



2016 Spring Japan Classic "Cherry Blossom Time"

HIGHLIGHTS

- * **20 meals** are included - 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners.
- * 2 days in the capital of Japan in the popular Odaiba district in Tokyo Bay.
- * Historical cities of Nara and Kyoto.
- * 1 of 3 most beautiful - Isle of Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine.
- * 1 of 3 best, Korakuen Gardens and Inland Sea cruise to Shodo Island.

Early bird deadline January 15, 2016 - save \$50 per person.

MAR 29 - TUE - DEPART LOS ANGELES. Flight to Tokyo.

MAR 30 - TOKYO. Evening arrival. Accommodations in the Odaiba district, close to shopping & outlet malls. Refreshing bento served on arrival. **HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC LE DAIBA [Bento]**

MAR 31 - TOKYO. Breakfast included every day. 2 nights & an easy day. Orientation tour of Tokyo - Sengakuji of "47 Ronin" fame, Imperial Palace Plaza & bustling Asakusa district. Welcome dinner at hotel. **[BD]**

APR 01 - NARA/KOBE. Flight to Osaka and to nearby Nara, ancient capital of Japan. Feed the tame deer in Nara Park and visit the giant, solid bronze statue of the Daibutsu in Todaiji Temple. To neighboring Kobe for dinner and accommodations, with vistas of the Inland Sea and the new Akashi Kaikyo Bridge. **MAIKO VILLA [BLD]**

APR 02 - OKAYAMA/TAKAHASHI. To Okayama - visit Korakuen Park, 1 of 3 most beautiful - to Bitchu-Takahashi - explore a charming castle town of samurai homes, temples and gardens, designed by master landscape designer Kobori Enshu. **KOKUSAI HOTEL [BLD]**

APR 03 - HIROSHIMA. Morning drive to Hiroshima - visit the Isle of Miyajima, often pictured with its red torii gate rising from the sea, 1 of 3 most scenic sights in Japan. To historic Peace Park & its Museum. City center hotel accommodations. **WASHINGTON HOTEL [BLD]**

APR 04 - INLAND SEA & SHODO ISLAND. Drive the pastoral Sanyo countryside of Hiroshima & Okayama to the Inland Sea and the port of Okayama. Cruise the picturesque Inland Sea to Shodo Island, surrounded by a potpourri of tiny pine-clad islands. Spend a relaxing day castawayed on Shodo, enjoying a traditional evening of crisp yukatas and oceanfront tatami rooms. **KOKUSAI HOTEL [BLD]**

APR 05 - KYOTO. Return Inland Sea cruise to Honshu - morning drive to Kyoto via Okayama, Hyogo & Osaka prefectures for a welcomed 2-day visit. Kyoto sightseeing on arrival. It's cherry blossom time in Kyoto - Maruyama Park festooned in cherry blossoms, Nijo Castle, with its nightingale floors & the gardens of vermilion-colored Heian Shrine. Tonight - Farewells at Dinner. **KARASUMA HOTEL [BLD]**

APR 06 - KYOTO. Leisure Day - time for last minute shopping. Perhaps the Kyoto Handicraft Center - from Pearls, T-Shirts, kimonos, wood block prints & more. Visit nearby Kyoto's downtown - Nishiki Fish Market, Teramachi Arcade or Kawaramachi, all nearby. **[B]**

APR 07 - THU - KYOTO. Classic tour disbands after breakfast. **[B]**

Although not included, convenient transportation to Osaka Airport is available at a nominal cost. Return flight to Los Angeles included.

COST PER PERSON	TAXES/FEES	SINGLE ROOM	DEPOSIT
\$4,495.00	+\$205.00	+\$795.00	\$200.00
Additional fuel surcharge, if any, to be assessed.			

GENERAL CONDITIONS

THE COSTS INCLUDE:

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT. Deposits received by this date will qualify for the discount listed. Early reservations are recommended. Deadline does not guarantee space availability. Tours with less than 16 passengers by this date may be subject to cost increase.

HOTELS. Based on 2 persons sharing a room with private bath at selected hotels listed or of similar quality. A limited number of single and triple rooms is available. Single room supplement is listed. No discounts for triple rooms, unless offered at time of registration.

MEALS. Meals are included as specified in the itineraries. Full breakfast daily. Meals provided on the tour are listed as:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

TRANSPORTATION. Flights are based on roundtrip, economy class. Fuel surcharges by Airlines are not included. Touring is by chartered motorcoach. When included, tourist class passage on ferries, trains and boats. Kokusai does not own or operate any vehicles.

TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE. Transfer of passenger & portorage of **ONE** medium size suitcase (50 pound limit on flights) per person, between airport, station & hotel. Usually you will be asked to handle your own suitcase. Kokusai is not responsible for lost or damaged baggage. Airlines' responsibilities are limited. Airline baggage fees not included.

SIGHTSEEING PROGRAMS. Sightseeing activities listed are conducted in English and include admission fees unless otherwise noted.

TIPS & TAXES. Hotel & meal service charges, tips & taxes are included. Tips to baggage porters for standard services included. Tips to Tour Guides, local sightseeing guides and drivers are not included. U.S. usage taxes/foreign airport taxes are not included. Taxes listed are subject to change at any time.

EXCLUSIONS. Personal expenses e.g., but not limited to, travel document fees, visa fees, any insurance, telephone, laundry, meals not listed, bottled beverages, liquors, taxes as listed above, tips to tour guides & drivers, fuel surcharges, airline baggage fees are not included.

PASSPORTS. Tour application - full name as it appears on your Passport. Passport must be valid 6 months beyond time of travel.

AIRLINE SECURITY CHECK. For international flights - full name on flight ticket must match passport.

U.S. CUSTOMS. USA residents are allowed \$800 per person duty free.

CURRENCY. Traveler's checks are no longer accepted at many places. Money exchange services are available at many hotels. Credit cards may not be accepted at some places. Notify your credit card company that you may be using it in Japan.

WEATHER. Spring & Fall are ideal in Japan. Rain can be expected at any time. Summer in Japan is warm.

JAPANESE CUSTOMS ALLOWANCES. 1 liter of alcohol, 2 cartons cigarettes, 2 ounces perfume, etc.

WHEN TOURS DISBAND IN JAPAN. Return airfare Tokyo/Osaka/Los Angeles is included. (Tokyo stopover is available for additional charge.) Japan - hotel to airport transportation is not included, but available at a nominal cost.

HOMEWARD FLIGHTS FROM JAPAN. One may remain in Japan up to 60 days. If you plan to remain in Japan after the tour, it is urgent that your return date is noted in your application. Additional airfare for weekend returns (Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday).

SMOKING. Smoking is not permitted on flights or motorcoaches. Non-smoking hotel rooms are requested wherever possible.