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ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF

JAPAN

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2 to 19 November 2024

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THE TOUR AT A GLANCE...

Our tour includes the top six destinations in Japan, Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Nara, Mount Fuji and Hiroshima. Japan in autumn is more than just spectacular colour, it's full of intrigue, with fascinating variety and a land of contrasts. We will visit not only significant modern and contemporary work in Japan but also traditional architecture, all with outstanding landscape design.

Timeless and traditional design has been the leading inspiration for the modernists worldwide through the influence of Japanese design principles. So following the success of several Travelrite tours of the USA we will visit a few of Frank Lloyd Wright's projects outside of America. Japanese architects have now won the prestigious Pritzker Prize for Architecture seven times since 1979 with four being in this past decade. We will not only focus on eminent Japanese architect, Tadao Ando, but also view exciting projects of ten other significant, internationally acclaimed architects. The best, most popular sites from our guest feedback of our 2014 tour are included plus 25 more memorable contemporary buildings and priceless temples.

We are delighted that Yasuko, our wonderful and knowledgeable tour guide from 2023, who also arranged many memorable authentic Japanese lunches, will also be joining our team to make this the 'tour of a lifetime'.

TOUR ITINERARY

This itinerary will be enhanced by adding projects arising from the experience of the 2023 tour and recently completed works. Visits to private houses are not included in the itinerary as the agreement of owners is yet to be obtained.

DAY 1 Saturday 2 November 2024

Osaka, Japan

Arrival day in Osaka. Check in is available after 3:00pm (Flight and pre tour accommodation options are available). This evening join Malcolm for welcome drinks.

DAY 2 Sunday 3 November 2024

Hiroshima

The tour begins this morning with a transfer to Osaka Train Station for a high speed Shinkansen train to Hiroshima. On arrival we will explore some of Hiroshima's fascinating contemporary buildings including the Museum of Art (Kisho Kurokawa), ANA Chapel, Simone Art Museum and Itsukushima Shrine.

DAY 3 Monday 4 November 2024

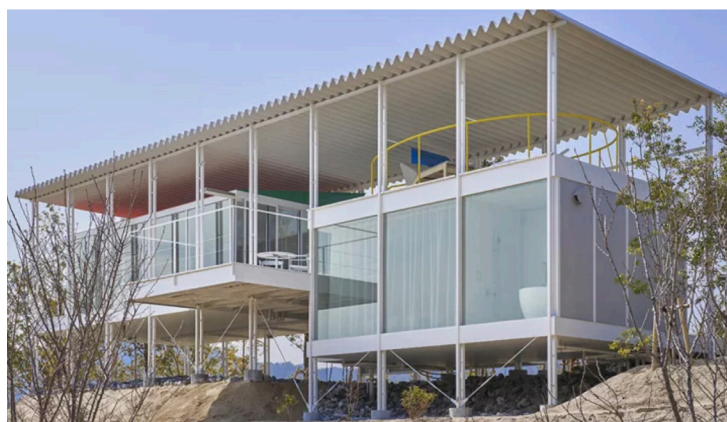
Kurashiki

This morning we visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum and the Ribbon Chapel (Nakamura). A beautiful wedding venue with a panoramic view of Seto Inland Sea. Afterwards we travel to Kurashiki with a stop at the Kohtei Pavilion gardens then Ohashis House in Kurashiki, a 1796 traditional merchant's house'. Wander the historic town of Kurashiki in the evening.

DAY 4 Tuesday 5 November 2024

Kurashiki

This morning we travel to Naoshima Island, known for its art museums, architecture and sculpture. We will visit the spectacular Chichu Art Museum, Benesse House and Ando Museum all by Tadao Ando. Chichu Art Museum has paintings from Monet's "Water Lilies" series. Benesse House Museum shows contemporary sculpture. We will also see the iconic Yayoi Kusama yellow pumpkin sculpture.



DAY 5 Wednesday 6 November 2024

Kobe

This morning we travel to Tazaemon Yamamura House (Yodoka Guest House), the first of two Frank Lloyd Wright buildings we will see in Japan. After lunch we arrive in Kobe, the capital of Hyogo Prefecture and one of Japan's ten largest cities. Located between the sea and the Rokko mountain range, Kobe is also considered one of Japan's most attractive cities. We visit the Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art - Ando Gallery and then see the Chapel of the Wind (Mount Rokko Church) one of three churches Ando designed.

DAY 6 Thursday 7 November 2024

Osaka

This morning we visit another of Tadao Ando's spectacular works - the Water Temple, Awaji Island. This is a modern Buddhist temple built of concrete and located underground, with a circular pool of water planted above the prayer space. We then continue on to Koshino Hiroko House. Ando designed the Koshino House for fashion designer Hiroko Koshino and her family during 1979 - 1984.

DAY 7 Friday 8 November 2024

Kyoto

This morning we visit to Asahi Oyamazaki Museum of Art (Ando). We then visit the Garden of Fine Arts (Ando) followed by the Shugakuin Imperial Villa and the Apple Store, Kyoto.

DAY 8 Saturday 9 November 2024

Kyoto

Kyoto is old Japan with atmospheric temples, sublime gardens, traditional teahouses and is the heart of Japan's geisha world. It is most well known in Japanese history for being the former Imperial capital of Japan for more than one thousand years. We begin with a visit to the spectacular Arashiyama Bamboo Grove one of most photographed sights in Kyoto. We continue on to Ryoan-ji Temple. Originally an aristocrat's villa during the Heian Period, the site was converted into a Zen temple in 1450 and belongs to the Myoshinji school of the Rinza sect of Zen Buddhism. It is popular for its rock garden. After lunch we visit Kyoto Concert Hall (Isozaki) (external view only unless attending a concert) and Nishjin Lifestyle Museum. We then visit Shisendo Temple. Former samurai, Chinese classics scholar, and landscape architect Ishikawa Jozan built the shrine in 1641 as a retirement villa. We conclude the day with a visit to Kiyomizu-Dera Temple, with a spectacular view over Kyoto.



TOUR LEADER MALCOLM CARVER

Malcolm Carver (AIA AIA) is an Architect and former Principal of Scott Carver Architects, a highly successful Sydney-based practice which has won numerous awards for their work including the RIAA National Environment Award. Over the past 40 years Malcolm has travelled extensively in Europe, Asia and the Americas having led over 14 Travelrite Tours. His passion for architecture is only matched by a keen interest in sketching and painting and he has many solo exhibitions of his work. His sketches appear online at www.carverstudio.com



DAY 9 Sunday 10 November 2024

Kyoto

This morning we visit the famous Kinkaku Ji (Golden Pavilion), a Zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. After lunch, we will visit Katsura Imperial Villa (completed in 1645), for a guided tour of one of the finest examples of Japanese architecture and garden design.

DAY 10 Monday 11 November 2024

Kyoto

A free day in Kyoto to visit some of its historic sites. You may wish to visit Gion, Kyoto's geisha district made famous from the novel and film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. It is filled with shops, restaurants and ochaya (teahouses), where geisha and maiko (geisha apprentices) entertain.

DAY 11 Tuesday 12 November 2024

Nagoya

We depart Kyoto and travel to Nagoya today. Along the way we will visit Miho Museum (I M Pei) and Ise Grand Shrine, Naiku. Ise Grand Shrine is Japan's most sacred Shinto shrine and dates back to the 3rd Century. It is considered to be the spiritual home of the Japanese and its national religion Shinto.

DAY 12 Wednesday 13 November 2024

Chino

Today we visit GC Prostho Museum Research Centre (Kuma) and the Imperial Hotel Foyer (photo below) at Museum Meiji-Mura (Wright). Meiji-Mura is an open-air architectural museum near Nagoya. The museum preserves historic buildings from Japan's Meiji (1867-1912), Taisho (1912-1926), and early Shōwa (1926-1989) periods. Over 60 historical buildings have been moved and reconstructed. The most noteworthy being the main entrance and lobby of Frank Lloyd Wright's landmark Imperial Hotel, which originally stood in Tokyo from 1923 to 1967, when the main structure was demolished to make way for a new, larger version of the hotel.

DAY 13 Thursday 14 November 2024

Tokyo

This morning we visit the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre (Ban). Opened in 2017 to commemorate the mountain's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site four years prior. The building has an inverted conical form that reflects in the pond outside to reveal the shape of the iconic mountain. We continue onto Tokyo and arrive late afternoon.



DAY 14 Friday 15 November 2024

Tokyo

There aren't many places on Earth that blend ancient tradition and the ultra-modern quite like Tokyo. Centuries-old gardens and cobblestone laneways live in perfect harmony with soaring skyscrapers and dazzling neon lights. Following a free morning, we will visit the Tokyo International Forum, followed by a coach and walking tour of 12 of Tokyo's architect-designed Flag Stores, including Apple, Gucci and Hugo Boss. We conclude the evening with a trip to Shinjuku, famous for its neon lights.

DAY 15 Saturday 16 November 2024

Tokyo

A full day of exploring Tokyo's architectural wonders starting with the Architecture Museum Edo W, the Olympic Stadium (Kuma), Nezu Museum and Sumida Hokusai Museum.

DAY 16 Sunday 17 November 2024

Tokyo

A free day in Tokyo to visit some of its wonderful sights - historic and modern. You might want to go up the Tokyo Skytree for an impressive view of the city.

DAY 17 Monday 18 November 2024

Tokyo

Our final day in Tokyo We will see Sky House (Kitutake), St Mary's Cathedral (Tange), National Art Centre and Sunny Hill cake shop. We will have a farewell dinner this evening to celebrate a wonderful tour.

DAY 18 Tuesday 19 November 2024

Departure

After breakfast the tour concludes.



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The price for the 17-night tour
per person twin-share (land only) \$ 10,790
Single supplement \$ 2,100

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

- Travel in first-class chartered coaches
- Bullet train travel from Osaka to Hiroshima
- Accommodation in first-class and moderate first-class, centrally located hotels with private facilities throughout the tour. Hotel taxes and service charges
- Buffet breakfasts daily
- Welcome drinks in Osaka
- Entry to buildings, museums and attractions as detailed in the itinerary
- A farewell dinner on Monday 18 November 2024
- Tour leadership by well-known architect Malcolm Carver
- Fully escorted by a professional tour manager and an accredited Japanese tour guide

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- International airfares, air taxes, fuel and government surcharges
- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals and drinks unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary will be quoted for separately

PARTICIPANTS ON OUR 2014 JAPAN TOUR SAID...

- *The best part of the tour, as always, was the camaraderie of the group*
- *Tour was excellent for its architecture content, but also for the opportunity to experience a different culture*
- *Malcolm was a wealth of information and a lot of fun*
- *Third tour, very happy, would go again*
- *Group was very good, had some fabulous food*
- *Malcolm was excellent, contributed to the group's congeniality*
- *Saw and experienced far more than the itinerary could convey*

PARTICIPANTS ON OUR 2018 TOUR SAID...

- *Many thanks to you both (and Travelrite) for a fantastic US tour! A very memorable experience indeed...and nice to meet all the tour group as well!*
- *What a delight and privilege it was for me to spend that time soaking in amazing architecture with such a lovely, interesting group of people. I enjoyed meeting all of you.*
- *As one of the "non architects" I was impressed how you made every building interesting for me and simultaneously brought humour and bonhomie to each and every day. I learnt a lot from you, the guides and from many of our fellow travelers also along the way and for this I am grateful. A terrific, eclectic group of people and a well-oiled touring machine; a credit to you and your colleagues.*

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