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JAPAN BY SEA

Land of the Rising Sun Aboard the *Heritage Adventurer*

May 12–23, 2026
(12 days)

Discover a Japan that few visitors see, venturing from the bustle of Tokyo to the tranquil historic and artistic quarters of Kanazawa and the island worlds of Miyajima and Sado. Excursions highlight Japan's ancient traditions with visits to sacred temples and shrines, as well as celebrated gardens and castles, while also showcasing Japan's modern achievements, artistic wonders and culinary riches.

After two successful Japan charters in 2024, Criterion has once again secured an 8-night cruise aboard the *Heritage Adventurer*. Originally designed to accommodate 184 guests, *Heritage Adventurer* now welcomes just 140 passengers, ensuring a spacious, stylish, and comfortable voyage. Another important advantage of not filling to capacity is *Heritage Adventurer* is able to offer cabins for singles with a significantly lower supplement. Acquired by Heritage Expeditions in 2021, the ship underwent extensive refurbishment before launching as the *Heritage Adventurer* beginning in August of 2022.

We are offering a 3-night pre-trip extension to Kamakura and Hakone, including a two-night stay at a lovely modern ryokan in the hot springs resort of Hakone; and an optional 3-night post-trip extension to Kyoto and Nara.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Customize your experience according to your interests with a **menu of excursion options** during the **two days in Tokyo** and throughout the cruise.
- Ride Japan's famed **high speed bullet train** from Tokyo to Niigata to embark the ship.
- Try your hand at **taiko drumming** at the remote Sado Island, home of the world-famous Kodo drummers.
- Engage with local people during a traditional **tea ceremony** in Kanazawa or a hands-on workshop making **wagashi Japanese sweets**.
- Admire Japan's rich artistic heritage during a full day visit to **Naoshima**, an island that has become a **mecca for cutting-edge art**.
- Spend a **day in South Korea** featuring a visit to **Gyeongju**, the ancient capital of the Silla kingdom and a UNESCO World Cultural Site.
- Marvel at **Itsukushima Shrine** in Miyajima with its iconic red torii, a grand wooden gateway that appears to float on the sea at high tide.
- Take in the spectacular scenery of **Japan's Inland Sea** from the comfort of one of the many observation decks aboard the *Heritage Adventurer*.
- Savor the flavors of Japan from fresh seafood to local noodles, to an exquisite **kaiseki multi-course welcome dinner** in Tokyo. Enjoy **sake-tasting** at a brewery on Sado Island.
- Walk along the paths of **Kenroku-en Garden**, celebrated as one of Japan's top three gardens combining the six attributes of a perfect garden: spaciousness, seclusion, artifice, antiquity, water sources and magnificent views.

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ITINERARY MAP



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ITINERARY OUTLINE

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| May 12 Tue | Depart U.S. | | Overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan (Or arrive early for 3-night pre-trip extension to Kamakura and Hakone) |
| May 13 Wed | Tokyo, Japan | Hilton Tokyo | Arrive Tokyo (NRT or HND); Individual meet-and-greets at airport and group transfers to hotel. |
| May 14 Thu | Tokyo | Hilton Tokyo | Morning orientation & lecture, then choice of FD excursion: Meiji Shrine, Ukiyo-e Ota Museum and Aoyama modern architecture ; OR Shunkaen Bonsai Gardens and Museum, Sumida River Cruise, and Hamarikyū Garden ; welcome dinner with local entertainment. BLD |
| May 15 Fri | Tokyo/ Niigata | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Choice of morning excursion: visit Tsukiji fish market and Kappabashi culinary district ; OR guided tour of Ginza shopping district , including 12 story Ginza Mitsukoshi department store; bullet train to Niigata ; embark ship. BD |
| May 16 Sat | Sado Island | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Lecture, interactive lesson, and performance by world-famous Kodo drummers ; explore Shukunegi fishing village ; tour & tasting at Hokusetsu Sake Brewery ; Captain's welcome reception and dinner. BLRD |
| May 17 Sun | Kanazawa | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Visit Kenroku-en garden , considered one of Japan's top three, then attend traditional tea ceremony OR wagashi Japanese sweet workshop ; afternoon at sea with time for lectures . BLD |
| May 18 Mon | Matsue | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Choice of morning excursions: visit Adachi Museum of Art with its exceptional garden; OR Matsue Castle with free time in the Samurai Quarter ; afternoon at sea with lectures . BLD |
| May 19 Tue | Ulsan, South Korea | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Full day in South Korea : Flying Horse Tomb, National Museum, and Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with Korean lunch and entertainment. BLD |
| May 20 Wed | Hiroshima | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Morning at sea with lectures ; afternoon visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park & Museum ; see Atomic Bomb Dome; leave paper cranes at the Children's Peace Monument; free time for independent exploration. BLD |
| May 21 Thu | Miyajima | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Morning lecture before zodiac transfer to Miyajima to see Itsukushima Shinto Shrine and enjoy free time in town or ride the gondola up Mt. Meisen for spectacular views; afternoon cruising Japan's scenic Inland Sea . BLD |
| May 22 Fri | Naoshima or Kurashiki/ Okayama | <i>Heritage Adventurer</i> | Choice of FD excursions: 1) Naoshima Island to see Chichu and Benesse Museums & Art House Projects; OR 2) Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter ("Japan's Venice") and Okayama Korakuen Garden; Captain's farewell reception & dinner. BLRD |
| May 23 Sat | Osaka/Return to U.S. | | Disembark in Osaka; group transfer to Kansai International Airport (KIX) for flights home OR Optional Extension to Nara and Kyoto. B |

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Fees:

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| Category 1 - Deck 3 Standard Cabin, per person, sharing | \$8,990 |
| Category 2 - Deck 4 Superior Cabin, per person, sharing | \$10,990 |
| Category 3 - Deck 5 Superior Cabin, per person, sharing | \$11,990 |
| Category 4 - Deck 6 Superior Cabin, per person, sharing | \$13,490 |
| Category 5 - Heritage Suite, Deck 6, per person, sharing..... | \$17,990 |
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| Category 1 - Deck 3 Standard Single Cabin | \$10,990 |
| Category 2 - Deck 4 Superior Single Cabin..... | \$13,490 |
| Category 3 - Deck 5 Superior Single Cabin..... | \$14,490 |

*A limited number of Triple Cabins are available. Please call for pricing.

Fees and services are based on current exchange rates and are subject to change.

Program Length, Capacity:

12 days roundtrip from the U.S.

Minimum capacity: 80; Maximum capacity: 140 (all sponsors) including staff.

Fees Include:

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Tokyo/Niigata bullet train • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Captain's welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard the *Heritage Adventurer* • Filtered water for water bottles on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Managers • Expert Japanese guides on shore and aboard *Heritage Adventurer*

Fees Do Not Include:

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

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Pre-Trip Extension to Kamakura and Hakone With a Two-Night Stay at a Luxury Ryokan May 9-13, 2026

After an initial night in Tokyo to get oriented, travel to Hakone's beautiful green mountains close to Mount Fuji for a two-night stay in a contemporary take on a Japanese inn, or ryokan. Enroute to Hakone, visit the historic center of Kamakura, with its Zen temples and giant bronze statue of Buddha. 3B/3L/2D

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION ITINERARY OUTLINE

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| May 9 Sat | Depart U.S. | | Overnight flight to Tokyo, Japan |
| May 10 Sun | Tokyo, Japan | Hilton Tokyo | Arrive Tokyo (NRT or HND); Individual meet-and-greets at airport and group transfers to hotel |
| May 11 Mon | Hakone | Hakone Kowakien Ten-Yu | Drive to Kamakura and see Kotokuin Temple with its iconic Daibutsu bronze Buddha; late afternoon arrival to Hakone; opportunity to enjoy ryokan's private and communal hot spring baths and onsen; Kaiseki dinner (a traditional Japanese multi-course dinner showcasing the chef's artistry). BLD |
| May 12 Tue | Hakone | Hakone Kowakien Ten-Yu | Visit Hakone Open-Air Museum including Picasso Pavilion; Gondola ride to Mt. Komagatake summit for view of Mt. Fuji (weather permitting); Owakudani crater with active sulfur vents, bubbling pools, and hot springs; pleasure cruise on Lake Ashinoko. BLD |
| May 13 Wed | Tokyo | | Return to Tokyo; ascend Tokyo Skytree for panoramic views from observation decks; free time to explore Asakusa district & Senso-ji Temple; late afternoon & evening at leisure; main tour begins. BL |

Extension Cost

Twin, per person, sharing \$2,550
 Single accommodations \$2,990

Extension Capacity:

Maximum: 30; Minimum: 12

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Post-Trip Extension to Kyoto and Nara
May 23-26, 2026

Three-night post-trip extension in Kyoto and a visit to the ancient capital of Nara.
 3B/2L/2D

POST-TRIP EXTENSION ITINERARY OUTLINE

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| May 23 Sat | Kyoto | Westin Miyako Kyoto | Depart port by coach and explore Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan, one of the largest aquariums in the world; then on to Nara to visit the Nara National Museum, Todai-ji Temple, and Daibatsu (Great Buddha); continue to Kyoto and check in to hotel; dinner at local restaurant. LD |
| May 24 Sun | Kyoto | Westin Miyako Kyoto | Visit Tenryu-ji Zen Temple and Arashiyama Bamboo Grove; walk through iconic red/orange torii gates of Fushimi Inari Taisha Shinto shrine; afternoon visit to Miho Museum; evening free. BL |
| May 25 Mon | Kyoto | Westin Miyako Kyoto | Visit UNESCO World Heritage site Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), and its gardens; explore vibrant pedestrian-only Nishiki Food Market; lunch and afternoon free; festive farewell dinner at local restaurant in Gion geisha district. BD |
| May 26 Tue | Return to U.S. | | Morning group transfer to Kansai International Airport (KIX) for flights home. B |

Extension Cost

Twin, per person, sharing\$2,690
 Single accommodations\$3,440

Extension Capacity:

Maximum: 30; Minimum: 12