Cruise Details

Name:	Japanese Culture And Chinese Cities
Reference:	HAPAGEUX2708
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA 2
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	15 May 27
Departs From:	Tokyo
Arrives On:	02 Jun 27
Arrives At:	Hong Kong
Cruise Nights:	18
Total Vacation Days:	19

Itinerary

Day 1: Tokyo (Japan)

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Day 3: Shimizu (Japan)

Shimizu, at the foot of the imposing Mount Fuji volcano, the highest mountain in Japan, is surrounded by breathtaking landscapes of green tea plantations and thick forests. For centuries, Mount Fuji has had great spiritual significance for the Japanese and it has become a symbol of Japan worldwide. The Shizuoka Prefecture, famous for being the leading tea-producing area in Japan since the 12th century, is the perfect place for a trip into nature. The coastline offers picturesque views and the hot springs, or onsen, are a relaxing place to spend time by the sea.

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Day 5: Hososhima (Japan)

Hososhima, the gateway to Kyushu, invites visitors to discover the beauty of Japan's third largest island. The landscape is dotted with mighty volcanoes, hot springs and traditional temples, which reflect the unique connection between nature and culture here. In the centre of Hososhima, you will find plenty of shops and restaurants to wander around and while away some time. The Katsuura Umikaze Park on the sea is a wonderful place to relax, with the sea breeze and views of the coastline drawing visitors under its spell. Hososhima has its own special way of combining modern life with the impressive natural scenery of Kyushu.

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Day 6: Kagoshima (Japan)

Just a few miles of sea separate Kagoshima on the island of Kyushu from the active Sakurajima volcano – a sight that fascinates visitors with the impressive power of nature. Kagoshima itself is a mix of traditional garden art and modern shopping districts, with the city's exciting history and vibrant urban life blending seamlessly together. Excellent restaurants are a great place to try the region's freshly caught delicacies. The surrounding area also offers some unique natural scenery: the beaches of Amami-Oshima, the ancient forests of Yakushima and the Kirishima group of volcanoes are genuine highlights. Geological activity in the area produces numerous hot springs, with bath houses making Kagoshima one of the largest areas for onsens in Japan – perfect for relaxing and enjoying.

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Day 9: Tianjin (China)

With a population of around 14 million, Tianjin is one of China's wealthiest and most modern cities. The direct-administered city near Beijing has a lively cultural scene, including the People's Art Theatre and the Guangdong Guild Hall, famous for its elaborate wooden architecture from the Qing dynasty. The city's development to become China's second largest industrial and trading city and the largest financial and trading centre in northern China reflects Tianjin's impressive economic growth. In 2018, the former province was also named the third best city to live in China. Here you can find a fascinating mix of culture, economy and quality of life.

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Day 10: Tianjin (China)

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Day 13: Shanghai (China)

Shanghai is the leading industrial city in the People's Republic of China and one of the biggest cities in the world. It produces state-of-the art technology, is a global financial centre and presents itself with a breathtakingly futuristic skyline. The city underwent a Golden Age in the 1920s and 1930s, which today is reflected in impressive colonial architecture and art deco buildings. These days, Shanghai offers a unique interplay between luxury and modern, with exclusive hotels and rooftop bars, as well as the main shopping streets Nanjing Lu and Huaihai Lu, which are an inviting place for a stroll.

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Day 14: Shanghai (China)

Arrives On: 28 May 27

Day 17: Xiamen (China)

Xiamen owes its name, meaning "door to the house", to its centuries-old role as the gateway to China. The city has impressively clean air and encompasses the charming island of Gulangyu: a pedestrian-only island with idyllic scenery including green parks, beaches and picturesque streets with colonial architecture. The former 19th century tea trading port has maintained its importance as an international hub, while the sleek urban parks along the coast of Xiamen ensure a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere today.

Arrives On: 31 May 27

Day 18: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Hong Kong, a former British colony, has grown into one of the world’s biggest and most dynamic metropolises. The city is a global financial centre and an important trading hub for the Asian market. With its impressive skyline, lively street markets, luxury shopping centres and exquisite restaurants, Hong Kong offers a rich variety of experiences. The city is a melting pot of cultures, where tradition and modernity meet. These days, Hong Kong plays a major role in international business, particularly in the areas of finance, trade and technology.

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Day 19: Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

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