



Japan By Sea

Land of the Rising Sun aboard *Caledonian Sky*

May 7-20, 2014

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The Island Nation of Japan

is wonderfully suited for exploration by small ship. During an eight-night cruise through the Inland Sea (and across the Sea of Japan to South Korea) aboard the 114-passenger *Caledonian Sky*, explore the major cosmopolitan cities of Kyoto and Tokyo and venture beyond to a fascinating variety of tranquil historic towns, artistic centers, and remote islands.

Experience dramatic coastlines, sacred temples, celebrated gardens, and cutting-edge architecture. Meet and interact with the owner of a traditional geisha house and an artisan ceramicist. Take part in the tea ceremony, enjoy an electrifying private performance by the world-class Kodo Drummers, and travel on Japan's high-speed rail (the shinkansen, or "bullet train").

Along the way, a stellar lecture team will enhance your experience at each destination. An optional post-trip extension to Kamakura and the hot springs resort of Hakone is also available.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise Japan's Inland Sea and beyond for 8 nights aboard the premier expedition ship *Caledonian Sky*.
- Learn about the life and training of a geisha, and enjoy entertainment by a *maiko* (apprentice geisha).
- Explore the World Heritage city of Gyeongju, South Korea, often referred to as "the museum without walls" for its many historical treasures from the ancient kingdom of Shilla.
- View the dry zen rock gardens of Kyoto's Ryoan-ji, the perfectly landscaped grounds of the Adachi Museum of Art, and the intricate stroll garden of Kanazawa's Kenroku-en.
- Meet the world-famous Kodo Drummers on remote Sado Island and enjoy a thrilling private performance.

Contact us with any questions or to make your reservation today!

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DAILY ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 7 & 8

U.S. / Kyoto, Japan

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Osaka and transfer to the Kyoto Hotel Okura.

KYOTO HOTEL OKURA

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Kyoto

Visit Nijo Castle, built in 1603 and designated a National Treasure. The castle's Ninomaru Palace is famous for its "nightingale" floors, which creak when trod upon to warn residents of intruders. After lunch, visit UNESCO World Heritage-designated Kinkaku-ji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion), whose shimmering central pavilion is covered in bright gold leaf. Conclude the afternoon with a visit to Ryoan-ji's elegant Zen rock garden. This evening, enjoy a private presentation by a former geisha and a *maiko* (an apprentice geisha) and a festive welcome reception and dinner.

KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Kyoto

Today choose one of three excursion options: a day trip west of Kyoto to the Miho Museum, considered one of the master achievements of architect I.M. Pei; an exploration of Kyoto's cuisine and crafts, with visits to the Nishiki Food Market, a textile studio, and a calligraphy class; or an active bicycle ride along picturesque paths, with a specially arranged visit to the Moss Temple at Saiho-ji.

KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (B,L)



SUNDAY, MAY 11

Nara / Kobe (Embark)

In nearby Nara, the capital of Japan for 74 years (710-784), visit two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Todai-ji, famous for its monolithic statue of the Great Buddha, and Horyu-ji, Japan's oldest surviving Buddhist temple and the world's oldest wooden structure. In the late afternoon, embark the *Caledonian Sky* in the port of Kobe.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 12

Inland Sea / Hiroshima

Cruise through Japan's Inland Sea, dotted with tiny islands. Call at Hiroshima for a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which documents the atomic explosion that ravaged the city.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Miyajima

Anchor off Miyajima Island this morning and board Zodiacs to access the island. Visit the 6th-century Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, with its iconic vermilion torii, a grand wooden gateway that appears to float on the sea at high tide. After a lively performance of ancient bugaku music and dance, enjoy time to hike, visit tiny temples, and stroll the picturesque streets of the town.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Hagi

Explore Japan's medieval heritage at Hagi, which boasts one of the best-preserved samurai and merchant quarters in Japan as well as a ceramics tradition nearly 400 years old. Stop at the kiln of a master potter of the highly acclaimed Hagi-yaki pottery. Walk the grounds of Toko-ji, where hundreds of moss-covered stone lanterns guard the graves of five Mori lords. Cruise overnight across the Korea Strait.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Gyeongju, South Korea

From the South Korean port of Ulsan, drive to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Gyeongju, ancient capital of the Shilla kingdom, which ruled for 1,000 years. Enjoy a guided tour of the National



Museum's highlights, a Korean-style lunch and folkloric performance, and a visit to Bulguksa, one of the most beautiful Buddhist temples in Korea.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Matsue, Japan

Drive through lush countryside to the Adachi Museum of Art to explore its collection of modern Japanese works. Continue to charming Matsue and visit one of the few surviving castles in Japan, built in 1611, and Matsue's historic quarter.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Kanazawa

Call at Kanazawa for a visit to Kenrokuen, considered by many to be the finest landscape garden in Japan. Enjoy a tea ceremony at a classic teahouse.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Sado Island

Arrive at remote Sado Island, home base for the taiko drumming group Kodo ("heartbeat"). Enjoy an exhilarating private performance and a rare opportunity to meet this world-famous troupe. This evening enjoy the captain's farewell reception and dinner aboard ship.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,R,D)



MONDAY, MAY 19

Niigata/Tokyo (Disembark)

Disembark the *Caledonian Sky* in Niigata and board a high-speed "bullet train" to Tokyo. Experience the excitement of cutting-edge, contemporary Japan during an architectural tour of Tokyo, including a stop for a panoramic view from one of the city's tallest buildings. Also enjoy a cruise along the Sumida River. Gather this evening for a special farewell dinner.

PALACE HOTEL (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Tokyo / U.S.

Transfer to Narita International Airport for flights home (arriving the same day), or begin the optional post-trip extension. (B)

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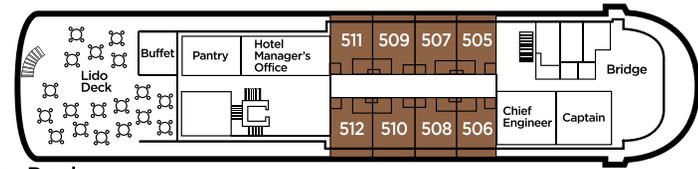
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Caledonian Sky

The *Caledonian Sky*, formerly the *Hebridean Spirit*, is a 114-passenger premier expedition ship newly refurbished in 2012. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or bathtub, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, mini-bar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, 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, pre-dominantly 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.



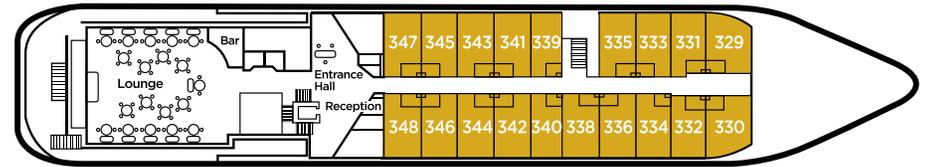
U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare to Osaka with return from Tokyo is approximately \$1,500 as of June 2013 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options available, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.



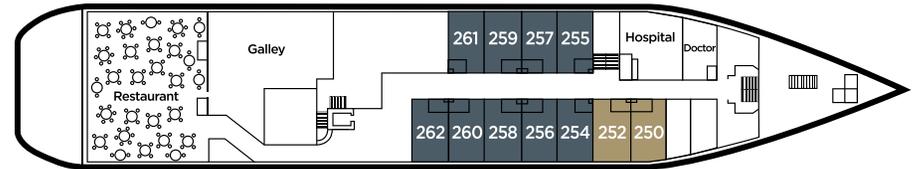
Bridge Deck



Promenade Deck



Caledonian Deck



Castle Deck

RATES

(per person)

Double

Single

	Double	Single
Standard Suite (forward)	\$9,990	-
Standard Suite	\$10,590	\$17,990
Superior Suite	\$10,990	\$18,690
Premium Suite	\$11,690	-
Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$12,990	-
Premium Balcony Suite	\$13,590	-
Owner's Corner Balcony Suite	\$13,990	-

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Rates Include

A comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site guides, and local experts • All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary, including eight nights aboard the *Caledonian Sky* • All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary • Complimentary meet-and-greet and seat-on-shuttle transfers on arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, and ship's crew for all group activities • Port fees and embarkation taxes • Welcome and farewell receptions • Wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners on board ship and at welcome and farewell dinners in Kyoto and Tokyo • Bottled water on excursions • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout

Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport and visa fees • Medical expenses and immunizations • Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess-baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except where indicated as included • Private transfers or transfers not on program arrival and departure days • Personal items such as room service; internet, telephone, and fax charges; laundry; gratuities for non-group services; and other items of a personal nature

What to Expect

We consider this a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to one mile of walking at a time, often on uneven terrain. In some instances, elevators are unavailable and stairs may not have handrails. You will be required to remove your shoes while visiting temples, shrines, and a number of other sites. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for one excursion ashore (there will be staff and crew members on hand to assist). Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health.

Group Size

This program is limited to 96 participants, including travelers from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Yale, Princeton, Harvard, and Smithsonian Journeys.

Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in

this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between "primary" and "secondary" travel insurance.

Reservations and Deposits

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (650) 560-6400 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@critteriontravel.com. Final payment deadline is January 8, 2014, 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Criterion Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due January 8, 2014 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Note: Criterion Travel does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Reservation Contact

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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place on **Japan by Sea** please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel. Mail to: 145 Forest Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94301. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089, or email res@critteriontravel.com

NAME #1 (as on passport) _____ BIRTHDATE _____

NAME #2 (as on passport) _____ BIRTHDATE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP / POSTAL CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ FAX _____

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PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person), to reserve _____ place(s) on

Japan by Sea

OR Charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA MC AMEX Diners Club Discover

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD _____ DATE _____

CATEGORY PREFERENCE

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations.

OR I plan to share accommodations with: _____

OR I'd like to know about roommates. I am a Non-smoker Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 8, 2014, I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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