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Land of the Autumn Sun

Exclusive 15 Day Hosted Tour



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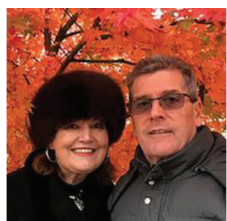
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Kyoto, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Tokyo

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Hosted by Anne & Barry Rogers

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Anne & Barry Rogers
Tour Managers

Imagine a place of immense beauty and diversity; where embedded in everyone's DNA is a culture of "mindfulness of others" and respect (for everything), along with innate generosity and kindness: a place where everything works - perfectly: where honesty and safety are the order of the day: where ancient history and cutting edge modernity exist side by side; where the food is amazing. This "Utopia" is Japan - and to visit is one of life's great pleasures.

This is a country we know well, and love, and it is our pleasure, on behalf of Ramsgate Travel, to invite you to join us as we share a little of it with you this coming November. Our tour is intended to showcase the regional attraction of Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Miyajima, before an immersive experience in Tokyo where our days will be a blend of conventional touring, and leisurely neighbourhood discovery; all surrounded by the beauty of Autumn.

Sunday 23 November Arrive Kyoto

Arrival at Osaka's Kansai Airport, and transfer to Kyoto, a journey of a little under 2 hours. Our hotel is located very close to the modern railway complex, and will be our home for four nights. Spend your afternoon discovering the myriad shops, and restaurants on our doorstep, and marvel at the building itself.

Meet your hosts and fellow guests for an evening welcome drink and get-together.

Overnight The Thousand Hotel, Kyoto
<https://www.keihanhotels-resorts.co.jp/the-thousand-kyoto/en>

Monday 24 November Kyoto

(B,D)

Today we will enjoy a full-day private coach tour of Kyoto, visiting the city's key temples and gardens - including the Kinkakuji Golden Pavilion, the Ryoanji Zen Garden, Nijo Castle, and the fabulous wooden temple of Kiyomizudera. In the evening we will take a short taxi ride, for a casual

meal, and to stroll the pretty streets in the ancient Gion district, at dusk. Aside from the pretty canal, ancient shophouses and beautiful streetscape, we are likely to see Geiko (Geisha) stepping out to work.

Overnight The Thousand Hotel, Kyoto <https://www.keihanhotels-resorts.co.jp/the-thousand-kyoto/en>

Tuesday 25 November Kyoto

(B)

Today, our private coach and guide will take us to where the city meets the mountains for an exciting boat ride on the Hozugawa River, and the beautiful district of Arashiyama. This area is also home to the ancient (and much photographed) Sagano Bamboo forest, with its immense centuries old, lush groves. We will then cross town, and visit the quite beautiful Fushimi



NOVEMBER IN JAPAN

Autumn in Japan arrives later than most Northern Hemisphere countries, and we can expect to see a riot of colour as we move around. They myriad public gardens are especially beautiful, but so is the countryside with hills and mountainsides covered in pretty foliage. Autumn is also harvest time, with dozens of festivals - large and small - throughout the country. Chrysanthemum shows are also very common.



Inari Shrine with its famous vermillion torii gates - 5000 of them - winding their way to the top of the mountain. Climbing optional!

In the evening we will once again, step out to further explore this beguiling city.

Overnight The Thousand Hotel, Kyoto <https://www.keihanhotels-resorts.co.jp/the-thousand-kyoto/en>

Wednesday 26 November Kyoto (B)

Today is yours to enjoy Kyoto at leisure. Anne will be on hand with some suggestions to fill your day. The Philosopher's Walk in the northern part of the city is a superb way to spend a couple of hours. The stone path follows a pretty stream, and is lined with sakura trees. There are many pretty old buildings to see, and the occasional "off-path" temple and shrine. There are also plenty of cafes along the way. The fabulous Nishiki Food Market in central Kyoto is a must, a wonderful mixture of fish,

and dry goods, sake, wines, and kitchen cooking gadgets, all in one of Kyoto's long under-cover arcades; a visit here is one of great interest, and discovery.

You may decide to take a short train trip to nearby Nara - established as Japan's first capital in the year 710. Today it is a compact city less than an hour from Kyoto, with a number of renowned World Heritage listed sites, led by the amazing Todaiji wooden temple housing a giant Buddha. The surrounding park is home to nearly 1200 sacred deer which roam freely and, as a symbol of the city, have been designated a national treasure.

Overnight The Thousand Hotel, Kyoto <https://www.keihanhotels-resorts.co.jp/the-thousand-kyoto/en>

Thursday 27 November Hiroshima (B,D)

This morning, we depart Kyoto for Hiroshima - just 2 hours 40 mins by Shinkansen (bullet train). Upon arrival we will walk to our hotel which

is adjacent to the station complex, and where our luggage will be waiting. Hiroshima is situated on a river delta, with pretty waterways regularly dissecting this prosperous, contemporary city. The Atomic Bomb Dome, the adjacent Peace Park, and Museum, are within easy reach of the station, on the historic tram network, and we will spend the remainder of the day exploring this poignant reminder of the tragic event of 6 August 1945.

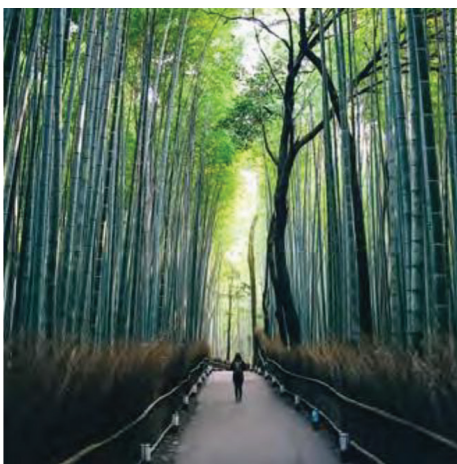
In the evening we will find a restaurant serving the famous local dish - Okonomiyake (Hiroshima style).

Overnight The Sheraton Grand Hotel, Hiroshima <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/hjsi-sheraton-grand-hiroshima-hotel/overview>

Friday 28 November Hiroshima

This morning we will take a suburban train to the station at Miyajima-guchi, from where we will cross the road and take a local ferry across to the beautiful island of Miyajima where the day is yours to explore the famous Itsukushima Shrine, and the instantly recognisable giant torii gate in the sea.

At the time of our visit, the Autumn foliage should be at its peak, with the Momijidani Park, at the foot of Mt Misen; its trees dating back to the Edo period, a marvelous viewing spot. This is also an excellent time to take a short forest walk and enjoy





the ropeway (cable car) ride up the mountain. Given we have all day to spend in this magical place, there will be an opportunity, at low tide, to walk out to, and around, the torii gate - a “must do” experience.

Overnight The Sheraton Grand Hotel, Hiroshima
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/hijsi-sheraton-grand-hiroshima-hotel/overview>

Saturday 29 November
Tokyo

(B)

This morning we will take breakfast in the station, and stock up for a train “picnic” as we depart for Tokyo on the Shinkansen - a journey of a little over 5 hours. Upon arrival at Tokyo Station, we will change to a local train for the short distance to our base at Shinjuku, one of Tokyo’s 23 “city wards”: a vast commercial, shopping, and entertainment district centered on the railway station - the busiest

in the world. Our home from home - the Keio Plaza Hotel - was the first skyscraper in the district, and indeed Japan’s first high rise hotel. Our rooms are on the very special club floor, with room lounge access. Our luggage will be waiting for us.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>

Sunday 30 November
Tokyo

(B)

This morning we will continue our orientation with a private morning city sights tour featuring the Imperial Palace Garden and Moat, Akihabara Electric Town, the ancient Senso-ji Temple (the oldest Buddhist temple) in Tokyo, with the wonderful Nakamise Street in front. In the afternoon we will enjoy a cruise on the Sumida River, enjoying yet another surprising perspective on this amazing city.

A fun ride on a driverless train completes today’s adventure.

Afterwards, as on all our evenings, there are myriad reasons to step out to see the lights, or take in the vibrant nightlife scene which is on our doorstep. The Golden Gai bar district is popular with visitors, as are robot restaurants, and many themed cafe. Shinjuku pulsates with every imaginable form of evening entertainment.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>

Monday 1 December
Tokyo

(B)

This morning we take a suburban train to Nippori from where we will stroll through the sweet little “village” of Yanaka, only minutes, yet a world away from the surrounding metropolis. Close to the station is an old cemetery dating back several hundred years. The Kyou-ji temple with its pretty garden, is entered through gates pock-marked by musket fire from the civil war of 1868.

We will wander further down the main village street, which is lined with all kinds of sweet little shops, selling everything from woven baskets, to kimonos and accessories.



A stop at the street market is a great opportunity to sample popular local food. We will then wander through a residential neighbourhood until we reach nearby Ueno Park which, aside from being a beautiful open space, is Tokyo's most important cultural centre; home to many key museums and galleries.

Our day's touring will end here for those wishing to linger, or back at the hotel, for those wishing to return to Shinjuku. Tonight we will enjoy a memorable meal together.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>



Tuesday 2 December
Tokyo (B)

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Anne will be on hand to provide suggestions, and directions to beautiful galleries, specialty shops, and more interesting neighbourhoods. You may wish to visit one of many Chrysanthemum shows which are convened at this time of year.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>

Wednesday 3 December
Tokyo (B,D)

No visit to Tokyo is complete without a visit to nearby Harajuku and the serene Meiji Shrine deep within beautiful parkland. Perhaps we will be lucky to see a Shinto wedding ceremony. Regardless, the walk through the park is a pleasure. A short walk away is the deliciously named Takeshita-dori, the heart of Harajuku, and home to Tokyo's famous Cosplay shops – fun and amusement guaranteed. Last year the fabulous Harakado building opened with its stunning architecture and myriad attractions inside (think shopping, restaurants, entertainment). We will take a break here to explore individually and have some lunch, before we stroll to Shibuya, home of the famous Shibuya Scramble street crossing and the nearby statue of the

equally famous little dog – Hachiko. Tonight's dinner is included.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>

Thursday 4 December
Tokyo (B)

Today we will leave the city taking a day excursion to the Fuji Five Lakes, a highland area at the base of Mt Fuji, outside Tokyo, and an ideal viewing spot - weather permitting of course! The much photographed Chureito Pagoda provides a great vantage point for the beautiful surrounding scenery.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>



Friday 5 December Tokyo

Today our neighbourhood excursion will be to Nihonbashi, one of Tokyo's oldest commercial districts. It is also the 'zero point' from which all distances to/from Tokyo are measured. The 400 year old Mitsukoshi Department Store remains, and the district is also home to the Bank of Japan headquarters and the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Our route back to Shinjuku is via the fabulous Tokyo Station housed in an enormous red brick building said to be modeled on the station in Amsterdam. You may wish to linger longer here and explore this city within a city. There are hundreds of restaurants in "kitchen street", and every kind of souvenir in "character street", plus wonderful department stores where you can visit the food halls, marvel at the goods on offer - and equally - the enthusiastic counter staff, and exquisite packaging which comes with every purchase, however small.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>

(B) Saturday 6 December Tokyo

This morning is yours to enjoy. You may wish to stroll to the nearby Shinjuku Goen established in 1772. One of many designated national gardens, this is a truly beautiful oasis of tranquility within this busy city. Especially beautiful in Autumn, it is a perfect place to end the organised portion of our tour, and reflect on the beautiful things we have seen, and the fun we've had. Alternatively our hotel are sure to be popular for last minute purchases. Our farewell luncheon will be in the New York Grill at the nearby Park Hyatt Hotel, famously portrayed in the movie "Lost in Translation". Afterwards, we will visit the fabulous Ginza District at dusk. Home of beautiful neon lights, and amazing shop windows, this is a beautiful and iconic part of Tokyo.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel
<https://www.keioplaza.com>

Sunday 7 December Tokyo

(B)

Homeward bound.

Departure transfers are provided for all our guests departing today, and Anne will be on hand to co-ordinate.

Package details

15 Days/14 Nights
Tour Management Services of Anne & Barry Rogers throughout

PRICED FROM* **\$9,490 per person - twin share**

Inclusions:

Ramsgate Travel tour managers, Barry and Anne Rogers

- 14 nights accommodation as per itinerary with Club Rooms in Tokyo
- Return airport transfers
- Welcome drink in Kyoto
- Meals as per itinerary
- Intercity transportation by Shinkansen (bullet train) - Green Class Private coach sightseeing in Kyoto and Tokyo with English speaking local guides
- Intercity luggage transfer service and hotel porterage
- Local transport passes for Kyoto and Tokyo Metro trains
- Admission fees for gardens and attractions as per itinerary
- Sumida River cruise Tokyo
- Full day tour and admissions to Five Lakes

**Cost per person based on twin share.*

Sole use packages on application with single supplement of \$4,490.

General Information:

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,300 per person is required at time of booking. For sole occupancy and availability contact Ramsgate Travel. This tour is restricted to a maximum of 20 passengers and requires a minimum number of participants to operate. Itinerary and price changes may occur due to local legislation, currency changes and availability of services.

*Fitness: This tour includes walking tours and use of local train services. Railway platforms can be poorly equipped with elevator/escalator access. This tour is unsuitable for those with reduce mobility. **Full terms and conditions can be found on page 8 of this brochure.***

Booking Form - JAPAN 23 Nov to 7 Dec 2025

PERSONAL DETAILS

FIRST PASSENGER

SECOND PASSENGER

Title e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr.

Given names (as shown on passport)

Surname (as shown on passport)

Preferred name (for guest list)

Date of birth

ADDRESS

Number & name of street

Suburb

State & postcode

Home telephone contact

Business telephone contact

Mobile contact

Email address

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name

Telephone contact

PASSPORT DETAILS

A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS BOOKING FORM.

Passport number

Country of issue

Expiry date

OTHER INFORMATION

Medical requirements

Dietary requirements

Other special requirements

Frequent Flyer membership

ACCOMMODATION PREFERENCE:

Twin share

Double bed

Sole use

Twin bed

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have read, understood, initialed and returned the booking terms and conditions attached to this form.

Signed: _____ (on behalf of persons listed) Date: _____

Terms & Conditions

Payments

1. A deposit is usually required at the time of booking, but on occasion full payment will be required. You will be notified of the payment schedule for Travel Arrangements at the time of booking.
2. We are under no obligation to remind you of a payment becoming due. It is your responsibility to ensure that we receive payments in cleared funds by the due date for payment. We accept no responsibility if Travel Arrangements are canceled by Travel Providers due to you failing to make a payment to us by the due date.
3. Payment can be made to use in the following ways:
 - (a) by credit or debit card, subject to the following processing fees which reflect costs incurred by us: 1.2 - 2% card dependent on card type;
 - (b) by direct deposit into our bank account:
BSB: 062-283 | A/C: 0016-1224
Ramsgate Travel Service (clearly note your name on the deposit slip)

Confirmation of your booking

When we receive your booking form and deposit we will immediately dispatch confirmation of your place on the tour. From this time a firm contract exists between you and Ramsgate Travel on the basis of our tour flyer and any amendments communicated to you.

What is included in the tour price?

Your tour price includes all arrangements as outlined in the daily itinerary inclusive of accommodation, transportation, admission fees, hotel portage of one suitcase per person and services of a Ramsgate Travel throughout. Meals are included according to the legend as shown beside each day's activities; any additional meals are at your own expense and payable direct at that time. If you are traveling alone, an accommodation single surcharge will apply.

What is not included in the tour price?

Air fares (only if indicated) passport and visa fees, excess baggage, insurances of all kinds, laundry, phone calls, additional accommodation made necessary by flight schedules, additional meals and beverages not already stated as included, optional excursions and sightseeing not included in the itinerary, and items of a personal nature, and necessary COVID 19 related expenses e.g. PCR tests.

Travel Insurance is compulsory

Ramsgate Travel requires that all guests are fully insured. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance before paying your deposit or shortly after. We will happily advise you in this regard and provide you with competitive quotations. Failure to obtain travel insurance will not waive any cancellation fees or deposits already paid in the event you need to cancel your trip for any reason.

Passports, Visas and Vaccinations

Passport and visa requirements are your responsibility. It is a requirement that you hold a valid passport to depart Australia, and most countries require passports to have at least 6 months validity. This means your passport should be valid for at least 6 months from your scheduled return to Australia.

It is your responsibility to obtain vaccinations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of your travel.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the necessary documentation to comply with the laws and regulations of the destinations to be visited. You should consult your GP or a specialist travel medical practitioner at least 8 weeks prior to travel. We will not be responsible for any loss you incur if you are denied boarding or entry to a destination because you do not have necessary documentation or records of vaccinations.

Any information provided by us is given in good faith and for guidance only. We do not warrant its completeness and you must make your own enquiries to satisfy yourself of entry and other requirements.

Fitness

This tour requires a degree of fitness and stamina.

If you cancel or alter your booking

Our tour operator will levy a charge if you cancel once the confirmation has been issued, to offset costs incurred in preparation of the tour.

Charges vary according to the period of notice given - (fees are per person).

Up to 91 days before departure - loss of deposit.

Between 90 and 62 days before departure - 50% of tour cost.

Less than 61 days before departure - 100% of total tour cost.

Host

Should your Ramsgate Travel Host, due to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, be unable to attend on your tour, then they will be replaced with another tour manager/host as chosen by Ramsgate Travel.

The tour will proceed and full cancellation fees will apply, as set above, if you decide to cancel your booking.

If WE cancel or alter your booking

We do our utmost to provide arrangements as confirmed, but we reserve the right to modify or cancel any tour and any of its inclusions if unforeseen circumstances arise. We also reserve the right to cancel a tour on which there are insufficient bookings up to eight weeks before departure. If we cancel or significantly alter an important element of a tour, we will offer the choice of alternative tour arrangements. In cases of hostilities, political unrest or circumstances amounting to force majeure, our decision whether to proceed or not will be in accordance with advice issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Our liabilities to you

We accept responsibility for ensuring that all parts of the tour are supplied as described and that all services reach a reasonable standard.

However, we shall not be liable for the failure or improper performance is attributed to the fault of the client, or the unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of an unconnected third party or to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, including force majeure, and the consequence of which could not have been avoided however careful we or our suppliers might have been. We would, however, strive to give prompt assistance and to find appropriate solutions.

Unavoidable & Extraordinary Circumstances

In the event of Extraordinary and Unavoidable Circumstances the Travel Provider may cancel or modify your Travel Arrangements in accordance with the Travel Provider Booking Conditions.

If your Travel Arrangements are canceled due to Extraordinary and Unavoidable Circumstances, then we will use reasonable endeavors to obtain either a credit or refund from the Travel Provider ("Extraordinary Circumstances Services"). Your rights to a credit or refund may be limited under the Travel Provider Booking Conditions. We make no guarantee and expressly disclaim any warranty that we will be able to obtain a refund or credit from a Travel Provider.

Please note that any credit or refund issued by the Travel Provider may be partial only and may be subject to specific conditions. We have no control over these conditions.

You agree that we may charge you fees for providing Extraordinary Circumstances Services as specified in the Service Fee Schedule ("Extraordinary Circumstances Service Fees"). This is an addition to the fees we are entitled to for having provided Advisory and Booking Services. We may request that you pay Extraordinary Circumstances Service Fees to us before we endeavor to obtain a credit or refund from Travel Providers.

You agree that we are entitled to be paid (and you agree to pay us) for the Booking and Advisory Services we have provided for any Travel Arrangements that are canceled or modified due to Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances.

Travel Advice

We strongly suggest that you contact the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade ("DFAT") or visit the Smart Traveller website for the most up to date travel advisories for the destinations that you wish to travel to. You can register your travel plans with DFAT so that you can be easily contact in an emergency.

If you request us to book Travel Arrangements in or to a destination that is subject to a DFAT travel advisory we accept no liability for your choice and the risks associated with traveling to that destination.

Unused Services

No reduction/refund will be made for any unused services, either for individual passengers or the group as a whole.

I hereby understand and abide by these Terms & Conditions and confirm that I have advised all travelling parties accordingly.