

HIGHLIGHT: JAPAN'S GORGEOUS  
CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON



midlife madness in

# JAPAN

DO YOU ENJOY HASSLE-FREE TRAVEL, FINE LIVING AND EXQUISITE FOODS? WELL, PLAN ON JOINING US IN MARCH 2018 WHEN WE visit the *Land of the Rising Sun*! Japan offers an extraordinary mix of ancient cultures and feudal histories ... austere traditions and sober memorials ... lush landscapes and manicured gardens ... rush-hour cities and hushed retreats ... hi-tech wonders and hi-speed rail... samurai-warriors and sumo-wrestlers ... tuna-auctions and mouth-watering sashimi ... Buddhist monks and ornate temples ... geisha girls and karaoke wannabes ... rightly-proud citizens and a welcome that's so generous you'll be blown away.

Japan has it all, we're told. It's unlike any other place on earth. And travellers who come expecting the unexpected invariably find themselves entranced.

We'll be 'doing Japan' in springtime, of course, when the nation's iconic cherry blossoms (*sakura*) erupt in a magical blaze of pink-and-white, blanketing town and countryside in soft, colourful splendour. Factor in lots of yummy Japanese cuisine ... friendly, English-speaking guides ... plus superb accommodation ... and you have a unique hassle-free 17-day experience that you'll be raving about for decades!

## ITINERARY STOPOVERS

- TOKYO
- NIKKO
- NAGANO
- KAWAGUCHI
- MT FUJI
- HAKONE
- OSAKA
- NARA
- KYOTO
- SAGANO
- HIROSHIMA
- NAGASAKI

17 glorious days  
featuring the heart of  
exquisite, colourful  
**JAPAN**

travelling by hi-speed bullet-train  
and touring by luxury coach

with  
Tour Leaders  
Robyn & John Cooney



**DEPARTING**

MARCH 25, 2018

**ESTIMATED ALL-UP PRICE**

from \$12,229 pp – includes airfares,  
transfers, hotels, trains, tips,  
sightseeing, meals, etc

subject to unexpected increases and  
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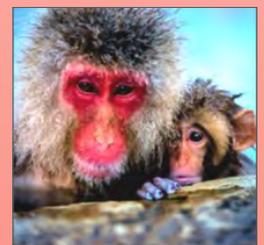
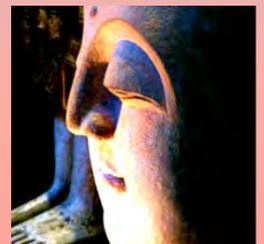
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◆ **Travel is wonderful – and group travel is doubly-wonderful!** At least, that's been our experience, ever since Midlife Madness Tours first began. When you go adventuring with one of our groups, you end up doing stuff, going places, meeting people, grabbing opportunities, and trying things that you mightn't have the courage to try if you were travelling on your own. *Plus* you've got a great bunch of Kiwi friends to share these fantastic experiences with – and zero risk of feeling left out or lonely! In short, there's no end to the fun that happens and the memories that are made when likeminded, young-at-heart midlifers go adventuring together.

◆ **Would YOU like to join us on our Cherry Blossom tour of Japan?** March 2018 is when it's happening. If you're active and mobile ... and you're in your middle years (or retired) ... and you're keen to kick up your heels and laugh yourselves silly with a bunch of fellow-Kiwis ... THEN YOU'LL FIT IN JUST FINE!

### INCLUDED IN OUR FANTASTIC ITINERARY

**OUR MAD MIDLIFE ITINERARY IN JAPAN PROMISES A MOUTH-WATERING MIX OF SIGHTSEEING** pleasures and unforgettable memories, with something different every single day. Join us and you'll ...

- ◆ marvel at magnificent **Tokyo**, its glittering streets and towers, markets, gardens, plazas & sacred sites
- ◆ see the **Imperial Palace** & window-shop in **Shibuya** & **Akihabara** – Tokyo's bustling electronics hub
- ◆ travel from Tokyo to **Nikko**, scenic centre of Shinto and Buddhist mountain worship for many centuries
- ◆ step back in time at **Edomura** Wonderland, and try your hand at being a ninja, nobleman or courtesan
- ◆ delight in the photogenic antics of Snow Monkeys, enjoying a hot bath in the **Jigokudani** Monkey Park
- ◆ continue to **Nagano** and visit Zenkoji Temple, a farm selling wasabi everything, and Matsumoto Castle
- ◆ ride the **Hakone Ropeway** up Mt Owakudani for eye-popping views of Japan's highest peak: **Mt Fuji**
- ◆ grab more great views from the **Osaka Castle** lookout, and tour **Nara's** Todaiji Temple & Kasuga Shrine
- ◆ visit **Kyoto's** temples & walking streets, Ninenzaka & Sannenzaka, lined with teahouses & cherry trees
- ◆ wander **Sagano Bamboo Grove**, Nijo Castle and Moon Crossing Bridge – top spot for blossom-views
- ◆ roam the Peace Memorial & Atomic Bomb Dome at **Hiroshima** – a sober reminder of August 6th 1945
- ◆ ride a ferry to **Miyajima Island** with it's Daishon Temple, Five Story Pagoda and 'floating' Torii Gate
- ◆ catch the bullet-train to vibrant **Nagasaki** for a visit to the moving Atomic Bomb Museum & Peace Park
- ◆ tour **Hashima Island**, a popular ghostly attraction also known as Gunkanjima ('battleship island')