

COASTAL CRUISE

## JAPAN COASTAL DISCOVERY

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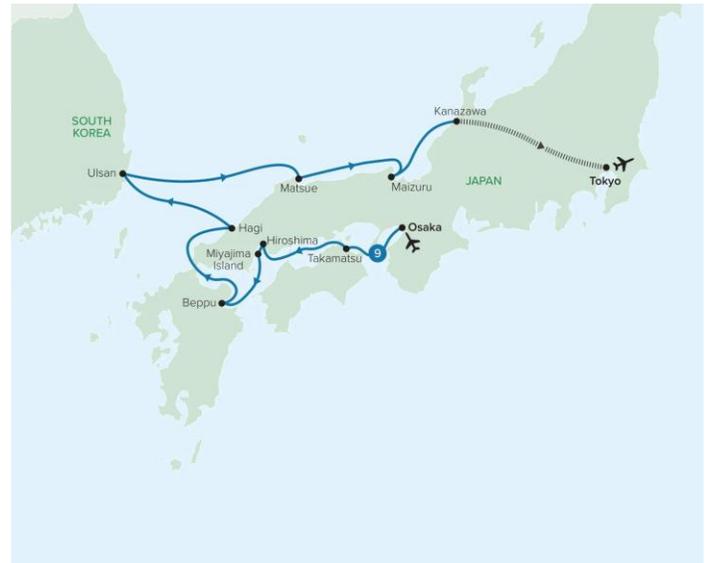
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10 day / 9 night tour

Osaka to Tokyo 2026

### ITINERARY

To view the itinerary's day-by-day details, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list. Discover daily activities, special experiences and insider local tips that make your journey a memorable one.



### OSAKA TO TOKYO 2026

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DAY 1

#### Osaka, Embark ship

Arrive in Osaka, where you'll be met by a representative from Travelmarvel and transferred to your premium expedition ship, Heritage Adventurer, your home for the next nine nights. Settle in to your cabin, and this evening get to know your fellow travellers at a relaxed dinner on board.

Stay: Nine nights, aboard the Heritage Adventurer

Daily: • Dinner

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DAY 2

## Takamatsu

Visit Shikoku Mura, an open-air museum located at the base of Yashima, showcasing traditional buildings and structures relocated from across Shikoku Island. Set within a scenic hillside park, the museum features Edo- and Meiji-period farmhouses, storehouses, and workshops that once produced goods like sugar and soy sauce.

Continue to Ritsurin Garden, one of Japan's largest and most celebrated historic strolling gardens, dating back over 400 years. Originally created during the Edo period for the pleasure of feudal lords, the garden is now considered a national treasure. Set against the scenic backdrop of Mount Shiun, it features six serene ponds, arched timber bridges, a traditional teahouse, and seasonal plantings, including cherry blossoms and maple trees that offer year-round colour and beauty.

### Enhance Your Journey – Takamatsu Pilgrim Tour

Join an Ohenro pilgrimage expert to explore Zentsu-ji Temple, one of Shikoku's most sacred sites. Wander through its serene grounds and uncover the spiritual significance of this revered journey. At Konzo-ji Temple, take part in the Osuna-Fumi ritual – a profound Buddhist worship tradition.

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DAY 3

## Hiroshima, Miyajima Island

Board your coach and drive to poignant Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, commemorating the victims of the atomic bomb that was dropped on the city in 1945. Afterwards, you'll visit the Peace Memorial Museum, designed by renowned architect Tange Kenzo, to learn about the history of Hiroshima before and after the bombing, through a fascinating display of photos and films. Return to the ship for lunch on board.

Later, board your Zodiac for a short ride to Miyajima Island, renowned for its harmonious blend of nature and culture, and considered a sacred place by many Japanese. Venture on a scenic walk to Itsukushima-jinja Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site considered one of the three most scenic spots in all of Japan. Discover the intricacies of this Shinto shrine, from the iconic red "floating" Otorii gate, set against a mountainous backdrop, to the delicate

details of the Honden (main hall). Spring is marked by an explosion of cherry blossoms, while Autumn foliage dazzles with crimson and burnished tones. Miyajima Island delights visitors with seasonal splendour throughout the year.

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DAY 4

## Beppu

The vibrant world of Beppu's hot springs unfolds, first with a visit to Chinoike Jigoku, or "Blood Pond Hell." This striking geothermal site is named for its vivid crimson waters, coloured by iron oxide and other natural minerals bubbling up from deep underground. Historically, the area was used to extract red clay for dyes and ointments, and today it remains one of Japan's most visually dramatic hot springs.

Your next onsen is Umi Jigoku, or "Sea Hell," a steaming cobalt-blue pool created by a volcanic explosion over a millennium ago. Despite its serene colour, the spring reaches near-boiling temperatures, releasing thick clouds of steam. The perfectly manicured garden surrounding the spring includes a glasshouse heated by geothermal energy and features lotus plants with leaves strong enough to support a child.

The journey continues to the Beppu City Traditional Bamboo Crafts Centre, where visitors can join artisan led bamboo weaving workshops and explore a museum showcasing the craft's evolution. Recognised by UNESCO as a Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art, Beppu continues to preserve and innovate this centuries-old tradition.

### Enhance Your Journey – Cherry Blossom Festival Tour

Visit Isshin-ji temple, a historic site known for its serenity and rich cultural heritage. Explore the temple grounds and delve into Japan's deep spiritual traditions. Please note that your visit to Isshin-ji temple's Cherry Blossom Festival will be at the end of cherry blossom season, we cannot guarantee that the cherry blossom trees will still be in bloom.

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DAY 5

## Hagi, Senzaki

From the pier, drive to Shizuki Park and the ruins of Hagi Castle, designated as a National Historic Site. Built in 1604, Hagi Castle served as the political and cultural centre of the Mori Clan for over 250 years. Although the main structures were dismantled during the Meiji Restoration, the original stone walls and moats remain intact. Shizuki Park, located on the castle grounds, offers a tranquil setting for a gentle stroll, with seasonal blooms including cherry blossoms in spring and vibrant foliage in autumn.

Afterwards, we continue to the Yoshiga Taibi Museum, dedicated to the influential painter after which the museum is named. Yoshiga Taibi was famous for combining traditional Japanese aesthetics using Western techniques. The museum's collection includes a variety of his paintings and sketches, reflecting both his artistic evolution and the broader cultural shifts of his time. The building's architecture fittingly blends modern design with local stylistic elements that reflect Hagi's rich cultural and artistic heritage.

#### Enhance Your Journey – Kimono Experience

Visit a local kimono store and engage in a hands-on kimono-wearing experience. Stroll through Hagi's old town adorned in these vibrant garments. Please note that a transfer by Zodiac is required for this optional excursion.

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#### DAY 6

### Ulsan, Busan

Transfer to Busan, South Korea's second largest city, and enjoy free time to explore the city at your own pace. Known for its stunning coastline and beaches, Busan's powdery Haeundae Beach is perfect for a swim or stroll, where you can relax in the many cafes and restaurants stretched along the beach promenade. Alternatively, discover the vast array of fresh local seafood at Jagalchi, South Korea's largest seafood market. Photographers might venture to Gamcheon Culture Village to capture the narrow alleyways and colourful houses.

#### Enhance Your Journey – Highlights of Busan

Begin your tour of Busan at Gamcheon Culture Village, with its vibrant, Lego-like homes, then explore Jagalchi Market, famed for fresh seafood. Continue to Yongdusan Park, home to a dragon-shaped mountain and historic shrines that reveal Busan's rich past.

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DAY 7

## Matsue

Delve into the history of Japan with a visit to Matsue Castle, one of the 12 original castles of the feudal era, meaning that it survived the various fires, earthquakes and anti-feudal demolitions of the Meiji Period. It's also known as the "black castle" for the dark-coloured stone used for its construction.

Afterwards, enjoy a short walk to nearby Matsue History Museum, set alongside the moat below Matsue Castle. Designed to resemble a samurai residence, with an Edo exterior and a modern interior, the museum offers an in-depth view of the history and culture of the 400-year castle and the town that formed around it.

Enhance Your Journey – Adachi Museum of Art  
and  
Matsue Castle

Visit Adachi Museum of Art, a renowned institution celebrated for its exceptional Japanese gardens and extensive collection of modern Japanese art. Then, delve into the history of feudal Japan by visiting Matsue Castle, one of Japan's 12 original castles.

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DAY 8

## Maizuru

Take a scenic drive along the rugged coastline of Kyoto Prefecture to view Tateiwa Rock, a striking 20-metre monolith formed from ancient magma and shaped by centuries of wind and waves. Enjoy a gentle coastal walk with panoramic views of the Sea of Japan before continuing inland to Yosano town. Here, visit the Tango Silk Historical Museum, which showcases the art of

Tango chirimen

, a crimped silk fabric highly prized by traditional kimono makers since the 18th century. Explore historic garments, antique looms, and observe live demonstrations by skilled artisans preserving this elegant and centuries-old Japanese weaving tradition.

## Enhance Your Journey – Amanohashidate Tour with Panoramic Photo Stop

Explore Amanohashidate, taking a cable car up Mt. Nariai for panoramic views of the pine-covered sandbar stretching across Miyazu Bay, and visit the historic Nariai-ji Temple, dating back to the ninth century. After descending by cable car, a walk across the 3.6-kilometre sandbar features around 8,000 uniquely shaped pine trees, small shrines, and sweeping sea views.

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## DAY 9

### Kanazawa

Start your day with a visit to Kenroku-en Garden, one of Japan's most celebrated landscape gardens. Established in the 17th century by the Maeda clan, Kenroku-en is renowned for its perfect combination of six essential garden attributes: spaciousness, seclusion, artificiality, antiquity, abundant water, and broad views. Wander through the meticulously maintained grounds, admiring the tranquil ponds, flowing streams, scenic bridges, and seasonal flora that make this garden a true masterpiece of Japanese horticulture.

You'll then visit nearby Kanazawa Castle the seat of the powerful Maeda Clan, one of the wealthiest and most powerful families during feudal era. While the original structures of the castle have undergone several reconstructions due to fire and natural disasters, its impressive gates, watchtowers and expansive grounds reflect the grandeur of its historical significance.

Your excursion ends with a visit to the Nagamachi Samurai District. Enjoy a sense of nostalgia as you stroll through the winding alleyways, admiring the traditional samurai residences, earthen walls and narrow canals that define the district's unique character.

### Enhance Your Journey - Gold Leaf Experience and Geisha Street

In a hands-on workshop, learn the art of gold leaf application creating your own souvenir. Then, drive to Higashi Chaya-gai, Kanazawa's renowned geisha district, accompanied by a kimono expert. As you stroll through the narrow, cobblestone streets, gain insights into the district's rich cultural heritage.

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DAY 10

## Kanazawa, Disembark Ship, Tokyo

Bid farewell to your home of the last week as we commence the next leg of your adventure. Begin with a transfer to Kanazawa Station, followed by an easy walk to the train platform. As your train arrives exactly on time, embark on a thrilling experience as you board the iconic bullet train (Shinkansen) from Kanazawa to Tokyo, a fitting way to end your journey. En route, savour a delectable lunch immaculately presented in a bento box, showcasing the culinary delights of the region. The high-speed train journey provides breathtaking views of the Japanese landscape speeding past. Upon arrival in Tokyo, you will be transferred to the airport or your Tokyo hotel.

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