



JAPAN AUTUMN TOUR

SMALL-SCALE, PERSONALIZED TOUR: MAX 10

Oct 29 – Nov 12, 2010

Comments from Japan Autumn Tour 2009 “WONDERFUL TRAIN JOURNEYS, VOLCANIC ISLAND TOPOGRAPHY, THE GRACIOUSNESS OF SMALL-SCALE, SIMPLE COUNTRY LIFE, COMMUNAL PRESERVATION OF THE MYTHICAL PAST, ONE OF THE MOST ENJOYABLE HOLIDAYS I EVER HAD, STRESS FREE”

REFLECTIONS ON WAR AND PEACE

Visit the **Hiroshima** A-bomb dome and museum, and take a ferry to the gentle ancient beauty of **Miyajima**, ‘the floating shrine’.

HOT SPRINGS AND SEASIDE AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Relax in natural hot spring baths and traditional surrounds of **Sari Onsen** and participate in a lively festival including huge, wheeled floats and a spectacular night lantern show at the seaside castle town of **Karatsu**.

BUDDHIST ROCK CARVINGS AND SAMURAI TOWNSHIP

Stroll through the old samurai part of **Usuki** town, see impressive 12th century Buddhist carvings and newly harvested rice crops, and enjoy small-town hospitality.

THE CRUCIBLE OF JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY

Boat through extraordinary rock formations of **Takachiho Gorge**, view the dance of the gods to draw the sun goddess, Amaterasu, from her cave, and follow a mountain stream to the honoured cave. Be moved by the bounty and grandeur of nature as white-robed priests light fires to guide the gods back to earth at **Kirishima Jingu**.

HIMEJI WHITE CRANE CASTLE AND GARDENS

Visit stunning Himeji Castle and its surrounding extensive gardens. Himeji, also called Shirasagijo (White Heron Castle) due to its white outer walls, is the best preserved castle in all of Japan.

THE CULTURAL CAPITAL KYOTO

Immerse yourself in culture and history, temples, gardens, tea houses, antique markets, museums, and studio arts and crafts

AU\$4,200 Land only, 17 nights - includes ryokan and hotel accommodation, all breakfasts, six dinners, all transfers and entries, and the constant care of the Japanese-speaking tour facilitator.
14 day Japan Rail Pass and return airfares not included.

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