



LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

Wonders of Japan Cruise 2024

14 days from **\$21,495** per person *was* \$23,495

Limited to 199 guests

OFFER

Book early and save \$2,000 per person on all stateroom categories and suites.

Experience the wonders of Japan alongside A&K's award-winning Expedition Team as you capture all the magic with help from a professional photographer. Spanning five islands, this all-encompassing cruise explores Japan's culturally rich coastline with a pre-cruise stay in Osaka and shore excursions throughout, including a visit to Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park, the Adachi Museum of Art and its gardens, and Kanazawa's historic district.

Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet[®] Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

A&K Advantages

Witness private performances by the world-renowned Kodo taiko drummers, Kabuki warriors and geishas
Immerse yourself in mesmerizing Japanese gardens, perhaps visiting the gardens at the Adachi Museum of Art
Visit Gyeongju, South Korea, ancient dynastic capital and UNESCO World Heritage Site
Reflect on Japan's turbulent history and witness its miraculous resurgence in Hiroshima
Enjoy fascinating onboard lectures and presentations led by our enrichment specialists on Japanese history, culture and gardens
On our March departure, experience the magical atmosphere of cherry blossom season

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE OSAKA, JAPAN

Upon arrival, transfer to The Ritz-Carlton Osaka.

The Ritz-Carlton Osaka

DAY 2 OSAKA | CULTURAL WONDERS

Begin your adventure in Kyoto, the cultural capital of Japan. The day's excursions may include a visit to the Golden Pavilion and an exploration of Zen Buddhism, a journey to Nara revealing Japan's oldest temple, or a scenic drive amid Uji's iconic cherry trees. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner, complete with a Kabuki performance.

The Ritz-Carlton Osaka | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 OSAKA | THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Enjoy the morning at leisure in your hotel, or perhaps join a panoramic tour of Osaka's Dotonbori district and Osaka Castle. This afternoon, transfer to your luxurious expedition cruiser.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 TAKAMATSU | EXPLORE YOUR WAY

Wake up in the charming port of Takamatsu, the gateway to Shikoku Island. Your day might feature a boat ride to Shodoshima, the heart of Japan's olive-growing industry; a visit to the gardens of Shikoku Island's Ritsurin Park and an exploration of traditional bonsai horticulture in Takamatsu's Kinashi area; or a ferry ride to Naoshima Island to tour Benesse House and a museum dedicated to Tadao Ando's architecture.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA | MEMORIALS & SHRINES

Today, explore Hiroshima, renowned for its Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Park. You might arise to split your day between Hiroshima and Miyajima, site of the iconic Torii Gate. Alternatively, you might spend an immersive day in Hiroshima and meet a storyteller of the World War II atom bomb attack, or head to Miyajima to hike scenic Mount Misen.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 UWAJIMA | SEASIDE SPLENDOR

Spend the day in Uwajima, home to Japan's pearl industry. The day's excursions may include a visit to a local pearl farm and the samurai-era gardens of Tensha-en, an exploration of Nanraku-en Garden and a scenic hike in Yakushidani Canyon, or a stroll down a cherry tree-lined lane to Yoshida's old town.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 KARATSU | ANCIENT TRADING POST

This afternoon, arrive in the port of Karatsu, once an early trading post between Japan and mainland Asia. Once ashore, visit Karatsu Castle, or perhaps head to the city of Imari to tour its celebrated porcelain works and the Mifuneyama Rakuen garden.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 GYEONGJU, SOUTH KOREA | KOREAN CAPITAL

Disembark in Ulsan and transfer to Gyeongju, ancient capital of the Silla Dynasty. Today, you might explore Gyeongju's excavated temples, tombs and pagodas; tour the National Museum; and enjoy a lunch of Korean delicacies accompanied by a traditional dance performance. A visit to the Hyundai factory might also be arranged.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 MATSUE, JAPAN | VERDANT GARDENS

Explore Matsue, a city renowned for its idyllic countryside. The day's excursions may include visits to Yuushien Garden and Matsue Castle, or a tour of the Adachi Museum of Art. Later, you might also savor a traditional lunch at a ryokan (inn) and visit Yakumo-mura village to learn about the art of Japanese papermaking.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 KANAZAWA | IMMERSION INTO THE ARTS

Visit the thriving art center of Kanazawa, known for its pottery and gold-leaf workmanship. Here, you might stroll Kenrokuen Garden, wander Omicho Market and tour the Higashi Chaya-gai district's well-preserved historic geisha houses. Alternatively, you might hike Kakusenkei Gorge and soak in a soothing onsen (hot spring), visit Kanazawa's Oumi market and cook with a local chef, or explore the Shogawa River valley. This evening, enjoy an exclusive geisha performance.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 SADO-GA-SHIMA | KODO TAIKO DRUMMERS

Arrive amid Sado Island's rice paddies, bamboo groves and surf-pounded seacoasts. Today may include an exclusive private performance by the Kodo taiko drummers or tours of Hakusanmaru Exhibition Hall and Ogi Folk Museum.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12 AT SEA | CRUISING TO HOKKAIDO ISLAND



Enjoy a relaxing day while cruising toward Hokkaido, Japan's largest and northernmost island.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13 OTARU | HISTORIC CANALS

Arrive in Otaru, a port city known for its canals, sake distilleries, architecture and views of Mount Tengu. Here, you might tour the city and visit a sake distillery. Alternately, you might spend the day discovering nearby Sapporo's parks, landmarks and market.

'Le Soleal' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14 DEPART SAPPORO

Disembark your vessel in Otaru and transfer to the airport in Sapporo for your homebound flight.

Meals: Breakfast

September departure operates in reverse.

Extensions



Kyoto Pre-Tour Extension

Discover timeless Kyoto, visiting its temples and gardens, exploring its buzzy districts and witnessing its traditions.

4 days from \$4,995 per person
Single Supplement from \$2,495 per person

DAY 1

Arrive in Osaka and transfer to Kyoto, cultural and historic capital of Japan. Check into your tranquil hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Hyatt Regency Kyoto

DAY 2

Travel through the busy lanes of the Higashiyama district to Kiyomizu Temple. Visit its main hall, a remarkable 17th-century wooden structure set on a steep cliff and offering panoramic views of Kyoto. Take a guided tour of a machiya, a traditional wooden town house, and try on a kimono. After lunch, return to your hotel for time at leisure.

Hyatt Regency Kyoto | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3

Set out on an enlightening tour of Kyoto. Visit the iconic rock garden at Ryoan-ji Temple, considered a supreme example of an abstract Zen garden, and Arashiyama, where you take in its famed bamboo grove and stroll its Togetsukyo Bridge over the picturesque Katsura River.

Hyatt Regency Kyoto | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4

Transfer to Osaka and begin your main Luxury Expedition Cruise program.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Tokyo Post-Tour Extension

Explore Tokyo's museums, experience hands-on artmaking and sample distinctive cuisines at local markets.

4 days from \$6,795 per person
Single Supplement from \$3,495 per person
✈ Sapporo/Tokyo

One-way internal air included

DAY 1

Fly to Tokyo. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and check in to your hotel.

Conrad Tokyo | Meals: Lunch

DAY 2

Visit one of Tokyo's exciting markets and Imperial Palace Plaza. Alternately, travel to Hakone, enjoy a boat tour on Lake Ashi and visit Hakone's Open Air Museum, followed by a puzzle box-making experience.

Conrad Tokyo | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3

Visit the Asakusa district and Shunkaen Bonsai Museum, or visit the Meiji Shrine and Tokyo National Museum with an Edo-period dyeing experience, or visit a sumo training quarters and the Fukagawa Edo Museum and Kiyosumi Garden. This evening, join fellow guests for a farewell dinner.

Conrad Tokyo | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4

Transfer to the airport and board your homebound flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

| Dates | Prices | Single Supplement | Availability |
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| Cherry Blossom Season: Mar 27 - Apr 09 | | | |
| Category 1 - Classic Stateroom | \$21,495 (was \$23,495) | \$17,625 | Available |
| Category 2 - Deluxe Stateroom | \$23,995 (was \$25,995) | \$19,495 | Available |
| Category 3 - Premier Stateroom | \$24,995 (was \$26,995) | \$20,245 | Waitlist - Call A&K |
| Category 4 - Superior Stateroom | \$30,995 (was \$32,995) | \$24,745 | Waitlist - Call A&K |
| Category 5 - Prestige Suite | \$36,995 (was \$38,995) | \$35,145 | Waitlist - Call A&K |
| Category 6 - Premier Two-Room Suite | \$46,495 (was \$48,495) | \$44,175 | Call for Availability |
| Category 7 - Prestige Two-Room Suite | \$49,495 (was \$51,495) | \$47,025 | Available |
| Category 8 - Owner's Suite | \$56,495 (was \$58,495) | \$53,675 | Waitlist - Call A&K |

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

While this departure is scheduled to coincide with cherry blossom season, this natural phenomenon cannot be guaranteed.

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Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 5–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

March Departure

First group event: excursion on Mar 27.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on Apr 9.

September Departure (Operates in reverse)

First group event: embarkation in Otaru on Sep 20.

Last group event: excursion on Oct 2.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).