Explore historic monuments and collections and the vestiges of landscape and commerce illuminating the Edo and Meiji periods, when Japanese art and culture made an exceptional impact on the West in the dynamic exchange called Japonisme. Enjoy an array of Japan’s most famous sights and experiences, complemented by a focus on the historic high points of art and culture in the unique East-West exchanges coinciding with America’s Gilded Age.

ITINERARY INCLUSIONS (in Japan 28 October—10 November)

Tokyo (Fly into Tokyo, 4 nights in Tokyo hotel):
- **Edo-Tokyo Museum** of history and culture
- **Matsukawa Museum of Art**, masterpieces of ancient art, East and West
- **Bridgestone Museum of Art**, impressive collection of Impressionism (impact of Japan on western art)
- **Asakusa Shrine**, at center of Tokyo’s old town, devoted to Bodhisattva Kannon

Excursions from Tokyo to:
- **Nagano**: **Hokusai Museum** (late-life residence + paintings) and his ceiling painting in **Gashoin Temple**
- **Tsumago**, one of the best-preserved Edo post towns in Japan, in the scenic, remote **Kiso Valley**
- **Hakone and the Old Tokaido Road**, Fuji and landscapes that inspired for some of the most-prized woodblock prints
- **Kamakura**: traditional villages and the giant 750-year-old Buddha, a pilgrimage destination for Western visitors
- **Shizuoka**, famous for its tea
- **Mount Fuji**, Japan’s sacred mountain, including mountain vistas from a cruise on **Lake Ashi** and a cable car ride

Takayama (1 night): **Open Air Museum** of 30 typical Edo buildings + folk craft museum

Kyoto (5 nights):
- **Reverent Kyoto**: **Fushimi Inari Shrine** (thousands of Torii gates), **Sanjusangendo Temple** (1001 statues of Kannon), **Kiyomizu Temple** (“Pure Water” and views of the city)
- **Museum of Traditional Crafts**
- **Tango Chirimen History Museum**, focused on the processes of silk weaving and dyeing, including participatory displays
- **Nijo Castle** (1626; fire 1788; new residence 1893), including **Kyoto Palace**
- **Nomura Art Museum**: a private collection focused on the tea ceremony and Noh, Japan’s spare, iconic theater form
- **Kyoto National Museum**: 12,000 objects of early Japanese art
- **Dinner in Gion**, famous geisha district and a concentration of traditional merchant houses
- **Free Day for other museums, shopping, relaxing in gardens, etc.**

Excursions from Kyoto to:
- **Nara**, Japan’s oldest capital: **Todaiji Temple** (752, world’s largest wooden building); **Kasuga Shrine** with 3000 lanterns
- **Osaka Castle** (1583), one of Japan’s most famous landmarks

Fukuoka (3 nights) for excursions to:
- **Miyajima Shrine**, floating Torii gate at the foot of Mt Misen on an island near Hiroshima
- **Arita** (1616): ceramic museums and the most important porcelain studios and kilns, including **Imari**
- **Kumamoto**: lush scenery, **Lafcardio Hearn Museum; Kumamoto Castle** (1607), **Suizen-ji Park** (gardens, miniature landscapes)

TRANSPORTATION: 2 bullet trains (to Kyoto and to Hiroshima), local trains, chartered coaches; lots of walking and stairs

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COST: $5395 (sharing double; $1413 single supplement)
includes all lodging, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, all museum admissions, ground transportation, guides, gratuities, travel insurance (land and air), and commentary throughout by art historian Karen Pope, PhD. Airfare (designated American Airlines flights) additional, to accommodate personal preferred payment method and options of varied travel days.
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