

# FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, FUJI, and FUN!



**\$5,699**  
**THE BEST OF JAPAN**  
**AUG 23-SEP 3, 2018**

## 12 DAYS, 10 NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS, DAY TRIPS, AND AIRFARE FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The best of Japan beckons on this outstanding 12-day in-depth travel program that takes you into the history, mystique, cuisine, and culture of this fascinating land. From Tokyo's ultramodern skyscrapers and neon-clad edifices to its time-honored temples and old world shrines, you are sure to be inspired, enlightened, and entertained at every turn. Kyoto welcomes you with its breathtaking natural wonders, the ultimate Japanese haute cuisine via its elegant Kaiseki dining experiences, teahouses, markets, and Geisha entertainment. This one-of-a-kind Japan travel program shares the treasures of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural prowess and the imprint he has left on this beautiful country. See Jiyu Gakuen Myonichikan, a school building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and his apprentice Arata Endo for Yoshikazu Hani and his wife Motoko in 1921; the Imperial Hotel bar, with relics from the original hotel designed by Wright; Wright's Imperial Hotel Entrance at the open-air Meijimura Museum, and so much more! Prepare to be amazed!

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12 Days from **\$5,699** air & land

(4) Tokyo • (1) Fuji Area • (5) Kyoto



## TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from Minneapolis, MN
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - First class centrally-located hotel accommodations for 10 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 16 included meals consisting of 10 buffet breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as per day-to-day itinerary
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning of the local economy, social systems and interaction with locals such as the Japanese tea ceremony, Chanko Nabe Dinner, Onsen (Spa) visit, Miho Museum visit, JR Shinkansen bullet train ride and more
- **FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT PROGRAM** - Visits to Jiyu Gakuen Myonichikan, Old Imperial Bar at Imperial Hotel, Meijimura Museum, Koshien Hotel, and Yodoko Guest House
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Tokyo
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BULLET TRAIN** - Passage on the famous high speed train
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
- **FUEL AND AIR TAXES** - All fuel surcharges and airline taxes and fees

## DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

In-depth Japanese customs and traditions • Experience the serenity of Japanese temples and gardens • Discover modern metropolis of Tokyo • Visit Imperial Palace Plaza, home to the Japanese Emperor • Visit Frank Lloyd Wright famous architectural designs, such as Jiyu Gakuen Myonichikan and the Old Imperial Bar • Art & architectural museums • Take a cruise on Lake Ashi in charming Hakone • Travel by high-speed train to Kyoto • Discover Kyoto, the historic capital of Japan • Explore Kyoto's shrines and temples • Go geisha spotting in Gion • Relax in Hakone's hot spring baths • Stay in a ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) • Take part in a tea ceremony • Experience the spectacular views of Mt. Fuji • Partake in Japanese culinary experiences • Enjoy optional activities, too!



**Day 1 Depart USA** Today you begin an amazing cultural adventure as you depart the USA on your international flight to Japan.

**Day 2 Arrive Tokyo, Japan** Upon arrival at Narita Airport, you will be met by your Aventura World tour director and depart to your hotel in Tokyo for check-in. Tokyo welcomes you from its ultramodern skyscrapers and neon-clad edifices to its time-honored temples that share the old world history and mystique of this fascinating land. A feast for the senses from exquisite dining, to spiritual temples and shrines, to fascinating museums and architectural gems, your time in Japan will be unforgettable every step of the way. This evening we will share in a splendid welcome dinner at our hotel restaurant. (D)

**Day 3 Tokyo** Rise and shine with an included breakfast before heading out for a day of adventuring in Tokyo. Visit Tsukiji Outer Market, situated adjacent to the world's largest wholesale fish and seafood market, where you will experience more than 400 outlets in this shopping area that dates back to the Taisho period (1912–26). Next, discover Jiyu Gakuen Myonichikan, a school building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and his apprentice Arata Endo for Yoshikazu Hani and his wife Motoko in 1921. As the day's activities continue, take part in a tea ceremony and learn the proper way to enjoy Japanese tea at Happo en's teahouse Muan, meaning "a garden beautiful from any angle." Later, the Ota Ukiyoe Museum welcomes you with its collection of over 12,000 pieces of ukiyo-e prints, woodblock prints that are a typical Japanese art form. Pieces of the collection date back more than 200 years and depict scenes from the 'Floating World' such as teahouses, geisha, and cherry-blossoms. The collection was donated by the estate of Seizo Ota, the late chairman of a major Japanese insurance company. Tonight is the ideal time to experience the culinary treats of Tokyo at leisure and enjoy dinner at your choice of the city's near-endless restaurants. (B)

**Day 4 Tokyo** Today depart for an exciting day of Tokyo sightseeing starting with the opportunity to discover the Imperial Palace Plaza, home to the Japanese Emperor. Visit the Old Imperial Bar at Imperial Hotel. The Imperial Hotel was originally designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the 1920s. Furniture and fixtures in the Old Imperial Bar are a salute to the famed architect. Today, you will have an opportunity to enjoy lunch at the Imperial Hotel. Return to hotel and take time to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Tonight, Tokyo's nightlife is yours to experience. Opt to head to the Shibuya district, brimming with restaurants, boutiques, bars, clubs, arcades and karaoke bars, or head to the Shinjuku district with its great diversity of evening options from lively izakayas and beer bars to more racy red-light entertainment. (B,L)

**Day 5 Tokyo** Breakfast at your hotel kicks-off your day before you meet up with your insightful guide. Visit the Metropolitan Teiene Art Museum, the art Deco building, completed in 1933, featuring decorative glass work by Rene Lalique. Enjoy lunch at your own pace in the Shinjuku district then head to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building and up to the observation decks that boast fantastic panoramic views of Tokyo and beyond. Visit Edo Tokyo Museum which opened in 1993 as a space to reflect on the history and culture of Edo-Tokyo and envision the city and life of the future. The permanent exhibition, showcasing original objects and replicas, offers visitors a journey through the 400-year history of Edo-Tokyo since Tokugawa Ieyasu entered Edo. Tonight you will enjoy a traditional dinner of Chanko Nabe, a hearty hot pot dish chock-full of vegetables and protein in a flavorful dashi and chicken broth. This dish is also known as sumo soup as it is often eaten by sumo wrestlers. (B,D)

**Day 6 Tokyo/Fuji Area** Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, and then embark on an enlightening tour of Meiji Jingu Shrine, a Shinto shrine located in Shibuya, Tokyo dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Next, we will head along to the Harajuku district and explore the Takeshita Street pedestrian shopping area lined with all kinds of boutiques, cafes, and restaurants. Enjoy some time at leisure, before experiencing Shibuya Crossing, often referred to as the busiest intersection in the world with hundreds and at sometimes over 1000 people crossing at a time. Next, proceed on to Ryokan in Hakone for check-in. Enjoy Onsen hot spring spa and dinner in Ryokan, a perfect way to conclude your full day of touring. (B,D)

**Day 7 Fuji Area/Kyoto** Venture on to ascend Mount Komagatake via its namesake ropeway or aerial lift that climbs from the Lake Ashi lakeside. Next, enjoy a Lake Ashi Cruise in the Hakone area of Kanagawa Prefecture in Honshū, Japan. Sail along this crater-lake situated along the caldera of Mount Hakone, a volcano that last erupted in 1170 CE. Share time with your fellow travelers at an early lunch today at a local restaurant then proceed to Mount Fuji for a trekking experience (optional and dependent on weather). Afterwards, you travel on to Mishima Station and board JR Shinkansen bullet train for Kyoto. Once the capital of Japan, Kyoto is known for its Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, imperial palaces, Japanese wooden houses. With time at leisure for dinner on your own, consider trying a refined kaiseki dining experience. Kaiseki is the ultimate Japanese haute cuisine consisting of tasting courses, perfectly prepared and elegantly presented. (B,L)

**Day 8 Kyoto** Today have a spiritual awakening with a visit to the Zen Buddhist temple of Kinkaku-ji. Also known as the Golden Pavilion, the beautiful temple is covered in gold leaf and is surrounded by beautiful Japanese gardens. Enjoy lunch on your own at Nishiki Ichiba (Market), a street lined by more than one hundred shops and restaurants, also known as "Kyoto's Kitchen," featuring seasonal foods and Kyoto specialties, such as Japanese sweets and sushi. Next, it's on to Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine, the head shrine of the god Inari situated at the base of Inari Mountain. The Gion district,



famous entertainment and geisha quarter on the eastern bank of the Kamo-gawa, welcomes you with its shops, restaurants, and ochaya (teahouses), and the possibility to see Geisha in their traditional makeup and in full kimono making their way to and from work. (B)

**Day 9 Kyoto** Start your day with a tour of Miho Museum. Designed by the world-famous architect I. M. Pei, 80 percent of the museum is set beneath the surface of the mountain. This captivating museum is amazing, not only for its inspired collection, but also for its architectural design that features elegant angles, contemporary windows, and bold lines. Next, you will visit Meijimura Museum, an open-air architectural museum where you will see Frank Lloyd Wright's Imperial Hotel Entrance. Enjoy lunch on your own at Meijimura, then return to Kyoto. (B)

**Day 10 Kyoto** Enjoy a city tour of Kyoto today. First, you will explore Nijo Castle, built in 1603 as the official residence of the first Tokugawa shogun. Step back in time and see the moats, walls, secret passageways, and hidden chambers of this heavily fortified castle. Head to Arashiyama, Kyoto's second-most important sightseeing district filled with temples, shrines, and the famed Arashiyama Bamboo Grove. The rest of the day is at your leisure. (B)

**Day 11 Kyoto** Today head to Koshien Hotel with an architectural style is heavily influenced by the Imperial Hotel by Frank Lloyd Wright. Enjoy a delectable Kobe beef lunch at a local restaurant. Then it's on to Yodoko Guest House. Designed in 1918, it is the only surviving Frank Lloyd Wright residence in Japan. After the tour, return to your hotel in Kyoto. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure to experience its many Japanese gardens, shrines, temples, teahouses, markets, and more. Savor dinner at your choice of the many superb restaurants the city is pleased to present. (B,L)

**Day 12 Kyoto to USA** Depending on flight schedules, enjoy free time to continue exploring prior to transferring to the airport and departing for your international flight home with unending memories to share and cherish always of your outstanding time in Japan. (B)

(B) - Breakfast, (L) - Lunch, (D) - Dinner



**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** EASY 1 ② 3 4 5 ACTIVE

### TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$5,699** per person, double occupancy.

For single occupancy, add \$1,099.

Fuel surcharges of \$536 and taxes of \$150 per person are included in the price and are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

# REGISTRATION FORM (one per passenger)

We strongly recommend registration via our online booking engine [www.aventuraworld.com/booking](http://www.aventuraworld.com/booking). Please use booking code: B002322

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Reservations are on a first come first served basis.  
Please sign up early to secure your place.

PLEASE PRINT, CIRCLE AND CHECK THE APPLICABLE INFORMATION - NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

Please complete the form below (one per passenger) and e-mail it with a **clear copy of your passport** information page to Allyson Krull at [akrull@masoncityia.com](mailto:akrull@masoncityia.com).

Name: Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. : \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
First/Middle Name Last Name

Passport#: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Billing/Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveling in a:  Single occupancy  Double/Twin occupancy with \_\_\_\_\_  
First/Middle Name Last Name

## TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:

We strongly recommend protecting your trip with our Optional Travel Protection Plan. The applicable Premium must be paid upon registration.

For a Full disclosure of coverage, please visit: [www.aventuraworld.com/files/travel-protection.pdf](http://www.aventuraworld.com/files/travel-protection.pdf).

Premium Rates are based on the total Tour Cost per person including taxes.

TOUR COST:	from \$5,501 to \$6,000	from \$6,001 to \$6,500	from \$6,501 to \$7,000
PREMIUM COST:	\$ 379	\$ 408	\$ 442

YES, I accept travel protection  NO, I decline travel protection (not recommended)

## PAYMENTS\*:

Total Trip Cost\*\*/Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Deposit of \$500 per person are due at time of Registration. \*\* If you are registering within 90 Days of trip departure, Total Trip Cost is due at time of registration.)  
Travel Protection: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total (inc. Insurance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Final Payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure date.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHODS:

CHECK:

Make checks payable to Central Holidays West and send to: Mason City Chamber of Commerce – 9 North Federal Avenue, Mason City, IA 50401

CREDIT CARD:         Name that appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Security code#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations with more than 90 days prior to departure 10% of total cost per person (or a minimum of \$325 per person) is retained, between 89 and 46 days prior to departure 30% is retained, 45 and 31 days 50% is retained, 30 and 15 days 75% is retained, 14 days or less, or no show 100% of the package price is retained.

Note: A person becoming a single as a result of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Mason City Chamber of Commerce – The Best of Japan program – August 23-September 3, 2018 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website [www.aventuraworld.com/terms-conditions](http://www.aventuraworld.com/terms-conditions) and authorize \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my card (including insurance premium if applicable).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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