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# *Autumn in* **JAPAN CRUISE**

6 to 22 November, 2019

Kyoto, Tokyo, Akita, Niigata, Tsuruga,  
Sakaiminato, Shimizu, Japan;  
Busan, South Korea

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# Autumn in JAPAN CRUISE

Autumn in Japan will be a wonderful opportunity to cruise from Yokohama to Yokohama. The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours at each port of call. Also included are special activities for members of the group. We hope that you can join us.

## Itinerary

**Day 1** Wednesday 6 November 2019

**Kyoto, Japan**

Today we board our flight to Kyoto. In autumn, Japan turns all shades of yellow and red in a breathtaking display of autumn colour, the turning of the leaves is called koyo. Kyoto is old Japan with atmospheric temples, sublime gardens, traditional teahouses and 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.

**Day 2** Thursday 7 November 2019

**Kyoto**

On arrival we meet our guide and transfer to Kyoto for an overview sightseeing tour before transferring to our hotel in Kyoto. We will visit the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant stone path through the northern part of Kyoto's Higashiyama district that follows a canal, lined by hundreds of cherry trees (cherry trees bloom in April). This afternoon will be at leisure before we come together for an included Welcome Dinner this evening.



**Day 3** Friday 8 November 2019

**Kyoto**

Today our sightseeing tour of Kyoto commences at Kinkakuji, better known as the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Formally known as Rokuonji, the temple was the retirement villa of the shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu, and according to his will, it became a Zen temple of the Rinzaï sect after his death in 1408. We then visit the Ryoanji Temple, the site of Japan's most famous rock garden. 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 Rinzaï sect of Zen Buddhism. Later we visit Gion, Kyoto's most famous 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 4** Saturday 9 November 2019

**Kyoto**

Today we will visit Ginkakuji, consisting of the famous Silver Pavilion and Nanzenji Temple, whose spacious grounds are located at the base of Kyoto's forested Higashiyama Mountains, and is one of the most important Zen temples in all of Japan. In 1482, shogun Ashikaga Yoshimasa built his retirement villa on the grounds of today's temple, modelling it after Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion), his grandfather's retirement villa. The villa was converted into a Zen temple after Yoshimasa's death in 1490. After visiting Ginkakuji, we travel to Nanzenji. Later we visit the Imperial Palace, which was the residence of the Imperial family until the



capital was moved to Tokyo in 1869. Within the Imperial Palace grounds, which are enclosed by a roofed earthen wall, are the Seiryō-den (Palace Hall) and the Kogoshō (Minor Palace) – reminiscent of the dynastic age.

**Day 5** Sunday 10 November 2019

**Tokyo, Japan**

This morning we are transferred to the railway station for our exciting Bullet Train ride on the famous Shinkansen train to Tokyo, travelling up to 270 kmph. On arrival we visit Meiji Shrine, a popular place for traditional Japanese weddings and Asakusa, Tokyo's old town is where you can soak up the atmosphere of what Tokyo must have been like hundreds of years ago. We then visit Sensoji, also known as Asakusa Kannon and Tokyo's oldest temple.

**Day 6** Monday 11 November 2019

**Tokyo**

Today we first visit the famous Tokyo Fish Market, the largest and busiest fish market in the world. We visit the famous Ginza shopping district, renowned as the most expensive real estate in the world. We visit the Imperial Palace East Gardens, which is part of the Royal residence and a superb example of traditional Japanese landscape design.

**Day 7** Tuesday 12 November 2019

**Embarkation Yokohama**

The morning is free for individual sightseeing and shopping. Early afternoon we are transferred to the port of Yokohama to board the Diamond Princess. Make sure you're up on deck as the Diamond Princess slips her moorings and we start our cruise around Japan.

**Day 8** Wednesday 13 November 2019

**At sea**

A day at sea is the perfect opportunity to explore the fabulous facilities of this magnificent ship. Perhaps visit the Spa for a relaxing massage. This afternoon we will play a game of Bingo.

**Day 9** Thursday 14 November 2019

**Akita, Japan**

This morning we arrive in Akita, where year-round festivals and street parades are colourfully integrated into daily life. A key city in the Tohoku region since medieval times, Akita was once a castle town of the Satake clan, but today is a vibrant, prosperous city that seamlessly honours its past but embraces its young energetic spirit. We take a 50-minute scenic drive to Namahage Museum in Oga Peninsula showcasing cultural and folklore traditions. Enjoy a large exhibit of the Namahage handmade customs & masks used over the years. We also visit Mt. Kanpu Panorama Observation Deck located on top of the grass-covered

# Diamond Princess

Diamond Princess is a treasure trove of exceptional delights waiting to be discovered. Dine on freshly prepared sashimi in Kai Sushi, watch street performers in the dazzling Atrium, or take in a lavish production show in the state-of-the-art theatre. And for a unique treat visit the Izumi Japanese Bath, the largest of its kind at sea. With more than 1,330 cabins of varying configurations, the Diamond Princess has a cabin suited for everyone. Whether lounging in a suite or resting in an interior cabin, all guests will be met with luxurious furnishings, wonderful amenities, and a friendly and attentive service staff. The Diamond Princess is packed with activities to keep guests of all ages entertained. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the live shows put together by world-renown directors and choreographers. Dance the night away at Club Fusion or Skywalkers Nightclub or maybe a few rounds at the Vegas-style casino. Cool down with a dip in the freshwater pools with either a good book or thirst-quenching cocktail in hand. The Diamond Princess also offers guests three specialty dining experiences: enjoying a taste of Italy at Sabatini's, indulging in steak and seafood at Sterling Steakhouse, and sashimi at Kai Sushi.

## Clothing onboard

The dress code on this ship is generally casual. Feel free to wear whatever makes you feel best. Most nights are smart casual, with ladies dressed in skirts or pants with blouses and men in collared shirts. Shorts, pool attire, baseball caps and casual jeans are not permitted in the dining rooms offering only table service. During a 7 to 9 night cruise, there are two formal nights, ladies typically wear cocktail dresses, skirts and pantsuits and men dark suits or slacks with a shirt and sports jacket.



mountain Mt. Kanpu on Oga Peninsula. The observation deck rotates and you can view the Sea of Japan and the surrounding scenery all at once while rotating 360 degrees. Our final stop is the Sake Brewery where you can taste the local sake and learn the secrets to its fine flavour.

**DAY 10** Friday 15 November 2019

**Niigata, Japan**

Niigata is the place to go to experience Japan's natural bounty. With four seasons of dramatic beauty – with a full month of cherry blossoms in spring, lush greenery in summer, golden hues in autumn and snow-capped mountains in winter – this port city on the Sea of Japan is a nature lover's dream. We head to Bandai Pier, where you can sample the most famed white fish in Japan from the local vendors and explore Niigata's opulent history at the tatami-clad Northern Culture Museum. We then take the cable car to the summit of Yuzawa and take in the panoramic views.

**DAY 11** Saturday 16 November 2019

**Tsuruga, Japan**

We arrive in the port city of Tsuruga this morning. Tsuruga is surrounded by mountain ranges on three sides and opens to the Sea of Japan and renowned for its natural beauty, its coastline scenery with white-sand beaches and pine forests. Its city centre boasts historic landmarks, shrines, a bustling seafood marketplace and a charming population of bronze statuettes, characters from artist Leiji Matsumoto's anime comic books that were erected in celebration of the city's 100th anniversary. We will visit Kehi-no-Matsubara pine grove, one of the largest pine forests in Japan, see the impressive torii gate that greets visitors to the Kehi-jingu Shrine, Tsuruga Red Brick Warehouse, Port of Humanity Tsuruga Museum and Nihonkai Sakana-machi Fish Market.



**DAY 12** Sunday 17 November 2019

**Sakaiminato, Japan**

Nestled between the sea and the sky, Sakaiminato is surrounded by water, with the Sea of Japan to the west, Lake Nakaumi to the west and Sakai Channel to the north. We will visit the Adachi Museum of Art housing an impressive collection and Matsue Castle which stands proudly surrounded by stone walls and moats. Dating back to 1611, it is one of the oldest castles in Japan. This onyx-black castle with a six-story donjon sits atop a stone foundation and features black wooden walls beneath its gables. The castle dates to the early years of the Edo Period.

**DAY 13** Monday 18 November 2019

**Busan, South Korea**

We call into the port of Busan, South Korea where we have a sightseeing tour and visit the ancient Silla capital, Gyeong-Ju, a place UNESCO designated as one of the world's top 10 historic sites. We explore the royal tombs at Tumuli Park, then experience the serenity of an 8th-century Bulguksa Temple.

**DAY 14** Tuesday 19 November 2019

**At sea**

Another day at sea to explore the fabulous facilities of this magnificent ship. This afternoon join us for a fun game of Scattergories with prizes for the winners.

**DAY 15** Wednesday 20 November 2019

**Shimizu, (Mount Fuji), Japan**

Today we travel halfway up Japan's highest mountain, Mt Fuji, to enjoy a spectacular view from a height of 2,300 metres, followed by a Japanese-style lunch. In the afternoon we travel through the Owakudani Valley, enjoy a ride on the Hakone Ropeway's aerial cable car, offering amazing views of nearby Hakone National Park. This evening we will have farewell drinks to celebrate our journey.

**DAY 16** Thursday 21 November 2019

**Tokyo, Japan - Disembarkation**

This morning we arrive back in Yokohama, and after disembarking, we transfer to the airport for our overnight flight back to Australia.

**DAY 17** Friday 22 November 2019

**Arrive Australia**

Tour members arrive back in Australia. The tour concludes.



## Don't worry about coming alone

We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be there to guide you. There will be group activities almost every day.

## The advantages of the Diamond Princess Cruise

The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening dine with the group on our reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time.



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## Included in *The Senior Autumn in Japan Cruise*:

- Economy-class air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane/Adelaide/Perth to Osaka and return from Tokyo to Australia
- Travel on Diamond Princess in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Diamond Princess
- Private activities on board Diamond Princess
- Welcome Dinner & Farewell Drinks
- 3 night's 3-star centrally located accommodation in Kyoto including breakfast
- 2 nights' 4-star centrally located accommodation in Tokyo including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours of Kyoto, Tokyo, Akita, Niigata, Tsuruga, Sakaiminato, Shimizu, Japan; Busan, South Korea
- Cruise management by Travelrite International
- Port and handling charges on Diamond Princess
- Cruise taxes
- Air taxes as of 20 November 2018 increases will be added to your account
- Onboard gratuities

## Not included in the cruise price:

- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship
- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary; these will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees

## Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description		Deck	Twin-share	Single
IF	Interior	5 8 12 14	\$ 6785	\$ 9595
IE	Interior	8 9 10 1 12	\$ 6820	\$ 9695
IC	Interior	5 8 12 14	\$ 6885	\$ 9795
IB	Interior	9 10 11 2	\$ 6925	\$ 9895
OZ	Oceanview obstructed	8	\$ 7050	\$ 10035
OY	Oceanview obstructed	8 10	\$ 7075	\$ 10505
OW	Oceanview obstructed	8	\$ 7125	\$ 10395
OV	Oceanview obstructed	8	\$ 7140	\$ 10595
OF	Oceanview	5	\$ 7525	\$ 11195
BF	Balcony	12 14	\$ 8150	\$ 12295
BE	Balcony	10 11 12	\$ 8235	\$ 12495
BC	Balcony	12 14	\$ 8475	\$ 12595
BE	Balcony	8 9 10 12	\$ 8850	\$ 13615
ME	Mini Suite	8 9	\$ 8875	\$ 13650
Included port and handling charges			\$ 357	\$ 357
Included air taxes as of 20/11/2018			\$ 180	\$ 180
Included cruise gratuities			\$ 135	\$ 135

**Availability:** All cabins are subject to availability.

**Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.** A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy.

**Extending:** You can stay longer in Japan for minimal additional cost.

**Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.**

## General Information and Booking Conditions

**Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this tour without the need of assistance from others.**

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Diamond Princess is operated by Princess Cruises and the Diamond Princess fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Princess Cruises brochure 2019. All passengers must complete the online check-in cruise personaliser and Travelrite International booking form.

**DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete the Princess Cruises online check-in. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the Diamond Princess fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by Visa, Mastercard and Amex Cards.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES:** Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

**REFUNDS:** The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All passengers will require a valid passport. If you are not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

**BAGGAGE:** Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS:** The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

**Travelrite International Pty Ltd**  
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**Balwyn, Victoria 3103**

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