

REPEATING OUR HUGE ENJOYABLE
CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR OF JAPAN



TOUR **OUTLINE**



midlife madness in

JAPAN

15 glorious days – Mar 2020
exploring 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 23, 2020

ESTIMATED ALL-UP PRICE

from \$13,499 pp – includes airfares,
transfers, hotels, trains, tips,
sightseeing, meals, etc

subject to unexpected increases and
currency fluctuations

DO YOU ENJOY HASSLE-FREE TRAVEL, FINE LIVING & EXQUISITE FOODS? WELL, PLAN ON JOINING US IN MARCH 2020 WHEN WE pay a second 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 plus a welcome that's so generous you'll be blown away.

Japan, quite simply, is unlike any other place on earth. And travellers who come expecting the unexpected invariably find themselves entranced.

In 2020, we'll again visit Japan in the springtime, 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, 15-day, hassle-free experience that you'll be raving about for decades!



ITINERARY STOPOVERS

- TOKYO
- HAKONE
- MT FUJI
- JIGOKUDANI
- NAGANO
- HIROSHIMA
- MIYAJIMA
- KYOTO
- NARA
- OSAKA

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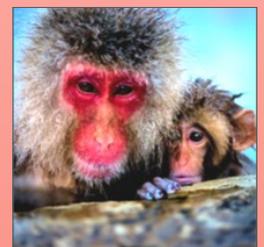
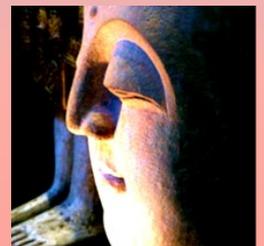
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HOUSE OF TRAVEL

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CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON



◆ **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 March 2020 Cherry Blossom tour of Japan?** If you're active and mobile ... and you're in your middle years or retired (or even older) ... 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, gardens, plazas and sacred sites
- ◆ join in the nation-wide **Sakura Festival**, celebrating the spectacular arrival of massed cherry blossoms
- ◆ ride the **Hakone Ropeway** up Mt Owakudani for eye-popping views of Japan's highest peak: **Mt Fuji**
- ◆ drive to a photo-stop up **Mt Fuji**—then visit the village of **Oshino Hakkai**, an attractive UNESCO park
- ◆ delight in the photogenic antics of **Snow Monkeys**, enjoying a hot bath in the **Jigokudani** Monkey Park
- ◆ sample traditional Japanese hospitality in a '**ryokan**' (inn) – and soak in a steaming '**onsen**' (rock-pool)
- ◆ continue to **Nagano**, check out a unique village, **Shirakawago**, and visit a farm selling wasabi everything
- ◆ roam the Peace Memorial & Atomic Bomb Dome at **Hiroshima** – a sober reminder of August 6th 1945
- ◆ ride a ferry to **Miyajima Island**: Itsukushima Shrine, Omotesando Street and 'floating' orange Torii Gate
- ◆ visit **Kyoto**'s temples and Geisha District, and enjoy a traditional **tea ceremony** in a restored teahouse
- ◆ wander **Sagano Bamboo Grove**, Nijo Castle and Moon Crossing Bridge – top spot for blossom-viewing
- ◆ grab more great views from the **Osaka Castle** lookout, and tour **Nara**'s Todaiji Temple & Kasuga Shrine
- ◆ go shop-shop-shopping in the streets of **Shinsaibashi** – Osaka's lively, colourful 'shopping heaven'