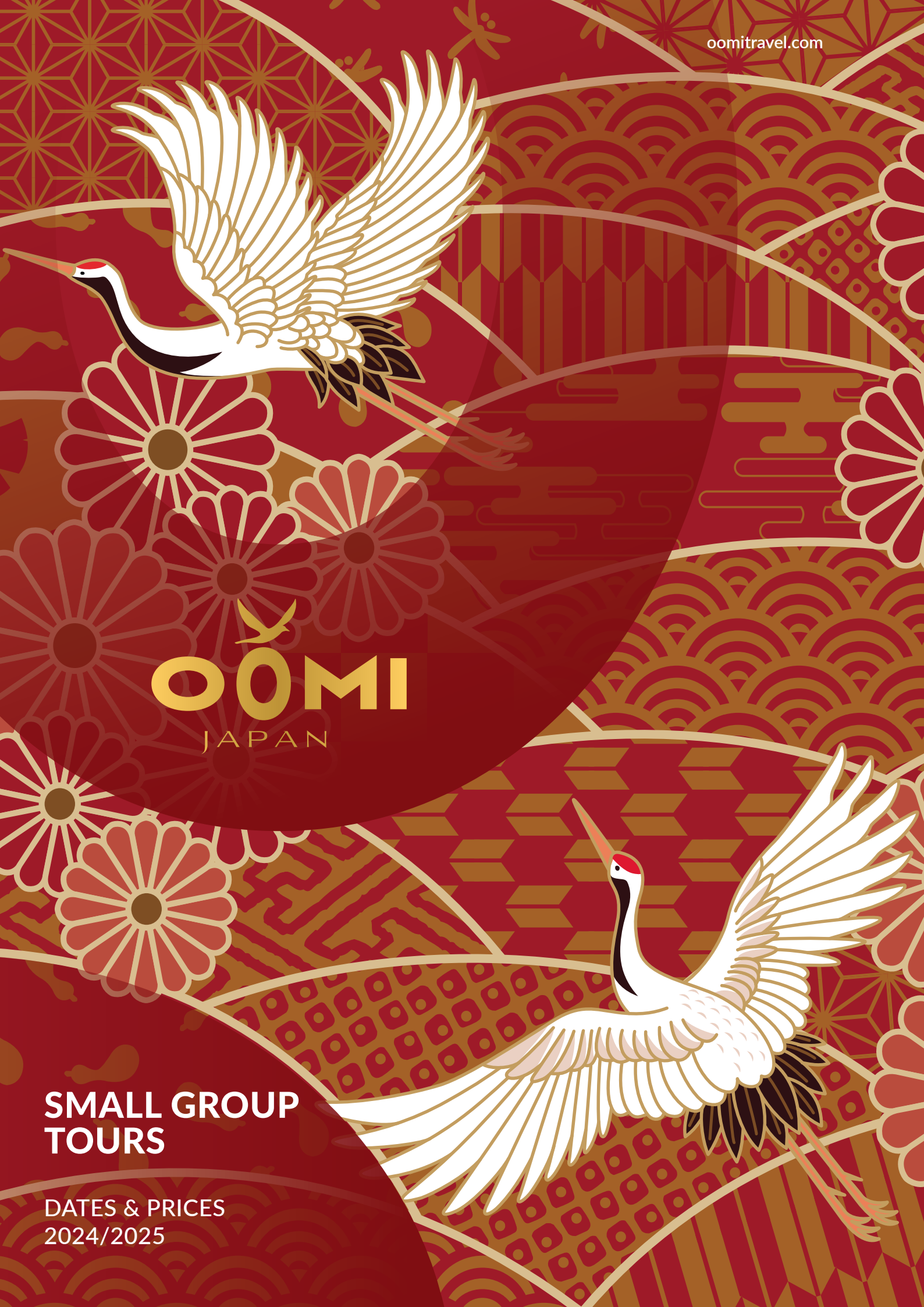




**SMALL GROUP
TOURS**

**DATES & PRICES
2024/2025**



OUR PROMISE

✓ 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, an Irish owned, global team of travel experts, formerly Unique Japan Tours and Japan Ireland Travel.

With more than two decades of established expertise in crafting personalised itineraries and intimate tailormade and group tours in Japan and Ireland, Oomi Travel's legacy will be to inspire and attract travelers from all around the world, with a dedicated emphasis on Japan, Ireland, and India.

"My first encounter with Japan was in 1998, as a University student. When the opportunity to spend one year at a Japanese University in Tokyo presented itself, I couldn't resist. A pivotal choice that ultimately shaped my future career. Japan's captivating essence forged strong connections from the outset. After returning to Ireland to complete my studies, it became evident that the bond with Japan would be everlasting."

- Founder and CEO, Darina Slattery

Oomi's enthusiasm lies in creating enduring memories for generations, by imparting our profound passion and insights about distinctive, often less-explored destinations, to inquisitive minds.

The itineraries featured in this book result from over two decades of refining tried and tested routes. Our trips are designed with cultural and culinary sophistication, seasonal highlights, rural retreats, and local artisanship in mind. They are built on established relationships with local masters in their field.

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.

Each itinerary can be tailored to a variety of tastes and styles. If joining a small group is not for you, talk to us. We can arrange a bespoke private journey tailored to your needs.



Darina Slattery
Founder & CEO
Oomi Travel





SMALL GROUP TOURS

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime exploration of Japan with our exciting small group tours, designed for a maximum of 12 guests to ensure a personalised experience.

Our expertly curated journeys take you through bustling cities and serene landscapes, highlighting the essence of Japanese culture. Experience traditional soba noodle making, visit ancient samurai castles, and stroll through tranquil gardens. Local guides in each city will reveal hidden treasures and historical insights, while a dedicated tour leader ensures a seamless experience. Our tours blend adventure, culture, and luxury, offering both iconic landmarks and hidden gems. Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime holiday where Japanese tradition and sophistication meet.

TRAIL BY RAIL

9 NIGHTS

Adventure / Family-Friendly

 Standard / Superior / Deluxe (choose one)



Connect Time and Travel

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 **€3,500** per person

Departure Dates 2024	Jan	Feb	20 Mar	01 Apr	12 May	02 Jun	12 Jul	Aug	09 Sep	22 Oct	16 Nov	22 Dec
Departure Dates 2025	05 Jan	12 Feb	23 Mar	03 Apr	11 May	01 Jun	06 Jul	03 Aug	07 Sep	12 Oct	23 Nov	07 Dec

JAPAN DISCOVERED

13 NIGHTS

Cultural / Most Popular

 Superior / Deluxe



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

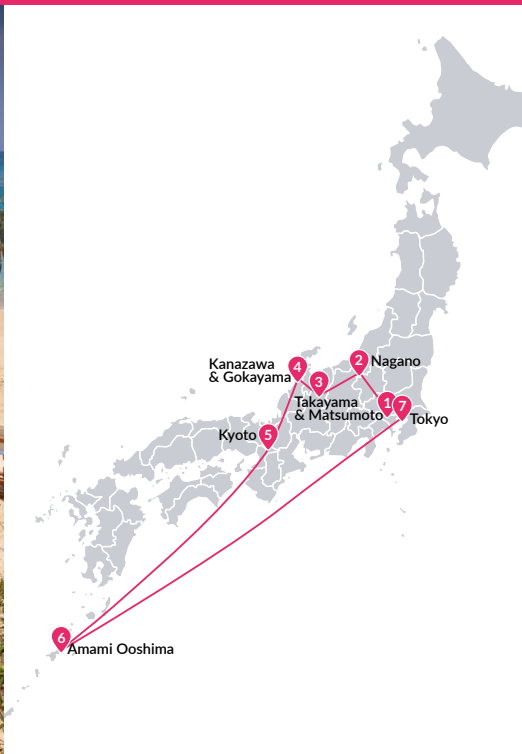
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TRADITIONAL & TROPICAL

16 NIGHTS

Cultural / Relaxation

 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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WONDERS OF THE WEST

20 NIGHTS

Adventurous / Hot Springs

🚪 Superior / Deluxe / Boutique



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 **€7,560** per person

Departure Dates 2024 Jan Feb **23 Mar** Apr May **22 Jun** **27 Jul** **10 Aug** Sep Oct **02 Nov** Dec

Departure Dates 2025 Jan Feb **09 Mar** Apr May Jun **12 Jul** **08 Aug** Sep Oct **09 Nov** Dec

SHIKOKU SECRETS

13 NIGHTS

Active / Family Friendly

🚪 Superior / Boutique / Glamping



Soulful and Stunning Shikoku

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 **€5,530** per person

Departure Dates 2024 Jan Feb Mar Apr May **22 Jun** **31 Jul** **17 Aug** Sep Oct **20 Nov** Dec

Departure Dates 2025 Jan Feb **14 Mar** Apr May Jun **31 Jul** **17 Aug** Sep **26 Oct** Nov Dec

GARDENS & GALLERIES

13 NIGHTS

Designer / Inspirational

 Deluxe / Boutique



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

Departure Dates 2024 Jan Feb Mar **03 Apr** **13 May** Jun **12 Jul** Aug **12 Sep** Oct **20 Nov** Dec

Departure Dates 2025 Jan Feb **28 Mar** Apr **16 May** Jun Jul Aug **26 Sep** Oct **07 Nov** Dec

ANCIENT TRAILS

13 NIGHTS

Hiking / Cultural

 Standard / Superior



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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Departure Dates 2025 Jan **15 Feb** **23 Mar** **13 Apr** **16 May** Jun Jul Aug Sep **19 Oct** **29 Nov** Dec

HIDDEN TREASURES

15 NIGHTS

Spiritual / Wellness / Culture

 Superior



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

Departure Dates 2024 Jan Feb Mar Apr May **28 Jun** 12 Jul 08 Aug Sep Oct **06 Nov** Dec

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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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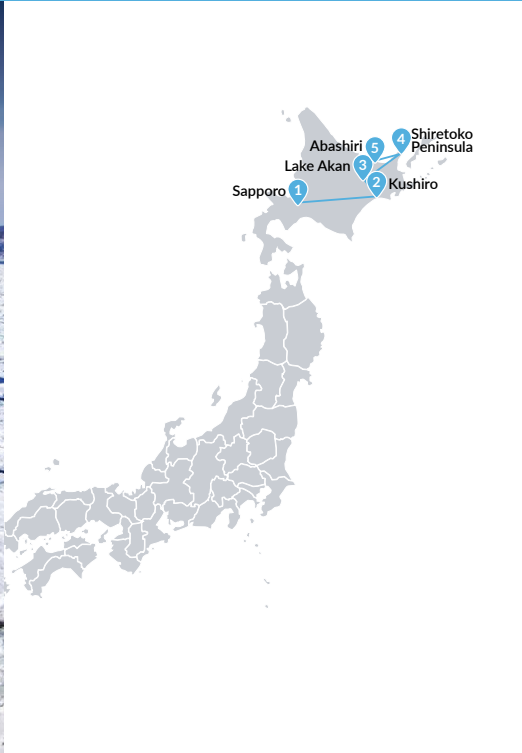
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JOURNEY TO THE EAST

7 NIGHTS

Wildlife / Nature / Family Friendly

 Superior



Pristine Nature and Wilderness

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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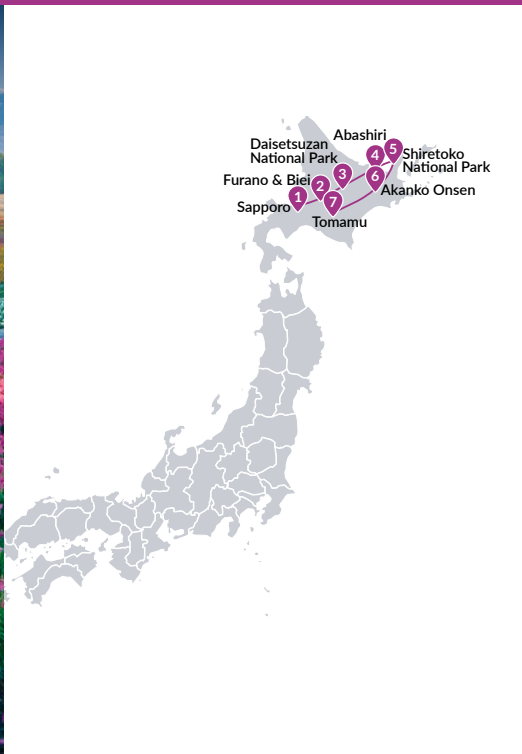
Departure Dates 2026 Jan **03 Feb** Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

HOKKAIDO BLOOMS

10 NIGHTS

Cultural / Family Friendly / Nature

 Superior / Deluxe



Escape to Festivals, Floral & Fun

Exploring Hokkaido's floral landscape during the blooming season is a delightful experience, and attending seasonal festivals adds an extra layer of cultural and natural richness to your journey. Unlike the rest of Japan, cherry blossoms bloom from May. The perfect place to take part in Hanami park parties! If you're visiting in late July, consider attending the Furano Belly Button Festival. While not directly related to flowers, this quirky event features music, dance, and local food, adding a fun element to your trip. In August, Sapporo comes alive during the Bon Odori street festival. Hokkaido's natural beauty extends beyond flowers and festivals, so we use this time to explore the diverse landscapes, hot springs, and delicious local cuisine throughout this trip.

From **€4,500** per person

Departure Dates 2024 Jan Feb Mar Apr **11 May** **03 Jun** **25 Jul** **18 Aug** Sep Oct Nov Dec

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How much free time can we expect?

A: During our visits to major cities, we like to give you a day to explore independently. In more rural areas, venturing out on your own can be an adventure (if you're up for it!). Just coordinate with your tour leader or guide for a meetup spot. Remember to carry your hotel's business card and, when in doubt, catch a taxi.

Q: Is Japan all fish, no meat?

A: In Japan, fish, rice, and miso soup are staples, but meat dishes are found everywhere. On our small group tours, you'll get a taste of many different types of dishes, so don't worry if you're not a fish fan – we'll make sure you won't go hungry!

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. So, the more notice we can give them, the happier everyone will be on the tour. 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?

Type 1. €400 | £350 | US\$500 | AU\$700 | CA\$600 per person*
Type 2. €800 | £700 | US\$1,000 | AU\$1,400 | CA\$1,200 per person**

*All Deposits are based on Euro value. Currency Exchange fluctuations may differ at time of booking.

**Type 2 deposit is requested on tours that include an internal flight.

All deposits are non-refundable.

Q: When do I pay final balance?

A: 90 days prior to your departure date.

Q: When should I book my flight?

A: As soon as you book the tour (if available to book - most airlines accept bookings up to 330 days prior).

Q: When do we get our travel document

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 your Travel Pack posted, be sure to send us the best address at that time.

Q: Is my trip protected?

A: Yes, we are fully bonded, no matter what country you book from. To receive a copy of this policy, request with your travel consultant.

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

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

Q: What happens if OOMI Travel cancels a trip?

A: You will be given 2 options:

1. Change to a different tour
2. Receive a full refund (including deposit)

Q: Should we expect to tip guides or tour leaders?

A: Although Japan is not a tipping culture, we suggest offering some sort of monetary gift to our guides. Details of this will be outlined in your Pre-Departure Letter which you will receive in your travel pack.

Q: Can we arrive earlier or leave later than the tour dates?

A: Yes, we can arrange your pre / post tour in Japan. In fact, we usually recommend you arrive one day earlier to the tour start date to acclimatize to the new time zone (JST).

Q: Will you still meet us at the airport if we arrive earlier? Or leave later?

A: Yes, as long as Oomi Travel has booked your pre or post-tour hotel nights.

USEFUL INFORMATION

TOUR PRICES & DATES

Prices in this booklet are subject to exchange rate fluctuations and are per person sharing twin/double room.

Currency Conversion is from Euro base price.

Weather and festivals may be due to change at any time which Oomi Travel holds no liability for. All up-to-date prices and dates are online: www.oomitravel.com.

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 (12 months in advance preferred).

HOW TO BOOK

To secure your place, a non-refundable booking deposit of €400 / €800 (or equivalent in your own currency) is required per guest. We accept all major credit cards. No credit card fees apply. The final balance of your tour is due 90 days prior. Deposits can be paid online or over the phone:

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NEW YORK +1 (347) 688 3952

FINANCIAL PROTECTION

In the unlikely event of financial failure, your trip is fully covered. A copy of the policy is available on request. Full details can be viewed inside our terms & conditions online or by contacting us.

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. Cancellation charges will depend on when you give us notice of your cancellation. 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. If we cannot find a suitable alternative, you will be offered 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 post it to your address.

PRICE INCLUSIONS

Inclusions listed on this brochure may be subject to change. A list of inclusions will be kept up-to-date on our website.

All small group tours include the following as standard:

- 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 of interest
- 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 trip has less than 6 guests, we will replace the tour leader with local assistants and additional guides in each place 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, laundry, 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 final hotel choice is confirmed before your final payment is made. 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. After your final payment is made, there may be exceptional or operational circumstances that require a further hotel change. You will be notified of this at the time.

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.

GROUP SIZE

Our Small Group tours have a maximum number of 12 guests. All published prices are based on a minimum number of 6 guests in any group. In the event the final number of guests is less than 6, don't worry, we will not cancel your trip. Instead, we operate them on a semi-escorted basis. Minor adjustments will be made such as; instead of having a full-time tour leader throughout, you will be met by local guides and assistants along the way.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of travel that each tour member obtains their own up to date travel insurance to cover medical, cancellation 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 ¥60,000 (€400) per person in cash at the start of your tour. While most services will accept credit cards as payment, there may be some smaller vendors who won't. So cash is important to carry. More information will be emailed to guests prior to departure in your travel pack and app.

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.

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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