Experience dramatic coastlines, sacred temples, celebrated gardens, and cutting-edge art and architecture during an eight-night cruise through the Sea of Japan and the Inland Sea aboard the 140-passenger Heritage Adventurer. After two exciting days in Tokyo, venture beyond the bustle of Japan’s capital city to the tranquil historic and artistic quarters of Kanazawa and the idyllic island worlds of Miyajima, Sado, and Naoshima.

SCHEDULE BY DAY

_TUESDAY, MAY 14_
**DEPART FROM HOME CITY**
Independent departures from your home city to Tokyo, Japan.

_WEDNESDAY, MAY 15_
**ARRIVE TOKYO, JAPAN**
Arrive in Tokyo and transfer to the Hotel New Otani.
Overnight: New Hotel Otani (B, L, D)

_THURSDAY, MAY 16_
**TOKYO**
After a morning lecture, customize your Tokyo experience with excursion options. Visit the famous Meiji Shrine complex, learn about the Japanese art of woodblock printing at the Ukiyo-e Ota Museum, and marvel at modern architecture in Tokyo’s Aoyama district; or, enjoy a cruise on the Sumida River, stroll through the peaceful Central Tokyo public park, Hamarikyu Gardens, and learn about the ancient Japanese art of bonsai at Shunkaen Bonsai Gardens and open-air museum.

In the evening gather for a welcome dinner featuring a kabuki performance.
Overnight: New Hotel Otani (B, L, D)

_FRIDAY, MAY 17_
**TOKYO / NIIGATA**
Today choose to visit the Tsukiji fish market and the Kappabashi culinary district, or instead explore the Ginza district, including a classic Japanese department store and traditional shops.
Later in the day, take the bullet train to Niigata and embark Heritage Adventurer.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, D)

_SATURDAY, MAY 18_
**SADO ISLAND**
On remote Sado Island, home of the world-famous Kodo drummers, enjoy a lecture and hands-on taiko drumming workshop with a short performance. Then visit a sake brewery for a tour and tasting.
Spend the afternoon cruising with time for lectures.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, L, D)
SUNDAY, MAY 19
KANAZAWA
Take a morning excursion to Kenroku-en Garden, considered one of Japan’s finest. Then experience a traditional tea ceremony.
The afternoon is at sea with time for lectures.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, L, D)

MONDAY, MAY 20
MATSUE
In the morning, view modern and contemporary Japanese paintings at Adachi Museum of Art and admire its spectacular gardens. Then enjoy free time to explore the samurai quarter in Matsue.
The afternoon is at sea with time for lectures.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, MAY 21
ULSAN, SOUTH KOREA
Enjoy a full day in South Korea, including a traditional Korean lunch with Korean music or a folkloric show.
Choose to tour the massive Hyundai automobile plant in Ulsan (the largest in the world) or venture to nearby Gyeongyu to visit the breathtaking 8th century Bulgaksa Temple, representative of Buddhist culture from the Silla kingdom, and then tour the National Museum of Korea.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
HIROSHIMA
In Hiroshima, visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which documents the atomic explosion that ravaged the city.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, MAY 23
MIYAJIMA
In the morning, visit Itsukushima shrine with its dramatic “floating” torii.
Afternoon options include a guided hike followed by soak in hot springs, or a flower arrangement (ikebana) class along with free time.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, MAY 24
NAOSHIMA
Take a ferry to Naoshima, an island that has become a mecca for cutting-edge art and contemporary architecture. Visit the Chichu Art Museum, Benesse Museum, and Art House Projects.
Spend the afternoon cruising Japan’s Inland Sea.
In the evening, attend the Captain’s farewell dinner.
Overnight: Heritage Adventurer (B, L, D)

SATURDAY, MAY 25
KOBE / DEPARTURES
Disembark in Kobe and take a group transfer to Osaka airport for flights home.
Or, continue on the Optional Extension to Kyoto.