Insider’s Japan

October 16-28, 2024
13 days for $8,084 total price from Rochester
($7,395 air & land inclusive plus $689 airline taxes and fees)

Hosted by Joanne Bernardi

Joanne Bernardi is a professor of Japanese and Visual and Cultural Studies in the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures. She joined the University of Rochester faculty in 1994 after completing a doctorate in East Asian Studies at Columbia University and a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. She lived in Japan for ten years over three decades: first as a college student studying filmmaking at Osaka University of Arts (1970s), then as a graduate student and university faculty in Tokyo and Mito (1980s-90s). She collaborates on film restoration and curatorial projects in the US, Europe, and Japan, and publishes on and teaches Japanese cinema and culture; early film; Godzilla and nuclear imagery; moving image preservation; collecting and cultural heritage; and tourism. In 2000, she started collecting Japan-related travel ephemera, which led to an open-access digital project, Re-Envisioning Japan, documenting Japan as a foreign destination in 20th century visual and material culture. This project sustains her joy of rediscovering Japan—past and present—through travel, and she’s excited about this chance to make new discoveries with others!

It’s a land of delicate art and bustling commerce, of rich traditions and dizzying modernity; a jumble of sights, sounds and tastes that for visitors are truly fascinating. This well-crafted tour features the highlights of Tokyo and Kyoto, engages us in local life and takes us off the beaten path to the lovely historic cities of Takayama and Kanazawa.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1: October 16, 2024
Depart U.S. for Tokyo

Days 2-4: October 17-19, 2024
Tokyo

Day 5: October 20, 2024
Hakone

Days 6-7: October 21-22, 2024
Takayama

Days 8-9: October 23-24, 2024
Kanazawa

Days 10-12: October 25-27, 2024
Kyoto

Day 13: October 28, 2024
Depart Kyoto for U.S.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

• Tokyo touring, including Imperial Palace District and Meiji Shrine
• Stunning scenery of Mt. Fuji and Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and cruise on Ashi Lake
• Overnight stay in traditional ryokan
• Takayama’s ancient streets and houses
• Hands-on cooking class
• Culturally rich Kanazawa
• Tour of Kyoto, Japan’s cultural capital
• Traditional tea ceremony

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS:
The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.
Insider’s Japan, Continued:

Your Tour Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 11 nights’ accommodations: 10 nights in Deluxe and First Class hotels; 1 night in traditional Japanese ryokan
- 19 meals: 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Rail transportation for portions of the tour
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters and all drivers

*Pricing:

$8,084 air & land inclusive from Rochester. Other air gateways are available and pricing is available upon request. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges and fees of $689, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is $6,095; airport arrival and departure transfers not included. Single travelers please add $1,695. A 3-day/2-night post-tour “Hiroshima – City of Peace” extension is available for $1,195 total price (single travelers please add $155). Business Class upgrade on roundtrip Trans-Pacific flight from Los Angeles: $4,995 per person; from other cities: $8,995, in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

*PLEASE NOTE: Your $500 per person deposit ($200 per person is non-refundable) secures your space(s) on this tour. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Meanwhile our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, will send you the tour brochure with a detailed day-by-day itinerary and booking terms and conditions when it becomes available.

REGISTRATION FORM

To register for this tour, please call our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., directly at 888-370-6765. Or you may mail your registration form and deposit check to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458.

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_________($500 per person) for ______person(s). This secures my/our space on the following tour: Insider’s Japan, October 16-28, 2024. Make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.

Room preference (subject to availability when tour details and brochure are finalized):

- Double occupancy (standard)
- I desire a single room (limited availability)

Full Passport Name ______________________ Date of Birth _________________________ Gender _______________________

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Street Address_______________________________________________________ City _______________State ____Zip _______

Phone: Home (       ) ___________ Cell (       ) _____________ E-mail ________________________________________________

Please book my/our air from ___________________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade to □

Post-Tour “Hiroshima- City of Peace” Extension: Please sign me/us up □

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