



JAPAN

....Another Glance

Exclusive 15 Day Hosted Tour



*18 October
to 1 November
2025*



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Osaka, Kobe, Naoshima, Kurashiki, Himeji, Kanazawa,
Takayama, Tokyo, Nikko, Kamakura, and more.

A 15 day immersive tour - Exclusive to Ramsgate Travel

Hosted by Anne & Barry Rogers

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Anne & Barry Rogers
Tour Managers

How special it is to invite you to join us on a triumphant return to Japan, this October. You will love the few days we spend in the Kansai region, with Osaka as our base, as we explore Himeji, Kobe, Naoshima and Kurashiki. Kanazawa will provide a nice coastal break, from where we will explore Takayama and Shirakawa-go, before we return "home" to Tokyo to once again enjoy the delights of those club rooms at the Keio Plaza. Our days in Tokyo will be a mix of neighbourhood discovery, and short day trips to the nearby beauty spots of Nikko and Kamakura.

One of the very special things about Japan, is that it is at once large and small and, during our time in Tokyo especially, we will be constantly (and pleasantly) reminded of this, as we alternate between small coastal villages, quiet suburbs, and the hustle and bustle of the larger cities.

Saturday 18 October Arrive Osaka

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Arrive Osaka and transfer to the Swissotel Nankai, our home for five nights. The remainder of the day is yours to gently become re-acquainted with the things you love about Japan. Our hotel is centrally located, with great walking and shopping nearby. You may wish to re-visit the Tenjinbashi-suji shopping arcade (with its 600 shops!), or perhaps a stroll along the Dotonbori Canal to sample local street food. This evening, we will enjoy an early welcome dinner.

Overnight Swissotel Nankai
<https://swissotelnankaiosaka.com/>

Sunday 19 October Kobe

(B,D)

Across Osaka Bay, and very close by, lies Kobe; a delightful port city scenically situated between the

mountains and the sea with a rich maritime history. The city centre is home to a wonderful old Chinatown – borne of Kobe's status as a major trading port. We will meet our highly recommended local guide who will bring our day's sightseeing to life. We will visit the Kitano area where many foreign traders and diplomats settled in the 19th century, and where, today, many of the beautiful old western homes have been preserved, and are open to the public. We will take a cable car ride (quaintly referred to as a ropeway in Japan) up Mt Rokko to the beautiful Nunobiki herb garden. A visit to a famous sake brewery will end the day's sightseeing. No visit to Kobe is complete without a meal of its famous Kobe marbled beef, and we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, before returning to Osaka.

Overnight Swissotel Nankai
<https://swissotelnankaiosaka.com/>

Monday 20 October Naoshima

(B)

Today's excursion takes us somewhat further afield to the beautiful art island of Naoshima located in the Seto Inland Sea. Famous for its blend of contemporary art and natural beauty, Naoshima attracts art lovers from all over the world, and our expert guide will ensure we get the best from this great day by the sea.

The island is home to a series of renowned museums, art installations, and outdoor sculptures, with works by prominent artists like Yayoi Kusama, James Turrell, and Tadao Ando. Getting there and back will be half the fun, with a combination of shinkansen, local trains and ferries.

Overnight Swissotel Nankai
<https://swissotelnankaiosaka.com/>

OCTOBER IN JAPAN

October is a beautiful month to visit Japan. The rainy, typhoon season has passed but the weather remains quite warm, and sunny - perfect for travelling. We should see the early stages of the pretty Autumn colours

Culturally, food shows, and temple festivals are popular activities and, we can expect to see a lot of “Halloween action” in the run up to 31 October.



Tuesday 21 October Himeji

(B)

Today we will be joined by – Gerard O’Sullivan - a long-time resident of Japan, (by way of New Zealand and other places!) and specialist tour guide with a particular interest in Himeji. We will travel together by train, to this very old city which overlooks the Seto Inland Sea. Here, we will take a close look at the famous, sprawling, and UNESCO listed Himeji Castle complex which dates from the beginning of the Shogun period. Adjacent the castle is the beautiful Koko-en garden.

Overnight Swissotel Nankai
<https://swissotelnankaiosaka.com/>

Wednesday 22 October Kurashiki

(B,D)

Gerard O’Sullivan will join us once again as we take a very special excursion to the quaint canal town of Kurashiki – also on the Seto Inland Sea south of Osaka.

Here will discover the gorgeous Bikan Historical District where beautifully whitewashed warehouses are complemented by rows of willow trees drooping into the river which passes through the town.

Kurashiki is renowned for its locally produced denim and canvas, and there are many shops selling denim in particular. During our visit we will enjoy a relaxing canal ride on a punt.

Overnight Swissotel Nankai
<https://swissotelnankaiosaka.com/>

Thursday 23 October Kanazawa

(B,D)

Today we will cross through, and over the mountainous spine in the centre of Japan, to Kanazawa on the north coast, facing the Sea of Japan.

Often referred to as the “Samurai city” historically, Kanazawa famously chose art over war, and within the city and nearby area, almost 40 forms of unique arts and crafts flourish – notably laquer-ware, gold leaf and silk dying; it is now often referred to as “the city of crafts”.

The remainder of the day is yours to settle in and enjoy our new surroundings, before a casual dinner in the evening.

Overnight Kanazawa Hyatt Centric, Kanazawa
<https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-centric/kmqct-hyatt-centric-kanazawa>





Friday 24 October Kanazawa

(D)

Today, we will enjoy a full day of discovery in Kanazawa. We will visit the Omo-cho Market. Lovers of sushi and sashimi will be delighted to know that Kanazawa proudly boasts the best in Japan, and there will be ample opportunity to verify that claim!

We will also visit the beautiful historic district of Higashi-chaya – a beautifully preserved geisha (known as geigi in Kanazawa) and tea-house district.

Overnight Kanazawa Hyatt Centric, Kanazawa
<https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-centric/kmqct-hyatt-centric-kanazawa>

Saturday 25 October Kanazawa / Takayama

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We will leave Kanazawa today on a journey to Takayama - a fantastic way to explore the charm of Japan's Hida region, known for its well-preserved Edo-period streets, rich culture, and delicious local cuisine. A short distance away, and deeper in this mountainous part of Japan is the UNESCO site of Shirawa-go, a beautiful rural village famous for its gassho-zukuri (grass-roofed) style farmhouses.

Overnight Kanazawa Hyatt Centric, Kanazawa
<https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-centric/kmqct-hyatt-centric-kanazawa>

Sunday 26 October Kanazawa to Tokyo

(B,D)

Our destination today is Tokyo, less than three hours on the Shinkansen. Upon arrival we will transfer by local train to Shinjuku, from where our familiar hotel, is a short walk from the station.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy as you re-acquaint with our lovely hotel, and its surrounds – none of which seem to change from one visit to the next. This evening we will enjoy a casual dinner together.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel

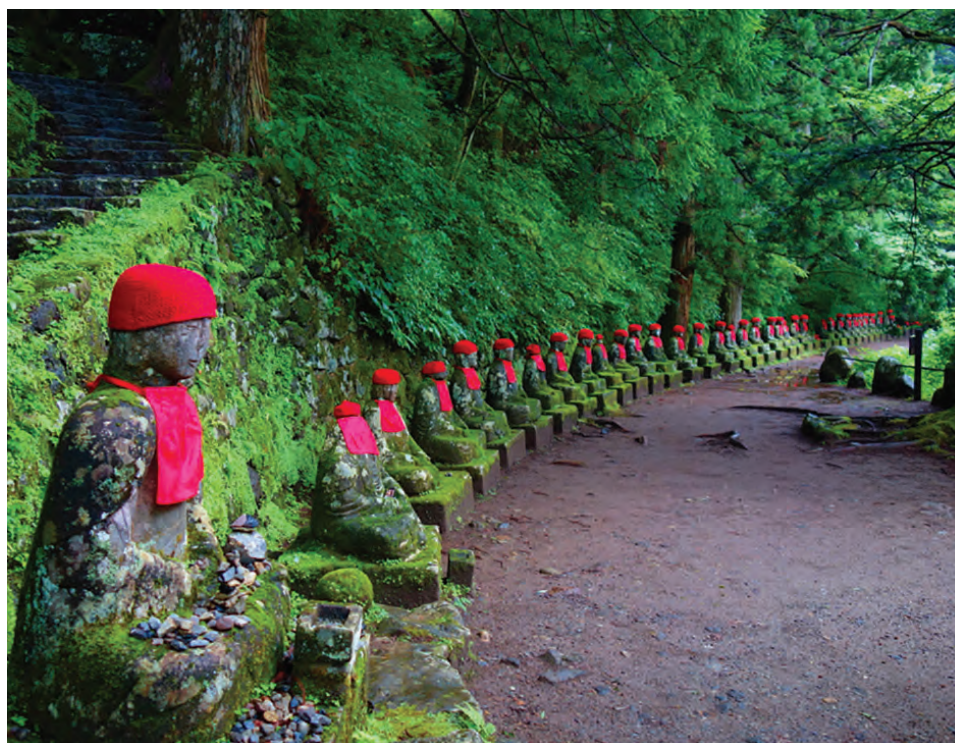
Monday 27 October Nikko

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Today we will meet our local guide, and leave Tokyo, on a very special train to visit beautiful Nikko, less than two hours away. Nikko is nestled among the hills of Nikko National Park, and renowned for its beauty.

We will see the beautiful Shinkyo sacred bridge, the ancient Toshogu Temple; the most lavishly decorated in Japan, and the “ghost” Jizos of Kanmangafuchi Abyss. There will be free time to further explore central Nikko, before we return to Tokyo.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel



Tuesday 28 October
Tokyo

(B)

You have earned a day off! Today is yours to enjoy the delights of Tokyo. You may wish to re-visit some favourite places from your previous visit(s) or, discover some new ones. Anne has a list of those.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel



Wednesday 29 October
Tokyo

(B,D)

This morning, we will discover the delights of Gotokuji and Setagaya, on a guided neighbourhood walk. The Gotokuji (lucky cat) Temple is a must visit, as the birthplace of Maneki Neko, the famous beckoning cat. Whether you love cats or not, this place is special to see, in its pretty setting among towering trees and beautiful parkland. The walk to/from the station is through peaceful, serene, residential streets and, we will constantly remind ourselves that we are in a massive metropolis. In the afternoon, we will return to hustle and bustle of Asakusa, and enjoy the quite new Sumida River Walk. A fun sushi making class will complete our day.

Overnight The Keio Plaza Hotel



Thursday 30 October
Tokyo

(B,D)

Today's excursion (with a local guide) is to the quaint seaside town s of Kamakura and Enoshima, just an hour from Tokyo by train. Kamakura is beautifully located between lush green hills and the coast. This very old town is often referred to as "Kyoto of the East" and has often played an important role in Japanese history. Today it is a popular place for "upper class retirement"! Fun fact: In 1250, Kamakura was the fourth largest city in the world. We will take a ride on the cute little "toy train" along the coast to the surfing island town of Enoshima, enjoying the fun as our train actually travels along the main street. If time permits, we will take a ride on the Shonan "hanging" monorail. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner as we begin to think about returning home.

Overnight The Keio Plaza

Friday 31 October
Tokyo

(B)

Today we will take a short morning excursion, with a guide to the little town of Kawagoe, just 45 minutes from Tokyo by train. Kawagoe was once an important trading town, and it's the ancient merchant houses, and old clay warehouses which it is famous for today. We will return to Tokyo early afternoon, to allow you the remainder of the day for last minute shopping and packing.

Overnight The Keio Plaza

Saturday 1 November
Tokyo

(B)

Today we say farewell, as we depart Tokyo for home.



Package details

15 Days/14 Nights

Tour Management Services of Anne & Barry Rogers throughout

PRICED FROM* **\$9,590 per person - twin share**

**Cost per person based on twin share.*

Inclusions:

Ramsgate Travel tour managers, Barry and Anne Rogers

- 14 nights accommodation as per itinerary with Club Rooms in Osaka and Tokyo
- Return airport transfers
- Meals as per itinerary
- Intercity luggage transfer service and hotel portorage
- Intercity transportation by Shinkansen (bullet train)
- Local transport passes for Osaka and Tokyo Metro trains
- 14 day Japan Rail Pass
- All sightseeing (including entry fees) as per the itinerary - on a private basis
- Quality coach transportation where necessary
- Expert local guides on all day excursions

Sole use packages on application with single supplement of \$4,520.

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 reduced mobility. Full terms and conditions can be found on page 8 of this brochure.



Booking Form - JAPAN

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.