




# Japan: Architecture and Design 2026

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Tour Leaders **Stephen Crafti**

Fitness Level 

**Level 1 - Active**

For people with active lives and good mobility

Showcasing the finest Japanese contemporary art, architecture, furniture and fashion; including Naoshima Island and hosted visits to ateliers.

## Overview

Explore the very latest in Japanese contemporary art, architecture and design with writer [Stephen Crafti](#).

- Visit Naoshima, Japan's 'art island', renowned for its contemporary art museums and outdoor sculptures.
- Explore masterpieces by Japan's great architect Tadao Ando, including his Shiba Ryotaro Memorial Museum, Honpukuji (Water Temple) on Awaji Island and the [Benesse House Museum on Naoshima Island](#).
- Discover exquisite Japanese textiles at [Hosoo](#) in Kyoto and [Nuno Works](#) Warehouse in Tokyo.
- Tour Frank Lloyd Wright's beautiful Jiyu Gakuen Girls' School and Le Corbusier's National Museum of Western Art.
- Encounter a stunning early modern interpretation of a traditional Japanese residence at Kusuo Yasuda's Former Residence (1919), and the restoration of traditional *machiya* houses for use as the most contemporary of guest houses and design stores.
- Tour [Vermicular Village in Nagoya](#), home to cast iron cookware that focuses on precision, durability and excellence.
- Be uplifted by one of Tokyo's finest gardens at the Nezu Museum and by the modern art exhibits of 21-21 Design Sight by Tadao Ando and Issey Miyake.
- Dine on superb Japanese cuisine that reflects the importance of flavour, artistry and aesthetics in each dish.
- Visit Japan's most dynamic cities during the beautiful crisp winter, avoiding the tourist crowds.

Overnight Kyoto (2 nights) • Kobe (2 nights) • Kurashiki (2 nights) • Nagoya (1 night) • Tokyo (4 nights)

## Leaders



### Stephen Crafti

An Honorary Member of the Australian Institute of Architects, Stephen is a leading architecture & design writer of over 50 books & many articles including for 'The Age', 'Sydney Morning Herald' & 'Wallpaper' magazine (London), Stephen has pioneered ASA's new special design tours to London, Glasgow, Japan, Belgium, Finland & Auckland, as well as Australian programs to Hobart & Sydney.

Stephen Crafti is a leading Architecture & Design Writer. With more than 50 books to his name and writing for Australia's leading newspapers and magazines, including the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *Habitus* and *Wallpaper*, Stephen is highly regarded in his field. Whether it's writing about a contemporary home or a design luminary, he makes the subject both intriguing and highly accessible. He started writing on architecture and design in the early 1990s, after purchasing a modernist 1950s home. "I've always been drawn to design, whether it's a building, an interior, a beautifully crafted chair or fashion. I'm fascinated with the stories behind each creation. I never stop looking. It's a continual search for the best in design, whether in Australia or overseas".

Stephen Crafti also produces and hosts 'Talking Design', a popular fortnightly RMIT podcast, which features interviews with experts and professionals from all areas of the design world. To listen, please visit: [www.rmit.edu.au/news/podcasts/talking-design](http://www.rmit.edu.au/news/podcasts/talking-design)

In 2021 he was awarded an Honorary Membership of the Australian Institute of Architects. "This award recognises your significant and substantial contribution to architecture through your work as one of Australia's leading architecture and design writers, and as a perceptive and informed commentator bringing architecture to a wider Australian audience. Additionally, your carefully curated architectural tours offer the public a highly tangible experience of architecture".

To discover more about Stephen's activities, visit [stephencrafti.com.au](http://stephencrafti.com.au)

To get to know Stephen better you may wish to view his interview with architect Reginald Grouse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YOfMpnBDSI>





## Itinerary

The following itinerary lists a range of museums, galleries, buildings and design projects which we plan to visit. Many are accessible to the public, but some require special permission, which may only be confirmed closer to the tour's departure. The daily activities described in this itinerary may change or be rotated and/or modified in order to accommodate alterations in museum opening hours and privately hosted visits. The tour includes breakfast daily, lunches and evening meals as indicated in the itinerary where: B =breakfast, L=lunch and D=evening meal.

### Kyoto - 2 nights

#### Day 1: Monday 9 February, Arrive Kyoto

- Tour commences at 1.00pm in the foyer of the hotel
- Welcome Meeting
- Issey Miyake store (Naoto Fukasawa)
- Kondo Museum
- Gion District
- Welcome *keiseki* dinner

**Meeting Point:** The tour commences at 1.00pm in the foyer of the [Blossom Hotel Kyoto](#).

Kyoto was the capital of Japan from the late 8th century until 1868, when the court was moved to Tokyo. It is home to 17 World Heritage sites, 1600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines, yet much of the city centre is modern. The city is renowned for its aesthetic that merges the highly respected traditions of the past with contemporary design.

Following a short welcome meeting we walk to the nearby Issey Miyake store, situated within a *machiya* house (a traditional wooden townhouse), with a restoration and interior design by Naoto Fukasawa. The space is a harmonious melding of the traditional and contemporary.

We then visit the Kondo Museum, a beautifully restored house museum dedicated to ceramicist Yuzo Kondo. The works on display span his 70 year career that showcase his innovation in decorative designs and techniques, particularly *sometsuke* wares (blue and white ceramics). The museum also houses works by his two sons and grandson.

We then take a walking tour of the historic Gion District, before enjoying a Welcome Dinner of *keiseki* cuisine, a feast of many small artistically presented dishes. (Overnight Kyoto) D

#### Day 2: Tuesday 10 February, Kyoto

- Nishiki Market
- House of Hosoo Flagship Store
- Nanzen-ji Temple Complex
- Kawai Kanjiro's House Memorial Museum

We begin the day with a walk through the traditional 17th-century Nishiki-koji covered market, which has for centuries been the focus of food shopping in the city. You may wish to try Japanese pickled vegetables or purchase teapots and tea-bowls from a traditional vendor.

Hosoo is a Kyoto-based textile company. Working with world-acclaimed designers, Hosoo uses silk, hand-made washi paper products, and other premium materials to create beautifully coloured contemporary woven fabrics and wallpaper.

Kyoto is notable for its extraordinary diversity of Japanese gardens, including many of the finest traditional temple gardens. Nanzen-ji is one of the most famous Rinzaï Zen temples in Japan. It was founded in 1291 by Emperor Kameyama, and was rebuilt several times after devastating fires. At the entrance to the complex one passes through the huge Imperial gate, built in 1628 by Todo Takatora, and into the complex with its series of sub-temples.

Our day concludes with a visit to Kawai Kanjiro's House Memorial Museum. The property was designed by the celebrated ceramic artist in 1937 as a residence and studio. His collection of art and furnishings, and many of his own art pieces of ceramic, sculpture and calligraphy are displayed throughout the house. (Overnight Kyoto) B

#### Kobe - 2 nights

#### Day 3: Wednesday 11 February, Kyoto – Osaka – Kobe

- Asahi Beer Oyamazaki Villa Museum of Art, Kyoto, including Underground Jewelry Box annex (Tadao Ando)
- Shiba Ryotaro Memorial Museum, Osaka (Tadao Ando)
- Yodoko Guest House, Ashiya (Frank Lloyd Wright)

In the hills outside Kyoto is the Asahi Beer Oyamazaki Villa Museum of Art. The Oyamazaki Villa was built in the early years of the 20th century as a British-style mountain villa for businessman Shotaro Kaga. This historic building serves as the main building of the museum. Two annexes – the Underground Jewelry box and the Dream Box – were later designed by Tadao Ando when the villa was being saved from demolition by the Asahi Beer company. The collection of artworks include fine paintings by Claude Monet, including several *Waterlilies*, ceramics by Kanjiro Kawai and a sculpture by Henry Moore. Ando's annexes serve to unite the spaces of the museum and are partly submerged and covered with greenery in order for them to

maintain harmony with the surrounding mountainside.

We continue towards Osaka where we visit the Shiba Ryotaro Memorial Museum by Tadao Ando. Shiba Ryotaro was an important writer of the post-war period. The museum incorporates his home and Ando's building which was inspired by the writer's extensive library. The use of light plays an important part in the design, and reflects the way Shiba's work cast light and hope into Japan's dark post-war years.

We continue our journey to Ashiya, where we find one of the handful of remaining structures and the only surviving residence designed by Frank Lloyd Wright during his time in Japan. This was built as a Summer home for Tazaemon Yamamura, a wealthy sake brewer. Wright took advantage of the superb views the site enjoys over the Bay of Osaka by stepping the house into the slope of the hillside, while his Japanese collaborator Arata Endo, added three tatami-mat rooms and narrow clerestory windows in the saloon that can be opened to allow cross-breezes. (Overnight Kobe) BL

#### Day 4: Thursday 12 February, Kobe – Awaji – Ashiya – Kobe

- Honpukuji (The Water Temple), Awaji Island (Tadao Ando)
- Yumebutai Memorial Garden & Observation Terrace Research Centre, Awaji Island (Tadao Ando)
- Koshino Hiroko House (KH Gallery), Ashiya

This morning we drive a short distance to Awaji Island where we encounter two beautiful structures by Tadao Ando. First we visit the modern Buddhist Honpukuji (Water Temple), an oval pool filled with water lilies, and a concrete-walled staircase that leads you down to the vermilion coloured sanctuary beneath.

Nearby is the Yumebutai Memorial Garden and Observation terrace, built to commemorate the victims of the 1995 earthquake that struck the Kobe area. Located near the earthquake's epicentre, the complex includes a conference centre, open-air theatre and the Hyakudan-en garden that descend the site's slope in one hundred 5×5 meter terraces.

Returning to the mainland, we continue to Ashiya to visit the Koshino Hiroko House, now the KH Gallery – a house Tadao Ando built for fashion designer Hiroko Koshino. With his signature use of concrete and underground corridors, Ando created a structure that, while joined internally by a corridor, appears from the outside as two separate buildings. The use of light is carefully controlled to allow a constant play of shadow. (Overnight Kobe) B

#### Kurashiki - 2 nights

#### Day 5: Friday 13 February, Kobe – Okayama – Kurashiki

- Shinkansen (bullet train) Kobe to Okayama
- Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter
- Ohara Museum, Kurashiki

This morning we transfer to Kobe station to take the shinkansen to Okayama and then on to Kurashiki where we will be based for 2 nights.

Kurashiki has a very well-preserved historic centre, with a network of willow-lined canals, stone bridges and *kominka* – traditional warehouse buildings that once served as rice distribution centre and are now converted into museums, galleries and cafes.

We will visit the Ohara Museum, Japan's first Western Art Museum founded by Magosaburo Ohara, a local entrepreneur in 1930. This impressive collection includes works by El Greco, Monet, Cezanne, Rodin, Gauguin, Picasso and Pollock, as well as a fine collection of Japanese art. (Overnight Kurashiki) B

**Note:** Our luggage will be transported by courier service from Kobe to our hotel in Kurashiki.

#### Day 6: Saturday 14 February, Kurashiki – Naoshima – Kurashiki

- Ferry to Naoshima Island
- Chichu Art Museum
- Lee Ufan Museum
- Benesse House Museum and Lunch at Issen Restaurant
- Return to mainland by ferry

The island of Naoshima in the Seto Inland Sea is home to a number of contemporary art museums and outdoor sculpture exhibitions. The Benesse Corporation installed much of the art on Naoshima and the neighbouring islands, and commissioned the design and construction of several museums by Tadao Ando. This commission included the Benesse House Museum, the Chichu Art Museum and the Lee Ufan Museum.

This morning we take a ferry from the mainland to Naoshima Island and spend a day visiting some of the remarkable art exhibitions, sculpture and architecture the island has to offer. We enjoy lunch at the Issen Restaurant at Benesse House Museum, where the focus of the cuisine is on the sustainability and exquisite presentation of each dish.

In the late afternoon, we return to the mainland by ferry. (Overnight Kurashiki) BL

#### Nagoya - 1 night

#### Day 7: Sunday 15 February, Kurashiki – Okayama – Nagoya

- Shinkansen (bullet train) Okayama to Nagoya
- Vermicular Village: Lunch, cooking demonstration and tour

We depart Kurashiki early this morning and drive to Okayama to take the shinkansen to Nagoya. On our arrival we will transfer to Vermicular Village, home of a cast iron cookware company. The 80-year-old company's focus is on quality craftsmanship and clever design that combines traditional and practical uses in the modern world. It has recently introduced the first cast iron induction cookware.

At Vermicular Village we will enjoy a tour of the store to learn about the history and design of the cookware, as well as a cooking demonstration and a delicious lunch. (Overnight Nagoya) BL

**Note:** Our luggage will be transported by courier service from Kurashiki to our hotel in Tokyo.

#### Tokyo - 4 nights

#### Day 8: Monday 16 February, Nagoya – Tokyo

- The Meito Arts Association Office (Tomoaki Uno)
- Analogue Life
- Shinkansen Nagoya to Tokyo
- Afternoon visit to Daikanyama Area



This morning we visit two projects that demonstrate why Nagoya is an emerging centre of architecture and design. The Meito Arts Association Office was designed by Tomoaki Uni. Inspired by a forest, visitors enter through a low doorway and are confronted by vast tree trunks filling the space. Emphasis is on the raw materials used, with a rough cement floor created of recycled cement debris contrasting with the natural wood of the tree trunks.

Analogue Life is a design shop and gallery showcasing handcrafted homewares by contemporary designers. Complimenting the store is the gallery that presents the work of a different designer each month.

After visiting these very different representations of Nagoya's contemporary design scene, we return to the station to take the Shinkansen to Tokyo. On our arrival in the capital we take a walking tour of Kyu Yamate Dori in Daikanyama, home to T-site Bookstore by Klein & Dytham Architecture and the Bauhaus inspired Hillside Terrace complex by Fumihiko Maki, the architect behind New York's new WTC. (Overnight Tokyo) B

#### Day 9: Tuesday 17 February, Tokyo

- St Mary's Cathedral
- Architecture tour of Jiyu Gakuen Girls' School, Myonichikan (Frank Lloyd Wright)
- 21-21 Design Sight (Tadeo Ando and Issey Miyake)
- Nuno Works Warehouse

This morning we visit St Mary's Cathedral. The original 19th century structure was destroyed during World War II, and the building we see today was completed in 1964. Designed by architect Kenzo Tange, this fascinating soaring building features eight hyperbolic parabolas that open upwards to form a cross of light, which in turn continues vertically along the length of the four facades.

We then transfer to the Toshima district, where we shall take a guided tour of the beautiful Jiyu Gakuen Girls' School, Myonichikan, designed by American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The Myonichikan consists of four buildings whose extended horizontal lines blend with the landscape, like Wright's famous 'Prairie House' designs. Arato Endo designed one of the four buildings – the auditorium. Myonichikan was designated an Important Cultural Property in May 1997 for its historic and artistic values.

We next visit Tadeo Ando's and fashion designer Issey Miyake's amazing 21-21 Design Sight Museum (2007). Ando has said of it: "The idea was to create not only a museum that shows exhibits, but also a place for researching the potentiality of design as an element that enriches our daily life, a place that fosters the public's interest in design by arousing in them different sights and perspectives on how we can view the world and the objects surrounding us". This split-level concrete structure has a hand-sanded steel roof inspired by Issey Miyake's A-POC 'A Piece of Cloth' concept as well as 14-metre long glass panels.

We finish the day with a visit to Nuno Works Warehouse, a textile company that combines traditional Japanese aesthetic with computer technology to create fabric that are beautiful, usable and modern. (Overnight Tokyo) B

#### Day 10: Wednesday 18 February, Tokyo

- Architecture tour of The National Museum of Western Art (Le Corbusier with Kunio Maekawa, Junzo Sakakura, Takamasa Yoshizaka; extension Kunio Maekawa)
- Nezu Museum
- Ayoyama district area: COMME des Garçons, Prado Aoyama (Herzog & de Meuron), Yamamoto Yohji Flagship Store



This morning we transfer to Ueno Park to see Le Corbusier's masterpiece, the National Museum of Western Art, Japan's premier Western art museum. The museum is square in plan with the main body of its galleries raised on piles to first floor level; its layout is similar to Le Corbusier's Sanskar Kendra museum in Ahmedabad, India, which was designed at the same time. A glazed pyramidal skylight intersected with reinforced concrete beams and a column lights Corbusier's double-storey space. Visitors ascend to the paintings gallery via a promenade ramp that affords excellent views of Rodin's sculptures.

After lunch we visit the Nezu Museum, showing traditional Japanese and Asian works of art once owned by Kaichiro Nezu, a railroad magnate and politician. Architect Kengo Kuma designed an arched roof that rises two floors and extends roughly half a block through the Minami Aoyama neighborhood. The vast space houses over 7000 objects, including works of calligraphy, paintings, sculptures, bronzes, and lacquerware. We also explore the building's surroundings – one of Tokyo's finest gardens with 5 acres of ponds, rolling paths, waterfalls and tea houses.

We finish the afternoon with a walking tour of Aoyama to see some of the architect-designed stores for which the area is renowned. These include the COMME des garçons store, the Prada Store by Herzog & de Meuron, and Yamamoto Yohji's stark and industrial flagship store. (Overnight Tokyo) B

#### Day 11: Thursday 19 February, Tokyo

- Asakura Museum of Sculpture
- Kusuo Yasuda's Former Residence
- Metropolitan Teien Art Museum
- Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant

We first visit the small Asakura Sculpture Museum, which is dedicated to the life and work of Fumio Asakura. The museum is located in the historic neighbourhood of Taito. It was opened in 1967 and preserves the sculptor's home and studio, including a beautiful garden.

We then walk to the nearby Kusuo Yasuda's Former Residence (1919), a stunning early modern interpretation of a traditional Japanese house. This elegant wooden house looks out through large windows upon a lovely garden.

Our day concludes with a visit to another historic building, this time the Art Deco building that houses the Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum. Commissioned by Prince Asaka and completed in 1933, the building's interiors were designed by Henri Rapin and features decorative glass work by René Lalique. The museum's collection focuses on Art Deco decorative art and furniture from the 1920s and 1930s.

This evening we gather for a Farewell Dinner at one of Tokyo's fine restaurants. (Overnight Tokyo) BD

#### Day 12: Friday 20 February, Depart Tokyo

- Tour ends in Tokyo

Our tour ends in Tokyo after breakfast. You may wish to extend your stay in Japan or return home. You should find your own way to the airport or consult ASA for transfer assistance. B

## Accommodation

All hotels are rated 4-star locally and are comfortable and conveniently situated. All rooms have en suite bathroom. Further information on hotels will be provided in the 'Tour Hotel list' given to tour members prior to their departure.

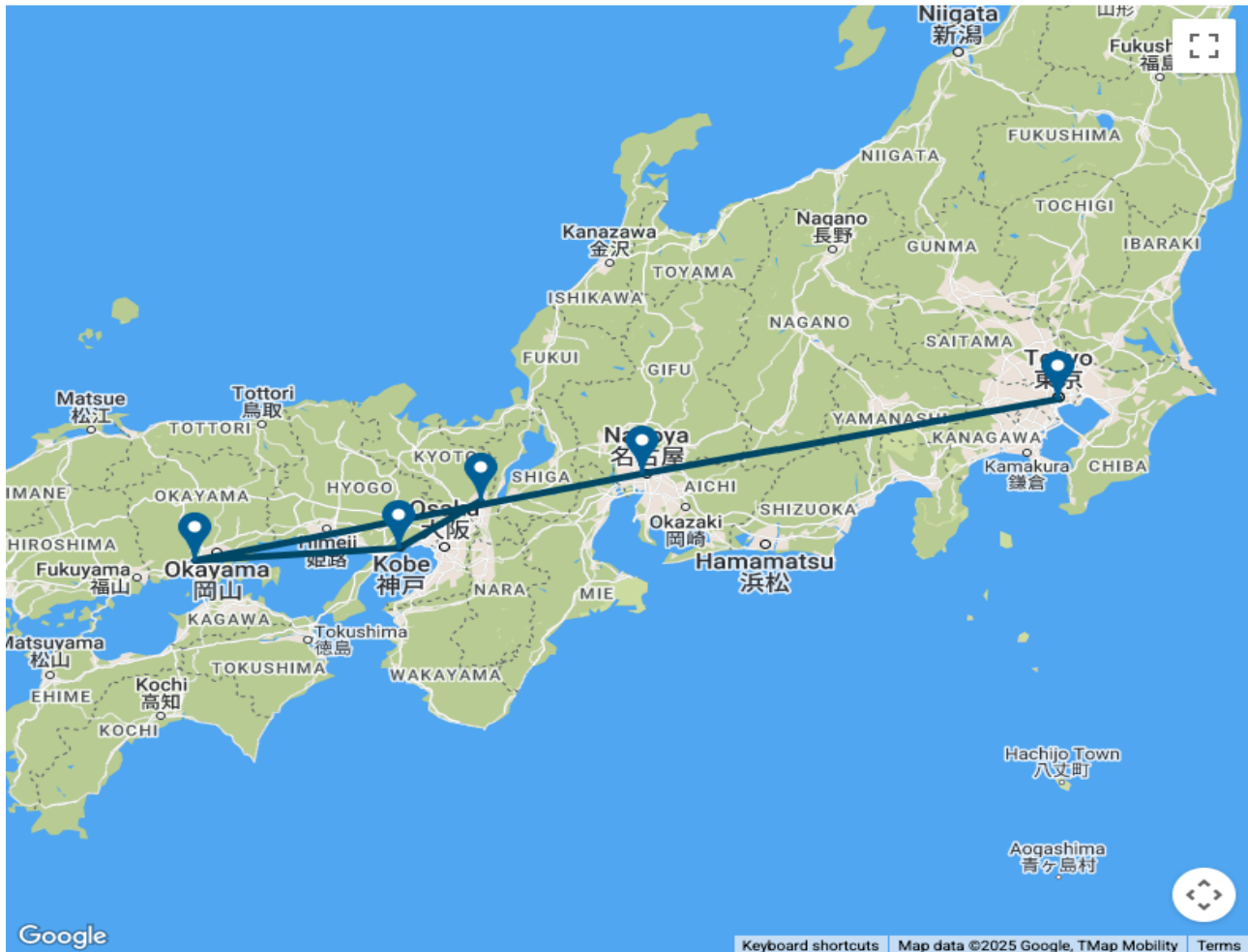
- Kyoto (2 nights): 4-star [Blossom Hotel](#) – a charming boutique hotel located in central Kyoto, styled to evoke traditional Japanese inns.
- Kobe (2 nights): 4-star [Kobe Meriken Park Oriental Hotel](#) – located on the harbour-front, its interiors are designed to evoke the passenger liners and yachts that call into this historic port town, while the building itself is intended to evoke waves rising from the ocean.
- Kurashiki (2 nights): 4-star [Kurashiki Royal Art Hotel](#) – a comfortable modern hotel located a short walk from the historic Bikan district.
- Nagoya (1 night): 4-star [Nagoya Marriott Associa Hotel](#) – conveniently located at the Nagoya railway station.
- Tokyo (4 nights): 4-star [Royal Park Hotel Ginza 6-chome](#) – a modern design hotel in the heart of the lively Ginza district.

*Note: Hotels are subject to change. In this instance a hotel of similar standard will be provided.*

### Single Supplement

Payment of this supplement will ensure accommodation in a double room for single occupancy throughout the tour. The number of rooms available for single occupancy is extremely limited. People wishing to take this supplement are therefore advised to book well in advance.

## Tour Map



## Tour Price & Inclusions

AUD \$11,390.00 Land Content Only – Early-Bird Special: Book before 31 May 2025

AUD \$11,790.00 Land Content Only

AUD \$1790.00 Single Supplement

Tour Price (Land Content Only) includes:

- Accommodation in twin-share rooms with private facilities in 4-star hotels.
- The tour includes breakfast daily, lunches and evening meals as indicated in the itinerary, where: B=breakfast, L=lunch and D=dinner.
- Drinks at welcome and farewell meals. Other meals may not have drinks included.
- Porterage of one piece of luggage per person at the hotel.
- Lecture and site-visit program.
- Public transport in Kyoto and Tokyo as per the itinerary.
- Shinkansen (Bullet) inter-city train travel Kobe to Okayama (day 5) and Okayama to Nagoya to Tokyo (day 7).
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- Use of audio headsets during site visits.
- Tips for the coach driver, local guides and restaurants for included meals.

Tour Price (Land Content Only) does not include:

- Airfare: Australia-Kyoto, Tokyo-Australia.
- Airport-hotel transfers.
- Personal spending money.
- Luggage in excess of 20kg (44lbs).
- Travel insurance.





## Fitness Criteria & Practical Information

Fitness Level



### Level 1 - Active

For people with active lives and good mobility

You must be able to:

- manage at least five hours of physical activity per day with ease.
- walk at a regular pace on flat or undulating terrain; some stretches include steeper slopes or several flights of stairs.
- keep up with the group at all times.
- stand for one to two hours during visits to galleries and museums without the need to sit.
- carry your hand luggage up and down stairs as you change platforms with a limited time to make the train connection.

### Fitness Levels

Please also view the fitness criteria required for our tours, graded from Level 1 to Level 3, at [www.asatours.com.au/fitness-level/](http://www.asatours.com.au/fitness-level/)

All ASA tours are active programs suitable for people with a good level of mental and physical fitness and good mobility. They are not suitable for people who lack stamina, have difficulty walking at the group's

pace or who have mobility issues. An unavoidable aspect of every tour is the need to manage walking, stair-climbing and standing for long periods of time.

It is a condition of travel that all participants agree to accept ASA's directions in relation to their suitability to participate in activities undertaken on the tour, and that ASA retains the sole discretion to direct a tour participant to refrain from a particular activity on part of the tour. Before enrolling on an ASA tour please read the fitness requirements carefully.

### Overnight Bags & Luggage Transfer

This tour involves two journeys on Japan's high-speed bullet trains. Larger suitcases are not permitted on these trains. A small overnight bag will be required rather than a large suitcase for the 2 night stay at Kurashiki. The group's luggage will be transferred by specialist luggage service from the Kurashiki hotel directly to Tokyo where it will be ready for you on arrival.

## Booking Conditions

### ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION and send it to Australians Studying Abroad together with your non-refundable deposit of AUD \$1000.00 per person payable to Australians Studying Abroad.



# Reservation Application

TOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
TOUR DATES \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete **one application, per person in block letters and sign**. Parental signature is required for participants under 18 years of age. Please mail this form with the appropriate deposit to: **P.O. Box 8285, ARMADALE, VICTORIA, 3143**. On receipt of this Reservation Application and deposit, ASA will process your booking and if approved, send you a tour confirmation.

## Applicant Details (as in passport)

TITLE Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐ Dr ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
MIDDLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_  
POSTAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_  
TEL. (AH) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. (BH) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL address \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ GENDER Male ☐ Female ☐

**Passport** Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Colour copy of my current valid passport enclosed ☐ I'm renewing my passport ☐ ASA has a colour copy of my current passport

**Covid Certificate** ☐ A copy of my current international certificate enclosed

## Travel Plans

☐ I plan to leave Australia before the tour commences. Planned departure date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
☐ I will be arranging my airfare independently and taking the Land Content Only option.

## Tour Accommodation (rooming preferences)

I/we would like: ☐ a twin-bedded room ☐ a double-bedded room ☐ a room for sole occupancy  
I am travelling: ☐ on my own ☐ with a friend/family member Travel Companion \_\_\_\_\_

## Meals

☐ I do not have any specific dietary requests

Please **X** the box if you **CAN NOT** eat any of the following:

☐ fish ☐ poultry ☐ red meat ☐ dairy products  
☐ eggs ☐ pork ☐ nuts  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies: Refer to the Medical Information**

## Correspondence

Your preferred method of correspondence ☐ Postal Mail ☐ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Details

Note: this person **MUST** be available by telephone and be present in Australia for the duration of your tour with ASA

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Traveller \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
TEL. (AH) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. (BH) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL address \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of seeking this information is to assist ASA to determine, where necessary, whether ASA is able to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate your specific needs and whether your health and safety (or that of your fellow travellers) is likely to be compromised given your choice of tour. It will also assist you and ASA if you fall ill or have an accident whilst travelling.

- ASA reserves the right to decline your Reservation Application if this Medical Information section is not completed properly and may reject or cancel your reservation, or terminate your participation on any tour, if ASA subsequently learns that you have failed to make full and proper disclosure.
- ASA is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. ASA's privacy policy is available for viewing at [www.asatours.com.au](http://www.asatours.com.au)
- If ASA has any concerns about the information you have provided, it will contact you to request clarification before considering your Application.
- ASA requires you to consider carefully your limitations in light of ASA's Physical Endurance Star Rating System in ASA's Brochure and Itinerary when choosing your tour.
- If you are not likely to satisfy ASA's Participation Criteria (see below), ASA, in its sole discretion, may reject your Reservation Application.
- It is a condition of your tour that you agree to accept the directions of ASA's Tour Leaders in relation to your suitability to participate in activities planned on tour.
- ASA reserves the right to cancel your participation on a tour if your behaviour is in ASA's opinion causing undue distress or damage to any person or their property.
- If your participation is discontinued during a tour, ASA will assist by arranging your onward travel (if required) at your own cost, but you will not be refunded for forfeited parts of the tour.
- ASA tour groups are not accompanied by a medical practitioner. ASA recommends that you see your doctor for advice about your specific needs while overseas. You may also wish to contact a travel and vaccination clinic for advice. [www.traveldoctor.com.au](http://www.traveldoctor.com.au) tel: 1300 658 444; [www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au) tel: 1300 360 164.
- Travel insurers require you to declare all existing medical conditions.
- Please carry a complete list of medications with you during the ASA tour. Include **generic names** of each medication (consult your local pharmacy for information).

Please mark **X** in the YES or NO box to every question below and provide details where necessary:

## Participation Criteria

To participate in an ASA tour, you must be reasonably fit, in good health and able to participate in all activities without assistance from Tour Leaders or other tour members. **You must also be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.** If you require assistance, a fit and able travel companion must undertake to accompany and assist you with all tasks for the duration of the whole tour. The responsibility of the Tour Leader is to ensure that the larger group enjoys a relaxing and informative journey, and he or she cannot be relied upon to provide ongoing individual assistance to any one guest.

- |   | YES                   | NO                    |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Can you walk and stand unassisted for at least 2-3 hours a day in hot, humid conditions?               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Can you walk unassisted on and over uneven surfaces?   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Can you climb at least 3 flights of stairs and/or walk up and down steep slopes unassisted?            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Can you walk at a steady pace and no less than 1km every 15 - 20 minutes unassisted?                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Can you organise, manage and carry your own luggage?   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Can you follow and remember tour instructions and meet punctually at designated times and places?      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Can you administer your own medication?  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. You do NOT have impaired vision or hearing which may impact your capacity to participate on this tour? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Mobility and Fitness

As many of ASA's international sites do not provide access to wheelchairs or similar mobility aids, we regret that ASA tours are not suitable for people who require the use of a walking frame, wheeled walker, wheelchair or motorised scooter.

1. Do you suffer from any medical conditions that may compromise your mobility and/or fitness to participate on this program? YES NO ☐ ☐
- If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

## Allergies and/or Food Intolerances

ASA will make reasonable endeavours to organise meals to suit you, provided that you give ASA adequate notice of your specific dietary requirements or allergies. You may be required to research dietary alternatives, as not all destinations may be able to offer suitable food substitutes.

1. Do you have any food allergies or intolerances? YES NO ☐ ☐
- If yes, please specify

2. Have you ever had an anaphylactic reaction to anything? ☐ ☐
- If yes, please specify

Do you carry an epipen? ☐ ☐

3. Do you have any other allergies or reactions to anything, including medical drugs? ☐ ☐
- If yes, please specify

## Existing Medical Conditions

You alone are responsible for managing any existing medical conditions, your medication and any medical equipment that you may need when on your tour. Please plan for contingencies and take extra medication, dietary supplements and/or fully charged batteries for medical equipment if your health and safety depends on these. You should take into consideration that power sources at some destinations may be unavailable, inadequate, inconvenient or unreliable.

1. Have you any significant medical conditions that may impact your capacity to complete this tour? YES NO ☐ ☐
- If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

2. Do you require some form of powered medical aid, such as a CPAP machine? ☐ ☐

These machines may not be operable on certain international flights, modes of transport, in remote or other areas with inadequate or unreliable power sources without a fully charged independent long life battery or batteries.

**Diabetics:** You may be travelling and sightseeing for many hours at a time. Insulin dependent diabetics must carry extra supplies of insulin (as this medication cannot be obtained in some destinations), regulators, applicators, storage and refrigeration equipment, as well as any necessary supplements. Accommodation may not provide refrigerators in rooms.

3. Are you diabetic? ☐ ☐
- Are you insulin dependent? ☐ ☐
4. Do you suffer from travel sickness? ☐ ☐
- Remember to use an appropriate medication while on tour.



## Declaration

I declare that: I have read and understood the ASA Tour Itinerary, Reservation Application and Booking Conditions. I am aware of ASA's terms as relating to refunds, cancellations, responsibility and liability. I understand that ASA relies upon this declaration when considering this Application. I accept the inherent dangers, risks and uncertainties in travel and those beyond ASA's control and understand they may occur before or during any tour. I have made full and complete disclosure and have not knowingly withheld any medical information about myself from ASA. I have completed this Reservation Application honestly and accurately. I warrant that I am able to participate independently in all activities described by ASA in the itinerary without assistance from any person.

I will advise ASA in writing if any aspect of my fitness and or health conditions change materially at any time before my departure date. I understand and accept that the itinerary, accommodation and lecturers scheduled for this tour may change.

I agree and consent that ASA may give my personal information in this Reservation Application to tour service providers and relevant authorities as required by law, but only for the purpose of making bookings with and engaging services associated with the tour. I understand that if I do not consent to the use of my personal information for this purpose, ASA will decline my Reservation Application.

In consideration of ASA's acceptance of my Reservation Application, I irrevocably release and indemnify ASA from all claims that I, or any other party, may have against ASA its employees, invitees, agents and contractors, however arising in respect of any loss, damage, injury, death or expense incurred in the course of booking, preparing for, travelling to, on and from or cancelling any tour.

I release and indemnify ASA with respect to:

1. Every general risk to which I or my personal belongings may be exposed in the course of preparing for, travelling to, on or from any ASA tour;
2. Every special risk, in particular medical risks, to which I may be exposed in the course of preparing for, travelling to, on or from any ASA tour arising from, including, but not limited to:
  - a. intermittent power cycles and/or the temporary or permanent loss of power (beware CPAP or any other medical machine users);
  - b. dietary, food or other allergies (ASA cannot guarantee that traces of items to which you are allergic are not present in food or drink you are served, medication you are administered or other substances with which you may come into contact);
  - c. any event or situation that may compromise the administration of necessary medication or my health, safety and wellbeing generally; and
  - d. any event or happening beyond ASA's control
3. All claims arising as a result of my or ASA's cancellation or termination of any tour, part of a tour or of my continued participation on a tour for any reason (subject to ASA's refund conditions below).

## Limitation of Liability

ASA is not a carrier, event or tourist attraction host, accommodation or dining service provider. All bookings made and tickets or coupons issued by ASA for transport, event, accommodation, dining and the like are issued as an agent for various service providers and are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by each service provider. ASA is not responsible for their products, services, terms and conditions. If a service provider cancels or does not deliver the product or service for which you have contracted, and does not give a refund, your remedy lies with the service provider, not ASA.

ASA will not be liable for any claim (e.g. sickness, injury, death, damage or loss) arising from any change, delay, detention, breakdown, border closures, cancellation, failure, accident, act, omission or negligence of any tour service provider or authority however caused (contingencies). You must take out such travel insurance as is available against such contingencies.

ASA's liability in respect of any tour cancelled or changed will be limited to the partial refund of amounts you have paid, less an administration fee of \$500 and other costs and charges of third party service providers. No compensation will be payable to you by ASA where ASA cancels or changes a tour, or any part of a tour.

ASA reserves the sole discretion to cancel any tour or to modify itineraries in any way it considers appropriate and in the best interests of health, safety and wellbeing of tour participants. Tour costs may be revised, subject to unexpected price increases or exchange rate fluctuations.

## Booking Conditions

### DEPOSITS

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 AUD per person is required to reserve a place on an ASA tour.

### CANCELLATION FEES

If you cancel your booking the following charges apply:

More than 75 days before departure: your initial deposit of \$1000.00 is non-refundable.\*\*

75-31 days prior 50% of total amount due

30-0 days prior 100% of total amount due

\*\*\$500.00 of this amount (ie 50% of your deposit) may be credited to another ASA tour departing within 12 months of the original tour you booked. We regret, in this case early-bird discounts will not apply.

***We take the day on which you cancel as being that on which we receive written confirmation of cancellation.***

### UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions or services of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

### WILL THE TOUR PRICE OR ITINERARY CHANGE?

If the number of participants on a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates ASA reserves the right to amend the advertised price. We shall, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of ASA make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make amendments to itineraries. We will inform you of any changes in due course.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

ASA requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. A copy of your travel insurance certificate and the **reverse charge** emergency contact phone number must be received by ASA no later than 75 days prior to the commencement of the tour.

### FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of the tour price will be due 75 days prior to the tour commencement date.

## PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY, PRINT AND SIGN BELOW

☐ I accept the conditions on this booking form ☐ I have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I am able to meet these requirements

Applicant's Signature

Print Full Name

Dated

## Tour / Course Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Traveller 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Traveller 2 \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a payment to the value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (including CC or bank fee if applicable) for this tour

The above amount is payable for:

- ☐ Intention to Travel    ☐ Tour Deposit
- ☐ Balance of Payment    ☐ Upgrade from Intention to Travel to a Deposit
- ☐ Travel Insurance    ☐ Other (eg. Airfares, Accommodation) \_\_\_\_\_

## International Payments

Welcome to our international travellers! If you are making a payment and do not have an Australian bank account/credit card, we can only accept payment as follows:

- via credit card with the applicable fee - the credit card company/bank will set the exchange rate
- via bank transfer; please give your surname and tour code (eg. Smith 21705) as a reference and ask your bank to allow for all charges.

Bank cheques or personal cheques will not be accepted.

## By Cheque (accept Australian cheques only)

Please make cheques payable to *Australians Studying Abroad*

## Direct Deposit or Internet Banking

You will need to:

1. Provide your bank with ASA's bank details (see below) and the amount you wish to transfer OR make a direct deposit through any ANZ branch
2. Include any fees levied by the banks
3. Provide a reference number (Mobile or last name recommended).
4. Complete section below, including confirmation no. (given when transaction completed).

## Australians Studying Abroad bank details

Bank ANZ  
Branch 420 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic  
Swift Code ANZBAU3M  
BSB 013-423  
Account No 3472-32759

Bank confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_

Reference used: Mobile or last name recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Date Money Transferred \_\_\_\_\_

## Credit Card Payment

Credit card fees apply: Mastercard, Visa & American Express 2%

Please debit my: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

I authorise ASA to debit my credit card for the amount due plus the applicable fee as above

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code (CVC) \_\_\_\_\_

Bank the Card is linked to (eg. NAB or ANZ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Signature \_\_\_\_\_