Insider’s Japan
May 6-18, 2024

13 days for $7,384 total price from Dallas-Fort Worth
($6,695 air & land inclusive plus $689 airline taxes and fees)

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A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Texas Christian University
Dear TCU Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Travel with us on a special 13-day small group journey to discover the superb art, remarkable history, exquisite cuisine, and stunning landscapes of Japan.

Begin in Tokyo, with two full days exploring Japan’s capital. Travel to Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park to experience the world’s most revered volcano, followed by an overnight in a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn. Take a bullet train to historic Takayama, and attend a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Explore culturally rich Kanazawa before concluding with three nights in Kyoto, Japan’s cultural capital. An optional three-day, two-night post-tour extension to cosmopolitan Hiroshima, the “City of Peace,” is also available.

We are pleased to be sharing this departure with alumni and friends from the University of Kentucky. Space is limited to 24 guests in total from both schools and will fill quickly. Book today!

Frog for Life,

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TCU RESERVATION FORM: INSIDER’S JAPAN

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If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

I/We would like to request ________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

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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 ❑
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It’s a land of delicate art and bustling commerce, of rich traditions and dizzying modernity; a jumble of sights, sounds, and tastes that, for many visitors, are entirely new 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.

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

Day 2: Arrive in 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 Kannon, 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. We learn about environmental and conservation efforts on the mountain at the Mt. Fuji World Heritage Center, then enjoy a relaxing cruise on Ashi Lake, with Mt. Fuji in the background. 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

Day 6: Hakone

Day 7: Takayama

Day 8: Kanazawa

Day 9: Kanazawa

Day 10-12: Kyoto

Day 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.

Cover photo: A UNESCO site, beloved Mount Fuji has drawn visitors 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 beautifully preserved Old Town. 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. 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. Then we visit Gokayama Village to see how traditional Japanese washi paper is made. 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 Kenrokuuen 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. Last, we visit the Kutani Kosen Kiln, where artists fashion the prized, highly decorated pottery. We dine tonight at a local Japanese restaurant. B,D

Day 10: Kanazawa/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. Dinner tonight is on our own.  

Day 11: Kyoto  
More of Kyoto is on tap today, beginning with a visit to the otherworldly Arashiyama Bamboo Grove; the Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts (Fureaikan), showcasing all of Kyoto’s 74 different métiers in one place; and Nijo-jo Castle (c. 1603), the extravagant residence and fortifications of the shoguns who ruled Japan for more than 250 years. Then the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration in this traditional yet modern city before we gather for dinner together tonight.  

Day 12: Kyoto  
We continue our encounter with Kyoto today, first at the important Fushimi Inari shrine, with its trails straddled by red torii gates; Sanjyusangendo Hall (c. 1266), an important Buddhist temple housing 1,000 statues of the Thousand-Armed-Kannon deity; and Nishiki Market, “Kyoto’s Kitchen” of restaurants, stores, and stalls selling everything food-related. Then this afternoon is at leisure; tonight, we toast our adventure at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.  

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.  

Your Tour Price Includes  
• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities  
• 11 nights’ accommodations: 10 nights in Deluxe 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  
• Rail transportation as described  
• Luggage handling for one bag per person  
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers  

Tour Departs: May 6, 2024  
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees. 

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Single travelers please add $1,695. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. 

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: $4,995 per person from Los Angeles; $8,995; all other cities, 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. 

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“O snail Climb Mount Fuji But slowly, slowly!”  
– Kobayashi Issa
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- 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge
- 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price
- 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price
- 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price
- 29-0 days before departure: no refund

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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 all charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests

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