

## THE BEST OF JAPAN

04/17/2017 | 9 Days - 8 Nights | from Kobe to Maizuru | L'AUSTRAL



### STOPOVER ITINERARY

- 1 Kobe (JAPAN)  
Embarkation 04/17/2017 from 16h00 to 17h00  
Departure 04/17/2017 at 19h00
- 2 Tamano, Okayama (JAPAN)  
04/18/2017 from 06h00 to 20h00
- 3 Hiroshima (JAPAN)  
04/19/2017 from 07h00 to 19h00
- 4 Uwajima (JAPAN)  
04/20/2017 from 07h00 to 14h00
- 5 Kagoshima (JAPAN)  
04/21/2017 from 07h30 to 18h00
- 6 Nagasaki (JAPAN)  
04/22/2017 from 07h30 to 18h00
- 7 Busan (ex Pusan) (SOUTH KOREA)  
04/23/2017 from 08h00 to 14h00
- 8 Sakaiminato (JAPAN)  
04/24/2017 from 07h00 to 19h00
- 9 Maizuru (JAPAN)  
Disembarkation 04/25/2017 at 07h00

### YOUR CRUISE

Aboard Le Austral, set sail for a cruise to the heart of the "Land of the Rising Sun", a blend of modernity and tradition.

From Osaka to Maizuru via romantic Kyoto, during your cruise Japan will open its doors to you and lift the veil on its imperial past, where the history of the Samurais rubs shoulders with the delicateness of Geishas.

We will call at Hiroshima, the gateway to Miyajima, home to the majestic Shinto Shrine, whose entrance is guarded by a magnificent vermilion Torii. In a picture postcard setting, the gentle serenity of this marvellous sanctuary rewards the traveller's gaze.

When L'Austral reaches the port of Nagasaki, you will be reminded of the story of Madame Butterfly, the strains of which can still be heard in the narrow city streets. This is a particularly moving visit as no-one can forget the tragic event whose scars Nagasaki secretly hides.

You will be comfortable ensconced on the outer decks of L'Austral when you get your first glimpse of the skyline of Okayama, an ancient 16th seigniorial city. Do not miss the famous Korakuen Gardens, one of the three essential landscape gardens of Japan.

From Sakaiminato, discover medieval Japan and its former Samurai homes. The Samurai were great feudal lords and brave warriors, and they built sumptuous dwellings including Bukeyashiki, which is around 300 years old, a marvellous testament to the golden age of the Edo dynasty.



### FOCUS ON... TAMANO, OKAYAMA

Located on the island of Honshu, hugging the banks of the Seto Inland Sea, Tamano is a popular destination thanks to its sun-drenched climate. Upon arrival, marvel at the way in which the city has been built along the coast at the foot of a deep, dark forest. In the area surrounding Tamano, stroll down the streets of Kurashiki, known as the 'white-walled city' in a nod to the pretty façades of the houses that line the streets of this ancient Edo-period trading town. Another major regional attraction is the Seto Ohashi bridge. Its 12.5 kilometres make it the world's longest double-decker bridge.