

# **SMALL GROUP TOURS**

DATES & PRICES 2023/2024



# Intimate Group Size

Maximum 12 people on any group

## What to Expect

All tours include:

- Arrival & departure airport transfers
- Breakfast daily with some lunches and dinners
- Accommodation in carefully chosen hotels, ryokans, farmhouses, temples, and guesthouses (each trip offers different variety)
- Welcome & Farewell Dinners at local restaurants on your first and last day
- Reserved Seats on Bullet Trains & all transfers throughout
- Luggage forwarding (when traveling on trains)
- Chartered Vehicles & Private Guides in places
- Entrance Fees & Daily Excursions (with some downtime/free days in places)
- A selection of Cultural Experiences and Local Activities
- Full-time English-speaking tour leader (Group size: 6-12 people)
- Private Guides & Assistants meeting you at each place (Group size: 1-5 people)

### **Guaranteed Departures**

All tour dates are guaranteed (with/without a tour leader throughout).

### 100% Oomi Designed & Led Trips

Our Oomi Japan team break the barriers between East and West, the language, culture, food, and access. We ensure your trip is hassle-free, fun, with plenty of pleasant surprises.

• 24/7 Support Team in Japan & Travel App

Enjoy the freedom to venture off the beaten track knowing your Oomi Japan team are with you every step. Consider your 'Oomi Travel App' your guide in a pocket!

### • 'Bespoke' Private Journeys

If small group travel is not for you, don't worry. Our Bespoke Private Journey team will tailor your dream trip.

### • Full Financial Protection

No matter what country you book from, your funds are financially protected.



# Welcome to Oomi Travel

Welcome to Oomi Travel, an Irish owned, global team of travel experts, formerly Unique Japan Tours.

The Oomi Travel team are proud of our twenty years' experience curating bespoke itineraries to guests from all over the world in search of adventure and insider insight into Japan. We love nothing more than sharing our deep-rooted passion and knowledge of Japan, making memories for generations to come.

Our new 2023/2024 collection of Small Group Tours to Japan have been tastefully designed with Japanese elegance, cultural sophistication, seasonal highlights, rural retreats, culinary desires, digital detox and local artisanship in mind.

Our holistic approach guarantees authenticity. We ensure sustainability throughout and thrive on supporting small local businesses and artisans, particularly in rural locations across the whole of Japan.

We create bespoke itineraries for all tastes and styles. To view any of our trips in more detail, visit our website www.oomitravel.com/destinations/japan.

Join us on our journey ... Speak to our team today.

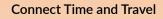
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**Darina Slattery** Founder Oomi Travel (Unique Japan Tours)



# TRAIL BY RAIL 9 NIGHTS



Take a high-speed train from a magical neon wonderland to an ancient cluster of impressive sites. First savour traditional hospitality, slip away to view majestic Mt. Fuji and relax in volcanic springs. Explore UNESCO world heritage temples, shrines and stunning gardens. Take part in a traditional tea ceremony, join a sumo wrestler for lunch, and dine on divine Kaiseki. Choose to stop at vibrant Osaka, incredible Himeji Castle, or ancient samurai villages of Tsumago and Magome.

The ticket to ride is yours.

From €3,400 per person

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# ANCIENT TRAILS 13 NIGHTS



# Hiking / Cultural

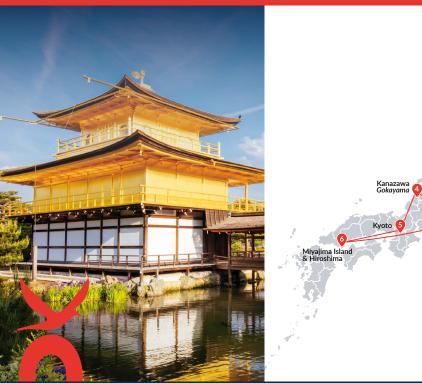
## Adventure along Mystical Trails

Footstep with Emperors and Samurai on the same paths crossed for centuries. Trek through stunning scenery and ancient trails within the National Parks of Japan. Impressive points include Fuji National Park, UNESCO World Heritage 'Sacred Mountains of the Kii Peninsula', and the two samurai villages of Tsumago and Magome. Dip into hot springs to revive, then indulge in culinary delights to restore. Along the way, take many moderate level walks (5-15km) in addition to a hike up Mt Fuji in July (optional).

# From €5,550 per person

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# JAPAN DISCOVERED 13 NIGHTS



### **Experience Authenticity**

Glittering cities, rural villages, and a taste of real local foods. A contrast of traditional and modern Japan, with unforgettable experiences, and visits to some of Japan's must-see UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Local Guides present hidden gems along the way explaining customs and culture. Experience geisha, crafts and ceremonies with experts in an authentic setting to discover your Japan. Overnight in traditional ryokans with healing hot springs and kaiseki dinner on two evenings.

From €5,640 per person

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# TRADITIONAL & TROPICAL 16 NIGHTS

# **Cultural / Relaxation** E Superior / Deluxe

### Super Sites to Secret Islands

Complete an exhilarating journey through the main island of Honshu, to discover many top attractions before stopping at a secret sub-tropical paradise island in the Pacific. Travel first class on bullet trains to visit impressive sites with fun excursions, then unwind in crystal clear waters by sandy beaches with sea breezes accompanying dinner under the stars. Enjoy a taste of paradise in addition to all the same authentic experiences on our most popular tour route, Japan Discovered.

# From **€6,720** per person

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# GARDENS & GALLERIES 13 NIGHTS



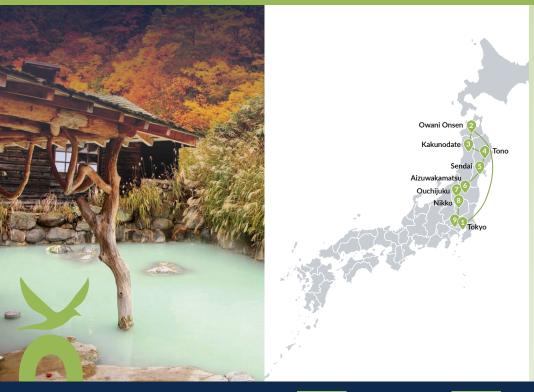
### Sense the Seasons

A journey of horticultural and architectural richness, full of hands-on experiences, top-secret spots, infamous gardens, and Zen. Visit supreme art and preserved UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Delve deeper into the concepts, creation and styles of remarkable Japanese gardens with award-winning garden experts. Stay on Naoshima Island in an art museum, a setting of natural ecology for contemporary art. From Monet to Tadao Ando, this island won't disappoint. At Sandankyo immerse in the grandeur of nature, with sheer cliffs, tiered waterfalls all landscape paintings in waiting. Capture colourful flowers throughout the year.

From **€6,800** per person

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# TOHOKU TRAILS 12 NIGHTS



# **Rural Farmland / Local Life**

Standard / Superior / Deluxe (combined)

### Step into the Present with Past Traditions

Gain insights into customs and beliefs through authentic sights and activities. Step inside Edo-period architecture of samurai residences and merchant stores. Ride gondola through ravines, row boats over colourful carp and cruise past pine covered islands. Celebrate seasonal festivals filled with warmth and tradition. At Shirakami Sanchi explore the largest remaining beech forest with volcanic hot springs. Traverse rural Japan using local transportation including the Gran Class shinkansen, the ultimate luxury bullet train. The 700km journey from Tokyo to Aomori can be made in under three hours.

# From **€6,600** per person

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# SHIKOKU SECRETS 13 NIGHTS



Feel a sense of connection from coast to countryside as Shikoku runs into the inland sea. Breathe easy on Omishima Island, as tranquil areas offer up glamping and spins on electric bikes. Soak up culture in Matsuyama, at castles, earliest hot-spring spas, sip sake, sample craft brews and slurp Sanuki Udon. In Ozu, find a serene retreat in luxurious hospitality. Kitchen skills transform with knives sourced in Kochi. Yusuhara mountain town rises above clouds with six Kengo Kuma creations of architectural wonder to complement lush cedar forest with thatch and traditional carpentry. Walk the trail of Ryoma on his road to Dappan, a significant moment in samurai history.

From €5,495 per person

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# WONDERS OF THE WEST 18 NIGHTS

# Adventurous / Hot Springs

## **Refresh and Uncover Hidden Places**

Go west to the furthest island of Kyushu. Visit the first Zen temple and five-story pagoda at a 'City of Roses'. Near Nagasaki reflect at the Peace Park and Dejima island, the only place ships could land in 1635. Bathe near Unzen volcano for beauty and health benefits. Explore Kumamoto castle complete with towers, turrets and storehouses. See Tokaido route presented as a garden at Suizenji. Glimpse the life of Lafcadio Hearn, the first author to write about Japan. Pass a gigantic volcanic caldera to reach a subtropical Yakushima covered by ancient cedar forests.

# From €6,350 per person

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# HIDDEN TREASURES 15 NIGHTS



### Capture The Essence Of Japan

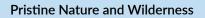
Immerse in rich experiences, explore the ancient past and a contrasting present to know Japan's soul, beauty, and heritage. Become acquainted with Japan's religious roots at the oldest Ise Grand Shrine, meet the monks of Mt. Koya and stop at magnificent temples. Watch as the "Ama Divers" retrieve treasures from the sea on Mikimoto Pearl Island. Observe how innovation and art collide on beautiful Naoshima Island. Glide through the stunning Iya Valley, walk across a vine bridge and ride along the river. Stroll through Ritsurin Garden and on to Kyoto for impressive cultural heritage and to visit Machiya for a tea.

From **€6,680** per person

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# JOURNEY TO THE EAST 7 NIGHTS

# Wildlife / Nature / Family Friendly



Reach remote Eastern Hokkaido to spot the abundance of wildlife in unspoiled natural beauty. Visit vast national parks and lakes set in volcano calderas. Learn about, and watch the indigenous Ainu people at work. Witness the symbolic and endangered, Red-Crowned Cranes, wild bear, red fox and giant eagles. Take a coastal exploration in search of dolphins, whales and sea lions. Relax in open-air hot springs and savour the freshest and tastiest seafood and culinary specialities. Join in the fun and savour the atmosphere during the Sapporo Snow Festival in February.

# From €3,700 per person

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# HOKKAIDO GLIDE & SLIDE

# **6 NIGHTS**



### Fresh Flurries and Fun

Visit the second largest island in Japan, further north of Honshu for an unexpected snow paradise. Make the trip to enjoy a week of amazing snowboarding and skiing at top level ski resorts that are a point of pride. The long winter months from December to April bring cold Siberian winds along with plenty of powder snow. Hokkaido is home to the first winter Olympics and considered the crème de la crème. Skiing here is for everyone to enjoy with options for all levels and budgets.

From €2,820 per person

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# SKI & SEE JAPAN 12 NIGHTS

# Active / Family Friendly / Self Guided

### A Warm Welcome with World Class Facilities

Epic alpine adventures await with abundant snow, fresh tracks, and bumper powder. In Hakuba Valley, the Olympic host in 1998, ten resorts share a lift pass and nine compelling terrains. Après ski with traditional flair in hot springs and fine cuisine in Hakuba village. See a charming "capital of the west" with the cultivated Kenrokuen gardens. Discover imperial treasures in Kyoto, a place of pride and 17 UNESCO Heritage sites. Finish off in the magical megacity to wander in wonder of technology and tradition in Tokyo.

# From €3,900 per person

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# SMALL GROUP TOUR



# EXTENSIONS & OPTIONS

Extend your stay with one of our recommended pre or post trip experiences.







# TROPICAL TREAT

4 NIGHTS

# Beach / Relaxation / Free Time

Amami Ooshima OR Ishigaki & Taketomijima

The southern end of this archipelago has many golden beaches and palm trees. Yaeyama Islands of Okinawa are some of the most scenic and home to excellent beaches. Admire the clear turquoise waters and soft white sand, dotted with small rocky islands and topped with vibrant green foliage. A place of designated beauty, with black pearls cultivated in the bay.

Best Season: May - October

# WINTER WONDERS

**4 NIGHTS** 

# Ski / Snow Boarding

Spend time in pristine nature and the promise of unbridled adventure. Many mountains in Japan boast high-quality snow paired with comfortable winter resorts. We will decide the best ski resort for you after an initial consultation. You will be asked to select your tour first, before we arrange your ski add-on.

## Best Season: December - April

# PRE/POST TOUR 21 TOKYO EXTENSION

# 2 NIGHTS

Food / Shopping / Nightlife

Extend your stay in one of Tokyo's impressive 5\* hotels for an extra two or three nights at the end of your trip. Or, if you arrive a day or two earlier, we will meet you at the airport by your chauffeur to bring you to your first hotel in Tokyo.

Best Season: All Year Round



## Chad G ★★★★★

"We had a fantastic trip to Japan in Aug 2022 and every detail was taken care of by Oomi Travel (UJT). The App was super useful and the team helped us everyday and we never felt lost. It was like having a guide in our pockets."

## Rick L ★★★★★

"Unique Japan Tours did a DYNAMITE job with our trip to Japan, October 2022. First, they negotiated the fluid restrictions imposed by Japan government to allow tourists to visit, and us to see our daughter studying in Tokyo. Second, we were completely prepared at every juncture of our trip from arrival to departure, airport pickups, trains, hotels, baggage checks, personalized guides and right down to the correct bus/bus stop and bus queue in Hakone. Their use of Vamoos with all of our travel information was equally brilliant. Thanks so much for your genius Darina and UJT team! Couldn't recommend Unique Japan Tours enough. They are a superlative travel company."

## Day, J ★★★★★

"We booked our honeymoon via Unique Japan Tours and I cannot recommend them enough! They tailored the trip to suit our requirements and found us some gorgeous places to stay which I very much doubt we could have found by ourselves! Everyday we were also provided with a very detailed itinerary with suggestions on places to try and step by step guidance on how to get there. It was brilliant!"



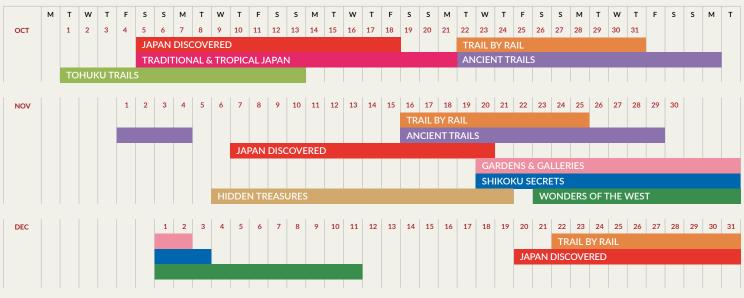
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# TOUR DATES 2024 CONT.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Q: How much free time can we expect?

A: When in any of the major cities, we try to give you at least one day free to explore on your own. When we go a bit more rural this may be more difficult (unless you want to get lost)! If you feel like rambling on your own though, you can! As long as you plan with the tour guide where you should meet back. It is always recommended to carry your hotel business card on your travels. If in doubt, hop in a taxi!

### Q: Is Japan all fish, no meat?

A: While fish is the staple diet along with rice and miso soup, there are plenty of meat options to choose from too. Restaurants tend to specialise in different dish types, e.g., sushi, yakitori, gyoza & ramen, teppan-yaki, okonomiyaki pancakes, etc. All small group tours will give you a taste of each food types in Japan! So don't worry, if you don't like fish, you will have other options.

### Q: What about vegetarian, coeliac, or other food allergies?

A: It is vital we know if you have a food allergy or specific dietary requirement at time of booking. Restaurants do not take last-minute requests kindly. All dietary requirements will be considered once we are informed at time of booking.

### Q: Do I have to sleep on a futon?

A: When staying in ryokans or minshuku's, the best way to embrace this culture is to sleep inside the tatami matted rooms which yes, are on a futon. However, if you prefer to have a bed, we will make this request. While we cannot guarantee it, we will do our best. Be sure to highlight this at time of booking.

### Q: How much is the booking deposit?

A: €400 | £350 | US\$500 | AU\$600 per person

We may request further pre-payments at any time if some services require pre-payment, e.g. internal flights, rent-a-car, tickets, or similar.

### Q: When do I pay final balance?

A: 90 days prior to your departure date.

### Q: When do we get our travel documents?

A: You will have access to your OOMI Travel App within 2 months of your travel dates. Your final itinerary will be uploaded 2 weeks prior your start date. If you would like to receive your travel pack in the post, send us your exact postal address one month prior.

### Q: When should I book my flight?

A: As soon as you book your trip with us if possible. Most airlines accept flight bookings 330 days in advance.

### Q: Is my trip protected?

A: Yes, we are fully bonded, no matter what country you book from through International Payment Protection. A copy of this policy is available on request.

### Q: What happens if I need to cancel my trip?

A: Deposits are non-refundable. Cancelation charges will apply from 90-days. See terms and conditions for details.

### Q: Are all trips guaranteed?

A: Yes, we guarantee all trips listed on our website. If we have less than 6 persons booked on any date, the trip will be run on a 'semi-escorted' basis. The difference being, instead of having a full-time tour leader throughout, you will be met by our local guides/assistants along the way instead.

### Q: Where can I find single room prices?

A: You can contact any of our offices by telephone or email us (hello@oomitravel.com) to receive up to date pricing. Or, visit our website to view live prices. www.oomitravel.com

# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **TOUR PRICES**

Prices listed on this brochure are subject to change but are given as a guide price. Published prices will be kept up to date on our website: www.oomitravel.com

# Alternatively, call us **+353 1 678 7008** to speak to one of our team directly.

#### WHEN TO BOOK

Our Small Group Tours have a maximum number of 12 guests per group so to avoid disappointment we recommend you book your place as early as possible (6 months in advance preferred).

#### HOW TO BOOK

To secure your place, a non-refundable booking deposit of €400 (or equivalent in your own currency) is required per guest. We accept all major credit cards. No credit card fees apply. Final balance of your tour will be due 90 days prior.

Deposits can be paid online or over the phone:

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#### FINANCIAL PROTECTION

In the unlikely event of financial failure, your trip is covered under our International Passenger Protection policy. A copy of the policy is available on request

#### **PAYMENT DEADLINES**

Payment for all tours is required 3 months prior to your starting date. In the event a booking is made less than 3 months prior, full payment must be made within 7 days of booking date.

#### **CANCELATION TERMS**

If you need to cancel your place for any reason, after you pay your deposit, a written notification is required. Deposits remain non-refundable. Cancelation charges will depend on when you give us notice of your cancelation. Charges apply from 90 days prior to your tour date. Full details can be viewed inside our terms & conditions.

If we, the company, need to cancel your place due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, you will be given the option to change your date, move to an alternative tour, or receive a full refund.

#### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Upon booking, you will be sent an invoice detailing your payment schedule and travel dates. Your final itinerary will be uploaded to your **OOMI Travel App.** If you prefer to receive a full printed travel pack, we can accept your request and have it posted to your address.

#### **PRICE INCLUSIONS**

No matter which tour you choose, all inclusions will be highlighted to you before making any payment.

For tours not listed in this brochure, you will be sent the full details in writing before making payment.

#### Our tours include:

- Airport Transfers on first and last day
- Accommodation throughout
- All transfers including bullet train rides
- Luggage transfers (when riding bullet trains)Private Guides in most places
- Tour Leader throughout\*
- Breakfast daily, some lunches and evening meals
- Welcome Dinner on first evening
- Farewell Dinner on final night
- Entrance fees & Cultural Experiences
- Oomi Travel App & Pack

\*If any departure has less than 6 persons, the tour leader will be replaced with local assistants and extra guides to meet you along the way.

#### Our tours do not include:

- International Flights
- Guide & Driver Tips
- Transport not included in itinerary (e.g. in your free time)
- Drinks at meals
- Meals not included in your itinerary
- Additional hotel charges, e.g. room service, minibar, etc.

### SMALL GROUP TOURS SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS

For all tours, a single occupancy supplement will apply. We do not pair people with other guests in the same room. Single Occupancy will be highlighted in your invoice and/or on our website **www.oomitravel.com** 

#### SMALL GROUP TOUR HOTEL LISTS

The hotels we use on our small group tours will be announced before you submit your final payment. Any hotel listed on website or literature is subject to change. In the event we cannot secure the hotels listed, we will provide a similar category hotel in each location.

#### FLIGHTS

You are required to send us your E-ticket as soon as you have your flights booked. Transfers cannot be arranged without a copy of your E-ticket.

#### MINIMUM NUMBERS

Tours listed are limited to a maximum of 12 guests. If you have more than 12 guests wishing to join any tour, we will create a bespoke group tour for you. The tours listed are priced based on a minimum number of 6 in a group. Groups with less than 6 guests will be operated as planned, with the exception of having a full-time tour leader. Instead, you will have additional local guides and assistants at each point – almost like having a private tour.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of travel that each tour member obtains their own up to date travel insurance to cover medical, cancelation or accidental costs. If you are a resident in Ireland, we can include Travel Insurance in your booking.

#### SPENDING MONEY & CASH

Japan's currency is the Japanese Yen. We recommend you have a minimum of ¥50,000 (€400) per person in cash at the start of your tour. You can withdraw cash at ATMs in cities but don't expect easy access to cash when leaving the major cities. Not all ATMs in Japan will accept foreign credit cards. However, Post Office, major banks, and convenience stores usually have an ATM which you can use.

#### LUGGAGE

When taking a bullet train on any of our small group tours, we will arrange to send your large suitcase from one hotel to the next. One suitcase per person is included. If you wish to send extra luggage in this way, you will be asked to pay locally. Depending on where we are sending your luggage to/from, you may need to pack an overnight bag. So, it is essential you have a smaller bag to pack a one or two night stay while your large case is en-route. A small backpack or in-flight suitcase will work (up to 10kg).

#### CLOTHES

Check the climate and temperature before you leave and bring clothes to suit the season. Japanese weather is very predictable so it should not be a problem planning your wardrobe. Wear layers if going into mountainous regions as the temperatures can drop when leaving the city.

#### TIME

A common surprise to most travellers is the punctuality of services, especially the trains. It is advisable not to do a quick errand 10 minutes before your train leaves - they will not wait. If your train is due to leave at 11.11, you should aim to be at the station for 10.50. This gives you time to find your platform and location to wait to board your train. The bullet train will arrive at 11.11 and leave 10 seconds later so there is really no time for wasting, rushing, or getting lost.

#### JAPAN RAIL PASS

Many of our tours include a Japan Rail Pass. It is up to you to ensure this is not lost. If you lose this, your train journeys must be paid for on the spot and no refunds will be available.

#### VISAS, AIRPORT SECURITY & DOCUMENTATION

For more information on visas in Japan visit: www.mofa.go.jp

#### PASSPORTS

Ensure you have at least 6 months left on your expiry date for your passport, from the date you are due to depart Japan.

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