

JAPAN BY TRAIN

JULY 10 ~ 19, 2016

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, beautiful land!

Hiroshima – (2 Nights) Hotel Granvia

- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum

Miyajima – Day Trip

- Itsukushima Jingu Shrine

Okayama – Day Trip

- Korakuen Garden

Kurashiki – (1 Night) Kokusai Hotel Kurashiki

- Ohara Art Museum, Canal Area

Himeji – Day Trip

- Himeji Castle

Kyoto – (2 Nights) Hotel Okura or Granvia Kyoto

- Kiyomizu Temple, Nijo Castle,
- Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)

Tokyo – (3 Nights) Hotel Grand Pacific Le Daiba Tokyo

- Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace Plaza
- Asakusa Kannon Temple
- Oedo Onsen Monogatari Hot Springs

Meals: Breakfast Daily

Shinkansen – Bullet Train Rides

Tour: Tour Conducted in English by Professional Guide

Guide: Ms. Moto Hirai

Total Land Cost: \$3,450.00

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

International Air Approx: \$1,300.00 ~ \$1,700.00

Deposit Payment: \$300.00 Per Person

Single Supplement \$700.00 / Triple Rate Less: -\$125.00

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Jul. 10: USA/Hiroshima

Board your flight to Japan. We lose one day as we cross the Int'l Date Line. Your final destination is Hiroshima. **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.**

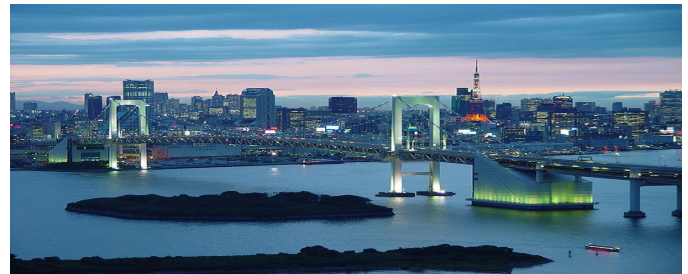
Day 2: Jul. 11: Arrive Hiroshima

As you lose one day in flying you will be arriving in Japan where you will meet your guide upon arrival in Hiroshima. Transfer on own to 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) Granvia or Sheraton

Day 3: Jul. 12: Hiroshima & Miyajima (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.



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Day 4: Jul. 13: Hiroshima/Okayama/Kurashiki (B)

This morning, we transfer by Shinkansen "Bullet Train" to Okayama. Here you will visit Korakuen Garden, one of three most sacred and beautiful gardens in Japan. Korakuen Garden was built in the 1700 by Ikeda Tsunamasa. Later you will visit the Ohara Art Museum in Kurashiki, built in 1930 it was the first western permanent art collection to be housed in Japan. You will find French, Italian and Japanese artist works displayed, notable artists are Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Pablo Picasso.

Accommodation: (1 Night) Kokusai Hotel

Day 5: Jul. 14: Kurashiki/Himeji/Kyoto (B)

This morning, we transfer by Shinkansen "Bullet Train" to Kyoto with a stop in Himeji to visit Himeji Castle one of Japan's most famous original castle's and one that is a National Treasure. Continue to Kyoto which 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. After our arrival in the afternoon we will sightsee in beautiful Kyoto stops includes the Nijo Castle, Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and Kiyomizu Temple.

Accommodation:(2 Night)Hotel Okura or Granvia

Day 6: Jul. 15: Kyoto (B)

Today 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. Or perhaps you will prefer a leisurely stroll through one of Kyoto's many gardens.



Day 7: Jul. 16: Kyoto/Tokyo (B)

We leave Kyoto this morning for Tokyo by Shinkansen "Bullet Train". This afternoon your tour of Tokyo includes visits to Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace Plaza (Drive By), Asakusa Kannon Temple with its Nakamise Arcade, and finally a ride on the Giant Ferris Wheel to get a great view of Tokyo Bay and its skyline!

Accommodation: (3) Grand Pacific Le Daiba

Day 8: Jul. 17: Tokyo (B)

Today your guide will take you to Oedo Onsen Monogatari Hot Springs which has hot onsen bath along with a variety of restaurants, massages, and games such as darts and many more. You may stay here as long as you wish as many stays here for at least 4 hours to enjoy all the facilities this place has to offer. It is only a few stations away from your hotel so going back to the hotel is easily done on your own.

Day 9: Jul. 18: Tokyo (B)

Today you will have free time to explore one of the many districts of Tokyo. Would you like to spend your day at Tokyo Disneyland or Tokyo Disney Sea, please let us know and we can make this arrangement for you. Tokyo Disney Sea is unique since it is only located in Japan. Or perhaps a visit to Ghibli Museum, let us know and we can arrange for your families visit.

Day 10: Jul. 19: Tokyo/USA (B)

Today we must say "Sayonara" to lovely Japan and our new friends. Your guide would have already helped you to purchase your Bus Tickets for Tokyo Narita or Tokyo Haneda Airport.

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.

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.

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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 10 JUNE 2016. 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: 10 June 2016)

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

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:** _____

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