

PRINCETON JOURNEYS



Inside *Japan*

Travel with

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East Asian Art*

October 19-31, 2022

For peace of mind, all payments are 100% refundable until Thursday, July 21, 2022.

Dear Princetonian,

Join East Asian art specialist Dora C.Y. Ching *11 on a carefully crafted autumn journey to Japan, taking advantage of the chance to venture beyond the typical tourist sites to discover the fascinating worlds of this island nation — ancient and contemporary, urban and rural, sacred and cutting-edge.

Begin in the Imperial capital of Kyoto, now a bustling modern city dotted with lovely ancient temples and gardens behind walls, and filled with some of the country's top artisans. Then depart the city bustle for a memorable visit to the remote mountains and valleys of Shikoku Island, staying at a lovely traditional inn (ryokan) with indoor and outdoor hot spring baths (onsen). Continue to the contemporary artist retreat of Naoshima Island, and conclude with a bullet train journey to Tokyo to discover the highlights of Japan's capital city. Throughout, savor the flavors of Japan, from simple vegetarian fare, traditionally served in Buddhist temples, to the exquisite kaiseki multi-course meals served at our ryokan.

Dates are timed to coincide with both the annual Jidai Matsuri (Festival of the Ages) in Kyoto, which features a lively procession of people dressed in accurate costumes from almost every period of Japanese history, along with the beloved monthly flea market at Kyoto's To-ji Temple, with bargains on used Japanese kimonos and other textiles, as well as antiques, ceramics and handicrafts.

This custom-designed itinerary is limited to just 32 participants, so we encourage you to reserve your space today by contacting our partner tour operator, Criterion Travel at 888.328.2089.

With kind regards,



Bridget St. Clair

Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys

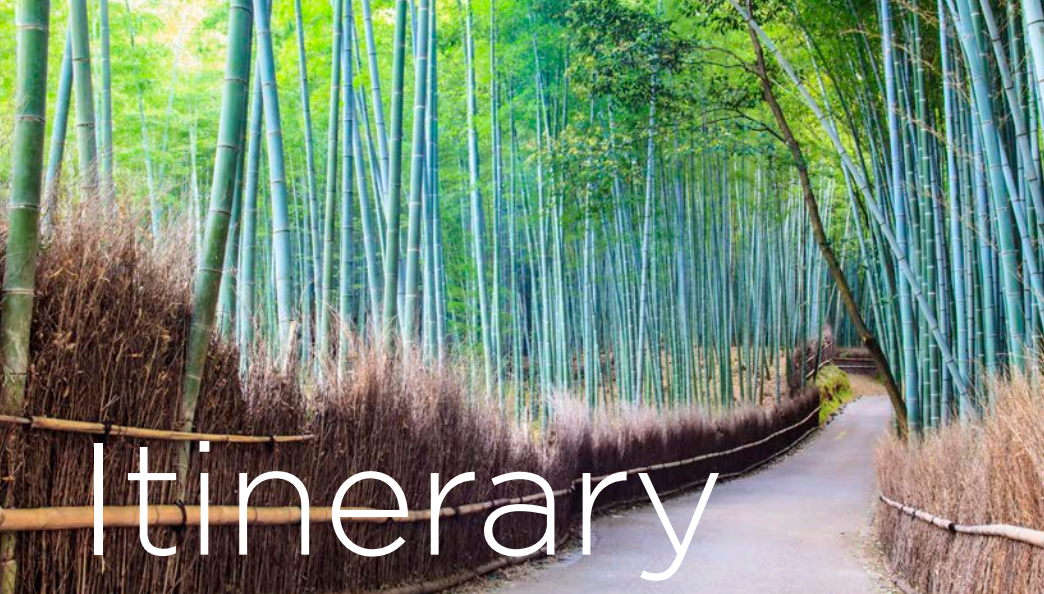
Our Study Leader

Dora C.Y. Ching * 11 is associate director of the P.Y. and Kinmay W. Tang Center for East Asian Art at Princeton University. She is a specialist in East Asian art, and her scholarship engages in questions of identity and function in portraiture, the interplay of aesthetics and literati culture in calligraphy, and the transmission of art and ideas along the Silk Road.

Before and during her time at the Tang Center, Ching has been deeply engaged in book editing and publication, with more than a dozen books to her credit as co-editor or managing editor. She is the author of numerous book chapters and articles and has co-curated three major museum exhibitions. Her current project focuses on the Buddhist caves in Dunhuang in northwest China and the historic Lo Archive of 1940s photographs of the site, culminating in a seven-volume publication.



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Itinerary

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 AND 20 DEPART U.S. / OSAKA AND KYOTO, JAPAN

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Osaka, arriving on October 20. Transfer to Kyoto and check into the comfortable, centrally located Kyoto Hotel Okura.

KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (Meals in flight)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 KYOTO

Explore the famous flea market at the historic To-ji Temple. Visit the historic temples, charming streets and stunning bamboo groves of Arashiyama, a district designated a National Historic Site. Enjoy Tenryu-ji, one of the greatest Zen temples of Kyoto, take a rickshaw ride through the famous Sagano Bamboo Grove, then view the moss garden at Hokyo-in Temple. This evening, enjoy a private presentation by a former geisha and maiko (apprentice geisha) during a welcome reception and dinner.

KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 KYOTO

Attend Kyoto's celebrated Jidai Matsuri (Festival of the Ages). The historical costumes and characters displayed in the parade cover the approximately 1,100 years when Kyoto was the national capital. This afternoon, enjoy a private calligraphy lesson and tea ceremony. In the evening, take a guided walk through the lantern-lit streets of historic Gion.

KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 KYOTO

This morning step into Ryoan-ji's elegant Zen rock garden and explore the lush strolling garden outside the temple walls. Marvel at the Temple of the Golden Pavilion (Kinkaku-ji), whose shimmering central pavilion is covered in bright gold leaf. Travel north to the picturesque mountain village of Ohara and visit the serene Sanzen-in Temple with its beautiful moss garden and miniature statues.

KYOTO HOTEL OKURA (B,L)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 KYOTO / IYA VALLEY

Travel by motorcoach to Shikoku, the smallest of Japan's main islands. Visit the temple of Ryozen-ji, then continue by coach to the remote Iya Valley. Indulge at a lovely traditional inn (ryokan), where inviting, on-site indoor and outdoor hot spring baths (onsen) offer a chance to relax and refresh.

HOTEL HIKYONOUYU (B,L,D)





Photo courtesy of Benesse Art Site Naoshima

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 **IYA VALLEY**

Visit the Chiiori Trust, a unique project that seeks to preserve age-old rural traditions in the valley. Immerse yourself in scenes of village life in Ochiai, and witness timeless traditional dwellings, some of which date from the Edo period (circa 1600-1870). Savor tea with local villagers, then cross the Oku-iyu Niju Kazurabashi, legendary twin suspension bridges constructed of intertwined vines.

HOTEL HIKYONOUYU (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 **IYA VALLEY / TAKAMATSU /** **NAOSHIMA**

Transfer to the port city of Takamatsu and stroll the peaceful gardens of 17th-century Ritsurin Park. Try your hand at making udon (Japanese noodles) and then enjoy a delicious lunch. Depart on a ferry ride to the island of Naoshima and learn about its many outdoor sculptures. Your home for two nights is the cutting-edge Benesse House, designed by acclaimed architect Tadao Ando.

BENESSE HOUSE (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 **NAOSHIMA**

Benesse House Museum is where art, nature and architecture come together. Explore the innovative subterranean Chichu Art Museum, housing works by Claude Monet, James Turrell and Walter De Maria, in a building designed to funnel natural light and enhance each exhibit. The afternoon is at leisure to visit additional art installations or relax on the hotel patio overlooking the Inland Sea.

BENESSE HOUSE (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 **NAOSHIMA / OKAYAMA / TOKYO**

Travel by ferry and coach to Okayama and take the high-speed train from Okayama to Tokyo. In the afternoon, explore Asakusa, one of Tokyo's oldest neighborhoods and home to the oldest Buddhist temple, Senso-ji. Among the appeals of Senso-ji are the bustling crowds and the traditional food and souvenir stalls of the adjacent Nakamise pedestrian arcade.

IMPERIAL HOTEL (B,L)



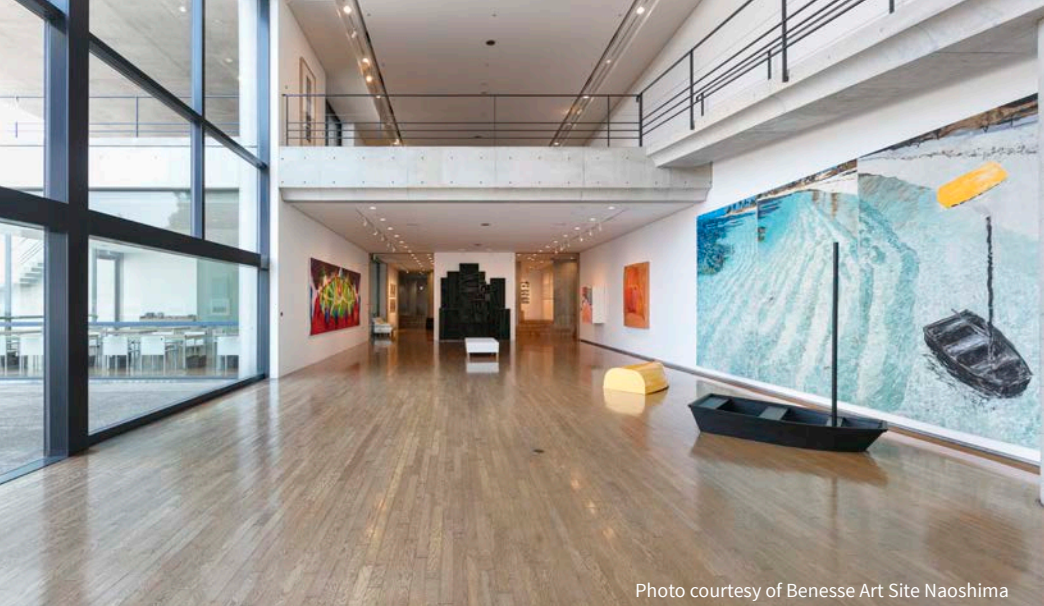


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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 TOKYO

Get acquainted with the city's celebrated landmarks, including a stroll through the Tsukiji Outer Market. Take in a stunning panoramic view from the landmark Skytree observation deck before visiting the grounds of the Meiji Shrine, located in a 170-acre forest of cedar and camphor trees. The Shinto shrine complex commemorates the role of the emperor during the Meiji Restoration, when Japan emerged as a modernized nation.

IMPERIAL HOTEL (B,L)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 TOKYO

A morning cultural workshop at the Shunka-en Bonsai Museum includes hands-on classes in calligraphy and origami, as well as the chance to try on an authentic kimono. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to visit a museum or explore the Ginza District, Tokyo's popular upscale shopping and entertainment area. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner.

IMPERIAL HOTEL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 DEPART TOKYO / U.S.

Transfer to Tokyo Narita or Haneda Airport for independent flights home. (B)



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PROGRAM RATES

Per Person, sharing \$9,999 | Single Supplement. \$2,000

Program Rates Include All accommodations, meals as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Arrival transfer by shared shuttle van and departure transfer by airport limousine bus • Train tickets from Okayama to Tokyo • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer and soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout the program

Program Rates Do Not Include U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

What to Expect This program involves a considerable amount of walking, sometimes over uneven surfaces, and navigating stairs that may not have handrails. You will be required to remove your shoes while visiting temples, shrines, many local restaurants, and a number of other sites. Hotel Hikyonoyu features traditional Japanese accommodations featuring futons set atop tatami mats on the floor. Daily temperatures in October generally range between the high 50s to the low 70s F, and rain is likely. All participants should be reasonably fit and in good health. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that s/he does not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for her/himself or other travelers.

Air Arrangements U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877.376.1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site or the airline of your choice.

A Note About Costs Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Insurance Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

Group Size This program is limited to 32 Princeton Journeys travelers.

TERMS and CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed “Terms and Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause” is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

A complete packet of pre-departure information including COVID-19 standard procedures and updates will be shared with passengers prior to departure.

Reservations and Payments Please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail to: 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005. You may also fax your credit card information to 650.560.6400 or email res@criteriontravel.com. For more information, contact Criterion Travel at info@criteriontravel.com or 888.328.2089. Balance of payment is due July 21, 2022. We accept personal checks, payable to Criterion Travel, as well as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

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to 650.560.6400 or email res@criteriontravel.com. For more information,
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PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to
Criterion Travel), to reserve _____ place(s) on Inside Japan *OR*

☐ Please charge my deposit to:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE

SECURITY CODE

*I/we understand that final payment is due July 21, 2022, 120 days prior to departure.
Registrations after July 21, 2022: Full payment is due.*

NAME #1 (AS ON PASSPORT)

DOB

EMAIL

PRINCETON AFFILIATION

NAME #2 (AS ON PASSPORT)

DOB

EMAIL

PRINCETON AFFILIATION

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed preference in hotel (not guaranteed): ☐ Two beds ☐ One bed

I/we have read the tour information and agree to the Terms and Conditions therein.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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- **MARVEL** at Kyoto's annual Jidai Matsuri (Festival of the Ages) and discover hidden gems including Arashiyama and the mountain town of Ohara
- **MEET** local artisans and performers during a calligraphy lesson and tea ceremony in a historic machiya house, and a guest lecture from the proprietress of a geisha house
- **VENTURE** into the landscapes of Shikoku Island's rural Iya Valley, featuring mountainous terrain and waterfalls, evocative vine bridges, and tiny villages
- **VISIT** the island of Naoshima with its cutting-edge art and contemporary architecture, including world-class museums, interactive art installations and outdoor sculptures
- **TRAVEL** to Tokyo aboard the bullet train for a grand finale exploring the capital's contrasts of historic and ultra-modern sites



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