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JAPAN CHERRY BLOSSOM VOYAGE

March 23 – April 3, 2027

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Japan and South Korea, starting with two nights in Tokyo, exploring temples, gardens, a tea ceremony, and a day trip to Hakone with Mount Fuji views. Board the luxurious Azamara Pursuit for a 9-night cruise visiting Shimizu, Hiroshima and Miyajima, Beppu's hot springs, Busan's beaches and markets, Kitakyushu, Kochi with Kōchi Castle, and ending in Kobe, near Kyoto, with the option to extend your stay and explore more of Japan's cultural treasures.



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12 DAYS, 11 NIGHTS
MARCH 23 - APRIL 3, 2027

ITINERARY:

B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner denotes meals included with the package

DAY 1: MARCH 23, 2027 - ARRIVE IN TOKYO

Arrive in Tokyo, at Tokyo International Airport (HND) or Narita Airport (NRT), and meet your local representative. Check into your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. (D)

DAY 2: MARCH 24, 2027 - TOKYO

Board the bullet train, with your guide, bound for Odawara from which the bus will take you to Hakone, a natural wonderland and a favorite getaway among locals. Famed for its hot springs and views of Mount Fuji, Hakone is home to a spectacular outdoor museum. After completing your sightseeing in Hakone, your bus will take you back to your hotel. (B, L)

DAY 3: MARCH 25, 2027 - TOKYO

Check out after breakfast and meet your guide. Stroll the exquisite gardens of the Imperial Place Plaza, official residence of the Emperor of Japan. Continue on to the city's most historic Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, which also happens to be one of its most colorful. After Lunch at the local restaurant, stop to partake in a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony and learn about this ritual's important place in local culture. Afterwards, you'll be escorted to the port for your cruise. (B, L)

DAY 4: MARCH 26, 2027- TOKYO

Today is yours to explore at leisure before we set sail at 7:00 PM. Japan's dynamic capital. Tokyo is the largest metropolitan area in the world and offers an incredible blend of modern energy and timeless tradition.

DAY 5: MARCH 27, 2027 - MOUNT FUJI (SHIMIZU)

Dock in Shimizu, the beautiful seaside gateway to Japan's iconic Mount Fuji. Set along Suruga Bay, this charming port town offers breathtaking views of Japan's most celebrated peak. Shimizu offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, rich heritage, and unforgettable views.

DAY 6: MARCH 28, 2027 - DAY AT SEA

Spend the day sailing in style aboard your boutique hotel at sea.

DAY 7: MARCH 29, 2027- HIROSHIMA

Arrive in Hiroshima, a resilient and inspiring city that beautifully balances remembrance with renewal. Beyond its profound history, Hiroshima is a vibrant, welcoming city known for its lively shopping arcades, delicious local cuisine — including the famous Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki — and scenic waterfront.

DAY 8: MARCH 30, 2027 - BEPPU

Beppu, Japan, is a renowned hot spring town located on the island of Kyushu, famous for its therapeutic and unique geothermal experiences. The city is home to the famous "Hells of Beppu" (Jigoku), a collection of dramatic hot springs with distinct features and colors. Visitors can also enjoy relaxing in traditional onsen (hot spring baths) at places like the Beppu Park and take part in sand baths, where you're buried in warm sand for a rejuvenating experience. Beppu's mix of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and wellness activities make it a must-visit for those seeking relaxation and a unique look at Japan's geothermal wonders.

DAY 9: MARCH 31, 2027 - BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA

Experience the vibrant energy of Busan, South Korea's dynamic coastal gem on the southeastern tip of South Korea. As one of the world's busiest ports, Busan seamlessly blends modern city life with stunning natural landscapes and centuries-old traditions.

DAY 10: APRIL 1, 2027 - KITAKYUSHU

Discover Kitakyushu, a vibrant city on the northern tip of Kyushu that blends history and modern innovation. Remarkably spared during World War II, the city honors its past while looking toward the future.

DAY 11: APRIL 2, 2027 - KOCHI

Experience the lively charm of Kochi, a city celebrated for its warm hospitality, rich history, and vibrant culinary scene. Visit Kōchi Castle, one of only 12 original castles remaining in Japan, delight your taste buds with Sawachi cuisine. Complete the experience by enjoying a glass of shōchū alongside locals, soaking in the city's lively atmosphere and welcoming spirit.

DAY 12: APRIL 3, 2027- KOBE - DISEMBARK CRUISE

On your final day, disembark in Kobe, a vibrant port city celebrated worldwide for its famous Kobe beef. Beyond its culinary fame, Kobe offers a fascinating mix of modern urban charm and scenic waterfront views.



JAPAN CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR PACKAGE

Oceanview Stateroom \$7,499 Veranda Stateroom Starting at \$8,999

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- In-destination transfers
- Fully guided program with English-speaking guides during 2 pre-nights in Tokyo
- Accommodation at Hotel New Otani, Tokyo (or similar), standard room
- Meals and beverages as specified in the Tokyo itinerary
- Transfer from hotel to ship
- 9-night cruise aboard the Azamara Pursuit
- Unlimited Wi-Fi (one device per person)
- All meals onboard the ship
- Complimentary non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages onboard
- \$300 shore excursion credit per stateroom
- Pre-paid shipboard gratuities
- AzAmazing Evening event
- Transfer from ship to airport at the conclusion of the cruise
- Hosted by a Direct Travel representative (with a minimum of 30 cruise participants)

All prices are in US dollars unless otherwise indicated. A deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required. The final payment is due on or before October 12, 2026. Please see website for full terms & conditions.



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