



Cruise Details

Name:	Circumnavigation Of Japan - A New Understanding Of Nippon
Reference:	HAPAGINS2608
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Expedition
Ship:	HANSEATIC inspiration
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	05 Jun 26
Departs From:	Sapporo
Arrives On:	21 Jun 26
Arrives At:	Sapporo
Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Sapporo (Japan)

Arrives On: 05 Jun 26

Day 3: Tsuruga (Japan)

Your discoveries in the New Land of Smiles begin along the north-western coast of the main island of Honshu: Tsuruga, a charming coastal town in Fukui Prefecture, impresses with its rich history and diverse sights such as the Kehi-jingu Shrine*, the Museum of Humanity* or the idyllic Kehi-no-Matsubara pine forest.

Arrives On: 07 Jun 26

Day 4: Oki Islands (Japan)

Due to its unique geology and isolation, the Oki Islands have developed a distinctive ecosystem, characterised by red rock formations and verdant vegetation. Hiking along the Kuniga Coast* offers you the opportunity to enjoy continually changing views of the Sea of Japan from the 257-meter-high Matengai Cliff. Alternatively, you can visit the Takuhi Shrine* or learn more about the islands by taking a bus and boat tour*.

Arrives On: 08 Jun 26

Day 5: Sakaiminato (Japan)

Sakaiminato is renowned for the quirky bronze statues created by the locally born manga artist Mizuki Shigeru. The Daisen-Oki National Park could easily serve as inspiration for Japanese ink paintings, with features like the "twin" of Mount Fuji when hiking at Mount Daisen*. The Izumo Taisha Shrine* is considered one of the most significant Shinto sanctuaries, where newlyweds pray for a happy marriage and singles seek a partner.

Arrives On: 09 Jun 26

Day 6: Busan (South Korea)

Mysterious, otherworldly, and unknown: in South Korea, you enter a captivating realm. Discover Busan with a tour of the Haedong Yonggungsa Temple*. Korea's deep connection to nature is revealed on a coastal hike through Igidae Park*, featuring its quaint suspension bridges.

Arrives On: 10 Jun 26

Day 7: Jeju Island (South Korea)

Pure nature: The UNESCO World Heritage landscape of Jeju Island, with its volcanic peak and lava tunnels, is best explored on an island tour* or with a walk to the rim of the Sangumburi Crater*.

Arrives On: 11 Jun 26

Day 8: Nagasaki (Japan)

Back in Japan on the southernmost main island of Kyushu, Nagasaki narrates its poignant history*. The events of 1945 are not the only focus here – you will also find Japan's oldest stone bridge and its oldest Christian church.

Arrives On: 12 Jun 26

Day 9: Yakushima (Japan)

In southwestern Japan, the Nansei Islands stretch over 1,000 km, often referred to as the "Japanese South Seas." Yakushima showcases its lush tropical landscape and ancient cedar forests on a hike*, accompanied by the sounds of numerous bird species and macaques. When

mist drifts over rhododendrons, mosses, and lichens, the rainforest reveals its particularly mystical charm.

Arrives On: 13 Jun 26

Day 10: Uwajima (Japan)

Great natural wonders and cultural treasures also define Shikoku, the smallest of Japan's main islands. Surrounded by mountain ranges, the coastal city of Uwajima transports you back to the Edo period with its historic castle. Following in the footsteps of the once-powerful Date family, you can delve deeper into the cultural heritage of Uwajima*. Gain insights into the tradition of the terraced fields of Yusu – the only way to practice agriculture in the mountainous region. Alternatively, take a journey back in time by visiting the old town of Uchiko*, which was the center of wax and candle production in the 20th century.

Arrives On: 14 Jun 26

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Day 12: Shimizu (Japan)

From Shimizu, uncover the secret of green tea*. Equally iconic and steeped in stories is Japan's most famous landmark – Mount Fuji*. Will the weather reveal its majestic 3,776-metre high snow-capped peak to you? A tour of Shimizu explains more about sushi*.

Arrives On: 16 Jun 26

Day 13: Tokyo (Japan)

Reaching towards the sky are the structures of the megacity Tokyo*. A city of contrasts, it features the Imperial Palace, quaint temples, intricate shrines, and bustling markets. Follow in the footsteps of art* and modernity. Ascend to new heights with a visit to Japan's tallest tower – the Tokyo Skytree*. During a Japanese cooking class*, you will gain insights into the regional cuisine.

Arrives On: 17 Jun 26

Day 15: Miyako Islands (Japan)

The extraordinary capabilities of nature are on full display near Miyako at the Sanriku Fukko National Park, with its remarkable flora and fauna. Your day's motto: Actively discover Japan – through a coastal hike* along rugged cliffs, exploring the Ryusendo limestone cave*, or by boat along the impressive Kitayamazaki cliff coast*.

Arrives On: 19 Jun 26

Day 16: Okushiri (Japan)

Off the coast of Japan's northernmost main island, Hokkaido, you will reach the rugged, small rocky island of Okushiri, known for its abalone and sea urchins. Should the authorities give the green light, you will explore the island's natural beauty with your expert guides. In good weather, the Zodiacs will also come into play. And then it is completed: the circumnavigation of Japan. Driven by curiosity and a pioneering spirit, this journey rewards you with a trove of Far Eastern experiences that are truly unique.

Arrives On: 20 Jun 26

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Day 17: Sapporo (Japan)

Arrives On: 21 Jun 26

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