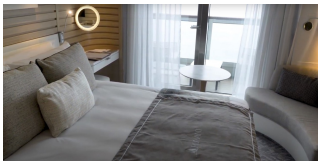
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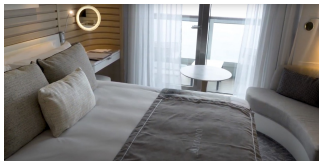


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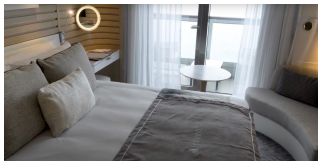




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