

Information about the Tour and Japan..

Food and Eating

One of the great attractions of Japan is the incredible food available. Enjoy truly authentic sushi and other delicious Japanese food. There are literally hundreds of restaurants and choices available! Prices range from several hundred yen *obento* from convenience stores or supermarkets up to tens of thousands of yen at exclusive restaurants. Your guide knows many great places to eat, and we can also explore and enjoy finding new ones!

Special Diets

True vegetarian food is limited, as *dashi* fish stock is extensively used in many recipes. If you are happy to eat fish it is no problem, and even the simplest restaurant has some traditional dish that is suitably vegetarian. Special diets are generally not catered for in Japan. If you have special diet needs or allergies, please contact us and we can discuss the possibilities with you.

Walking and Transportation

Our tour is based around walking to many of our destinations, including stairs, so a fair degree of mobility and fitness is required.

Health and Insurance

It is highly recommended that you purchase your own travel insurance.

Passport and Visa

You will need a valid passport, Australian citizens are automatically given a 90 day visitor visa when entering Japan.

Money

Bring adequate cash - Japanese Yen! Japan is still very much a cash society. You may be able to access funds from the ATMs available in convenience stores and banks, but despite what your local bank or Australian Post will tell you, it may be impossible or at best difficult.

Telephone, Electricity & Internet

You can bring your mobile phone but check your provider's international roaming charges. Your accommodation provides free internet access, and there is a growing number of free internet access points in Cafes etc.

All power in Japan is 110 volts, with Japanese style double pin plug.

To inquire and book your place, contact:

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Kyoto—Cultural and Art Tourism Centre of Japan..

Tour Dates: October 15th to 25th, 2019

- Connect with Japanese Art and Mokuhanga..
- Expand your Cultural Horizons..
- Create mokuhanga in an inspiring and authentic environment
- Experience the temples, shrines, shops and restaurants of Kyoto



Your guide—Terry McKenna, mokuhanga artist and teacher at the Australian Mokuhanga School.

“For ten days I will guide our small group of five to the best and most interesting places in Kyoto, some where Western tourists seldom or never go! Have a relaxed guided tour and avoid tourist traps and unnecessary spending. The tour includes a mix of Art & Mokuhanga experiences as well as visits to a great selection of Kyoto's fantastic places.

Having lived in Kyoto and visited often over the last fourteen years, I have the knowledge and connections to deliver a once in a lifetime experience.



3 Day Mokuhanga Workshop Included!

The three day workshop will be taken by master teacher, Richard Steiner, at his Kyoto studio near Shimogamo Shrine. You can receive professional instruction from Steiner Sensei at his own studio / workshop.

The cost of the workshop and materials is covered in the tour. All tools, pigments and other equipment will be provided. Produce your own artwork in this authentic and inspiring environment.

Itinerary:	Planned Activities
Tuesday 15th	Arrival in Kansai airport, travel to Kyoto, settle in Accommodation and orientation
Wednesday 16th	Ukiyo-e galleries, Chion-in temple area, Sannenzaka Museum, Ki-yomizudera, Shopping, Gion Temples and shops, Yasaka Shrine
Thursday 17th	Visit to Shoichi Kitamura Studio (TBC), Yamashina, Daigo-ji Temple. Kyoto Tower & Kyoto Station Building Skywalk (evening)
Friday 18th	Gallery visits - venues to be confirmed
Saturday 19th	Kawaii Kanjiro's House, Kyoto Ceramics Centre, National Museum, Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine (Sunset Viewing)
Sunday 20th	Teramachi-dori Shopping precinct, Art / Paper shops, Unsodo Mokuhanga publishers shop
Monday 21st	Mokuhanga workshop with Richard Steiner 11am—5pm
Tuesday 22nd	Mokuhanga workshop with Richard Steiner 11am—5pm
Wednesday 23rd	Mokuhanga workshop with Richard Steiner 11am—5pm Morning visit to Shimogamo-jinja
Thursday 24th	Day trip to Echizen Washi no Sato (Paper making Village)
Friday 25th	Leave for Kansai Airport and return to Australia
The schedule will be flexible to accommodate weather, museum / gallery open days etc. Other options are available eg: Nara / Uji Day or evening trip	

Tour Cost

The cost is only \$3322 per person which includes: transfers from Kansai Airport to Kyoto accommodation, local transport ICOCA card, entry to venues and galleries, mokuhanga workshop fees, studio visit, accommodation at Kyoto Uraraka Guest House, 1 day trip to Echizen no Washi Sato, and guiding.



Timing

October is one of the best times of year to visit Kyoto. The weather is generally warm and settled, without the humidity of summer. You will also miss the intense crowds of other seasons. Perfect for a relaxed visit!

Accommodation

Stay in comfortable style and a convenient location close to transport, shops and to our workshop venue. Kyoto Uraraka Guest House features self contained, private rooms with free wireless internet.



Travel

Travel by train where needed, otherwise walk! Kyoto is a walking city, generally flat and you will see many amazing sights and shops along the way. Getting to some of the most beautiful views however often requires climbing long sets of stairs. Jump on the local trains and buses to experience normal life in Japan.



More Tour Information:
www.mokuhanga-school.com.au



Your Costs

Airfare - Choose your preferred airline, & arrive daytime 15 October.

Food - Choose from the huge range of restaurants available!

Shopping - Shop at an awesome range of beautiful and interesting shops!

Bookings - Secure your place now with a 25% deposit of \$830.

The balance must be paid two months prior to departure, by August 15th.

Early Bird Discount - for full payment before 15th February, 2019! Pay only \$3102, saving \$220!