



TRAVELITINERARY

Pre and Post Cruise Packages Exclusively for San Simeon Travel Guests Traveling Aboard Azamara Pursuit March 23 ~ April 6, 2025

Pre Cruise Kyoto Land Package March 20 ~ 23, 2025

And Post Cruise Tokyo Land Package April 6 ~ 8, 2025



Experience the essence of Japan on our captivating tour, where ancient tradition meets modern innovation in the iconic cities of Kyoto and Tokyo. Immerse yourself in Kyoto's timeless beauty as you wander through historic temples, tranquil gardens, and traditional tea houses. Then, journey to the vibrant metropolis of Tokyo, where neon-lit streets, towering skyscrapers, and bustling markets await. From centuries-old shrines to innovative technology, this tour offers a glimpse into the rich tapestry of Japanese culture & heritage.

Pre Cruise Kyoto Land Package March 20 ~ 23, 2025

DAY 1 Thursday, March 20
Arrive Kansai Osaka International Airport



Due to the length of time needed to reach Osaka, Japan we have arranged for the group to spend the first night at a hotel directly above the main terminal at Osaka Kansai International Airport As opposed to clearing customs and then having a 2 hour drive from the airport to Kyoto.

Arrive at Kansai Airport and after entry formalities, proceed to the Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport where you are booked on a bed and breakfast basis. Rooms are available from normal check in times; however, if you arrive earlier than normal check-in times the hotel staff will try to assist with an early check-in if possible. The balance of the day will be at leisure.



Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport

Hotel Nikko Kansai is a sophisticated and convenient hotel located directly at Kansai International Airport in Osaka, Japan. Offering modern amenities and exceptional service, it caters to both business and leisure travelers. Guests enjoy comfortable rooms, a variety of dining options, & easy access to transportation. Additionally, the hotel provides a complimentary shuttle service from the airport, ensuring a seamless and hassle-free transfer to and from the terminal, making it an ideal choice for those seeking convenience and comfort near the airport.

DAY 2 Friday, March 21 **KYOTO**





This morning after breakfast and check-out you will meet your group in the Lobby for our departure into Kyoto. Note that your baggage will be transported separately by truck from the airport directly to the hotel in Kyoto. This is the customary practice in Japan. But not to worry ~ your bags will be under lock and key.

Today we have planned a full day of touring which will include the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest followed by lunch and then onto Kinkakuji Temple and Gardens. From there we will continue into the iconic Gion District for a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony before enjoying some free time in Gion.

After Gion we will head to our very well hotel located in Central Kyoto near the river.

- Kinkakuji Temple



-Tea Ceremony Experience



- Arashiyama Bamboo Forest



- Gion District





Hotel Okura Kyoto

Elegant and warm hospitality cultivated by the traditions and history of Kyoto. A classic atmosphere of tranquility and comfort harmonizing the distinctiveness of Kyoto with European tastes. Fully enjoy your private time at a relaxing location looking out on Higashiyama mountains and the city streets. Many of Kyoto's renowned places of interest are to be found within a short distance of the hotel, making it an excellent base for sightseeing excursions. An assortment of pleasant restaurants offers local fare as well as a variety of other cuisines.

DAY 3 Saturday, March 22 **KYOTO**



This morning after breakfast we have planned a tour of Kyoto to include the must see sites of this beautiful and diverse city. We begin with Nijo Castle an Architectural stunning castle dating back1603 which was built by the first Shogun during the Edo Period in Japanese History. We will have time to visit the castle and gardens. Next, we will visit the quintessential Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine.

Nijo Castle



-Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine



Then we continue on to the amazing Nishiki Market where you will have the choice of spending some independent time in the Market to eat/shop and experience and then make your own way back to the hotel which is just a short stroll away; or if you prefer you will be taken directly back to the hotel.

This evening, we have planned a fantastic event which will include dinner where we will be entertained by both Geiko, and the novices called Meiko. You will learn about what the Geisha culture is and be able to ask questions about their kimonos, makeup, hair, and what their lives are like in the Geisha House. It promises to be a fascinating and fun night.







DAY 4 Sunday, March 23 Depart Kyoto to Board Azamara Pursuit in Kobe

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning before the regular checkout time of 12: Noon. Your baggage will be collected by noon from your room, and we will be sending it directly to the ship in Kobe where we will have it delivered to your stateroom onboard.

We will be departing from the hotel at 12:30 – 1:00pm. Note that as embarkation will not begin until 2:00pm at the earliest that we do not want you to have to hurry up and wait. When we have a firm embarkation time, we will adjust the timings above as needed.

Post Cruise Tokyo Land Package April 6 ~ 8, 2025

DAY 18 Sunday, April 6
Disembark Azamara Pursuit in
Yokohama and Begin our
Exploration of **TOKYO**



-Port of Yokohama



Disembark from Azamara Pursuit at 830am.

Note that your Baggage will be transported separately by truck from Yokohama Port to our hotel in Tokyo.

Today we have a Full day of sightseeing planned on Tokyo with our English-speaking guide. Our visits today include Tsukiji Outer Fish Market, A Sushi making class which will also be our lunch venue, and a visit to TeamLab Planets; which is an interactive museum that has won rave reviews. From there we will head to our hotel.



The Westin Tokyo



Being the first large-scale renovation since The Westin Tokyo opened back in 1994, the hotel desires to keep in mind and cherish the values and tradition of the property while looking forward to the future and evolving as it approaches its 30th anniversary. With this renewal open, the hotel is aiming to be an "Urban Wellness Hotel" that offers an unrivaled stay to every one of their distinct customers. The design of this renovation was created by Nomura Kogeisha's A.N.D., which has worked with hotels and luxury brands both domestically and internationally. While inheriting the already present authentic Western style, elements of the original scenery of Ebisu have been incorporated to grant a brand new "Modern Heritage" style to The Westin Tokyo.

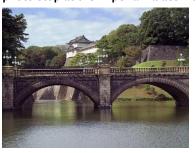


After breakfast we have planned a tour of the most iconic sites in Japan's Capitol City. Our itinerary today takes us to the Meiji Shrine, the Tokyo Sky Tree, and the Gardens of Shinkuy Gyoen to see the Sakura ~ the Cherry Blossoms. We will return to the hotel in time for a late lunch and free time. Please plan to join John & Diana on our Farewell to Japan dinner.

- Meiji Shrine



-A photo stop at the Imperial Palace Plaza



-Tokyo SkyTree





A walk thru the Public Garden Shinkuy Gyoen to enjoy the Sakura ~ the Cherry Blossoms

DAY 20 Tuesday, April 8 TOKYO Departures



After breakfast and a leisurely morning and afternoon depending on your flight departure time, we will arrange your transfer to Haneda Tokyo Airport at the time most convenient for your departing flight. You are welcome to checkout by noon and have your bags brought to the valet desk where they will be perfectly safe while you savor your last few hours in Tokyo before your flight home. John & Diana will be on hand until your flights depart.

Departures From Tokyo Haneda International





TRIP COST

Kyoto Escorted Tour \$ 2479 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$ 739 Single Supplement

Tokyo Escorted Tour \$ 2439 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$ 1049 Single Occupancy

Book both tours and Save \$50 per person for each tour

Reservations require a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 per person per tour. Final payment will be due November 23, 2024.

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