

Explore Japan!



~Classical Music, Gardens, Culture, & Cherry Blossoms~

March 31 - April 10, 2022



For the first time in the history of ALL CLASSICAL PORTLAND'S Cultural Tours, we invite you to join lovers of classical music, art, food, history and culture on a fascinating journey to Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Osaka. For 11 unforgettable days, you will discover the splendor and grace of Japanese temples, gardens, palaces, shrines and modern landmarks. Classical music concerts will abound and the cherry blossoms of Kyoto are sure to put on a gorgeous display. Four-star hotels, superb hospitality, and sumptuous cuisine await you in a country known for its legendary attention to beauty and detail. Earthbound Expeditions has proudly provided custom travel experiences for All Classical Portland guests for 17+ years.

Hope to see you in Japan!

Warmly,

Suzanne Nance, President and CEO, All Classical Portland

TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 1 Overnight flight to Tokyo
- 4 Nights Tokyo
- 2 Nights Hiroshima
- 4 Nights Kyoto
- 1 Overnight return flight to the USA



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YOUR CUSTOM JOURNEY INCLUDES

- Hosted by All Classical Portland President and CEO, Suzanne Nance
- Tickets to two symphony and/or opera performances
- An additional classical recital featuring traditional music from Japan
- Pre-concert talks with your host
- Four-star hotels throughout
- Guided visits to temples, gardens, markets and museums
- Transfers by private coach & high-speed train
- Airport transfers for those arriving/departing with the group
- Daily excursions with English-speaking expert local guides
- All breakfasts plus 11 additional culinary experiences
- Outings to colorful markets
- The colorful cherry blossom of Kyoto
- Travel with like-minded All Classical Portland supporters

TRIP FACTS

11 Days / 10 Nights (*not including air travel*)

\$7,395 per person double occupancy (*land*)

Group Air from Portland (*details and prices will be available June 2021*)

\$1,445 Single Supplement

Trip departs Portland on March 30, 2022

Trip begins in Tokyo on March 31, 2022

Trip culminates on April 10, at the Osaka airport

RISK FREE!

Your reservation deposit is fully refundable until October 15, 2021

WAY TO SAVE \$400

Travel alumni save \$100 * Pay by check & save \$150 * Reserve by July 1, & save \$150

NOT INCLUDED

Travel insurance * Items not mentioned in your All Classical Portland tailor-made itinerary * International Air tickets



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Your Adventure Begins!

Included daily meals denoted by **B (breakfast), **L** (lunch), **D** (dinner)*

DAY 0: Wednesday, March 30 - Depart the USA for Tokyo

An optional group flight departs today for Tokyo. Remember, if you are booking your own flight, you must depart the USA no later than today.

DAY 1: Thursday, March 31 - Arrive in Tokyo

Konichiwa! Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's ultra-modern capital. You'll be transferred to your accommodation in Tokyo by a private motor coach upon arrival. Relax and rest up before meeting your ALL CLASSICAL PORTLAND host, Suzanne Nance, and local guide for an orientation followed by dinner. *Sleep in Tokyo (D*)*

DAY 2: Friday, April 1 - Discover Tokyo

Tokyo is a big city and we have a lot to see! This morning, meet your guide and host after breakfast for a full day of discovery in Tokyo. Our highlights include the Asakusa District, the Buddhist temple of Sensoji, Kokyo Gaien plaza gardens of the Imperial Palace and the Meiji Shrine with its spectacular 40-foot Torii gate. We'll go to the top of the Tokyo Skytree for a 360° view of the city too. We will attend our first concert this evening (TBA). *Sleep in Tokyo (B, L)*



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DAY 3: Saturday, April 2 - Hamarikyū Gardens and Tokyo National Museum

Japanese gardens are known for exquisite attention to detail, and today we see examples of this as we visit a few of the country's most beautiful gardens: Kiyosumi Teien gardens built around a series of ponds, the Hamarikyū Gardens, and the Koishikawa Korakuen gardens. As one of Tokyo's oldest and famous gardens, the Koishikawa Korakuen was built in the early Edo period as the residence for an important samurai family.

After a delicious lunch, we head inside to the Tokyo National Museum, one of the largest and best collections of art and archeological artifacts, made up of over 110,000 individual items, including nearly a hundred national treasures. In addition to the exhibition halls, there are also gardens, tea houses, shops and cafes spread out around the grounds. *Sleep in Tokyo (B, L)*

DAY 4: Sunday, April 3 - Discover Tokyo

Enjoy the spacious lawns, meandering paths and tranquil scenery of Shinjuku Gyoen, one of Tokyo's largest parks. In spring, it becomes one of the most popular places in the city to see cherry blossoms.

Next, visit the Edo Tokyo Museum, and learn about how Tokyo changed from a small fishing village into the largest metropolis in the world. Interactive exhibits explain more about the many waterways, trade routes and geography that surround the city. Then, make your way to Tsukiji Outer Fish Market, the world's largest wholesale fish and seafood market. It is lined with more than 400 shops selling everything food-related, from fresh ingredients to cooking utensils. The Outer Market is also a private market - it will stay put even in the event the Inner Market relocates. *Sleep in Tokyo (B, D)*



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DAY 5: Monday, April 4 - South to Hiroshima by High-Speed Train

After a leisurely morning river float trip and an independent lunch, we depart for Hiroshima. Our high-speed train will zoom south and cover 500 km in under 4 hours. Dinner included this evening. *Sleep in Hiroshima (B, D)*

DAY 6: Tuesday, April 5 - A Day in Hiroshima

After breakfast, we set out to discover the history and heart of Hiroshima. Today's tour will include a walking tour to the Senkoji Temple, Hiroshima Peace Park, and Peace Memorial. Lunch is included today. *Sleep in Hiroshima (B, L)*

DAY 7: Wednesday, April 6 - Depart for Kyoto via the art island of Naoshima

Naoshima is an island in the Seto Inland Sea that is known for its modern art museums, architecture and sculptures. With its rural, Mediterranean atmosphere, sandy beaches and sunny weather, Naoshima Island is a relaxing getaway from Japan's large urban areas such as Tokyo and Osaka.

Much of Naoshima's art was installed by the Benesse Corporation, which oversees art museums, installations and sculptures both on Naoshima and on neighboring islands. Benesse's museums were designed by the well-known Japanese architect Ando Tadao and include the Chichu Art Museum, Lee Ufan Museum and all the buildings of the Benesse House.

Today we will set out to explore the island. Enjoy a traditional lunch, then we make our way to Kyoto. *Sleep in Kyoto (B, L)*



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DAY 8: Thursday, April 7 - Experience Kyoto

We begin the day with a visit to Kiyomizu Temple, also known as the Pure Water Temple. First, take in the majestic views from the 13-metre high veranda before further exploring the grounds and crowded tourist shopping street Matsubara-dori, full of shops and restaurants.

You will then have some free time to explore Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka, which is a preserved area with restored shop houses where you can imagine what Kyoto looked like before modernity descended.

Next, make your way to Chionin, the head temple of the Jodo sect of Japanese Buddhism, which has millions of followers and is one the most popular Buddhist sects in Japan. The temple has spacious grounds and large buildings.

Finally, you will visit Maruyama Park - Kyoto's most popular park for cherry blossom viewing - located in the center of Higashiyama district.

Sleep in Kyoto (B, L)



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DAY 9: Friday, April 8 - A Day in Kyoto

Start your day by strolling through Miyagawa-cho, one of the five active *hanamachi*, which literally translates to “flower town.” Continue to Gion Hanami Koji Street and enjoy the aroma from classic Japanese restaurants and the view of *ochaya*, otherwise known as Japanese tea rooms. You may even happen to see a geisha or a *maiko* (apprentice Geisha) while walking around this historical area.

Make your way to Kenninji temple, the oldest Zen temple in Kyoto, established in 1202. Explore Karesansui, a famous Japanese rock garden, and admire Fujinraijinzu, a picture drawn by Soutatu Tawaraya and a national treasure that you may already have heard of.

Today, we'll also dive into the fascinating world of kabuki at Kyoto's Minamiza Theater. Kabuki is one of Japan's oldest and most revered art forms. It includes singing, dancing and story-telling, and is certainly one of the most fascinating cultural experiences in the country of the rising sun.

Finally, we head to Yasaka Shrine. Founded over 1,350 years ago, the shrine connects the Geisha District of Gion with the beautiful Higashiyama Temple District.

In the afternoon, you are free to explore Kyoto on your own. *Sleep in Kyoto (B, L)*



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“The bamboo that bends is stronger than the oak that resists.”
– Japanese Proverb.

DAY 10: Saturday, April 9 - Explore Kyoto

Today, you will visit two beautiful and iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Ginkakuji and Nanzenji.

We begin with Ginkakuji, also known as the Silver Pavilion, a Zen temple with a beautiful moss garden and a unique dry sand garden. Then, take a walk on the Philosopher’s Path, a pleasant stone path through the northern part of Kyoto’s Higashiyama district, which follows a canal lined by hundreds of cherry trees.

Finally, we move on to Nanzenji to admire the garden and painted sliding doors at the Hojo, the former head priest’s residence and Nanzenji’s main hall.

Enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. *Sleep in Kyoto (B, D)*



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Day 11: Sunday, April 10 - Explore Kyoto and Depart Japan for the USA

Discover the charm and tranquility of Arashiyama, located on the Western outskirts of Kyoto. Start the day at Okochi Mountain Villa, the former estate of famed film star Okochi Denjiro. Stroll around the splendid gardens, which have impressive viewpoints of the city below. The villa itself is considered the finest example of traditional Japanese residential architecture in the country. Take a moment to enjoy a complimentary matcha green tea and traditional Japanese sweets in this charming setting.

Finish off at Tenryuji Temple, a 14th-century temple that was built by the ruling Shogun Ashikaga Takauji to appease the spirit of Emperor Go-Daigo. Takauji was his ally, before he turned against the emperor in a struggle for supremacy over Japan. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, take in the simplistic beauty of this important Zen Temple, before exploring its grounds. The gardens are true to their original design, with a peaceful reflective pond and stately pine trees enveloped by the forested mountains of Arashiyama.

Take a moment to contemplate and put your mind at ease, before departing Kyoto for the Osaka Airport. Flight departure times for the group return flight to Portland will be announced 11 months prior to departure. (B, L)

MEET YOUR ALL CLASSICAL PORTLAND HOST, SUZANNE NANCE!



My career in broadcasting began at WHYY in Philadelphia where I had the opportunity to watch TV and radio be produced by extraordinary individuals. I was bitten by the broadcast bug and the rest (as they say) is history. I love storytelling. I love gathering communities together around music and outstanding content that connects. I've had the opportunity to work on dozens of radio and TV programs and documentaries. At Maine Public, I created the Emmy-award winning TV series MaineArts! and the radio series: Music that Moves ME. At All Classical Portland,

I enjoy my work as CEO and the creative opportunity to produce Sunday Brunch: A weekly exploration of cultures through delicious music. This cultural tour to Japan is a dream trip for me – the trip of a lifetime!



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~ Itinerary is Subject to Change ~



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