



# Japan by Sea

## Land of the Rising Sun

aboard *Caledonian Sky*

April 14–28, 2020

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## Program Highlights

❖ **CRUISE** Japan's Inland Sea and beyond for 10 nights, including a day ashore in South Korea, aboard the *Caledonian Sky*, the smallest deluxe expedition ship available in the region.

❖ **DISCOVER** hidden gems that many visitors miss, including the contemporary art center of Naoshima, the pearl cultivation center of Uwajima on Shikoku Island, and the picturesque Oki Islands.

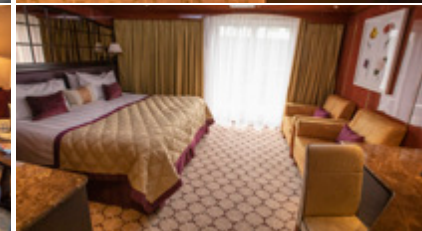
❖ **ENGAGE** with local people during several interactive experiences including a special presentation about the life and training of a geisha, a tea ceremony in Kanazawa, and a taiko drum workshop with the Kodo Drummers at their home base on Sado Island.

❖ **LEARN** about some of the products and processes for which Japan is renowned, from traditional ceramics and landscape design to the cultivation of exquisite pearls.



## Caledonian Sky

The *Caledonian Sky* is a 114-passenger premier expedition ship refurbished in 2018. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or bathtub, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, flat-screen television, and sitting area with sofa. Twenty-three of the suites feature private balconies. The ship's amenities include a dining room, two lounges with bar service, small library and gym, sun deck with comfortable lounge chairs, hairdresser, laundry service, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Caledonian Sky*'s chefs prepare quality international meals, predominantly Western-style, served in a single open seating. A friendly crew provides exceptional, personalized service, with more than a 1:2 crew-to-passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers, and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft.



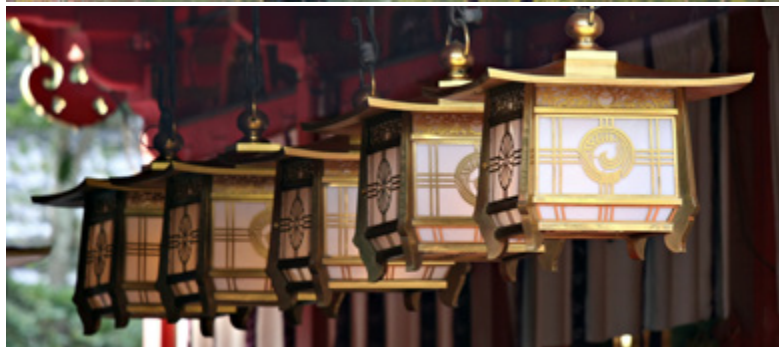




**Cruise through the Inland Sea and the Sea of Japan** on a delightful springtime exploration of Japan, beginning with a deluxe hotel stay in Kyoto. This small nation of nearly 7,000 islands is wonderfully suited for exploration by ship, and our chartered vessel, the 114-passenger *Caledonian Sky*, is the smallest deluxe ship available in the waters surrounding Japan, conveying us without the crowds of larger ships to a fascinating variety of tranquil historic centers, artistic centers, and charming small islands, including the remote Oki Islands.

**Experience dramatic coastlines**, sacred temples, celebrated gardens, and the cutting-edge art and architecture of the Miho Museum and Naoshima's Benesse Art Site. Meet and interact with a Zen Buddhist monk and the owner of a traditional geisha house, and participate in a hands-on taiko drum workshop with the world-famous Kodo Drummers at their home base on remote Sado Island. Take part in a traditional tea ceremony, visit a pearl farm in Uwajima, and marvel at the stunning iconic beauty of Miyajima's torii gate.

Optional extensions are available, including a pre-cruise extension to explore Shikoku Island's remote Iya Valley and a post-cruise extension to travel by bullet train from Niigata to Tokyo and discover Japan's capital city.



#### TOUR COST:

**\$10,995–\$16,995** per person  
double occupancy

**\$18,795–\$20,995** per person  
single occupancy

#### INCLUDED:

10-night cruise • three hotel nights in Kyoto • meals as shown in itinerary • house wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • entrance fees and port charges • gratuities for all services • group airport transfers on arrival and departure days • pre-departure information • tour manager throughout

#### NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare to destination • private transfers • travel insurance • deviations from the scheduled tour • other items of a personal nature

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