LAND OF THE RISING SUN
aboard the Caledonian Sky
With Constantine Vaporis *87, Professor of History and
Director of Asian Studies, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
May 7–20, 2014
Dear Princetonian,

The island nation of Japan is wonderfully suited for exploration by small ship. Join your fellow Princetonians for an eight-night cruise through the Inland Sea and the Sea of Japan aboard the 114-passenger Caledonian Sky.

Explore the major cosmopolitan cities of Kyoto and Tokyo and venture beyond to a fascinating variety of tranquil historic towns, artistic centers, and remote islands. Visit sacred temples and celebrated gardens. Interact with the owner of a traditional geisha house and an artisan ceramicist. Take part in a tea ceremony, enjoy an electrifying private performance by the world-class Kodo Drummers, and travel on Japan’s high-speed rail—the shinkansen, or “bullet train.” An optional post-trip extension to Kamakura and the hot springs resort of Hakone is also available.

Princeton travelers will be joined by those from Yale, Harvard, National Trust Tours, and Smithsonian Journeys. Contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu to reserve your place today.

With kind regards,

Leslie J. Rowley ’85
Executive Director, Princeton Journeys
Office of the Alumni Association
Princeton University

Experience Japan’s fascinating blend of modern-day dynamism and centuries-old serenity in the cosmopolitan centers of Tokyo and Kyoto, during a thrilling taiko performance (back cover), and in the tranquility of environs such as Miyajima’s floating torii gate (cover) and Kanazawa’s Kenroku-en garden (inside, this page). The Temple of the Golden Pavilion (Kinkaku-ji) embodies the classical correlation between building and setting emphasized during the Muromachi period of Japanese garden design.

CONSTANTINE VAPORIS

*87 Professor of History and Director of Asian Studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, will serve as Princeton Study Leader for this Journey. Though his research focuses on the Edo period, Professor Vaporis is deeply interested in the entire range of Japanese history and teaches his courses from an East Asian or comparative context. The author of many books on the Early Modern period, he also remains fascinated by contemporary Japan. He has received numerous fellowships for research in Japanese history including a Fulbright Scholar’s Award and an NEH Fellowship for College Teachers. Having received his PhD from Princeton’s East Asian Studies Department, he began teaching at UMBC in 1989, has had visiting appointments at The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Pennsylvania, and was recently appointed the 2013–2016 UMBC Presidential Research Professor. During this Journey, he will comment on maritime Japan, the samurai in history, and the atomic bomb in popular culture.
MIMI HALL YIENGPRUKSAWAN is Professor of the History of Art at Yale, is a specialist in the Buddhist art of traditional cultures in Asia. She is the author of numerous articles and has published books on the Buddhist art and architecture of the ancient Japanese cultural centers of Nara and Hiraizumi. She is now completing another book on Buddhist visual culture in medieval Kyoto and its connections to China, Tibet, and Southeast Asia.

HELEN HARDACRE is the Reischauer Institute Professor of Japanese Religions and Society at Harvard University. She teaches a variety of courses on Japanese religions, including early modern and contemporary Japanese religions, Shinto, and folk religion, and specialized seminars such as Shinto and the Arts, State Shinto, and the Ise Shrines. Her current research projects include a book-length study of Shinto history.
While geishas, pottery, and exquisite gardens are traditionally associated with Japanese culture, cutting-edge architecture and technology are a testament to the forward-looking spirit of the Japanese people and their resilience in overcoming both natural and man-made disasters.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 7 & 8**
**U.S. / Kyoto, Japan**
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Osaka and transfer to the Kyoto Hotel Okura, ideally located in the heart of Kyoto.

**KYOTO HOTEL OKURA**

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**
**Kyoto**
Visit Nijo Castle, built by Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate, in 1603 and designated a National Treasure. The castle’s Ninomaru Palace is decorated with wall paintings by the Kano school and is famous for its “nightingale” floors, designed to creak when trod upon to warn residents of intruders. After lunch, visit UNESCO World Heritage-designated Kinkaku-ji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion), one of the iconic sites of Japan. The shimmering central pavilion is covered in bright gold leaf, reflected in the surrounding pond, and surrounded by winding garden paths. Conclude the afternoon with a visit to Ryoan-ji’s elegant Zen rock garden. This evening, enjoy a private presentation by a former geisha and a maiko (an apprentice geisha) and a festive welcome reception and dinner.

**KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (B,L,R,D)**

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**
**Kyoto**
Today choose between three excursion options: a day trip to the Miho Museum, considered one of the master achievements of architect I.M. Pei and built into a mountain slope west of Kyoto; an exploration of Kyoto’s cuisine and crafts, with visits to the Nishiki Food Market, a textile studio, and a calligraphy class; or an active exploration by bicycle along picturesque paths, followed by a specially arranged visit to the Moss Temple at Saiho-ji. The evening is at leisure.

**KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (B,L)**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11**
**Kyoto/Nara/Kobe (Embark)**
Depart Kyoto this morning and drive to nearby Nara. Though Nara was the capital of Japan for only 74 years (710–784), during that time Buddhism became firmly established and some of the country’s most magnificent temples and works of art were created. In Nara visit two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Todai-ji, famous for its monolithic statue of the Great Buddha, and Horyu-ji, Japan’s oldest surviving Buddhist temple and the world’s oldest wooden structure. In the late afternoon, embark the Caledonian Sky in the port of Kobe.

**CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)**

**MONDAY, MAY 12**
**Inland Sea / Hiroshima**
Relax on board and admire the scenery as we cruise through Japan’s Inland Sea, dotted with tiny islands. Call at Hiroshima this
afternoon for a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which documents the atomic explosion that ravaged the city. This thriving modern city is a testament to Japan’s post-war recovery. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Miyajima
Anchor offshore of Miyajima Island this morning and board Zodiacs to access the island. Visit the 6th-century Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, with its iconic vermilion torii, a grand wooden gateway that appears to float on the sea at high tide. After a lively performance of ancient bugaku music and dance at the shrine, enjoy ample free time for hikes, visits to tiny temples, and strolling the picturesque streets of the town. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Matsumoto, Japan
Drive through lush countryside to the Adachi Museum of Art to explore its collection of modern Japanese works, set in exquisite gardens. Continue to charming Matsumoto and visit one of the few surviving castles in Japan, built in 1611. Enjoy free time to stroll through Matsumoto’s historic quarter. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Sado Island
Arrive at remote Sado Island, once a place of exile for intellectuals and political dissidents and now the home base for the taiko drumming group Kodo (“heartbeat”). Enjoy an exhilarating private performance and a rare opportunity to meet this world-famous troupe. This evening enjoy the captain’s farewell reception and dinner aboard ship. CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,R,D)

MONDAY, MAY 19

Niigata / Tokyo (Disembark)
Disembark the Caledonian Sky in Niigata port and board a high-speed “bullet train” for Tokyo. Experience the excitement of cutting-edge, contemporary Japan during an architectural tour of Tokyo, including a stop for a panoramic view from one of the city’s tallest buildings. Also enjoy a cruise along the Sumida River. Gather this evening for a special farewell dinner. PALACE HOTEL (B,L,D)

EXTENSION

MAY 20–23

Kamakura & the Hot Springs Resort of Hakone
On this optional post-trip extension, travel outside of Tokyo for a two-night stay at a traditional Japanese inn, or ryokan, in the hot springs resort of Hakone. Weather permitting, enjoy wonderful views of Mt. Fuji. En route to Hakone, visit the historic center of Kamakura, with its Zen temples and famous Daibutsu, a giant bronze statue of Buddha (below). Conclude with a final night in Tokyo before flights home to the U.S. RATES: $2,490 per person, double occupancy; $3,390 per person, single occupancy. Further details will be provided to confirmed participants.
PROGRAlRATES INCLUDE

Comprehensive educational program by study leaders, on-site experts, and local guides  •  All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary, including eight nights aboard the Caledonian Sky  •  All excursions, including entrance fees, as specified in the itinerary  •  Complimentary meet-and-greet and seat-on-shuttle transfers on arrival and departure days  •  Baggage handling  •  Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, and ship’s crew for all group activities  •  Port fees and embarkation taxes  •  Welcome and farewell receptions  •  Wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners on board ship and at welcome and farewell dinners in Kyoto and Tokyo  •  Bottled water on excursions  •  Complete packet of pre-departure information  •  Professional tour manager throughout

AIRFARE U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost.
Round-trip, economy-class airfare from New York to Osaka with return from Tokyo is approximately $1,500 as of June 2013 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

WHAT TO EXPECT

We consider this a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to one mile of walking at a time, often on uneven terrain. In some instances, elevators are unavailable and stairs may not have handrails. You will be required to remove your shoes while visiting temples, shrines, and a number of other sites. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiaks for one excursion ashore (there will be staff and crew members on hand to assist). Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 96 participants, including travelers from Princeton, Yale, Harvard, National Trust Tours, and Smithsonian Journeys.

The Caledonian Sky, formerly the Hebridean Spirit, is a 114-passenger premier expedition ship newly refurbished in 2012. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and/or bathtub, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, mini-bar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, flat-screen television, and sitting area with sofa. Twenty-three of the suites feature private balconies. The ship’s amenities include a dining room, two lounges with bar service, small library and gym, sun deck with comfortable lounge chairs, hairdresser, laundry service, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The Caledonian Sky’s chefs prepare quality international meals, pre-dominantly Western-style, served in a single open seating. A friendly crew provides exceptional, personalized service, with more than a 1:2 crew-to-passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers, and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft.

PROGRAM RATES

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Caledonian Sky

Bridge Deck Cabin

Dining Room
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I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 8, 2014, I will pay the single rate.

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HIGHLIGHTS

CRUISE JAPAN’S INLAND SEA AND BEYOND for 8 nights aboard the premier expedition ship Caledonian Sky.

Learn about the LIFE AND TRAINING OF A GEISHA, and enjoy entertainment by a maiko (apprentice geisha).

Explore the WORLD HERITAGE CITY OF GYEONGJU, SOUTH KOREA, often referred to as “the museum without walls” for its many historical treasures from the ancient kingdom of Shilla.

View the dry ZEN ROCK GARDENS of Kyoto’s Ryoan-ji, the perfectly landscaped grounds of the Adachi Museum of Art, and the intricate stroll garden of Kanazawa’s Kenroku-en.

Meet the WORLD-FAMOUS KODO DRUMMERS on remote Sado Island and enjoy a thrilling private performance.