



Luxury Philippines to Japan Voyage

JAPAN ● PHILIPPINES

The Offer

Venture from the Philippines' capital of Manila to Japan's Hiroshima on a 5-star expedition. Discover tropical islands, untouched ports of call, breathtaking natural wonders and unique cultures.

Land in the Philippines, where the sprawling metropolis of Manila awaits your discovery. Spend a day at leisure visiting the Intramuros walled city, sampling Filipino-fusion cuisine and more. Onboard the SH Minerva you'll find 5-star facilities, including a Stargazing Deck, Expedition Lab and Observation Lounge. Enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi, dining alfresco at the Pool Grill & Bar or unwinding in the sauna with a view. Learn about giant clam replanting at the Hundred Islands, ride a horse-drawn carriage in Vigan and browse traditional handicrafts on Batanes Island.

Chart your course to Japan to admire the white sands of Miyakojima, travel to Shuri Castle in Naha and more. Uncover Japan's Christian history in Sakitsu, see artisans making Satsuma pottery in Kagoshima and wander around Tensha-en Garden in Uwajima. Disembark in Hiroshima for personal exploration of the Atomic Bomb Dome, Miyajima Island and Hiroshima Castle. Don't miss the chance to savour Okonomiyaki pancakes and local oysters.

Get off the beaten track with return international full-service flights, an 11-night Swan Hellenic cruise, 4 nights of hotel accommodation, 36 meals and more.

UPGRADE: To book a Balcony Cabin for the price of an Oceanview, select the 'UPGRADE OFFER Balcony Cabin' option at checkout.

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The Itinerary

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Manila, Philippines

Today, make your own way to the airport for your outbound flight to Manila, Philippines. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel. Once checked in, the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Overnight: Dusit Thani Manila or similar, Manila, Philippines

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Manila, Philippines

Today, enjoy a free day in Manila.

The capital of the Philippines is a teeming, sprawling metropolis. Its flaws are no match for its creative and exciting energy which infused everything from its art to food. The city's museums, Fort Santiago, San Agustin Church and the Chinese Cemetery are some of the highlights you can't miss. Intramuros, the old Spanish walled town at the heart of the city, is also unmissable. Be sure to sample some Filipino cuisine in all its bold, sour, sweet and tangy glory.

Overnight: Dusit Thani Manila or similar, Manila, Philippines

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Manila, Philippines - Embark 11-Night Swan Hellenic Cruise

Departs: 16:00

At the appropriate time this morning, after check out, a transfer is arranged to the cruise terminal. Here, you'll board Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva and settle into your stateroom before taking time to explore your ship's luxurious facilities.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 4 Hundred Islands, Quezon Island, Philippines

Arrives: 13:00

Departs: 19:00

Hundred Islands National Park, located in the Lingayen Gulf of the Philippines, has 124 islands. They're known for their unique mushroom shapes, formed from ancient seabeds influenced by shifting sea levels. Conservation efforts, such as giant clam replanting, aim to protect the marine environment which was once traversed by Spanish galleons.

Governor's Island has a deck with a statue of St. Joseph and is the jump point for the 546-metre island-to-island zip line.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 5 Salomague Harbour (Vigan), Philippines

Arrives: 08:00

Departs: 14:00



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One of the Philippines best-preserved colonial towns, the UNESCO-listed Vigan City, lies approximately an hour south of the Salomague port.

You'll find that Vigan's unique fusion architecture blends Philippine, Chinese and European elements. Cobblestoned Calle Crisologo is the most famous street of the Mestizo district with its broad promenade (malecón), horse-drawn carriages and rustic mansions.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 6 Batanes Island - Sabtang Island, Philippines

Batanes Island

Arrives: 07:00

Departs: 12:30

Batanes, the Philippines' northernmost province with its capital in Basco, was first occupied by Japan during WWII. It left behind the hand-carved Dipnaysuhuan Tunnel, cut from volcanic rock. Today, Batanes is celebrated for its Ivatan heritage, with a resilient culture shaped by isolation and storms, reflected in its century-old stone houses. Diura Fishing Village showcases this enduring spirit, where traditional Ivatan fishing rituals continue to this day.

Sabatang Island

Arrives: 14:30

Departs: 19:00

A small island with a rustic vibe, Sabtang is one of the four main inhabited islands of Batanes, featuring peaceful sandy beaches backed by verdant cliffs. Browse traditional products, such as woven baskets and local berry wine. For a moderate hike, wind your way up occasionally steep, grassy ridges to breathtaking seascapes at the Chamantad-Tinyan Viewpoint. On Morong Beach, the photogenic Mahayao Arch is a massive natural rock formation.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 7 Cruising

Sea days are rarely dull. Take the time to sit back and let the world go by. The ship's observation decks provide stunning views of the passing ocean. A day at sea gives you the opportunity to mingle with other passengers and share your experiences of this incredible trip. Alternatively, head to the library which is stocked full of reference books. Get an expert's view in one of the onboard lectures or perhaps perfect your photography skills with invaluable advice from onboard professional photographers.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Miyakojima, Japan

Arrives: 07:00

Departs: 17:00

Miyakojima, Okinawa Prefecture's fourth largest island, is almost entirely ringed by a vibrant fringing coral reef. This protects its celebrated coastlines and provides a paradise for marine life. The



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island's jewel is Yonaha-Maehama Beach, a 7-kilometre stretch of pristine white sand, consistently ranked among Japan's finest. Its calm, clear waters are perfect for swimming and water sports. On the opposite side of the island in the southeast, Yoshino Beach attracts snorkelers with colourful fish and an equally magnificent coral reef.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Naha, Okinawa Island, Japan

Arrives: 08:30

Departs: 14:30

Naha is the capital of the Okinawa Prefecture, part of an archipelago comprising more than 160 islands that formed part of the independent Ryukyu Kingdom. It was ruled by monarchs from the 1400s until it became part of Japan in 1879. Ryukyu attractions include Shuri Castle, once home to Ryukyu royalty, and Naminouegu Shrine. This seaside city also offers one of Japan's best museums, the Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 10 Amami Oshima Island, Naze, Japan

Arrives: 08:00

Departs: 12:00

Dreamy beaches, mangroves and cerulean seas make up the Amami Islands. The largest, Amami Oshima, was part of the Ryukyu Kingdom before being briefly under US control after WWII. The Tanaka Isson Memorial Museum in Amami Park showcases works by the late painter who lived in the area. Pristine beaches like Tomori have colourful marine life. Meanwhile in the south, rivers weave round the Mangrove Primeval Forest and rugged cliffs hug the Honohoshi Coast.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Sakitsu, Japan

Arrives: 09:00

Departs: 18:00

Sakitsu Village, located on the Amakusa Islands in western Kumamoto, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site associated with Japan's Hidden Christian history. Once a secret hub of worship during Prohibition, it's home to Sakitsu Church, known as the "Church of the Sea". It features a European Gothic exterior and a rare tatami-mat interior. The village's story is further told at the Minato-ya Museum, which displays artefacts used to practice the faith in secret.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Kagoshima, Japan

Arrives: 07:00

Departs: 17:00

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Kagoshima, on the southwest tip of Japan's Kyushu Island, is home to several glassmakers and potteries where artisans specialise in making Satsuma pottery and delicately cut Kiriko glassware. This city is a mix of classic Japanese architecture, modern high-rises and a spattering of Art Deco buildings. Observation points around the city offer dramatic views of Mount Sakurajima, an active volcano located on a nearby island that frequently emits smoke.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Uwajima, Japan
Arrives: 12:00

Departs: 19:00

Uwajima, a bustling coastal city, is anchored by the elegant Uwajima Castle with spectacular cityscapes for hikers ascending to its keep. The Tensha-en Garden is a tranquil space with bamboo groves, towering culms and seasonal blooms. In the nearby village of Uchiko, the Old Quarter's streets are lined with well-preserved wooden houses and merchant buildings, frozen in time from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Disembark Hiroshima, Japan
Arrives: 07:00

After breakfast this morning, it's time to disembark the SH Minerva and enjoy a 2-night stay in Hiroshima. Make your own way to the hotel and check in before enjoying the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hilton Hiroshima or similar, Hiroshima, Japan
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Hiroshima Free Day

Hiroshima is a dynamic and forward-looking city located in Japan's Chugoku region. It serves as a major urban centre and a popular destination for travellers seeking a blend of rich culture, scenic beauty and unique cuisine. The city's landscape features tranquil spots like the picturesque Shukkei-en Garden, a traditional Japanese garden perfect for a peaceful stroll. History enthusiasts can explore the impressive Hiroshima Castle, a reconstruction that provides insight into the city's feudal past.

Overnight: Hilton Hiroshima or similar, Hiroshima, Japan
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Hiroshima, Japan - Australia (or New Zealand)

After check out this morning, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport for your homeward-bound flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Meals included: None



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on an 11-night small-ship expedition cruise
- Sail from Manila to Hiroshima on Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva
- Journey from the Philippines to Japan on a unique itinerary
- Explore the rich tapestry of the Philippines
- Enjoy the expert-led insights and refined service onboard
- Make unforgettable moments in places rarely seen by mainstream tourism
- Experience a blend of ancient traditions, spiritual heritage and stunning natural beauty
- Explore the Philippines' natural wonders, including the Hundred Islands National Park
- Dock in Salomague, gateway to the UNSECO-listed Vigan
- Discover the remote Batanes and Sabtang Islands, home to the Ivatan people and their unique stone houses
- Sail to Japan, visiting secluded islands and historic sites
- Visit Sakitsu, a UNESCO-listed village with a history of "Hidden Christians"
- Experience the unique culture and natural beauty of Amami Oshima and Kagoshima
- Disembark in Hiroshima, a city that stands as a global symbol of peace and resilience

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

CRUISE

- 11-night cruise from the Philippines to Japan
- Set sail aboard the luxurious Swan Hellenic SH Minerva
- Complimentary hot and cold beverages
- Beer, wine and spirits any time throughout your cruise
- One selected shore excursion or expedition activity per port of call (kayak not included, bookable for a fee on board)
- Lecture programs by an experienced expedition team and guest speakers
- Zodiac rides to get up close and personal with your surroundings
- Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle, yours to keep
- Gratuities included for the ship's crew
- 24-hour room service
- Self-service laundry
- Standard Wi-Fi

BALCONY UPGRADE OFFER

- To UPGRADE to a Balcony Cabin for the price of an Oceanview, select the 'UPGRADE OFFER Balcony Cabin' option at checkout.

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights of 5-star hotel accommodation in Manila, Philippines
- 2 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation in Hiroshima, Japan

DINING

- 36 meals including all while cruising



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Tour Inclusions

ESSENTIALS

Port charges and taxes

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

Day 1: Airport to hotel

Day 3: Hotel to cruise port

Day 16: Hotel to airport

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent;** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.

- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

- **Travel Offers are a package;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.

- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please [click here](#).

General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on the 7th May 2026.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single

supplement applies:

- Oceanview Stateroom: \$5,500
- Balcony Stateroom: \$5,500

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, *Adelaide, *Perth, *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

- Adelaide: \$100 per person
- Perth: \$300 per person
- Auckland: \$300 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Please note: From Australia, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 20 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 23 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once

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available.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Singapore Airlines: \$300 per person

Please note:

- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.*

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Manilla, Philippines - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Hiroshima, Japan - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- *Exclusions: This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.*
- *Cancellations & Changes: Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.*

- *High Season: A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.*
- *+ 60 Days: You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.*
- *Estimated Dates: Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.*
- *High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:*
 - 15th September 2025 - 12th October 2025
 - 1st December 2025 - 31st January 2026
 - 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
 - 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
 - 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
 - 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027

Stopover Packages

- Singapore
Includes:
 - 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
 - Daily breakfast
 - Return airport transfers
- For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.
- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
 - When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
 - When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
 - Stopover packages are subject to availability.

- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
Singapore Grand Prix: 1st October 2026 - 9th October 2026
Christmas and New Year: 21st December 2026 - 3rd January 2027

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Cruise

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

The SH Minerva, launched in 2021, is the first of Swan Hellenic's new-generation expedition ships. This 10,600 GT vessel is

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designed for cultural expedition cruising, offering an intimate and luxurious experience for up to 152 guests across 76 staterooms. With a PC5 ice-strengthened hull and advanced stabilisation systems, SH Minerva is purpose-built for exploring remote polar regions and off-the-beaten-path destinations.

Onboard, guests can indulge in a variety of dining options. The main venue, The Swan Restaurant, offers international and regional cuisine focused on quality, creativity, and flavours, with an open seating policy allowing guests to dine at their leisure. Additionally, the Club Lounge provides a relaxed atmosphere for lighter fare and beverages, while the Pool Bar & Grill offers al fresco dining with stunning views.

Accommodations on SH Minerva are thoughtfully designed, featuring Scandinavian-inspired interiors that blend elegance with comfort. All 76 staterooms are double-occupancy, with most offering private balconies. Guests can expect modern amenities, including en-suite bathrooms, ample storage, and seating areas, ensuring a restful retreat after a day of exploration.

The ship's facilities are tailored to enhance the expedition experience. Guests can unwind in the panoramic sauna, stay active in the well-equipped gym, or relax in the spa (charges apply for spa treatments). The heated outdoor pool and adjacent bar provide a perfect spot for leisure while taking in the surrounding landscapes. For enrichment, SH Minerva offers a well-stocked library and lecture theatre, hosting expert-led talks and briefings that delve into the regions visited.

Entertainment on SH Minerva is designed to complement the expeditionary nature of the voyages. Evenings may include informative lectures, documentary screenings, or live music in the lounge, fostering a sense of community among guests. The ship's small size allows for a more personalised experience, with a high crew-to-guest ratio ensuring attentive service throughout the journey.

In summary, SH Minerva combines modern luxury with expedition cruising, offering

guests an immersive and comfortable way to explore some of the world's most remote and captivating destinations.

Onboard Currency

\$ USD

Cabins/Staterooms

Oceanview Staterooms: 19m² - 20m²

Light, bright and crafted from natural materials, Oceanview staterooms feature 2 single beds in a bedroom, living room and a luxurious ensuite bathroom. All feature panoramic sea views, plush couches, premium pocket-sprung mattresses, ensuite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes, and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest. At the same time, a large flat-screen TV, an espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea-making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is, of course, available at all hours.

Balcony Staterooms: 25m² (including balcony)

Staterooms feature 2 single beds in a bedroom, living room, luxurious bathroom and your own 5m² balcony. All feature panoramic sea views, plush couches, premium pocket-sprung mattresses, ensuite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes, and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest. At the same time, a large flat-screen TV, an espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea-making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is, of course, available at all hours.

Please note: All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Cruise Arrival & Departure Times

Please keep in mind that the provided

cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

5-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Manila, Philippines: Dusit Thani Manila

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Hiroshima, Japan: Hilton Hiroshima

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Please note:

- Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.
- Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)

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- *Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

Gratuities/tipping

Land

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the

history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Philippines

In May, the weather in the Philippines is consistently hot and humid, marking the end of the dry season and the beginning of the hot summer period before the monsoon rains. Across both the mainland and the islands, daily temperatures typically range from lows of 25°C to 27°C to highs of 32°C to 35°C. While major cities like Manila experience some of the highest temperatures, reaching up to 34°C, cooler temperatures can be found in the mountainous regions of Luzon, such as Baguio. The Visayas islands, including popular destinations like Cebu and Boracay, and the southern island group of Mindanao, see similar hot conditions. Despite being a predominantly dry month, May is also a transitional period, with a noticeable increase in humidity and a

higher chance of scattered, brief afternoon thunderstorms.

Japan

May is a prime month to visit Japan, offering mild and pleasant weather across the country before the onset of the summer rainy season. The climate varies significantly by region, with central cities like Tokyo and Kyoto enjoying comfortable temperatures between 12°C and 25°C, ideal for sightseeing. In the warmer southern islands of Kyushu and Okinawa, temperatures are higher, ranging from 15°C to 29°C, although the rainy season typically begins in Okinawa by mid-month. In contrast, the northern island of Hokkaido remains considerably cooler, with highs of 15°C to 20°C. Overall, May is a relatively dry month with low humidity and ample sunshine, making it an excellent time for outdoor activities and viewing the last of the cherry blossoms in the northern parts of the country.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed,

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therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

CRUISE

Embarkation/Disembarkation

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your

personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

An active level of fitness will be required. Expect an active pace of travel where the focus is on adventure with no limitations. You will need to be self-reliant, physically fit and healthy to participate in fast-paced travel, extended walking/trekking over several hours/days, navigate steep steps, slopes, rugged and uneven terrain, varying weather conditions, remote locations and higher elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and able to board all modes of transport without assistance. This tour is typically inaccessible to wheelchairs, mobility scooters and those requiring assistance while travelling.

Please note:

- *It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*
- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

Yellow Fever

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or

border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival. You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Japan

Australian passport holders are visa exempt for a stay of up to 90 days. The traveller must hold a passport valid at least six months on entry with two blank visa pages

Philippines

Australian passport holders are visa exempt for a stay of up to 30 days. The traveller must hold a valid passport on arrival with one blank visa page. All travellers to the Philippines are required to register on the eTravel platform at least 3 days prior to arrival. The registration can be completed here free of charge: <https://etravel.gov.ph/>
Please note that once registered, the

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traveller should download the generated QR code, which must be presented prior to boarding the flight.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those

changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.