

Your journey starts here

Crafty Adventures in China & Japan 24 Oct – 4 Nov 2019



3 nights Shanghai, 7 night Spectrum of the Seas Japan cruise

12 days | 11 nights from \$3,950*pp | departs 24 Oct 2019

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Fully escorted cruise by your Personal Travel Manager Jo Patton and host Paula Storm
- Return Qantas flights from Sydney/ Melbourne/ Brisbane/Canberra to Shanghai
- 3 night land tour in Shanghai with local guide
- Most meals
- 7 night cruise on Spectrum of the Seas
- Japanese craft workshops onboard cruise and optional shore tours in Kyoto, Kobe and Tokyo with Shuji and Alison Yamazaki from Wabi Sabi Designs



*Conditions apply. Valid for travel for a one-off departure date on 24 Oct 2019. Valid for sale until sold out. A non refundable deposit of \$800pp is required to secure a booking . Final payment by 20 July 2019. Priced based on twin share per person for an inside cabin. Single supplement available. Prices are subject to change until booked. Contact me for more information.



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Your itinerary

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Visit Shanghai, Kyoto, Kobe, and Tokyo

Day 1: Australia - Shanghai. Meet your fellow adventurers in Sydney and then fly with Qantas to Shanghai. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel to relax for the rest of the evening. Connecting domestic flights from Melbourne, Canberra, or Brisbane are included if required.

Day 2: Shanghai. After breakfast, stroll through Shanghai's old city and visit the Yu Gardens, then visit the famous waterfront boardwalk The Bund - a living example of Shanghai's contrast of old and new, and Nanjing Road shopping street. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore China Art Palace which was built for the 2010 World Expo. We finish the evening with dinner and an incredible acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Shanghai. Today we visit one of China's best-preserved water villages - the nearby Zhujiajiao. This vibrant traditional village offers a rare glimpse into China's past. After lunch, we head back to the downtown area. The afternoon is free for you to relax, or explore. (B,L)

Day 4: Shanghai. After breakfast we will transfer to the cruise port and board the stunning Spectrum of the Seas. Explore this fantastic new ship and enjoy all of the incredible facilities she has to offer. After dinner, why not enjoy a show, or dance the night away. (B,L,D)

Day 5: At Sea. Join Shuji and Alison for a workshop during our first day at sea. Learn the Japanese art of Shibori - pleating then tying fabric and dyeing it with traditional indigo dye. You will create amazing patterns which will be revealed when the fabric is untied. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Osaka (Kyoto). Today we will dock in Osaka and you have the option to book one of the many shore tours offered on the ship, or you can join our hosts Shuji and Alison* for a trip to Kyoto where you can participate in a weaving workshop at Nishijin Textile Centre. Make a place mat and see a kimono fashion show then enjoy some shopping in Shijo arcade and the famous Nomura Tailor fabric shop. (B,L)

Day 7: Kobe. We will spend the morning in Kobe and will have an optional visit to the Nunobiki Herb Garden*. Ride the cable car up to the gardens and enjoy a magnificent view of the city, then explore the beautiful gardens before returning to the ship in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Yokohama (Tokyo). Our final port of call is Tokyo. Again you will have the option to explore with Shuji and Alison*. Visit Sensoji Temple - the oldest and most famous Buddhist temple in the capital, and shop at Nippori textile street. (B,D)

Day 9: At Sea. This morning we will enjoy learning more traditional Japanese crafts including an Origami Haori Fabric Brooch and Hoshi folded fabric star. The afternoon will be free to relax, work on your projects, or enjoy the ships' facilities. (B,L,D)

Day 10: At Sea. On our final day at sea we will learn the famous Japanese art of Sashiko embroidery which dates back over 500 years. Traditionally sashiko uses white stitches on indigo fabric, but you can choose other colour combinations if you prefer. You will stitch beautiful geometric embroidery designs which you can then use to create coasters, placemats, table runners, bags, and more! (B,L,D)

Day 11: Shanghai. We return to Shanghai this morning and will be picked up from the port by our Chinese hosts. We will spend the day exploring the former French concession including art deco buildings from the 1930's along with Shanghai style lanehouses. One whole block of lanehouses, known as Tianzifang & Xintiandi, have been turned into an open-air arts markets filled with booths, artist studios and trendy hole-in-the-wall restaurants. Enjoy free time to explore Tianzifang and a local lunch. In the late afternoon, transfer to the airport. (B,L)

Day 12: Australia. Return to Sydney this morning and farewell your fellow travellers before flying on to other states (if applicable)...until our next Crafty Adventure!

* Please note shore tours with Shuji and Alison in Japan are optional and at additional cost. Materials for all onboard craft workshops are included in the tour price.



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