**Classical Highlights of Japan**

- **October 11–21, 2017**
- **Tokyo • Shirakawago • Kanazawa • Kyoto • Nara**

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- **$3,992**
- **$4,292**
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**PARADIGM DINING**

**Seven Japan’s Exquisite Cuisine**

**TOYOK**

- Located in the Kyoto region, the city has been praised globally for its culinary masterpieces. Offering an array of traditional ingredients and innovative techniques, Kyoto cuisine is known for its refinement and tender flavors. Kyoto’s cuisine is diverse and features dishes from each region. Sushi, soba noodles, and tempura have been made in Kyoto since the Edo period and remain iconic of their respective traditions.

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**KANAZAWA**

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**NARA**

- Japan’s first capital was Nara, where a cultural center, the city is surrounded by beautiful views from across the country. However, all historical customs in Nara are preserved to be used in a traditional array of arts. From Nara is immediately located in the mountains, accommodations and parking are often used in both a peaceful and tranquil setting. Kanazawa is also known for its sake, with 440 brands of sake being made in the region. Vegetarian cuisine flourished with their religious practice.

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Oberlin study leader • China Advocates tour

Hakone Pre-Tour Extension $1,995

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Bedding R equest: single double

October 11–21, 2017

Dear Oberlin Travelers,

Travel with fellow classmates and Oberlin Faculty of East Asian Studies and History and American Culture for the incredible month in Japan. Our Oberlin study leader will provide insights and perspectives that are aligned with our students’ core curriculum and cultural exchanges. Ours is a medium for Japanese studies, ranging from major urban centers and suburban metropolises to remote islands and small rural villages, mountain landscapes, sparkling waterways, ancient temples, and exquisite gardens. For those of us who have traveled to Japan, we know the cultural and spiritual treasures that abound in this land. It is a land of ancient traditions, rich in both its history and culture. Our itineraries are designed to captivate the imaginations and hearts of our students.

For anyone who has not been to Japan, the story of its rich heritage is one of diversity, change, and continuity. From the 12th century to the present, Japan has been shaped by a unique blend of Eastern and Western influences. From its ancient capitals to its modern metropolises, Japan offers a unique opportunity to explore a culture that has shaped the world. Our Oberlin study leader will guide us through the landscapes and cultures of Japan, providing a unique perspective on the country and its people.

We are excited to share this experience with you and hope you will join us on this unforgettable tour. We look forward to seeing you in Japan.

Warm regards,

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PARESAL DRINKING

Savor Japan's exquisite Cuisine

TOkyo

Located at the center of the city, this elegant restaurant offers a wide range of dishes that reflect the culinary masterpieces of traditional Japanese cuisine. The restaurant features refined service and an intimate atmosphere, creating a memorable dining experience.

Kanazawa

An authentic Japanese restaurant located in the heart of Kanazawa, offering a variety of dishes that reflect the unique culinary traditions of the region.

Kaiseki

Traditional Japanese cuisine served in the Kaiseki style, featuring seasonal ingredients and beautiful presentation.

KANAZAWA

Experience the Delights of a Well-Crafted Tour

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Start your exploration of Japan a little earlier with an exploration of Hakone. Begin your day with a visit to Hakone Open Air Museum, where you can enjoy tea and homemade sweets in the teahouse encircled by beautiful Japanese gardens. With a stay at a traditional Japanese Inn, enjoy fine Japanese art collections and the outstanding sky lounge in a luxury ryokan.

October 11 • Hakone
Surrounded by art and nature, the Nozawa Museum has an impressive collection of Japanese art, including the famous 12th-century painting of the Buddha. Visit Hakone Museum of Art, which features works by contemporary artists. Explore the local onsen area and enjoy a soak in their hot springs followed by a stay at a traditional Japanese Inn.

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October 11 – 12 • U.S. – Tokyo
Visit the Ginza, Tokyo's most luxurious shopping district. Walk down Aoyama Streets including the famed 17th century Meiji Shrine. The shrine was designed by the hands of praying Buddhist monks. Look for a glimpse of the exquisite screen paintings by Ogata Korin. Here enjoy a bento box lunch at the excellent restaurant Shizuka, featuring the finest collections of Japanese art, including many works by the famous Shogoin screen painter. This evening, take in the breathtaking views from 52 floors at the New Otani Hotel. (meals aloft)

October 14 • Tokyo
Take a full-day visit to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Jingu Shrine. This morning, visit Japanese Gardens – one of the most beautiful in the country – to enjoy traditional tea ceremony and the refined garden restaurant Sodoh, featuring western and Japanese fusions. (b,l,d)

October 15 • Kyoto – Kanazawa – Hakone
After lunch, tour the Silver Pavilion, home to a sumptuous display of temple treasures. Experience a tea ceremony and visit the exquisite Ginkaku-ji Temple. Here enjoy a delicious vegetarian lunch in the adjacent Koishikawa Korakuen garden. This evening, fly to Kanazawa in the early evening. (b,l)

October 16 • Kanazawa
This morning, visit Kanazawa, renowned for its beautiful wooden buildings and unique Gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some of which date back over centuries. Stop by Nomura Samurai residence, one of Japan's most beautiful residences. Explore the exquisite Daimyo residence, Harashin. Nearby is the beautiful Hakone Gora Park, one of Japan's most beautiful hot spring resorts. Enjoy a stay at a traditional Japanese Inn and a farewell dinner featuring western and Japanese cuisines. (b,l,d)

October 17 • Kanazawa – Kyoto
Return to Kanazawa in the early afternoon. (b,d)

October 18 • Kyoto
This morning, visit Kiyomizu Temple, considered one of the most beautiful wooden structures in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the exquisite Bamboo Grove, built in 1605 and considered the most brilliant view of Japanese maple trees. (b,l)

October 19 • Kyoto
After lunch, tour Nishiki Market, a subtle stroll through the ancient capital designed after China's ancient capital. Explore the magnificent Nishiki Market, featuring dozens of sub-temples and is one of the most important routes during the Nara period. With the Hakone Sengen Jinja, a peaceful and spiritual spot to visit at the grand Hakone Shrine. This tour completes a truly two days in temples and is one of the highlights of this program. Cross the country to try the local specialties and experience its culture and architecture. Harashin through the Kitora Tomb and enjoy a bento lunch near the temple. This tour will be a real treat for historians and those with a special interest in the history of Japan. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the refined garden restaurant Sodoh, featuring western and Japanese cuisines. (b,l,d)
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This morning, visit Keihan

Kansai Garden, one of the most beautiful

landscape gardens in Japan. The spacious

gardens provide splendid views of the Kansai

area and its green, rolling countryside.

Afternoon tour of Osaka Castle.

Evening dining at a traditional Kaiseki

restaurant.

October 12 • Kansai

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tomorrow morning. Visit

Shoren-in Temple, a Buddhist

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Afternoon visit to

Kiyomizu Temple, the

famous temple of nature.

Evening dining at

Kaksai Sushi Restaurant.

October 13 • Kansai

In the morning, explore

Nara Deer Park, a popular
tourist attraction located

outside the city. The
diminutive deer are
curios about visitors

and will likely approach

devotees who have

boughs of millet for

them.

This afternoon, take

private tour of Horyuji

Temple, one of the

oldest wooden structures

in the world and a

UNESCO World

Heritage Site.

Visit the Gallery of

Temple Treasures, which

deemed national treasures. Stroll

through the monks training

section and emerge past the bamboo

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Bamboo Grove, a popular resort area for

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capital designed after China's ancient

city: Nara. This morning, visit

Nara Deer Park, a

UNESCO World

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hundreds of sculptures done by local masters alongside a rotating

exhibit of local works.

This afternoon, enjoy tea and homemade sweets in the teahouse encircled by

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called a Ryokan, you can experience the true spirit of Japan.

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This afternoon, take in the breathtaking views from 52

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October 17 • Kanazawa

In the morning, ride on the two hour

Express train to Kyoto. After lunch,

return to Kanazawa in the early

afternoon and enjoy a farewell dinner

at the refined garden restaurant Sodoh,

exquisite pavilion is completely

gilded and houses an elaborate make-up and

hair. The Gayaku Dojo (Kabuki Dramatic

School), once the largest

block-long shopping street is known as

Nihombashi. Nihombashi also features lovely ponds, a

Chinese pagoda and the charming garden

area. Explore the festive
culture through numerous displays of

traditional craft and culture. Enjoy a

multi-purpose hall has excellent

acoustics and is the perfect setting for

performance art. Tonight, learn to cook your own

Teppanyaki (Pan-Fried) Dinner at

Kanazawa Sushi Restaurant.

October 18 • Kyoto

Visit the famous Temple of Art,

Kinkaku-ji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion), known for its golden

carpet, which towers over its surroundings. Stop by

Sanso Gallery, a popular

gallery for traditional Japanese art and culture.

In the evening, enjoy a

traditional Kaiseki meal in

Kyoto for 20 years, Catherine will give a

private tour at the grand

Kyoto Imperial Hotel.

The Grand Imperial Hotel

awaits as one of

Kyoto's most renowned

hotels. Tour your suite and

experience its culture and architecture.

Hakone Gora Park 

Hakone, just north of Tokyo. Visit the

Hakone Open Air Museum for a

giant camphor trees growing

outside the walls. The intimate

museum of art, a path lined with

building that once served as a

Temple and serves as a

a place for the

owner to relax.

The Nihonmatsu Museum of Art, which

includes the famed 17th century

Gassho-zukuri, the hands of praying Buddhist monks.

In prayer,” as the steep roofs represent

means, “constructed like hands

in Japan’s four

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Nomura Samurai residence

in the Kyoto

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This morning, visit

Nishiki Market, the famous

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Evening dining at a local restaurant.

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TRAVEL

Oberlin Alumni Association and China Advocates, Inc. have organized a 13-day tour of Japan over the fall break for the purpose of experiencing the natural beauty of Japan. The tour begins and ends in Tokyo and travels to Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara, and Hakone. The trip will include visits to historic shrines and temples, opportunities to sample traditional cuisine, and experiences in the Kaiseki and sushi culture. The tour is designed for alumni, faculty, and their companions. The trip is limited to 30 participants; interested parties are encouraged to register now. Oberlin Alumni Association encourages alumni to take this opportunity to support local businesses and enjoy the beauty of Japan.

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**Paradise Dining**

Japan's Exquisite Cuisine

**TOKYO**

Located in the Kanto region, Tokyo is the largest and most modern city in Japan. The city is known for its cutting-edge technology and futuristic architecture, as well as its rich history and cultural treasures. Tokyo offers a variety of dining options, from traditional Japanese cuisine to international fare. Visitors can enjoy sushi, tempura, ramen, and other traditional dishes in elegant restaurants or cozy little eateries. In addition, the city is home to a vibrant food scene, with new restaurants opening regularly and old favorites attracting loyal customers. Whether you prefer modern or traditional settings, Tokyo has something to offer every palate.

For more information, contact Oberlin Alumni Association at 440-775-8692.

**Shirakawago**

This ancient village is a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its traditional gassho-zukuri houses. These unique structures are made from bamboo and wood and are designed to withstand the harsh winter weather. Visitors can explore the village and learn about its history and culture, as well as sample local cuisine and purchase souvenirs.

**Kanazawa**

Known as the "City of the Thousand Teddy Bears," Kanazawa is famous for its traditional craft and arts. Visitors can explore the city's many museums and galleries, as well as its beautiful gardens and temples. The city is also known for its delicious cuisine, including ramen, donburi, and sushi.

**Kyoto**

Kyoto is known as the "City of the Thousand Temples." The city is famous for its beautiful shrines and temples, as well as its rich cultural heritage. Visitors can explore the city's many temples and gardens, as well as its traditional tea houses and museums.

**Nara**

This ancient city is known for its beautiful temples and shrines, as well as its tame deer that roam the streets. Visitors can explore the city's many temples and shrines, as well as its beautiful gardens and parks. The city is also famous for its delicious cuisine, including sushi, ramen, and tempura.

**Hakone**

Hakone is a popular destination for its scenic views of Mount Fuji and Lake Ashi. The city is known for its traditional hot springs and beautiful gardens, as well as its delicious cuisine, including sushi, ramen, and tempura.

**Picture Book Japan**

Experience the Delights of a Well-Crafted Tour

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**Classical Highlights of Japan**

Japan is an island nation that also boasts an enduring tradition of beauty, elegance, and refinement. From ancient temples to modern skyscrapers, Japan is a nation of contrasts. This tour explores the country's rich cultural heritage and diverse landscapes, from its vibrant cities to its pristine natural settings. Whether you prefer architecture, art, or natural beauty, Japan has something to offer every traveler.

**Visa and Passport Requirements**

Visas can be obtained upon arrival in Japan. Passports are required for all travelers. It is recommended that travelers have an additional passport for travel to other countries.

**Credit Card Information**

Credit card payments are accepted for deposits and final payments. Please note that all payments are subject to a 3% processing fee.

**Refund Policy**

Refunds are available for deposits up to 30 days before departure. After that time, refunds are subject to a 10% processing fee.

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**PARADISE DINING**

Savor Japan’s Exquisite Cuisine

**TOYOC**

Located in the Kamakura region, Tokyo’s atmosphere-inspired cuisine offers a culinary experience. Offering a repertoire of traditional ingredients and innovative techniques, the region is known for its refined and strong flavors derived from their use of soy sauce and fish stock. Staples such as soba noodles and sushi have been made in Tokyo since the Edo period and remain iconic of their traditional fare.

For a100-year-old Kyoto, the city is small and the imperial capital. Kyoto offers a culinary experience that ranges from the exquisite Kaiseki to regional dishes crafted by monks. In addition, the preference is for the accommodation of fresh vegetables, seafood, sake, soba, and whiskey.

Japan’s Nara is a sacred Shinto shrine, wander modern marketplaces, and delve into rich cultural traditions. In the imperial city of Tokyo, tour the largest wooden structures in the world at Todaiji Temple and feed the politely bowing deer at Ueno Park. Travel with fellow alumni and Oberlin Professor of East Asian Studies and History, Mark B. Wilson, to explore the history and culture of Japan.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Bookings are subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in these sections. A deposit of $1000 per person is required 50-31 days prior to departure, no refund is made. Cancellation penalties for additional hotel nights, hotel arrangements, or delays.

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**DISCOUNTS:**

Frequent flyer discounts are available to the member of the association. Discounted hotel accommodations and airfares are available as well. No cancellation is valid until it is received in writing by the Office of Alumni Relations of Oberlin College.

**MEALS & DRINKS:**

Onboard meals, most beverages, and refreshments such as green tea will be included.

**DIRECTIONS:**

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