

E.Y.H.O. Tours

Japan

Textiles Arts and Crafts

November 4 – 17, 2026

Optional Amami Island November 17 -21

In Japan, Nature held her breath. All longing was put to sleep in the stillness, and all was distilled into a clean simplicity. The smell of woodsmoke, the drift of incense; a procession of monks in black-and-gold robes, one of them giggling in a voice yet unbroken; a touch of autumn in the air, a sense of gathering rain."

Pico Iyer





Your Destination Awaits

Explore the wonder that is Japan: a unique culture steeped in history, moving at the speed of a bullet train.

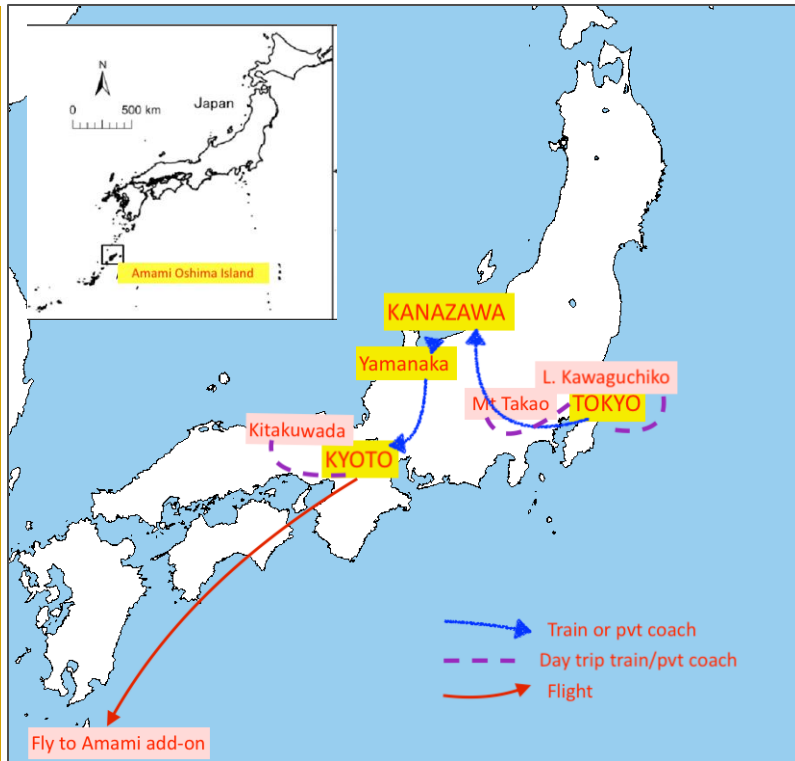
Through centuries of isolation, Japan's claim to unique arts and crafts was handed down from generation to generation. From first functional ceramics to today's fine pieces of art, traditional crafts are embedded in Japanese culture and daily life. Japanese textiles, pottery and ceramics, lacquerware, metalworking, doll-making, woodworking and papermaking are truly in a class of their own. Join us to explore the best of Japan on this tour.

*** Please note: this tour does not cover general sightseeing, easily accomplished on your own with a couple of extra days. For maximum value, we focus on activities that you couldn't access on your own: artisan visits, workshops, and curated museum tours.**

Highlights

- Tap into the spirit of artisans with intimate studio visits, workshops, and talk sessions
- Learn about traditional textiles such as Aizome, Yuzen, Tsuzure-ori, Indigo Shibori, Nishinjin-ori. Also, Ushikubi tsumugi sericulture. On Amami Island (optional) Oshima Tsumugi, one of the world's three most complex textiles.
- Hands on workshops in Kimono stencil dyeing, Yuzen, Indigo Shibori, Suminagashi Dyeing Process, and traditional Tea Ceremony
- Curated textile and arts museums: Ichiku Kubota Museum, Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design, Ishikawa Museum of Art and Crafts, dolls museum, and Little Indigo Museum
- Folk crafts, pottery, lacquerware, and woodwork
- Explore antique flea and handicraft markets
- Whizz off in Shinkansen (bullet train) and hop on public transportation like locals
- Take in an ancient temple ceremony and enjoy Buddhist cuisine
- Home-visit, cook with local families in rural Kitakuwada
- Commune with nature in Mt Takao, soak in Yamanaka Onsen amidst autumnal splendour
- Away from buzzing cities: Lake Kawaguchiko, Miyama, Kakensenkei Gorge
- Best of formal Japanese gardens and monk-led visit to a Bonsai garden
- Onsen-style accommodations in Kanazawa and Yamanaka





AT A GLANCE

13 nights/14 days November 4 – 17, 2026

- 4 nights Tokyo
- 3 nights Kanazawa
- 1 night Yamanaka
- 5 nights Kyoto
- Day trips to Lake Kawaguchiko, Mt Takao, and Kitakuwada

Cost

Based on group size 15 pax

Double occupancy: USD 6900 pp

Add for own room: USD 1570

Small group . . . as always! Max 15/Min 10*

* For each pax less than 15, surcharge of USD 150 applies. See p. 13

Amami Oshima extension 4 nights/5 days Nov 17 - 21

USD 3200 pp.double occ. Min 6 pax, max 10 pax

"One cannot be a textile or arts and crafts appreciator without eventually taking the road to Japan. Tokyo's thrum of modernity and Kyoto's cultural ethos are a perfect counterpoint to serene rural backroads where generations of exquisite craftsmanship have flourished for centuries. By visiting large cities and tiny villages, I have curated a 14-day exploration of multiple aspects of life in Japan through the lens of textiles, arts, and crafts. Intimate artisan studios, hands on workshops, meticulous formal gardens, feudal castles, splendid fibre arts, fine pottery, culinary beats . . . we cannot wait to share it all with you!

~~ Shila





Amami Island | 4 nights/5 days November 17 - 21

This gorgeous yet little-known Okinawan island offers a unique textile/arts and crafts immersion, breathtaking beaches, delicious seafood, enchanting music, and unique fauna and flora. The subtropical climate nurtures diverse plants, offering an abundance of fibers and natural dyes. This archipelago was a maritime trading hub in Asia for hundreds of years, ushering in sophisticated culture and advanced techniques, which in turn nurtured distinctive fabric styles. Discover a Japan you never probably heard of, only a few hours from Tokyo or Osaka.

Highlights

- Hands-on workshops in the traditional Doro-Zome (Mud-Dyeing) and Oshima Tsumugi weaving, the native textile of the Amami Islands. A traditional fabric regarded as one of the world's three most extraordinary textiles, soft and delicate and said to last three generations
- Hands-on workshop in Bashofu fabric-making, a fading cultural heritage. Visit a secluded village and learn how to transform banana trees into exquisite threads. Take home the completed Bashofu fabric as a cherished memento of this unique experience
- Natural wonders of Amami Park, explore the captivating Isson Tanaka Art Museum
- Guided walk (\$) along the serene path of Kinsakubaru Primeval Forest to observe the island's native plants and small animals
- Unique cuisine accompanied by a live Shimauta performance (\$), a traditional form of island folk music, factory visit of local Sochu liquor

Cost USD 3200 double occ./add \$780 for own room, including roundtrip flight KIX/ITM Osaka

Includes

- Round trip flight from/to KIX or ITM
- Beachside accommodations
- 4 breakfasts 2 dinners
- English speaking native Amami guide
- Accompanied by E.Y.H.O. tour manager
- All transportation costs
- All workshops, instructions, and materials

Excludes: extra cost of flight to Tokyo; optional Kinsakubaru Nature Walk, Shimauta performance, insurance, incidental expenses.

The best for last. Thank you for sharing Amami with us. It is a very special place and will forever hold a special place in my heart. I feel fortunate to have experienced so many unique experiences here. I'm still shaking my head in disbelief over the dyeing and weaving techniques of Amami craftsfolk. – Rae P. Calif.



Tokyo

Location is everything in hyper-connected Tokyo.

Our 4* centrally-located base with easy access to central Tokyo area. Two major stations are a short walk away. Only a 1-minute walk from Nippori Station, just over half hour away from Narita and Haneda Airport, and steps away from the traditional shopping Yanaka Ginza Street. Close to Ueno Zoo, Tokyo National Museum, Ueno Park and National Museum of Western Art.

With on site restaurant, a full buffet breakfast, this hotel is an updated and classy choice in Tokyo.



Kanazawa

Nicknamed "Little Kyoto," Kanazawa's rich history and culture ranges from geisha districts to a 16th-century castle. Enjoy the good life away from big-city buzz, whether picking up fresh seafood at Omicho Market or strolling Kenroku-en Garden's manicured paths.

Kanazawa is where to exhale after the high energy of Tokyo. Our accommodations in Kanazawa are modelled on traditional Japanese ryokan or inn, without sacrificing western comfort. Tatami floors, Serta mattresses, on-site onsen or hot bath, and onsite traditional restaurant. This stop will restore and rejuvenate you while inspiring you in the rich culture of the Edo period.



Yamanka Onsen

The rejuvenating natural hot springs of Yamanaka Onsen have been used for 1300 years to soak away cares. Yamanaka Onsen is of Japan's three famous hot springs that Matsuo Basho loved.

Our ryokan-style hotel is conveniently situated in the Yamanaka Onsen district. It has a hot spring bath. Yamashiro Onsen is 5 km from the hotel. Enjoy autumn foliage as you bathe in the waters of the famous onsen.

Located centrally on Yamanaka's delightful main street. Step out to boutiques, handicraft shops, and eateries.



Kyoto

Lying at the heart of Kawaramachi Sanjo, Kyoto's popular hangout area, our hotel offers a perfect gateway to famous tourist spots such as Pontocho and Kiyamachi (one minute walk). Approximately 4 minutes walk from Kyoto Shiyakushomae Station.

World famous Gion and the Kamo River with various seasonal views are also within walking distance.

Our hotel is a sophisticated space that blends tradition and modernity with beautiful architectural details. Onsite onsen is a treat after a day of sightseeing.

Accommodations are representative only. Actual will be comparable but may vary according to group size and availability.



What's included main tour

- Fully escorted by experienced local guide, will accompany throughout
- Accompanied by EYHO tour manager
- 4 nights in 4* western style hotel
- 1 night in traditional Japanese ryokan-style with onsen (natural hot springs)
- 8 nights in updated ryokan-style accommodations with onsen
- All transportation in public transport, high-speed trains, and private coach
- Shared airport arrival transfer – only for arrivals 6am-8.30pm
- 5 hands on workshops including materials, 7 studio visits, demos, and talks
- Miyama family cooking experience
- All entrance fees to museums, galleries, and studios
- Meals: all breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Luggage transfers when necessary

What's not

- International flight, departure transfer, tipping for guide, and beverages at meals unless specified, insurance, early and late check in/out

COSTS

Min 10/Max 15 USD	Main tour Double occ.pp	Main tour Single supp.
15 pax	6900	1570
14 - 13 pax	7200	1570
12-11 pax	7500	1570
10 pax	7650	1570

Amami Island Optional add on
USD 3200 pp/add USD 780 for own room. Min 06 pax

Enquiries

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