An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of the University of Washington

13 days for $5,957 total price from Seattle
($5,695 air & land inclusive plus $262 airline taxes and fees)

INSIDER’S JAPAN
April 21-May 3, 2018

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends of the University of Washington

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*Japan is at once a nation of delicate art and bustling commerce, of rich traditions and dizzying modernity; a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and flavors that for visitors are truly foreign – and truly fascinating. This well-crafted tour features the highlights of Tokyo and Kyoto, engages us in local life, and takes us off the beaten path to the lovely historic cities of Takayama, Kanazawa, and Nara.*

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**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Tokyo, Japan**

**Day 2: Arrive Tokyo**

Upon arrival in Japan’s financial, commercial, and political capital, we transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary, we have no scheduled activities or meals planned.

**Day 3: Tokyo**

After a briefing about the journey ahead, we set out to discover a small part of this amazing city that covers a staggering 840 miles. Our sightseeing features the Meiji Shrine, a peaceful enclave of Shinto temples and gardens. We also visit the gallery of pre-eminent calligrapher Koshun Masunaga, where we learn about this ancient art of artistic writing and browse the collection. Our tour ends in Ginza, Tokyo’s famed shopping, dining, and entertainment district, where we can stay to explore as we wish or return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, we gather for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

**Day 4: Tokyo**

Our tour of Tokyo continues this morning at the Imperial Palace, surrounded by moats and ramparts and home of the Imperial Family. Here we visit the East Gardens, part of the innermost circle of defense of the historic Edo Castle that once stood here. We continue on to the Buddhist Asakusa Kan- non, Tokyo’s oldest temple (c. 645 ce), and the adjacent Nakamise shopping arcade, dating to the 17th century. Last, we visit the Tokyo National Museum, housing an extensive collection of art and antiquities from Japan and other Asian countries. This afternoon is free for independent exploration; lunch and dinner are on our own in this city with endless dining options. B

**Day 5: Tokyo/Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park/ Hakone**

Japan’s pastoral side is on tap as we leave Tokyo for Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park. Here sits imposing Mt. Fuji, a dormant volcano (it last erupted in 1707) with a perfectly symmetrical cone that rises to 12,388 feet. The mountain’s majesty is breathtaking, as artists and writers have attested for centuries. We take a coach ride where, weather permitting, we’ll enjoy breathtaking panoramic views; then we descend for a relaxing cruise on scenic Ashi Lake. Leaving the park, we travel to the town of Hakone where we spend the night at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn where we take off our shoes upon entering, enjoy a Japanese-style Kaiseki dinner, and sleep on a futon. B,D

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**Small Group Tour Highlights**

Tokyo touring, including Imperial Palace District, Meiji Shrine, and Tokyo National Museum • Calligraphy demonstration • Stunning scenery of Mt. Fuji and Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park • Overnight stay in traditional ryokan • Takayama’s ancient streets and houses • Hands-on cooking class • Culturally rich Kanazawa, including a visit to Kenrokuken Garden • Tour of Kyoto, Japan’s cultural capital • Excursion to historic Nara • Traditional tea ceremony

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**Day Itinerary**

**Day** | **Itinerary** | **Hotel** | **Rating**
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1 | Depart U.S. for Tokyo | | |
2-4 | Tokyo | Dai-ichi Hotel Tokyo | Deluxe |
5 | Hakone | Aura Tachibana (ryokan) | Not Rated |
6-7 | Takayama | Hida Hotel Plaza | First Class |
8-9 | Kanazawa | Hotel Nikko Kanazawa | First Class |
10-12 | Kyoto | ANA Crowne Plaza Kyoto | First Class |
13 | Depart Kyoto for U.S. | | |

**Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.**

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**Average High (°F) Apr May**

- **Tokyo**: 62 72
- **Kyoto**: 65 75

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**Japanese Language**

**Kansai**

- Osaka
- Kyoto
- Nara

**Kanto**

- Tokyo
- Kanazawa
- Takayama

Cover photo: Considered sacred by the Japanese, “Fuji-san” has drawn artists, poets, and seekers for centuries.
Day 6: Hakone/Takayama  Today we travel first by bullet train then by Wide View Hida express train to lovely Takayama in the Japanese Alps, considered one of the country’s most attractive towns with its 16th-century castle and old-style buildings. Our explorations center on three narrow streets in the San-machi-suji district where, in feudal times, merchants lived amidst the authentically preserved small inns, teahouses, and sake breweries. This afternoon we attend a traditional Japanese tea ceremony here, an historic ritual of form, grace, and spirituality. B,D

Day 7: Takayama  We pay an early visit to the riverside Miyagawa Morning Market, a blaze of dazzling colors and foodstuffs. Here we meet a local chef to gather ingredients for the lunch we will prepare together at a nearby site. After enjoying the fruits of our labors, we embark on a walking tour, visiting Takayama Jinya, an historic government house; the local sake brewery; and Takayama’s old town, whose well-preserved buildings and homes date to the Edo Period (1600–1868). B,L

Day 8: Takayama/Shirakawago/Kanazawa  We leave Takayama this morning for the UNESCO World Heritage site of Shirakawago Gassho-zukuri Village. Comprising buildings relocated from authentic villages nearby that were razed for a dam, the village is also a vibrant community whose residents work together to preserve the unique traditional architecture here known as Gassho style. Late this afternoon we reach the castle town of Kanazawa, an alluring coastal city that survived the ravages of World War II. B,L

Day 9: Kanazawa  Today’s tour of this culturally rich city features renowned Kenrokuen Garden, a national landmark whose origins date to 1676. We also see Ishikawa Gate, the only remaining section of the town’s original castle; Hakukokan, a museum celebrating the art and craft of gold leaf technology; and the Higashi Chayagai teahouse and geisha area. Our last stop is the Nagamachi Samurai district, where the ruling family’s samurai warriors lived. B,D

On Day 9 we visit Kenrokuen Garden, one of Japan’s finest traditional gardens.

Post-Tour Extension

May 3-5, 2018
HIROSHIMA: CITY OF PEACE
3 days/2 nights for $995 total price
Single Supplement: $155

Discover the city reborn from the atomic destruction of World War II, a modern and cosmopolitan urban center whose residents warmly welcome American visitors.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Kyoto/Hiroshima; Hiroshima/Osaka
- 2 nights’ accommodations at Hotel Granvia Hiroshima (First Class)
- 3 meals: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- Extensive included sightseeing: excursion to Miyajima Island and Itsukushima Shrine; Hiroshima touring by local “Hiroden” train; visit to Peace Memorial Park and Museum; Atomic Bomb Dome
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited tour director
- Gratuities for dining room servers, hotel porters, and all drivers
Day 10: Kyoto We depart this morning by train for Kyoto, formerly Japan’s Imperial Capital and now the country’s cultural and artistic center, with more than 1,600 temples, hundreds of shrines, artful gardens, and historic architecture. Upon arrival, we visit Kinkaku-ji, the beloved lakeside Temple of the Golden Pavilion set on pillars suspended over the water. Next: Ryoan-ji, a Zen Buddhist temple whose acclaimed dry garden epitomizes the simplicity of Zen meditation. Our last stop is Unrakugama, a workshop specializing in prized Kiyomizu pottery. B,D

Day 11: Kyoto/Nara Today we travel to Nara, Japan’s 8th-century capital renowned for its shrines and temples. We first visit Todaiji, (c. 752 ce), one of the country’s most important temples whose main hall (c. 1692) is the world’s largest wooden building. We also visit historic Kasugataisha, the Shinto shrine and UNESCO site surrounded by parkland where deer roam free. B

Day 12: Kyoto This morning’s tour reveals more of this city that was spared destruction during World War II. Highlights include Nijo-jo Castle (c. 1603), the extravagant residence and fortifications of the shoguns who ruled Japan for more than 250 years; and Sanjusangendo Hall (c. 1266), an important Buddhist temple housing 1,000 statues of the Thousand-Armed Kannon deity. From here we venture to the Gion district, where the geishas gather. Then the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, we toast our adventure at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 13: Depart Kyoto for U.S. This morning we travel by motorcoach to Osaka, where we board our return flight to the United States. B

Tour Departs: April 21, 2018
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Land Only (transfers not included) $4,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $262, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,295.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: $4,395 per person from San Francisco in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information, please call the UW Alumni Tours Office at 1-206-685-9276 or toll-free at 1-800-289-2586

We visit Kyoto’s beloved Golden Pavilion on Day 10.
Dear UW Alumni and Friends,

Join us on a special 13-day journey to Japan, a land of timeless traditions and dizzying modernity. Here we’ll discover the superb art, remarkable history, exquisite cuisine, and stunning landscapes that have helped make Japan truly a nation of many wonders.

Beginning in Tokyo, we’ll spend two full days exploring Japan’s capital. From Tokyo we’ll travel to Mt. Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park to experience the world’s most revered volcano, then continue to Hakone for an overnight stay in a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn. We’ll take a bullet train to historic Takayama in the Japanese Alps, where we’ll attend a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, followed by culturally rich Kanazawa. Our journey concludes with three nights in Kyoto where we’ll visit the Temple of the Golden Pavilion and Nijo Castle, and explore the ancient capital of Nara. An optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension to Hiroshima, the “City of Peace,” lets us discover a city reborn from World War II’s atomic destruction.

Space on this exclusive UW program is limited to only 24 travelers and will fill quickly. Your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Pauline Ranieri
Director, UW Alumni Tours

I feel that the itinerary covered so much more than I thought. The breadth of our experiences more than met my expectations. We saw the old and new, traveled by several modes of transportation, ate and tasted all kinds of Japanese foods, were exposed to so many interesting things. It was a great tour.

Aileen Carter, ’76
Insider’s Japan, 2016

THE UW RESERVATION FORM – INSIDER’S JAPAN

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Insider’s Japan departing April 21, 2018. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. The quickest way to confirm a reservation is by completing the online reservation form found on the tour’s web page at: www.UWalum.com/tours. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, along with completed reservation form, to: The UW Alumni Association, Attn: UW Alumni Tours, Box 359508, Seattle, WA 98195-9508. If we can be of any assistance, please call us at 1-206-685-9276, or toll-free at 1-800-289-2586 or email us at uwaatour@uw.edu.

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Address __________________________________________ City ________________ State ________ ZIP ___________

Home Phone (______)_________ Cell Phone (______)_______________________________

E-mail _______________________ _____________________________

Please book my/our air from _____________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ❑

I will share a room with _________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour “Hiroshima – City of Peace” Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Insider’s Japan, April 21-May 3, 2018, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________________ Date __________

Please Note: UWAA Membership: While you do not have to be a UW grad to join this tour, we ask that one person, per reservation, join the UW Alumni Association. Member dues help support our travel program, making these tours possible. For UWAA membership details, please go to www.UWalum.com.

Method of Payment ❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA

Account # __________________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date ___________

Name of Cardholder __________________________________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per day, per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price;
cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price;
cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price;
cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.
If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from single occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility
The liability of Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. See also the University of Washington Alumni Association’s (UWAA) Release of Liability, Assumption of All Risk, and Binding Arbitration Agreement Form which you have to sign as a condition of going on this trip. This form is sent to all participants upon placement of a tour deposit and needs to be returned within 30 days after receipt, or at least 60 days before the beginning of the trip, whichever is sooner. This document can be accessed at www.UWalum.com/tours or by e-mailing uwaatours@uw.edu, or calling 206-685-9276.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the UWAA assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. In addition, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the UWAA reserve the right to decline to accept the trip application of any prospective traveler who, in the opinion of Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. or the UWAA, is incapable of successfully completing the trip.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you do not make your own air reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the University of Washington Alumni Association shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour. In any event, neither Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. nor the University of Washington Alumni Association is responsible for losses, direct or indirect, or missed components of a trip which result from air delays, cancellations, rerouting, or any other air-related problem.