



2023 CIRCLE HOKKAIDO CRUISE

Plus Niigata, Sado Island, Nagano & Tokyo Shopping

8 Night Cruise Plus 1 Night Pre-Cruise & 6 Nights Post-Cruise Hotel Stay
with Included Sightseeing and Meals

15 Nights / 17 Days • Escorted from Honolulu
Sail Roundtrip from Yokohama, Japan • Diamond Princess
June 11 – 27, 2023 • Tour Manager: Pat Oshiro

PRE & POST CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

Sankeien Garden • Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum • Minato Mirai 21 District Shopping
JR Super Express Train Ride • Northern Culture Museum • Geiko Dinner
Jet Foil Ride to Sado Island • Japanese Crested Ibis Conservation Centre
Sado Gold Mine • Oni-Daiko Performance (Demon Drums) • Tarai-Bune (Bathtub) Boat Ride
Shukunegi • Jet Foil Ride to Nagano • Jigokudani Snow Monkey Park • Zenkoji Temple
Daio Wasabi Farm • Matsumoto Castle • Narai-juku • Tsukiji Outer Market
Asakusa Sensoji Temple • Nakamise Shopping • Ameyoko Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES:

Soba Noodle Making • Obata Sake Brewery Tour and Tasting
Practice Shakyo (Tracing Sutras)

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

Nagasaki, Japan • Busan, South Korea • Otaru, Japan • Hakodate, Japan

YOUR ESCORTED CRUISE TOUR INCLUDES:

Roundtrip Airfare from Honolulu, 1 Night Pre-Cruise and 6 Nights Post-Cruise Hotel Stay,
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CRUISE MAP



LAND MAP



STATEROOM	FARE	STATEROOM	FARE
ID – Inside Aft	\$6,569	BD – Balcony Aft	\$7,369
IC – Inside Mid For or Mid Aft	\$6,589	BC – Balcony Mid For or Mid Aft	\$7,439
IB – Inside Mid For, Mid, or Mid Aft	\$6,609	BB – Balcony Mid For, Mid, or Mid Aft	\$7,509
OW – Obstructed Ocean View Mid For or Mid Aft	\$6,679	MD – Mini-Suite Aft	\$7,864
OC – Ocean View Mid For	\$6,959	MB – Mini-Suite Mid For or Mid Aft	\$8,034

Final Payment Due: 02/01/23 • Cruise Deposit: 20% of Cruise Fare • Air & Land Deposit: \$500 per person

Sightseeing in each port is NOT included. Shore excursions are available for purchase through Princess Cruises.

Day 1: Sun, June 11 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Mon, June 12 – TOKYO. Arrive Tokyo. After entry formalities, transfer by coach to hotel in Tokyo. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (1 Night)

Day 3: Tue, June 13 – TOKYO – YOKOHAMA – EMBARK DIAMOND PRINCESS. After a delicious breakfast at the hotel, depart the hotel for Yokohama. We start our day visiting **Sankeien Garden** – a spacious Japanese-style garden in southern Yokohama which exhibits a number of historic buildings from across Japan. There is a pond, small rivers, flowers and wonderful strolling trails that make you think you are in Kyoto rather than Yokohama. Next, explore the **Shin-Yokohama Ramen Museum** and learn about the history of ramen in Japan. Enjoy lunch here (on your own). We then visit **“Minato Mirai 21,”** a seaside urban area in central Yokohama whose name means “harbor of the future.” It has many large high rises, including Japan’s tallest building, the Landmark Tower. Transfers to the pier for embarkation on the Diamond Princess. (B, D)

Day 4: Wed, June 14 – AT SEA. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Thur, June 15 – NAGASAKI, JAPAN. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Fri, June 16 – BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA. 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Sat, June 17 – AT SEA. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Sun, June 18 – OTARU, JAPAN. 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Mon, June 19 – HAKODATE, JAPAN. 8:00 am – 11:00 pm. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Tue, June 20 – AT SEA. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Wed, June 21 – YOKOHAMA – DISEMBARK DIAMOND PRINCESS – NIIGATA. After disembarkation, transfer by motorcoach to the Shin-Yokohama station. Take the **JR Super Express Train** to Tokyo and then Niigata. Upon arrival in Niigata, visit the **Northern Culture Museum**. Originally serving as a mansion of Ito Bunkichi, who lived in the Edo Period (1603–1868) and was one of the greatest landowners in Japan, nowadays, the museum houses calligraphy and ceramics, lacquer ware, and documents related to Ito’s family history. You can also visit the garden; it is a “walking” garden with a big pond. You’re in for treat this evening!! Along with dinner, we are entertained by an authentic **Geiko**. Dancing, singing, and playing fun games. HOTEL NIKKO NIIGATA (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 12: Thur, June 22 – NIIGATA – SADO ISLAND. Transfer to Niigata Port. Take a **jet foil** to Sado Island. Upon arrival, take a tour of **Japanese**

Crested Ibis Conservation Centre. Make your own soba noodles and eat your delicious creation for lunch. After lunch, visit the **Sado Gold Mine**. Tonight, a special **Kaiseki Dinner** will be served at your hotel accompanied by an authentic **Oni- Daiko (Demon Drums) Performance**. HOTEL YAHATAKAN (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 13: Fri, June 23 – SADO ISLAND. This morning, take a traditional **“Tarai-Bune” boat ride**. The tarai-bune tub boats floating along the Ogi coastline are considered the symbol of Ogi. These boats are constructed out of cedar wrapped with bamboo on the outside, with a diameter of about 150 cm. Developed and used during the Edo and Meiji periods, the tarai-bune tub boats, mainly operated by women, were ideal for tight turn and stability amidst the abundant reefs and coves along the Ogi Peninsula. These boats were originally used for collecting shellfish and seaweed from around the coast. Next, visit the charming fishing village of **Shukunegi**. The entire village is designated as a “National Historic Site.” Take a stroll along the narrow streets of Shukunegi Village to feel the history and experience the living conditions of people living during the Edo period. As this area was previously a trading port for ships going to Edo (Tokyo) and Osaka, many who lived here were ship carpenters and sailors. Here, you will be able to fit the popular sankaku-ya which is a triangle-shaped house, built to fit the shape of the land available at that period of time. After lunch, visit the **Obata Sake Brewery** for a **tour and tasting** of their products. Enjoy dinner at La Plage, a local restaurant, before returning to the hotel for the evening. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Sat, June 24 – SADO ISLAND – NAGANO. Transfer to Ogi Port. Take a **jet foil** to Nagano. Upon arrival in Nagano, visit the **Jigokudani Snow Monkey Park**, home to a very special troop of monkeys. Created in 1964, the park was established as a conservation area in which these monkeys – Japanese macaques – would have a refuge within what was already their natural habitat. The Monkey Park is a unique place where you can observe the wild monkeys going about their daily lives including the unique behavior of bathing in onsens (natural hot springs). They are the only troop known to do so, something that entered the global consciousness in 1970 when *LIFE* magazine profiled the bathing monkeys on its cover. Since that time, visitors from around the world have been coming to the park to spend time with the famous snow monkeys of Jigokudani. Transfer to the hotel for dinner. HOTEL METROPOLITAN NAGANO (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 15: Sun, June 25 – NAGANO. After breakfast, take a tour of Nagano’s **Zenkoji Temple**, one of the most important and popular temples in Japan. Founded in the 7th century, it stores the first Buddhist statue ever to be brought into Japan when Buddhism was first introduced in the 6th century. Next, **practice the art of Shakyo**, the tracing of the sutras. While the Buddhist practice of Shakyo was originally a means of spreading the Buddha Way, today people practice shakyo to reflect on themselves or to attain mental well-being and peace. After lunch (on your own), take a **tour of a sake brewery** and **taste some of their tasty products**. For dinner tonight, you’re in for a

real treat! Dine at Fujiya Gohonjin, a favorite of prominent local figures and celebrities for more than 300 years. While the outside of the building reflects western Art Deco, you’ll feel like you’ve stepped back in time, to the atmosphere and culture of the Taisho period, when you enter the building. With service spanning the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa periods, “Fujiya” continues to provide the highest level of customer care originally lavished on Daimyo Lords of the Edo era. Experience this level of service first hand at dinner. After dinner, return to the hotel for the evening. (B, D)

Day 16: Mon, June 26 – NAGANO – TOKYO. Begin the day with a visit to **Daio Wasabi Farm**, one of the country’s largest wasabi farm. The farm has multiple large fields with a network of small streams, that provide clear, flowing water from the Northern Alps. Only under such pristine conditions is wasabi cultivation possible. A wide variety of wasabi related products are available. Ever wondered what wasabi ice cream or wasabi beer taste like? Next, visit the **Matsumoto Castle**, one of Japan’s premier historic castles. Also known as “Crow Castle” due to its black exterior, Matsumoto Castle is unique for having both a secondary donjon and a turret adjoined to its main keep. After lunch, depart Matsumoto for Tokyo. Enroute, stop at **Narai-juku**, which will give you a feeling of how the Japan of old was. Enjoy a stroll down the charming streets with its samurai-era atmosphere. Take a sip of pure spring water from a roadside wells called mizuba. The evening is free for you to explore Tokyo on your own. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL TOKYO (1 Night) (B, L)

Day 17: Tue, June 27 – TOKYO – HONOLULU. After breakfast, start the day with a visit to the **Tsukiji Outer Market**. Although the Inner Market (and live auctions) have relocated, the Outer Market remains – full of a mixture of wholesale and retail shops along with numerous restaurants. Seafood fresh from the auction block are available for purchase. Next, a hands-on **Sushi Making Session** will yield your delicious lunch. After lunch, travel to **Asakusa**, the center of Tokyo’s shitamachi (literally “low city”) districts, where an atmosphere of the Tokyo of past decades survives. Asakusa’s main attraction is **Sensoji**, a very popular Buddhist temple built in the 7th century. The temple is approached via the **Nakamise**, a shopping street that has been providing temple visitors with a variety of traditional local snacks and tourist souvenirs for centuries. Lastly, visit **Ameyoko**, a busy market street along the Yamanote Line tracks between Okachimachi and Ueno Stations. The name “Ameyoko” is a short form for “Ameya Yokocho” (candy store alley), as candies were traditionally sold there. Alternatively, “Ame” also stands for “America”, because a lot of American products used to be available there when the street was the site of a black market in the years following World War II. Today, various products such as clothes, bags, cosmetics, fresh fish, dried food, and spices are sold along Ameyoko. Transfer to the airport for the flight home. Depart Tokyo and arrive Honolulu the same day. Aloha and Welcome Home! (B, L)

Note: Tour Itinerary is subject to change at any time with/without notice.