

AUTUMN JAPAN

OCTOBER 21 ~ 30, 2018

Thousands of years ago, two mythological gods stood on a bridge to heaven – Amanohashidate – in a warm embrace. Here they created the islands of Japan designing a scenic wonderland of infinite coastlines, wooded and mountainous terrains, and deep, lush valleys. Here they patterned a natural beauty that moves sensitively by season, stretching the most primitive senses. From this blissful state evolved Japan, a land with a calm and gentle spirit. Come journey with us to a most intriguing and beautiful land!

Tokyo – (2 Nights) Sheraton Miyako Hotel

- Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace Plaza
- Asakusa Sensoji Temple & Nakamise Arcade

Takayama – (1 Night) Associa Resort

- Yatai Kaikan & Sanmachi-suji Street
- Asaichi Morning Market

Shirakawago – Day Trip

- Ogimachi Gassho Village & Wada's House
- Gassho Zukkuri (Praying Hands) House

Kanazawa – (1 Night) Kanzawa Tokyu Hotel

- Shirakawago's Ogi-machi
- Kenrokuen Garden, Seison-kaku & Nagamachi

Kyoto – (2 Nights) Okura Hotel or Hotel Granvia

- Nanzenji Temple, Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion)
- Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine

Himeji – (Day Trip)

- UNESCO Site: Himeji Castle

Hiroshima – (2 Nights) Hotel Granvia or Sheraton

- Peace Memorial Park & Museum
- Miyajima Itsukushima Shrine

Miyajima – (Day Trip)

- Itsukushima Jingu Shrine

Guide: Tour Conducted in English

Meals: Breakfast Daily & 1 Banquet Dinners, 1 Lunch

Onsen: Takayama

Shinkansen – Bullet Train Ride (Kyoto to Hiroshima)

Total Land Cost: \$3,795.00

Per Person, Land Only, Based on Double Occupancy
Tax Included

International Air Approx: \$1,100.00 ~ \$1,400.00

Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person

Single Supplement: \$700.00 & Triple Rate Less: -\$108.00

Tour Itinerary

Oct. 21: USA/Tokyo

Board your flight to Japan. We lose one day as we cross the Int'l Date.

Oct. 22: Arrive Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo and transfer on own by Airport Limousine Buses that will take you to your hotel.

Since our Japan Tours is Land Only, Polaris Tours can assist in getting air itinerary & cost for you or you can arrange your own air.

Accommodation: (2 Nights) Sheraton Miyako Hotel

Oct. 23: Tokyo (B,L)

Enjoy a tour of the modern bustling city of Tokyo. Your tour includes visits to Meiji Shrine, the Imperial Palace Plaza and Asakusa Sensoji Temple with its Nakamise Arcade. You will enjoy a nice welcome lunch, before having free time this afternoon to explore one of the many sights and districts of Tokyo.



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Oct. 24: Tokyo/Takayama (B,D)

This morning we depart for Takayama, a calm and charming city nicknamed “little Kyoto”. As with Kyoto, scenic mountains surround the city, and the streets are built in cross bar pattern. Takayama is famous for “Shunkei-nuri” (lacquer ware) and other woodcraft. A walk down the streets is a stroll down memory lane – reminiscent of 18th century Japan. Our Takayama sightseeing tour today includes a visit to Yatai Kaikan, the storehouse for the floats used in the annual festival parade; and Sanmachi-suji, a street of old homes and shops. Tonight, we have fun at a Japanese style dinner with our fellow tour members.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Associa Resort

Oct. 25: Takayama/Shirakawago/Kanazawa (B)

Early this morning, visit the Morning Market, Asaichi, where farmers from the neighboring areas bring their fresh produce, tsukemono, local souvenirs, etc., to sell to local residents and tourists. Then we drive on to enjoy a special visit to the UNESCO Site, Shirakawago (Ogimachi Gassho Village, a lovely park with reconstructed farm houses in the Gassho Zukuri style). We continue our drive to Kanazawa, which was the home of the wealthy Maeda Family (Edo Period), who built their castle and gardens here, and ruled with a flair for grandeur. Kanazawa is a labyrinth of narrow, winding streets and blind alleys; rows of ancient samurai homes surrounded by earthen walls; and workshops that carry on traditional arts and crafts. Since ancient times, this city has been known for its Kaga-Yuzen (colorfully dyed silks), Kutani pottery and lacquer ware. It is also the headquarters for various schools of Noh, tea ceremony and flower arrangement.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel

Oct. 26: Kanazawa/Kyoto (B)

Our tour of Kanazawa includes a visit to Kenrokuen Garden, designated one of the three most beautiful gardens in all Japan; Seison-kaku Villa; and the Nagamachi district of ancient samurai homes (buke-yashiki). We next head for Kyoto, a city of shrines, temples and gardens. Kyoto has won itself a unique place among the world’s great cities. In spite of “progress”, this ancient center of Buddhism seems to be a place apart from the busy world, where the spirit of old Japan lives on.

Accommodation: (2 Nights) Hotel Okura or Granvia

Oct. 27: Kyoto (B)

Kyoto is a unique city of shrines, temples and gardens. In spite of “progress”, this ancient center of Buddhism seems to be a place apart from the busy world, where the spirit of old Japan lives on. This morning, sightseeing in beautiful Kyoto includes the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and Nanzenji Temple. The tour finishes at Nanzenji Temple, however you have a choice of either being dropped off at the hotel or at Kiyomizu Temple and Higashi District. The afternoon is free to explore the ancient capital. There are hundreds of temples and tranquil gardens to visit and wonderful antique shops on Shinmonzen Street in which to browse and shop.

Oct. 28: Kyoto/Himeji/Hiroshima (B)

This morning, en route to Hiroshima, we stop in Himeji to visit the imposing Himeji Castle (the most famous of the 4 remaining original castles in Japan and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After our tour of the castle, we continue to Hiroshima by the Shinkansen or “Bullet Train”.

Accommodation: (2 Night) Granvia or Sheraton

Oct. 29: Hiroshima (B)

Today begins with a visit to Miyajima’s Itsukushima Jingu Shrine (593), one of Japan’s “National Treasures” and also one of its “Scenic Trio”. The shrine and its 108 stone lanterns “float” upon the waters; and nearby, a torii looms 53 feet up from the sea – a scene of sublime serenity. We then tour Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Park and Museum, a powerful reminder of the tragedy of war.

Oct. 30: Hiroshima/Tokyo/USA (B)

Our tour disbands after breakfast. We must say “Sayonara” to lovely Japan and our new friends, and fly back to USA.



GENERAL CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

The Tour Cost Include:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: PLEASE SEE FRONT PAGE TO CHECK IF THIS TOUR INCLUDES THE AIRFARE IF NOT WE WILL OFFER YOU AIR PRICE SEPARATELY. IF YOU CHOOSE TO ISSUE YOUR OWN TICKET AND IN THE CASE THE TOUR IS CANCELLED POLARIS TOURS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PENALTY FEE INCURRED BY THE AIRLINES.

BAGGAGE: PORTERAGE OF 1 SUITCASE PER PERSON. THE TOUR OPERATOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO YOUR BAGGAGE. AIRLINES LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT SET FORTH ON THE AIRLINE TICKET. BAGGAGE INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED AND AVAILABLE THROUGH POLARIS TOURS. AIRLINES MAY IMPOSE BAGGAGE FEES, WHICH ARE TO BE PAID AT CHECK-IN.

HOTELS: ACCOMMODATIONS WITH PRIVATE BATH, BASED ON 2 PERSONS SHARING A ROOM, AT HOTELS SPECIFIED OR SIMILAR.

MEALS: AS SPECIFIED IN ITINERARY: B = BREAKFAST, L = LUNCH, D = DINNER.

SIGHTSEEING: SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN THE ITINERARY, INCLUDES ADMISSION FEES.

GUIDES: SERVICES OF AN ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE AND THE ADDED SERVICES OF AN EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGER.

TIPS & TAXES: HOTEL SERVICE CHARGES TAXES AND TIPS TO WAITERS AND BAGGAGE PORTERS FOR STANDARD SERVICES.

EXCLUSIONS: ANY PERSONAL EXPENSES, E.G. TELEPHONE CALLS, LAUNDRY, CLEANING, BEVERAGES, TIPS TO GUIDES, DRIVERS AND FOREIGN AIRPORT TAXES, ETC., ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

RESERVATION & DEPOSITS: A DEPOSIT OF \$300.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION FORM. THIS DEPOSIT FORMS PART OF YOUR FINAL PAYMENT DUE ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2017. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO POLARIS TOURS.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: FOR MEMBERS MAKING DEPOSIT ANYTIME AN EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$50.00 PER PERSON WILL BE DEDUCTED ON YOUR FINAL INVOICE.

CONDITION OF SALE: TOURS ARE OFFERED AS A COMPLETE PACKAGE AND MUST BE PURCHASED IN THEIR ENTIRETY. CREDIT IS NOT GIVEN FOR ANY MEALS, ACTIVITIES, ETC. NOT TAKEN.

RESPONSIBILITIES: POLARIS TOURS GIVES NOTICE THAT ALL TICKETS AND COUPONS ISSUED BY THEM AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT AT OR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE MADE BY THEM AS AGENTS UPON THE CONDITION THAT THEY ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY, DAMAGE, LOSS, ACCIDENT, DELAY OR IRREGULARITY WHICH MAY BE OCCASIONED BY REASON OR DEFECT IN ANY VEHICLE OR THROUGH THE ACT OF DEFAULT OF ANY COMPANY OR PERSON ENGAGED IN CONVEYING THE PASSENGER OR IN CARRYING OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE TOUR BY HOTEL PROPRIETOR OR SERVANT. POLARIS AND/OR ASSOCIATED COMPANIES ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES OR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES DUE TO DELAYS OR CHANGES IN FLIGHT, TRAIN OR OTHER SERVICES, SICKNESS, WEATHER, STRIKES, WAR, ACTS OF TERRORISM, QUARANTINE, AND OTHER CAUSES. ALL TOUR ITINERARIES AND FARES MAY BE AFFECTED BY ALTERATIONS IN AIR OR RAILROAD SERVICES, OR BY OTHER CAUSES. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO WITHDRAW THIS TOUR, SUBSTITUTE HOTELS, AND TO MAKE SUCH ALTERATIONS IN THE ITINERARIES AS MAY BE FOUND DESIRABLE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARTIES AND THE PROPER CARRYING OUT OF THE TOUR. THE RIGHT IS ALSO RESERVED TO DECLINE TO ACCEPT OR TO RETAIN ANY PERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE TOUR AT ANY TIME. IN SUCH CASE, FULL REFUND OR ALL PAYMENTS WILL CONSTITUTE FULL SETTLEMENT WITH THE PASSENGER. ALL FARES SHOWN ARE BASED ON THE PRESENT VALUE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES IN RELATION TO THE US DOLLAR AND IN CURRENT TARIFFS, AND ARE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT UNTIL DAY OF DEPARTURE. THE AIRLINES CONCERNED ARE NOT HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACT, OMISSION DURING THE TIME PASSENGERS ARE NOT ON BOARD THEIR PLANES OR CONVEYANCE. THE PASSENGER CONTRACT IN USE BY THE AIRLINES CONCERNED, WHEN ISSUED, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE SOLE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE AIRLINE AND PURCHASER OF THIS TOUR. ANY AND/OR ALL TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES HEREIN MENTIONED SHALL HAVE OR INCUR NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY TO ANY TRAVELER ASIDE FROM THEIR LIABILITY AS COMMON CARRIERS

CANCELLATIONS:

60 BUSINESS DAYS OR MORE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	NO CHARGE
59 ~ 32 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	\$300.00
31 ~ 16 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	10% OF THE TOUR FARE
15 ~ 8 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	30% OF THE TOUR FARE
7 ~ 3 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	50% OF THE TOUR FARE
2 ~ 0 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO, OR ON THE DEPARTURE DAY/NO SHOW.....	100% OF THE TOUR FARE

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE PENALTIES MAY BE ADDED. PENALTIES MAY BE WAIVED IF CANCELLATION IS RESULT TO ILLNESS.

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TOUR APPLICATION FORM

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Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person (Final Payment Due: 30 September 2017)

Sign Up By: Anytime to Receive \$50.00 per person discount. (Discount applied on final invoice)

**Please make check payable to Polaris Tours.
For this tour credit cards are not accepted.**

Please send application form, deposit, and a copy of your passport to:

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Would you like Polaris Tours to arrange your Air Flights: YES or NO (Please Circle)

If Yes, What is your airline preference: _____ / Economy / Premium Economy / Business Class

Are you traveling as: SINGLE or TWIN or TRIPLE or 4+ PERSONS (Please Circle)

Please list any food allergy or vegetarian type etc: _____

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ (Print name as it appears on Passport)

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ (Print name as it appears on Passport)

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Mobile Telephone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Airlines Mileage Numbers: _____

Airlines Mileage Numbers: _____

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

Insurance forms will be send to you with you receipt. If you wish to purchase please contact us.

Pre-Tour Extension: Depart Date: _____, **Arrangements Needed:** _____

Post-Tour Extension: Return Date: _____, **Arrangements Needed:** _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

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