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Timeless Japan

Sail & Explore the Land of the Rising Sun

~~MARCH 24-APRIL 11, 2027 SOLD OUT~~

SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 10, 2027 • MARCH 22-APRIL 9, 2028

Set out on an unforgettable journey through Japan where vibrant cities, timeless traditions, and breathtaking coastlines await. Begin with three nights in Tokyo, exploring ancient temples, bustling markets, and iconic landmarks before boarding your ship for a 14-night cruise circling the islands of Japan. Discover historic castles, serene gardens, and charming coastal towns while experiencing regional flavors and centuries of culture along the way by both land and sea.

DAYS 1-2: WELCOME TO JAPAN!

After your overnight flight arrives in Tokyo, transfer to your hotel in Asakusa, one of Tokyo's most historic neighborhoods. Gather tonight for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel. **D**

DAY 3: EXPLORING TOKYO

Spend the day discovering the many sides of Tokyo as you step back in time in the Asakusa neighborhood. View the lanterns of Senso-ji, browse the lively stalls of Nakamise Street, and enjoy seasonal cherry blossoms along Sumida Park. Continue to the historic grounds of the Tokyo Imperial Palace to enjoy its Double Bridge and cherry blossom-lined paths. After a visit to Meiji Shrine, return to your hotel and enjoy an evening to explore Asakusa, where glowing lights, traditional streets, temples, and local markets with countless dining options have welcomed visitors for centuries. **B, L**

DAY 4: KYOTO

Journey by bullet train to Kyoto, renowned as the nation's cultural and historical heart. Visit Kinkaku-ji, a 14th-century temple and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also known as the "Golden Pavilion," this temple is



covered in gold leaf and reflects on the adjacent lake. Next, wander the historic streets of Gion, Kyoto's legendary geisha district, on a guided tour. Here, enjoy a private geisha performance accompanied by a special Sunrise Tours lunch. Continue to the hillside terraces of Kiyomizu-dera, a temple where sweeping views stretch across the rooftops of Kyoto. Later, relax aboard the high-speed Shinkansen train for your return to Tokyo. **B, L, D**

DAY 5: TOKYO, MS NOORDAM

Start your morning at the iconic Tokyo Skytree, one of the tallest towers in the world. Rising 2,080 feet above the city, the tower offers breathtaking panoramic views stretching across Tokyo and, on clear days, even as far as Mount Fuji. Enjoy a group lunch before boarding your home for the remainder of the tour, Holland America's *MS Noordam*. After settling in on the ship, your adventure will be up to you as you consider optional excursions to book. Your Sunrise Tour Director will be available for consultation throughout your cruise. **B, L, D**

DAY 6: SHIMIZU

Discover Shimizu, widely regarded as one of Japan's most beautiful ports. Enjoy breathtaking views of Mount Fuji, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, at the Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha Shrine. Wander the grounds of Sumpu Castle, explore a tea plantation, or dine at a local restaurant tasting the ports famed tuna haul. **B, L, D**

DAY 7: OSAKA

Visit a city that is vibrant, welcoming, and bursting with energy: Osaka, often called "Japan's Kitchen" for its bold flavors and legendary food scene. Stroll through the neon-lit Dotonbori district, where street food stalls line the canal. Choose to step back in time at Osaka Castle, a striking symbol of the city's samurai past, or venture out to explore serene temples that offer a peaceful contrast to the city's lively streets. **B, L, D**

DAY 8: DAY AT SEA

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Attend cultural lectures, savor world-class cuisine, or unwind on deck as you sail along Japan's scenic coastline. **B, L, D**

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA

Located in the southwest of Japan, Hiroshima is set within a striking natural landscape of mountains, sea, and rivers. Hiroshima offers a powerful experience at the Peace Memorial Park, and the Atomic Bomb Dome remains a solemn reminder of history. In addition to the memorials to the events of World War II, you have the option to visit an array of shrines and temples, as well as the city's reconstructed castle, which was originally founded in the 16th century. Explore the historic Shukkei-en Garden, commissioned in 1620, or travel to the island of Miyajima, where one of Japan's most iconic sights, the floating torii gate of Itsukushima Shrine, rises from the sea. **B, L, D**

DAY 10: KANMON STRAIT

Today, cruise the Kanmon Strait, a narrow waterway that separates the islands of Honshu and Kyushu. Sail past local fishing boats, the impressive Kanmon Bridge stretching overhead, and coastal cities that have connected trade, culture, and travelers for centuries. Enjoy a relaxing day aboard the *MS Noordam* as you gain a unique perspective of Japan from the water. **B, L, D**

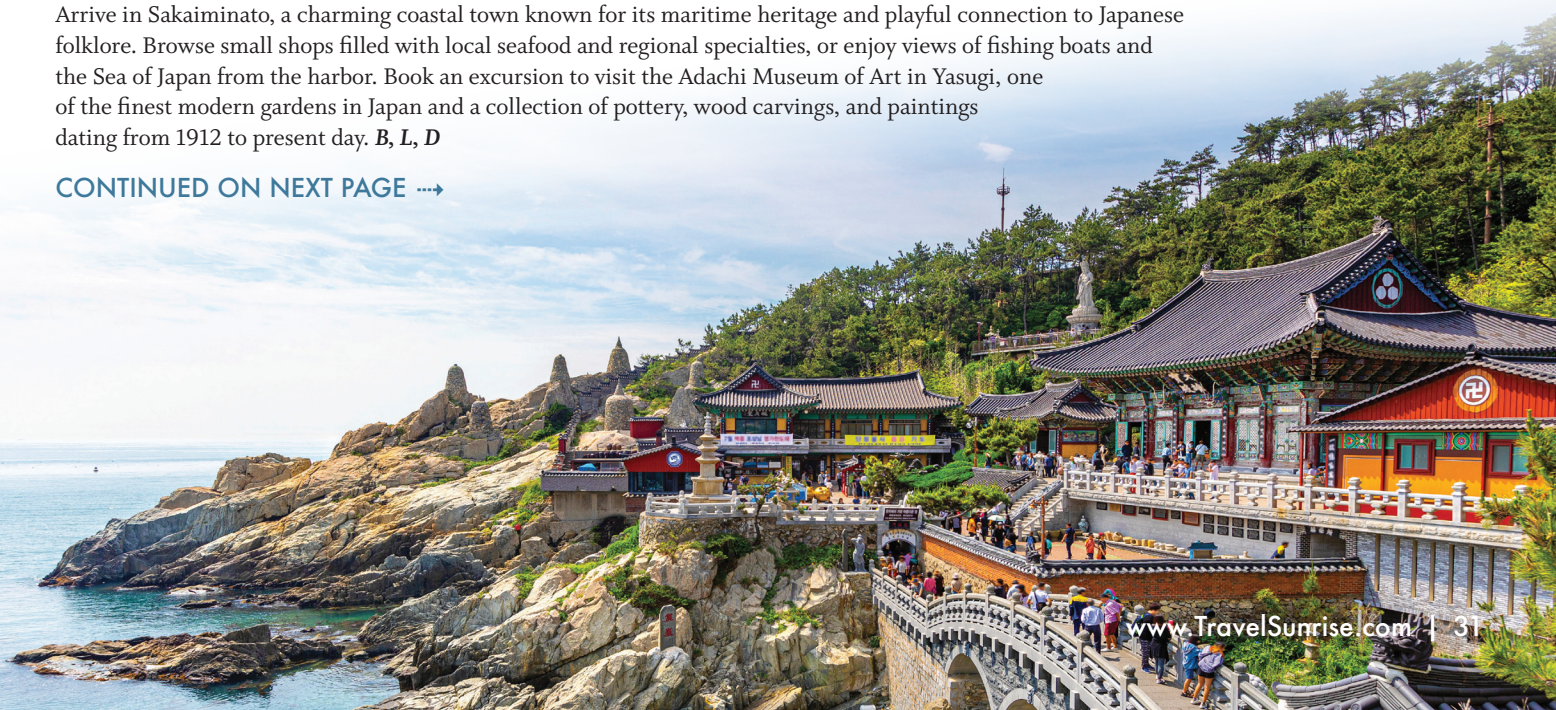
DAY 11: BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

Visit Busan, South Korea's vibrant coastal gem. Options include strolling along Haeundae Beach or exploring the bustling Jagalchi Fish Market, alive with the sights and smells of fresh seafood. You may also wander through Gamcheon Culture Village, where colorful houses cascade down the hillside, or find quiet reflection at the serene Beomeosa Temple. **B, L, D**

DAY 12: SAKAIMINATO

Arrive in Sakaiminato, a charming coastal town known for its maritime heritage and playful connection to Japanese folklore. Browse small shops filled with local seafood and regional specialties, or enjoy views of fishing boats and the Sea of Japan from the harbor. Book an excursion to visit the Adachi Museum of Art in Yasugi, one of the finest modern gardens in Japan and a collection of pottery, wood carvings, and paintings dating from 1912 to present day. **B, L, D**

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DAY 13: MAIZURU

This morning, arrive in Maizuru, offering a slower pace filled with rich naval history. Visit Maizuru Red Brick Park, where twelve beautifully restored red-brick warehouses, once part of the Imperial Japanese Navy, still stand. Journey to Ine no Funaya, a charming fishing village famous for its traditional wooden boathouses built on the water. Discover local markets and small shops, surrounding islands, and dramatic coastline in this historic port. **B, L, D**

DAY 14: KANAZAWA

Discover Kanazawa, Japan's former center of samurai culture. Explore the Higashi Chaya District, where traditional wooden teahouses line picturesque streets, or stroll the renowned Kenrokuen Gardens. Learn about the artistry of Noh theater at the Kanazawa Noh Museum, or immerse yourself in hands-on experiences featuring gold leaf, Kutani porcelain, Kaga embroidery, and other time-honored local handicrafts. **B, L, D**

DAY 15: DAY AT SEA **B, L, D**

DAY 16: HAKODATE

Hakodate, one of Japan's most scenic harbor cities, is known for its unique blend of Japanese and Western influences. Choose to stroll through the historic Motomachi, where churches and former consulates reflect the city's early days as an international port. For sweeping views, travel up Mount Hakodate, where the sparkling harbor and city lights create one of Japan's most memorable panoramic viewpoints. **B, L, D**

DAY 17: MIYAKO

Discover Miyako along Japan's rugged Sanriku Coast, renowned for its dramatic landscapes and natural beauty. Shore excursions offer the chance to cruise the waters of Jodogahama Bay or venture to Ryusendo Cave, one of Japan's largest limestone cave systems. Take in sweeping coastal vistas at Sanriku Fukko National Park, browse the local seafood market, or learn about traditional Nanbu ironware and regional sake. **B, L, D**

DAY 18: HITACHINAKA

Explore Hitachinaka, filled with beautiful gardens, historic shrines, and coastal scenery. Stroll Hitachi Seaside Park, renowned for its seasonal display of colorful flowers, or visit the sacred Oarai Isosaki Shrine perched above the Pacific Ocean. Choose to visit Kairakuen Garden, considered one of Japan's Three Great Gardens, witness the towering Fukuroda Falls, or hear from a master sake brewer at the oldest brewery in Japan. **B, L, D**

DAY 19: TOKYO, RETURN HOME

This morning, arrive back in Tokyo, where you will transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Depart Japan with new experiences and fond memories. **B** ✨

TOUR DETAILS

19 Days • 49 Meals

Depart/Return:



St. Louis

Kansas City

Springfield

Passport Required

Mar 24-Apr 11, 2027 SOLD OUT
Sep 22-Oct 10, 2027

Price Per Person:

Outside DB \$8,459, SG \$11,799

Verandah DB \$8,999, SG \$12,559

Mar 22-Apr 9, 2028

Price Per Person:

Outside DB \$9,199, SG \$12,999

Verandah DB \$9,699, SG \$13,999

ADDITIONAL CRUISE EXPENSES:

- \$285 in port taxes and fees (per person)
- Daily onboard gratuity while cruising
- Optional excursions at each port city (advanced reservations are recommended)
- Specialty dining experiences
- Packages: Wi-Fi, beverage, etc.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See brilliant Japanese maple fall color and famous cherry blossoms
- Private city tour of Tokyo
- Take the bullet train to Kyoto
- Enjoy a private geisha performance
- Attentive service of Sunrise Tour Director and local guides

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Overnight Flight

Nights 2-4: Prostyle Ryokan

Asakusa, Tokyo

Nights 5-18: MS Noordam