



JOIN US FOR 13 DAYS OF BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND THE EXTRAORDINARY CULTURE OF JAPAN!

OCTOBER 15-27, 2017 - \$5950 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

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Sunday October 15

Bound for Tokyo, we depart Dulles Airport aboard All Nippon Airways.

Monday October 16

We cross the International Date Line and arrive in Tokyo. Lodging: Tokyo (D)

Tuesday October 17

Our day in Tokyo begins with two beautiful landscape gardens: **Rikugien Garden** and **Koishikawa Korakuen Garden**. Their serene natural beauty sets them apart. We next visit **Hamarikyū Garden**, another landscape garden located at the mouth of the Sumida River on Tokyo Bay. Our last visit of the day is **Asakusa Kannonji Temple** located near **Nakamise shopping arcade**. Lodging: Tokyo (B)



Wednesday October 18

Today we experience traditional Japanese culture at the **Shunka-en Bonsai Museum** where we learn **Ikebana** flower arranging along with a **Traditional Tea Ceremony**. Later we visit Ueno Park for museums and shopping. Lodging: Tokyo (B)

Thursday October 19

Our coach takes us on an excursion out of Tokyo into the hills to **Nikko** to see **Toshogu Shrine**, a lavishly decorated complex consisting of more than a dozen buildings set in a beautiful forest. Countless woodcarvings and extensive use of gold leaf decorate the buildings in a way not seen elsewhere in Japan. In **Mito**, we visit **Kairaku en Park**, ranked among Japan's finest gardens. Lodging: Tokyo (B)

Friday October 20

This morning we drive to **Kamakura**, a fishing village girded on 3 sides by steep wooded hills. It was the seat of Japan's first military government in the 12th century. There we see the phenomenal **Great Buddha at Kotokuin Temple** and the nearby **Tsuruoka Hatimangu Shrine**. Our lodging this evening is in a traditional **Ryokan with Onsen** in Hakone. Lodging: Hakone (B)(D)

Saturday October 21

In Hakone we visit the spectacular **Open Air Museum**, drive through the **Owakudani Valley**, and then take a boat cruise on **Lake Ashi** with its view of Mount Fuji. Departing Hakone, we travel to Kyoto by **Bullet Train**. Lodging: Kyoto (B)(D)

Sunday October 22

Our first day in Kyoto is filled with the wonderful gardens of the **Golden Pavilion** and **Ryoanji Temple**. In the afternoon we visit the **Heian Shrine** and the extraordinary **Nijo Castle**. Lodging: Kyoto (B)

Monday October 23

To begin the day, we visit **Kiyomizu Temple**, soaring high above Kyoto with incredible views across the city, **Hakusasonso Villa** (a small, intricate residential garden), and the **Silver Pavilion Garden**. Lodging: Kyoto (B)

Tuesday October 24

Nara is our destination today where we visit **Todaiji Temple** (featuring the world's largest wooden building), **Kasuga Shrine**, and the nearby **Deer Park** where deer roam freely. We also have a special visit to **Isuien Garden**, a beautiful stroll garden that features a museum devoted to traditional Japanese ceramics. Lodging: Kyoto (B)

Wednesday October 25

Our morning begins with the famous **Moss Garden**, followed by a special afternoon performance at the world famous **Kabuki Theater** in the **Gion District** of Kyoto. Lodging: Kyoto (B)

Thursday October 26

The entire day is free to explore and enjoy the incredible city of Kyoto on your own. This evening we have a farewell dinner together. Lodging: Kyoto (B)(D)

Friday October 27

We say goodbye to Japan as we drive to Osaka to catch our flight home. We fly from Osaka to Tokyo and then on to Washington Dulles. (B)

(B) = American breakfast (D) = Dinner



Note: This tour requires considerable walking and each person must be able to manage his/her own luggage.



This garden tour is led by Robert McDuffie, Landscape Architect and retired Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden at Virginia Tech. He has organized and led more than 30 group tours all over the world including trips to Wales, Austria, England, Japan, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Australia, Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands. Contact us at: mcdufftours@yahoo.com, or by phone: 540 818 0154. www.mcdufftours.com/2017

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Cancellation and Refund Policy: The total deposit is refundable until July 15, 2017. If you must cancel between July 15 and August 20, the entire deposit will be retained. After August 20, 2017, the \$1000 deposit plus actual expenses incurred in confirming airline and hotel arrangements will be retained and the remainder will be refunded. If the tour is cancelled, all payments will be refunded.

Return this form and deposit by:
July 15, 2017 to:

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REGISTRATION FORM: Gardens of Japan Oct 15-27, 2017

Full Legal Name (as it appears on passport) _____

Name as you want it to appear on NAMETAG _____ Phone # _____

Birthdate _____ Email Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

In case of emergency contact _____ Phone No. _____

Any special food requirements or allergies? _____

Name of preferred roommate _____

Office Use	Received
	AMT: _____
	CHK#: _____
DATE: _____	

REGISTRATION FEE is \$5950.00 per person.

Seats will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Also, while we attempt to find roommates for single participants, if a roommate is not available, the participant is subject to pay the single supplement fee.

_____ \$1000.00 Deposit due: **July 15, 2017**

_____ \$4950.00 Final payment of the balance due: **Aug. 20, 2017**

_____ \$1000.00 Supplemental Single Lodging fee due: **Aug. 20, 2017**

\$_____ Total payment enclosed

Method of Payment: *by check only*, payable to: **MCDUFFTOURS LLC**

TOUR CONDITIONS

Nancy and Robert McDuffie, act only as agents for the passengers with respect to transportation, hotels and restaurants, and exercise every care possible. Nancy and Robert McDuffie can assume no responsibility to any person or entity for liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, breakdown, disruption of advertised schedules, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any ship, ferry, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay, refusal of visa, or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, violent acts, quarantine, acts of God, or any other causes beyond our control. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as our tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to the itinerary or accommodations as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. The price of the program is based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on January 15, 2017, and is subject to adjustment in the event of change in tariffs, taxes or exchange rates. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. The acceptance of any service provided as part of tour or any ticket or voucher shall be deemed to be acceptance of, and consent by the tour member to these conditions. All services are subject to the law of the country in which these services are provided.

The cost of this tour includes round trip airfare from Washington Dulles International Airport to Tokyo and return from Osaka to Dulles, lodging, entrance fees, ground transportation, local guides, all breakfasts and four dinners.