

11th - 24th November 2024

CRAFTS OF JAPAN

**14 days exploring the crafts & textiles of Japan
with experienced tour leader Lisa Walton**

Hands On Classes and Unique Experiences

- Washi Paper making
- Indigo Dyeing
- Yuzen Dyeing
- Kyo-Shibori dyeing
- Roketsu Dyeing
- Sushi Making
- Shinkansen Bullet Train
- Kawaguchiko Muse
Museum

Visit exciting cities and historic sites and temples

- Asakusa Sensoji Temple
- Itchiku Kubota Kimono
Museum
- Kurashiki Craft Work
Village
- Kyoto Museum of Crafts &
Design
- Kinkakuji Golden Pavillion
- Gion

Enjoy textiles & shopping heaven

- Nomura Tailor Fabrics
- Nippori Fabric Town
- Nakamise Shopping
Street
- Nishiki Food Market
- Mitsuyabari Needle
- Shop Sanjo Meitengai
& Terramachi
Shopping streets

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Step into a world of wonder and enchantment in Japan, a country brimming with **cultural treasures** and **natural beauty**.



Your tour leader - Lisa Walton

Lisa is a textile artist, teacher & speaker with a passion for travel. She is an experienced tour leader who loves sharing the joy of her adventures.

Dates

Commences in **Osaka** - 11th November 2024
Finishes in **Tokyo** - 24th November 2024

Costs

AUD \$10,500 twin share
Single Supplement \$1,995

Discover the enchanting world of **Japanese crafts** and **culture**, where time-honoured **traditions** blend seamlessly with **contemporary creativity**



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● Day 1 (11th November): Osaka

Welcome to Japan!

Upon arrival at Kansai Airport rest up well at the airport hotel. Enjoy time at leisure and get some rest as your adventure begins tomorrow.

Overnight at Hotel Nikko Kansai Airport (Twin Room 29sq m)

● Day 2 (12th November): Osaka - Kurashiki - Takamatsu - Tokushima (B)

- After breakfast check-out of your hotel and head with your guide by private bus to Kurashiki. Any guests that arrived earlier or staying at other hotels can be picked up in Osaka City on the way.
- Visit the [Ohara Museum of Art](#), a modern art museum that was established in 1930. The museum exhibits craftwork and its collection boasts works by world-leading artists including paintings by El Greco, Gauguin, and Picasso.
- Then head to the [Kurashiki Craft Work Village](#) where five craft shops are gathered in one location selling tenugui hand towels, crockery, green tea, hats, canvas and denim goods, and glassware. You can also watch artisans at work in the shops before enjoying lunch at your own leisure near the Kurashiki Historical Quarter.
- After lunch continue by coach to Takamatsu where you will then make a visit to [Ritsurin Garden](#) designated as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty.
- We will then depart Takamatsu and head to Tokushima which will take approximately 1.5 hours by bus, this evening is at your own leisure.

Overnight at JR Clement Hotel Tokushima - Twin Room - 28m sq

● Day 3 (13th November): Tokushima - Yoshinogawa - Tokushima - (B)

- Today we will head to [Nagao-Orifu](#), an indigo factory founded in 1897 making Awa-Shijira, a traditional cotton textile dyed with local indigo. We will take a factory tour before having a hands-on experience where you can make a handkerchief or towel scarf.
- Enjoy a group lunch before heading to Yoshinogawa city where we will head to the Hall of [Awa Japanese Paper Museum](#) established in 1989. The museum is dedicated to the preservation of Awagami's "Awa Washi" papermaking techniques. Visit the papermaking area where you will observe the process of making Awagami washi; from the preparation of the fibers to the making, drying and finishing of many different handmade papers before having a hands-on experience.
- After this we will head back to the hotel in Tokushima and the evening is at leisure.

Overnight at JR Clement Hotel Tokushima





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● Day 4 (14th November): Kobe/Kyoto. (B,L)

- This morning leave your hotel just after breakfast and proceed to Kobe via Awaji Island.
- Upon arrival in Kobe you will visit the Harbourland area before enjoying a delicious Kobe beef teppenyaki lunch.
- After lunch head to Kitano Meister Garden a spot that you can feel Kobe-ness, and enjoy craft, food and shopping at same time. Opened in 1998 to promote Kobe brands and advertise the high skills of local artisans. Enjoy strolling the nostalgic corridors in this building, which was once an elementary school.
- We will then proceed to Kyoto and the late afternoon /evening can be spent at leisure.

Overnight at the Hotel Vischio Kyoto - 21.5 sqm

● Day 5 (15th November): Kyoto. (B)

- After breakfast leave the hotel by bus and head to [Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine](#) famous for its hundreds of red Tori Gates. Whilst here you can also try many type of local street food.
- Continue to the [Kyoto Museum of Crafts and Design](#) where you will get an insight of traditional Japanese Crafts.
- This is followed by a visit to the Nishinjin Fukuoka Weaving Company where you can observe craftsmen going about their work.
- The last stop is the World Heritage Site, [Kiyomizu-dera Temple](#) where you can enjoy panoramic views of Kyoto and stroll around Ninenzaka & Sannenzaka before returning to the hotel.
- Evening free at leisure

Overnight at the Hotel Vischio Kyoto - 21.5 sqm

● Day 6 (16th November): Kyoto. (B)

- After breakfast at the hotel start your tour of Kyoto seeing the amazing '[Golden Pavillion](#)' Kinkaku-Ji.
- In the afternoon visit Yamamoto and enjoy a Roketsu Dyeing Experience before heading to the Tanaka Art Supply Store, Silk Thread Store and Walnut Wool Shop.
- End the day with a stroll through Kyoto's most famous district, [Gion](#).
- Make sure to pack an overnight bag as you will be sending your main suitcase to Kawaguchiko in the morning the next day.

Overnight at the Hotel Vischio Kyoto - 21.5 sqm

● Day 7 (17th November): Kyoto (B)

- After breakfast start your day with a visit to the Kyoto Shibori Museum for a dyeing class experience.
- Continue to the famous [Nishiki](#) Food Market where you can find hundreds of shops and buy your own lunch.
- In the Terramachi Shopping area you can visit the unique [Misuyabari](#) Needle Shop and the Nomura Tailor fabric shop
- End the day with a Kyo-Yuzen dyeing workshop at Marumasa Nishimura-ya.
- Free time in the evening

Overnight at the Hotel Vischio Kyoto - 21.5 sqm

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● Day 8 (18th November): (B)

- Leave your main suitcase (1 piece per person) at hotel reception in the morning and it will be transported to Kawaguchiko. Make sure you have packed an overnight for tonight
- After breakfast walk to Kyoto station and head to Nagoya by bullet train - Shinkansen
- In Nagoya visit Nagoya Sensu (paper fan) workshop.
- From here head by bus to [Arimatsu](#) where you will head to the Narumi Shibori Museum where you will firstly enjoy exploring the Museum before enjoying a Shibori workshop.
- Return back to Nagoya to stay overnight.

Overnight at the Nagoya Tokyu Hotel - Superior Twin - 29sqm

● Day 9 (19th November): Kawaguchiko (B,L,D)

- After breakfast had by private coach to enjoy a day of exploring the Kawaguchiko area.
- Head to the [Chureito Pagoda](#) which overlooks Mt Fuji before having lunch at Hoto Fudou restaurant.
- You will then visit the [Kawaguchiko](#) Muse Museum and nearby crafts store before taking the Kawaguchi Mt. Fuji panorama rope way.
- If time permits we will also visit the Kawaguchiko Autumn Festival held along the lakeside.
- Enjoy a dinner in your ryokan hotel and take a bath in the traditional relaxing onsen bath

Overnight at the Fuji Ginkei Hotel - Japanese Western Room

● Day 10 (20th November): Kawaguchiko/ Tokyo (B)

- This morning check-out of your ryokan and head to the [Kubota](#) Itchiku Art Museum. Enjoy some time exploring the wonderful collection of Kimonos here before heading by coach to Tokyo.
- In the afternoon you will enjoy sightseeing in Asakusa visiting [Sensoji](#) Temple & Nakamise & [Kappabashi](#) (Kitchen) shopping districts.
- Continue to [Nippori Textile Town](#) to stock up on everything textile and Yanaka Ginza where you can roam and shop before returning to your hotel

Overnight at Ginza Creston - Standard Twin Room - 29sqm

● Day 11 (21st November): Tokyo (B,L)

- Today we will visit the new Shibuya Sky Observatory and see the hectic Shibuya Crossing from above.
- You will then enjoy a sushi making class which you will enjoy for lunch.
- After lunch we will visit the Meiji Shrine, Harajuku & Ometesando street before returning to the hotel

Overnight at Ginza Creston - Standard Twin Room - 29sqm

● Day 12 (23rd November): Kamakura (B)

- Following breakfast we will visit [Kamakura](#) - once the political capital of Japan, famous for its temples & its giant Buddha statue. You will also be visiting Hasadera Temple, where you can see the eleven headed statue and the Tsurugaoka Hachinangu Shrine. From the shrine you can visit the Kamakura Bori Shops which sell beautiful crafts.
- Evening at leisure

Overnight at Ginza Creston - Standard Twin Room - 29sqm

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● Day 13 (23rd November): Tokyo (B,D)

- After breakfast begin the day with a visit to Fukagawa Edo Museum where you can view a life size reproduction of Tokyo Streetscape from the closing year of the Edo Period
- Continue to the [Pigment Lab Workshop](#) and the contemporary [Yoyoi Kusama Museum](#).
- Conclude your tour with a farewell dinner at Gonpatchi

Overnight at Ginza Creston - Standard Twin Room - 29sqm

● Day 14 (24th November): Tokyo-Narita

- Check-out of your hotel and make your own way to your departure airport by either train or airport limousine bus. (not included in the tour cost)

INCLUSIONS

- **13 Nights** Accommodation listed above (they are suggestions only and not confirmed at this stage)
- Private guide as specified
- Private coach as specified
- All express trains, ordinary class Shinkansen and ferry tickets
- Attraction entry fees and experiences as specified
- Luggage Transfer from Kyoto to Kawaguchiko
- Meals as specified - 13 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 2 Dinners

EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic airfare (unless otherwise stated)
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Tips and gratuities (not routinely expected in Japan)
- Attraction entry fees (unless otherwise stated)
- Luggage transfer (documentation and arrangement are included)
- Personal expenses (laundry, coin-locker, internet, telephone etc.)
- Visa (if required)

* The itinerary above is only a basic guideline and is subject to change due to operational conditions, weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

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