



15-18 OCT 2017

NEW YORK CITY JAPAN

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Mia **2015** JR. DOCENT CLASS TRIP



NYC

INCLUSIONS

- » Enviably address for 3 nights at the iconic Midtown Manhattan Roosevelt Hotel New York, perfectly located for ease of access to our planned museum visits
- » Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers in New York City
- » Welcome reception at the elegant, private balcony overlooking Grand Central Terminal
- » Take in the stunning artistry, unforgettable music and exhilarating story of a Broadway Show
- » Free time to take in the sights of this incredible city
- » Taxes, tips and fees for all inclusions

JAPAN

INCLUSIONS

- » Elegant accommodations including 3 nights at the Hyatt Regency Tokyo, 1 night in a traditional, Japanese-style Ryokan in Hakone and 6 nights at the Kyoto Tokyu Hotel in Kyoto
- » Specialized museum visits in Tokyo including the Tokyo National Museum, Toyokan, the National Museum of Western Art, the Nez Museum, the Meiji Shrine and Mori Art Museum
- » Tokyo touring including the important areas of Omotesando, Roppongi Hills and 2121 Design Sight
- » Bullet train transfer to Kyoto
- » Experience the luxurious hot onsen (hot springs) baths in Hakone during your Ryokan stay
- » Kyoto temple and museum touring including Nanzenji Temple, Ginkakuji, Byodoin Temple and Museum, Koyamaen Tea Factory, Tofukuji Temple, the Miho Museum, the Myoshinji Temple, Nijo Castle, Sanju Sanjendo, Kyoto National Museum and the Shigarki Ceramic Park
- » Visit to Japan's 8th century capital of Nara including a visit to Nara Park, where you'll have a chance catch a glimpse of its famous deer, the Todaiji and Katsuda Taisha, Nigatsudo and Hokkedo, and the Horyuji, Yakushiji and Murouji Temples
- » Meals as outlined in the itinerary
- » Taxes, tips and fees for all inclusions



TRIP PRICING

New York City: October 15-18, 2017
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NEW YORK CITY

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DAY 1: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEW YORK CITY

Depart for your flight to New York City. Transfer to the Roosevelt Hotel New York City for check-in. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception at Michael Jordan's, The Steakhouse in Grand Central Station.

DAY 2: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

NEW YORK CITY

Enjoy a day at leisure to enjoy this incredible city. Perhaps you'll want to visit the shops of Fifth Avenue or chic boutiques of Madison Avenue, tour the 9/11 Memorial (reserve passes early!), take in the amazing view from the Empire State Building, ferry over to the Statue of Liberty – one of the most recognized symbols of freedom – and Ellis Island to learn about America's immigration history, visit the many great museums along Museum Mile or stroll through Central Park. There are countless things to see and do in the city.

Tonight, take in one of New York's finest Broadway shows.

DAY 3: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

NEW YORK CITY

Enjoy another full day at leisure to enjoy this incredible city.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

NEW YORK CITY

The morning is at your leisure for last-minute shopping and sightseeing. This afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight home or to Tokyo.

FEATURED MUSEUM VISITS*

Private tours will be reserved at the following museums during the leisure time stated in this brochure:

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
The Frick Collection
The Museum of Modern Art
The Museum of Arts and Design
Whitney Museum of American Art
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum

**Entrances should be free with your Docent ID*





JAPAN

18-30 OCT 2017

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

DEPART USA

Depart on an overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

TOKYO

Welcome to Tokyo – famed for its vibrant food scene, its Shibuya and Harajuku districts and its bustling mix of the ultramodern and the traditional. From neon-lit skyscrapers to cherry trees and temples, we will experience many aspects of this dynamic city. Today, we hit the ground running starting with a visit to the Tokyo National Museum, the largest and oldest national museum in Japan (established in 1872). Next, we'll stretch our legs and walk to the National Museum of Western Art, the premier public art gallery specializing in art from the Western tradition and named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016. Lastly, we will walk to Ueno Onshi Park. The park was established in 1873 on lands formerly belonging to the temple of Kanei-ji. Among the country's first public parks, it was founded following the western example as part of the borrowing and assimilation of international practices that characterizes the early Meiji Period. After touring, you will be transferred to the hotel for check-in.

This evening, we gather for a welcome to Japan dinner. D

DAY 3: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

TOKYO

Today, we venture out in this fascinating city with a local guide by public transport. The day begins with a visit to Nezu Museum. The museum houses the private collection of pre-modern Japanese and East Asian art of Nezu Kaichiro. Its foundation was established on the death of the founder in 1940. Exhibitions were first opened to the public in 1941. The museum collection was stored away from central Tokyo during the second world war and escaped the destruction suffered by the estate property in the bombing of May 1945. Exhibitions were restarted after the war in 1946.

Group lunch at local restaurant

After lunch, you will visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the deified spirit of Emperor Meiji and a popular place for traditional Japanese weddings. Take a walk down Omotesando contemporary architecture and shopping street, a broad tree lined avenue, home to the flagship stores of the world's top fashion brands. B, L



DAY 4: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

TOKYO

Take another day tour with a local guide by private coach. Today begins with a visit to National Art Center. Designed by Kisho Kurokawa, this building is one of the largest exhibition sites in Asia. Next, you will visit Mori Art Museum, which focuses on contemporary art and significantly exhibiting works of Asian artists. You will then head to another popular spot in the area, Roppongi Hills, to enjoy lunch on your own. After lunch, you will head to 21_21 Design Sight. The museum was created by famous architect Tadao Ando and fashion Designer Issei Miyake. Then you will visit Tokyo Midtown. Midtown tower is the second tallest building in Tokyo at 813 feet. B

DAY 5: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

TOKYO/HAKONE

Breakfast at hotel and check-out

This morning, we say goodbye to Tokyo and depart for the Hakone Open Air Museum (approx. 2 hours via private coach). We then depart for Hakone Shrine, which used to be popular among traveling samurai and still is a photogenic landmark with its red torii rising from the lake.

Lunch at local restaurant

After lunch, we'll board the Pirate Boat taking us from Hakonemachi to Togendai. Both are ports on the shores of Lake Ashi, which is in fact an enormous volcanic crater created 3,000 years ago. You will also ride Komagatake Ropeway and enjoy great view from the top of the mountain.

Throughout the day you will have the chance to get a glimpse of Mt Fuji, however please keep in mind that she is a notoriously shy mountain and it needs to be a clear day.

Tonight you will stay in a Japanese traditional ryokan, sleeping on futons laid out on tatami mats with delicious included meals and piping hot onsen (hot spring) baths. B, L, D

Overnight in Hakone

DAY 6: MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

HAKONE/KYOTO

This morning, we'll meet with our guide and depart for Mishima Skywalk by private coach (About 1hr) Japan's longest pedestrian suspension bridge. After enjoying

a unique and panoramic view on Mount Fuji, the Izu Mountains and Suruga Bay, we head by coach to Mishima station (about 30 min).

Today you will ride Japan's world famous Shinkansen bullet train to Kyoto. Capable of speeds of up to 185mph (360km/h), the Shinkansen takes 2 hours to reach Kyoto.

Lunch box on board

Upon arrival in Kyoto, you will have a tour by private coach. You will first visit Nanzenji Temple (including Hojo Teien, Samnon gate) established in 1291. It is one of the five Zen temples of Kyoto and the precincts are a nationally designated Historic Site. Next you will visit Ginkakuji. In 1482, shogun Ashikaga Yoshimasa built his retirement villa on the groups of today's temple, modeling it after Kinkakuji, his grandfather's retirement villa at the base of Kyoto's northern mountains. The villa was converted into a Zen temple after Yoshimasa's death in 1490. You will also have a time to stroll along the Philosopher's Path. The path begins around Ginkakuji and ends in the neighborhood of Nanzenji. The path gets its name due to Nishida Kitaro, one of Japan's most famous philosophers, who was said to practice meditation while walking this route on his daily commute to Kyoto University. B, L

DAY 7: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

KYOTO/UJI/KYOTO

You will have a day tour with a guide by private coach. You will first head to Uji which is located between Nara and Kyoto and visit Byodoin Temple & Museum which is a striking example of Buddhist Pure Land (Jodo) architecture. Together with its garden, the temple represents the paradise and was influential on later temple constructions.

Lunch on own

After lunch, you will head to Koyamaen Tea Factory and experience a tour of the tea plant. You will learn the history of tea and matcha (green tea) production, and sample a few different kinds of tea.

On the way back, you will also visit Tofukuji Temple (including Tsugen bridge). It is one of the so-called Kyoto Gozan or five great Zen temples of Kyoto and many people visit the temple to see autumn colors. B



DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

KYOTO

Today, you will first visit the Golden temple (Kinkakuji). It was originally built as a retirement villa for the Shogun. After his death, it became a Buddhist Temple at his request, and is now one of Kyoto's most famous temples. Then you head to Myoshinji. It is the head temple of the Myoshinji school with over 3,000 affiliated temples and calls itself the largest of all Zen temples. It was founded in 1337 when an abdicated emperor had an imperial villa converted into a Zen temple. The last stop in the morning is Nijo Castle. This ornamental castle, surrounded by stunning gardens, was built by the founder of the Edo Shogunate as his Kyoto residence. The main building was completed in 1603 and is well-known for its Momoyama architecture, decorated sliding doors, and 'chirping' nightingale floors.

Lunch on own

After lunch, you will visit Sanju Sangendo which is Japan's longest wooden structure (120m). It is famous for its 1001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy. In the center of the main hall sits a large, wooden statue of a 1000-armed Kannon that is flanked on each side by 500 statues of human sized 1000-armed Kannon standing in ten rows. Together they make for an awesome sight. Then you will visit Kyoto National Museum. It is one of the oldest museums in Japan, and its permanent collection is presented to the public in rotating exhibitions of a wide variety of cultural properties, including archaeological relics, sculptures, ceramics, calligraphy, costumes and paintings. B

DAY 9: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

KYOTO/SHIGA/KYOTO

You will have a day trip to Shiga with a guide by private coach today, but our first stop is Miho Museum. It houses Mihoko Koyama (founder)'s private collection of Asian and Western antiques bought on the world market in the years before the museum was opened in 1997.

Lunch at local restaurant

After lunch you will head to the Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park (Togei Kan Museum) and see the collection of Shigaraki ceramic wares. B, L

DAY 10: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

KYOTO/NARA/KYOTO

Transfer from your hotel to Nara by coach (1hr) with a local guide. For 74 years during the 8th century Nara was

Japan's capital and many of the temples and shrines built at that time still remain.

Visit Todaiji temple, the world's largest wooden building and home to Japan's largest Buddha. You will also visit Nigatsudo & Hokkedo on its precinct. Next stop is Nara's most celebrated shrine, Kasuga Taisha, established in 768 AD and famous for its hundreds of bronze and stone lanterns which have been donated by worshipers.

Lunch on own

Take a wander through Nara Park, called "Deer Park" by locals due to the large population of more than 1,000 tame deer living there and you will walk to Nara National Museum established in 1889, which displays Japanese Buddhist art including Buddhist statues, paintings, scrolls and ceremonial objects mainly from Japan. B

DAY 11: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

KYOTO/NARA/KYOTO

You will have another Nara tour by private coach today. You will first visit Horyuji Temple founded in 607 by Prince Shotoku, who is credited with the early promotion of Buddhism in Japan. It is one of the country's oldest temples and contains the world's oldest surviving wooden structure. It was designated a world heritage site in 1993. Next stop is Yakushiji Temple. It was constructed by Emperor Tenmu in the late 7th century for the recovery of the emperor's sick wife. It has a strictly symmetric layout, with the main hall and lecture hall standing on a central axis, flanked by two pagodas.

Lunch on own

After lunch, you will head to Murouji Temple. Unlike many temples of the time, the temple was opened to females. For that reason, it is also called Mt. Koya for women.

Travel back to Kyoto this afternoon.

Farewell dinner at hotel or local restaurant within walking distance of hotel. B, D

DAY 12: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

KYOTO/DEPARTURES

Breakfast and morning at leisure

Say farewell to Japan as we depart to the Kansai Airport (90 minutes) for our journey home. B

REGISTRATION FORM

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