

Hidden Wonders of Japan



New Sights New Adventures

16 Day Japan Ikebana tour

Departure: 10th February 2025

Join Sandy Marker on another enthralling tour of Japan packed with new delights to tantalise your senses.

We start in Kyoto with a visit to some beautiful temples then embark on a visit to Robert Yellin's gallery. Then a special treat not to be missed to one of the hidden gems in Kyoto – the exquisite Netsuke - to learn about these miniature carved ornaments. After viewing such intricacies we try our hand at making Wagashi.

Our adventure continues through Shigaraki to Hikone where you can test your skills by climbing to the top of the castle to view Lake Biwa before enjoying the delights of the Old Town of Hikone.

In Fukui, our next destination, we visit the Eiheji Zazen to refresh your inner soul before encountering even more exciting

experiences. While in Fukui we visit the famous area for Washi paper followed by a lesson to understand the essence of lacquerware and test our artistic skills.

Arriving in Kanazawa we see 'Yukitsuri' – the snow ropes of Kenroku-en often seen in travel brochures. There is ample time to visit other interesting sites such as Noh theatre and learn about Japanese culture. More hidden wonders are ahead with an unusual tin casting experience and also the gentle pursuit of painting a Kokeshi doll.

Visiting snow covered Shirakawago will be a delight before travelling on to Takayama and tackling the Sky ropeway there.

Heading to Nagoya we learn about Shibori, the famous indigo dyeing technique and how the various patterns are formed. Before leaving Nagoya, we take a trip down memory lane to Noritsakeno. Remember in the late 1960's Noritake dinnerware was the 'in thing' especially given as wedding gifts.

And finally a visit to the Obuchi Sasaba Tea plantation fields for one last look at Mt Fuji before arriving in Tokyo where our travels sadly come to an end until the next time.



Tour Itinerary

Monday 10th February	Osaka – transfer to hotel Kyoto
Kyoto	Vischio Kyoto Hotel (4 nights)
Tuesday 11th	Full day in Kyoto plus welcome dinner
Wednesday 12th	Full day in Kyoto plus Wagashi workshop
Thursday 13th	Full day in Kyoto – textile factory and Raku Museum
Friday 14th	Travel Kyoto to Hikone via Shigaraki ceramic park
Hikone	Comfort Inn Hikone (2 nights)
Saturday 15th	Hikone Castle and old part of town
Sunday 16th	Fukui Daihonzan Eiheji Temple
Fukui	Hotel Riverge Akebono (2 nights)
Monday 17th	Lacquerware experience Echizen Washi factory visit
Tuesday 18th	Kanazawa full day
Kanazawa	Tokyu Stay Kanazawa (3 nights)
Wednesday 19th	Higashichaya district visit Tin casting experience
Thursday 20th	Noh theatre tour Koskeski Doll workshop Omicho markets
Friday 21st	Travel to Takayama
Takayama	Shiakawago Wade House Sky ropeway Tokyu Stay Takayama (2nights)
Saturday 22nd	Visit old part of town Takayama Jinya Takayama festival floats
Sunday 23rd	Nagoya
Nagoya	Arimatsu Naumi shibori Noritakeno Mori Craft centre Daiwa Roynette Hotel (1 night)
Monday 24th	Tokyo
Tokyo	Obuchi Sasba tea field Farewell dinner Mitsui Garden Hotel Ootemachi (1 night)
Tuesday 25th	Leisurely morning Transfer to airport



Sandy Marker Your tour leader

Sandy's passion to share her love of Japan is boundless, whether it's ikebana, gardens, architecture, food or

just understanding the essence of everything beautiful.

An active and enthusiastic Sogetsu ikebana teacher holding the highest teaching level (Riji). Sandy travels regularly to Japan to study both ikebana and Sumi-e to keep ahead of new trends and styles to share with you.



Tour Inclusions

- Arrival airport transfer from Osaka to accommodation in Kyoto
- 4 nights at Vischio Kyoto
- 2 nights at Comfort Inn Hikone
- 2 nights Hotel Riverge Akebono Fukui
- 3 nights Tokyu Stray Kanazawa
- 2 nights Tokyu Stay Takayama
- 1 night Daiwa Roynette Hotel Nagoya Shinkansenguchi
- 1 night Mitsui Garden Hotel Otemachi
- Daily breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners (including welcome, farewell dinner as well as special dinner with apprentice Geisha)
- Departure transfer from accommodation in Tokyo to airport
- Wagashi workshop
- Washi paper workshop
- Lacquerware workshop
- Tin casting workshop
- Kokeshi doll painting workshop
- Yuzen silk dyeing experience
- Noh Theatre lecture
- All entrance fees per itinerary
- All transport as per itinerary
- Services of Certified English speaking guide for 15 days
- Services of our expert tour leader (Sandy Marker – fully qualified Sogetsu Ikebana teacher)

Duration: 16 days 15 nights
Departure: 10th February 2025
Land only: \$9,544 per person
Single supplement: \$1085
Airfare on application:
 Please contact Impulse Travel
 (02) 9651-3177

Non-refundable deposit required at time of confirmation: \$500 per person. Balance will be due by 1st December 2024. Important note: The tour costs shown above are subject to exchange rate variations.



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