

# “CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN”

(October 3 – 16, 2027)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOUR:

### THE OVERALL ACTIVITY LEVEL OF THIS TOUR IS A LEVEL 3.

- This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

### TRAVEL WITH AN AVERAGE OF 30 PEOPLE (MAXIMUM OF 32).

- \*\*The visit to Koshoji Temple will require travelers to remove their shoes. During the mediation, travelers will sit on the floor. Those who cannot sit on the floor will be provided with a chair.
- If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.
- The day we visit Hiroshima from Kyoto will be your longest touring day with an early morning departure before 8:00 a.m. and an evening return to the hotel after 8:00 p.m.
- Golden Week is a cluster of national holidays in Japan, including Showa Day (April 29th), Constitution Memorial Day (May 3rd), Greenery Day (May 4th), and Children's Day (May 5th). During Golden Week, popular tourist destinations tend to be extremely crowded, and many businesses, including attractions and restaurants, operate on altered schedules. It's essential to anticipate traffic congestion and longer than usual wait times for any attractions and transportation. We reserve the right to modify the order of your inclusions during this period, without prior notice.
- Bon Holiday (Obon) is a Buddhist holiday honoring the spirits of ancestors that occurs in mid-August. During the Bon holiday, many Japanese people travel to their hometowns to pay respects to their ancestors, resulting in increased traffic congestion and crowded public transportation. Some businesses may also close or operate with reduced hours during this time.
- Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require travelers to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days.
- \*The view of Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway is weather dependent.
- Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.
- The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.
- Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.
- This tour provides authentic dining experiences. Vegan, vegetarian, and even gluten-free diets are uncommon in Japan and not widely catered to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible.
- To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.
- All transfers will depart from the Kyoto hotel for either Kansai Airport or Itami Airport.
- Our air travelers will be departing from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport (depending upon your flight schedule).

- Flights arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka.
- For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.
- Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.
- Return flights should not be booked from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport prior to 9:00 a.m.

#### **TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.
- IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.
- Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.
- Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

#### **LASTLY, DON'T FORGET ABOUT... THE COLLETTE PASSPORT CLUB!**

- Automatic enrollment upon completion of your trip.
- A 5% credit for applicable services travel credit applied to your next tour if you travel within 24 months of the original trip
- A 3% of the credit remains valid within 25-36 months
- Credit expires 36 months after the original trip