

The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International
invite you to join us on board Celebrity Millennium for the 2025

PALACES & PAVILIONS JAPAN

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

2 Departures

13 June to 2 July 2025

24 August to 12 September 2025

Kyoto, Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Osaka (Overnight), Kochi,
Hiroshima, Hakodate, Aomori, Japan; Busan, South Korea

Includes
over **\$2000**
per person value
in sightseeing tours,
entrances, transfers,
gratuities and
taxes

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The Palaces & Pavilions cruise will be a wonderful opportunity to travel from Kyoto to Tokyo and around Japan. The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours at each port of call. Also included are special activities for members of the group. We hope that you can join us!

Itinerary

DAY 1 Departure

This evening we board our flight to Osaka.

DAY 2 Kyoto, Japan

On arrival into Osaka this morning, we meet our guide and transfer to Kyoto for a sightseeing tour. We will visit the Philosopher's Path, a pleasant stone path through the northern part of Kyoto's Higashiyama district that follows a canal, lined by hundreds of cherry trees (cherry trees bloom in April). This afternoon will be at leisure.

DAY 3 Kyoto

Today our sightseeing tour of Kyoto commences at Kinkakuji, better known as the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple in northern Kyoto whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Formally known as Rokuonji, the temple was the retirement villa of the shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu, and according to his will, it became a Zen temple of the Rinzaï sect after his death in 1408. We then visit the Ryoanji Temple, the site of Japan's most famous rock garden. Originally an aristocrat's villa during the Heian Period, the site was converted into a Zen temple in 1450 and belongs to the Myoshinji School of the Rinzaï sect of Zen Buddhism. Later we visit Gion, Kyoto's most famous geisha district made famous from the novel and film *Memoirs of a Geisha*. It is filled with shops, restaurants and ochaya (teahouses), where geisha and maiko (geisha apprentices) entertain. This evening we will enjoy a Welcome Dinner.

DAY 4 Kyoto

Today we will visit Ginkakuji, consisting of the famous Silver Pavilion and Nanzenji Temple, whose spacious grounds are located at the base of Kyoto's forested Higashiyama Mountains, and is one of the most important Zen temples in all of Japan. In 1482, shogun Ashikaga Yoshimasa built his retirement villa on the grounds of today's temple, modelling it after Kinkakuji (Golden Pavilion), his grandfather's retirement villa. The villa was converted into a Zen temple after Yoshimasa's death in 1490. After visiting Ginkakuji, we travel to Nanzenji. Later we visit the Imperial Palace, which was the residence of the Imperial family until the capital was moved to Tokyo in 1869. Within the Imperial Palace grounds, which are enclosed by a roofed earthen wall, are the Seiryō-den (Palace Hall) and the Kōgoshō (Minor Palace) – reminiscent of the dynastic age.

DAY 5 Tokyo

This morning we are transferred to the railway station for our exciting "Bullet train ride" on the famous Shinkansen train to Tokyo traveling up to 270 kmph. On the way we pass Mt Fuji and if the weather is good we will see it. Upon

arrival we have an orientation tour of the city and see the famous fish market and the Asakusa district, well-known as a region of old Tokyo. We see the Asakusa Kannon Temple, a Buddhist temple also known as "Sensoji." The temple was built in 645 A.D with the finest Japanese architecture. Later we are transferred to our hotel.

DAY 6 Tokyo

This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Tokyo. We visit the famous Ginza shopping district, renowned as the most expensive real estate in the world. We then visit the Imperial Palace East Gardens, which is part of the Royal residence, and a superb example of traditional Japanese landscape design.



DAY 7 Embarkation

The morning is free for individual sightseeing and shopping. Early afternoon we are transferred to the port of Yokohama to board the Celebrity Millennium. Make sure you're up on deck as the Celebrity Millennium slips her moorings and we start our cruise around Japan.

DAY 8 Shimizu (Mt. Fuji)

Today we arrive at Mt. Fuji, Japan's highest mountain and the focal point of the sprawling Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and which is visible from Tokyo on a clear day. We enjoy a sightseeing tour of this very special area named for the Buddhist fire goddess Fuchi and is sacred to the Shinto goddess Sengen-Sama, whose shrine is found at the summit. It is the holiest of Japan's "Three Holy Mountains."

DAY 9 Osaka

Think of Osaka as a combination of Los Angeles and Chicago. It definitely has LA's second-city complex, but its attitude is pure Chicago. This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour including the Osaka Castle. Built in 1583 and destroyed just 32 years later, the castle has undergone many reconstructions, the most recent in 1931. Its walls encompass the Municipal Museum and the Hokoku Shrine, which is dedicated to its original owner, Toyotomi Hideyoshi. We will also visit the Shitennoji Temple, built in the year 593 and believed to be the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan. The Celebrity Millennium remains docked overnight in Osaka.

DAY 10 Osaka

We continue our sightseeing of Osaka today. We enjoy the panoramic view of the entire city from the Floating Garden Observatory standing in the top of Umeda Sky Building, and stroll along the bustling Dotonbori Shopping Area.





The Celebrity Millennium

Refurbished in 2016 the Celebrity Millennium made its debut in 2000 and was the first-in-class flagship for Celebrity. The soft hues and stately public spaces; the tortoise-shell onyx stairway at the centre of the ship; the diverse art around every turn; the stunning space in the Cosmos Lounge with its wraparound floor to ceiling windows, contemporary design, glittery dance floor, Art Deco-style lighting system and light woods; the clubby, homey feeling of Michael's Club; and the contemporary-mixed with- Deco design of the Metropolitan Restaurant offer an eclectic experience to those on board. Private balconies offering panoramic landscapes of mountainous coastlines and stunning ocean sunsets. Attentive and intuitive service that delights in the personal touch. A voyage on the Celebrity Millennium is an exceptional experience to be remembered.

Clothing onboard

During the day, casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the restaurants. On up to two nights on every cruise, Evening Chic applies. Evening Chic attire is replacing Formal attire. While dressier than Smart Casual, Evening Chic is intended to be less dressy than Formal attire. Women should feel comfortable wearing a cocktail dress or a skirt, pants or designer jeans with an elegant top and men should feel comfortable wearing pants or designer jeans with a dress shirt, button-down shirt or sweater. A sport coat or blazer is optional. Evening Chic means that you can get glamorous and be sophisticated in your own way. If you would like to still wear a tuxedo or formal gown on Evening Chic nights, you absolutely should.

Don't worry about coming alone

We have about a third of people on the cruise travelling alone. We will match people up in twin share cabins when available. This saves you the single supplement! You won't be left alone. The Travelrite Tour Manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities almost every day.

The advantages of Celebrity Millennium Land of the Rising Sun Cruise

The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening you will eat with the group on our reserved group tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time!

DAY 11 Kochi

This morning we arrive in Kochi, the capital of Kochi Prefecture on the southern coast of Shikoku, and we enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. We visit Kochi Castle, one of just 12 Japanese castles to have survived the fires, wars and other catastrophes of the post feudal age. The castle used to be the seat of the Yamauchi lords, who ruled over the surrounding region, then known as Tosa, during the Edo Period. The castle buildings have since been designated "important cultural properties", and now house local treasures and historical objects. We then visit the Chikurinji Temple on Godaisan, one of the eighty-eight temples along the Shikoku Pilgrimage.

DAY 12 Hiroshima, Japan

This morning we arrive at Hiroshima, the site where the first atomic bomb was exploded and helped bring the end to WWII in the Pacific in August 1945. On our sightseeing tour we visit the Peace Memorial Park and see the Genbaku Dome, the surviving portion of a structure that crumbled in the explosion. Other prominent sites include Shukkei-en, a formal Chinese-style garden, and Hiroshima Castle, a fortress surrounded by a moat and a park.

DAY 13 At Sea

Another day at sea to explore the fabulous facilities of this magnificent ship. This afternoon we have a fun session of Trivial Pursuit. You will be divided into groups, with prizes for the winners!

DAY 14 Busan, South Korea

We call into the port of Busan, South Korea where we have a sightseeing tour and visit the ancient Silla capital, Gyeong-Ju, a place UNESCO designated as one of the world's top 10 historic sites. We explore the royal tombs at Tumuli Park and then experience the serenity of an 8th-century Bulguksa Temple.

DAY 15 At Sea

Another day at sea to explore the fabulous facilities of this magnificent ship. This afternoon we have a fun session of Scattergories.



DAY 16 Hakodate, Japan

Located in Japan's most northernmost island, Hakodate is one of the main cities on Hokkaido. On our sightseeing tour we see The Old Public Hall, Hakodate Park the bustling morning markets and much more. We visit the magnificent Goryokaku Tower, standing at 107 metres tall this is a perfect way to get a view of the city and its mountain ranges.

DAY 17 Aomori, Japan

This morning we arrive in Aomori, in the northernmost prefecture on Japan's main island Honshu. On our tour today, we will visit Hirosaki, once the political and cultural capital of the Tsugaru Region, the western section of present-day Aomori Prefecture. The city remains one of the culturally richest cities in the northern Tohoku Region. We visit Hirosaki Castle, built in 1611 with its three storey keep the only one in the Tohoku Region that was not rebuilt in the modern era, amongst only a handful in all of Japan.

DAY 18 At Sea

Another day at sea to explore the fabulous facilities of this magnificent ship. This afternoon we have a fun session of Bingo. There will be prizes for the winners.

DAY 19 Tokyo, Japan/Departure

This morning we arrive back into Yokohama and disembark the ship. We travel to Tokyo and visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken, the shrine is a popular place for traditional Japanese weddings. We'll also visit the famous Tokyo Tower. Inspired by the Eiffel Tower, the Tokyo Tower stands at 333m tall is the second tallest structure in Japan. Late afternoon we are transferred to the airport for our flights back to Australia.

Day 20 Arrive Australia

Tour members arrive into Australia and tour arrangements conclude.

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**Fantastic Value
Nothing more to pay!**
The Travelrite escorted Palaces & Pavilions Cruise represents amazing value. There are no costly extras; everything is included in the one great price!



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Included in the Palaces & Pavilions Cruise:

- Economy-class air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane/Perth to Osaka and return from Tokyo
- Travel on Celebrity Millennium in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment, and service charges on Celebrity Millennium
- Private activities on board Celebrity Millennium
- 3 nights' 4 star accommodation in Kyoto including breakfast
- 2 night's 4 star accommodation in Tokyo including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours to Kyoto, Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Osaka, Kochi, Hiroshima, Busan, Hakodate and Aomori
- Cruise management by Travelrite International
- Port and handling charges on Celebrity Millennium
- Cruise taxes
- Air taxes as of 1 April 2024
- Onboard gratuities

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches and dinners when not on the ship

Prices per person in AU\$

Cabin / Description		Deck	TOUR 1		TOUR 2	
			Twin-share	Single Fare	Twin-share	Single Fare
I2	Inside	2,3	\$ 8190	\$ 10290	\$ 8090	\$ 10190
I1	Inside	6,7,9	\$ 8390	\$ 10690	\$ 8190	\$ 10390
O2	Ocean View	2,3	\$ 8990	\$ 11690	\$ 8790	\$ 11290
O1	Ocean View	2,3,6,7,8,9	\$ 9290	\$ 12190	\$ 8990	\$ 11490
V2	Veranda Balcony	6,7,8,9	\$ 10590	\$ 14890	\$ 9890	\$ 13190
V1	Veranda Balcony	7,9	\$ 10890	\$ 15490	\$ 9990	\$ 13490
C2	Concierge Balcony	7,8,9	NA	NA	\$ 10790	\$ 14990
C1	Concierge Balcony	7,8	\$ 10990	\$ 15590	\$ 10990	\$ 15290
A2	Aqua Balcony	9	\$ 11690	\$ 16990	\$ 11690	\$ 16790
S1	Sky Suite	6,8,9	\$ 15690	\$ 33190	\$ 15990	\$ 33990
Included air taxes as at 1 April 2024			\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180
Included port and handling charges			\$ 835	\$ 1475	\$ 835	\$ 1475
Included ship gratuities			\$ 320	\$ 320	\$ 320	\$ 320

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. *Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.*

Extending: You can stay longer in Japan for minimal additional cost. Please call for details on 1800 630 343.

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.



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TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Celebrity Millennium is operated by Celebrity Cruises and the Celebrity Millennium fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Celebrity Cruises brochure 2025. All passengers must complete and sign a Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete the Celebrity Cruises online check in. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the Celebrity Millennium fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments made by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	Loss of deposit
90 or less	100% of full fare
Nonappearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport with at least six months validity. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between

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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$900 per person to:

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