

**The 2020 Lydon-Mizoguchi Adventure
Japan – Springtime! Including Okinawa**

**A Two Week Adventure! (April 4 to April 19, 2020)
15 Days, 14 Nights**

A New, Leaner itinerary. With the flexibility to extend into the third week if y you wish

Less expensive, smaller group, full, rich itinerary.

A Rare Opportunity to experience the diversity of Japan

A wide-ranging adventure that includes small-town coastal Japan, the historic heartland of Kyoto and Nara, and the Far West of Nagasaki, and Okinawa. From the delicacy of springtime cherry blossoms to semi-tropical Okinawa's fabled banyan trees.

Price: \$7,950per person, double occupancy

(A limited number of single spaces are available on a first-come basis at \$1,000 additional.)

Note: There are a few spaces on JAL's Premium Economy upgrade at \$950 additional on the round-trip SFO to Tokyo.

Bare Bones Itinerary

April 4 – Depart SFO – JAL #1

April 5 – 7 Tateyama (3 nights,)

April 8 -9 Tokyo (possible baseball game) (2 nights)

April 10-11 – Osaka (2 nights)

April 12 – 14 Kyoto-Nara (3 nights)

April 15 – 16 Fly via Osaka) to Naha, Okinawa (2 nights)

April 17 – 18 Nagasaki (2 nights)

April 19 – Fly Nagasaki to Tokyo and connect with JAL #2 to SFO

Arrive c. 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 19

Our group ticket with JAL allows for up to 3 days extension without requiring the re-writing of the group ticket. Thus you can remain in Japan until Wed., April 22 and depart on JAL flight #002 on that evening without an additional air travel fee. Of course all other costs, hotels, etc. will be extra.

If you wish to extend beyond April 22th, your entire air ticket would need to be rewritten and you would not have the benefit of the discounted group ticket fare. At this writing, the increased cost for the air portion of the grip would be in the neighborhood of \$800. Of further concern is that those who deviate from the group air ticket cannot be counted toward the minimum number we must have in order to get the discounted air fare for the group. You should consult Linda Schwedock at Pacific Harbor Travel as she is handling the air portion of the trip.

So, here are the options we have arranged for those wishing to extend beyond April 19.

Option #1 – Extend three nights in Tokyo. You will be familiar with public transportation having stayed there early in the trip. Kaori and our Japan travel folks have priced a 3-day extension with the following:

- 1) Limousine transfer from Haneda on 4/19 (we're scheduled to arrive mid-afternoon) and from hotel back to Haneda to catch JAL #002 on afternoon 4/22.
- 2) 3 nights at the Tokyo Dome Hotel (you will have stayed there earlier in the trip and will be familiar with that hotel and location – includes buffet breakfast.
- 3) Price of the above (double occupancy) – Approx. \$500.
- 4) This option would be unescorted.

Note: if you wish to arrange another hotel, Kaori and her crew can do that.

Option #2 – Extend three nights and go elsewhere in Japan. Transportation and lodging can be arranged and would be beyond the base trip price. Kaori and her travel folks could help arrange if you need.

Option #3 – Extend three nights and spend those nights back in Tateyama. This option would be escorted by Kaori and itinerary would depend on your interests. Cost would depend on the number choosing it, but estimated at \$550 per person double occupancy.

Option #4 – Extend beyond the 3 allowable days. As noted above, this would require rewriting your entire air ticket and an increased air fee of at least \$800 beyond the base trip fee. All other hotels and transportation fees would be additional, and this is unescorted.

Pre-Trip Workshops

The pre-trip preparation is intensive and illuminating. You'll learn a bit of the language, how to bow and bathe yourself while sitting on a child-sized stool, and why it's OK to SLURP your ramen.

Sunday afternoons 1:00 – 6:00

Workshops will be held at Cabrillo College, with possible field trip to Monterey including tentative visit to gravesite of Gennosuke Kodani

- #1 – Sunday, January 12
- #2 – Sunday, February 2
- #3 – Sunday, March 1
- #4 – Sunday, March 22

Requirements/Restrictions

- 1) Group members living within 200 miles of Aptos, attendance at workshops is required.
- 2) Must be at least 25 years of age or older
- 3) Freedom from restrictive dietary requirements that will limit ability to eat pre-set menus. We cannot customize individual diets to accommodate vegetarian, vegan, seafood allergies, etc.
- 4) Current passport with expiration date AFTER December 31, 2020
- 5) An open mind, and ability to keep personal opinions to yourself.

Themes we will be developing will include:

- the 75th anniversary of WWII's final year, The 2nd (and last) atomic bomb used in warfare
- the tortuous story of Christianity in Japan, including the expedition of a group of samurai who went half way around the world to see the Pope
- pursuing the actual (and sometimes embarrassing) legacy of Commodore Matthew Perry's fateful visits in the 1850s
- exploring rarely-visited temples and shrines and partaking in personal commemorations.
- Experiencing the meditative and exuberant side of the Japanese character
- The special place that abalone played in tying the Monterey Bay Region to Minamiboso
- The rarely explored history of the Okinawan people in mainland Japan, and on Okinawa.
- An exploration of the history of U.S. involvement in Okinawa including the long-standing debate over the presence of U.S. military bases.

Celebrating 25 years of trans-Pacific research, collaboration and leading groups

Sandy Lydon and Kaori Mizoguchi

This adventure was designed and led by two master trip designer and co leaders, Sandy Lydon and Kaori Mizoguchi. Now approaching his 60th year as a classroom teacher, author and historian, Sandy's been leading groups to Japan for 45 years, the last 25 in partnership with Kaori Mizoguchi. We explore both sides of the Pacific to learn more about Japanese and Japanese-American history.

Yoshie Morrissey

The Lydon-Mizoguchi team was joined a decade ago by Yoshie Morrissey who is a 30 year resident of the US, Japanese language teacher and fearless explorer of both cultures.

Restrictions and Requirements

- You should be free from restrictive dietary requirements that will limit your ability to eat the wide variety of cuisine that will be offered through the trip
- Have the mobility and stamina to handle two weeks of international travel.
- The commitment and time available to devote to preparing for the trip ahead of departure
- Have a valid passport with an expiration date AFTER December 31, 2020.

Pre-trip instruction will include:

- Japanese language,\
- Japanese personal and social protocol (from the nuanced rules for giving personal gifts to how to behave at a major league baseball game)
- An introduction to the history of minorities in Japan, especially that of the Okinawans.
- The incredible diversity of Japanese cuisine, the use of chopsticks and appropriate behavior at meals
- The history of the places to be visited

- the history of the Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region,
- The differences between Shinto shrines, Buddhist temples, and the family ihai (household devotional tablet)
- Money – cash or credit cards?
- How and what to pack for the wide variety of social and regional climate

Included in the price

- Round trip air fare, economy class
SFO to/from Tokyo, Japan Airlines
- All internal air fares, transfers.
- All transportation, Bullet train, ferries,
Private air-conditioned bus, subways
- All hotels including one Japanese-style night
- All tips and gratuities
- All admissions to included sites
- Most meals including Western-style breakfasts, most
Lunches and dinners
- English-speaking guides and translations when in Japanese
- Extensive pre-trip instruction, materials, films and language
- Personally escorted by the Lydon-Mizoguchi and Morrissey team

Not included

- Trip cancellation insurance
- Passport fees
- Items of a personal nature, such as computer fees, wi-fi, laundry, etc.
- Transportation from home to SFO and return
- 4% handling fee for charging fee balance to credit card
- Any else not specified in the “Included” section above

Refund Schedule

- 1) Entire Deposit refundable up to January 1, 2020
- 2) Entire \$1,500 deposit non-refundable after January 1, 2020
- 3) Once final payment is made (due February 6) the entire trip fee non-refundable if group member cancels.

Where to find application? You can download a pdf version of the application using the “download application” button on the Japan web page at www.sanadylydon.com. Or you can e-mail Sandy Lydon at salydon@aol.com and we will send you a hard copy (or copies).

How to apply to join the group:

- 1) A completed application for each person. Applicants should take some care in completing the questions. We may request a personal interview if the submitted applications warrant it.
- 2) A \$1,500 deposit for each person. Must be made by check payable to Pacific Harbor Travel. The balance of the trip fee (due no later than February 6) may be paid by

credit card, but will have an added 4% fee will be added due to credit card processing costs.

- 3) Mail a hard copy of the application directly to Sandy Lydon, PO Box 2578, Aptos, CA 95001. We recommend that you keep a copy of the complete application for your records. We will notify you of the status of your application via e-mail, so please make your e-mail address legible on the application.

Our state-side travel arrangements. We have been working with Pacific Harbor Travel for over ten years. You can contact Linda Schwedock with questions about the transpacific air travel and travel insurance.

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