



Cultural Treasures of Japan

Itinerary for Pre-Cruise Knitopia Japan Journey

Tuesday · June 2nd	Depart the USA
Wednesday · June 3rd	Welcome to Tokyo Private Arrival Transfer Cerulean Tower Tokyu Hotel (4 Nights)
Thursday · June 4th	Private Touring 9:00 AM (8hr) Asakusa & Sensoji Temple Indigo Dying Worksop (in Asakusa) Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant Ginza District Return to Your Hotel
Friday · June 5th	Private Touring 9:00 AM (8hr) Visit Nihon Vogue School 9:30 AM (2hr) Yarn Shop Hop Knittingbird 11:45 AM (45min) Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant 1:00 PM (1hr) Shinjuku Okadaya 2:30 PM (1hr 30min) Walnut Tokyo 4:30 PM (1hr) Return to Your Hotel
Saturday · June 6th	Private Touring 9:00 AM (8hr) Temari Workshop at NONA Temari Option 1 - All About Sushi Option 2 - All About Ramen Return to Your Hotel

Sunday · June 7th

Private Transfer to the Yokohama Terminal 10:30 AM (30min)

Itinerary Notes

Tour Includes/Excludes

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Depart the USA

Wednesday · June 3rd



Tokyo, originally 'Edo', has been the capital of Japan since 1600 AD. After 250 years of isolation from the rest of the world, Tokyo began to open its doors in the late 19th century. Tokyo's current cityscape is the result of the rebuilding that occurred after extensive bombing during World War II destroyed much of the city. While old and new coexist harmoniously, Tokyo has come to symbolize the modern Japan, manifesting economic prosperity and worldly sophistication.

Private Arrival Transfer

After completing immigration and custom formalities, you will be met outside the baggage claim area by your English Assistant who will escort you to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to your hotel. Your assistant will be holding a sign marked "KNITOPIA".



Jun 03 Check In	Jun 07 Check Out	4 Nights Duration
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Within walking distance of one of Tokyo’s busiest train stations, the ideally located Cerulean Tower Tokyo Hotel features 411 well-appointed rooms looking out over the Tokyo Cityscape. Each of the stylish rooms reinvent integral Japanese traditions with modern prestige while the 9 on-site dining options form a culinary wonderland offering breathtaking views of the landmarks of Shibuya. On the lower floors of the hotel, authentic Japanese restaurants and a traditional Noh Theater beckon the discerning traveler seeking a glimpse into the past.

Room Selection

Room Category Superior Rooms	Bedding Twin
Confirmation Reference 284-6215423	Number Of Guests 30

Thursday · June 4th

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch



Private Touring

9:00 AM

Start Time

5:00 PM

End Time

8hr

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

Contact Info

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Please note: Today's touring will be conducted via private bus.

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

Asakusa & Sensoji Temple

Tokyo, Japan

Observe the traditional city design of Asakusa. Centered around Asakusa Kannon Temple (Sensoji Temple) with a history of 1,400 years, the Asakusa district represents Tokyo's old downtown, steeped in the nostalgic atmosphere of Edo-period while retaining a variety of traditional arts and crafts.

The narrow streets leading to the temple are called 'Nakamise' and are lined with colorful shops and stalls.

Sensoji Temple is the main headquarters of the Sho-Kannon sect of Buddhism; it is a lively and active temple with worshippers praying for some sort of assistance.

Indigo Dying Worksop (in Asakusa)

Enjoy a hands-on Indigo Dying Workshop.

Delve into its rich history and global cultural significance, revealing the unique story of indigo: its origins, the skilled ethnic minority communities who craft it, and the fascinating processes involved.

Then, experience the magic firsthand during your hands-on dying workshop. You'll have the opportunity to tie-dye a Japanese tenugui (hand towel), creating your own unique pattern with guidance for all skill levels.

Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant

Ginza District

Tokyo, Japan

Visit the Ginza District, a world-famous shopping district located in the center of Tokyo.

Boasting wide avenues and elegant stores, this was the first place in Japan to import Western-style cultures in earnest, introducing the nation to sophisticated store displays and the joys of window shopping.

A stroll through the area reveals a luxurious blending of old and new; a district where historic, Western-style buildings stand in unison with cutting-edge, flagship stores inspired by global culture. The seamless mixture of urban design and eternal opulence have transformed the Ginza District into a treasure trove of architectural feats.

Return to Your Hotel

Friday · June 5th

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch



Private Touring

9:00 AM

Start Time

5:00 PM

End Time

8hr

Duration

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Visit Nihon Vogue School

9:30 AM Start Time	11:30 AM End Time	2hr Duration
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Nihon Vogue, established in 1954, specializes in promoting arts and crafts, particularly knitting, crocheting, and sewing through publications (such as the famous Japanese Knitting Bible and other craft books) educational programs (Instructor training), e-commerce, and specialty craft stores.

Yarn Shop Hop

Today's Yarn Shop Hop will include the following sites & activities:

Knittingbird

Tokyo, Japan

11:45 AM Start Time	12:30 PM End Time	45min Duration
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Enjoy a visit to Knittingbird, a popular yarn shop in Tokyo known for its wide selection of yarns, especially Japanese and metallic varieties.

Enjoy Lunch at a Local Restaurant

1:00 PM Start Time	2:00 PM End Time	1hr Duration
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Shinjuku Okadaya

2:30 PM Start Time	4:00 PM End Time	1hr 30min Duration
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Shinjuku Okadaya is a multi-story craft and fabric store in Shinjuku, that offers a vast selection of materials for sewing, beadwork, and cosplay. It's a popular destination for crafters and designers, featuring floors dedicated to everything from fabrics, yarns, and beads to buttons, hardware and stage make-up.

Walnut Tokyo

4:30 PM Start Time	5:30 PM End Time	1hr Duration
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Walnut Tokyo is a craft and yarn store in Tokyo run by the Japanese bilingual knitting magazine, 'Amirisu'. It specializes in high-quality, imported yarns from around the world, along with original hand-dyed yarns, fabrics, and crafting tools.

Return to Your Hotel

Saturday · June 6th

Meals Included: Breakfast, All About Sushi OR All About Ramen



Private Touring

9:00 AM

Start Time

5:00 PM

End Time

8hr

Duration

Meeting Point

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The drive to Otsu (Shiga Prefecture) will take approximately 1.5 hours.

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

Temari Workshop at NONA Temari

Tokyo, Japan

NONA Temari specializes in the Japanese craft of Temari, a decorative embroidered orb using plant-dyed threads. During this workshop you will learn the art of Temari making, using traditional techniques including wrapping the core, dividing it into sections and stitching the intricate patterns. During this process natural materials such as rice husks for the core and hand-plant dyed threads are used to create these intricate, colorful patterned orbs.

NONA Temari distinguishes itself by its focus on natural materials, NONA also uses their hand-plant dyed threads on embroidery and cross-stitching works of art.

The workshop takes approximately 2.5 - 3 hours.

Option 1 - All About Sushi

Tokyo, Japan

Enjoy a hands-on lesson during which you will gain a new understanding of Japanese culture through the use of unique Japanese cookware and authentic, home-style flavors.

This tour will take 1.5 hours.

Option 2 - All About Ramen

Tokyo, Japan

During this special hands-on experience, you will learn how to create your very own steaming bowl of Ramen, the iconic Japanese noodle dish packed with flavor and tradition.

This tour will take 3.5 hours. There is a maximum of 24 participants allowed. There will be 3 groups

Shibuya - Maximum 10 passengers

Shinjuku - Maximum 8 passengers

Ueno - Maximum 6 passengers

Return to Your Hotel

Sunday · June 7th

Meals Included: Breakfast

Private Transfer to the Yokohama Terminal

10:30 AM Start Time	11:00 AM End Time	30min Duration
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At 11:00 AM meet Damiano in the lobby of the Cerulean Tower and transfer to the Yokohama Terminal by a private bus.

Upon arrival, board the Celebrity Millennium. **The ship departs at 4:30 PM.**



Itinerary Notes

Tour Includes/Excludes

Tour Includes:

- 4 Nights Accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches (5 Lunches for the entire program), 1 Ramen Lesson or 1 Sushi Lesson
- Private Touring with Local English-Speaking Guides
- Private Tokyo airport transfer to Hotel with Local English-Speaking Driver
- Entrance Fees
- Hotel taxes & service charges

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

03-07 June: Tokyo Pre-Tour Price: (based on 30 passengers traveling together)

\$ 3585.00 per person/double occupancy

If the group size drops below 25 passengers, the Tokyo Pre Tour Price will be recalculated based on the final number.

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$ 500.00 per person due January 30th

Final Payment Due: February 27th

*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