



Cultural Treasures of Japan

Itinerary for Shore Excursions Knitopia Japan Journey

Tuesday · June 9th

Port of Call: Osaka 8:00 AM (2 Days)
Private Touring 8:30 AM (10hr)
Overland Transfer to Kyoto
Welcome to Kyoto
Arashiyama District
Arashiyama Bamboo Groves
Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant
Kinkakuji Temple / The Golden Pavilion
Return to Your Cruise Ship

Wednesday · June 10th

Private Touring 9:00 AM (8hr)
Option 1 - Overland Transfer to Kyoto
Fushimi Inari Shrine
Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant
Explore Kyoto if Time Permits
Option 2 - Overland Transfer to Kyoto
Kiyomizu Temple
Nishiki Market
Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant
Nijo Castle
Option 3 - Overland Transfer to Nara
Welcome to Nara
Todaiji Temple
Nara Park
Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant
Naramachi Old Town
Return to Your Cruise Ship

Thursday · June 11th

Port of Call: Kochi 8:00 AM (9hr)
Private Touring 9:00 AM (8hr)
Bengala Dyeing Workshop
Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant
Return to Your Cruise Ship

Itinerary Notes

Tour Includes/Excludes

Tuesday · June 9th

Meals Included: Lunch

Notes

Port of Call: Osaka

8:00 AM

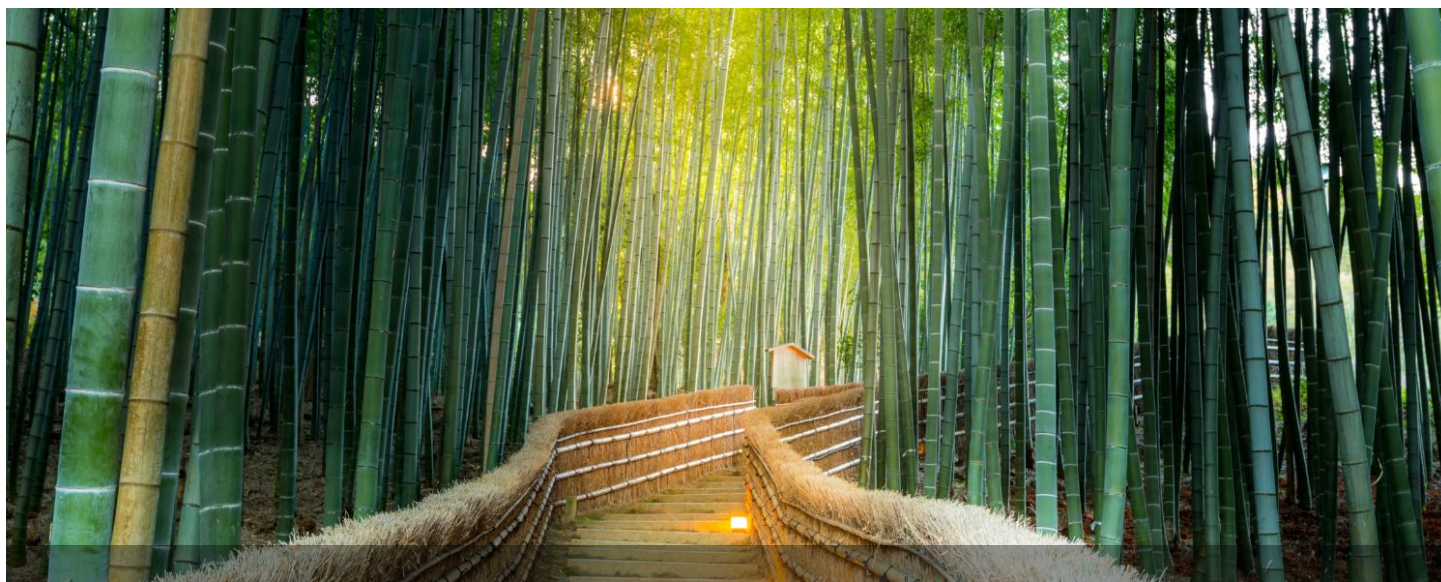
Start Time

6:00 PM

End Time

2 Days

Duration



Private Touring

8:30 AM

Start Time

6:30 PM

End Time

10hr

Duration

Meeting Point

Terminal Port

Contact Info

Ms. Noriko Oyagi: Mobile: +81 80 3110 8944

Upon disembarking the cruise ship, you will be met at the port by your guide, Ms. Noriko Oyagi and escorted to a private bus for your day of touring. Ms. Noriko will be holding a sign marked "Knitopia".

Today's touring will include the following sites and activities:

Overland Transfer to Kyoto

The drive will take approximately 1.5 hours



Kyoto, steeped in traditions and beauty, has remained relatively unchanged for many centuries. Kyoto was Japan's capital for over 1,000 years and during that time became a repository of much of the best Japanese art, culture, religion and thought. Kyoto's historic buildings and sites span centuries. Kyoto still charms visitors with its original wooden houses, ancient temples, and geishas hurrying on their way.

Arashiyama District

Kyoto, Japan

Enjoy a visit to the Arashiyama District, a tranquil enclave located on the outskirts of Kyoto that has attracted visitors since the Heian Period. Here you will find charming old streets lined with Meiji-period buildings and townhouses that transport travelers to a bygone era.

Arashiyama Bamboo Groves

Kyoto, Japan

Enjoy a stroll through the infamous Arashiyama Bamboo Groves, one of the most legendary icons of Kyoto.

Pass through towering stalks reaching for the sky, their emerald whispers carried on a gentle breeze. Feel the sunlight dappling through the dense canopy, creating a mesmerizing interplay of light and shadow.

Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant

Kinkakuji Temple / The Golden Pavilion

Kyoto, Japan

Marvel at the gilded brilliance of Kinkakuji, the Golden Pavilion, named for the beautiful gold leaf that adorns it.

The garden here is as spectacular as the architecture and setting. Mount Kinugasa serves as a backdrop. The temple was originally built as a villa by the Shogun Yoshimitsu Ashikaga in 1397, but it was turned into a Buddhist temple after his death. Though destroyed by a number of fires, the temple was reconstructed again and again.

The latest disaster occurred in 1950, when an apprentice monk set fire to the temple to show his dissatisfaction with society. In 1987 the pavilion walls were completely renovated using 200,000 pieces of gold foil.

The surrounding landscape represents a classic example of a 14th-century stroll garden. Rocks symbolizing mountains and oceans are arranged in and around the pond, located in the center.

Return to Your Cruise Ship

Wednesday · June 10th

Meals Included: Lunch

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Private Touring

9:00 AM

Start Time

5:00 PM

End Time

8hr

Duration

Meeting Point

Terminal Port

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Option 1 - Overland Transfer to Kyoto

Meeting Point

Tempozan Pier

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Fushimi Inari Shrine

Kyoto, Japan

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its several thousand vermilion torii gates leading to the wooded forest of the sacred Mount Inari. The most important shrine dedicated to Inari, the Shinto God of Rice, throughout the shrine's grounds you will find a multitude of fox statues, thought to be the messengers of Inari.

Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant

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Explore Kyoto if Time Permits



Option 2 - Overland Transfer to Kyoto

Meeting Point

Tempozan Pier

Contact Info

Ms. Noriko Oyagi: Mobile: +81 80 3110 8944

The drive will take approximately 1.5 hours

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Kiyomizu Temple

Kyoto, Japan

Kiyomizu-dera, full name Otowa-san Kiyomizu-dera is an independent Buddhist temple in eastern Kyoto. The temple is part of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Kyoto, Uji and Otsu Cities) UNESCO World Heritage site. Not one nail is used in the whole temple. The temple is part of the 33-temple route of the Chūgoku 33 Kannon Pilgrimage through western Japan, which is still traced by worshippers today.

Kiyomizu-dera was founded in the early Heian period. The temple dates back to 798, and its present buildings were constructed in 1633. It takes its name from the waterfall within the complex, which runs off the nearby hills. Kiyomizu means clear water, or pure water.

Nishiki Market

Kyoto, Japan

Enjoy a visit to Nishiki Market, fondly referred to as 'Kyoto's Kitchen'. This narrow shopping street is lined with more than 100 shops that sell anything from fresh seafood and vegetables to Japanese treats and sushi.

Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant

The cost of lunch is payable directly to the restaurant.

Nijo Castle

Kyoto, Japan

Visit Nijo Castle, which consist of two concentric rings of fortifications. The castle includes the Ninomaru Palace, the ruins of the Honmaru Palace, various support buildings and several gardens.



Option 3 - Overland Transfer to Nara

Meeting Point

Tempozan Pier

Contact Info

Ms. Noriko Oyagi: Mobile: +81 80 3110 8944

The drive will take approximately 1 hour.

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Nara, tucked away amidst the rolling hills and verdant landscapes south of Kyoto, is more than just a city; it's a captivating tapestry woven from history, serenity, and the gentle presence of sika deer. Stepping into Nara is like stepping back in time, where ancient temples hold whispered stories and temples share space with mischievous deer roaming freely.

Todaiji Temple

Nara, Japan

Visit Todaiji Temple, a Buddhist temple complex, home to the world's largest bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Constructed in 752, the main hall of Todaiji Temple is the largest wooden building in the world, despite being only two thirds the size of the original temple hall's size. Doe-eyed Sika Deer, regarded as messengers of the gods in the Shinto religion, freely roam the grounds surrounding the temple.

Nara Park

Nara, Japan

Nara Park is a large central park playing host to Todaiji Temple, Kasuga Shrine, Kofukuji and the Nara National Museum. The nearly 1,200 deer who call the park home have been designated a natural treasure and are something of a symbol for the city. Throughout the park you will find deer crackers for sale; some of the resident deer have learned how to bow in order to ask to be fed by visitors.

Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant

The cost of lunch is payable directly to the restaurant.

Naramachi Old Town

Kyoto, Japan

While in Nara, enjoy a visit to Naramachi, the former merchant district of Nara.

Many of Naramachi's buildings in the Edo Period and beyond were machiya - long, narrow "townhouses" that served both as shops and as the living quarters of the local merchants. Today, a handful of machiya have been preserved as museums.

In the heart of Naramachi is Gangoji Temple, Japan's oldest Buddhist temple, first built in Asuka but later relocated to Naramachi around 718 AD.

Return to Your Cruise Ship

The Celebrity Millennium departs Osaka Port at 6:00 PM

Thursday · June 11th

Meals Included: Lunch

Notes

Port of Call: Kochi

8:00 AM

Start Time

5:00 PM

End Time

9hr

Duration



Private Touring

9:00 AM Start Time	5:00 PM End Time	8hr Duration
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Meeting Point

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Today's touring will include the following sites and activities:

Bengala Dyeing Workshop

Kochi, Japan

Enjoy a hands-on experience of the traditional art of Bengala Dyeing. This eco-friendly dyeing method uses natural pigments derived from iron oxide, known as *bengala*. The process is gentle on the environment, requiring minimal water and no mordants or fire, making it both sustainable and energy efficient.

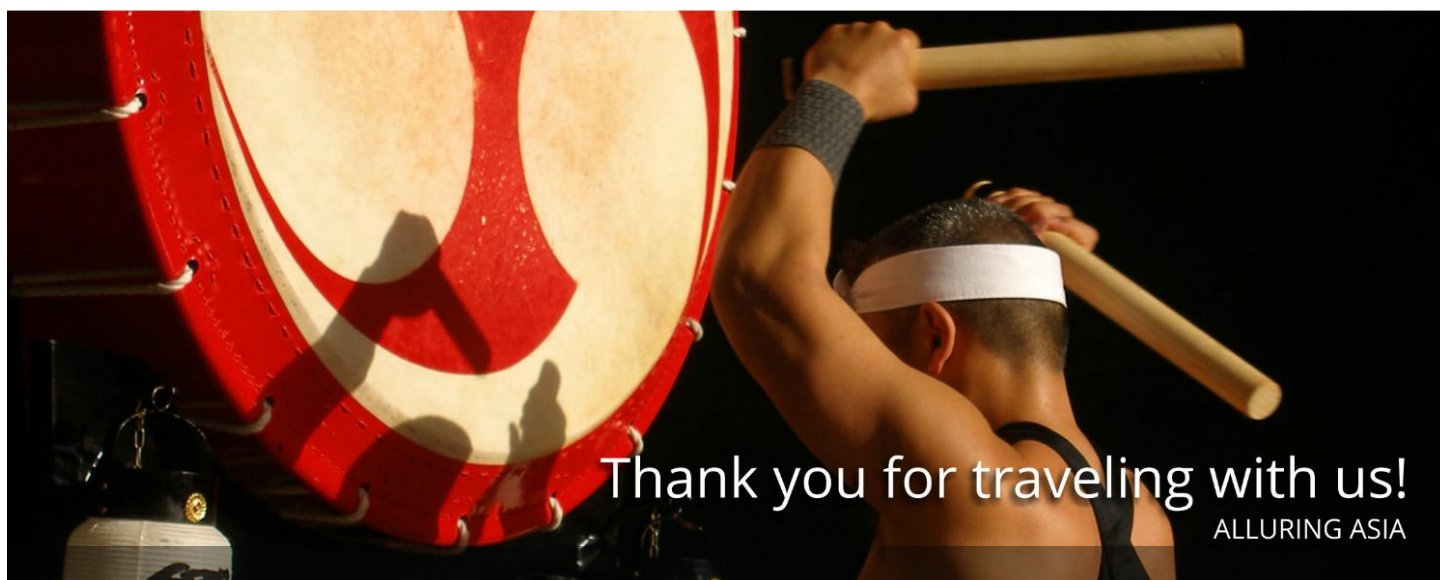
During the workshop, you will have an opportunity to dye items such as *tenugui* (hand towels) or eco bags, creating your own unique patterns and colors. This experience encourages mindfulness and connection with nature, allowing guests to enjoy a quiet, creative moment in a serene rural setting.

Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant

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Return to Your Cruise Ship

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Itinerary Notes

Tour Includes/Excludes

Tour Includes:

- 3 Lunches
- Private Touring with Local English-Speaking Guides
- Entrance Fees

Tour Excludes:

- International Airfare
- Items of a personal nature such as, but not limited to: room service, laundry, telephone/internet usage
- Meals not mentioned on the itinerary
- Beverages during meals
- Tips to Guides & Drivers

Shore Excursions - June 09th, 10th & 11th - Based on 30 passengers traveling together:
\$ 901.00 per person

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$ 500.00 per person due February 16th

Final Payment Due: April 1st

*The deposit is non-refundable once the booking process has been initiated. At final payment the non-refundable deposit is applied to final payment as a credit. In the event of cancellation, the deposit is non-refundable.

Cancellation Fees:

The following fees per person are applicable for all cancellations prior to departure:

Booking date up to 60 days prior..... Non-refundable deposit

59-31 days prior to departure..... 50% of total tour price

30-0 days prior to departure..... 100% of total tour price