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***Japanese Sister City Committee
40th Anniversary Adult Tour***

JUNE 04 – 14, 2018



40th Anniversary Sister City Adult Tour, June 4 – 14, 2018
TOUR INFORMATION

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The Independence Japanese Sister City Committee (JSCC) is pleased to present the tour information for the 40th Anniversary Adult Tour scheduled for June 4 – 14, 2018. The tour includes the itinerary noted on the following tour description pages. Tour Fares are per person, double occupancy or triple, based on at least 20 travelers on the same itinerary (see graduated fee table below).

FEE SCHEDULE

Land Cost:

20 – 24 Passengers = \$2,239 Per Person, Double/Twin Occupancy
25 – 29 Passengers = \$2,149 Per Person, Double/Twin Occupancy
30 – 34 Passengers = \$2,079 Per Person, Double/Twin Occupancy
35 – 39 Passengers = \$2,039 Per Person, Double/Twin Occupancy
40 – 44 Passengers = \$1,989 Per Person, Double/Twin Occupancy
Single Supplement = \$359 Per Person

Triple Room Reduction = Less \$60 per person, Triple Occupancy

Aki Grand Hotel, Japanese Style Room Supplement
Additional \$79 Per Person, Double/Twin Occupancy
Additional \$93 Per Person, Single Occupancy

No discounts, promotions or special offers are applicable to this custom program.

International Air Cost:

\$1,614 Per Person

Air cost is expected to remain unchanged, however in the event of changes in air fare, currency fluctuations, the imposition and/or change of any taxes/charges by any government or its agencies, or airline fuel surcharges, we reserve the right to pass along these supplemental costs.

Air Space: 40 Seats Confirmed

UA 1716 V	04 June	MCI/DEN	9:10am – 10:27am
UA 143 V	04 June	DEN/NRT	12:35pm – 3:20pm
UA 34 Q	14 June	KIX/SFO	4:50pm – 10:55am
UA 1615 Q	14 June	SFO/IAH	1:00pm – 6:50pm
UA 6047 Q	14 June	IAH/MCI	7:45pm – 9:50pm

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

All payments will be applied to the final balance. Make all checks payable to Four Seasons Travel, or major credit cards will be accepted by submission of a signed credit card payment form (included on registration form).

1st Deposit: \$400 per person is due within 7 days of registration along with passport information and date of birth. All registrations / deposits will be accepted on a space-available basis, and should be received no later than November 15, 2017. Deposits will be accepted after that date as space is available.

2nd Payment: \$600 per person due by January 10, 2018

Final Payment: Full final balance is due February 21, 2018 along with a completed Guest Information form (to be provided) and copy of passport

CANCELLATION and REFUND SCHEDULE:

All cancellations must be made in writing or via email to Four Seasons Travel **and** the Sister City Committee.

- There will be a \$50 per person fee, plus airline cancellation penalties, if applicable, charged for cancellations received prior to January 27, 2018.
- January 28, 2018 through February 26, 2018: \$400 cancellation penalty, plus airline cancellation penalties if applicable
- February 27 through March 28, 2018: 50% of the program price cancellation penalty plus airline cancellation penalties
- March 29, 2018 or later: 100% of the program price cancellation penalty
- **Change fee:** Minimum \$60 for land. Minimum \$400 for air.

INSURANCE:

Optional trip interruption / trip cancellation insurance is available and is recommended. The cost of your Travel Protection Plan is non-refundable.

Option 1: A Travel Guard insurance quote will be sent to you via email upon receipt of your deposit. The email will include a link that you can follow to confirm your tour and personal information. You will be able to make online payment directly to Travel Guard if you wish, or I can assist you with the completion of the purchase.

Purchase Travel Guard within 15 days of your initial trip deposit to receive additional important benefits, such as waiver of pre-existing conditions, airline or supplier bankruptcy protection, cancel for any reason option, and terrorism protection (see policy information for details). A typical plan for a person in their mid-fifties would be approximately \$205 per person. For a person in their mid-sixties, the same plan would be about \$277 per person. Exact costs are subject to total trip cost estimate, your age, and options selected with the insurance plan. The plan will include both land and air portions of your trip. Protection can be purchase after final payment if necessary.

Option 2: Trip insurance is also available through Alexander and Roberts for a cost of \$349 per person (for trips totaling from \$2,501 to \$4,000). The rates are per-person and are subject to change, and include coverage for the air portion of your itinerary if we are arranging your air transportation. The Travel Protection Plan cannot be purchased after you have made your final payment for your Trip.

Additional information is available at <https://www.alexanderroberts.com/Community/Travel-Insurance.aspx>. If you are interested in this option, please let me know and I can register you for this product.

PASSPORTS & VISAS:

All U.S. citizens are required to have a U.S. passport valid for at least six months after their return to the U.S. If you are not a US citizen, please let us know. Currently a visa to Japan is not required for a U.S. citizen.

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TOUR ITINERARY

Day 01: Mon, June 04 – Depart Kansas City

Day 02: Tue, June 05 – Arrive Tokyo / Higashimurayama (No Meals)

Arrive into Narita International Airport; Sister City has made your transfer arrangements from the airport to Higashimurayama.

Overnight: *On your own arrangements (Home Stay)*

Days 03-06: Wed-Sat, June 06-09 – Higashimurayama (No Meals)

All services in Higashimurayama are arranged by Sister City.

Overnight: *On your own arrangements (Home Stay)*

Day 07: Sun, June 10 – Higashimurayama / Tokyo / Hiroshima / Miyajima (Meals L+D)

Baggage will be transferred separately by truck from Tokyo to Kyoto. Please arrange an overnight bag for your 1-night stay in Miyajima.

8:00am – Meet your English-speaking assistant at the City Hall in Higashimurayama

8:30am – Transfer from Higashimurayama to Shinagawa Station by chartered coach (approximately 1.5 hours)

10:00am – Arrive at Shinagawa Station

10:20am – Board the bullet train (2nd class, non-smoking reserved seats) to Hiroshima (approximately 4 hours) including box lunch

2:10pm – Arrive Hiroshima Station, meet your guide and transfer to Miyajima-guchi by chartered coach with your guide

3:30pm – Arrive Miyajima-guchi and take ferry to Miyajima, Walking tour of Miyajima visiting Itsukushima Shrine and Shopping Arcade

5:30pm – Return to Miyajima-guchi by ferry

6:00pm – Transfer to your hotel

Tonight's dinner is at the hotel.

Overnight: *Aki Grand Hotel, Standard Western Room*

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Day 08: Mon, June 11 – Hiroshima / Kyoto (Meals B+L)

9:00am – Transfer to Hiroshima for full day sightseeing with English-speaking guide by chartered coach visiting A-bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Park & Museum and lecture by A-bomb survivor (*subject to confirmation*)

Lunch at a local restaurant

3:00pm – Transfer to Hiroshima Station

3:30pm – Board the bullet train (2nd class, non-smoking reserved seats) to Kyoto (approximately 2 hours)

5:20pm – Arrive Kyoto Station, Walk to hotel on your own (across from Kyoto Station)

Overnight: *New Miyako Hotel, Standard Room*

Day 09: Tue, June 12 – Kyoto (Meals B+L)

Full day sightseeing of Kyoto with English-speaking guide by chartered coach visiting Kinkakuji Temple, Nijo Castle, Kiyomizu Temple and Sanjusangendo Temple including lunch at a local restaurant.

Overnight: *New Miyako Hotel, Standard Room*

Day 10: Wed, June 13 – Kyoto (Meals B+D)

Today is a free day at leisure.

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance.

Overnight: *New Miyako Hotel, Standard Room*

Day 11: Thu, June 14 – Depart Kyoto / Osaka / Kansas City (Meals B)

Standard hotel check-out time is 12pm. You will be met in the hotel lobby for your transfer to Kansai International Airport by chartered coach for your international departure flight.

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OTHER TOUR INFORMATION AND INCLUSIONS AS INDICATED IN ITINERARIES

- International airfare in economy class via United Airlines (Kansas City to Tokyo and Osaka to Kansas City)
- Transfers and tours by chartered coach as specified in the itinerary
- JR Trains in 2nd class, non-smoking reserved seats (Shinagawa to Hiroshima and Hiroshima to Kyoto) as specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees and activities as per the itinerary
- English-speaking local guide for June 11 + 12
- English-speaking local assistant June 10, 13 + 14
- Meals as per the itinerary

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

- Hotel Early check-in / Late check-out
- Departure taxes and airport porters
- Passport and visa fees
- Excess baggage charges
- Travel and medical insurance
- Meals and beverages not specified in itinerary
- Personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities
- Tips and gratuities to guides and drivers
- Deviations from planned itineraries
- Any item not specifically specified as included

Terms and Conditions

TOUR OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY:

Four Seasons Travel and selected tour operators are acting as an intermediary and agent for suppliers ("principles identified on the attached or accompanying itinerary or documents") in selling services which are not directly supplied by Four Seasons Travel or the selected tour operators, such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, etc. Four Seasons Travel and selected tour operators expressly disclaim responsibility for the acts or omissions of suppliers which result in loss, damage, delay or injury to the group contracting through Four Seasons Travel and selected tour operators for the services of such suppliers, or to any individual within the group.

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