

### DISCOVER JAPAN with Mark and Mimi Comfort

We'll explore the culture, history, and beauty of Japan on a two-week voyage that begins in the metropolis of Tokyo before circumnavigating the entire country.





## 3 Day pre-cruise package September 2-4, 2019

#### DAY 1: Tokyo

Arrive at Narita airport. Transfer by coach to hotel in Tokyo. Hotel Hyatt Regency Tokyo (2 Nights)

#### DAY 2: Tokyo

Half-day sightseeing of Tokyo by coach with English speaking guide, visiting: Tokyo Tower, Asakusa & Sensoji Temple, Imperial Palace Garden, Lunch at a local restaurant. (L)

#### DAY 3: Tokyo

Transfer to Yokohama pier by chartered coach. (B)

## 14 NIGHT CRUISE September 4-15, 2019

#### DAY 1: EMBARKATION - Tokyo

The world's largest metropolitan area, Tokyo is an unforgettable experience for everyone. Tour the best ramen and sushi restaurants, visit Akihabara Electric Town to discover cutting-edge gadgets and games, and scale the Tokyo City View—a breathtaking observation deck on the 52nd floor of Mori Tower. For a change of pace, visit the Meiji Shrine to take a serene stroll along the many walking paths.

#### DAY 2: At Sea

#### DAY 3: Hakodate, Japan

Indulge your love of urban convenience and your desire for natural beauty in this city. From tastes to satisfy your cravings to hot springs and history, every spot and every season has something to offer.

#### DAY 4: Akita, Japan

Bring your appetite to Akita. With its prime location adjacent to the Sea of Japan, seafood lovers will be in heaven. The region is famous for its rice production and the high quality sake brewed from it. Once you're full, take advantage of the city's outdoor offerings by visiting the Shirakami -Sanchi Mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or relax at the Nyuto Hot Springs.

#### DAY 5: Kanazawa, Japan

Translated literally, Kanazawa means "marsh of gold," and the city produces approximately 98% of the gold leaf in Japan (so find a small jar to take home).Discover the 70 temples of Tera-machi, visit the D.T. Suzuki Museum, a peaceful homage to Zen Buddhism, explore the small bustling alleys of the colorful Omichi Market, and be sure to sample the region's sake, known for its superior quality.

#### DAY 6: Sakaiminato, Japan

Sakaiminato is the birthplace of Shigeru Mizuki, the creator of GeGeGe no Kitaro, the manga stories that birthed so many of Japan's favorite comic characters. Take a walk down Shigeru Mizuki Road, a street lined with more than 150 statues of his characters. If you're a Manga fan, be sure to also visit the Shigeru Mizuki Memorial Museum to learn more about Mizuki and his creative characters.

#### DAY 7: Busan, South Korea

Ancient culture and modern life come together seamlessly in South Korea's second-largest city. Buddhist temples can be found in abundance, and each intricate structure is well-worth a visit. For fresh seafood, head to the fish market, where you can sample it raw—just the way locals love. For a true taste of Busan, head to the bustling Gujke Market.

#### DAY 8: Sasebo, Japan

Once a small fishing village, Sasebo has grown into the second largest city in the Nagasaki Prefecture with stunning views and unique, international flair. Begin your visit at the Seishin Cathedral, a neo-Gothic church that has become a symbol for the city. Then, take a ferry to Kuro-shima Island, one of the 208 Kujūku islands that dot Japan's western coast.

#### DAY 9: Kagoshima, Japan

The dominant image on Kagoshima's horizon is Sakurajima, the overactive volcano whose frequent dustings of ash bring out the umbrellas as if they were spring showers. The mountain also heats a number of geothermal springs, providing the unique opportunity to relax in a sand bath. For a rare taste of old Japan, visit Chiran and its street of meticulously preserved Samurai houses and manicured gardens.

#### DAY 10: Kochi, Japan

Kōchi is a city with a well-earned reputation for having a good

time. Begin your visit with a trip to Kōchi Castle, one of only 12 original castles still standing in Japan. Then, make your way to the Obiyamachi shopping arcade, which is close to the Harimaya-bashi—a replica of a bridge featured in a well-known Japanese love song.

#### DAY 11-12: Kobe, Japan

Famous for the beef that bears it name, Kobe is headquarters for many Japanese and international firms, and has long been an important port. It's also a short bullet-train ride from Kyoto, capital of Japan from the 8th to the 19th century. Explore spectacular shrines and temples and shrines, palaces and castles of shoguns and emperors, and narrow lanes paved in stone and lined with wooden buildings.

#### DAY 13: Shimizu, Japan

Mount Fuji, Japan's tallest peak, overlooks this beautiful port town. Bustling with activity, the Port of Shimizu is full of commercial highlights you'll want to experience. A stroll through Miho-no-Matsubara will leave you inspired. Home to more than 30,000 pine trees lining the seashore, it's no surprise this scenic area has been the subject of many paintings and legends throughout Japanese history.

DAY 14-15:Tokyo, Japan Disembark day 15.

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