



JAZZ in JAPAN

WITH KNKX
NOVEMBER 4-14, 2027

Custom Journeys with Earthbound Expeditions



Dear KNKX Travelers,

I invite you to join me on an unforgettable journey through Japan, a country where centuries-old traditions, remarkable cuisine, vibrant cities, and a deep appreciation for music come together in fascinating ways.

From the energy of Tokyo to the historic streets of Kurashiki and the temples and gardens of Kyoto, we'll experience some of Japan's most celebrated destinations while also discovering places and traditions that offer a deeper look at daily life and culture.

Music will be an important part of our journey as well. Tokyo alone is home to approximately 100 jazz cafés, bars, and listening rooms, and along the way we'll enjoy specially arranged live jazz performances that connect our travels to a musical tradition shared by so many in the KNKX community.

We'll explore historic neighborhoods, visit temples, markets, gardens, and museums, enjoy memorable meals, and learn from knowledgeable local experts. Most of all, I'm looking forward to experiencing it all together with fellow KNKX listeners and travelers. I hope you'll join me for this very special adventure through Japan!

Warmly,

Kirsten Kendrick

Morning Edition Host, KNKX

TRIP AT A GLANCE

- ❖ 4 Nights – Tokyo
- ❖ 3 Nights – Kurashiki
- ❖ 3 Nights – Kyoto





TRIP FACTS

- ❖ 11 Days / 10 Nights
- ❖ \$8,795 per person based on double occupancy
- ❖ \$1,995 Single Supplement (waived if a roommate is found)
- ❖ Depart the U.S. no later than November 3, 2027
- ❖ Tour begins in Tokyo, Japan on November 4, 2027
- ❖ Tour concludes in Kyoto, Japan on November 14, 2027

INCLUDED IN YOUR JOURNEY

- ❖ Private motorcoach transportation throughout Japan, along with selected public transportation experiences
- ❖ Travel aboard Japan's world-famous Shinkansen bullet train
- ❖ Authentic cultural experiences, including a sumo experience with dinner, a kimono experience, visits to traditional markets and historic districts, and time in the beautifully preserved merchant town of Kurashiki
- ❖ Specially arranged live jazz experiences
- ❖ All sightseeing, admissions, and entrances as outlined in the itinerary
- ❖ Luggage-forwarding service between select destinations for a more comfortable travel experience



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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS!

DAY 1, NOVEMBER 4 | WELCOME TO TOKYO

Arrive in Tokyo and settle into your hotel. This evening, meet your guide and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner accompanied by a specially arranged jazz performance. *Overnight in Tokyo. (D)*

DAY 2, NOVEMBER 5 | OLD AND NEW TOKYO

Begin in Asakusa, one of Tokyo's oldest neighborhoods, with a visit to Senso-ji, the city's oldest Buddhist temple. Approach through the lively Nakamise shopping street, where merchants have sold snacks, crafts, and souvenirs to temple visitors for centuries.

After lunch, continue to the Imperial Palace Gardens, set on the former grounds of Edo Castle, once the seat of the Tokugawa shoguns. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening. *Overnight in Tokyo. (B, L, D)*



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DAY 3, NOVEMBER 6 | GARDENS, GINZA AND SUMO

Visit Hamarikyu Garden, a former feudal retreat where traditional landscaping and tidal ponds contrast with Tokyo's modern skyline. Continue to Ginza, a district synonymous with Japanese style and sophistication since the late 19th century.

Lunch is at leisure, followed by a free afternoon to explore Tokyo independently. This evening, experience one of Japan's oldest sporting traditions during a sumo experience accompanied by dinner, subject to availability. *Overnight in Tokyo. (B, D)*

DAY 4, NOVEMBER 7 | TOKYO AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Tokyo at your own pace. You may wish to visit one of the city's museums, discover its distinctive neighborhoods, browse local shops, or simply relax at the hotel.

This evening, regroup for dinner followed by a jazz performance. *Overnight in Tokyo. (B, D)*



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DAY 5, NOVEMBER 8 | FROM TOKYO TO KURASHIKI

Leave Tokyo aboard the bullet train and travel west to Okayama. Continue to Kurashiki, a former merchant town whose historic center preserves the atmosphere of Japan's Edo period. This afternoon explore the Bikan Historical Quarter, where willow-lined canals, stone bridges, and white-walled storehouses recall the city's prosperous trading past.

Conclude the day with dinner nearby. *Overnight in Kurashiki. (B, L, D)*

DAY 6, NOVEMBER 9 | HIROSHIMA AND THE PEACE MEMORIAL

After breakfast, depart for Hiroshima. Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which preserve the memory of those affected by the atomic bombing and share the city's enduring message of peace. Following time to explore the memorial area, return to Kurashiki. *Overnight in Kurashiki. (B, L)*

DAY 7, NOVEMBER 10 | KURASHIKI AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day to explore Kurashiki at your own pace. Consider visiting the Ohara Museum of Art, founded in 1930 and recognized as Japan's first museum devoted to Western art, or walk to Achi Shrine for views across the historic quarter. You may also explore Denim Street, a nod to the region's reputation as the birthplace of Japanese denim.

This evening, gather for dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight in Kurashiki. (B, D)*



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DAY 8, NOVEMBER 11 | HIMEJI CASTLE AND KYOTO

Depart Kurashiki for Himeji, pausing for an early lunch before visiting Himeji Castle. Known as the “White Heron Castle” for its brilliant white exterior and graceful silhouette, it is one of Japan’s finest surviving feudal castles.

Explore the castle and its surrounding garden before continuing to Kyoto. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before dinner this evening. *Overnight in Kyoto. (B, L, D)*

DAY 9, NOVEMBER 12 | TEMPLES AND TRADITIONS OF KYOTO

Begin at Sanzen-in Temple, set among the wooded hills of Ohara and known for its moss-covered gardens and quiet atmosphere. Continue to the Silver Pavilion, originally built as a shogun’s retirement villa and later transformed into a Zen temple.

After lunch, visit the Kiyomizu district for a kimono experience and time at Kiyomizu-dera. Founded more than 1,200 years ago, the temple is celebrated for its wooden terrace overlooking Kyoto and the forested hills beyond. Enjoy dinner in Kyoto this evening. *Overnight in Kyoto. (B, L, D)*

DAY 10, NOVEMBER 13 | KYOTO AND JAZZ

Begin at Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion, whose upper stories are covered in gold leaf and reflected in the surrounding pond. Continue to Gion, Kyoto’s historic entertainment district, where traditional wooden townhouses line narrow streets. Lunch is at leisure, followed by a free afternoon.

This evening gather for a farewell dinner followed by a jazz performance arranged by Earthbound Expeditions. Return to Kyoto after the performance. *Overnight in Kyoto. (B, D)*



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DAY 11, NOVEMBER 14 | DEPART JAPAN

After breakfast, your journey concludes. A private transfer is available to Kansai International Airport (KIX) or Osaka Itami Airport (ITM) for your departing flight. (B)

Meet Your Hosts!



Kirsten Kendrick is the longtime host of **Morning Edition on KNKX**, where she has been a familiar voice to listeners since 2006. She also hosts KNKX's sports interview series, *Going Deep*.

Kirsten discovered her love of radio in college and has spent more than 30 years working in news radio. She values being a trusted companion to listeners as they start their day.

Originally from Ohio, Kirsten moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2000. Outside the studio, she is an avid sports fan, works with a boxing trainer, and volunteers as a Little League umpire. She lives in Seattle with her husband, son, and dog.

David Fischer is the **President and General Manager of KNKX Public Radio**. He joined KNKX in 2024 after nearly 18 years as CEO of Tacoma Arts Live and previously led the Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa, California.

Over more than 35 years in nonprofit service, David's career has spanned the arts, media, and community development, including work as a professional actor, television news reporter and producer, and in urban planning.



He has also served in leadership roles with several arts and cultural organizations and helped advance legislation creating dedicated public funding for arts, science, and culture in Washington State.



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