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# INSIDER'S JAPAN

September 5-17, 2018

**13 days from \$6,591\* total price from Houston**  
(**\$6,395\* air & land inclusive plus \$196\* airline taxes and fees**)

**I**t's a land of delicate art and bustling commerce, of rich traditions and dizzying modernity; a jumble of sights, sounds, and tastes 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 and Kanazawa.



## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

**Day 1: September 5, 2018**

Depart U.S.

**Days 2-4: September 6-8, 2018**

Tokyo

**Day 5: September 9, 2018**

Mt. Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park/Hakone

**Days 6-7: September 10-11, 2018**

Takayama

**Days 8-9: September 12-13, 2018**

Kanazawa

**Days 10-12: September 14-16, 2018**

Kyoto

**Day 13: September 17, 2018**

Return to U.S.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Depart the U.S. for Tokyo, Japan.
- Embark on a tour of Tokyo's top sights, including Shinto Meiji Shrine and historic Imperial Palace. Visit the gallery of calligrapher Koshun Masunaga and tour Ginza, Tokyo's famed shopping, dining, and entertainment district.
- Journey to Mt. Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park. Take a coach ride for breathtaking panoramic views of imposing Mt. Fuji and a cruise on Ashi Lake. Travel to Hakone for an evening stay at a *ryokan*, a traditional Japanese inn.
- Continue on to Takayama in the Japanese Alps. Explore the town's San-machi-suji district with its authentically preserved small inns, teahouses, and sake breweries. Enjoy a sake tasting and leisure time to visit local shops. Visit Miyagawa Morning Market, meeting a local chef to gather ingredients we will use for a hands-on cooking class.
- Tour the UNESCO World Heritage site of Shirakawago Gassho-zukuri Village. Discover the culturally rich castle town of Kanazawa and its renowned Kenrokuen Garden. See Ishikawa Gate, Hakukokan gold leaf museum, and the Higashi Chayagai teahouse.
- Board the train for Kyoto, Japan's cultural and artistic capital. Spend a full day touring the highlights, including the lakeside Temple of the Golden Pavilion and ostentatious Nijo Castle, then visit nearby Nara. Take an optional cycling tour to visit the important Heian Jingu Shinto shrine; Nishiki Market; and the Gion district. Celebrate your adventure at a farewell dinner.
- Travel to Osaka, where you board your return flight to the U.S.

## Insider's Japan, Continued:

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** At this time, elements of the tour are still being finalized. Your deposit will be fully refundable until all details, including pricing, are complete. Our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., will be in touch with you in January 2018 when the final tour details and tour brochure is available. At that time, you will have two weeks to decide whether you would like to convert your preliminary registration to a confirmed booking, or to cancel and receive a full refund. Once your booking is confirmed, the cancellation penalties as outlined in the brochure will apply. You will then receive a complete confirmation packet.

### \*Probable Pricing:

\$6,591\* total price from Houston. Round trip air transportation from any U.S. city is available. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$196\*, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is \$5,395\*; airport arrival and departure transfers are not included. Single travelers please add \$1,295\*. Business Class upgrade on the round-trip Trans-Pacific flight is available on a request basis. A 3-day/2-night post-tour "Hiroshima – City of Peace" extension is available for \$995\* total price (single supplement is \$155\*).

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** All dates, prices, and itinerary details for 2018 tours are subject to change. Finalized pricing will be made available approximately eight months prior to departure.

### Your Tour Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from listed city
- 11 nights' accommodations: 10 nights in Superior First Class and First Class hotels; 1 night in traditional Japanese *ryokan*
- 19 meals: 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Train transportation as described
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- Luggage handling for one bag per person

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### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**SEND TO:** Rice Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520  
Rice University  
P.O. Box 1892  
Houston, TX 77251-1892  
Phone: (713) 34-TRIPS

Our Tour Operator for this program is:  
**Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**

**FAX: (713) 348-5210**

**E-mail: [travelingowls@rice.edu](mailto:travelingowls@rice.edu)**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person/people. This secures my/our space on the following tour: ***Insider's Japan, September 5-17, 2018.*** Make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., or please charge my/our deposit to:

AMEX

VISA

MasterCard

Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I/We understand that I/we will be contacted in January 2018, once the final brochure for the tour is available, and will be given the opportunity to cancel at that time, without penalty. I/We also understand that billing and a complete confirmation packet will follow once I/we convert this preliminary registration into a confirmed booking.

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