

JapanQuest Journeys *Bespoke Luxury Journeys to Japan*

An Extraordinary Opportunity to Experience Japan and the Finest of Its Performing Arts



Sample Itinerary



Let **JapanQuest Journeys** expertly lead you on an unforgettable and compelling trip full of intimate discoveries through the real Japan.

Days 1-3: Tokyo—Arrival. Begin your culinary journey this evening at an intimate neighborhood restaurant or enjoy world-renowned international cuisine. The following morning, visit the Shitamachi Merchant District and Senso-ji Temple followed by the Tokyo National Museum and a stroll through Ginza.

Early morning on your third day, venture to Tsukiji fish market; wandering next through the wooded and serene grounds of Meiji Shrine. Walk along fashionable Omotesando before visiting Nezu Art Museum; a truly unique treasure.

Day 4: Hakone—Spend a day in Hakone, a mountainous area and stay in a beautiful Japanese inn or “ryokan” enjoying quintessential Japanese hospitality.

Days 5-6: Kyoto—Travel by Shinkansen and begin your journey to Kyoto. During your stay you will visit five sites among others that are representative of Kyoto’s cultural heritage: Kinkakuji, Ryoanji, Kiyomizudera, Sanjusangendo and Nijo Castle. In addition, you may choose to relish a private Zen meditation session with a Buddhist monk at a tranquil Buddhist temple. Explore Gion, Kyoto’s premier geisha district, and enjoy dinners at some of the city’s finest restaurants.

Day 7: Nara—Journey on a day trip to Nara, Japan’s first permanent capital. Stroll through Nara Park where deer, considered to be messengers of the Shinto gods roam free as they have done since ancient times. Visit Todai-ji Temple with its nearly 50 foot tall great Buddha, Kasuga Taisha and Kofuku-ji.

Days 8-9: Tokyo—Return to Tokyo by Shinkansen and complete the day with a final shopping trip or additional touring; capping your stay with a fabulous dinner at one of our favorite places. The next day you will depart Tokyo.

Tokyo: The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo or Mandarin Oriental | **Hakone:** Gora Kadan | **Kyoto:** Hyatt Regency Kyoto

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Performing Arts Special Experiences: Choose From:

Personal **Taiko** drumming demonstrations and hands-on encounters under the auspices of the celebrated **Kodo Drummers** on Sado Island (optional 2-day journey).

Private concerts featuring the haunting and evocative sounds of the **Shakuhachi, Koto and Shamisen** as performed in intimate and exclusive settings by some of the finest masters in Japan and NYC. Concerts will be arranged in partnership with Kyo-Shin-An Arts and American **Shakuhachi Grandmaster James Nyoraku Schlefer**.

Traditional music and dance at an exclusive venue in Kyoto performed by **Geisha**.



JapanQuest Journeys is a boutique firm specializing in bespoke “tailor-made” luxury journeys to Japan. Our clients seek an extraordinary luxury travel experience and represent high-end travelers worldwide.

Cost from \$16,900 pp double occupancy with a minimum of two persons traveling together. **Performing Arts Special Experiences** are tailor-made and will be subject to additional charges. *

*Pricing will be a function of each Client’s ultimate selections, availability and associated travel arrangements. This will typically include a custom-designed itinerary, five-star accommodations where available, in-country transport (private ground transport, first-class bullet trains and domestic first-class airfare, where available), private expert guides and drivers, an assigned concierge, subject matter experts, special experiences, activities, entrance fees, some meals as indicated in the final itinerary, taxes and duties. International airfare, travel insurance, gratuities and personal expenses including excess baggage charges are not included. **See our Terms and Conditions.**