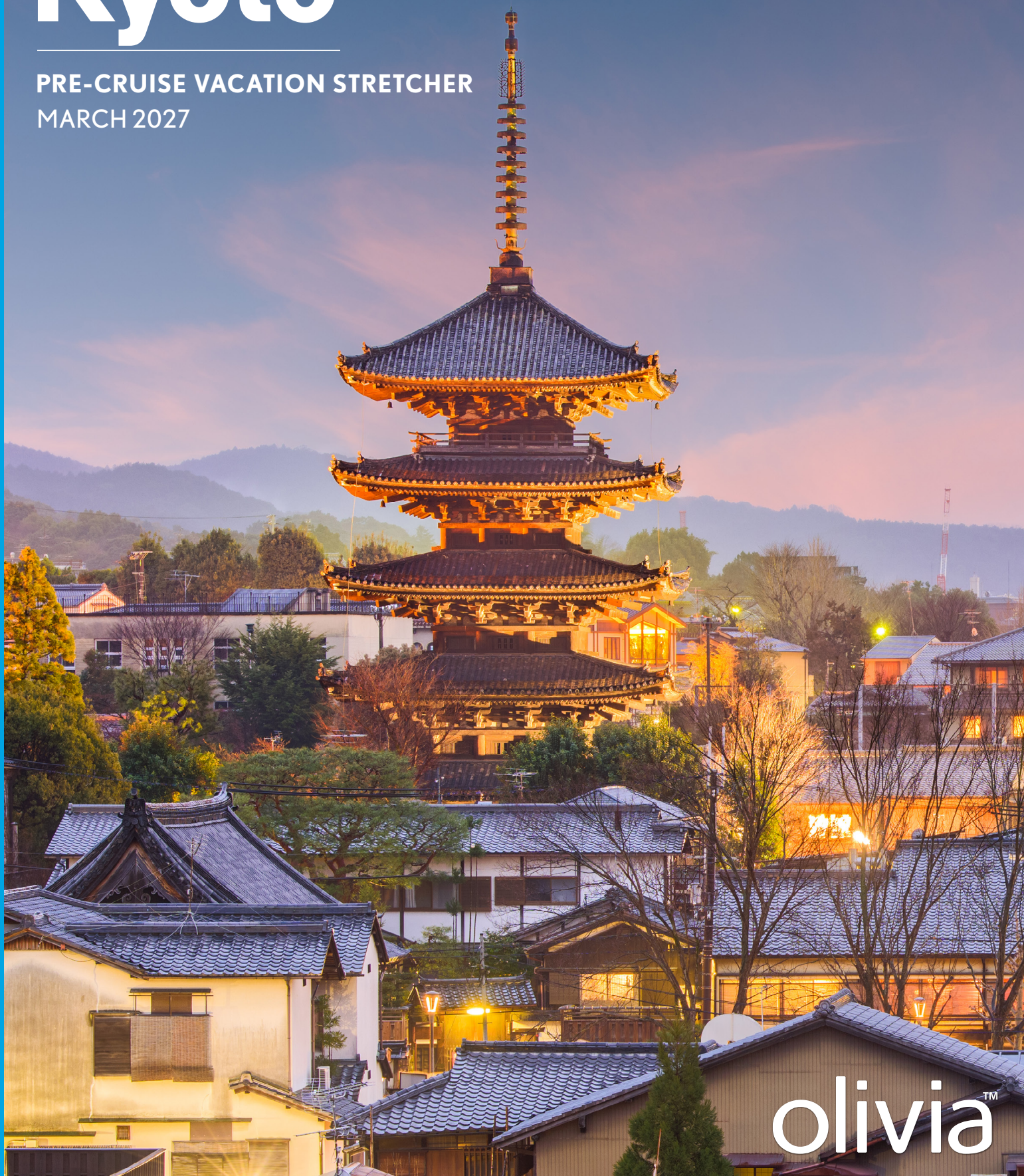


Kyoto

PRE-CRUISE VACATION STRETCHER

MARCH 2027



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Heian Jingu's Torii in Kyoto, Japan

Once the imperial capital of Japan and home to the emperor from 794 to 1868, Kyoto is a city where centuries of history, tradition, and culture remain beautifully woven into everyday life. Kyoto is renowned for its more than 2,000 Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines, tranquil gardens, traditional teahouses, wooden machiya homes, and enduring geisha culture. Stepping into Kyoto can feel like stepping into another era. The city's historic treasures, colorful traditions, and timeless architecture offer an extraordinary glimpse into Japan's past. Kyoto is also closely associated with the Japanese aesthetic of wabi-sabi—an appreciation for beauty found in simplicity, imperfection, and the passage of time.

Just beyond Kyoto lies the ancient city of Nara, Japan's first permanent capital and a place where history and nature come together in remarkable ways. Wander through Nara Park, where friendly wild deer roam freely among the trees and temple grounds and discover some of Japan's most treasured cultural landmarks. Among them is Todai-ji Temple, home to the immense Great Buddha and one of the country's most awe-inspiring historic sites.

Together, Kyoto and Nara offer an unforgettable journey through Japan's cultural heartland. From serene gardens and sacred temples to centuries-old traditions and encounters with Nara's beloved deer, these remarkable cities invite you to slow down, explore, and experience the timeless beauty of Japan.

With so many temples and shrines to see, things to do and culture to experience, Kyoto is truly a city steeped in history and culture and should not be missed!

We have a limited number of pre-cruise Vacation Stretcher packages available, and we expect them to sell out quickly.

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IMPORTANT: ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH 2 & 3-NIGHT PACKAGES

These pre-package programs involve a **high level of mobility**, including extensive walking and standing on cobblestones, uneven terrain, hills, and stairs. At times, you may walk for an hour or more, including through Nara Park and to various temples and shrines, and Osaka Castle. Please also be aware that coaches are not always able to drop guests directly at the locations we visit. You may need to walk approximately 10-15 minutes from the coach to reach an attraction.

We are unable to accommodate walkers, wheelchairs, or scooters on these tours due to the terrain in some locations. If you have limited mobility but would still like to participate fully, you must be able to do the walking required and are required to travel with someone who can assist you throughout the journey, as our team will not be able to provide individual mobility support.

We want you to have a comfortable, safe, and enjoyable experience, so please consider these mobility requirements when deciding whether these programs are right for you.

3-NIGHT KYOTO (MARCH 28–31, 2027)

\$3,029 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY—RUN OF THE HOUSE ROOM

\$4,599 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY—RUN OF THE HOUSE ROOM

INCLUDED

- Three nights at the Hilton Kyoto Hotel, including a full buffet breakfast and Wi-Fi
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm (March 28)
- Kyoto City Tour, inclusive of lunch (March 29)
- Full-day Nara Tour, inclusive of lunch (March 30)
- Welcome Dinner (March 30)
- Osaka Castle Tour with transfer to the port in Osaka, inclusive of lunch (March 31)
- Hotel dates are March 28–31, with checkout on March 31
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- One-way hotel luggage portage
- Team Olivia assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare, transfer from the Osaka Kansai International Airport (KIX) or Osaka Itami International Airport (ITM) to hotel*, meals where not listed.

**As taxis and private transfers can be expensive from the airport to Kyoto, the most economical way to transfer from one of the Osaka international airports to Kyoto is by booking a transfer through the [Yasaka Airport Shuttle Service](#), [Viator](#) has a number of shuttle options, or the [Osaka Airport Transport Limousine Bus](#). Alternatively, if you are feeling adventurous, you can take the train to Kyoto and then a taxi to the hotel.*

2-NIGHT KYOTO (MARCH 29–31, 2027)

\$2,299 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY—RUN OF THE HOUSE ROOM

\$3,359 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY—RUN OF THE HOUSE ROOM

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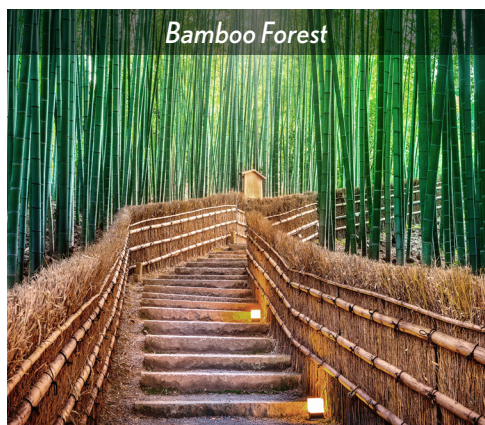
- Two nights at the Hilton Kyoto Hotel, including a full buffet breakfast and Wi-Fi
- Hotel check-in is at 3 pm (March 29)
- Full-day Nara Tour, inclusive of lunch (March 30)
- Welcome Dinner (March 30)
- Osaka Castle Tour with transfer to the port in Osaka, inclusive of lunch (March 31)
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ABOUT YOUR TOURS



MARCH 29 - FULL-DAY KYOTO CITY TOUR WITH LUNCH (3-NIGHT PACKAGE)

After breakfast, meet in the lobby and board your coach for a full-day tour of Kyoto, a city rich in history and culture.

Begin with a visit to Kinkaku-ji Temple, the Golden Pavilion, officially known as Rokuon-ji. Originally built in 1397 as a villa for court noble Kintsune Saionji, it was later purchased by Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu as his retirement residence. Following his death, the villa was converted into a Zen Buddhist temple at his request. Today, the Golden Pavilion is one of Kyoto's most iconic landmarks, beautifully reflected in the surrounding pond and gardens.

Continue to Arashiyama, a nationally designated Historic Site and Place of Scenic Beauty. Located just outside central Kyoto, this picturesque district is home to temples, shrines, and the famed bamboo forest. As the wind moves through the towering bamboo stalks, their gentle creaking and swaying create an enchanting interplay of light and shadow known as *komorebi*—a beautiful Japanese word describing sunlight filtering through the leaves.

Enjoy a memorable rickshaw ride through the bamboo forest, continuing to nearby Tenryu-ji Temple, one of Kyoto's five great Zen temples and the largest and most impressive temple in Arashiyama. Founded in 1339 during the Muromachi Period, Tenryu-ji is an Important Cultural Property and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Within the temple grounds, enjoy a traditional shojin-ryori lunch at Shigetsu, a Michelin Guide restaurant. This elegant vegetarian cuisine has its roots in Buddhist monastic traditions and continues to be enjoyed in Japan today.

After lunch, board your coach for Nijo Castle, an impressive flatland castle built as the Kyoto residence of Tokugawa Ieyasu, founder of the Edo Shogunate. Completed in 1603, the castle is celebrated for its ornate Momoyama architecture, beautifully decorated sliding doors, magnificent gardens, and famous “nightingale floors,” designed to chirp beneath visitors’ footsteps as an ingenious warning system against intruders.

End your day with a private tea ceremony in Gion, Kyoto’s historic geisha district. Your tea master will introduce you to the artistry and meaning behind each carefully considered step of this cherished Japanese tradition.

Afterward, enjoy your evening exploring Kyoto on your own. Wander through its charming streets, discover a local restaurant, browse charming shops, or simply relax and soak in the magic of this captivating city.

MARCH 30 - FULL-DAY NARA TOUR WITH LUNCH (2- AND 3-NIGHT PACKAGES)

After breakfast, board your coach and depart for Nara, a city rich in history, spirituality, and timeless Japanese traditions.

During the eighth century, Nara served as Japan’s capital for 74 years, and many of the temples and shrines established during this period remain beautifully preserved today. As the influence of Nara’s powerful Buddhist monasteries grew, the capital was eventually moved to Nagaoka in 784 and later to Kyoto. Today, Nara is the capital of Nara Prefecture in south-central Honshu and remains one of Japan’s most fascinating cultural destinations.

Your first stop is Todai-ji Temple, home to Japan’s enormous Great Buddha and one of the country’s most remarkable architectural treasures. The temple’s Great Buddha Hall is one of the world’s largest wooden structures.

The temple is surrounded by Nara Park, affectionately known as “Deer Park,” where more than 1,000 tame deer roam freely among the paths and historic sites. Considered sacred messengers of the gods, the deer are famous for bowing their heads to visitors in exchange for shika senbei, special deer crackers available throughout the park. If you choose to feed them, be prepared for an unforgettable—and perhaps very enthusiastic—greeting!

Continue to Kasuga Taisha, Nara’s most celebrated Shinto shrine. Founded in 768, the shrine is dedicated to the deity believed to protect the city and is renowned for its hundreds of stone and bronze lanterns, many of which were donated by worshippers over the centuries. Surrounded by the forest of Nara Park, the shrine offers a serene glimpse into Japan’s spiritual traditions.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Fushimi Inari Taisha, one of Kyoto’s most iconic and photographed landmarks. Dedicated to Inari, the Shinto deity associated with rice, prosperity, and business, the shrine is famous for its seemingly endless path of more than 10,000 vibrant vermilion torii gates winding up Mount Inari. The striking gates create a magical tunnel through the forest and have become one of Japan’s most recognizable sights. The setting was also featured in the film *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

After exploring Fushimi Inari, return by coach to Kyoto, where you’ll have time to relax and freshen up before gathering for our Welcome Dinner this evening.

MARCH 30 – WELCOME DINNER (2- AND 3-NIGHT PACKAGES)

Tonight, immerse yourself in an unforgettable evening of Japanese culture, cuisine, and tradition at Sodoh Higashiyama, a beautiful restaurant nestled at the foot of Kyoto's scenic Higashiyama district.

Housed in a beautifully preserved traditional setting, the main dining room was constructed using an age-old Japanese architectural technique that does not rely on nails. Antique furnishings, original lattice windows, and elegant imported chandeliers add to the timeless atmosphere, creating a unique setting where historic Kyoto meets contemporary style.

Begin the evening with a welcome cocktail as a Geiko (senior geisha) and Maiko (apprentice geisha) captivate you with a traditional Japanese dance performance. Then settle in for dinner featuring creative interpretations of Kyoto-style cuisine, thoughtfully prepared using local flavors and traditions.

The evening continues with an exciting Taiko drum performance, offering an unforgettable introduction to the energy and artistry of Japanese culture.

After dinner, return to the hotel and enjoy a restful night before tomorrow's embarkation and the next chapter of your Japanese adventure.

MARCH 31 – OSAKA CASTLE WITH LUNCH (2- AND 3-NIGHT PACKAGES)

After breakfast, bid farewell to your Kyoto hotel and board your coach for Osaka, where your final day on land begins with a visit to the magnificent Osaka Castle.

One of Japan's most celebrated landmarks, Osaka Castle played a pivotal role in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century. Originally built by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, the castle has been reconstructed over the centuries following periods of destruction, including during World War II. Today, its striking exterior honors the grandeur of the original, while the modern interior houses a fascinating museum exploring Osaka's history, Japan's past, and the life and legacy of Hideyoshi.

After exploring this iconic landmark, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and savor one more taste of Japanese cuisine before continuing your journey.

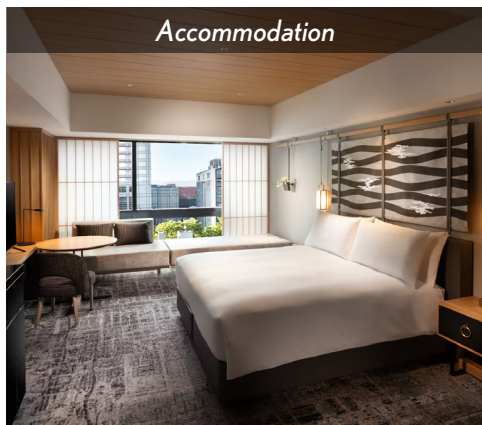
Then, board your coach for the transfer to the Port of Osaka, where you'll embark your ship and set sail on the next exciting chapter of your Japanese adventure—exploring the captivating southern coast of Japan.

** Please note that the order in which attractions are visited may vary each day during your tour*

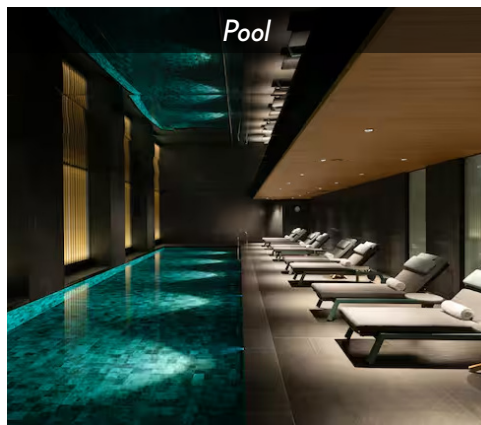


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ABOUT YOUR HOTEL



Accommodation



Pool



Cloud Nest Rooftop Bar

HILTON KYOTO HOTEL

Located in the heart of Kyoto, the Hilton Kyoto offers a stylish blend of contemporary design and traditional Japanese touches. Ideally situated near iconic landmarks including Nijo Castle and Kiyomizu-dera Temple, the vibrant Gion district, and Nishiki Market, the hotel provides an ideal base for exploring the city.

With easy access to Kyoto's cultural treasures, shopping, and renowned dining, the Hilton Kyoto offers a comfortable and convenient retreat from which to experience the timeless beauty and rich heritage of this extraordinary city.

In-room amenities include flat-screen TV with satellite, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee and tea maker, hairdryer, rain shower, separate bathtub, and daybed. Hotel amenities include two restaurants, rooftop bar, lobby bar, indoor pool, fitness center, spa, room service

NEED MORE INFO? READY TO BOOK?

Our Travel Consultants can be reached at 800-631-6277 (from the US and Canada) or 415-962-5700, option 1 (internationally).

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