UW - Eau Claire Alumni Association presents...

Cultural Treasures of Japan

September 14 – 27, 2025

For more information contact Collette

800-581-8942

Refer to booking #1249039
**HIGHLIGHTS...** Tokyo, Ginza, Asakusa Sensoji Shrine, Tea Ceremony, Hakone, Lake Ashi Cruise, Matsumoto Castle, Takayama, Sake Tasting and Hida Beef Dinner, Choice on Tour: Ceremony, Hakone, Lake Ashi Cruise, Matsumoto Castle, Hiroshima, Maiko Show

**14 Days • 18 Meals:** 12 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

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<td>Days 2 – 4</td>
<td>Monday, September 15, 2025</td>
<td>Tokyo, Japan</td>
<td>Welcome to Japan, the “Land of the Rising Sun.” Arrive in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long-kept.</td>
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<td>Day 5</td>
<td>Tuesday, September 16, 2025</td>
<td>Tokyo</td>
<td>Amid a lush forest outside of Tokyo, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Feel the excitement start to build as you pass by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Nijū Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Imperial Palace. Later, walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world, where modern landscape meets rich history. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned &quot;department stores&quot; in Japan. (B)</td>
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<td>Wednesday, September 17, 2025</td>
<td>Tokyo</td>
<td>Begin the day exploring Asakusa, Tokyo’s oldest Geisha district. Visit the famous Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, the colorful temple famous for the red chochin (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate. Experience the long-standing tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony, dating back to the 15th century. During your free time, explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade and feel the energy of the oldest shopping street in Japan. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. (B, D)</td>
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<td>Thursday, September 18, 2025</td>
<td>Tokyo</td>
<td>Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago, when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view* of Mt. Fuji. Next, take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise where you’ll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)</td>
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<td>Friday, September 19, 2025</td>
<td>Hakone</td>
<td>This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at Matsumoto Castle, known as the “Crow Castle” because of its striking black exterior. Later, you’ll step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan’s 200-year-old sake breweries. Afterward, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat – traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner. (B, D)</td>
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<td>Saturday, September 20, 2025</td>
<td>Takayama</td>
<td>The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive during a guided walk in the town’s historic district. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old open air market with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town’s traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. Here, it’s your choice! Choose to glimpse into the past at the 19th-century Takayama Jinya, a former government building -OR- visit the Matsuri Yatai Kaikan and view intricate, traditional, hand-carved floats used in festivals. This afternoon, relish some free time to continue your exploration of Takayama on your own before enjoying a traditional multi-course kaiseki dinner. (B, D)</td>
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<td>Sunday, September 21, 2025</td>
<td>Shirakawa-go</td>
<td>Today, embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its gassho-zukuri-style houses – thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making since the 16th century. Visit the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district, and then onto the beauty of Japan’s most stunning gardens,</td>
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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.
where more than 25 acres of absolute beauty awaits you at Kenroku-En – Garden of Six Qualities. (B)

Day 9: Monday, September 22, 2025 Kanazawa Visit the Samurai district where we will enter the former home of the Nomuras, a wealthy samurai family who served the ruling Maeda family. Dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson in decorating your own lacquer box! In the center of town, take in the action of the Omicho fish market before venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa’s dynamic culture. (B)

Day 10: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Kanazawa - Kyoto Today, Kyoto awaits! Explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the spectacular rows of orange torii (made famous in the movie Memoirs of a Geisha) that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation’s top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto’s connection with its past is strong; you won’t want to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. Later, visit the Women’s Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. Here, delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess. Try your hand at making sushi and learn to fold intricate origami shapes. (B, D)

Day 11: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Kyoto This morning, visit Kinkaku-ji Temple (UNESCO), known as the Golden Pavilion for its top two floors that are completely covered in gold leaf. Enjoy the remainder of your day to explore more of Kyoto at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Thursday, September 25, 2025 Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto All aboard the Shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or “Shrine Island” (UNESCO). Afterwards, head into Hiroshima city to visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO). Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. As this long and moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train. (B)

Day 13: Friday, September 26, 2025 Kyoto Today, visit the home of the first Shogun, Nijo Castle (UNESCO), and see intricate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Next, learn about the ancient craft of stenciling during a hands-on lesson. This afternoon, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special farewell dinner and maiko show. (B, D)

Day 14: Saturday, September 27, 2025 Kyoto Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)

Book Now & Save $300 Per Person:

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For bookings made after Feb 15, 2025 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Minneapolis St Paul Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers
Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of $549 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from MSP

Experience It! Maiko Performance in Kyoto
Step back in time when you witness an important aspect of Japan’s culture during a Maiko Show in Kyoto. Literally meaning “dancing child,” the maiko is an apprentice geisha, typically under 20 years old. They live in Okiya, under the supervision of seasoned geiko (or “geisha”). They are considered the successors of beauty throughout all of Japan, entertaining guests with traditional Japanese dances, shamisen plays, short songs called “kouta” and in Kyoto they master its unique dialect as well. These young performers work hard to preserve Japan’s traditions and customs, creating a dream-like world that feels detached from the daily grind for visitors. This tradition is unique to Kyoto, though it showcases a fascinating history that is traced throughout all of Japan. Be a part of Japan’s rich traditions, history and hospitality during this truly unforgettable experience.

For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1249039
PLEASE NOTE:
Book Now rates valid until Feb 15, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you’re an on-the-go traveler. You don’t want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn’t a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

**Travel with a maximum of 32 passengers on this tour.**

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The day we visit Hiroshima from Kyoto will be your longest touring day with an early morning departure before 8:00 a.m. and an evening return to the hotel after 8:00 p.m.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require guests to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days.

*The view of Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway is weather dependent.

Golden Week is a cluster of national holidays in Japan, including Showa Day (April 29th), Constitution Memorial Day (May 3rd), Greenery Day (May 4th), and Children’s Day (May 5th). During Golden Week, popular tourist destinations tend to be extremely crowded, and many businesses, including attractions and restaurants, operate on altered schedules. It’s essential to anticipate traffic congestion and longer than usual wait times for any attractions and transportation. We reserve the right to modify the order of your inclusions during this period, without prior notice.

Bon Holiday (Obon) is a Buddhist holiday honoring the spirits of ancestors that occurs in mid-August. During the Bon holiday, many Japanese people travel to their hometowns to pay respects to their ancestors, resulting in increased traffic congestion and crowded public transportation. Some businesses may also close or operate with reduced hours during this time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

This tour provides authentic dining experiences. Vegan, vegetarian, and even gluten-free diets are uncommon in Japan and not widely catered to. Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are traveling on the same flights and dates.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline’s terms and conditions.

Flights arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka.
Our air passengers will be departing from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport (depending upon your flight schedule). All transfers will depart from the Kyoto hotel for either Kansai Airport or Itami Airport.
Return flights should not be booked from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport prior to 9:00 a.m.
If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to Collette. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

BOOKING NUMBER: 1249039
DEPARTURE DATE: September 14, 2025
TOUR: Cultural Treasures of Japan
GROUP NAME: UW - Eau Claire Alumni Association

Name of Passenger: _____________________________
Salutation: ______ First Name: ____________________ Middle Initial: ______ Last Name: ___________________ Suffix: ______
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

Cardholder Name: _______________________________________________________________
(Please print as it appears on your Credit Card)

Cardholder Address: _______________________________________________________________
(as it appears on your credit card statement)

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Credit Card Type: ___American Express   ___Discover   ___MasterCard   ___Visa

Credit Card Number: _______________________________________________________________

Expiration Date: ___________________________ Amount to be charged: $ ___________________

Cardholder’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

Participating credit card companies are now requiring a billing address and phone number for FRAUD PREVENTION. All information MUST be provided. Thank you for your cooperation!

If using your credit card for payment, please return this Authorization Form by mail to:

Collette
Attn: Accounts Receivable
162 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

☐ Above credit card information has been called in to Collette.
TRAVEL DATE: 9/14/2025 TERRITORY: M5

Cultural Treasures of Japan

RES#: 1249039

For Reservations Contact: Collette 800-581-8942, Refer to booking #1249039
Collette, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

A deposit of $698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 08, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 16, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until February 15, 2025.

YOUR INFORMATION:
Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver’s license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: __________________________ Middle: __________________________ Last: __________________________ Suffix: __________

Nickname: __________________________ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month ______ day _______ year ______

Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip Code: ________

Phone: ( ) __________________________ Cell: ( ) __________________________ Email Address: __________________________

Passport Number: __________________________ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _______ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) ______

City, State, Country of Issuance: __________________________ Citizenship: __________________________

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): __________________________ Phone: ( ) __________________________

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: __________________________ Middle: __________________________ Last: __________________________ Suffix: __________

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: __________________________

Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next To Traveling Companion
Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

“Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years’ imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA’s “prohibited items” web page: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.”

TRAVEL PROTECTION: ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection $549 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette’s Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual’s traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of $1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: $_________________ Deposit Amount: $_________________ Total amount enclosed: $_________________

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card):

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Cardholder Billing Address: ☐ Check if address is the same as above __________________________

Cardholder Phone: __________________________ Amount: $_________________

Credit Card Number: __ ___ __ ___ __ ___ __ ___ __ ___ __ ___ __ ___ Expiration Date: _______ M M Y Y

SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

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Date:

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

Important Conditions: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.
Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com
Fax: 401.727.4745
Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
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Pawtucket, RI 02860

TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds. *To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

Reservation # __________________
Name: ___________________________________________ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair?  Yes  No

If you answer “YES”
• Does your wheelchair collapse?  Yes  No
• Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it?  Yes  No
• Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair?  Yes  No
If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?
____________________________________________________________________________
This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:
Height ______________  Length ______________  Width ______________

Are you traveling with a walker?  Yes  No

If you answer “YES”
• Does your walker collapse?  Yes  No
This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:
Height ______________  Length ______________  Width ______________

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations?  Yes  No

If “YES” Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.
• Walk-in shower  Yes  No
• Grab bars  Yes  No
• Raised toilet seat  Yes  No
Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept?  Yes  No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank?  Yes  No

If you answer “YES”
• You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
• You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.
This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

*Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers’ requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations. Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: ________________________________________________________________

Print Name: ______________________________________________________________

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**Internal Use Only**

Reason: ________________________________________________________________

Tour: _____________________________ Reservation # ____________

TS/Group: ____________

Tour Date: ________________