15-NIGHT CIRCLE JAPAN INTENSIVE VOYAGE

Azamara Pursuit
Sailing: April 11, 2021

Intensive Japanese Springtime Discovery

Before departing Tokyo, arrive early to experience the city’s April cherry blossom festivals in full bloom, visit the largest fish market in the world, or pause for mindful reflection at the serene Meiji Shrine.

After a luxurious day sailing aboard your boutique hotel at sea, a late stay in Aomori and Akita means lots of time to explore Japan’s main island, Honshu. In Aomori, year-round festival floats fill the waters near the Nebuta Warasse museum. Hirosaki Castle, constructed in 1611 and surrounded by over 2,600 cherry trees, is another must-see before sailing to Akita, home to the famous Lake Tazawa hot springs and the wooden samurai mansions of historic Kakunodate town.

After Kanazawa and Sakaiminato, cross the Korea Strait to Busan, where ancient culture and modern life merge in South Korea’s second-largest city. Buddhist temples are in abundance, as is incredibly fresh seafood. Savor it raw, the way locals love.

Following Kitakyushu and Hiroshima, and a luxurious day cruising the inland Sea of Japan, be sure to sample Takamatsu’s famous noodle dish, Sanuki udon, before an exciting day in Kobe. Known for the beef delicacy that bears its name, explore Kobe’s spectacular shogun and emperor shrines, temples, and palaces. In Shimizu, gaze in awe at Mount Fuji, Japan’s tallest peak, overlooking this beautiful town, then conclude your intensive Japanese voyage with a night in Tokyo.
Day 1
Tokyo
Japan
Date: Sun 11-Apr 2021
Activity: Embark
Arrival: -
Depart: 5:00 pm
The world’s largest metropolitan area, Tokyo is an unforgettable experience for everyone. Tour the best ramen and sushi restaurants, visit Akihabara Electric Town to discover cutting-edge gadgets and games, and scale the Tokyo City View—a breathtaking observation deck on the 52nd floor of Mori Tower. For a change of pace, visit the Meiji Shrine to take a serene stroll along the many walking paths.

Day 2
At Sea
Date: Mon 12-Apr 2021
Activity: Cruising
Arrival: -
Depart: -
Spend the day sailing in style aboard your boutique hotel at sea. Indulge in a treatment at Sanctum Spa, stay ship shape with a class at our fitness center, or lounge the day away on our sunny pool deck.

In the evening, savor inspired Italian cuisine at Aqualina, or relish in a classic steakhouse experience at Prime C. Plus, you’ll find plenty of exciting evening entertainment, from thrilling shows at Cabaret Lounge to intimate performances in the Living Room.

Day 3
Aomori
Japan
Date: Tue 13-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 8:00 am
Depart: 6:00 pm
Sunny and refreshingly cool in the summer, lively and bustling during festival season and enjoyably sleepy in the way only the best seaside locations can be, this lovely city is worth a closer
Day 4
Akita
Japan
Date: Wed 14-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 8:00 am
Depart: 8:00 pm
Bring your appetite to Akita. With its prime location adjacent to the Sea of Japan, seafood lovers will be in heaven. The region is famous for its rice production and the high quality sake brewed from it. Once you’re full, take advantage of the city’s outdoor offerings by visiting the Shirakami-Sanchi Mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or relax at the Nyuto Hot Springs.

Day 5
Niigata
Japan
Date: Thu 15-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 8:00 am
Depart: 6:00 pm
Four distinct seasons each offering breathtaking landscapes. Ancient traditions and landmarks. A buzzing city center, and of course—the region’s best rice and sake. No matter what type of adventure you seek, you’ll find it in the prefectural capital of Niigata.

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Day 6
Kanazawa
Japan
Date: Fri 16-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 9:00 am
Depart: 6:00 pm
Translated literally, Kanazawa means “marsh of gold,” and the city produces approximately 98% of the gold leaf in Japan (so find a small jar to take home). Discover the 70 temples of Tera-machi, visit the D.T. Suzuki Museum, a peaceful homage to Zen Buddhism, explore the small bustling alleys of the colorful Omichi Market, and be sure to sample the region’s sake, known for its superior quality.

Day 7
Sakaiminato
Japan
Date: Sat 17-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 8:00 am
Depart: 5:30 pm
Sakaiminato is the birthplace of Shigeru Mizuki, the creator of GeGeGe no Kitaro, the manga stories that birthed so many of Japan’s favorite comic characters. Take a walk down Shigeru Mizuki Road, a street lined with more than 150 statues of his characters. If you're a Manga fan, be sure to also visit the Shigeru Mizuki Memorial Museum to learn more about Mizuki and his creative characters.
Day 8
Busan
South Korea
Date: Sun 18-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 9:00 am
Depart: 10:00 pm
Ancient culture and modern life come together seamlessly in South Korea's second-largest city.
Buddhist temples can be found in abundance, and each intricate structure is well-worth a visit.
For fresh seafood, head to the fish market, where you can sample it raw—just the way locals love.
For a true taste of Busan, head to the bustling Gujke Market.

Day 9
Kitakyushu
Japan
Date: Mon 19-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 8:00 am
Depart: 8:00 pm
Kitakyushu is best seen from the seaside promenade at Moji Port, with its shops, restaurants, and more. Stop by the Moji Customs Building and tour the art gallery inside, or head to the top of the Mojiko Retro Observation Room for great views of the city. Up for an eclectic adventure? Visit the Toto Toilet Museum. And foodies, be sure to try popular noodle dishes like tonkatsu ramen and yaki-udon.

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Day 10
Hiroshima
Japan
Date: Tue 20-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 8:00 am
Depart: 6:00 pm
While it’s impossible to forget that Hiroshima was the site of the first atomic blast on August 6, 1945, this modern city has emerged as a thriving and vibrant port. Even still, no visit would be complete without a trip to the Peace Memorial Park. Step further back in time to visit the castle of Hiroshima-Jo, and be sure to try the city’s most famous dish, okonomiyaki, a delicious savory pancake.

Day 10
The Inland Sea
Date: Tue 20-Apr 2021
Activity: Cruising
Arrival: 6:01 pm
Depart: -
Surrounded by three of Japan’s five main islands, the Seto Inland Sea is a tranquil escape from the ultra-modern cities Japan is famous for. With emerald waters and over 3,000 volcanic and granite islands dotting the coast, you’ll enjoy a peaceful day best spent on one of our outdoor decks, or you very own veranda.
Day 11
Takamatsu
Japan
Date: Wed 21-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 5:00 am
Depart: 8:00 pm
Combine thousands of years of history with fantastic food and you have the vibrant city of Takamatsu, Japan. Explore Tamamo-koen Park to discover ruins, Japanese-style turrets, and more. Then visit a thatched-roof tea house to try matcha, a powdered green tea. Finally, be sure to sample Sanuki udon—a famous noodle dish—after enjoying an afternoon shopping and visiting the new waterfront.

Day 12
Kobe
Japan
Date: Thu 22-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked
Arrival: 7:30 am
Depart: 11:00 pm
Famous for the beef that bears it name, Kobe is headquarters for many Japanese and international firms, and has long been an important port. It’s also a short bullet-train ride from Kyoto, capital of Japan from the 8th to the 19th century. Explore spectacular temples and shrines, palaces and castles of shoguns and emperors, and narrow lanes paved in stone and lined with wooden buildings.

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**Day 13**
At Sea  
Date: Fri 23-Apr 2021  
Activity: Cruising  
Arrival: -  
Depart: -  

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**Day 14**
Shimizu  
Japan  
Date: Sat 24-Apr 2021  
Activity: Docked  
Arrival: 8:00 am  
Depart: 7:00 pm  

Mount Fuji, Japan’s tallest peak, overlooks this beautiful port town. Bustling with activity, the Port of Shimizu is full of commercial highlights you’ll want to experience. A stroll through Miho-no-Matsubara will leave you inspired. Home to more than 30,000 pine trees lining the seashore, it’s no surprise this scenic area has been the subject of many paintings and legends throughout Japanese history.
Day 15-16
Tokyo
Japan
Date: Sun 25-Apr to Mon 26-Apr 2021
Activity: Docked/Debark
Arrival: 8:00 am (Apr 25)
Depart: -
The world’s largest metropolitan area, Tokyo is an unforgettable experience for everyone. Tour the best ramen and sushi restaurants, visit Akihabara Electric Town to discover cutting-edge gadgets and games, and scale the Tokyo City View—a breathtaking observation deck on the 52nd floor of Mori Tower. For a change of pace, visit the Meiji Shrine to take a serene stroll along the many walking paths.

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Land Programs

Available Land Programs

Explore Deeper Into These Destinations
Before or After Your Voyage

Intimate Groups

Average group size of 12-24 guests.

Best-of-the-Best Accommodations

4 to 5-star hotels, castles, glamping, and more.

Custom-Designed Itineraries

Tailor-made, curated land experiences.

Local Independent Travel Experts

Award-winning bespoke travel companies.

First-Class Tour Directors & Guides

Dedicated to ensuring a seamless experience*

Awe-Inspiring Wonders from Around the World

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See the world from different vantage points.

*Provided the minimum participation of guest level is met.

**Pricing and Offers**

**Club Interior Stateroom**
$5,039* USD Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 158 sq. ft. (14.7 sq m)

**Club Oceanview Stateroom**
$5,519* USD Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 143 sq. ft. (13.3 sq m)

**Club Veranda Stateroom**
$8,719* USD Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 175 sq. ft. (16.3 sq m)  
Veranda Area: 40 sq. ft. (3.8 sq m)

**Club Veranda Plus Stateroom**
$8,959* USD Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 175 sq. ft. (16.3 sq m)  
Veranda Area: 40 sq. ft. (3.8 sq m)

**Club Continent Suite**
$15,279* USD Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 266 sq. ft. (24.8 sq m)  
Veranda Area: 60 sq. ft. (5.6 sq m)

**Club Spa Suite**
[Sold Out] Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 414 sq. ft. (38.5 sq m)  
Veranda Area: 60 sq. ft. (5.6 sq m)

**Club Ocean Suite**
$19,999* USD Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 478 sq. ft. (44.5 sq m)  
Veranda Area: 173 sq. ft. (16.1 sq m)

**Club World Owner's Suite**
[Sold Out] Avg Per Person  
Stateroom Area: 603 sq. ft. (56.1 sq m)  
Veranda Area: 233 sq. ft. (21.7 sq m)

**Our Pricing & Savings Policy**

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