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Japan – art, gardens, textiles

With the world's attention on Tokyo this summer hosting the Olympic Games, leading specialist cultural tour operator [Martin Randall Travel](#) offers four itineraries that examine in depth the artistic, historical and architectural aspects of Japanese culture.

[Art in Japan](#)

Art, craft, architecture and design

Twelve days exploring not only some of the world's earliest known ceramics, as well as the world's oldest standing wooden building, but also the diverse contemporary arts world Japan offers. There are 'high' and 'low' arts, from royal and shogunal works, as well as that of the urban populace: modern Tokyo is as much part of the experience as the ancient capital of Kyoto, the yet more ancient city of Nara and the celebrated art colony of Naoshima on the Inland Sea.

Departs 13 April and 19 October 2020. Prices from £6,960 (pp, two sharing) includes hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, private coach transfers and shinkansen trains, the services of the lecturer, tour manager, tips and taxes.

[Traditions of Japan](#)

Arts, crafts, traditions, society

This tour has been designed to take us to the heart of Japan, to explore the many aspects of the country and its people: its stunning natural beauty and heritage, the continuing work of its crafts-people, art and architecture both old and new, its history and relations with neighbours, and modern Japan and its position in the world.

Departs 20 April 2020. Prices from £6,940 (pp, two sharing) includes hotel accommodation, including traditional ryokan and onsen hotels, most meals with drinks, private coach travel and shinkansen train services, the services of the lecturer and tour manager, local tips and taxes.

[Japanese Gardens](#)

The evolution of Japanese gardens through the centuries

From Kyoto's wealth of exquisite temple gardens to Tokyo's hill-and-pond gardens, there is time in each city on this 12-day tour to explore other aspects of Japan's culture and history. The itinerary also includes time in Nara, the first capital of Japan, much of which is parkland dotted with ancient temples.

Departs 7 May and 5 November 2020. Prices from £6,720 (pp, two sharing) includes hotel accommodation, private coach transfers and shinkansen train services, most meals with drinks, the services of the lecturer and tour manager, tips and taxes.

[Textiles in Japan with HALI](#)

Historic costumes & textiles in museums and private collections

This one-off tour - in association with specialist textiles magazine HALI – includes insider access to textile collections in museums and temples, private visits to cultural institutions and presentations by leading textile experts and cultural figures, including the travel writer and essayist Pico Iyer. The 12-day itinerary offers multiple insights into Japanese society through its textile culture, from high-art splendour to country utility.

Departs 1 November 2020. Prices from £7,260 (pp, two sharing) includes hotel accommodation, most meals with drinks, private coach transfers, shinkansen train services, most meals with drinks, the services of the lecturer and tour manager, tips and taxes.

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Notes to editors:

Martin Randall Travel is the leading specialist in cultural tours, organising a unique series of all-inclusive music festivals and around 300 small-group tours every year in the UK, continental Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, India, China, Japan, the Americas and Australasia.

All aspects of our cultural tours have been carefully researched, tried and arranged by members of MRT staff, including the most authentic restaurants and comfortable hotels. There are no hidden extras. The price covers nearly everything, including wine with meals and all tips. We do not levy surcharges for fuel or for any other reason.

Martin Randall Travel has won numerous awards, most recently *Best Special Interest Holiday Company* (2019) at the British Travel Awards.