



# JAPAN

Tokyo - Kurashiki – Art Islands - Kyoto  
*A Journey Through Art, Architecture & Timeless Japan*

## DAY 1 ARRIVE TOKYO

Arrive in vibrant Tokyo, where contemporary Japan hums with energy and refinement. Transfer to your hotel in Ginza and enjoy time to rest after your journey. This evening is at leisure.

Accommodation: Tokyo 1 night: Mitsui Garden Hotel Ginza Premier

<https://www.gardenhotels.co.jp/eng/>

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## DAY 2 TOKYO → OKAYAMA → KURASHIKI

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After breakfast and introductions, travel west by Shinkansen to Okayama. Visit Korakuen Garden, one of Japan's three great landscape gardens, and view the striking black façade of Okayama Castle.

Continue to the preserved canal town of Kurashiki, where white-walled storehouses from the Edo period now house museums, galleries and cafés.

Accommodation: Kurashiki 1 night: Royal Park Hotel

<https://www.ryl-kurashiki.jp/eng/>

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## DAY 3 KURASHIKI → UNO PORT

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Spend the morning exploring Kurashiki's atmospheric Bikan Historical Quarter, strolling along willow-lined canals and browsing artisan boutiques.

Visit the charming Betty Smith Jean Museum, celebrating Japan's denim heritage, before transferring to tranquil Uno Port — gateway to the Seto Inland Sea Art Islands.

Accommodation Tamano 2 nights: Uno Hotel

<https://uno-hotel.com/>

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**DAY 4 NAOSHIMA ART ISLAND B,L**

Ferry to Naoshima, where contemporary art, architecture and nature exist in harmony.

Highlights include:

- The Art House Project
- Tadao Ando's Chichu Art Museum
- Iconic outdoor installations including Yayoi Kusama's Pumpkin
- Select Benesse Art Site experiences

Return to Uno in the late afternoon. Evening at leisure.

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**DAY 5 TESHIMA ART ISLAND B,L,D**

Ferry to Teshima, a rural island revitalised through contemporary art.

Visit:

- The extraordinary Teshima Art Museum, set among terraced rice fields
- Select site-specific installations integrated into the landscape
- Coastal viewpoints and village settings

Enjoy island cuisine before returning to Uno. Celebrate your Art Islands journey with dinner together.

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**DAY 6 UNO → KYOTO B,D**

Transfer to Okayama Station and travel by Shinkansen to Kyoto, Japan's cultural heart.

Visit the serene Shōrenin Temple, where tatami rooms overlook tranquil gardens. Later, enjoy a refined contemporary tea experience in a restored machiya townhouse.

Accommodation 4 nights: Nohga Hotel Kiyomizu, Kyoto

<https://nohgahtel.com/kiyomizu/en/>

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**DAY 7 KYOTO – ARTS & AESTHETICS B,L**

Explore Kyoto's creative heritage:

- Kyoto Museum of Crafts & Design
- Curated art bookstores and design stores
- Ceramic galleries and antique-lined streets

Walk through historic neighbourhoods where craftsmanship remains central to daily life. Evening at leisure.

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**DAY 8****MIYAMA COUNTRYSIDE EXCURSION****B,L**

Journey into the mountains to Miyama, known for its thatched-roof village, Kayabuki no Sato.

Explore traditional homes, artisan museums and shrines, and enjoy handmade soba in a rural setting. Return to Kyoto in the early evening.

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**DAY 9****KYOTO – POTTERY & LEGACY****B,D**

Visit the preserved home and studio of master potter Kawai Kanjiro, a rare glimpse into Japan's mingei (folk craft) movement.

Wander historic pottery streets — Chawanzaka, Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka — leading toward Kiyomizu-dera. Afternoon at leisure before a farewell dinner together.

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**DAY 10****DEPART KYOTO****B**

Sadly our adventure ends after breakfast. *Arigatou Gozaimashita* — thank you for sharing this journey.

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**DATE**

21 – 30 November 2026

**PRICE**

AUD\$8920 per person Twin Room

AUD\$11975 per person Single Room

Subject to change until confirmed and paid in full. Ask about our twin share availability if you are travelling solo and would like a room-mate.

**INCLUDED:**

- 9 nights' accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrances and excursions as per itinerary
- All transportation during the trip as per itinerary (except arrival & departure transfers)
- Contemporary Tea Ceremony in Kyoto
- Day trip to Miyama from Kyoto + entrances
- Entrances to Museums, shrines, and Temples in Kyoto as stated
- Entrances to Galleries on Naoshima and Teshima, as stated
- Public Transport tickets in Kyoto
- Private van in Kyoto
- First-Class Shinkansen seats: Tokyo to Okayama
- First-Class Shinkansen seats: Okayama to Kyoto
- Private Van from Okayama to Kurashiki & Uno Port
- Ferries to and from the Art Islands
- Private Van on Naoshima Island
- Private Van on Teshima Island
- Luggage Forwarding from Uno Port to Kyoto
- Local Guide throughout – Yoriko Kitamura
- Escorted by Jemma Wilson from Mai Journeys

- Intimate small group experience

## **EXCLUDES**

- International Airfares to Tokyo and out of Kyoto
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Airport transfers (ask for cost at time of booking)
- Meals not specified
- Refreshments
- Items of a personal nature

## **IS THIS TRIP FOR ME?**

This trip is for an open-minded women eager to experiment with their taste buds and their artistic knowledge. A women who is interested in learning about art & artisans, being captivated by ancient rituals, and being curious about regional culture and cuisine. This tour is for people who enjoy visiting galleries, museums, and cultural sites and want a deeper understanding of artworks and their contexts. You may be a first-time visitor to Japan or a guest who has visited before but is looking for something slower, deeper, and more immersive. A reasonable level of fitness is required to be able to walk up to 5km per day unassisted.

## **WEATHER**

Japan in November is characterised by crisp, dry air, clear blue skies, and peak autumn foliage (koyo). In the fall, Japan's landscape is dyed with a myriad of rich colours. The beautiful autumn leaves and cool weather make November a popular time for visiting Japan. Travellers can walk through parks and forests and admire the rich hues of the Japanese maple, known as momiji, which literally means 'red leaves'. November is a fantastic time to visit Naoshima for crisp, clear weather, beautiful autumn colours framing the art, and pleasant temperatures (around 10-17°C ), making it ideal for exploring the island's art and museums.

## **PAYMENT**

Non-refundable deposit of AUD1,500. Interim payments may be required to meet supplier deposit terms and conditions. The final balance will be due no later than 10 October 2026.



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