

# Japan, Personally Hosted

*Tokyo · Kyoto · Osaka · Kobe · Hiroshima*

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Japan is best experienced with someone who knows how it works. From Tokyo's scale to Kyoto's historical core, each day is paced to move smoothly between neighborhoods, reservations, and cultural sites without unnecessary friction.

Everything is arranged in advance and adjusted as needed. You are not navigating Japan — you are moving through it with confidence.

Unlike a self-guided trip, every Cultural Connections Asia journey is personally hosted. If trains are delayed, reservations need to change, or plans need to be adjusted — your host is available throughout. You focus on the experience. The logistics are handled in the background.

*"Luxury is not what surrounds you. It is what you don't have to think about."*

— David Wright, Founder & Host, Cultural Connections Asia

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## YOUR HOST TEAM

### David Wright & Chieko

David Wright has lived in Tokyo for over twenty years. He speaks Japanese, knows how these places actually function, and has been designing and personally hosting private journeys across Japan and Southeast Asia since 2015. David's relationship with Asia began as a Yale-in-China Fellow in Hong Kong.

Chieko serves as Japanese-language coordinator for all CCA Japan journeys — handling all guest communication in Japanese from the first inquiry through the final day of the journey. Every question, arrangement, and concern is answered in Japanese, without exception.

<b>Based</b>	Tokyo, Japan · 30 years in Asia
<b>Languages</b>	English · Japanese · All guest communication available in Japanese
<b>Background</b>	Yale-in-China Fellow · Yale MA · UC Berkeley PhD study
<b>Experience</b>	Personally hosting journeys since 2015 · Guests from the United States and Japan

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**Coordinator**Chieko — Japanese-language liaison from first inquiry to final day

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**THE JOURNEY**

## Destinations & Routes

Every Cultural Connections Asia Japan journey is built around your schedule, interests, and pace. Routes range from a focused Tokyo experience to a full circuit of Japan's most significant cities and regions.

<b>Tokyo</b>	3 – 7 days	Design, craft, cuisine, and culture in Japan's capital.
<b>Tokyo + Kyoto + Osaka</b>	7 – 10 days	The essential Japan route, properly paced.
<b>Full Golden Route</b>	10 – 14 days	Tokyo · Kyoto · Osaka · Kobe · Hiroshima — the complete journey.
<b>Custom / Bespoke</b>	Any duration	Designed entirely around you. Discussed by proposal.

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

## The hotel is not the brand.

Accommodations are selected to match the character and goals of each journey — not the other way around. Every program is designed around the host, the itinerary, and the traveler. The hotel is chosen to support that experience.

**SIGNATURE***Well-placed. Consistently excellent.*

Premium hotels in excellent locations. Strong service, without the international luxury brand price point. Examples: Mitsui Garden Hotel Premier · Hotel Metropolitan Marunouchi · The Celestine Ginza

**PREMIER***Refined. Distinctly positioned.*

International luxury brands in landmark locations — strong design, attentive service, meaningful sense of place. Examples: Grand Hyatt Tokyo · Palace Hotel Tokyo · Four Seasons Kyoto · Ritz-Carlton Osaka

## BESPOKE

*Exceptional. Irreplaceable.*

Asia's most celebrated properties — chosen for guests who want accommodations that are themselves a defining part of the journey.  
Examples: Aman Tokyo · Aman Kyoto · Gora Kadan · The Peninsula Tokyo

Accommodations are confirmed at the time of proposal and discussed directly with each guest. The tier is a guide — the final selection is always tailored to the journey.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

### Included

- ✓ Personally hosted throughout by David Wright
- ✓ Japanese-language coordination by Chieko — from first inquiry to final day
- ✓ Accommodations matched to your journey tier
- ✓ All transportation and private transfers within Japan
- ✓ Curated meals, reservations, and activity fees
- ✓ Dedicated host available throughout — logistics handled in real time

### Not Included

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses

## JOURNEY INVESTMENT

### From USD 500 per guest per day · 7-day minimum

Land only · 2 – 8 guests · Final pricing provided by proposal

Every journey is priced individually based on group size, duration, accommodation tier, and specific routing. There are no fixed packages. David reviews every inquiry personally and responds with a detailed proposal within 48 hours.

## BEGIN THE CONVERSATION

# Request a Proposal

A straightforward conversation about whether this is the right journey for you. David responds to every inquiry personally. All communication is available in Japanese through Chieko.

**Email**                    bookings@cc-asia.com

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**Response**                Within 48 hours — directly from David

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**Languages**              English · Japanese (all communication available in Japanese)

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**Currency**                Pricing in USD · Payment arrangements flexible

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**Group size**              2 – 8 guests · Private journeys only

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