SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART

JAPAN by Sea

Miyajima Torii Gate

Featuring a guest talk by **Pico Iyer**

Aboard the 59-Cabin ***Island Sky***

APRIL 10-20, 2027

Dear Members and Friends,

Join fellow Museum Members for an eight-night cruise through Japan aboard the elegant *Island Sky*. Venture beyond the major cosmopolitan cities to a fascinating variety of tranquil historic towns, artistic centers, and islands. Discover a side of Japan that few visitors see—from the preserved samurai and geisha districts and celebrated gardens of Kanazawa to the island worlds of Miyajima and Naoshima.

Excursions highlight both the ancient traditions of Japan and modern art and architecture, with visits to sacred temples and shrines, beautiful gardens, historic castles, and contemporary art sites. Explore Kanazawa, a refined coastal city often called a "mini-Kyoto," and visit Kenroku-en, one of Japan's top three landscape gardens. Immerse yourself in Japanese traditions and customs with a traditional tea ceremony or a hands-on workshop crafting delicate wagashi Japanese sweets. Visit Matsue Castle, featuring Japan's second largest original wooden keep, and Kokura Castle, the only castle in Fukuoka Prefecture with a main keep. In Hiroshima, visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum for a moving and thought-provoking reflection on history, resilience, and the enduring pursuit of peace. Explore world-renowned Naoshima Island and its celebrated museums, contemporary art, and striking modern architecture, and stroll the paths of Ritsurin Garden, one of Japan's most exquisite gardens. In Miyajima, marvel at the iconic red torii of Itsukushima Shrine, appearing to float on the sea at high tide.

Spend a day in South Korea exploring Gyeongju, the ancient capital of the Silla kingdom and a UNESCO World Cultural Site. Along the way, savor the flavors of Japanese and Korean cuisine, while a variety of thoughtfully designed excursions at each port allows you to personalize your time ashore, from exploring sacred temples and celebrated gardens to visiting contemporary art sites or participating in hands-on activities.

Engage with expert study leaders throughout this unique educational program to gain a better appreciation of Japan's historical and cultural significance. Another highlight will surely be a guest appearance by celebrated author Pico Iyer, who has been a cherished and dedicated friend of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art for many years. Pico will join travelers during their morning visit to Naoshima and offer a private lecture aboard *Island Sky*.

Aboard the all-suite *Island Sky*, every cabin offers sweeping sea views and marble-appointed bathrooms. Enjoy attentive, personalized service from the dedicated crew, dine on international cuisine, relax in the lounges, browse the library, or take in the scenery from the observation deck.

Extend your stay with an optional two-night pre-trip extension in Tokyo or an optional three-night post-trip extension exploring Nara and Kyoto.

This program is co-sponsored with other organizations including Cornell's Adult University, Dartmouth Alumni Travel, Harvard Alumni Travels, National Trust Tours, and the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

With limited cabins available, we encourage you to reserve your space by calling our office at (805) 884-6431 or emailing travel@sbma.net.

SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE OR TABLET TO REGISTER ONLINE

Sincerely,

Lisa Benshea

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Adachi Museum of Art Gardens

Throughout The Program

Experts from co-sponsoring organizations such as Dartmouth Alumni Travel, Harvard Alumni Travels, National Trust Tours, and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia will be giving lectures.

Kenroku-en Garden

Matsue Castle

Bulguksa Temple

Highlights

- Customize your experience according to your interests with a menu of excursion options throughout, beginning with UNESCO World Heritage Site **Shirikawa-go's thatched homes** or **Yamanaka Onsen**, made famous by haiku poet Basho.
- Immerse in the culture during a traditional **tea ceremony** in Kanazawa or a hands-on workshop making **wagashi Japanese sweets**.
- Explore two incredible castles – **Matsue Castle** has the second largest, original wooden keep in Japan and **Kokura Castle** is the only castle in Fukuoka Prefecture with a main keep.
- Meet celebrated author **Pico Iyer** during a private lecture onboard the *Island Sky*.
- Spend a **day in South Korea** featuring a visit to **Gyeongju**, the ancient capital of the Silla kingdom and a UNESCO World Cultural Site.
- Marvel at **Itsukushima Shrine** in Miyajima with its iconic red torii, a grand wooden gateway that appears to float on the sea at high tide.
- Walk along the paths of **Kenroku-en Garden**, one of Japan's top three gardens, and **Ritsurin Garden**, the largest Cultural Property Garden in all of Japan.
- **Sample authentic dishes** rooted in Japanese and Korean tradition.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 10-11

HOME / KANAZAWA

Depart home on an overnight flight to Komatsu, arriving on April 11. Upon arrival at Komatsu Airport (KMQ), you will be met and transferred to the Hyatt Centric Kanazawa, conveniently located near Kanazawa Station and close to the city's renowned gardens and samurai districts.

This evening, gather for a welcome orientation and dinner at the hotel. *Hyatt Centric Kanazawa (D)*

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Kanazawa / Embarkation

Enjoy a choice of full day excursions. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawa-go, renowned for its traditional gassho zukuri farmhouses with steeply pitched thatched roofs, or travel to Yamanaka Onsen, set along the scenic Kakusenkei Gorge and long celebrated for its restorative hot springs. Both options include a traditional Japanese lunch.

Embark the *Island Sky* in the late afternoon. This evening, attend the Captain's welcome dinner on board. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Kanazawa

After Lecture #1, visit Kenroku-en, one of Japan's most celebrated landscape gardens, known for its winding paths, tranquil ponds, and seasonal beauty. Continue to Kanazawa's preserved samurai district, where narrow lanes and earthen walls reflect life in the Edo period. Enjoy free time for lunch ashore or return to the ship.

In the afternoon, take part in a traditional tea ceremony and visit the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, or join a hands-on wagashi workshop and learn about local arts and crafts. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Shakaiminato / Matsue

Arrive in Matsue and choose your morning adventure: visit the Adachi Museum of Art, famous for its exceptional Japanese gardens and collection of modern Japanese paintings, or explore Matsue Castle, one of Japan's few remaining original castles, and enjoy free time wandering the charming Samurai Quarter with its traditional streets and historic homes. In the afternoon, relax at sea while attending Lectures #2 and #3. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Ulsan / Gyeongju, South Korea

Spend a full day in Gyeongju, the ancient capital of Korea's Silla Kingdom, uncovering its remarkable history and culture. Begin with the Flying Horse Tomb, famed for its intricate carvings, then explore the National Museum to view treasures from Korea's past. Enjoy a traditional Korean lunch before visiting the UNESCO-listed Bulguksa Temple, a stunning example of Buddhist architecture, and experience local cultural entertainment. Attend Lecture #4 during the day. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Sasebo

Attend Lecture #5 in the morning before heading out to explore this lesser-known corner of Nagasaki Prefecture.

World Heritage Shirakawa

Choose between two memorable excursions. Take a scenic cruise aboard a Kujukushima sightseeing boat, weaving through 208 islands stretching from Sasebo to Hirado, followed by sweeping views from Tenkaiho Observatory over Sasebo Port and the island-dotted horizon in spring bloom.

Alternatively, take a short boat ride to Hirado Island, where April brings vibrant green terraced rice fields around Kasuga Village. Once a center of early European trade and missionary activity, Hirado preserves this history in its churches and landmarks. During your visit, tour St. Francis Xavier Memorial Church. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Shimonoseki

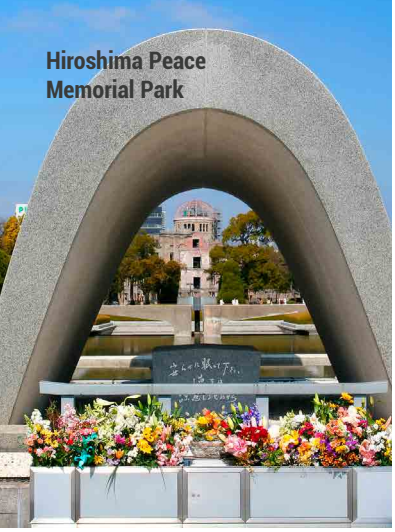
Begin the morning with Lecture #6, followed by a visit to the TOTO Museum to explore the history and innovations behind one of Japan's most iconic companies. Continue to the Mojiko Retro Area, a historic port district known for its preserved early 20th-century architecture and charming streets. In the afternoon, choose your excursion: explore Kokura Castle and its scenic gardens, or venture into the Akiyoshido Limestone Cave, one of Japan's largest cave systems, famous for its dramatic stalactites and stalagmites. This evening, settle in for Lecture #7. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Kure / Miyajima

This morning, arrive in Kure and transfer 45 minutes to Hiroshima. Visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, where exhibits provide context for the events of 1945 and the city's commitment to peace. Pause at the Atomic Bomb Dome, a symbol of resilience, and place paper cranes at the Children's Peace Monument in remembrance.

After lunch on board, continue to Miyajima by Zodiac, one of Japan's most celebrated scenic islands. Explore the iconic Itsukushima


Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park

Shinto Shrine, known for its "floating" torii gate at high tide, and enjoy free time to stroll the streets and browse local shops. Return to the ship and spend the late afternoon cruising the Inland Sea. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Naoshima

Spend the morning on Naoshima Island, touring the remarkable Chichu Art Museum, the contemporary Benesse House Museum, and the innovative Naoshima New Museum of Art. Enjoy a guest lecture by acclaimed author Pico Iyer, offering insights and reflections on art and culture. In the afternoon, join your fellow travelers for the Captain's Farewell Dinner. *Island Sky (B,L,D)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Kobe / Disembarkation / Home

Disembark in Kobe for motorcoach transfers to Osaka Itami Airport (ITM) for flights home, or continue your journey with an optional extension to Nara and Kyoto. *(B)*

Pre-Trip Extension

April 8-11, 2027 • Tokyo, Japan

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 8-9

Home/Tokyo, Japan

Arrive at Tokyo Narita (NRT) or Haneda (HND) Airport, where you will be met and transferred as a group to The Prince Park Tower in the heart of Tokyo. This evening, dine at a local restaurant. The Prince Park Tower (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

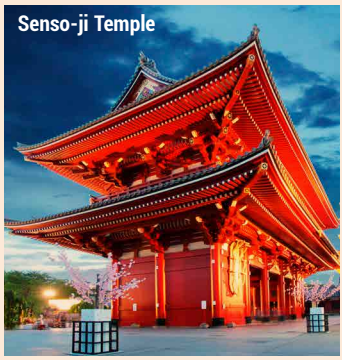
Tokyo

Tour the Tokyo National Museum, home to Japan's finest collection of art and antiquities, then explore the historic Asakusa district at leisure, including a visit to the iconic Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest and most revered Buddhist temple. *The Prince Park Tower (B,L)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Kanazawa

Start the day with a morning excursion to Tsukiji Fish Market and the Kappabashi Culinary District, where you can experience Japan's vibrant food culture. Afterward, board the bullet train to Kanazawa, where the main tour begins. *(B,L)*


Senso-ji Temple

Post-Trip Extension

April 20-23, 2027 • Nara and Kyoto

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Kyoto / Nara

Continue your journey by disembarking in Kobe and traveling to Nara, one of Japan's ancient capitals. Visit the Nara National Museum and Todai-ji Temple, home to the monumental Great Buddha.

Fushimi Inari Shrine

Then continue to Kyoto and check in to The Westin Miyako Kyoto, set amid serene gardens with city and mountain views. Conclude the day with dinner at a local restaurant. *Westin Miyako Kyoto (L,D)*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Kyoto

Visit Tenryu-ji Zen Temple and stroll through the serene Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, an enchanting forest of towering bamboo. Walk beneath the iconic red and orange torii gates of Fushimi Inari Taisha, one of Japan's most celebrated Shinto shrines. In the afternoon, explore the Miho Museum, renowned for its striking architecture and extensive art collection. The evening is at leisure to relax or explore Kyoto independently. *Westin Miyako Kyoto (B,L)*

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Kyoto

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) and stroll through its beautifully landscaped gardens. Explore the lively, pedestrian-only Nishiki Food Market, sampling local delicacies along the way. Enjoy lunch on your own, then spend the afternoon at leisure to relax or explore Kyoto independently. In the evening, celebrate with a festive farewell dinner at a local restaurant in the historic Gion geisha district. *Westin Miyako Kyoto (B,D)*

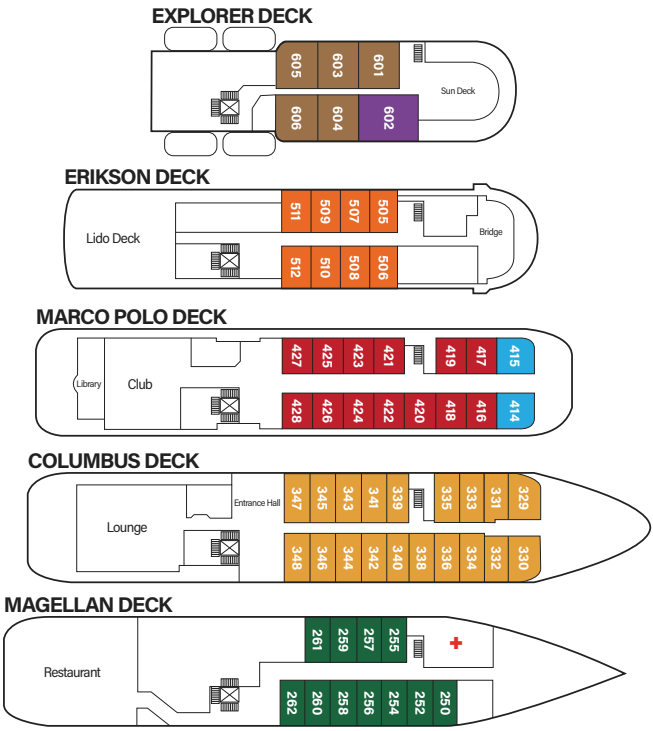
FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Kyoto / Home

After breakfast take a group transfer to the Kansai International Airport (KIX) for flights home. *(B)*

The *Island Sky* is a 59-cabin, all-suite expedition ship. All cabins have an ocean view, en-suite bathroom with marble-topped vanity unit and walk-in shower, sitting area, spacious wardrobe, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, television and dressing table. The ship's amenities include complimentary WiFi, a dining room, two lounges with bar service, a small library, an observation deck with comfortable lounge chairs, a hairdresser and laundry service. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Island Sky's* chefs prepare quality international meals, predominantly Western-style, served at a single open seating. A friendly crew provides exceptional, personalized service, with more than a 1:2 crew-to passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft.

PROGRAM RATES:	Double	Single
1 **STANDARD SUITE** 226 sq ft with portholes	$9,990	$9,990
2 **SUPERIOR SUITE** 217–264 sq ft with picture window	$11,990	$11,990
3 **PREMIUM SUITE** 226 sq ft with sliding glass door	$13,400	$24,090
4 **CORNER SUITE** 237 sq ft with sliding glass door	$14,900	_____
5 **DELUXE BALCONY SUITE** 225 sq ft with sliding glass door to 45 sq ft balcony	$16,900	$28,390
6 **OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE** 237 sq ft with sliding glass door to 85 sq ft balcony	$17,400	_____
7 **ISLAND SUITE** 344 sq ft with sliding glass door to 100 sq ft balcony	$18,990	_____



GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

One hotel night and eight nights aboard *Island Sky* • Meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary include nine breakfasts, eight lunches, and nine dinners • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Shared airport transfers on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • **Gratuities to shipboard personnel** • **Port charges** • Entrance fees • Captain's welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard *Island Sky* • Professional tour managers throughout the program • Expert Japanese guides on shore and aboard *Island Sky*

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; alcoholic beverages or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is, at times, physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve up to two miles of walking at a time, often on uneven terrain. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails. You will be required to remove your shoes while visiting temples, shrines, and a number of other sites. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for an onshore excursion (there will be staff and crew members on hand to assist). Participants must be physically fit, active, and in good health. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by SBMA and Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Heather Schuyler Gray, CTA, at Robertson International Travel Consultants in Santa Barbara, can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 805- 969-3221 or heather@robertsontravel.com. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

GROUP SIZE

This program welcomes up to 94 participants, including travelers from the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and co-sponsoring organizations such as Cornell's Adult University, Dartmouth Alumni Travel, Harvard Alumni Travel, National Trust Tours and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the Santa Barbara

Museum of Art and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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

TERMS & 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 & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATION & PAYMENTS
A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. Reserve your space online at https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/SBMA/270410_JPI/tour or complete the reservation form included in this brochure and mail it with your check or credit card information to: SBMA Travel, 1130 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. You may also fax the form to (805) 966-6840. Final payment deadline is December 11, 2026 (120 days prior to departure). Final payment may be made by check, wire transfer or credit card (credit card payments will incur a processing fee of 2%).

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Upon payment of the $1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing. Deposits are refundable (less a $500 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. For cancellations after the December 11, 2026 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. NOTE: Neither the Santa Barbara Museum of Art nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

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

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT
Travel is a benefit of Museum Membership. Non-members will be required to join at the "Friend" level ($100 or $80 for seniors) or higher and will receive full membership benefits for a year. Members at the "Curator's Circle" ($1,000) level and above receive advance notice about SBMA custom tours.

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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person, payable to Santa Barbara Museum of Art, to: Santa Barbara Museum of Art, 1130 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2746. You may also fax the form to (805) 966-6840, or call (805) 884-6431.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

❍ Please charge the deposit to my credit card
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SINGLE TRAVELERS *(choose one)*

❍ I prefer to have single accommodations or
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_____ or

❍ I'd like to know about roommates. *I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of* ***December 11, 2026*** *I will pay the single rate.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference *(not guaranteed)*: ❍ One bed ❍ Two beds

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE #1 DATE

SIGNATURE #2 DATE

❍ I/we are not current SBMA members; please charge for "Friend" membership: ❍ $100 OR ❍ $80 (senior) OR ❍ $1,000, which gives you advanced notice about SBMA's custom travel programs and many other benefits. Visit https://www.sbma.net/support/join for full details.

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