

JAPAN'S KYUSHU

– BY RAIL –

- scenic rail tour around the island of Kyushu -

Tuesday 16 February – Saturday 6 March 2021



Join us for one of our new tours to Japan – an eighteen day in-depth tour of the southern of Japan's four main islands – Kyushu. With a combination of splendid coast line (much will rail lines travelling along it) and mountainous hinterland, the natural landscape is spectacular. Add to that the rich culture of the island, with gardens, famed pottery, textiles, art and food, there is much to see. We travel on a range of trains, from the modern shinkansen, to local trains, and special 'resort' trains where the train is itself the destination. Experience a variety of accommodations, including **excellent hot spring (onsen) resorts in beautiful ryokans**. We've included meals when it is prudent, and for special locations, but also provided freedom to dine when, with whom and where you wish. Taste **local cuisine at 'izakaya' restaurants** and **fine traditional (Kaiseki) dinners** featuring local produce. The tour is led by Japanese speaking expert **Takako Ishige** and **Owen Johnstone-Donnet**, who have designed and organised the tour. We are proud and passionate about our tours - we make it possible to experience the real Japan, visiting **not only iconic cities and sights, but also 'off the beaten track' small villages**, meeting local people. The tour is limited to 14 guests – we look forward to you joining us on this special journey around the island of Kyushu.

Tuesday 16 February 2021 - to Japan

Begin your experience of Japanese culture aboard a daylight flight from Sydney to Tokyo's Narita Airport with Japan Airlines, or from Melbourne or Brisbane with Qantas to Tokyo, then transfer to our Tokyo hotel for two nights. Alternatively fly overnight from Australia to Tokyo with Qantas or All Nippon Airlines. Overnight Tokyo or aboard the flight to Japan.

Wednesday 17 February 2021 (B/D) – Tokyo

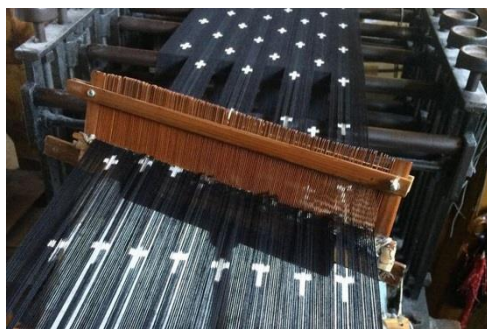
After breakfast and a relaxed start to the day, choose between an exploration of Tokyo, or delve into Tokyo's amazing rail and public transport system where we'll combine sightseeing with experiences on a range of the cities amazing public transport. Cross the Rainbow Bridge on the driverless *Yurikamome*, sample the sole remaining tram line remaining in Tokyo, and visit one of the earliest stations in central Tokyo now converted to a gallery with café. Enjoy our first **group dinner** together and overnight Tokyo.

Thursday 18 February 2021 (B) – High speed train (the Shinkansen) to Hakata, Kyushu

Today we commence our rail experiences with the 1,174km journey from Tokyo to Hakata, aboard the **excellent Japanese 'Shinkansen' service**. Running at speeds of up to 300 km/h, the Shinkansen is known for punctuality (most trains depart on time to the second), comfort, safety and efficiency it is an exhilarating and comfortable experience. We break our journey at Shin-Kobe station where you can stretch your legs and purchase a **Bento Box** for lunch. We continue our journey south to **Hakata** – the terminal of the shinkansen line until 2011, when the Kyushu Shinkansen connected south to Kagoshima Chuo. Fukuoka (of which Hakata is a central district) is Kyushu's largest and one of Japan's ten most populated cities. Due to its closeness to the Asian mainland (closer to Seoul than to Tokyo), Fukuoka has been an important harbour city for many centuries and was chosen by the Mongol invasion forces as their landing point in the 13th century. Today's Fukuoka is the product of the fusion of two cities in the year 1889, when the port city of Hakata and the former castle town of Fukuoka were united into one city called Fukuoka. Hakata remains the name of one of Fukuoka's central districts and of the main railway station. Our accommodation is adjacent to Hakata Station, and there are myriad dining opportunities tonight for a leisurely meal.

Friday 19 February 2021 (B/D) – Kurume Kasuri Textiles and Mojiko

After breakfast we travel a short distance south to the area known as Yame, famed for its **Kurume Kasuri** - textiles are an integral part of Japanese history and culture. From ancient times, people have learned to spin yarn out of plants such as hemp, wisteria, kudzu (a Japanese herb), kouzo (Japanese mulberry paper), and later, silk and cotton. In each region, people developed skills and tools to weave them into beautiful textiles with unique colours, patterns, and texture. In Fukuoka, the local textile is called Kurume Kasuri. It is a cotton textile, known for its unique blurry 'ikat' patterns, which is still made in a complicated resist-dye technique of yarn. Takako has organised visits to see the textile production, and opportunities to see the fine products that result. In the afternoon we return by rail to Hakata, and travel to **Mojiko** – which is not only a pleasant rail journey, but the destination is the old port which has retained its late 19th century atmosphere. Built in 1914, Mojiko Station is one of the few remaining large wooden stations in Japan, and adjacent is the Kyushu Railway History Museum. We will return to Hakata in the late afternoon for a group dinner, and overnight.



Saturday 20 February 2021 (B/L) – by shinkansen to Kumamoto

After breakfast we join the Kyushu Shinkansen for the journey south to Kumamoto. Kumamoto is the capital of Kumamoto Prefecture, and a major city on Kyushu's west coast with a population of around 750,000. The city is most famous for its castle, which is one of Japan's largest and most complete, and also boasts the fine Suizenji Garden. After leaving luggage at our hotel we take **the A-train from Kumamoto** to the seaside town of Misumi. Named after a famous jazz tune, the A-train reflects back on the good old days. The theme behind this train is "the Southern European culture prevalent in Amakusa in the 16th century. " The interior is constructed using dark tone woods and stained glass and will give you a feeling as if you are in a movie scene. Misumi is a small port at the tip of the peninsula southwest of Kumamoto. Just off the peninsula are the Amakusa Islands, famous for having been the home to a large population of Hidden Christians. At Misumi we enjoy luncheon and an exploration of the small town and port and then rejoin the train for our return to Kumamoto. Dinner is at leisure and overnight Kumamoto.



Sunday 21 February 2021 (B) – a scenic rail journey through the Kirishima Kinkowan National Park

A day exploring the mountains and rivers through the western region of Kirishima Kinkowan's rich green National Park. JR Kyushu has created rail experiences that are designed to make the trains as interesting as the countryside through which they travel. Today we join the **Hayato no Kaze Limited Express** and travel along the edge of Kagoshima Bay and climb into the mountains to Hayato and Yoshimatsu. We change to the **Shinpei Limited Express** and enjoy spectacular views of the Kirishima mountain range as we experience the magnificent ascent through the steep pass, around a spiral loop and over switchbacks. A key attraction of these journeys is not only the spectacular scenery, but the interesting stops en route where you can alight briefly from the train to meet locals on the stations with local produce to taste and for sale, and to inspect the old rail stations and steam locomotives once used on the route. In Hitoyoshi try their famous chestnut bento box, before we join the relatively recently introduced Kawasemi Yamasemi Limited Express for a journey along the scenic Hisatsu Line back towards Kumamoto. The line was opened on November 21st, 1909 to connect Kumamoto and Kagoshima prefectures in Japan's southern island of Kyushu. For security reasons, the Japanese government decided to build the railway in and around the mountains, rather than along the coastline, to avoid gunfire from foreign battleships. The project faced a series of difficult challenges, including the construction of sixty tunnels and ninety bridges, as well as the nation's first railway spiral and switchback to climb up and down the steep slopes. It was also suspended several times due to the First Sino-Japanese War and the Russo-Japanese War before the railway was finally completed. Dinner is at leisure or with some members of the group and overnight Kumamoto.



Monday 22 February 2021 (B/D) – Hisatsu Orange Railway along the western coast of Kyushu

After breakfast we head south to join the private Orange Hisatsu Railway for a journey along the coastline of south western Kyushu. When the shinkansen line opened south to Kagoshima, the original rail line was transferred to the private railway, and today offers a journey with spectacular coastal scenery that was lost with the introduction of the faster shinkansen. We travel from Yatsushiro along the coast to Sendai, enjoy luncheon, and then rejoin the original local JR line through to Kagoshima Chuo, where we return to Kumamoto using the faster shinkansen. Later this afternoon there is the opportunity to explore around Kumamoto, and perhaps visit Suizenji Garden - a spacious, Japanese style landscape garden built by the Hosokawa family in the 17th century. The garden reproduces the 53 post stations of the Tokaido, the important road, which connected Edo with Kyoto during the Edo Period, in miniature form, including a small Mt. Fuji. Join together for a group dinner at one of Kumamoto's many restaurants and overnight Kumamoto.



Tuesday 23 February 2021 (B/D) – to Nagasaki and sightseeing

This morning we head to Kumamoto Pier and join the ferry service for the 75-minute crossing over the Ariake Sea to Shimabara Peninsula, in Nagasaki Prefecture. We join the Shimabara private railway that clings to the coast as it travels to connect with the main JR line at Isahaya. From here we change to the JR service into Nagasaki, our base for the next three nights. Nagasaki is an attractively situated port city, and as one of Japan's closest port cities to the Asian mainland, has played a prominent role in foreign trade relations for many centuries. It was the most important of only a very few ports open to restricted numbers of foreign traders during Japan's period of isolation, and as such the presence of historic western influence remains. This afternoon we will explore a little of the city, before dinner together and overnight Nagasaki.

Wednesday 24 February 2021 (B) – Nagasaki

Historically, Nagasaki played an important role in Japan's international relations. A vast amount of culture and knowledge from Asia and Europe flowed to and from Japan via Nagasaki and contributed greatly to the modernisation of Japan. The Port of Nagasaki gained particular prominence during Japan's period of national isolation as it was the only place in all of Japan which was open for communication with visitors from Europe and the wider world. We will visit a number of the key sights, from Thomas Glover's House, now preserved with other western structures at the picturesque Glover Gardens, the Oura Catholic Church, the Nagasaki Peace Park, the Meganebashi Bridge and more. There is some free time to explore, with dinner at leisure and overnight Nagasaki.



Thursday 25 February 2021 (B) – Arita pottery / porcelain and the Matsuura Railway

We depart this morning by train and head to Arita and Imari – famed for their pottery and fine porcelain. Arita and Imari were the first places in Japan where porcelain was produced about 400 years ago after kaolin - the mineral essential to making porcelain - had been found at a local mountain and craftsmen with the necessary skills had been brought from Korea into the country. The new technology was an extremely valuable resource for the local ruler because porcelain was better and stronger than contemporary pottery and sold very well inside and outside of Japan. The town of Arita and the isolated mountain village of Okawachiyama served as the two main sites of production, while Imari served as the port from where the finished products were shipped out. After learning of the history of the area and viewing contemporary production, we board the Matsuura private railway that covers the 93.8km of the Nishi-Kyushu rail line around the western most extent of Saga and towards Sasebo. The railway has great sightseeing along the way, with and you will see locals in their daily life. At Sasebo we change trains to a JR Seaside Liner for the return to Nagasaki, with lovely views across Omura Bay as the train clings to the seaside. Dinner is at leisure and overnight Nagasaki.



Friday 26 February 2021 (B/D) – southern Kyushu to Kagoshima, Kirishima National Park and Miyazaki

We leave Nagasaki on a Limited express train and head to Shin-Tosu, where we board the shinkansen for the journey south to Kagoshima-Chuo. From here we board the Kirishima Limited Express and traverse the southern boundaries of the Kirishima National Park. Kirishima is an active volcanic mountain range that lies on the border between Miyazaki and Kagoshima Prefectures. It is made up of mountains, highlands, volcanic lakes and hot springs and offers good hiking through beautiful mountainous surroundings. The mountains of Kirishima play an important role in Japanese mythology - they are said to be the site where the god Ninigi no Mikoto, grandson of the sun goddess Amaterasu, was sent to rule over the earth and establish the lineage of Japanese Emperors. On arrival at Miyazaki we leave our luggage at the hotel,

and then make the short 30 minute journey to Aoshima - a small, beautiful island just off of the coast of Miyazaki City. Aoshima is connected to the mainland by a bridge and is ringed by white beaches surrounding a subtropical jungle at the island's centre. Home to Aoshima Jingu, a colourful shrine, and a geological phenomenon known as Oni no Sentakuita, or devil's washboard. We return to Miyazaki for overnight and dinner together.



Saturday 27 February 2021 (B) – south from Miyazaki to Shibushi

After breakfast we join a local rail service for the journey south to Shibushi - enjoy the beauty of Miyazaki's coast and mountains, as coastal views quickly change into views of deep-green mountains. At Aburatsu we change trains to continue along the Nichinan Line that heads through the mountains of this southern part of Miyazaki Prefecture, and then along the coast of Shibushi Bay before terminating in the city of the same name. We have luncheon in Shibushi, and then return by train to Nango. An afternoon tea break in this small city, before boarding the Limited Express Umisachi-Yamasachi for our journey back to Miyazaki. One of Kyushu's 'resort trains' the train's design is a feature of the journey, and local obisugi (cedar) wood is used for both the interior and exterior of the train, creating the ambience of a resort. We enjoy an evening meal at leisure and overnight Miyazaki.



Sunday 28 February 2021 (B/D) – Kyushu's east coast to Nobeoka, Aso Crater and Kurokawa Onsen

This morning board a JR Kyushu Sonic Limited Express and head north along the Nippo Main Line which runs close to the coast for much of its length to our destination of Nobeoka. From here we join our coach and head inland towards the Aso-Kuju National Park, located in central Kyushu. Named after and centred around the active volcanoes of Mount Aso and the Kuju Mountains it includes Mount Yufu which overlooks Yufuin Onsen and Mount Tsurumi above Beppu. Established in 1934, Aso-Kuju National Park is one of Japan's oldest national parks and offers dramatic volcanic landscapes and the Kuju Mountains, the highest on the island of Kyushu. With the volcanoes naturally come hot springs, which feed some of the country's best onsen towns, including Kurokawa, Yufuin and Beppu, each of which we will visit. After a luncheon stop in the Aso region, we head to the picturesque onsen village of Kurokawa Onsen - one of Japan's most attractive hot spring towns. Offering a pleasant, traditional atmosphere, Kurokawa's townscape is dominated by natural colours and materials, wooden buildings, earthen walls, stone stairs and a river flowing through. The town centre, located in a forested valley, is compact and easily explored on foot, and the town's lanes are lined by ryokan, public bath houses, attractive shops and cafes, a small shrine and bridges that lead over the river directly to ryokan entrances. A walk through town is particularly enjoyable in yukata and geta sandals provided by one's ryokan. We will explore on foot before settling into our ryokan for an onsen, traditional dinner and overnight in our ryokan, Kurokawa Onsen.



Monday 1 March 2021 (B/D) – to Yufuin and Lake Kinrinko

After a relaxing morning stroll in Kurokawa Onsen village, we make the short journey by coach to nearby Yufuin - located on a flat river basin surrounded by mountains, Yufuin's skyline is the twin peaked Mount Yufu, which hovers over the town and serves as the backdrop for many scenic views. The small town is basically rural and shortly after leaving the main walking route you'll come across the rice paddies and farm houses that make up a considerable part of the town. A popular hot spring resort, Yufuin has a wealth of art museums, cafes and boutiques, and we will have time this afternoon for a relaxing luncheon and stroll about the town. The lovely Kinrinko Lake provides a backdrop to the galleries and caf  s and is an ideal place to enjoy some luncheon. We check into our ryokan for the next two nights, and enjoy a lovely dinner and overnight Yufuin.



Tuesday 2 March 2021 (B/D) – the Yufuin-no-mori Ltd Express and Onta Pottery

After our lovely ryokan breakfast this morning, we have some time to explore the village further, before a late morning meeting to purchase some luncheon to enjoy aboard the *Yufuin no mori* Limited Express as we head west into the lush mountains of central Kyushu to Hita. From here a short taxi ride takes us to the mountain village of Onta, established by visiting potters in the eighteenth century, and famous for its ontayaki pottery, characterized by geometric patterns. This village benefited from the Mingei Movement in the early 20th century, led by British studio potter Bernard Leach, Commander of the British Empire (CBE), and Japanese craftsman Yanagi Muneyoshi, that emphasized the beauty of ordinary objects, particularly Japanese everyday items, which has made ontayaki pottery increasingly valuable and popular. A small river flows through the village and the rustic Japanese "satoyama" landscape is noticeable today as you see potters working their millstones by the river and firing pottery in the kilns in order to make plates and bowls suitable for everyday use. We return to Hita, and rejoin the *Yufuin no mori* Limited Express back to Yufuin, for an onsen, lovely traditional Japanese dinner and overnight in our ryokan. Overnight Yufuin.



Wednesday 3 March 2021 (B/D) – to Beppu

After breakfast in our ryokan we join the train for the one hour journey to the seaside onsen resort of Beppu. Beppu is one of Japan's most famous hot spring resorts, producing more hot spring water than any other resort in the country. We will explore the city centre before joining a hotel transfer to our destination for the night – the ANA InterContinental Hotel, Beppu. A relatively new hotel property, this five star luxury resort marks our final night in Kyushu. With splendid accommodation, excellent onsen, and fine food, this is a real treat for our last night exploring Kyushu. Relax in the outside heated swimming pool, with hot pool, enjoy an onsen in the separate men / women's spa areas with multiple inside and outside hot baths, or even a massage. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink as the sun sets over the coastline, before a fine evening meal in the hotel restaurant. Dinner is included and overnight Beppu.



Thursday 4 March 2021 (B) – along the east coast of Kyushu to Miyazaki

After a leisurely breakfast, enjoy a swim or onsen before a late morning departure to Beppu Station. We'll purchase some refreshments to enjoy for luncheon, before heading north to Kokura aboard the Sonic Limited Express, where we change for the shinkansen back to Tokyo. A late afternoon arrival into Tokyo's Shinagawa Station, where there are a range of restaurants and caf  s for an evening meal. Overnight Shinagawa, Tokyo.

Friday 5 March 2021 (B) – to Australia

After breakfast we will have a relaxing day with some simple exploration, depending upon the departure of flights back to Australia. There are morning daylight departures to Sydney and Melbourne, and overnight departures to both. We will escort you to the airport for your respective flights.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND RAIL TRAVEL

Accommodation is generally in 4 star standard hotels. In some locations the best available may not be 4 star, and in some locations we have selected superior hotels or ryokans as part of the experience of the location. Some nights we have included traditional ryokan accommodation with tatami mat floors and comfortable futon beds prepared on the tatami matting. Shoes need to be removed whilst in the ryokan, in rooms and at meals. Ryokan meals are generally included, and whilst we will aim to accommodate dietary requests, some meal experiences are a traditional Japanese set meal. Meals are included as shown - breakfast is included most mornings, however as a general rule we have not included lunch or dinner when there is a range of options, and you can choose the style and time of dining that you prefer. Meals included are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon and (D) Dinner. Travel is generally in first class (Green Car) seats, though some services only offer standard accommodation and on some trains Green Car accommodation can be limited – we'll arrange the best seating possible. There is a wide range of options for eating in Japan - from very simple meals to elegant dining experiences, and from traditional Japanese food, through to the very best of international western cuisine. The choice is yours. For lunch we'll identify a number of eating options. Every town in which we stay where dinner is not included has a range of restaurants where it is relatively easy and inexpensive to eat well and enjoyably. Major department stores have food halls with freshly prepared food. Most shops and at all railway stations you can purchase a 'bento' - local take away meal boxes with a fresh range of meats, seafood, vegetables and rice. Bakeries offering tempting fresh items abound, especially at railway stations. Eating and enjoying the foods of Japan is part of the tour experience. You can eat as simply or as lavishly as you wish. Japan is exceptionally clean, fresh food a priority, and preparation and hygiene surpass Australia.

PERSONAL SERVICE AND MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

SJR prides itself on its personal service and attention to detail. The tour is escorted by the two organisers of the itinerary who have both travelled to Japan many times, or lived in Japan for many years. You are assured of the utmost service and our commitment to your satisfaction. We recognise each guest has different interests, and we will provide the opportunity to allow you to rest from the group, explore by yourself, return to particular places, or visit friends or special sites you've read about – if you wish. If your interests are gardens or castles or scenery, you can tailor your activities to focus on these specific interests. Detailed advice and assistance will be given to help you, and most travel requirements can be made for you.

CAPACITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOUR

Fitness and mobility are necessary for participation in the tour. Tour passengers must be able to manage their own luggage, and to carry/wheel it on and off trains, from stations to hotels, and if necessary, up or down a flight of stairs. Whilst most stations have escalators / elevators, the older and regional stations may not. Visiting temples and shrines involves walking up and down flights of steps, and in some cases removing shoes. The tour involves travel on the public transport networks of the many Japanese cities. By payment of your deposit and tour fare you confirm that you are of a suitable level of mobility and fitness to participate in the tour, and are aware of the nature of the tour. Whilst it is often possible to use taxis to reduce the distances walked, this option is at your own expense.

FARES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

The tour is limited in size to 14 guests, and bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$2,000 per person. **The tour fare is \$11,780 per person (twin share) plus airfares from Australia, with a \$2,695 single supplement for hotels.**

The tour fare includes first class rail travel in Japan (some rail services may not have first class accommodation available, or in some instances, not sufficient for the whole group, and in these cases, standard rail accommodation is provided); all bus, tram, metro and light rail transfers when part of the group; all accommodation on a twin share basis (single accommodation is available on payment of the single supplement); sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated, and meals as shown in the itinerary for each day. The fare does not include meals not identified, drinks, excess baggage charges, gratuities, telephone calls, laundry, any items of a personal nature, travel outside the organised group, or taxi usage when not part of the planned transport means. Due to the variety of interests of individuals, and the large range of temples, gardens, shrines, museums etc. available for inspection on some days, we have included key features in the tour cost. Inspection and entry fees when not part of the planned group activity are not included in the tour cost. Additional or optional activities such as some cable car journeys, boat cruises or entrance fees are not included in the cost. Bookings should be made on the attached form.

The deposit of \$2,000 per person should be forwarded by cheque, payable to St James Rail, along with the booking form, to SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220.

You can also pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Account Name:	Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB:	033 364
Account Number:	612826
Reference:	Your name and 'Japan'

If paying by EFT, please include the Reference above, and email to sjr@digitor.com.au to advise that you have done so – or if you have used a different reference. Please forward the booking form to the postal address above, or scan and email it to us. Credit card payment is possible, with merchant fees of 1% for Visa/MasterCard and American Express. Please call us to make payment by credit card.

AIR TRAVEL TO/FROM JAPAN

A range of flight options exist, including overnight services in both directions with Qantas, direct daylight travel to Japan and night travel back from Japan with Japan Air Lines, or or daylight and overnight flights with All Nippon Airlines. On receipt of booking we'll contact you to discuss your flight preferences and with our travel agent Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington, we will identify the best airfare to meet your travel needs. Business Class seating is also available. The tour organisers will meet those travelling from Sydney on 16 February 2021 flying overnight with Qantas or ANA, and those travelling on 16 February 2021 on the daylight flight with Japan Air Lines. Other flight arrivals may require you to travel from the airport to Tokyo city by train by yourself – full details will be provided. Most flights with Japan Air Lines, Qantas and All Nippon Airlines return to Australia overnight.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Call us on 0418 585 838 or email at sjr@digitor.com.au for further details or information.

BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Bookings will be accepted on the attached form. Cancellation fees apply as follows: the initial deposit is non refundable. After payment of further deposits towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation, sightseeing etc made on your behalf will incur cancellation charges equal to the cancellation charges incurred to us, imposed by suppliers/operators, plus a fee to cover administrative costs – more than three months prior to departure, \$1,500 per person; within three months, \$2,500 per person. No refund will be made after 1 November 2020. All cancellation or administration charges imposed by the suppliers/operators of components of this tour must be borne by you, the passenger. Responsibility - St James' Rail acts as the organiser of the tour. Some transportation, accommodation and other tour arrangements are made by our licensed travel agent, Jones and Turner Travel Associates. On acceptance of tickets and travel documents for this tour, which may be evidenced in writing by a ticket, voucher, letter, or other document, you accept that neither St James' Rail nor representatives from any other firm supplying services in conjunction with this tour programme, shall be liable in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, sickness, delay or additional expense to you or your possessions arising directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including, but not limited to, civil disturbance, fire, floods, acts of God, acts of Governments or other authorities, changes in itinerary, weather, strikes, war, transportation disruption, failure of machinery or equipment, industrial action, quarantine or any other cause. Where travel is by scheduled carrier, or charter service, that carrier's responsibility is limited in accordance with their conditions of carriage. Similarly, all luggage is your responsibility, and we cannot be held liable for any loss or delay however caused. The care of your travel documents are your own responsibility. All expenses incurred by loss must be borne by you. Airline regulations and conditions are written on the airline tickets and are issued to passengers subject to their acceptance of these conditions. Changes in exchange rates, taxes and any land arrangements costs may alter the

price of the tour, and St James' Rail reserves the right to change, amend or cancel this tour and/or itinerary if necessary. We reserve the right to amend the itinerary en route to account for unforeseen changes or conditions, or to improve the tour experience for the majority, as determined by the tour leader. Passports and visas – a valid passport with six months validity from the end of the tour is required. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport or visa documents. Full details of terms and conditions: if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you.

INSURANCE

A condition of travel on this tour is that you have a comprehensive travel insurance policy to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. An insurance policy can be sent to you from our travel agent, Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington, for your consideration. Obtaining insurance cover for the tour is your responsibility.

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Booking Form

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

Address: Suburb: Postcode:

Home tel: Work tel: Mobile:

Email:

BOOKING DETAILS (Full passenger names EXACTLY as shown in your passport:)

Passenger 1 Name:

Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:

One World Frequent Flyer No: Airline No:

Passenger 2 Name:

Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:

One World Frequent Flyer No: Airline No:

PAYMENT

..... I have enclosed \$ as deposit (\$2,000 per person) for the above booking. Please make cheques payable to St James Rail.

..... I have paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as described previously. Please email SJR to advise and send this form.

Account Name: Scenic Journeys by Rail

BSB: 033 364

Account Number: 612826

Reference: Your name and 'Japan'

A letter will be sent acknowledging receipt of your deposit and providing further details.

AIR TRAVEL TO/FROM JAPAN

..... Please book me/us to travel to and from Japan and advise me of the best airfare.

..... Tue 16 February 2021 daylight with Japan Airlines Tue 16 February 2021 overnight with Qantas

..... Economy class air travel

..... Business class air travel

..... Please call me to discuss air travel options.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Single rooms:

Double rooms:

Twin (two bedded) rooms:

A single supplement is payable for sole use of rooms in hotels/ryokans.

RYOKAN – TRADITIONAL JAPANESE ACCOMMODATION

The tour includes three night's accommodation in quality Japanese ryokans. These involve sleeping on tatami mat floors, with futons (thin mattresses) and require you to remove shoes in the ryokan, the rooms, and sometimes at dinner and breakfast.

Please advise below if you are not able (or do not wish) to sleep on tatami mats with futons in Japanese ryokan hotels, or do not wish to remove your shoes. We will then book you a western style hotel room or at a western style hotel.

..... I prefer western style beds, but am happy to remove shoes in the ryokan

..... I prefer western style beds, and do not wish to remove shoes for meals (we will accommodate you in a nearby hotel.)

DIETARY REQUESTS (we will do our best to accommodate and advise accordingly)

Please indicate any dietary request :

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INSURANCE

..... Please send an insurance policy from Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington.

YOUR SIGNATURE

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement.

Signature of person making reservation: Date:

Cancellation charges will apply as advised in this itinerary. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agent at Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington, NSW 2021.

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