



# JAPAN

TOKYO • NIKKO • KYOTO  
OCTOBER 18-28, 2024

POST-TRIP EXTENSION  
**TAIPEI, TAIWAN**  
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Dear Academy Friends and Colleagues,

Brian and I are delighted to invite you to join us in exploring Japan and Taipei.

To call Japanese art, history, food, and nature exotic would be an understatement. Oscar Wilde put it this way:

“The whole of Japan is a pure invention. There is no such country, there are no such people ... the Japanese people are ... simply a mode of style, an exquisite fancy of art.”

And Anthony Bourdain called it “deliciously unknowable”:

“I love Tokyo. If I had to eat only in one city for the rest of my life, Tokyo would be it. Most chefs I know would agree with me.”

They must, because the Japanese capital boasts more Michelin stars than any other place on earth.

We will start our adventure right there in Tokyo, which once again made Condé Nast’s 2022 top three Best Cities in The World for its “thrilling contradictions of ultra-modern, neon skyscrapers and tranquil temples, unmatched street style, and centuries-old etiquette. ... It’s like a fever dream you don’t want to wake up from.”

Are y’all ready for your front-row seat at a sumo match? How about karaoke?

Then we’ll make our way to Nikko, a small town at the entrance of Nikko National Park, known for its UNESCO World Heritage Sites—shrines set in a forest at the foot of the sacred Nikko Mountains. After a day in nature exploring, hiking or enjoying water sports, we can relax in luxury with hot-spring soaks at the Ritz-Carlton’s private onsen.

We saved the longest portion of the trip for Kyoto, the center of Japanese culture, and home of 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We’ll enjoy Japanese art, history and religion through its architecture and gardens, a Maiko and Geiko dinner (yes, you can wear a kimono), and a Zen meditation session. We hope you will join us for a day trip to Hiroshima as well.

In addition to exploring, eating and enjoying, we are working on opportunities to connect with the diplomatic and legal communities in Japan, but more importantly, during the post-trip in Taiwan.

We cannot wait to share this adventure with you—

Karen and Brian Burgess





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# TOKYO







Tokyo dazzles with its traditional culture and passion for everything new, from contrasting architecture to a dynamic arts scene to phenomenal dining throughout.

Toyko is the megacity that other world capitals look up to. Nowhere else has quite the same mix of timeless history and space-age tech, of strict tradition and up-to-the-second fashions, of bewildering crowds and moments of utter serenity. It's the past and future wrapped up together into one thrilling package - and understandably, it's one of the top tourist destinations on the planet.

While much of Tokyo looks firmly to the future, the city still has a deeply traditional heart. For a sample of traditional Tokyo, watch *kabuki* (theatrical dance), eat a traditional multi-course *kaiseki* meal to a backdrop of performing geisha, or admire one of the 7,000-plus Japanese treasures on show at the Edo-Tokyo Museum.

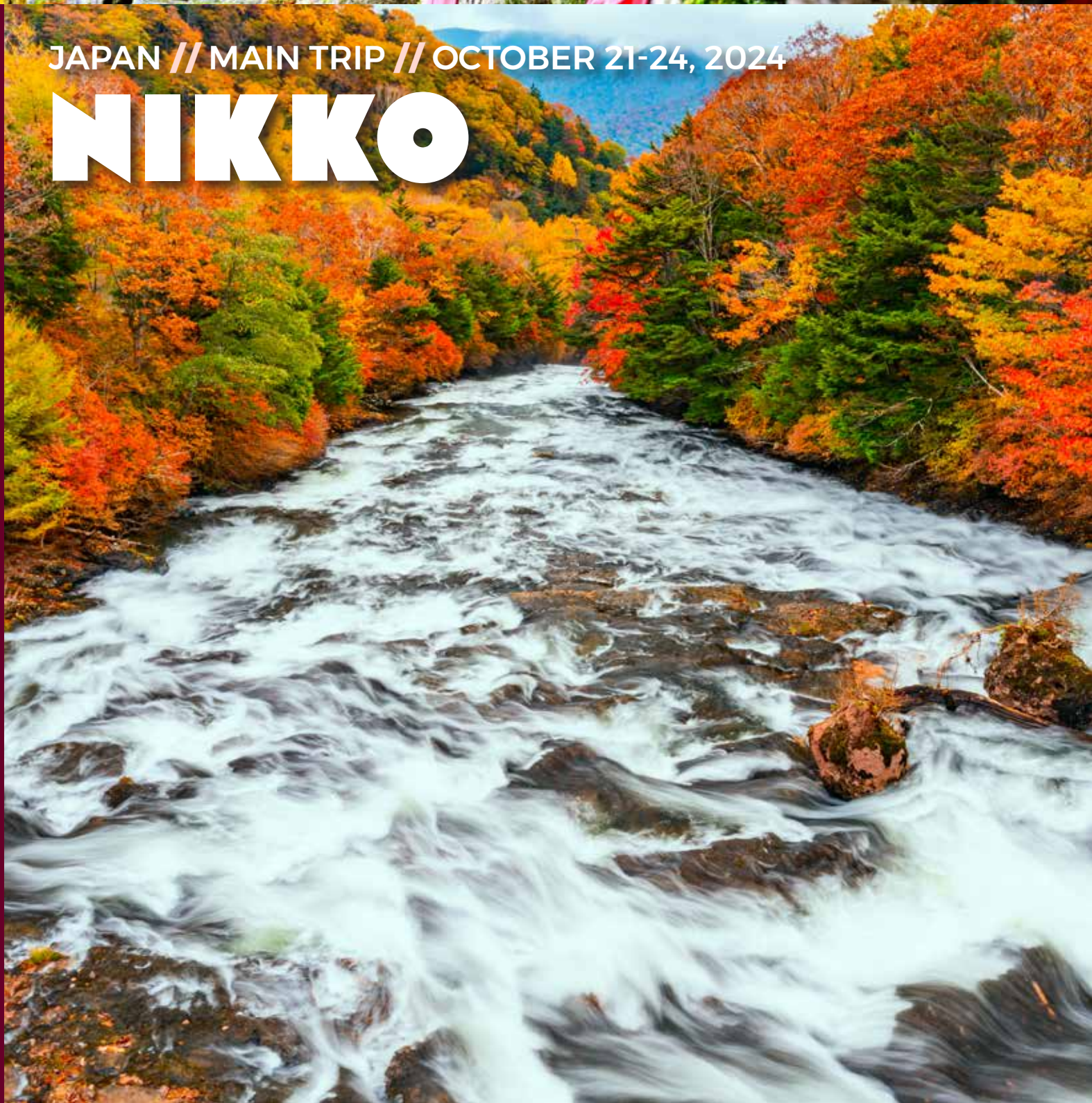
*Washoku* (traditional Japanese cuisine) was designated an intangible element of cultural heritage by Unesco in 2013, and Tokyo is its standard-bearer. More than 200 Michelin stars have been awarded to restaurants across the capital, ranging from simple ramen shops to 11-course haute cuisine menus. And no food is more closely associated with Japan than sushi, making it a must during your visit.





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# NIKKO







A natural sanctuary that enshrines the glories of the Edo period (1603-1868), Nikko is one of Japan's major attractions and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Pristine forests of towering cedars enclose a wealth of Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples that blend harmoniously with the topography of the setting, and reflect in their artistic splendour the awesome power of the Tokugawa shogunate.

At Toshogu Shrine, you'll find countless woodcarvings, including the original Three Wise Monkeys (see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil). At the entrance to the shrine stands the sacred Shinkyo Bridge, one of the most photographed views of the area.

Nikko in October will likely present fiery autumnal foliage. You can see waterfalls, lakes and marshlands, and perhaps encounter wildlife such as the Japanese macaque and Japanese deer.

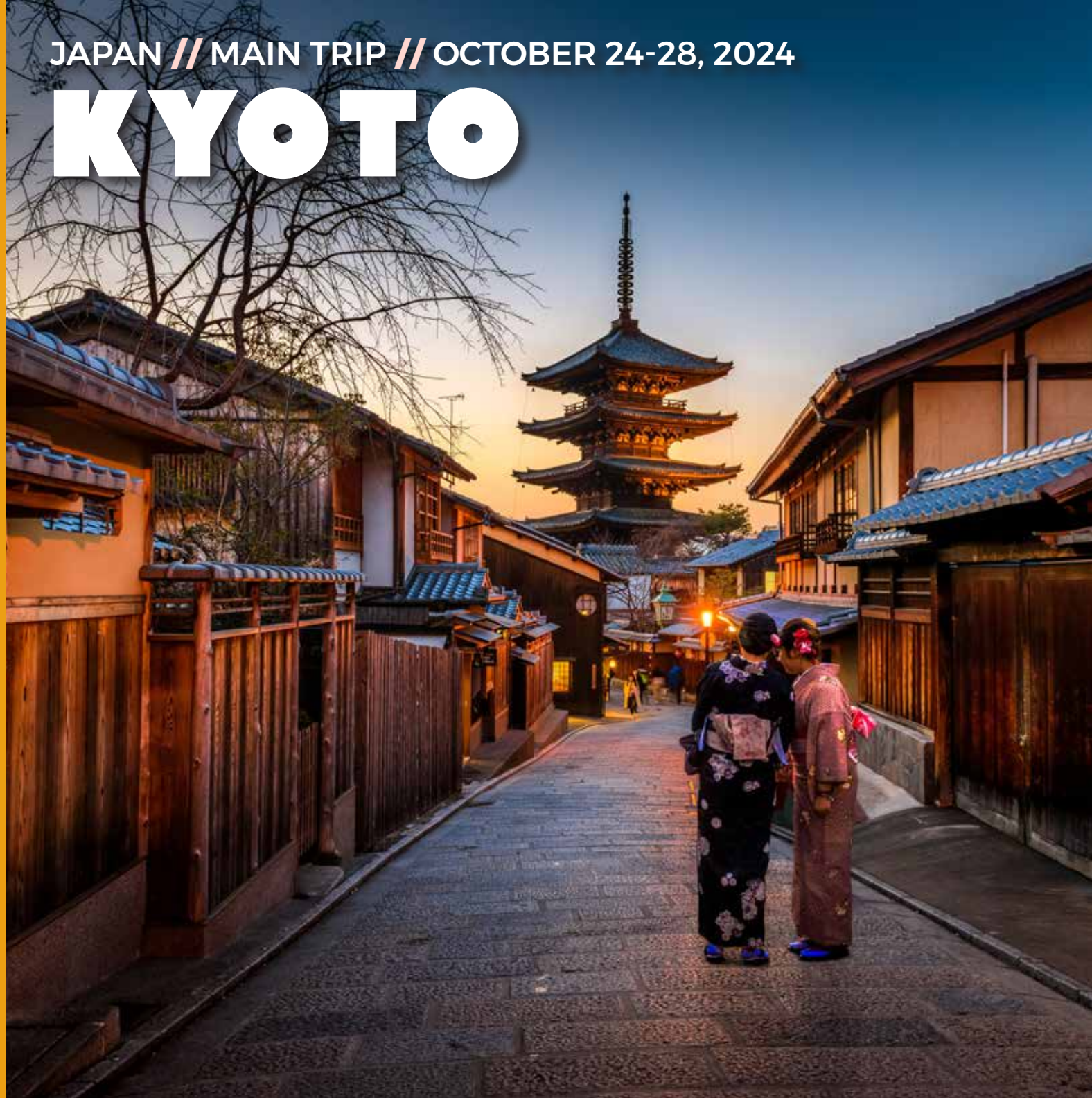
Stroll the precincts of centuries-old sanctuaries, sit zazen with a monk, meditate under a waterfall, or try your hand at woodcarving with a temple artisan. Immerse yourself in a brilliant tapestry of fall color while paddleboarding on the lake or cycling the winding hills and old forests. Here you'll discover the ever-changing palette of Japan's natural beauty.





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# KYOTO







Kyoto is no doubt the epicenter of traditional Japanese culture – whether you’re walking down Pontocho Alley, visiting the shrines of Higashiyama, or eating a *kaiseki* meal. As the nation’s capital for more than a thousand years, Kyoto’s rich history can be seen everywhere you turn.

This ancient city, considered the country’s spiritual capital, is home to three thousand shrines and temples, including three shrines and 14 temples on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Kyoto is also the nation’s capital of traditional arts. Whether you are interested in pottery, textiles, dance, the tea ceremony or any of the other innumerable arts, Kyoto has excellent galleries, museums, shops and tea houses. Much of what is considered Japanese haute cuisine was developed there too, as an offshoot of the tea ceremony.

And there’s more. Walking down the street you’re sure to cross paths with a procession of geishas in full attire. Artisans are reviving ancient craft traditions and, in fact, improving upon them with modern touches.

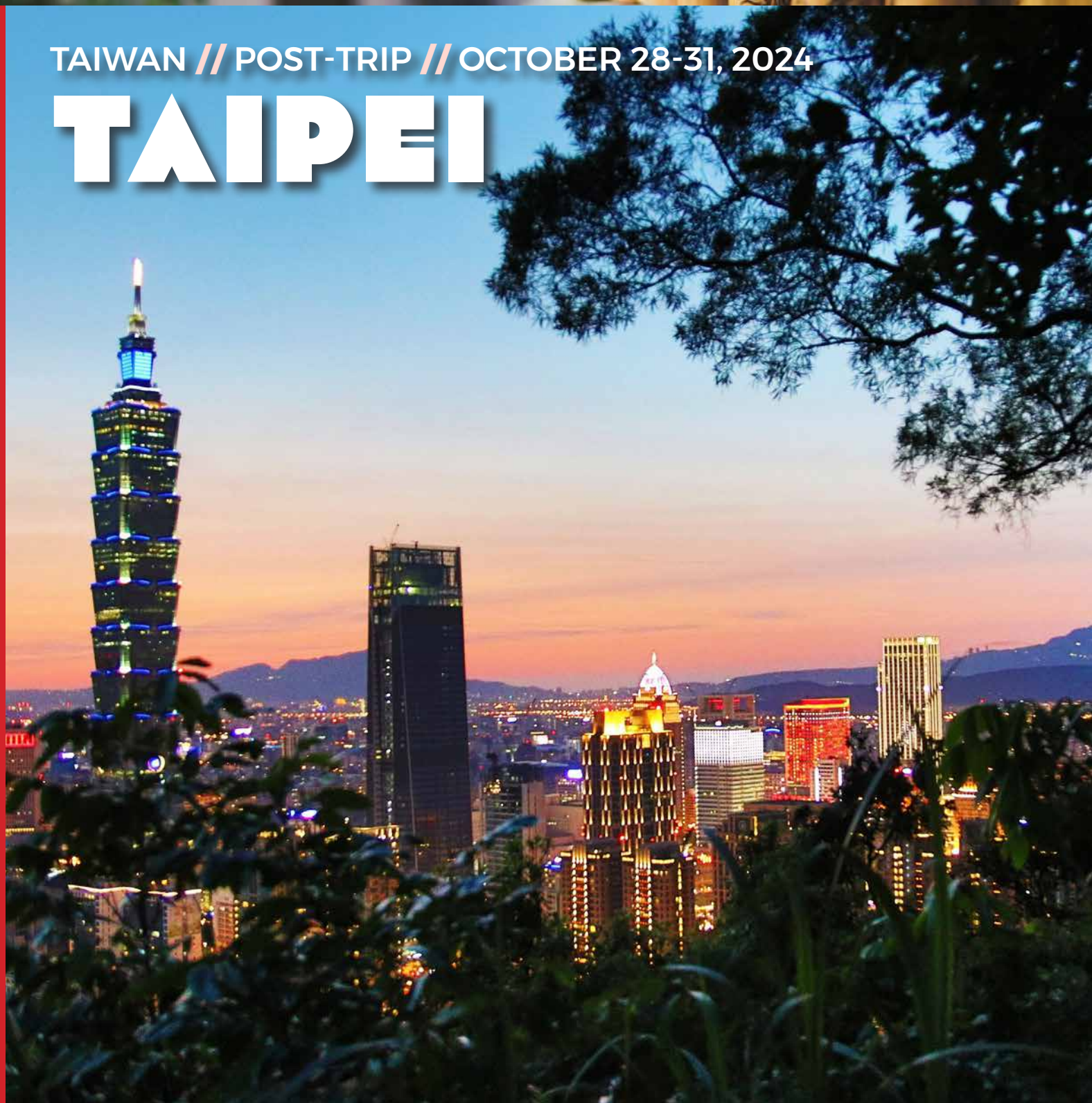
Kyoto is an understated city; its charm lies in small details, pocket gardens, tiny traditional restaurants and refined artwork.





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# TAIPEI







Taiwan is a modern industrialized country clinging to the fringes of an ancient culture. Mountain peaks puncture a sea of clouds, slick black volcanic rock wraps the coastlines and waterfalls shroud themselves in mist. Taiwan is a computer-generated Chinese watercolor.

Taipei (pronounced TIE-bay) is where East meets West. In this capital city of Taiwan, you'll find an explosion of neon lights, designer goods (both Chinese and Western), and noise—all new to a city where a few decades ago rice paddies and fields covered the landscape.

Taipei is a sprawling metropolis, and it's the home of the well-known Taipei 101 building, a financial and shopping complex standing 1,671 ft high, so named for its 101 floors. Marvel at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, the Grand Hotel, and the National Palace Museum, with its art treasures from Beijing's Forbidden City.

There are great getaways from the hustle of downtown to nearby mountains, where hot springs can ease away urban stress. Taipei is also one of the best cities in the world in which to sample Chinese delicacies and other foods from around the globe—often at great value.

**More information about the IATL post-trip in Taipei will be available soon!**







# HOTELS

## THE PENINSULA TOKYO

**THREE NIGHTS // MAIN TRIP // OCTOBER 18-21, 2024**

- » Superbly located opposite the Imperial Palace and Hibiya Park in Marunouchi district, and within minutes' walk of the shopping capital of Ginza, The Peninsula Tokyo offers commanding views of the Japanese capital skyline.
- » The Peninsula guestrooms are the epitome of modern luxury suffused with traditional Japanese culture and aesthetics.
- » Savor exquisite eats from authentic Cantonese specialties to delectable grilled fare with nine unique dining experiences.
- » When tea time strikes in Tokyo, locals and visitors alike love The Lobby for a classic Peninsula Afternoon Tea under the iconic hanabi firework-inspired crystal chandelier.
- » The Peninsula Spa is a haven of calm offering deep relaxation and bespoke spa treatments by skilled therapists that epitomize the legendary Peninsula service.

## THE RITZ-CARLTON, NIKKO

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- » Secluded along Lake Chuzenji and overlooking Mount Nantai, The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko offers elevated elegance yet retains Japan's beautiful minimalism.
- » Being embedded in nature allows guests to participate in an array of activities, from hiking to biking, and explore sights including natural hot springs, Kegon Falls, the Senjo-Gahara marshland and Nikko's UNESCO World Heritage shrines and temples.
- » Tochigi Prefecture is home to sake breweries and a vineyard in addition to plentiful farms whose carefully crafted foods feature proudly on the hotel's menus. Local delights are transformed for your enjoyment with great expertise and a deep appreciation for integrity of flavor and presentation.
- » Your well-being is enhanced by the sublime natural setting and the full range of luxury treatments on offer at The Ritz-Carlton Spa, and by the extensive indoor and outdoor Nikko onsen hot-spring facility, where cares slip away in the healing geothermal waters.



# HOTELS

## THE RITZ-CARLTON, KYOTO

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- » On the banks of the Kamogawa river, with sweeping views of the famous Higashiyama mountains, The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto expresses the culture of Kyoto, Japan in a language of thoughtful details.
- » The immaculately designed hotel rooms and suites feature spacious layouts and gorgeously realized details. Amenities include handmade soaps, 600-count linens, and complimentary Internet access.
- » From Michelin-starred Japanese cuisine at TEMPURA MIZUKI to the Italian cuisine of La Locanda, dining at The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto both delights and surprises.
- » At The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Kyoto restoration follows with a curated menu of treatments that celebrate local traditions. Or let your cares melt away in the 20-meter swimming pool, the steam room, or the dry sauna.
- » Immerse yourself in Japanese culture with authentic activities curated by The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto. From Japanese sweets classes and cycling tours to craft workshops and practicing the movements of a samurai warrior, each activity highlights Japanese traditions.

## MANDARIN ORIENTAL, TAIPEI

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- » With iconic architecture reflecting European styles, the luxury and exquisitely designed Mandarin Oriental, Taipei, is one of the city's most iconic landmarks.
- » Designed with classic inspiration and contemporary touches, the spacious rooms and suites offer comfort and elegance in the heart of the city.
- » From exquisite dining choices to beautiful atmospheric interiors, they offer an inspired choice of six restaurants and bars.
- » One of the most luxurious spas in Taipei, this beautiful onsite space provides a relaxing retreat for the mind, body and soul. With a host of tailor-made treatments and therapies, the spa offers a completely holistic experience designed to enhance your physical and mental wellbeing.







# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## TOKYO, JAPAN

**THREE NIGHTS // MAIN TRIP // OCTOBER 18-21, 2024**

- » Airport transfers on group arrival day from Haneada
- » Stay three nights at The Peninsula Tokyo with daily IATL breakfast overlooking The Royal Palace Complex
- » **Samurai Package: City View Room**
- » **Shogun Package: Imperial Palace View Room**
- » Welcome cocktail and dinner
- » Walking tour of the Ginza and Imperial Palace gardens and grounds
- » City sightseeing of Meiji Shrine and other Cultural landmarks
- » Lunch at Chanko Nabe with Sumo wrestling demonstration
- » Exploration of different neighborhoods – Ginza, Akihabara, Harajuku, etc.
- » Lunch cruise on Sumida River and Tokyo Bay
- » Evening dining experience and entertainment
- » Great shopping, dining, and exploration

## NIKKO, JAPAN

**THREE NIGHTS // MAIN TRIP // OCTOBER 21-24, 2024**

- » Transfer to Nikko with lunch enroute
- » Stay three nights at The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko with daily IATL breakfast
- » **Samurai Package: Garden View Room**
- » **Shogun Package: Mountain or Lake View Room**
- » Visit of Toshogu Grand Shrine
- » Welcome reception at Ritz-Carlton, Nikko
- » Hiking excursions in the National Park
- » Access to Fitness Center and Onsen (hot springs)
- » Walking tour options of Ozu, Nikko town or sightseeing around the countryside
- » Water sports available through Ritz-Carlton

### IATL SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

- » Carrousel Travel staff to handle all luggage handling, hospitality desks, a full sightseeing agenda and special services
- » A selection of gourmet dinners and lunches provided in each location
- » All airport transfers, gratuities, and taxes included





# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## KYOTO, JAPAN

**FOUR NIGHTS // MAIN TRIP // OCTOBER 24-28, 2024**

- » Bullet Train to Kyoto with Bento box lunch enroute
- » Stay four nights at The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto with daily IATL breakfast
- » **Samurai Package: Garden View Room**
- » **Shogun Package: River View Room**
- » Welcome cocktail reception and dinner at Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto
- » Zen Buddhist Meditation with Priest with Zen Buddhist Lunch
- » Options for Samurai School, Tea Ceremony, Cycling, Obanzai Cooking, Sake Tasting, etc.
- » Karaoke Night option - why not?!
- » Visit of Kinkakuji Golden Temple and Nijo Castle
- » Full-day trip option to Hiroshima via bullet train
- » Exploration of Kiyomizu Temple and Higashiyama
- » Option to Visit Nara Park
- » Gala evening hosted by Geiko and Maiko
- » Transfer to Osaka Airport on departure

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- » More details about inclusions will be available soon.



*Japan is the most intoxicating place for me.  
The Japanese culture fascinates me: the food,  
the dress, the manners, and the traditions.  
It's the travel experience that has moved me the most.*

**ROMAN COPPOLA**





# IATL 2024 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

**Japan Main Trip: Tokyo, Nikko and Kyoto** October 18-28, 2024

**Samurai Package** **\$13,259** or **(\$13,725\*)**  
(Tokyo: city view room, Nikko: garden view room, Kyoto: garden view room)

**Shogun Package** **\$14,992** or **(\$15,518\*)**  
(Upgraded Views // Tokyo: Imperial Palace view room, Nikko: mountain or lake view room, Kyoto: river view room)

**Taipei, Taiwan Post-Trip Extension** October 28-31, 2024

Please send me information and pricing for the Taipei, Taiwan Post-Trip (available soon)

**Please send me information and pricing for upgrade options throughout the trip.**

**Submit registration by email to [IATL@carrouseltravel.com](mailto:IATL@carrouseltravel.com) or fax to 612-866-9644 or mail with check payable to:**

Carrousel Travel, 6625 Lyndale Avenue South, Suite 104, Minneapolis, MN 55423

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I have read/agree to the Terms & Conditions of this tour brochure.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ To cover:

- Deposit** of \$3,000/person for main Japan trip
- 2nd Payment** of \$6,000/person for main Japan trip – *Due 1/12/2024*
- Final Payment** – *Due 6/28/2024*
- Bill my credit card  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Carrousel Travel to charge my credit card for the deposit and all scheduled payments on the due dates.

*All prices are quoted per person, based on double occupancy and include all items listed under the Tour Inclusions.*

*\* Price based on non-cash payment.*

## Terms & Conditions

Reservations must be accompanied by a \$3,000 per person deposit and signed registration form. A second payment of \$6,000 per person is due January 12, 2024. Final payment is due June 28, 2024. All payments are non-refundable. Carrousel Travel highly recommends trip cancellation and interruption insurance. We cannot guarantee any refunds from cancellations and any refunds will be based on the refunds received from hotels and suppliers along with the ability to fill your reservations.

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