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December 5 – 18, 2027



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14 Days • 18 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Tokyo, Ginza, Chanting, Meditation & Private Tea Ceremony with a Monk, Hakone, Lake Ashi Cruise, Matsumoto, Takayama, Shirakawa-go, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Sushi Making, Bullet Train, Hiroshima, Private Maiko Show

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo
Day 5	The Prince Hakone Lake Ashinoko, Hakone
Days 6, 7	Mercure Hida Takayama, Takayama
Days 8, 9	Hotel Nikko Kanazawa, Kanazawa
Days 10 – 13	Nikko Princess Hotel Kyoto, Kyoto

On some dates *alternate hotels may be used.*

Day 1: Sunday, December 5, 2027 Overnight Flight Explore ancient and modern Japanese culture firsthand. Discover peaceful temples and technological marvels set against unimaginable natural beauty.

Day 2: Monday, December 6, 2027 Tokyo, Japan Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Arrive in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long-kept. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Day 3: Tuesday, December 7, 2027 Tokyo Explore the outer grounds of the Imperial Palace, where you'll see the famed Niju Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Imperial Palace and one of Tokyo's most recognizable landmarks. Amid a lush forest outside of the city, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Later, walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world, where modern landscape meets rich history. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 4: Wednesday, December 8, 2027 Tokyo Begin the day with a visit to the Avatar Robot Café, an innovative café where people who have difficulty leaving their homes or hospital rooms are able to work by remotely operating service robots. Order a drink and take a moment to converse with the robot operators, gaining insight into their daily lives and the technology that helps connect them with the world. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. Enjoy free time beginning around 3:30 p.m. *(B)*

Day 5: Thursday, December 9, 2027 Tokyo - Hakone Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago, when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view* of Mt. Fuji. Next, take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise where you'll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. *(B, D)*

Day 6: Friday, December 10, 2027 Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" because of its striking black exterior. Later, you'll step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps and well known to the locals for its connection to *sake*. Tonight, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat – traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 7: Saturday, December 11, 2027 Takayama The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive during a guided walk in the town's historic district. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old open air market with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town's traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. Here, **it's your choice!** Choose to glimpse into the past at the 19th-century Takayama Jinya, a former government building **-OR-** visit the Matsuri Yatai Kaikan and view intricate, traditional, hand-carved floats used in festivals. This afternoon, relish some free time to continue your exploration of Takayama on your own. *(B)*

Day 8: Sunday, December 12, 2027 Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa Today, embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its *gassho-zukuri*-style houses – thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making since the 16th century. Visit the Omicho fish market, and then onto the beauty of Japan's most stunning gardens, where more than 25 acres of absolute beauty awaits you at Kenroku-En - Garden of Six Qualities. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant serving regional specialties. *(B, D)*

Day 9: Monday, December 13, 2027 Kanazawa Today, dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a private, hands-on lesson in decorating your own lacquer box! Visit the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district, before venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa's dynamic culture. *(B)*

Day 10: Tuesday, December 14, 2027 Kanazawa - Kyoto Today, Kyoto awaits! The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto's connection with its past is strong; you won't need to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. After settling into your hotel this afternoon, enjoy a private visit to the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. Here, delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess. Try your hand at making sushi and learn to fold intricate origami shapes. *(B, D)*

Day 11: Wednesday, December 15, 2027 Kyoto This morning, visit Fushimi Inari Taisha, one of Japan's most iconic and spiritually significant Shinto shrines (and made famous by the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*). Step beneath the first brilliant orange torii gate and follow the winding path as it climbs into the forested hillside. Thousands of torii gates stretch ahead in seemingly endless rows, creating shifting patterns of light and shadow as you walk towards the inner shrine. Along the way, you'll see worshippers stopping at small altars, offering prayers, waving their personal flags, and leaving tokens of devotion. Enjoy free time beginning around 2:00 p.m. to explore more of Kyoto at leisure. *(B)*

Day 12: Thursday, December 16, 2027 Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto All aboard the Shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Afterwards, head into Hiroshima city to visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO). Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. As this long and moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train. *(B)*

Day 13: Friday, December 17, 2027 Kyoto This morning, spend time with a monk at Koshoji Temple,** where you'll have the opportunity to chant and meditate with them. Afterwards, take part in the ancient art of the tea ceremony and learn about its importance in Japanese culture. Take this rare opportunity to learn from and speak to the monk about their daily life. This afternoon, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special farewell dinner and private maiko show. *(B, D)*







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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. ***(See registration form for consent.)***

Day 14: Saturday, December 18, 2027 Kyoto - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. *(B)*

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 06, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 31 people (maximum of 32).

**The visit to Koshoji Temple will require travelers to remove their shoes. During the meditation, travelers will sit on the floor. Those who cannot sit on the floor will be provided with a chair.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this tour.

The day we visit Hiroshima from Kyoto will be your longest touring day with an early morning departure before 8:00 a.m. and an evening return to the hotel after 8:00 p.m.

Golden Week is a cluster of national holidays in Japan, including Showa Day (April 29th), Constitution Memorial Day (May 3rd), Greenery Day (May 4th), and Children's Day (May 5th). During Golden Week, popular tourist destinations tend to be extremely crowded, and many businesses, including attractions and restaurants, operate on altered schedules. It's essential to anticipate traffic congestion and longer than usual wait times for any attractions and transportation. We reserve the right to modify the order of your inclusions during this period, without prior notice.

The Bon holiday (Obon) is a Buddhist holiday honoring the spirits of ancestors that occurs in mid-August. During the Bon holiday, many Japanese people travel to their hometowns to pay respects to their ancestors, resulting in increased traffic congestion and crowded public transportation. Some businesses may also close or operate with reduced hours during this time.

Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require travelers to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed these days.

*The view of Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway is weather dependent.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

In the case of extreme summer heat and humidity, walking tours may be shortened, rescheduled, or replaced with alternative activities to ensure traveler comfort and safety.

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Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

This tour features traditional Japanese dining, often served at restaurants that specialize in specific dishes or set menus. Due to the nature of included group meals and local restaurant styles, dietary requests such as vegan, vegetarian, or gluten-free may not be accommodated. Pescatarian diets may be more manageable in many locations. Travelers with specific dietary needs should plan accordingly and may need to make independent meal arrangements or supplement with their own food.

All transfers will depart from the Kyoto hotel for either Kansai Airport or Itami Airport.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our air travelers will be departing from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport (depending upon your flight schedule).

Flights arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Return flights should not be booked from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport prior to 9:00 a.m.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours. Gratuities for your Tour Manager, primary motor coach driver, and other applicable services are not included in the cost of your tour. Additional gratuity guidance can be found within the final travel documents you'll receive prior to departure.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.
IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Travelers are required to complete a Disembarkation Card and a Customs Declaration when entering Japan. These forms can be completed online in advance through https://services.digital.go.jp/en/visit-japan-web/. You may submit these forms before departure or upon arrival prior to clearing immigration and customs.

Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/health-and-fitness/drugs-and-controlled-medicines to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required. For regular prescription or over-the-counter medication, no prior approval is necessary.

A deposit of $698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 27, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 06, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until March 06, 2027.

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TRAVEL DATE: 12/05/2027 TERRITORY: T3
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This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First:_____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: ( ) _____ Cell: ( ) _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy $4,990 ☐ Business Class $9,990

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? ( ) Yes ( ) No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection $599 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of $1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette

Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com
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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

_____

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length_____ Width_____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length_____

Width_____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.
Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____Reservation #_____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____