



Make the most of your visit to Japan. Take in the incredible sights of Kyoto, the bustling capital of Tokyo and the city of Kagoshima.

## DAY 1 – KYOTO, overnight in Tokyo

The ancient city of **Kyoto** is graced with an abundance of temples, shrines and serene gardens. One of the highlights of the region is the **Kinkakuji Temple**, also known as the **Golden Pavilion**. Each of its three storeys represents a different architectural style and the gold leaf reflects beautifully in the pond below (exterior visit). Enjoy a break for a Western style **luncheon**, before continuing on to the impressive **Kodai-ji Temple**, a designated historic site and place of scenic beauty. **Kodai-ji** features richly decorated interiors and beautiful Zen gardens. Enjoy the sights and atmosphere of this special location, before heading to Kyoto Station to board the Bullet Train, which will transport you at 170 miles an hour from Kyoto to Japan's capital city, **Tokyo** in just 2½ hours. Upon arrival in Tokyo, check into the **Hotel New Otani Tokyo** and indulge in a wonderful Teppanyaki dinner.

## DAY 2 – TOKYO, overnight in Tokyo

After breakfast enjoy a full tour of the city's highlights. Visit the **Meiji Jingu Shrine**, a large park dedicated to Emperor Meiji, who saw the transformation of this country from a medieval to a modern state. It was during his reign (1868–1912) that Edo became Japan's new capital and was renamed Tokyo. Enter the Shrine through the 40-foot-high Torii gate, one of the largest in Japan. After luncheon, you'll visit the **Tokyo Skytree**, a new landmark of the city that stands at over 2,000 feet high. It is the tallest building in Japan and the second tallest structure in the world at the time of its completion. Take the elevator to the observation deck for a stunning panoramic view of Tokyo. You'll make your way to **Asakusa** to see one of Tokyo's most popular places of pilgrimage, the **Sensoji Temple**. This ancient Temple features two great gates and rows of traditional family shops and stalls, called **Nakamise**, a major symbol of old Tokyo. Enjoy a buffet **dinner** in the hotel's 360 degree revolving restaurant.

## DAY 3 – KAGOSHIMA

After **breakfast**, depart for the airport and board your **flight to Kagoshima**. Upon arrival in Kagoshima, enjoy luncheon at a local restaurant. Visit the **Iso Garden**, which is the city's principal attraction. The 21st Shimazu lord created the pond within the Garden in order to hold poem parties. Take a leisurely stroll and appreciate the beauty of the garden and the 'borrowed scenery' of Kinko Bay and Mount Sakurajima smoking in the background. Pass by Terukuni Shrine, before arriving at **Shiroyama Observation Deck**, where you can enjoy spectacular views over the city. Afterwards, you'll take a brief drive to re-join the ship in the port of Kagoshima.

**Note:** Bookings for this tour will close on 17th December 2017. There is a strict minimum and maximum participation. Please ensure you book the correct tour code for the accommodation you require (Double = OSA802A. Single = OSA803A). Prices shown on your record of shore excursions are per person, not per room. This tour departs Osaka on 22nd March and returns to Kagoshima on 24th March. Please check your embarkation/disembarkation dates carefully before booking this overland. Once your booking is confirmed, any cancellation made after bookings close will incur a 100% cancellation fee. This excursion is physically demanding. Be prepared for early morning starts, lengthy days, climatic changes and airport delays. The majority of the meals will be Japanese style. No refunds will be given for any unused portion of this overland. Flight times and further details will be advised on board and the hotels listed are subject to change. Wheelchairs or scooters are not permitted on the Bullet Train.

The fare includes: transport by coach, plane and train as described, economy class air tickets, tourist class train tickets, sightseeing and entrances as described, meals as stated and hotel accommodation. Passengers with any special dietary requirements should advise the Shore Excursions Manager once on board.

The fare does not include: items of a personal nature such as refreshments, telephone calls, laundry, gratuities, room service, medical costs and travel insurance. Guests from the USA, UK, Germany and Australia do not require a visa. Other nationality guests should check visa requirements prior to travel. Please refer to the 'Things you need to know' section within this booklet for further guidance.

Visa: As this overland tour involves leaving the ship and rejoining in another port or country, your visa requirements may vary dependent on your nationality and the duration of your stay. It is your responsibility to ensure you are in receipt of the correct documentation, we recommend you check on the applicable government website for visa and entry requirements.

What to pack: please remember your passport and any medication you may require. Luggage limit is one small bag, per person with a maximum weight of 15kg. Only Japanese Yen will be accepted by local vendors. Temperatures at the time of your visit are generally cold and we recommend you pack warm winter clothing.

Shopping: time for shopping will be dependent on the tour schedule and may be curtailed in the event of delays.