



JAPAN'S TRADITIONS TO TODAY

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WHY JAPAN?

Japan is a place where tradition and modern life exist side by side, creating a destination defined by a strong cultural identity. True to John Hall's Alaska World Adventure standards, this journey highlights the best of a country shaped by ritual, artistry and an enduring sense of place.

From contemporary Tokyo to historic Kyoto, this itinerary offers a meaningful look at Japan's cultural heart. Visits to Kurashiki, Naoshima and Miyajima highlight regional culture, art and coastal scenery, while time in Nara and Osaka adds historic sites and modern city life to the journey. Through its traditions, flavors and scenery, this adventure offers a clear, meaningful look at Japan and the places that define it.

2027 ROUTE MAP



TRAVELING THE WORLD SINCE 1983

Ultimate small group travel focusing on the right way to see the world - premium experiences to bucket list destinations for 45 years! See the world the John Hall's way!

WHAT PAST GUESTS ARE SAYING ABOUT JOHN HALL'S ALASKA



"This is our second trip with John Hall's Alaska. Both of them have been filled with excellent experiences, good food, excellent accommodations, and a nice balance of activity, scenery, history, nature, and local culture. Our guides have been knowledgeable and very helpful. I just finished making a photo album of our trip, and was amazed at the variety of things we saw and did."

- Sharon K.



"This was our third John Hall adventure (Alaska, Ireland, Hawaii). They are extremely organized, detailed and accommodating. Everything is handled for you, right down to the timely "comfort stops!" Each day is interesting, educational, breathtakingly beautiful, exciting and fun (so many laughs). They excel at quality, worry-free vacation adventures."

- Barb R.

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EXPERIENCE JAPAN'S HISTORY AND CULTURE

TWELVE DAYS - exploring Japan from contemporary Tokyo to historic Kyoto, featuring deluxe hotel stays, local guides and top-quality service. Travel by bullet train between regions, enjoy authentic dining experiences and discover some of Japan's most celebrated destinations, all thoughtfully arranged to create a comfortable and enriching small-group travel experience.



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HIGHLIGHTS & OVERVIEW

JAPAN

- 3 Nights - ANA Intercontinental, Tokyo
- 2 Nights - Dusit Thani Kyoto, Kyoto
- 2 Nights - ANA Crowne Plaza Okayama, Okayama
- 2 Nights - Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel
- 2 Nights - Intercontinental Osaka, Osaka

32 MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included every full day of your tour. Dinner included on arrival and breakfast on departure day

2027 DEPARTURES & PRICING

TOUR
JP7-0621

DATE
JUN 21 - JUL 2, 2027

Triple & Quad pricing upon request, subject to availability.

SINGLE
OCCUPANCY
\$20,469

DOUBLE
OCCUPANCY
\$16,049

Group Size: 20 Guest Maximum

Per Person Price Includes: Visa fees; luxury accommodations; fully guided service; airport meet and greet; listed attractions, all meals, taxes, baggage handling, and corresponding gratuities; all non-alcoholic and adult beverage; special World Adventure memento.

Additional Savings: \$300 per person when tour payment is made by check. \$3500 per person deposits may still be made by credit card.

Active Rating: Easy, must be able to walk up to a mile.

Flights: Guests should arrive before 12pm on day 1 of the tour. On the last day, flights should depart after 12PM.

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ITINERARY OVERVIEW

JAPAN

TOKYO

3 Nights - ANA Intercontinental Tokyo

- Welcome Dinner
- Senso-ji Temple
- Imperial Palace Plaza
- Tsukiji Outer Market
- Main deck at Tokyo Tower
- Hands-on sushi-making experience
- Dinner cruise on a traditional Japanese Yakatabune

KYOTO

2 Nights - Dusit Thani Kyoto

- Nijo Castle
- Kinkakuji Temple
- Arashiyama Bamboo Forest
- Tea Ceremony Experience
- Zazen Meditation & Zen Lecture with a monk
- Dinner at a local restaurant with Geisha (local artist)

OKAYAMA

2 Nights - ANA Crowne Plaza Okayama

- Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- Sake Brewery & Tasting
- Shikoku Kisen Ferry
- Full Day Tour of Naoshima
- Korakuen Garden

HIROSHIMA

2 Nights - Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel

- Miyajima Island Sightseeing
- Itsukushima Shrine
- Miyajima Ropeway
- Miyajima Omotesando Shopping Street
- Ferries across Seto Inland Sea

OSAKA

2 Nights - ANA Intercontinental Osaka

- Winery Tour & Tasting
- Dotonbori
- Todaiji Temple
- Nara Park
- Kasuga Taisha Shrine
- Farewell Dinner



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1 TOKYO | ARRIVAL IN JAPAN

Welcome to Japan! After clearing customs, meet your John Hall's Alaska representative and transfer to luxury accommodations in the heart of Tokyo. Take some time to relax before a welcome dinner with fellow traveling companions.

Dinner

Overnight: ANA Intercontinental Toyko

2 TOKYO SIGHTSEEING & SUSHI

Spend the day exploring several of Tokyo's districts by coach. Visit Tsukiji Outer Market, known for its food stalls and specialty vendors, followed by Sensoji Temple and Nakamise Shopping Street, one of Japan's oldest shopping arcades. Continue to Ginza, the city's top entertainment district. A hands-on sushi-making lunch is included mid-day. After a full day taking in some of Japan's best highlights, enjoy dinner at a local favorite before returning to the hotel for a good night's sleep.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: ANA Intercontinental Toyko

3 TOKYO LANDMARKS & YAKATABUNE DINNER

Spend the day visiting several of Tokyo's signature sights. Begin at Tokyo Tower for panoramic views of the city, then continue to the Imperial Palace Plaza, a central park with beautiful gardens. Lunch is at a local restaurant before heading to Meiji Jingu Shrine, one of Tokyo's most prominent Shinto shrines. Experience Japan by water with an evening dinner cruise on a Yakatabune – a traditional Japanese vessel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: ANA Intercontinental Toyko

4 KYOTO SIGHTSEEING & TEA CEREMONY

Transfer to Tokyo Station for a bullet train journey to Kyoto this morning. Upon arrival, enjoy a half day of sightseeing. Visit Nijo Castle, one of the best-surviving examples of Japan's feudal palace architecture and take part in a traditional tea ceremony experience before arriving the traditional Japanese style accommodations for two evenings.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Dusit Thani Kyoto

5 KYOTO TEMPLES & ZEN TRADITIONS

Spend the day sightseeing in Kyoto. Visit Kinkakuji Temple, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks, followed by a Zen lecture and Zazen meditation experience led by a monk at a temple. Continuing to the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, known for its towering bamboo pathways. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with Geisha, or traditional Japanese artist.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Dusit Thani Kyoto

6 OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI HISTORICAL QUARTER

Leave Kyoto this morning and travel to Okayama by bullet train. Continue by coach for a full day of sightseeing in Kurashiki, including time in the Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter, known for its canals, preserved storefronts, museums and cafes. Visit a sake brewery for a tasting in between experiencing local restaurants for lunch and dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: ANA Crowne Plaza Okayama



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7 NAOSHIMA ART & ISLAND EXPLORATION

Spend the day exploring Naoshima, known for its contemporary art museums and coastal landscapes. Travel by coach to Uno Port and board the Shikoku Kisen Ferry to Miyanoura Port. Visit the Benesse House Museum and the Chichu Art Museum. Enjoy free time in the Art House Project before returning to Miyanoura Port for the ferry back to Uno Port.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: ANA Crowne Plaza Okayama

8 OKAYAMA SIGHTSEEING & HIROSHIMA

Spend the morning sightseeing in Okayama by coach, including Korakuen Garden, considered one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan before transferring to Okayama Station. Board the bullet train for Hiroshima, enjoying a comfortable and scenic journey through western Japan. Upon arrival in Hiroshima Station, the remainder of the day is at leisure, providing time to relax or independently explore the surrounding area.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel

9 MIYAJIMA ISLAND DISCOVERY

Spend the day exploring Miyajima, one of Japan's most celebrated island destinations. After a ferry ride across the Seto Inland Sea to Miyajima Island, begin with a visit to Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its floating torii gate. Take a ride on the Miyajima Ropeway for sweeping views of the island's forested mountains and surrounding sea. Enjoy the afternoon along Miyajima Omotesando Shopping Street, a lively pedestrian avenue lined with local shops. Return to Hiroshima by ferry.

Breakfast

Overnight: Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel

10 OSAKA & DOTONBORI

Following breakfast, transfer to Hiroshima Station to board the bullet train. Upon arrival, experience Osaka, including a winery tour and tasting. Stop in Dotonbori, one of Osaka's most recognizable entertainment districts, known for its vibrant atmosphere, canal-side promenades and larger-than-life illuminated signage. Following time to explore the area, enjoy dinner taking in local delicacies and culture before returning to the hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: ANA Intercontinental Osaka

11 NARA SIGHTSEEING

Spend the day sightseeing in Nara. Visit Todaiji Temple, home to one of Japan's largest bronze Buddha statues, followed by Nara Park, known for its free-roaming deer. Continue to Kasuga Taisha Shrine, a UNESCO site famous for its bronze and stone lanterns. This evening, reminisce with fellow travelers during the farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

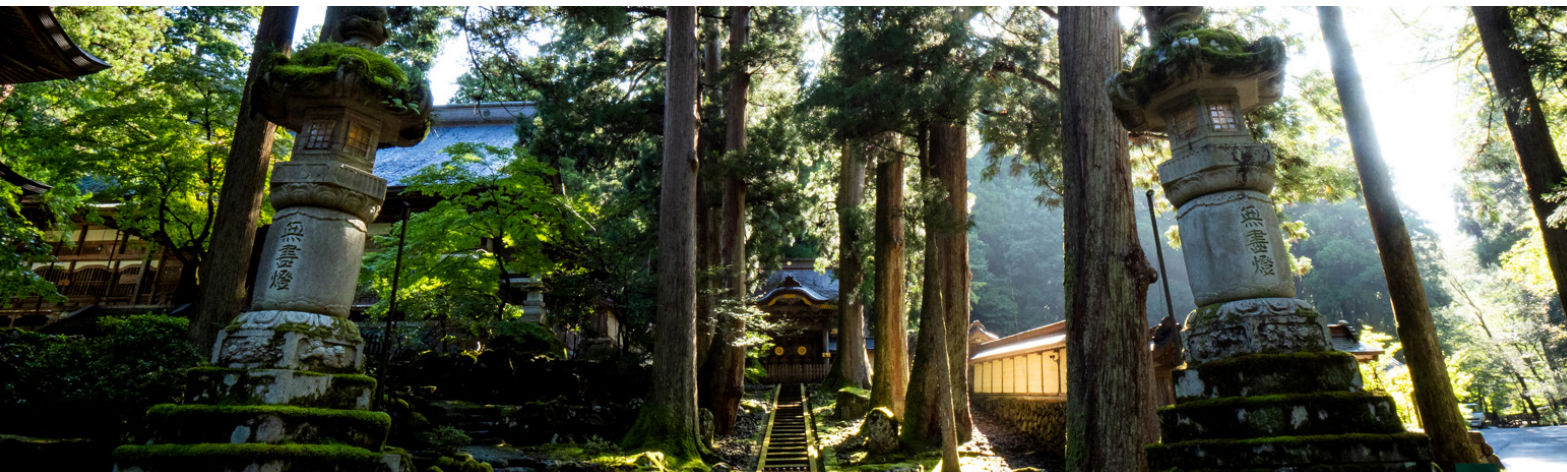
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: ANA Intercontinental Osaka

12 DEPARTURE

Following breakfast, transfer to Kansai Airport for your flight home, taking in memories of Japan.

Breakfast



THE JAPANESE EXPERIENCE

Expert Drivers and Guides

All packages are fully-guided by individuals who understand and are experts in the field, history and regions visited. While in Japan, John Hall's Alaska will pair with expert drivers and guides in each location. All individuals act with extensive knowledge which will share information during the World Adventure. All tours also include a John Hall's Alaska representative to ensure all John Hall's Alaska standards are met throughout the program.

Dining Style

All meals are included while traveling with John Hall's Alaska World Adventures to Japan. When possible, programs support locally sourced businesses with the ability to provide the most authentic experience. This includes a variety of local fruits, vegetables, fish, and other proteins unique to Japan. A variety of options will be available for guests during their dining experiences. **Please let us know at the time of booking if there are any food allergies or intolerances.**

Beverages

Complimentary beverages will be provided at breakfast, lunch and dinner including unlimited water, coffee, iced tea, soft drinks and lemonade. During lunch (where available) and dinner meal service, a choice of alcoholic beverage will also be offered.

Electricity During your Travels

Outlets for use in Japan are Type A (two flat parallel pins) and Type B (two flat parallel pins with a grounding pin). Voltage in Japan is 100V, which is lower than in North America. Make sure you have the correct adapter and that your appliances are dual voltage.

Baggage Handling, Tax and Gratuities

Don't lift a finger! John Hall's Alaska takes care of all luggage, delivering it to the guests' room each evening and picking it up for departure. All entrance fees, hotel charges, taxes, fees and resort fees are included. In addition, gratuities for activities, meals, baggage handling, local guides and drivers are also included.

****Gratuities for the John Hall's Alaska representative is not included and is at guest discretion. \$7-10 per person, per day is recommended for the entire duration of the trip.**

International Visas

The John Hall's World Adventure program includes application fees and work, so you do not have to worry about a thing!

Extended Stays and Additional Overnights

Should you wish to spend more time exploring Tokyo by arriving early or Osaka by extending your trip, John Hall's Alaska will assist in making these arrangements.

Cell Phones and Wi-Fi

Wireless internet is available for complimentary use or a minimal charge, dependent on the overnight accommodation property. Cell phones coverage may be limited, however most major carriers offer international coverage in both locations for a fee.



IMPORTANT DETAILS

How to Book

To confirm your reservation, a deposit of \$3,500.00 USD per person is due within 10 days of reservation. To reserve space, please contact our office at 800.325.2270. Guests may also book online by visiting our World Adventure page at www.World.KissAlaska.com. Deposits are accepted by check or credit card including Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express.

****A discount of \$300 USD per person will be extended for those paying their tour balance by cash or check. Deposit may still be made by credit card, however will be subject to a 4% fee if cancelled outside 180 days.**

Final Payment

An additional payment of 25% will be due 6 months prior to departure (December 21st, 2026). Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure date (February 21st, 2026). If payment is not received in time, space may be released. Additional monies are not due between deposit and final payment. Guests will be charged \$35 USD per check that is submitted with insufficient funds.

Tour Cancellation

If a cancellation is made in writing at least 120 days in advance of departure, a full refund will be made, minus a 4% fee on any monies paid by credit card.

For cancellations inside 120 days, the following penalties will be incurred:

Inside 120 days before departure - 100% of total tour fare becomes non-refundable

****Cancellation penalties and deposit policies follow all partner requirements, policies and penalties.**

Trip Insurance

John Hall's Alaska partners with Travel Insured to supply guests with trip insurance. Guests should purchase this prior to making final payment. Details and pricing will be included with initial invoices, final payment reminders and can be found by visiting www.KissAlaska.com. We highly recommend travel insurance for all guests.

****If you intend to take out trip insurance to cancel for any reason, this must be done immediately upon securing your reservation.**

Suggested Packing

During the tour, daytime attire is casual. Guests should feel comfortable wearing shorts, jeans, lightweight pants, t-shirts and other relaxed clothing while exploring major city districts and coastal regions. When visiting temples and other traditional sites, modest attire is recommended. Shoulders should be covered, and very short shorts or skirts are best avoided. Comfortable walking shoes that can be easily removed are helpful for locations where footwear is taken off.

For evening meals, most Japanese restaurants expect smart casual attire, which generally means limiting items such as shorts and graphic t-shirts. Any additional formal evening requirements will be noted in your final itinerary.

Late June and early July in Japan are warm and humid, with temperatures typically ranging from 70-85 degrees depending on the location and activities. This period also aligns with the early summer rainy season, so clothing that is breathable and easy to layer is best to pack. Our recommendation to pack includes, but is not limited to: a light rain jacket and umbrella, shorts, long pants, t-shirts, a light sweater, sunglasses and other sun protection such as a hat. It is recommended to bring smart casual attire for dinners including slacks, golf polos or casual dresses/skirts.

Dietary Restrictions

Salt free, kosher, food allergies, gluten free or any other special dietary meals must be requested in advance. Please advise this at the time of booking. **Due to some remote locations among the World Adventure experience, John Hall's Alaska MUST know any health accommodation requests in advance.**

****Please make the reservation team aware of any other accommodations we can provide for during the booking process. Due to Hawaii's remote nature, many of these require advanced notice for accommodations to be made.**

Tour Documents

Tour documents, including detailed itinerary, luggage tags and passenger list will be mailed approximately 14-21 days prior. This may be delayed if payment is not received on time.

Itinerary Revisions

John Hall's Alaska reserves the right to revise the services included in the itinerary such as hotel accommodations, attractions or itinerary order. Should this happen, an equal or greater value experience will replace what is included in the itinerary.

Drivers License/Passports

All guests are required to have a passport valid for 6 months post returning home. Please be prepared to supply John Hall's Alaska with your picture page of your passport at the time of booking.