

Deluxe-Plus

Fully Escorted Tour Package

Japan Garden Tours

DATES & PRICES

Please see website



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

INCLUDES

- Excellent mix of Western and Japanese style accommodations
- Meet and greet and airport transfers
- Breakfast everyday, lunches & dinners as listed in the itinerary
- All entry fees to sites, activities listed in the itinerary
- Comprehensive guided service, escorted by AJT professional English speaking guide

TOUR DURATION 14 Day

DESTINATIONS HIMEJI, MATSUE, TAKAMATSU, NAOSHIMA, OSAKA, NARA, KYOTO, MT FUJI, HAKONE, TOKYO

Visit the best gardens in Japan - some popular, some more exclusive, in combination with the most beautiful art and breathtaking architectural marvels in the country, with seasonal itineraries featuring cherry blossoms and autumn leaves.

Tour the Gardens of Japan to see some of the most peaceful, heavenly, and meticulous landscapes that have ever been cultivated. Centuries of landscaping philosophy and respect for nature give Japan's various gardens a deep and spiritual atmosphere, at once lovely, subtle, and poetic in every glimpse. If viewing such nature scenes is a meaningful, enjoyable, or spiritual experience for you, a tour of Japan's gardens is an absolute must. These itineraries have been paired with Art and Architecture sightseeing tours for guests looking to admire Japan's cultural masterpieces. These tours are specially geared to take advantage of Japan's most vibrant seasonal events: spring cherry blossoms and autumn colored leaves.

Your journey through Japan's best garden spots will be facilitated by an English-speaking, government certified guide with over 10 years of experience. Having studied under the NHK Kyoto garden program, your knowledgeable and friendly guide will bring a specialized expertise to your tour. Additionally, the tour includes meeting an insightful tour with a professional Japanese garden builder and designer in Kyoto, who will be available to answer your questions about Japanese landscape gardening and maintenance, as well as take you to some of the city's finest gardens.

Walk in tranquil wonder as you tour Japan's gardens starting in Osaka and ending in Tokyo, passing through Himeji, Matsue, Naoshima Island, Bizen, Takamatsu, Kyoto, Nara, Mount Fuji, and Hakone. The parks and gardens that await your discovery include temple gardens in Kyoto and Nara, Kokoen garden near Himeji Castle, Adachi Museum and Garden, Isuien Garden, Yushien Garden, as well as some private gardens off the beaten path.

During the spring Garden and Art Tour, travel to see the delicate beauty of Japanese cherry blossoms, and stay to discover art museums designed by Tadao Ando on Naoshima Art Island. Explore the Imbe Pottery Village of Bizen, see a demonstration of Japanese Sword forging techniques at Bizen Osafune Japanese Sword Museum, and browse the fresh seafood at Mana Fish Market. In our autumn Garden, Art, and Architecture Tour, enjoy the bright colors of the fall foliage in Takamatsu's Ritsurin Garden as well as enjoying Walking Architecture Tours in Osaka, Omotesando, and Ginza.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Himeji : Himeji Castle



Matsue: Yushien Garden



Takamatsu: Ritsurin Garden



Awaji Island: Miracle Planet Botanical Museum



Kyoto: Machiya Townhouse



Kyoto: Meet a Professional Garden Builder



Kyoto: Ryoanji Temple



Kyoto: Flower Arrangement Class

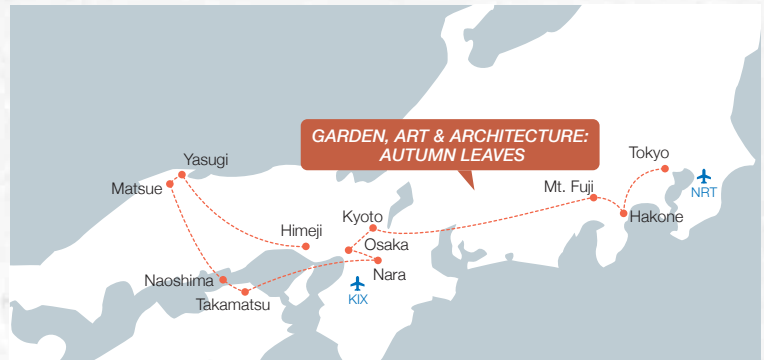
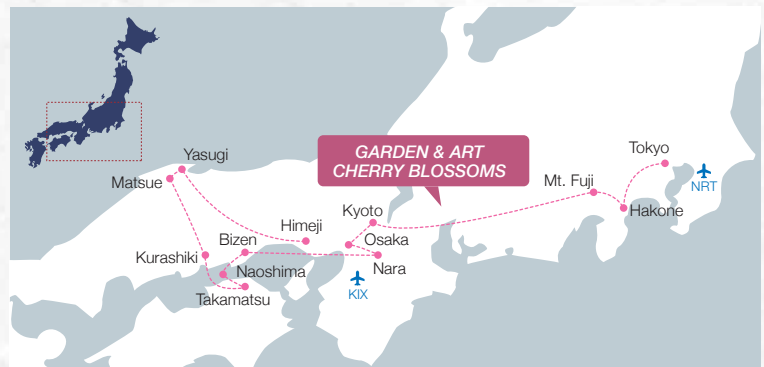


Mt Fuji: Itchiku Kubota Art Museum



Hakone: Hakone Open Air Museum

ITINERARY IN BRIEF



This map is only a representation of the destinations on this tour.
There are seasonal variations, please contact us or check our website for the detailed itinerary.

WHAT MAKE THIS TOUR DIFFERENCE

- ☒ View the most exquisitely designed gardens in Japan, including Ritsurin Garden, Yushien Garden, and Isuien Garden.
- ☒ Take the opportunity to talk with a Japanese professional Garden Builder and Designer.
- ☒ Admire the thought-provoking masterpieces in the art galleries and museums of Naoshima Art Island.
- ☒ Discover the various outdoor artworks that use "borrowed scenery" at Hakone Open-Air Museum.
- ☒ Witness the history and process of creating Japanese samurai swords at the Bizen Osafune Japanese Sword Museum.
- ☒ Browse the modern man-made wonders of Japan while on Architecture Walking Tours at Ginza, Osaka, and Omotesando.
- ☒ While in the beautiful Mount Fuji region, study Itchiku Kubota's silk-dyeing technique at the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum.
- ☒ Study a traditional Japanese art like ikebana, green tea ceremony, or Zen meditation at Hasshu-an in Osaka.



ITINERARY IN BRIEF

GARDEN & ART: CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Day 1	Arrive in Osaka	Day 8	Osaka - Kyoto
Day 2	Himeji - Yasugi	Day 9	Kyoto
Day 3	Matsue	Day 10	Kyoto
Day 4	Kurashiki - Takamatsu	Day 11	Bullet Train Ride - Mt Fuji
Day 5	Naoshima	Day 12	Hakone - Tokyo
Day 6	Bizen	Day 13	Tokyo
Day 7	Nara	Day 14	Tour ends

GARDEN, ART & ARCHITECTURE: AUTUMN LEAVES

Day 1	Arrive in Osaka	Day 8	Kyoto
Day 2	Himeji - Yasugi	Day 9	Kyoto
Day 3	Matsue	Day 10	Bullet Train Ride - Mt Fuji
Day 4	Naoshima	Day 11	Hakone - Tokyo
Day 5	Takamatsu	Day 12	Tokyo
Day 6	Nara	Day 13	Tokyo
Day 7	Osaka	Day 14	Tour ends

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