Itinerary

16 Day Iconic Japan Cruise With Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Depart Australia ~ Arrive Tokyo, Japan

Today you will depart Australia on your flight to Japan.

Upon arrival in Tokyo, please make your own way from the airport to your hotel. After check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your flight or begin exploring Japan's vibrant capital at your own pace.

IMPORTANT FLIGHT NOTE:

Depending on airline schedules, you may be required to depart on Day 0.

MEALS: In Flight

OVERNIGHT: Shinjuku Prince Hotel, Tokyo or similar

Day 2: Tokyo ~ Free Day

After breakfast, enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Tokyo at your own pace.

You may wish to discover the bright lights and shopping streets of Shinjuku, visit the historic Asakusa district and Senso-ji Temple, stroll through the peaceful gardens of the Imperial Palace, or experience the famous Shibuya Crossing. Alternatively, simply relax and enjoy the city your own way.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Shinjuku Prince Hotel, Tokyo or similar

Day 3: Tokyo ~ Embark Ship

After breakfast, enjoy your final morning in Tokyo at leisure before checking out of your hotel.

At the appropriate time, please make your own way to the cruise terminal to embark the MSC Bellissima. Once onboard, settle into your cabin and begin exploring the ship's facilities before your evening departure from Tokyo.

DEPARTURE: 7pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 4: Kobe

Enjoy a relaxing day onboard MSC Bellissima as you sail towards Kobe. Take the time to explore the ship's facilities, enjoy the dining options, or simply relax as you continue your cruise through Japan.

This evening, the ship is scheduled to arrive in Kobe, one of Japan's most attractive port cities, known for its harbour setting, cosmopolitan atmosphere and famous Kobe beef.

ARRIVAL: 8pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 5: Kobe

Today, enjoy time to explore Kobe, a vibrant harbour city known for its scenic waterfront, stylish shopping districts and excellent dining scene.

You may wish to stroll through the Kobe Harborland area, visit the historic Kitano district, take in views from the Kobe Port Tower, or sample the city's world-famous Kobe beef. Alternatively, you may choose to join an optional shore excursion or explore at your own pace before returning to the ship.

DEPARTURE: 6pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 6: Kochi

This morning, arrive in Kochi, a charming city on Japan's Shikoku Island known for its relaxed atmosphere, local markets and historic sites.

You may wish to visit Kochi Castle, one of Japan's few original castles, explore the lively Hirome Market, or stroll through the city's shopping arcades and riverside areas. Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion or enjoy the day discovering Kochi at your own pace before returning to the ship.

ARRIVAL: 8am

DEPARTURE: 5pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 7: Hiroshima

This morning, arrive in Hiroshima, a city known for its powerful history, peaceful atmosphere and welcoming local culture.

You may wish to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum, see the iconic Atomic Bomb Dome, or explore the city's gardens, shopping streets and local dining scene. For those looking to venture further, Miyajima Island and its famous floating torii gate are also among the region's most memorable sights.

ARRIVAL: 9am

DEPARTURE: 7pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 8: Beppu

This morning, arrive in Beppu, one of Japan's most famous hot spring destinations, known for its steaming geothermal landscapes and relaxing atmosphere.

You may wish to visit the famous "Hells of Beppu", a collection of colourful hot springs for viewing, explore the local shopping streets, or enjoy time at one of the city's traditional onsen baths. Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion or explore Beppu at your own pace before returning to the ship.

ARRIVAL: 9:30am

DEPARTURE: 7pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 9: At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea onboard MSC Bellissima as you continue your cruise. Take the opportunity to explore the ship's facilities, enjoy the onboard dining and entertainment, or simply unwind and take in the ocean views.

Whether you choose to join an activity, spend time by the pool, browse the shops, or relax with a drink, today is yours to enjoy at your own pace.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 10: Naha, Okinawa

This morning, arrive in Naha, the capital of Okinawa and a gateway to Japan's southern island culture, known for its warm climate, relaxed atmosphere and unique blend of Japanese and Ryukyu heritage.

You may wish to explore the lively Kokusai Street, visit the historic Shurijo Castle area, discover local markets, or sample Okinawan cuisine. Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion or enjoy time exploring Naha at your own pace before returning to the ship.

ARRIVAL: 8am

DEPARTURE: 6pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 11: Miyako Island

This morning, arrive at Miyako Island, a beautiful Okinawan island known for its white sandy beaches, clear blue waters and relaxed tropical atmosphere.

You may wish to spend time by the beach, take in the coastal scenery, explore local shops and cafés, or join an optional shore excursion to discover more of the island. Miyako Island is also known for its scenic bridges and surrounding coral reefs, making it a peaceful and picturesque stop on your cruise.

ARRIVAL: 8am

DEPARTURE: 6pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 12: Keelung (Taipei), Taiwan (China)

This morning, arrive in Keelung, the port city gateway to Taipei. From here, you may choose to explore Taiwan’s vibrant capital, known for its lively street food, bustling markets, temples and modern city sights.

You may wish to visit Taipei 101, explore the historic streets of Jiufen, discover local flavours at a traditional market, or join an optional shore excursion. Alternatively, enjoy time in Keelung, with its harbourfront atmosphere and famous night market, before returning to the ship.

ARRIVAL: 8am

DEPARTURE: 6pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 13: At Sea

Enjoy another relaxing day at sea onboard MSC Bellissima as you continue your cruise. Today is the perfect opportunity to make the most of the ship’s dining, entertainment and leisure facilities.

You may wish to join an onboard activity, relax by the pool, visit the spa, enjoy live entertainment, or simply unwind and take in the ocean views as you sail towards your next destination.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 14: Kagoshima, Japan

This morning, arrive in Kagoshima, a scenic port city on the southern tip of Kyushu, known for its views of the active Sakurajima volcano, rich history and warm regional charm.

You may wish to visit the beautiful Sengan-en Garden, take in views across the bay to Sakurajima, explore local shopping streets, or sample Kagoshima's well-known regional cuisine. Alternatively, join an optional shore excursion or enjoy time discovering the city at your own pace before returning to the ship.

ARRIVAL: 8am

DEPARTURE: 6pm

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 15: At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea onboard MSC Bellissima as you continue your journey. Take the time to enjoy the ship's many facilities, from dining and entertainment to leisure activities and quiet spaces to unwind.

You may wish to join an onboard activity, relax by the pool, visit the spa, enjoy a show, or simply take in the ocean views as you sail towards your final port of call.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MSC Bellissima

Day 16: Tokyo ~ Disembark Ship ~ Depart Japan

This morning, arrive back in Tokyo, where your cruise onboard MSC Bellissima comes to an end.

After breakfast, disembark the ship and make your own way to the airport for your onward flight home. Take with you wonderful memories of your journey through Japan, Okinawa and Taiwan.

ARRIVAL: 8am

MEALS: Breakfast, In Flight