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Sail aboard Mitsui Ocean Cruise's Ocean Fuji on an immersive journey around Japan and onward to Busan, tracing a route of historic ports, dramatic coastal scenery and time-honoured local traditions, all while enjoying warm Japanese omotenashi at sea.

We begin and end in Yokohama, with contemplative sea days and carefully curated calls that reveal the spirit of Japan's islands and culture – from serene shrines and castles to vibrant waterfronts, artisan quarters and flavour-filled markets.

Tanya will be your host, providing friendly day-to-day support whenever you need it. Enjoy a relaxing start to your journey with one night of pre-cruise accommodation included, along with convenient transfers from your hotel to the ship.

Let this be the year you finally experience Japan the way you've always imagined it.

Why Choose Mitsui?

Mitsui Ocean Cruises offers a genuinely Japanese style of small-ship cruising, with an intimate all-suite ship, gracious omotenashi hospitality and a calm, contemporary Japanese aesthetic throughout.

With Mitsui you sail alongside Japanese guests and crew, enjoying beautifully presented seasonal cuisine and culturally rich excursions, and experience Japan at its most beautiful moments with an easy, largely inclusive luxury that feels both authentic and effortlessly comfortable.

Thoughtful touches, from Japanese design details to well-paced itineraries, make it feel less like a typical cruise and more like being welcomed into Japan's way of life.



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Boutique-style cruising aboard Mitsui Ocean Fuji, carrying just 450 guests
- Spacious Verandah suites and heartfelt Japanese hospitality throughout
- A unique mix of Japanese and Western guests creates a more authentic cultural experience
- Access smaller, lesser-visited ports and coastal communities larger ships cannot reach
- Included shore excursions in every port, with English-speaking guide and free time to explore
- Seasonal Japanese cuisine, kaiseki-inspired dining, regional specialties, Western options
- Traditional Japanese baths, spa facilities, expansive pools, wellness activities, and peaceful sea days
- Mitsui's Funatabi onboard cultural programme includes tea ceremonies, origami, kimono dressing, Japanese crafts, and cultural experiences
- Scenic cruising along Japan's Pacific coastline and through quieter regional ports
- Explore historic harbour towns, fishing villages, hot spring regions, and dramatic coastal landscapes
- Experience genuine local welcomes, artisan markets, and regional traditions ashore
- Visit highlights including:
 - Busan
 - Otaru
 - Hakodate
 - Sado Island
 - Noto Peninsula
 - Oga Peninsula

FULL ITINERARY

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SUN 18 Yokohama - Embark Ocean Fuji (L) (D)

This morning we transfer from our Tokyo hotel and embark on Mitsui Ocean Fuji in Yokohama where we will be welcomed by the ship's attentive Japanese crew, elegant interiors, and serene public spaces.

After settling into your Verandah suite, explore the lounges, spa and wellness centre, and open decks before our sail away celebration as Ocean Fuji sails gently out of Tokyo Bay.

MON 19 At Sea (B) (L) (D)

Enjoy a peaceful day at sea as Ocean Fuji traces Japan's Pacific coastline, with time to savour seasonal Japanese cuisine and freshly prepared kaiseki-inspired dishes.

Enrichment programmes introduce you to the history, customs, and flavours of the regions you'll soon visit, complemented by tea ceremonies and cultural demonstrations on board.

TUE 20 At Sea (B) (L) (D)

A second day at sea invites you to slow down and fully embrace the rhythm of life aboard Ocean Fuji.

Relax in the observation lounge, take part in the Funatabi activities, highlight Japanese culture, (such as origami, tableware, and porcelain history), visit the spa and baths, or join gentle wellness activities as the ship makes her way toward Kyushu's island landscapes.



WED 21 Sasebo, Kyushu (B) (L) (D)

Arrive in Sasebo, a scenic naval and harbour town framed by green islands and quiet bays and local markets.

THU 22 Busan, South Korea (B) (L) (D)

Cross the Korea Strait to Busan, South Korea's dynamic port city where beaches, mountains, and bustling markets meet.

FRI 23 Tottori Coast - Sakaiminato/Tottori Area (B) (L) (D)

Ocean Fuji returns to the Japanese coast to call at the Tottori region via its coastal port, gateway to sweeping sand dunes and a slower, rural way of life.

SAT 24 Nanao, Noto Peninsula (B) (L) (D)

Sail into Nanao on the Noto Peninsula, an area celebrated for its long fishing traditions, peaceful bays, quaint streets, and coastal hot springs.

SUN 25 Ryotsu, Sado Island Sadogashima (B) (L) (D)

Ryotsu, this gateway to Sado Island, once an island of exile and now a haven of culture, nature, and history, gold mining sites, traditional villages and a quiet atmosphere.

MON 26 Oga Peninsula (B) (L) (D)

Continuing north to the Oga Peninsula, known for its dramatic seascapes and the powerful Namahage folklore, deeply rooted in local life, coastal shrines, scenic headlands and regional seafood specialties

TUE 27 Otaru, Hokkaido (B) (L) (D)

Arrive in Otaru, a charming Hokkaido port city with a historic canal lined by stone warehouses and softly glowing waterfront lamps, known for its ultra fresh sushi and sweets.

WED 28 Hakodate, Hokkaido (B) (L) (D)

Sail overnight to Hakodate, where modern city life blends with 19th-century architecture and expansive harbour views, morning markets, Goryokaku Fort and hillside neighbourhoods.

THU 29 At Sea (B) (L) (D)

A final sea day allows you to linger over favourite onboard experiences: elegant dining, quiet corners with ocean views, and unhurried conversations with our fellow guests. Reflect on the journey as Ocean Fuji turns south toward Yokohama, with a special farewell dinner celebrating the flavours of Japan.

FRI 30 Yokohama - Disembarkation (B)

Ocean Fuji glides back into Yokohama, where we disembark after breakfast.

Shore Excursions

Full port of call shore excursion itinerary to be released at a later date.





ONBOARD THE MITSUI OCEAN FUJI

An intimate, elegant setting for immersive Japanese cruising

Suite Comfort & Relaxed Small-Ship Living

Life aboard Mitsui Ocean Fuji is calm, intimate, and beautifully paced. Your Veranda Suite offers a spacious private retreat, thoughtfully designed with separate living and sleeping areas, elegant Japanese-inspired styling, and a private balcony perfect for enjoying Japan's coastal scenery and spring blossoms. With just 450 guests onboard, the atmosphere throughout the ship feels relaxed, personal, and easy to enjoy.

Dining Experiences Onboard

Dining aboard Mitsui Ocean Fuji is a real highlight of the journey, with beautifully presented Japanese cuisine, regional specialties, and international favourites served across a range of elegant yet relaxed venues. Enjoy refined dinners in The Restaurant Fuji and Hokusai Fine Dining, casual ocean-view meals in the Terrace Restaurant, or relaxed poolside dining at Kohan. Observation Bar 36 is a lovely spot to catch up with your group for sunset cocktails, ocean views, and live piano music before dinner.

Wellness, Pools & Quiet Spaces at Sea

Between excursions, the ship offers plenty of peaceful spaces to slow down and recharge. Relax beside the pools, enjoy the sea breeze from the Sunrise Deck, or unwind with a treatment at Spa & Wellness Kodama, where traditional wellness philosophies inspire a sense of balance and calm. Unlike larger cruise ships, Mitsui Ocean Fuji never feels crowded or overwhelming, making it easy to enjoy both social time and quiet moments throughout the voyage.

Cultural Enrichment & Funatabi Experiences

A key part of the Mitsui experience is the onboard "Funatabi" enrichment programme, bringing Japanese culture to life through hands-on activities and cultural experiences. Guests can enjoy tea ceremonies, origami, kimono dressing, Japanese arts and crafts, cultural talks, plus a mix of traditional Japanese performances and Broadway-style entertainment - all supported by attentive English-speaking staff and Mitsui's warm Japanese hospitality.



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13 DAYS • Hosted by a YOURTours Host

COUNTRY: Japan & South Korea

DATES: 18-30 April 2027

Cruise Pricing:

Twin Share Suite: from AUD\$13,817 per person

Single Suite: from AUD\$14,969 per person

Deposit: AUD\$3,000 per person, due on booking

Final balance: Due 10th December 2026

Note: *Single Suite is a special price, very limited space*

Cruise Inclusions:

- All onboard meals
- Beverages, incl. beer, wine, cocktails, spirits, sake, tea, juice, soda
- Half-day excursion in each port-of-call
- One specially designed full-day shore excursion experience
- Gratuities
- Onboard Wifi internet access

Special Inclusions on Hosted Cruise with YOURTours:

- All Veranda Suites
- One night pre-cruise hotel in Tokyo
- An evening dining experience at Hokusai Fine Dining Restaurant
- An evening Omakase sushi dining experience at Terrace Restaurant Hachiyo
- Transfers from hotel/cruise terminal

Upgrades to Penthouse Suite/Mitsui Ocean Suite - On Request

Exclusions:

- International flights
- Pre & Post-cruise extensions



You are invited to join us on our small group cruise, with a maximum number of guests is 18.

Based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand.

You can be rest assured that your Tour Host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Team Members providing a relaxed and worry-free holiday from start to finish.

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Our warm, knowledgeable travel team is on hand to arrange flights and personalised pre or post-cruise touring within Japan to suit the way you love to explore.