

JAPAN IN SPRINGTIME

APRIL 01 ~ APRIL 10, 2018

As this is a tour of Japan's highlights - we want to introduce you to small towns as well as to major cities, to ancient Japan as well as to new and industrial Japan - to the real flavor of the old and the new that has blended to make Japan the country it is today. And you will never forget the beauty of this scenic land - a land with a calm and gently spirit (the cherry blossoms should be in full bloom). We think that learning about Japan's people, history, culture and geography will help us to better understand her spirit and ultimately, a great deal about our heritage.

Tokyo - (2 Night) Sheraton Miyako Hotel Tokyo

- Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace Plaza Gate
- Asakusa Kannon Temple & Nakamise

Kamakura - Day Trip

- Great Outdoor Buddha

Hakone - (1 Night) The Prince Hakone Hotel

- Owakudani Valley, Cruise on Lake Ashi

Inuyama - (1 Night) Meitetsu Inuyama Hotel

- Meiji-mura Open Air Museum
- Beautiful Cherry Blossoms & Inuyama Castle

Kyoto - (2 Nights) Hotel Okura or Hotel Granvia

- Arashiyama Bamboo Forest
- Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)

Himeji - (Day Trip)

- UNESCO Site: Himeji Castle

Hiroshima - (2 Nights) Hotel Granvia or Sheraton

- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum

Miyajima - (Day Trip)

- Itsukushima Jingu Shrine

Meals: Breakfast Daily, 2 Dinners, 1 Lunch

Onsens: Inuyama & Hakone

Shinkansen - Bullet Train Ride (Kyoto to Hiroshima)

Tour: Tour Conducted in English by Professional Guide

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

THE ITINERARY

Apr. 01: USA/Tokyo

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

Apr. 02: 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 Night) Sheraton Miyako Tokyo

Apr. 03: 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 Kannon 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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Apr. 04: Tokyo/Kamakura/Hakone (B,D)

We leave Tokyo this morning for Hakone making a stop along the way to see the Great Outdoor Buddha "Daibutsu". Our tour of Hakone features the Owakudani Valley and a cruise on Lake Ashi. Tonight you will enjoy a Buffet Style Dinner. This is one of two stops that have the traditional hot springs baths called Onsen.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Prince Hotel / Similar

Apr. 05: Hakone/Tsumago/Inuyama (B,D)

Today we proceed to Inuyama. En route, we visit Kisoji Road one of the main highways between Edo (Tokyo), and Kyoto. See the Waki-honjin Okaya at Tsumago, one of the main post towns on Kisoji Road. Tonight you will enjoy a nice Buffet Style Dinner. You may also enjoy a nice hot Onsen bath tonight.

Accommodation: (1 Nights) Meitetsu Inuyama
Meals: Buffet Style Dinner

Apr. 06: Inuyama/Kyoto (B)

This morning you will visit Inuyama Castle, which is the oldest original castle left in Japan. You will then continue to see Meiji-mura Open Air Museum. Here you will see the famous buildings that were landmarks during the Meiji era such as the lobby building of the Imperial Hotel designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Accommodation: (2 Nights) Okura or Granvia



Apr. 07: 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 Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion). The tour finishes at Kinkakuji 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.

Apr. 08: 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 Super fast Shinkansen or "Bullet Train".

Accommodation: (2 Night) Granvia or Sheraton

Apr. 09: 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.

Apr. 10: 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.

ABOUT THE CITIES YOU WILL VISIT

Tokyo – This is the capital of Japan. Within a 30 mile radius of the Imperial Palace lives 27 million people, this is 3 million more than in all of California. Circa 1600, the first Tokugawa Shogun came to power and moved the capital from Kyoto to Edo (renamed Tokyo, “the Capital of the East”, in 1868). Today Tokyo is an international wonder that has emerged as one of the most modern cities in the world.

Kamakura – was once the capital of Japan (1192 ~ 1333), and the seat of Japan’s first military government. The city has a large number of Buddhist temples and shrines, but is best known for the huge (11.4 meters high) 730 year old bronze sitting image of the Buddha.

Hakone – is a scenic mountain hot spring resort known for beautiful Lake Ashi and Owakudani with its sulfurous and bubbling hot springs. A soothing and mellow mood permeates the area even as the mountains and lakes have their spring celebration before the warmth of summer arrives.

Tsumago – lies on Nagano’s Kiso Road (Kiso-ji), along the Kiso River in a deep valley nestled in the Japan Alps. The legendary Kiso-ji was the most difficult part of Nakasendo Highway, an alternate to the Tokaido Highway connecting Kyoto to Edo. Of the 11 post towns along the road, Tsumago and Magome are the best preserved – its buildings and surroundings are like a Hiroshige print – one can almost feel the presence of samurai. Interesting handcrafts of the area include magemono (round cypress containers), wooden cooking utensils and wooden combs made of tsuge which become stronger and more lustrous with use.

Inuyama – is situated on the Kiso River, and is well known for its castle, the Kiso Rapids and cormorant fishing, and also for its production of textiles and automobiles.

Kyoto – is a city of shrines, temples & gardens. The best things in Kyoto are reserved for those willing to walk – the only way to savor the atmosphere. You’ll love places such as the Golden & Silver Pavilions, as well as all the old streets lined with curio shops. Teeming with historical & religious traditions, and birthplace of old Japanese arts & crafts which are admired worldwide, Kyoto has won for 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.

Hiroshima – serves as a powerful reminder of the tragedy of war. Hiroshima was founded in 1593, when Lord Terumoto Mori (1553 ~ 1625) built a castle and named it “Hiroshimajo”; the adjoining area, already populated for centuries, then became known as “Hiroshima”. It’s now the administrative, educational & communications center of the Chugoku District.



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 28 FEBRUARY, 2018. 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 DAYS OR MORE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	No CHARGE
59 ~ 32 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	\$300.00
31 ~ 16 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	10% OF THE TOUR FARE
15 ~ 8 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	30% OF THE TOUR FARE
7 ~ 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE DAY.....	50% OF THE TOUR FARE
2 ~ 0 DAYS 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 DUE TO ILLNESS.

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TOUR APPLICATION FORM

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Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person (Final Payment Due: 28 February 2018)

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: _____

Airline Mileage Numbers: _____

Airline Mileage Numbers: _____

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

Insurance forms will be send to you with you receipt. If you wish to purchase please Polaris Tours.

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

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

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