

# Autumn Splendour in Japan

## *New Sights New Adventures*

### **18 Day Japan Ikebana Autumn tour**

**Departure: 26 October 2023**

If you have been fortunate enough to join Sandy Marker's previous adventures to Japan this one certainly lives up to the excitement of discovering new places and enjoying new experiences

We start in Beppu, famous for its hot springs and a thriving bamboo craft culture. We then travel up through Kyushu through the famous porcelain ceramic area of Imari and Arita arriving in Hakata to enjoy the calmness of Rakusien Garden before heading to Matsue in Shimane Prefecture.

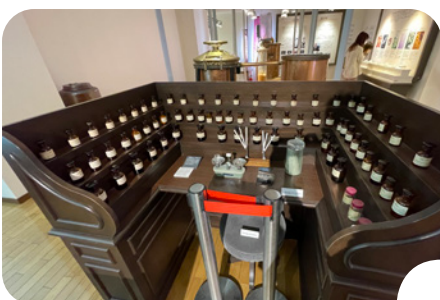
After visiting the Shimane Art Museum we experience a sunset that inspires poets and artists alike. Over the next day or so we visit picturesque Japanese Gardens that will take your breath away, climb to the top of Matsue castle or just wander through the narrow streets beside the canal.

We then travel to Kyoto for the gold and reds of autumn seen throughout the many temples and gardens. Experience a Kyoyzuen painting class and later we prepare our own bento box for dinner. Then you will have a free day in Kyoto to experience your own encounters and create memories to be shared on the next leg of our journey.

On to Hakone, the site of several wonderful and famous museums such as the Open-Air Museum, to view works of art, many of which are only seen in print. We will visit other museums such as the Rene Lalique Museum to immerse ourselves in the beauty of the Art Deco period. For the adventurous amongst us we embark on the Hakone Ropeway with amazing views across to Mt Fuji.

Our last stop is Tokyo to catch the Chrysanthemum Festival, view beautiful buildings, museums, the Sogetsu Kaikan plus an autumn night viewing of Rikugien Garden. A day to venture out on your own for shopping or just be captivated by the plethora of amazing sights.

And our final adventure together is an opportunity to experience an Interactive body of work at TeamLab Planet first-hand. Come and join us for this quite unique and utterly fabulous insight into the amazing world of Japan's artistic scene.







## Sandy Marker Your tour leader

Sandy's passion for Japan stems from her love of Japanese artforms such as ukiyo-e (wood block printing), sumi-e painting, gardens, architecture, ceramics, ikebana, and Japanese cuisine. The

fascination for Japanese aesthetics resulted in Sandy winning an international student award in Jewellery and Object Design based on the Japanese Iris.

An active and passionate Sogetsu ikebana teacher for the past 16 years, Sandy has shared this enthusiasm with many students who have gained teacher's level in their studies. Returning to Japan as often as possible to study both ikebana and sumi-e painting in order of keeping abreast of new and emerging trends, Sandy exhibits her work regularly in Sydney as well as three times in Japan and also once in India.



## Tour Inclusions

- Arriving at Oita airport (Kyushu) with transfer to accommodation in Beppu city
- 2 nights in 4★ Amanek Inn Beppu, breakfast included
- 2 interactive workshops
- Luggage transfer to Matsue
- 1 night in 3★ Imari Grand Hotel, breakfast included
- 1 night stay 4★ Tokyu Stay Hakata, breakfast included
- 3 night stay in 3.5★ Green Rich Hotel Matsue, breakfast included
- 4 nights stay 4.2★ Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, breakfast included
- Kyoyuzen painting workshop, Bento box cooking class
- 2 night stay 4.1★ Yumoto Fujiya Hotel Hakone, breakfast and dinner included
- Hakone Ropeway
- 5 night stay 3★ OMO3 Tokyo Akasaka, breakfast included
- Departure airport transfer from accommodation to Haneda airport
- Bamboo basket making experience
- Perfume making workshop
- Pottery kiln visit
- Yuzen painting workshop in Kyoto
- Ceramic talk
- All transport as per itinerary
- All entrance fees per itinerary
- Service of Certified English speaking guide for 14 days
- Services of our expert tour leader (Sandy Marker – fully qualified Sogetsu ikebana teacher)



**Duration:** 18 days/17 nights

**Departure:** 26 October 2023

**Land only:** AUD \$9895 twin share

**Single supp:** AUD \$950

**Airfares on application:**

Please contact Impulse Travel  
(02) 9651-3177

Non-refundable deposit required at time of confirmation - \$500 per person.  
Balance will be due 01 July 2023.

\*Important Note: The tour costs shown above are subject to exchange rate variations.



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