

# Ancient Traditions of Japan's Inland Sea

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEART OF JAPAN | 12 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS April 13-25, 2025

### **ITINERARY**

Day 1	Depart home city	
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Day 2 Osaka, Japan/Kyoto

Day 3 Kyoto

Day 4 Kyoto

Day 5 Himeji/Embark Le Soléal

Day 6 Hiroshima/Miyajima

Day 7 Hagi

**Day 8** Sakaiminato/Yasugi/ Matsue

**Day 9** Busan, South Korea/ Gyeongjyu

Day 10 Moji, Japan

Day 11 Uno/Kurashiki

**Day 12** Osaka/Disembark ship/ Return to home city

**Note:** Itinerary is subject to change.

# SOUTH KOREA Gyeongju Busan Matsue Yasugi Hiroshima Uno Osaka Philippine Sea

### **EXCLUSIVELY YOURS**

- —**Exclusive land and cruise journey** introduces you to the cultural highlights of Japan plus historic sites in South Korea.
- —Created in our tradition of **innovative programming** and educational travel.
- Access to ports unavailable to larger vessels and included excursions throughout your program.
- —Specially arranged excursion to Miyajima's Itsukushima Shrine to see its iconic "floating" torii gate in the Seto Inland Sea.
- —**Distinguished guest speaker Jim Laurie,** former NBC News Tokyo bureau chief.
- —Seven UNESCO World Heritage sites: Historic Monuments of Kyoto, Himeji-jo, Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution, Hiroshima Peace Memorial, Itsukushima Shinto Shrine in Japan and Gyeongju Historic Areas and Bulguksa Temple in South Korea.
- —Tokyo Pre-Program Option and Osaka Post-Program Option.



### **PROGRAM FEATURES**

## Your Travel Program

- —Three nights in Kyoto and a seven-night, round-trip cruise from Osaka.
- Elegantly appointed, deluxe accommodations.
- —All transfers during the Land and Cruise Program: boat and deluxe motor coaches.
- —Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- —Complimentary nonpremium liquor, house wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise and minibar service; complimentary house wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages at meals during the land portion of the program.
- —3 receptions, 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners.
- —Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
- —Stroll through Toko-ji, a 17th-century Buddhist temple.
- —Visit Kikuyake, a 17th-century *machiya,* or townhome.
- —Admire *ukiyo-e* prints by renowned woodblock artists.
- —See the Adachi Museum of Art's modern Japanese art collection.
- —See Matsue-jo, one of Japan's few original castles.
- —Explore Korea's royal history at Gyeongju National Museum.
- Discover Akama-jingu, a shrine dedicated to a boy emperor.
- —Immerse yourself in a traditional 17th-century Japanese town.
- —Stroll through the elegant Koraku-en garden in Okayama.

### **UNESCO**

Visit these World Heritage sites:

- —Kiyomizu-dera, Kinkaku-ji and Ryoan-ji temples and Nijo-jo, a 17th-century castle, in Kyoto.
- —Himeji-jo, the best-preserved 17th-century castle in Japan.
- —Hiroshima Peace Memorial.
- —Itsukushima-jingu, the Shinto shrine built over water.
- —Hagi, a well-preserved castle town that maintained its feudal ambience through the Meiji Industrial Revolution to today.
- Bulguksa Temple, a top example of religious architecture.
- —Cheonmachong Tomb, a royal burial ground in the Gyeongju Historic Areas.

### Always Included

- —Transfers and luggage handling abroad for passengers who book their air through Gohagan & Company.
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- —Complimentary bottled water in your room and on excursions.
- -Hospitality desk.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary audio headset during guided excursions.
- —Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



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Exclusively Chartered Small Ship

### **PRE-PROGRAM OPTION**



**Tokyo** | **5 days, 3 nights** Senso-ji | Asakusa | Tokyo National Museum

### **POST-PROGRAM OPTION**



Osaka | 3 days, 2 nights Nara | Osaka City Tour



# Guest Speaker

Specially arranged guest speaker **Jim Laurie**, whose Emmy Award-winning documentary, "Myths Behind the Miracle," examined Japan's economic success in the late 20th century.