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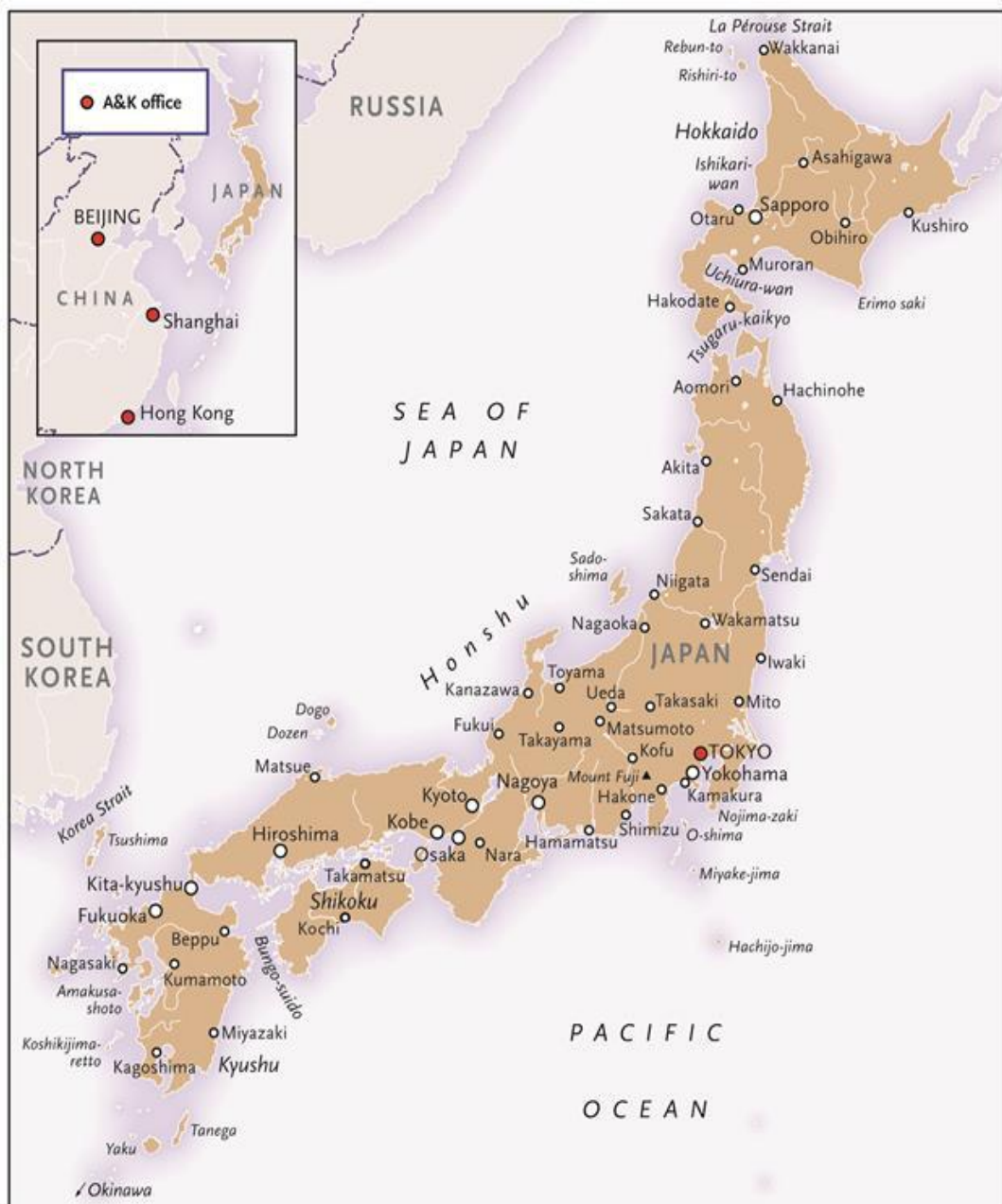
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**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Go behind the scenes and discover the eclectic and unusual that makes Tokyo Asia’s capital of cool
- Enjoy the many riches of Hakone where hot springs, mountains, lakes, art and the great outdoors create a uniquely exceptional experience
- Takayama, the ideal base to see the UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as Shirakawa-go and Japan’s magnificent Alps
- Kanazawa, called “Little Kyoto”, boasts many historical attractions developed by samurai, is one of Japan’s best kept travel secrets
- No visit to Kyoto or Japan is complete without the sacred ritual of a tea ceremony, the Japanese tradition steeped in history

**MAP OF JAPAN**



## 'AT A GLANCE' ITINERARY

DATE	DAY DESCRIPTION	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS*
28 Feb 2023	Arrive Tokyo	The Peninsula Tokyo 1 x Suite – King	
01 Mar 2023	Tokyo	The Peninsula Tokyo 1 x Suite – King	B
02 Mar 2023	Tokyo	The Peninsula Tokyo 1 x Suite – King 1 x Deluxe Room – King	B
03 Mar 2023	Tokyo	The Peninsula Tokyo 1 x Suite – King 2 x Deluxe Room – King	B
04 Mar 2023	Tokyo	The Peninsula Tokyo 1 x Suite – King 2 x Deluxe Room – King	B
05 Mar 2023	Tokyo	The Peninsula Tokyo 1 x Suite – King 2 x Deluxe Room – King	B
06 Mar 2023	Tokyo	The Peninsula Tokyo 1 x Suite – King 2 x Deluxe Room – King	B
07 Mar 2023	Tokyo-Hakone	Gora Kadan 3 x Standard A Room – Twin	B-D
08 Mar 2023	Hakone	Gora Kadan 3 x Standard A Room – Twin	B-D
09 Mar 2023	Hakone-Nagoya-Takayama	Honjin Hiranoya Kachoan 3 x Japanese Room – Twin	B-D
10 Mar 2023	Takayama-Kanazawa	Hyatt Centric Kanazawa 3 x King Bed Room – King	B
11 Mar 2023	Kanazawa	Hyatt Centric Kanazawa 3 x King Bed Room – King	B
12 Mar 2023	Kanazawa-Kyoto	The Thousand Kyoto 3 x Deluxe Room – King	B
13 Mar 2023	Kyoto	The Thousand Kyoto 3 x Deluxe Room – King	B
14 Mar 2023	Kyoto	The Thousand Kyoto 3 x Deluxe Room – King	B
15 Mar 2023	Kyoto	The Thousand Kyoto 3 x Deluxe Room – King	B
16 Mar 2023	Kyoto	The Thousand Kyoto 3 x Deluxe Room – King	B
17 Mar 2023	Kyoto-Depart Osaka		B

\*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

## ITINERARY DETAILS

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**Tuesday, 28 February 2023**  
**Tokyo**



Capital of Japan since 1889 and with a population of 38.1 million (greater Tokyo), Tokyo is the dynamic epicenter of 21st century Japan. A dazzling fusion of ancient and modern, traditional and the avant-garde, the city pulsates with promise. Asia's financial center and one of the world's alpha cities, Tokyo offers the traveler a myriad of activities that draw on the city's imperial history, innovative technology, exciting art and design, and the charming kindness of her people. For food, fun, and fashion there is no city quite like Tokyo.

### **Mr Roy and Mrs Debra Giampoli**

Depart: O'Hare International Airport at 10:20 on 27 Feb 2023

Flight No. JL#9 (Japan Airlines)

Arrive: Tokyo Haneda Airport at 14:45 on 28 Feb 2023

Upon arrival and after clearing immigration/customs formalities you are met by an Abercrombie & Kent representative (English-speaking assistant) who is waiting for you in the Arrival Hall with a yellow Abercrombie & Kent sign, and transferred by private vehicle to your hotel to check-in.

Hotel check-in/check-out:

Official check-in time: 15:00

Official check-out time: 12:00



Superbly located opposite the Imperial Palace and Hibiya Park in Marunouchi district, and within minutes' walk of the shopping capital of Ginza, The Peninsula Tokyo offers commanding views of the Japanese capital skyline, sophisticated facilities, extraordinary dining options and the legendary Peninsula service.

**The Peninsula Tokyo**  
**1 x Suite**

**2 nights**

**Wednesday, 01 March 2023**  
**Tokyo**

**Mr Roy and Mrs Debra Giampoli**

Today you will be at leisure to enjoy as you please

**The Peninsula Tokyo**  
**1 x Deluxe Room**

**Thursday, 02 March 2023**  
**Tokyo**

**Mr Roy and Mrs Debra Giampoli**

Today you will be at leisure to enjoy as you please

**Mr Bob and Mrs Doria LeMay**

Depart: O'Hare International Airport at 12:35 on 1 March 2023  
Flight No. UA#881 (United Airlines)  
Arrive: Tokyo Haneda Airport at 17:00 on 2 March 2023

Upon arrival and after clearing immigration/customs formalities you are met by an Abercrombie & Kent representative (English-speaking assistant) who is waiting for you in the Arrival Hall with a yellow Abercrombie & Kent sign, and transferred by private vehicle to your hotel to check-in.

**The Peninsula Tokyo**  
**1 x Suite**  
**1 x Deluxe Room**

**1 night**

**Friday, 03 March 2023**  
**Tokyo**

**Mr Roy and Mrs Debra Giampoli**  
**Mr Bob and Mrs Doria LeMay**

Today you will be at leisure to enjoy as you please

**Mr Ed Haben**

Depart: O'Hare International Airport at 11:40 on 2 March 2023  
Flight No. UA#881 (United Airlines)  
Arrive: Tokyo Haneda Airport at 16:05 on 3 March 2023

Upon arrival and after clearing immigration/customs formalities you are met by an Abercrombie & Kent representative (English-speaking assistant) who is waiting for you in the Arrival Hall with a yellow Abercrombie & Kent sign, and transferred by private vehicle to your hotel to check-in.

**The Peninsula Tokyo**  
**1 x Suite**  
**2 x Deluxe Room**

**4 nights**

**Saturday, 04 March 2023**  
**Tokyo**

**B**

09:00 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and commence sightseeing by private vehicle.

Located in the center of Tokyo, encircled by stone walls, stately trees and moats, the Imperial Palace Plaza is where the Emperor of Japan resides. Today, much of the palace grounds is closed to the public.

Enjoy the bustle of Tokyo's Tsukiji Fish Market outer section, where over 2,000 tons of fresh marine produce are received daily.

Japan's most beloved sport, "sumo" (meaning striking one another) is a full-contact activity where the "rikishi" (wrestler) tries to force his opponent out of the "Dohyo" (wrestling ring) or into touching the ground. Enjoy a comprehensive briefing about sumo and the wrestler's daily life followed by some demonstrations by retired sumo champions (**private basis**). This culminates in a traditional meal of "Chankonabe" the hearty stew eaten by wrestlers in order to help them bulk up.

Built in 645 AD, Asakusa Kannon Temple is Tokyo's oldest temple and one of its most venerated. Legend tells of two fishermen netting a statue of Kannon, the goddess of mercy, prompting their village leader to erect a temple in her honor. It has attracted countless worshippers since, from shoguns and samurais to modern-day tourists. Approach the temple via Nakamise shopping street, a marketplace serving up authentic souvenirs and seasonal snacks since the early 18th century.

End your day with a walking tour in the Ginza – which is the most exclusive and expensive shopping area in Japan. It is also known for having the most expensive real estate on earth. The streets are

lined with neon signs, department stores, boutiques, bars and restaurants. The name Ginza comes from "silver mint" which the Shogun built in the area in 1612. Japan, by choice, was a secluded country for over two hundred years. In 1860 they opened to foreign trade and the Ginza is where western architecture and imports were first displayed.

You will also visit a Depachika food floor at one of the department stores. In Japanese department stores, the basement floor is a foodstuff market area. These areas go by the nickname "depachika" (a combination of "depato", meaning department store, and "chika", meaning basement). The "depachika" of Japan are fun places, kind of like "food theme parks". The selections in these markets can be broken up into two categories: an area featuring everyday delicatessen style items and an area featuring snacks and treats. And vegetables and fish are also sold at the perishable goods market area.

Following your sightseeing return to your hotel arriving at 17:00.

### **The Peninsula Tokyo**

**1 x Suite**

**2 x Deluxe Room**

**Sunday, 05 March 2023**  
**Tokyo**

**B**

09:00 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and commence sightseeing by private vehicle.

Erected in 1920 amidst a peaceful forest, the Meiji Shrine is dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, and his consort, Empress Shoken. Consisting of three areas - Naaien, the main shrine buildings; Gaien, the outer precinct including the Meiji Memorial Picture Gallery and sports facilities; and the Meiji Memorial Hall - it offers a serene setting for wedding processions as well as Shinto blessing rituals and purification rites.

Harajuku began attracting visitors worldwide during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, its proximity to the Olympic village offering the prospect of sighting famous athletes. Since then, it has seen a proliferation of international as well as local fashion and lifestyle brands, emerging as a cradle of Japanese youth cultures and trends.

In Omotesando, fashion designers began to set up their offices and studios after the Tokyo Olympics in 1964. Since then, more and more fashion stores for adults and fashionable coffee shops and restaurants have been built in this area.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Mori Art Museum – Setting the standard for a new kind of public institution, the Mori Museum has an open attitude toward contemporary art and culture. Their aim is to inspire visitors by showing art in new ways and frameworks through an accessible program of exhibitions, public events and research projects. This will provide an international platform for emerging and established artists and designers throughout Japan and the world. The Mori Museum firmly believes that art and culture are the true expressions of our times and that quality in art and life hold importance to us all. At the base of the tower is French-American artist and sculptor Louise Bourgeois's Maman, a giant bronze and marble spider straddling the courtyard. Then move on to the Tokyo City View observation deck on the 52nd floor of the tower, 250 meters above ground, which is the city's highest viewpoint.

Aoyama Square is a kind of a traditional crafts showroom run by The Association for the Promotion of Traditional Craft Industries, recognized by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, and they exhibit and sell more than 100 different kinds of traditionally crafted products. Traditional handicrafts made by using local materials and traditional techniques are an important part of the Japanese culture. There is pottery, lacquer and glass ware, wooden crafts, products made from bamboo and kimono textiles from different parts of Japan.

In the evening, set off on a foodie tour that promises fun and food in equal portions. Start in Shinjuku, Tokyo's bustling nighttime capital sampling and savoring the flavors in Kabukicho, the once notorious red-light district that today welcomes all. Try the local fare served up in an izakaya, pub-style eateries loved by the after-hours office crowd. Clients can opt to make an offering at the historic Hanazono Shrine which, surrounded by neon lights and glittering nightclubs, remains a popular place of petition for local entrepreneurs. Your guide saves the best for last when you arrive at Golden Gai, chock-a-block with tiny beer joints, whiskey bars and clubs once the heart of Tokyo's post WW II black market. Here you raise a glass or two toasting the colorful world of Tokyo's foodie fun – and best of all the first two are on your guide.

Afterwards return to your hotel arriving at 20:00.

### **The Peninsula Tokyo**

**1 x Suite**

**2 x Deluxe Room**

**Monday, 06 March 2023**

**Tokyo**

**B**

08:00 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and commence sightseeing by private vehicle.

Your first highlight is Toshogu Shrine at the entrance to Nikko National Park. This spectacular complex is the resting place of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate that ruled Japan for 250 years until 1868. Most of the buildings here are designated as national treasures or Important Cultural Properties. The lavishly decorated shrine comprises over a dozen buildings set in a beautiful forest. Marvel at the abundance of gold leaf and countless intricately carved motifs. Seek out the most famous carvings, such as the see no evil, speak no evil and hear no evil monkeys and the Sozonozo elephants.

Next, be prepared for the hair-raising drive to exquisite Lake Chuzenji. Your private vehicle travels along Irohazaka, one of two serpentine mountain roads that together consist of 48 hairpin bends.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

After a short drive, arrive at Kegon Waterfall. At 97 meters (318 feet) in height, it is one of Japan's three great waterfalls. Take the elevator to the observation platform at the base of the waterfall to fully appreciate its enormity. Look out for monkeys in the surrounding forest.

Following your sightseeing transfer back to your hotel in Tokyo by private vehicle arriving at 18:00.

### **The Peninsula Tokyo**

**1 x Suite**

**2 x Deluxe Room**



Tuesday, 07 March 2023  
Tokyo-Hakone

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08:30 Please meet your guide in the hotel lobby and transfer overland to Hakone in the foothills of Mount Fuji by private vehicle.

Part of the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, Hakone is celebrated for its hot springs, magnificent natural beauty and a wealth of outdoor activities for the visitor. It is also the single best place to view Mount Fuji in all its majestic wonder. Among the many sights is the Hakone Open-Air Museum, one of the world's finest outdoor sculpture gardens. Visitors to Tokyo should include a day or two in Hakone to experience Japan's wonderful onsen (hot springs) culture.

Blending seminal artworks with the region's natural beauty, The Hakone Open-Air Museum is home to hundreds of modern and contemporary masterpieces. Sculptures from the likes of Rodin, Moore and other masters are scattered throughout the sprawling 17-acre compound. Additionally, there are four indoor exhibition halls, including the Picasso Pavilion, which houses over 300 of his creations.

Then you will visit Owakudani - the area around a crater created in the last eruption of Mount Hakone 3000 years ago offering unrivalled views of Mount Fuji. The area has many sulfurous fumes, hot springs and hot rivers and eggs, boiled in the naturally hot waters, are said to prolong one's life by seven years. These eggs can be purchased in the area.

Proceed to Lake Ashi, one of the principle attractions of Hakone. Created by volcanic activity, it lies at approximately 2,380 feet above sea level. Enjoy a boat cruise (shared basis) on the picturesque lake, framed by the mountain landscape.

Onshi Hakone Park which is a beautiful park located on the side of Lake Ashi. It is built on the small peninsula. It has a great view of Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi. The park was constructed as the summer resort palace for the imperial family in Meiji era. After World War II, it was given to Kanagawa prefecture.

After sightseeing, you will be transferred back to your ryokan to check in at 1700.

Hotel check-in/check-out:

Official check-in time: 15:00

Official check-out time: 11:00



Discover the wonders of an ancient Japanese hideaway at Gora Kadan, the former summer residence of the Kan-In-No-Miya imperial family. This noble residence, set in idyllic surroundings in the national park of Hakone, offers authentic Tatami-style rooms with cypress baths and open air or whirlpool baths.

**Gora Kadan**  
**3 x Standard A Room**

**2 nights**

**Wednesday, 08 March 2023**  
**Hakone**

09:00 Please meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and commence a full day sightseeing to Arakurayama Sengen, Arakura Fuji Sengen Taisha Shrine and Oshino Hakkai by private vehicle.

First visit to Arakurayama Sengen Park and Arakura Fuji Sengen Taisha Shrine - This scenic park located on the mountainside of Mt. Arakura and in front of Mount Fuji, offers a panoramic view of the city. When you reach the park level, and there is a famous pagoda there. This pagoda is called the Chureitou and is a five-storied pagoda. It was built in 1963 as a peace memorial. The pagoda is an especially popular place to photograph during the cherry blossom season and the autumn color season

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Oshino Hakkai is a touristy set of eight ponds in Oshino, a small village in the Fuji Five Lake region, located between Lake Kawaguchiko and Lake Yamanakako on the site of a former sixth lake that dried out several hundred years ago. The eight ponds are fed by snow melt from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji that filters down the mountain through porous layers of lava for over 80 years, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by the locals.

Following your sightseeing return to your hotel arriving at 17:00.

**Gora Kadan**  
**3 x Standard A Room**

Thursday, 09 March 2023  
Hakone-Takayama



\*07:30 Please deposit your baggage at the bell desk and we will separately transport it to your hotel in Kanazawa.

\*You will receive the baggage on 10 March 2023.

\*Please prepare an overnight bag in your overnight stay in Takayama

09:00 Please meet your English-speaking assistant in the hotel lobby. You will be transferred to Odawara station by private vehicle with English speaking assistant and take the Shinkansen to Nagoya. (No A&K assistant to accompany clients during this train journey)

**Depart:** Odawara Train Station at **10:08** on 9 March 2023

Train No. Hikari#507 (Shinkansen)

**Arrive:** Nagoya Train Station at **11:17** on 9 March 2023

After arriving Nagoya, meet by your assistant and assist to connect with onward train to Takayama on foot. (Enjoy lunch box on the train (payable locally))

**Depart:** Nagoya Train Station at **11:43** on 9 March 2023

Train No. Wide View Hida#9 (Limited Express)

**Arrive:** Takayama Train Station at **14:18** on 9 March 2023

Upon arrival Takayama, meet with your guide and commence a half day tour by private vehicle with your guide (1418-1730):

Nestled in the foothills of the Japanese Alps charming Takayama is a quaint mountain town steeped in historic tradition. For visitors this is a living museum of old Japan with its narrow lanes, wooden shops, houses and sake breweries. Enjoy exploring this delightful treasure trove of tradition especially during its spring and autumn festivals. Visitors can also take a day trip to Shirakawago a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its 16th homesteads.

Takayama Jinya Manor House is located in the old town near the Nakabashi Bridge. Because of its valuable timber resources, the Hida Region around Takayama was put under direct control of the Tokugawa Shogunate in 1692. The Takayama Jinya served as the local government office headed

by the officials dispatched from Edo (present day Tokyo). The building complex was in official use until 1969, and is now open to the public as a museum.

During spring and autumn, brightly colored floats flood the streets of Takayama to welcome the changing of the season. The Takayama Yatai Kaikan (Takayama Float Festival Exhibition Hall) exhibits several of these floats, allowing those who are unable to witness the fanfare firsthand an up-close look at these festive creations, each diversely decorated to reflect the traditions of its home district.

Take a walk back in time through the Sanmachi Quarter, one of the most immaculately preserved Edo-era neighborhoods in Japan. These old merchant houses, packed into three narrow streets—Ichi-no-Machi, Ni-no-Machi and San-no-Machi—now serve as restaurants, shops, museums and sake breweries, many of which have been operational for centuries.

After sightseeing, you will be transferred back to your hotel to check-in at around 1730.

Hotel check-in/check-out:

Official check-in time: 14:00

Official check-out time: 10:00



Well-positioned in Takayama City, Honjin Hiranoya Kachoan is the ideal point of departure for your excursions in Takayama. From here, guests can enjoy easy access to all that the lively city has to offer. Visitors to the hotel can take pleasure in touring the city's top attractions: Jinya-Mae Morning Market, Takayama Jinya, Onoya Brewery.

**Honjin Hiranoya Kachoan**  
**3 x Japanese Room**

**1 night**

Friday, 10 March 2023  
Takayama-Kanazawa



09:00 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and transfer overland from Takayama to Kanazawa by private vehicle. You will make one stop on this transfer in the beautiful village of Shirakawa which is located in the Ono District of Gifu Prefecture.

Set at the southern end of the Noto Peninsula along the coast of the Sea of Japan, Kanazawa is called, "Japan's best kept travel secret". Authentically Japanese, without over commercial or western influences, the city is home to one of the three most beautiful classical gardens, a historic samurai quarter, a traditional geisha district and a number of elegant handicraft workshops.

The village area is located 48 kilometers (30 miles) to the west of Takayama and the drive takes about 50 minutes. After arriving in the Shirakawa area you first visit the scenic lookout which affords panoramic views across the valley floor.

The village is situated in the Ryohaku Mountains with the highest point in the area Mount Hakusan at 2,172 meters (7,125 feet). The mountain setting influences the climate of the region with the village recording an average of 10 meters (415 inches) of snow each winter making this one of the snowiest places in Japan.

The village has a long history dating back to the Edo period (1603 - 1868) and is one of the only areas left in central Honshu where the distinctive gassho-zukuri style of architecture can be found. The steep sloped thatched roofs provide protection from the heavy winter snowfalls. The village is now an invested UNESCO World Heritage Site and the local economy is dependent on the seasonal tourism that this designation has brought. Summer are particularly busy and there is now some concern about the village being impacted by the growing number of tourists.

Enjoy the balance of the day exploring the village which includes visits to selected houses to learn about the life of the villagers.

You will continue your overland transfer to Kanazawa where, on arrival, you are taken to your lovely hotel arriving at 17:00.

Hotel check-in/check-out:  
Official check-in time: 15:00  
Official check-out time: 12:00



Hyatt Centric Kanazawa, situated just seconds from the Kanazawa station, is the perfect launchpad from which to explore the authentic art, shops, unforgettable cuisine and culture of Kanazawa. Relax in Hyatt Centric Kanazawa before heading out to explore, the rooms and suites offer natural lighting and modern amenities in playfully designed spaces. Experience this well-preserved historic city renowned for its geisha and samurai districts through its local sips, sights, snacks and sounds.

**Hyatt Centric Kanazawa**  
**3 x King Bed Room**

**2 nights**

**Saturday, 11 March 2023**  
**Kanazawa**

09:00 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and commence sightseeing by private vehicle.

Begin with a walk through the Nagamachi District, the former samurai district which flourished during the Edo period (1603 - 1868) when the powerful Tokugawa shogunate dominated Japan. The Nagamachi area is a mirror to the traditions of samurai life and through the meticulous restoration done on this area visitors can better appreciate this rich chapter of Japanese history.

Then visit the highly regarded 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art which is regarded as the finest museum of contemporary art in Japan. Opened in 2004 the collection is commissioned by the museum and features work produced since 1980. Each piece commissioned should adhere to the philosophy of the museum's vision: to produce works that propose new values.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Next visit the Kenrokuen Garden considered one of the three finest "classical" gardens in all of Japan. The garden, which is located to the southwest of Kanazawa Castle, was begun in 1676 and

restored again in 1759. It covers an area of 114,436 square meters (25 acres) and includes 8,750 trees and plants representing 183 different species. The highlight of this visit is the Seisonkaku Villa a beautiful Samurai home located in the southwest corner of the garden.

Continue with your orientation making a stop to explore the Higashichaya District which is the largest of three Teahouse areas in the city. These are also the traditional geisha districts dating to the Edo period (1603 - 1868) and which continue to flourish today.

You will also make a stop at a traditional miso paste shop.

Following your sightseeing return to your hotel arriving at 17:00.

**Hyatt Centric Kanazawa**  
**3 x King Bed Room**

**Sunday, 12 March 2023**  
**Kanazawa-Kyoto**



\*07:30 Please deposit your baggage at the bell desk and we will separately transport it to your hotel in Kyoto.

\*You will receive the baggage on 13 March 2023

\*Please prepare an overnight bag in your first night stay in Kyoto

09:15 Meet your assistant at the hotel lobby and you will be transfer to Kanazawa station on foot and take the Shinkansen to Kyoto.(No A&K assistant to accompany clients during this train journey)

**Depart:** Kanazawa Train Station at **09:54** on 9 March 2023

Train No. Thunderbird#28 (Limited Express)

**Arrive:** Kyoto Train Station at **12:09** on 9 March 2023

Upon arrival you are met by an English-speaking guide and commence sightseeing by private vehicle.

If Tokyo suggests the future then Kyoto is the heart of historic Japan, a city steeped in imperial heritage and deeply rooted in classical Japanese tradition. Serving as the capital of imperial Japan from 794 to 1868 it is famous for its cultural treasures: temples, gardens, shrines, and the intangible philosophy of an ancient way of life. For visitors the city features the greatest concentration of Japanese history and culture; a repository of the cultural treasures for which Japan is celebrated.

Visit to Nishiki Market, a thriving market that came into being in the early 17th Century. Extending about 400 meters east to west, the market is lined with shops selling mainly fish, Kyoto vegetables, bean curd products, dried goods, pickles, ready-prepared side dishes, indeed any kind of food that might be required for Kyoryori traditional cuisine.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Start your discovery of Kyoto at a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the superb Kiyomizu temple. According to legend, the priest Enchin erected a hermitage and small chapel here in 788. From the temple's lofty platform, enjoy a panoramic view of Kyoto. Note that both the main hall and the platform were built without the use of nails or joiners.

From Kiyomizu, stroll down into Gojazaka, one of a number of nearby lanes that retain the charm of a bygone era. Gojazaka is known for its many Kiyomizu pottery studios. Typical Kyoto souvenirs such as sweets and pickles are also available.

Don a traditional kimono and take part in the ancient rite of the "Chado" or tea ceremony in this engaging hands on experience. The afternoon private experience is held in a traditional machiya or town house and led by expert tea masters. You will first be fitted and properly dressed in a traditional kimono which literally means, "Thing to Wear". The kimono is the national costume of Japan and is worn on many special festive occasions. After being dressed in the kimono take part in the traditions of the tea ceremony which is deeply influenced by the philosophy of Zen Buddhism. The tea master will carefully explain the significance of the ceremony and how it expresses the importance of coming together in a chance meeting.

End the day with a leisurely amble through the quaint alleyways of Gion, a famed geisha district lined with bars, restaurants and teahouses sporting old-style wooden facades. You may catch sight of a geisha or a maiko as she flits between her lessons and evening appointments.

After sightseeing, you will be transferred to your hotel to check-in around 1800.

Hotel check-in/check-out:

Official check-in time: 15:00

Official check-out time: 12:00





For travellers who want to take in the sights and sounds of Kyoto, THE THOUSAND KYOTO is the perfect choice. From here, guests can make the most of all that the lively city has to offer. With its convenient location, the property offers easy access to the city's must-see destinations.

**The Thousand Hotel Kyoto**  
**3 x Deluxe Room**

**5 nights**

**Monday, 13 March 2023**  
**Kyoto**

08:30 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and transfer to bike shop by private vehicle.

Gain a different perspective on two of Kyoto's most beautiful sights - the Kinkakuji (The Golden Temple) and the verdant bamboo forests of Arashiyama - when you transfer to the cycle shop area where you select your bicycle and enjoy a private cycling excursion that includes these two beautiful iconic landmarks.

The Kinkakuji remains the ultimate symbol of Kyoto a city steeped in traditional culture while the lush stands of bamboo forest in the Arashiyama remind all of the delicate beauty of Japan's historic imperial capital.

A visit to nearby Tenryuji, ranked among Kyoto's five great Zen temples. Erected in 1339 and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tenryuji is best appreciated from its charming gardens.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Proceed to Togetsu Bridge, Arashiyama's most iconic landmark and the perfect point from which to relish the ever-changing colors of the mountain scenery. In springtime, the cherry trees that line the Oi River are a riot of pink blossom.

A short drive to Monkey Park Iwatayama, home to over 170 Japanese macaques. Although wild, the inhabitants are happy to accept donations from visitors, so feel free to feed them at designated

feeding sites.

Following your sightseeing return to your hotel arriving at 16:30.

18:30 Please meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and transfer to the dinner venue by private vehicle.

Of the many traditional cultural riches one can experience in Kyoto, a private dinner with geisha or maiko is not to be missed. With over 1,300 years of history this secretive world is unique and deeply rooted in Japanese cultural tradition. Enjoy a private dinner that includes a performance by a geiko (a senior geisha) or a maiko (an apprentice) who play traditional instruments, sing and dance. This is an exclusive experience that will lift the veil to an ancient world that remains an integral part Japanese culture.

Following your dinner return to your hotel arriving at 22:30.

**The Thousand Hotel Kyoto**  
**3 x Deluxe Room**

**Tuesday, 14 March 2023**  
**Kyoto**

09:00 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and commence sightseeing by private vehicle.

Drive to Fushimi Inari, the most significant of many shrines dedicated to Inari, the Shinto god of rice. At the main hall present a small offering to the resident deity then make your way to the rear of the shrine to find the first of over 5,000 vermilion torii gates.

The one-hour drive brings you to the old capital of Nara. Your first stop is Nara Park. This expansive estate is home to over 1,000 freely roaming deer. Considered in Shintoism as messengers of the gods, the deer relish the crackers on sale around the park.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Then head to Todaiji, a temple founded in 752 and home to Daibutsu, or Great Buddha, the world's largest bronze casting. Marvel at the size of the Buddha's open hand, which alone is the height of human, and at Daibutsuden, which houses the statue. It is believed to be the largest wooden structure on earth.

Return to Shintoism at Kasuga Taisha, a shrine built in 768 and reconstructed every 20 years thereafter. Try to envisage the 3,000 stone and bronze lanterns when they are lit on 3rd or 5th February and 15th August each year.

Following your sightseeing return to your hotel arriving at 17:00.

**The Thousand Hotel Kyoto**  
**3 x Deluxe Room**

**Wednesday, 15 March 2023**  
**Kyoto**

07:45 Meet your English-speaking assistant in the hotel lobby and transfer by private vehicle to the train station (No A&K assistant to accompany clients during this train journey)

Depart: Kyoto Train Station at 08:26 on 15 March 2023  
Train No.: Nozomi#3 (Shinkansen)  
Arrive: Hiroshima Train Station at 10:01 on 15 March 2023

Upon arrival you are met by an English-speaking guide and commence sightseeing by private vehicle.

Begin your day in Hiroshima at the Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum.

The 120,000-square-meter park was once the commercial and political heart of the city. Spend some time strolling the many paths before entering the Peace Memorial Museum.

The museum focuses on the events of 6th August, 1945, the day the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. You may find the personal details displayed upsetting.

Walk from the museum to the A-Bomb Dome, stopping briefly to view the Cenotaph for the A-Bomb Victims. The A-Bomb Dome was one of the few buildings in Hiroshima to remain standing after the bombing. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Transfer from the city of Hiroshima to the Miyajimaguchi pier by private vehicle and board the public ferry for Miyajima, a small island and Shinto holy site.  
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Begin your walking tour of the island. Visit the delightful Itsukushima Shrine, which is located in a small inlet and is yet another UNESCO World Heritage site. Look out over Seto Inland Sea to see the shrine's famous torii gate. If the tide is high you will understand why it is known as the "Floating Torii Gate."

Following your sightseeing return to Hiroshima Train station by public ferry and private vehicle. (No A&K assistant to accompany clients during this train journey)

Depart: Hiroshima Train Station at 17:01 on 15 March 2023  
Train No.: Nozomi#46 (Shinkansen)  
Arrive: Kyoto Train Station at 18:38 on 15 March 2023

Upon arrival you are met by an English-speaking assistant and transfer back to your hotel arriving at 19:00.

\*Please note: As of Jan 2020, the shrine's torii gate is undergoing renovation works. It's covered by scaffolds and white curing sheet and cannot be seen from the outside. The date for the completion of the renovation works has not been announced yet. However, the shrine's pavilion is open and accessible.

**The Thousand Hotel Kyoto**  
**3 x Deluxe Room**

**Thursday, 16 March 2023**  
**Kyoto**

09:00 Meet your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby and transfer by private vehicle overland to Osaka.

Begins at Osaka Castle, covering an area of 51,000 square meters (15 acres) the castle was constructed between the years 1583 - 1597. Although it appears to be 5 stories from the exterior it is actually 8 stories in total as three additional stories were constructed underground. Lunch reservation at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Continue your exploration of Osaka with a visit to the Umeda (Kita) district one of the city's two main urban centers. Located around the vast Osaka and Umeda Stations, it is bustling with activity, a major hub for shopping, dining and entertainment. One of the highlights of any visit to Umeda is the Umeda Sky Building an exceptional achievement in architecture - standing 173 meters in height (567 feet), the tower has an open-air observation tower.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (payable locally).

Move onto one of the busiest streets in Osaka for a great shopping experience on the famous Shinsaibashi Shopping Street, the 580-meter-long arcade still attracts throngs of people with its variety of department stores, trendy shops and cafes, and recreational facilities as well as the beloved long-standing establishments.

You end the day exploring the vibrant Dotonburi district named after the canal which runs along one part of the area. First developed in 1612, Dotonburi was a major entertainment center with theaters, performance venues and performers of all type gathering to meet in the area. You will enjoy one of the highlights of any visit to Dotonburi - sampling the snack food wonders of the district which is called "the heart of Osaka's" food culture.

Following your visit return to your hotel in Kyoto arriving at 17:00.

**The Thousand Hotel Kyoto**  
**3 x Deluxe Room**

**Friday, 17 March 2023**  
**Kyoto**

**Mr Roy and Mrs Debra Giampoli**

05:00 meet your English-speaking assistant in the hotel lobby and transfer by private vehicle to Osaka Itami Airport. (Travel with Mr. Ed Haben)

Depart: Osaka Itami Airport at 07:10 on 17 March 2023  
Flight No. JL#102 (Japan Airlines)  
Arrive: Tokyo Haneda Airport at 08:20 on 17 March 2023

**Mr Ed Haben**

05:00 meet your English-speaking assistant in the hotel lobby and transfer by private vehicle to Osaka Itami Airport. (Travel with Mr. Roy and Mrs. Debra Giampoli)

Depart: Osaka Itami Airport at 08:00 on 17 March 2023  
Flight No. NH#16 (All Nippon)  
Arrive: Tokyo Haneda Airport at 09:10 on 17 March 2023

**Mr Bob and Mrs Doria LeMay**

12:45 meet your English-speaking assistant in the hotel lobby and transfer by private vehicle to Osaka Itami Airport.

Depart: Osaka Itami Airport at 15:00 on 17 March 2023  
Flight No. NH#30 (All Nippon)  
Arrive: Tokyo Haneda Airport at 16:10 on 17 March 2023

## Checklist

We have prepared the list below as a helpful reminder as you make final preparations for your journey. You can find more details on these and other topics in the Destination Information section in your booklet.

### Passport & Visa:

- Check the **validity date** on your passport. Many countries require that your passport is valid at least six months following your visit.
- Make sure you have enough **blank visa pages** in your passport for every country you will visit.
- Confirm that you have the necessary **visas** for all the countries on your itinerary. See the Destination Information section for details on visa requirements.

### Medications / Vaccinations:

- If you received any vaccinations in preparation for your journey, pack your **vaccination certificates** in your personal carry-on baggage in case you are asked to show them on arrival.
- Make sure that any **medications** you pack, as well as **copies of your prescriptions**, are also packed in your carry-on luggage and not in your checked baggage.

### Tipping:

- Set aside some currency for **tips**. We have included guidelines in the Country Information, Facts and Advice section. Remember that these are only suggestions — any decisions involving tipping rest entirely with you.

### Baggage:

- Confirm baggage limitations with your international carrier before packing. Remember that airlines can change their baggage restrictions at any time.
- Note that baggage allowances on internal flights can be much more restrictive than on international flights. Refer to the Destination Information section for packing guidelines.

### Luggage Tags:

- Included in this package are A&K tags to aid our local staff in handling your luggage. Fill in your **personal information** on the inside and write your **last name** on the strip provided on the back.

### Flights:

- Be sure to **reconfirm** your international flights 24 hours prior to your departure.
- Tickets for any internal flights, if included on your itinerary, will be issued by A&K representatives at your destination and presented to you on arrival.

### Who to Contact:

- We have provided a duplicate Contact List for you to leave with someone at home should you need to be reached while travelling. You will find it behind the Contacts tab.
- Should you encounter a problem on journey, please **contact your local representative** at the number provided on that list.

## COUNTRY INFORMATION, FACTS & ADVICE

### Japan

One of the greatest success stories of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Japan is a country that defies easy categorization. It has the world's third largest economy (after the United States and China) and is at the forefront of many hi-tech industries, yet at the same time, remains deeply tied to time-honored traditions. Its society, almost painfully slow to adapt to changes, observes conformity to national order not seen in many other nations. It is also a country of varied natural beauty steeped in history and cultural achievements that make it one of the most appealing of travel destinations.

While the boom times of the 1980s and early 1990s have since disappeared, the Japanese economy suffers from a pernicious stagnation that threatens to derail its post War growth achievements which, nevertheless, remain a model of economic development that is the envy of most other nations. What the 21<sup>st</sup> century holds for Japan is anyone's guess but it is certain Japan will become an important broker in Asian affairs, a bridge between the developed and developing worlds – a force for peace and reconciliation.

### Getting into Japan

Nationals of the United States visiting Japan require a valid passport (valid for at least six months after the date of their departure from country) and a return airline ticket. US citizens do not require an entry visa for Japan. Visitors are granted tourist visas on arrival valid for stays of 90 days or less. Travelers from other countries should consult the Japanese embassy in their country for the latest travel requirements.

### Keeping Healthy in Japan

If you take prescription medication, please ensure you have sufficient medication for the duration of your trip.

While Japan is a wealthy and highly developed nation it should be noted that outside of major cities (including Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Kobe, Sapporo, Nagoya, Nagasaki, Hiroshima and Kyoto) medical facilities serving or catering to foreign visitors are limited. There are no required vaccinations for Japan but travelers should inquire (with their personal physician or through a medical information service like the CDC) about vaccinations against hepatitis B, influenza and Japanese encephalitis.

When preparing for your trip it is strongly recommended that you prepare a personal travel medical kit that would include the following items: Aspirin, lomotil, laxative, Band-Aid, antiseptic ointment, mosquito repellent, cold medicine, antihistamine cream, throat lozenges, wet tissues and hand soap.

We do recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance to cover you in the event of a medical emergency.

## Tipping

Tipping is a very personal matter and is discretionary. If you feel that your guide and your driver have been helpful and gone above and beyond helping you then a monetary gratuity is welcomed and an acknowledgement of the service extended. Therefore we have prepared a guideline chart concerning tipping amounts and who should be tipped. Please note as follows (in USD per person per day):

No of Guests	1	2	3	4	5-9	10 +
Guide	35	30	25	20	18	15
Driver	18	15	12.50	10	9	7.5

## Talk the talk

Japanese is the official languages of Japan where English is usually not spoken unless in some of the hotels.

Below are some useful words and phrases to help make you understood in Japan.

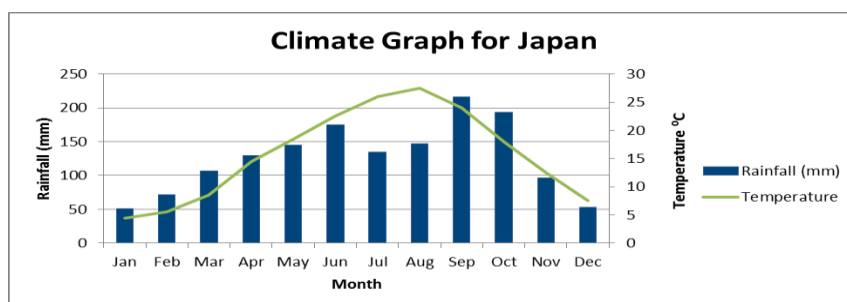
English	Japan Phonetics	Japanese
Hello/how are you?	Kon ni chiwa	こんにちは
Goodbye/see you again	Sayonara	さようなら
Thank you	Arigato	ありがとう
Please	Onegai Shimasu	お願いします
Yes / No	Hai / I-ie	はい / いいえ
Want / Do not want	Hoshi-I Desu / Irimasen	ほしいです / いりません
Have / Do not have	Motte imasu / Motte imasen	持っています / 持っていません



Man	Otoko	男
Woman	Onna	女
Bathroom	(Toilet) Toire (Bathroom) Ofuro	(Toilet) トイレ (Bathroom) お風呂
Hotel	Hotel	ホテル
Restaurant	Restaurant	餐厅
Cars	Kuruma	車
Airplane/flight	Hikouki	飛行機
Morning / Night	Asa / Yoru	朝 / 夜
Good morning / Good night	Ohayo gozaimasu / Oyasumi nasai	おはようございます / おやすみなさい
Ice	Kori	氷
Ill/uncomfortable	Byouki / Igokochi ga warui	病気 / 居心地が悪い
Water	Mizu	水
Coca cola	Coca cola	コーラ
Beer	Bi-ru	ビール
Ice cream	Ice cream	アイスクリーム
One	Ichi	いち
Two	Ni	に
Three	San	さん
Four	Shi	し
Five	Go	ご
Six	Roku	ろく
Seven	Shichi / Nana	しち
Eight	Hachi	はち
Nine	Kyu	きゅう
Ten	Ju	じゅう

<p>Please take me to the airport. Kuko ni tsurete itte kudasai. 空港に連れて行ってください</p>	<p>Please bring me the bill/cheque. Okaikei wo onegai shimasu. お会計をお願いします</p>
<p>Please take me to the hospital. Byoin ni tsurete itte kudasai. 病院に連れて行ってください</p>	<p>How much is that? Ikura desuka? いくらですか？</p>
<p>Please call me a taxi. Taxi wo yonde kudasai. タクシーを呼んでください</p>	<p>Where is the bathroom? (Toilet) Toire wa doko desuka? (Bathroom) Ofuro wa doko desuka? (Toilet) トイレはどこですか？ (Bathroom) お風呂はどこですか？</p>
<p>Please take me to the nearest hotel. Chikaku no hotel ni tsurete itte kudasai 近くのホテルに連れて行ってください</p>	<p>I would like a cold beer/water/soft drink. Biru / Mizu / Soft drink (juice / Ocha) wo kudasai. ビール/水/ソフトドリンク (ジュース/お茶) をください。</p>

## Weather



## What to Pack

Japan, especially in the cities, is a style conscious country and you should pack more stylish wear when visiting the country. Still traditionally modest, the Japanese, however, appreciate good clothing and tend to look down at more casual attire.

Travelers to Japan should pay attention to the weather conditions and the time of year when they plan to visit the country.

Spring and autumn visitors will need to bring clothing suitable for both summery conditions and the sudden outbreak of colder conditions. For summer visits cool, breathable fabrics like cottons and linens are recommended. For winter visitors you will need to pack warm woollens, a heavy winter coat or ski jacket, hat, gloves and a scarf when visiting northern Honshu and Hokkaido.

Please note that you should bring whatever you require with you, as clothing is expensive in Japan. In addition sizing can be a problem for travelers from North America and Europe as Japanese are smaller people and larger sizes, therefore, harder to find.

If you wear glasses or contact lenses you should carry an additional pair (or set) with you (as both are expensive in Japan). The voltage used throughout Japan is uniformly 100 Volt AC.

Lighters and matches are not allowed to be brought onto aeroplanes, neither in check-in nor hand carried luggage. Our guides are happy to assist guests to access lighters or matches when travelling on the ground. If the above are found, the security officers have the right to confiscate the items.

Power packs, cell phone and computer batteries are not allowed to be brought on aeroplanes in the checked in luggage. They can only be brought on the plane in hand carried luggage. Specifications of the power pack must be labelled on the power pack. If the above are found, the security officers have the right to confiscate the items.

## Religion & Etiquette

Buddhism (of the Mahayana sect) and Shinto are the two most popular forms of religion in Japan.

Most Buddhists also observe Shinto (and vice versa). Buddhism came to Japan via Korea and China in the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

Zen, one of the most popular sects in Japan, reached the country from China in the 12<sup>th</sup> century (in China it is called "chan"). Its emphasis on meditation and self-discipline appealed to Japan's shogunate and became the religious practice among this class of warriors.

There are also *shinko shukyo* or new religions – cult like groups – that are now making some inroad with the younger population of the country.

Japan is a country, which values manners, and there are set forms of behaviour tied to the country's cultural history.

The tenets of Confucian philosophy – deference to your elders, familial relations and a strict code of moral conduct – are entrenched in Japanese society.

Among traditional customs are bowing when greeting someone, exchanging business cards, removing one's shoes when entering a home and never staring directly at someone.

As a foreigner you are exempt – to a degree – from strict observance of these social mores but it does help to try and fit in.

## Money

The Japanese Yen, like the US Dollar, is one of the most important of world currencies. Its fluid exchange relationship with the US Dollar is closely observed and is considered one of the barometers of the global economic climate.

The Yen is divided into 100 Sen and 1,000 Rin (these two denominational units are no longer in use but are still used by currency traders and banks for official rate calculations).

Today the Yen is minted in coins of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 Yen. The Yen is printed in paper note values of 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; and 10,000 YEN.

The rate of exchange to the US dollar fluctuates and it is advised that you check exchange rates prior to your departure.

Currency can be exchanged at hotels and banks but note that your hotel will probably charge a commission or a rate less favorable than the official bank rate.

International credit cards (American Express, MasterCard, Visa and Diners Club) are widely accepted. However, credit card transactions are not always convenient outside big cities and therefore, obtaining cash beforehand is recommended when you travel to the countryside.

Banking hours in Japan are Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (banks are closed on Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays).

## Time Zone

GMT + 9

## Local Food & Drink

Japanese cuisine is rich in tradition and guided both by the actual preparation and an observed code of etiquette.

Rice is the staple grain and all meals usually include rice – either steamed white rice or fried rice. Seafood is also a prominent feature of Japanese cuisine due to its maritime location. Fish, especially exotic varieties is a highly prized food for Japanese gourmands.

Some typical Japanese entrees are tempura, sukiyaki, domburi, okonomiyaki, sushi and sashimi.

The most popular Japanese beverage is 'sake' a clear rice wine which is served warm in small decorative bottles. Beer is also widely available along with soft drinks and bottled waters. Wine is growing in popularity and there are now wine bars in larger cities like Tokyo and Osaka. Tea is an integral part of Japanese tradition and green tea is a Japanese specialty.

## Shopping

Japan is a consumer society and shopping is a favorite past time of young people. As the society is rooted in a strict observance of courtesy and social behavior, gift giving is important (hence the need to shop).

Department stores are open from Monday to Friday from 10am – 6pm and from 10am – 6:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. All department stores will close one day of the week (this is not uniform and the closing day varies). Smaller shops will observe different hours, often staying open until later in the evening.

Prices for all goods are expensive in Japan so if you are interested in shopping that should be an accepted fact. Japan has a highly refined tradition of arts and crafts and there are many exquisite items to consider like pottery, painting, lacquer work and carvings.

## Eating Out

### Guideline Price Range

\$ = USD \$50 and under

\$\$ = USD \$51 to 80

\$\$\$ = USD \$81 to 120

\$\$\$\$ = USD \$120 and upwards

## Tokyo

### **Omotesando Ukai-Tei**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

This “teppanyaki king” offers satisfying course menus in a gorgeous space, served by attentive staff.  
*5F Omotesando Gyre, 5-10-1 Jingu-mae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, +(81 3) 5467 5252*

### **Imahan Various locations Ginza near Peninsula. Reserve & Pre-pay online**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

Mouthwatering sukiyaki made from Omi beef is downright “decadent” at this chain of independently owned Japanese meateries.

*2-9-12 Nihonbashi - Ningyocho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, +(81 3) 3666 7006*

### **Kozue**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

Serves a wide variety of Japanese dishes in a pleasant ambience.

*Park Hyatt, 3-7-1-2 Nishi Shinjuku, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo, +(81 3) 5323 3460*

### **Kyubey Great reviews Website Dead**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

Top-notch sushi is what you’ll find at this Ginza institution, serving unforgettable, excellent bite-size raw fin fare that melts in your mouth.

*8-7-6 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, + (81 3) 3571 6523*

### **Tenichi There is one in the Peninsula**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

Serves exemplary Tokyo - style fare fried in sesame oil. Tempura is its specialty.

*6-6-5 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, +(81 3) 3571 1949*

### **New York Grill**

Western Restaurant - \$\$\$

Perched on the 52nd floor, it offers magnificent views and a luxe atmosphere that will intoxicate you. *Park Hyatt, 3-7-1-2, Nishi Shinjuku, Tokyo, +(81 3) 5323 3458*

### **Canoviano**

Western Restaurant - \$\$

Light, refined and healthy Italian dishes are served at this sleek restaurant.

*Hotel Gajoen Tokyo 1 Chome-8-1 Shimomeguro Meguro-ku, Tōkyō-to, +(81 50) 3188 7570*

Kyoto

**Kyoto Kiccho Arashiyama**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

Diners can enjoy a variety of Japanese dishes, ranging from fresh sashimi and sushi to the chef's innovative recommendations and kaiseki dinners.

*58, Susukinobaba-cho, Saga Tenryuji, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto, +(81 75) 881 1101*

**Takeshigero**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

Near the Kyoto and Fujita hotels overlooking the Kamo River, Takeshima serves seasonal Kyoto cuisine and a selection of original dishes. Food is prepared with pure Shuzan spring water (north of Kyoto). Serves commendable Japanese Kaiseki.

*65 Torii-machi, Awataguchi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, +(81 75) 771 4185*

**Tempura Yoshikawa**

Japanese Restaurant - \$\$\$

Serves full-course kaiseki ryori dinners that include a lavish selection of sashimi, rice, vegetables and baked fish. Tempura, the specialty of the house includes 13 different pieces of fish & meat. A better value is the lunch served at the counter, where you can watch the chef fry up your meal. Tempura should be light and crisp -- best right from the pot -- and for this Yoshikawa is famous.

*Tominokoji, Oike-sagaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto, +(81 75) 221 5544*

**Ashiya Steak House**

Western Restaurant - \$\$\$

Ashiya Steak House is the best place in Kyoto to enjoy "a good steak and the essence of traditional Japan" While you're seated at a kotatsu (recessed hearth), your teppanyaki dinner of the finest Omi beefsteak, grilled and sliced in style, will be prepared as you watch. You can take cocktails in the art gallery upstairs, which has a display of traditional and contemporary arts and crafts.

*172-13 4 chome, Kiyomizu Matsubara, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto, +(81 75) 541 7961*

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### Committed to Sustainability

Abercrombie & Kent is committed to improving lives and livelihoods in the communities where our guests travel. As the philanthropic arm of A&K, Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, together with A&K's 50 global offices, supports and coordinates these activities on behalf of A&K. We believe passionately that sustainable tourism offers the best hope of protecting endangered places and insuring local communities continue to benefit from their natural and cultural heritage. By creating jobs, providing educational opportunities and introducing our guests to our projects we alleviate poverty, foster environmental stewardship and preserve cultures.

### See the World – and See It Change

Together AKP and each A&K regional office support a local project that focuses on the four pillars of AKP – **Conservation, Education, Health and Enterprise Development**. We take great pleasure in inviting our A&K guests to visit [akphilanthropy.org](http://akphilanthropy.org) to learn more about AKP and the projects we support and how they can become actively involved in these efforts.



In collaboration with A&K's 50 global offices, AKP supports more than 40 sustainable projects that span the world on all seven continents.

### AKP Around the World

#### Americas

- 1. Canada
- 2. Peru

#### Antarctica

- 3. Antarctica

#### Europe

- 4. Iceland
- 5. Italy

#### Africa & The Middle East

- 6. Jordan
- 7. Egypt
- 8. Botswana
- 9. Zambia
- 10. Uganda
- 11. Kenya
- 12. Tanzania

#### Asia

- 13. India
- 14. Sri Lanka
- 15. Myanmar
- 16. Laos
- 17. Thailand
- 18. Cambodia

#### The Pacific

- 19. New Zealand

### AKP Travelling with a Full Heart

As travel increasingly becomes about the things money cannot buy – shared experiences and treasured memories – more and more of our guests want to make a positive contribution to the places they visit. We are proud to share the opportunity to visit the projects we support on all seven continents, observing our work firsthand and directly assisting local peoples to sustain a balance between conservation and development.

## AKP Helping Nature to Thrive & Cultures to Flourish <sup>sm</sup>

A&K is deeply committed to sustainable conservation in every country in which we operate, preserving and aiding the world's habitats, wildlife and indigenous peoples, and sharing these commitments with our guests. All AKP general and administrative expenses are borne by the A&K Group of Companies. AKP is a US 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (EIN:36-4222228) as well as a registered charity in the UK (No: 1146592) and Australia (ABN: 34 617 552 413). Charitable gifts by US and Australian residents are tax deductible as provided by law, and UK residents are able to increase the value of their donations through Gift Aid. 100% of each charitable gift to AKP goes directly to support local projects worldwide.

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## AKP Donations While Traveling

Responsible and sustainable tourism are bywords of A&K worldwide. A&K through AKP have pioneered a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach to philanthropy, forging informal partnerships with local grassroots initiatives and travelers who want to give something back to the places they visit. The compassion and generosity of our A&K guests are evident the world over.

For our guests who would like to contribute to projects while travelling, we have these guidelines of responsible tourism to share with you:

Local communities and grassroots initiatives are best helped by giving through a structured relationship or agreement, such as the one that AKP has with the sustainable projects we support throughout the world.

This ensures that your donation empowers the community and assists the local project in the most effective way possible. It also eliminates the risk of creating dependency on outside help.

100% of each donation contributed to AKP goes directly to support local projects worldwide.

The project you wish to support will be notified immediately of your donation.

It is always an honor to deliver this type of good news; that our guests have been so moved by their visit they immediately contributed their support.



Thank you so much for your generosity.

## Why Abercrombie & Kent

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**Abercrombie & Kent** is the world leader in luxury travel, combining comfort and authenticity in the world's greatest destinations. Company-wide there are certain values that make us special:

- **Global Corporate Indemnity Insurance** – providing you with unsurpassed peace of mind for wherever you travel within our network.
- **Quality Control teams** – each and every office of ours has a team assigned to making sure our suppliers always deliver as promised. Headed up centrally in London, you can be confident that we work together with international oversight.
- **Guides** – we use only the best guides in the world, who undergo strict qualification processes. They know our destinations inside and out, and serve as much as travelling companions as experts in their field.
- **Philanthropy** – Since 1982 we have been globally committed to respecting the natural environment and giving back to the local people whose destinations we host clients in. Internally and through the generosity of our guests we support over 37 different hand-picked projects worldwide.
- **24 hour emergency contact** – no matter what time of day or whatever the query, our local operations teams are always on standby to be of assistance, providing flexible measures if any plans change.
- **Health and safety** – we have stringent criteria that all our suppliers must meet, along with a whole host of safety initiatives tailored to each destination - from first aid training to localised emergency procedure plans.
- **Our relationships with suppliers are second to none.** It's these personal, long-standing local connections that make sure we offer the best product to our clients. Whether it's the most sought-after table in a restaurant or preferential upgrades where available at hotels, we hold the key to all your customer's needs.
- **Our ability to tailor-make.** We handle every request according to individual needs, so you know we're always thinking about how our travel professional partners can offer the finest combinations each and every time.
- **VIP services and 'insider access'** – unique and exclusive moments from our wealth of interesting connections, means we can bring our guests closer to the real people, the culture and their customs. From meetings with renowned archaeologists to tea with a local market-seller's family, we can make it happen.
- **Safe Travels Recognition** - Abercrombie & Kent meets or exceeds the travel industry's latest global health and safety protocols established by the World Travel & Tourism Council.



Staffed by a team of experienced travel professionals in our network of on-site offices in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Beijing, **Abercrombie & Kent Hong Kong and China** represents a 30 + year commitment to the greater China region (also including Taiwan and Singapore). No other company has invested the time and resources into building such a comprehensive presence that can deal with a myriad of travel requests from highly personalised individual travel to special interest group experiences. An A&K China programme means substantive itineraries, unmatched access, and thoughtful arrangements. This is manifested in unprecedented insider access to historic sites, cultural institutions, and personal contacts that cannot be matched. A&K has built up strong working relationships with a diverse group of resource experts who specialize in art, architecture, archeology, business, journalism, history, and much more – these specialist guides enhance any arrangement taking a tour and turning it into an experience. Adding to this expertise is a deep-rooted interest in China and A&K continues to open new regions and take you to the China beyond: Tibet, Yunnan, the Silk Road, and crossing borders from China to Vietnam, Burma, Laos, and Central Asia. This commitment is anchored by a team of award-winning staff who have made China their life focus. **Why A&K in China?** Because there is no other company so committed, so passionate, and so focused on the experience.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 1. CONTRACTING PARTIES

These Terms and Conditions are legally binding between the traveller(s) and Abercrombie & Kent (Hong Kong) Ltd., herein after referred to as A&K.

### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS

PLEASE NOTE: Acceptance of a quotation from A&K constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions which take effect as soon as A&K issue you with a confirmation.

### 3. ACCOMMODATION:

All accommodation, room type(s) and specification are as shown in the itinerary.

### 4. MEALS:

Meals are as shown in the itinerary.

### 5. TRANSFERS:

Transfers are provided on arrival and departure from airport to hotel and return only where specified in the itinerary.

### 6. ITINERARY:

Accommodation and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. A&K also reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the tour inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

In case of any appreciable variation in the tour price due to these circumstances, A&K reserves the right to make adjustments to the tour costs as necessary.

### 7. SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Specific requests should be advised at time of booking. Please note that every effort will be made to secure special requests, however; they cannot be guaranteed.

### 8. TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation will be as specified in the itinerary.

### 9. BAGGAGE:

A&K provides handling of baggage only as specified in the quotation. Weight restrictions for baggage on some routes on internal/domestic flights may apply; details of which will be provided with pre-tour documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the tour and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Baggage insurance is strongly advised.

Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions applicable to your international flight.

### 10. TAXES AND GRATUITIES:

Hotel taxes as imposed by city and state governments are included. Airport taxes are included where specified in the itinerary. Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, camp staff, ship crew and Tour Managers are not included and are at the discretion of the traveller.

### 11. EXCLUSIONS:

The cost of obtaining passports, visas, excess baggage charges, items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, fax charges and excess baggage charges unless expressly included in writing, are not included in the tour price.

### 12. PRICES & ARRANGEMENTS:

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted based on the current rates of exchange and tariffs. Entrance fees as part of scheduled sightseeing tours are also included in this price. This price is subject to revision in line with significant changes in foreign currency, tariff rates, taxes etc.

### 13. PHOTOGRAPHY:

A&K reserves the right to take photographs during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes. By booking a program with A&K, travellers agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Travellers who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to A&K prior to final payment and they will be exempted from this photography waiver clause. The use of drones for photography, or any other purpose, is forbidden on any A&K trip unless permission has been previously sought from, and granted by, A&K.

### 14. DESCRIPTIONS AND IMAGERY

All photographs, imagery and descriptions used by A&K online and within promotional documentation have been included with the intention of presenting a true and accurate reflection of your holiday destination. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, it is foreseeable that some destinations will change in appearance throughout the year and so may appear to have varied at the time of your stay. eg. due to adverse weather. A&K will of course make every attempt to notify you in advance of your trip as to whether such instances have had any effect on the accommodation or its surroundings if we are made aware of the same, however cannot be held liable in this regard.

### 15. SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY

Please note that in some properties surveillance cameras and security equipment may be installed inside and/or outside the property, which may have the capability to remotely monitor or record images and/or sound. If you have any concerns or issues with this, you must inform our team before your trip.

### 16. ACTIVITIES

Some activities may be pre-booked by A&K however, should you wish to participate in other or additional activities we strongly advise that you book in advance so as to avoid disappointment.

Some activities, most notably those which are boating and water related, are subject to weather and water levels. A&K cannot be held responsible should such activities be amended and/or cancelled as a result of such matters, over which A&K have no control.

### 17. REGISTRATION:

A non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking. The deposit amount will be specified at the time of booking, however it is normally 10% of the tour price.

The remainder of the tour cost is payable on the date shown on your quotation, normally 60 days prior to departure. If the reservation is made after this date, the entire tour price must be paid at the time of confirmation.

### 18. PAYMENT METHOD:

Payments may be made by the following methods:

- Credit card
- Cheque
- Bank transfer

A&K cannot guarantee that all payment methods will be accepted and A&K will therefore advise of the most suitable payment method at the time of deposit.

18.1 Travellers are liable for all bank and related transaction charges.

### 19. CANCELLATION:

All cancellations must be received in writing by your A&K Tour Consultant

19.1 Unless otherwise specified in your quotation, the following cancellation terms will apply to your booking:

19.1.1 Cancellations received between the date of booking and 61 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit.

19.1.2 Cancellations received 60 - 46 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 15% of the tour price.

19.1.3 Cancellations received 45 - 29 days prior to departure will be subject to

a cancellation charge of 25% of the tour price.

19.1.4 Cancellations received 28 - 15 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour price.

19.1.5 Cancellations received 14 days or less prior to departure will be subject to a forfeiture of the entire tour price.

19.2 Cancellation of airline tickets will be subject to the refund policy of each individual airline and may be greater than the percentages above particularly when low cost/net based fares are used.

19.3 The purchase of special event tickets is subject to the refund policy of each individual event. Please refer to the specific event policy for details.

19.4 A&K reserve the right to charge for financial penalties, fees and losses incurred in excess of your cancellation fee as a result of cancellation.

## 20. CANCELLATION BY A&K

We reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your holiday for any reason. However, we will not cancel your hotel arrangement less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. If you fail to pay the balance of the holiday price at least 60 days before departure, A&K will treat your booking as cancelled and levy the cancellation charges set out in clause 19. If A&K is obliged to cancel your holiday in any other circumstances before departure, A&K will use its best endeavours to offer alternative arrangements of equivalent or very closely similar standard and price, if available; travel arrangements of a lower standard and a refund of the difference in price; or will give you a full and prompt refund of all monies paid.

## 21. FORCE MAJEURE

21.1 Force majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond A&K's control or the control of our suppliers, the consequence of which neither A&K nor its suppliers could avoid even with all due care, including, but not limited to, war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity (actual or threatened), industrial dispute, unavoidable technical problems with transport, machinery or equipment, power failure, changes imposed by rescheduling or cancellation of flights by an airline, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, flood, drought, adverse weather conditions, epidemics or outbreaks of illness and level of water in rivers.

21.2 In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the trip as a result of the circumstances as described in this clause A&K may in their sole and absolute discretion:

- a) offer the traveller(s) alternative travel arrangements or products of

comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or

- b) if alternative travel arrangements or products are not offered by A&K, A&K will make a prompt proportional refund of monies paid by the traveller.

21.3 A&K may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administration costs associated with providing alternative travel arrangements or products.

## 22. CLAIMS AND REFUNDS:

Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our LIMITS ON ABERCROMBIE & KENT'S RESPONSIBILITY clause below. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. A&K will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your program. All claims for days missed while travelling should be made in writing within 30 days of the program. Any payment made by A&K, either by way of refund or as the result of a successful claim, will be limited to, and not exceed, the sums retained by A&K in respect of the related booking.

## 23. LIMITS ON ABERCROMBIE & KENT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Abercrombie & Kent (Hong Kong) Ltd., its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns (collectively A&K), does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip with the exception of a limited number of vehicles. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated Abercrombie & Kent companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, A&K is not liable for any negligent or wilful act of any such person or entity or of any third person.

In addition and without limitation, A&K is not responsible for any injury, financial or physical loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection to the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labour activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means

of transportation or for failure of any transport mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities.

If you decide to participate in any activities including, but not limited to, any excursions involving animals, riding on animals, SCUBA diving, snorkelling, boating, hot air ballooning, zip-lining, high altitude treks, climbing, quad biking, para sailing, parachuting, kayaking, white-water rafting, primate tracking and any activity which A&K considers to carry inherent risks of serious illness, injury or death ("Activities") then you fully understand and acknowledge that Activities carry with them various inherent risks, including serious illness, injury or death and you take complete responsibility for your own health and safety and agree to assume all risks of injury, illness or death, whether foreseen or unforeseen that may befall you as a result of participating in any Activities and agree to release A&K and its affiliates, their agents, employees and representatives from any liability whatsoever related thereto, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Further, as consideration for being permitted to participate in the Activities, you release A&K, whether known or unknown, from, and agree not to sue or make claim against A&K for property damage, cancellation of any activities for any reason, illness, negligent rescue operations or procedures, personal injury or death arising from your participation in the Activities, and any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the Activities, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of A&K (but not its reckless, wilful, or fraudulent conduct) and/or from any defect in equipment. You further agree to indemnify and hold A&K harmless with respect to any claim made against A&K by anyone else which a) related to your participation, or b) would be subject to the above release and covenant not to sue if you had made this claim directly yourself.

## 24. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

Please ensure that you consult your personal physician about anti malaria precautions and other inoculations and vaccinations before travel. Where applicable, please ensure that whilst travelling you carry a valid Yellow Fever certificate.

## 25. TRAVEL

### ADVISORIES/WARNINGS:

It is the responsibility of travellers to become informed about the most



current travel advisories and warnings by referring to their respective government agencies. In the event of an active State Department or government agency Travel Warning against travel to specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the traveller still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, the traveller assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

#### **26. TRAVELLERS' REPRESENTATIONS:**

If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

#### **27. AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event occurring while passengers are not on board their aircraft. International air carriers are also subject to international air conventions limiting their liability. These limitations of liability are explained on the e-ticket or on the reverse of the airline ticket and when issued, this constitutes the sole contract between the respective air carrier(s) and their passengers.

Airlines overbook all flights! We therefore recommend that you check in online as soon as online check-in is made available by the airline. If you do not book in online, or for any reason are unable to do so, we recommend that you are at the airport to check in **3 hours** prior to departure as airlines may re-allocate seats in the event of late check-in and arrivals. A&K is unable to check you in and it is your responsibility to ensure you are checked in within the appropriate time. A&K is neither responsible nor liable if you are downgraded an airline class as a result of the airline overbooking the class in which you are booked. Seat reservations are at the discretion of the airline and may be changed at any time without notice.

**CRUISES/CHARTERS:** If you are scheduled to partake in a cruise or charter it is your responsibility to ensure that you are aboard the vessel no later than 60 minutes before the scheduled sailing time. A&K is neither responsible

nor liable if you fail to board the vessel in good time and suffer any loss as a result. Furthermore, refunds will not be given for any days which are missed as a result of such failure, or for clients who choose to leave the Cruise prematurely for any reason.

#### **28. PASSPORT & VISAS**

Please note that passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Please note also that passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after completion of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigrations stamps. A&K cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. Should you require specific information ahead of travel, please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction, as well as that of the government who issued the passport and/or visa you intend to travel under.

#### **29. TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN**

We recommend that if you are travelling with a child that does not share your surname, in order to minimise the possibility of disruption to your travel plans, you travel with documentation that proves your relationship to the child as well as documentation that proves you have permission to travel with them. A&K cannot be held responsible should you or any member of your travelling party be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. Should you require further specific information ahead of travel, please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction, as well as that of the government who issued the passport and/or visa you intend to travel under. Due to the nature of some of the excursions and activities involved in A&K trips, minimum age requirements are in place at some destinations. Additionally, some accommodations require that children below a certain age share a room with an adult. Such circumstances vary and will be specified within your itinerary, ahead of travel, and at the time of booking.

#### **30. TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

A&K strongly recommend all clients take out comprehensive travel insurance prior to date of travel. This insurance should cover cancellation and curtailment, all medical expenses including evacuation/repatriation, personal baggage, personal liability, death and permanent disability and travel document insurance.

#### **31. ARBITRATION AGREEMENT:**

Any claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the Limits on A&K's Responsibility clause, to the brochure, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip

itself or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled in the first instance by binding arbitration in the applicable legal forum as detailed in clause 32 of these Terms and Conditions. In lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means. Arbitration is the exclusive forum in the first instance for dispute resolution and except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees.

#### **32. APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM:**

This agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with, and shall be governed by the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. It is agreed between A&K and the travellers that all lawsuits against A&K arising under, in connection with, or incidental to the tour shall be filed, if at all, in the courts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to the exclusion of the courts of or in any other country or jurisdiction.