



E.Y.H.O.
Tours

Japan

Textiles Arts and Crafts

November 27 – December 10, 2024 | Optional Amami Island Dec 10 - 14

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 10,000 BCE's first functional ceramics to today's fine pieces of art, traditional crafts are embedded in Japanese culture and daily life. In Japan, textiles, pottery and ceramics, lacquerware, metalworking, doll-making, woodworking and papermaking are in a class of their own.

Join us to explore the best of Japan on this tour.



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.
- Hands on workshops in Kimono stencil dyeing, Yuzen, Indigo Shibori, and traditional Tea Ceremony
- Multiple textile and arts museum visits such as Ichiku Kubota Museum, dolls museum, and Little Indigo Museum
- Folk crafts, pottery, lacquerware, and woodwork
- Explore antique flea markets, and Omicho (Kanazawa), Nippori, and Nishiki (Kyoto) 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 a Yamanaka Onsen amidst autumnal splendour
- Away from the buzzing cities: Lake Kawaguchiko and Kakusenkei Gorge
- Best of formal Japanese gardens and monk-led visit to a Bonsai Garden Museum
- Onsen accommodations in Kanazawa, Yamanaka, and Kyoto



Amami Island

4 nights/5 days December 10 - 14

This gorgeous yet little-known island is one of the main islands in the Amami Archipelago. It 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. Okinawa 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 knew, 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



Includes

- Round trip flight from/to KIX or ITM
- Twin(Double) room for each person at beachside resort
- 4 breakfasts 2 dinners
- English speaking native Amami guide
- Accompanied by E.Y.H.O, owner Shila Desai
- All transportation costs
- All workshops, instructions, and materials

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

**Cost USD 2780 in single occ. including roundtrip flight
KIX/ITM Osaka**





Tokyo

Location is everything in hyper-connected Tokyo.

Our 3.5* centrally-located base with easy access to central Tokyo area; 3-minute walk to Asakusa station of Tsukuba Express Line, 10-minute walk to Asakusa station of Tokyo metro Ginza Line and Asakusa Line. In the vibrant Asakusa area, 1 min walk to Sensoji Temple, surrounded by restaurants and eateries.

Guests can get a relaxing massage, laundry, free newspapers. Safety deposit boxes available. Enjoy a wide variety breakfast menus.

The property offers panoramic views over Tokyo especially Tokyo Tree.



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 also the place 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 is conveniently situated in the Yamanaka Onsen district. This ryokan provides a hot spring bath. Yamashiro Onsen is 5 km from the ryokan. This ryokan, provides guests a theme of year-round autumn foliage viewing.

The ryokan displays its roots from the time of its establishment when it first started providing guests with enjoyable stays.



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.

With restful public spaces and well-appointed rooms whose décor is an integration of traditional and modern aspects. Tatami floor (Japanese straw floor) creates comfortable feeling as if you are staying in traditional Japanese-style house. On site onsen.





What's included main tour

- Fully escorted by experienced local guide, will accompany throughout
- Accompanied by E.Y.H.O. Tour Manager
- 5 nights in 3-3.5* western style hotel
- 1 night in traditional Japanese ryokan with onsen (natural hot springs)
- 7 nights in updated ryokan accommodations with onsen
- All transportation costs in public transport, high-speed trains, and private coach on 4 days
- Shared airport arrival transfer
- 4 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 (Day 4, 12), 3 dinners (Day1, Day 9, Day 13)
- Luggage transfers x 2

What's not

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

COSTS

Japan main tour

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Amami Oshima Island extension

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Enquiries

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