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### **21 DAYS LUXURY TRANSOCEANIC CRUISE - SEWARD TO TOKYO**

Experience the thrill of a transpacific crossing from Seward to Tokyo with idyllic days at sea and an immersive exploration of Japan. Start with watching for humpback whales and brown bears on Alaska's Kodiak Island. Set sail across the Pacific Ocean and await your first taste of Japan with Kushiro's marvellous array of natural vistas, where deer, sea eagles and Japanese cranes roam free. Savour the sheer beauty of six diverse hidden gems before arrival.



### **ITINERARY**

Days 0 - 1 - Pre Cruise & Seward (Anchorage, Alaska)

- \*\*Pre Cruise Benefits\*\*\_
- \*\*Private Executive Transfers\*\*
- \*\*International flights Economy class\*\*
- \*\*or Business Class upgrade\*\*
- \_ \*\*Airport transfers\*\*\_
- \_ \*\*Hotel\*\*\_



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Monumental scenery surrounds you in this remote corner of the world, where glaciers calve and whales cruise through inky waters, before an immense mountain backdrop. Almost totally submerged by the colossal landscapes around it, Seward - and the wonders of Kenai Fjords National Park - offer some of astonishing Alaska's most thrilling scenery. Located in a deep gash in the Kenai Peninsula, Seward is a place to immerse yourself in nature's majesty. Fjords carve into the landscape, while the Harding Icefield - which caps Kenai Fjords National Park - reaches out its icy fingers, with glaciers spilling down between mountain peaks. Head to Holgate Glacier, to come face to face with a breathtaking stack of intense blue and white ice. Get up close in a kayak or boat ride, to slalom through the discarded confetti of ice chunks, and perhaps even witness the powerful spectacle of an ice ledge creaking and groaning, before plunging to the waters below. The city of Anchorage is easily within reach from here, offering an incongruous contrast to the wild wonders of Alaska. A place where deep-sea fishermen bump shoulders with businesspeople on the 9-5, it's a fascinating, remote city. Home to almost half of the Alaskan population, Anchorage and its humble skyline is dwarfed by the snowy peaks of the wilderness beyond. Don't miss the opportunity to immerse yourself in the unique culture, traditions and heritage of the First Nation people of these lands too.

#### Day 2 - Kodiak Island, Alaska

The domain of grizzlies, brown and black bears, Kodiak Island is a raw, wild, and utterly authentic Alaskan wilderness. The Emerald Isle is the USA's second-largest island, and with a wilderness stretching out over 3,670 square miles, it's a thrilling voyage into the Alaskan unknown. The weather may get a little cloudy at times, but the locals actively welcome a covering of cloud perhaps partly because the clouds and fog are said to have deterred Japanese attacks during World War II's hostilities. Be sure to bring your camera with you; it's nigh on impossible to take a bad photo of these irresistible vistas - and you'll quickly see why Kodiak Island is the destination of choice for wildlife documentary producers. Cinematic setpieces regularly play out, as eagles soar over expansive sweeps of fir-tree forested mountains and still lakes, releasing occasional piercing calls. Some of the animal kingdom's most feared and revered creatures call Kodiak Island home, and your first sight of a bear reaching a massive paw into the water, or treading through a gently burbling stream, will live with you forever. Soar in a seaplane to track the bears with an expert guide. Masters of disguise, it often takes a trained eye to spot the bears in their natural habitats. Brush up on the skills you'll need in advance, with a read of our bear watching blog. [Insert blog: 7 tips for bear watching in

Alaska]. The waters of Kodiak Island are also home to some of the world's most productive fishing. Try out your own skills, or accompany a seafaring fishing vessel, to witness life on the waves first-hand, as they plunder the depths of the ocean.

#### Days 3 - 5 - Day at sea

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, whale watching, catching up on your reading or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.

#### Day 5 - Date Line lose a day

Planet Earth is divided into 24 different time zones and regardless of where you are on the planet, the time and date always changes at midnight. So, for those who travel westwards, time moves seemingly "slower" over the time zones gaining one hour per time zone crossed, but you suddenly find yourself one day older when crossing the date line from the Western to the Eastern Hemisphere since you have to adjust for the time "gained"! Just to confuse matters even further, the IDL (International Date Line) is arbitrary, and countries can request to move it as they please! For two hours of every day (between 10 am and 12 pm GMT), the world has three different dates, meaning that when it is 11.30 pm on Sunday in American Samoa (GMT-11), it will be 6.30 am on Monday in New York City (GMT-4) and 12.30 am on Tuesday in Kiritimati, Line Islands (GMT+14)!

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#### Day 9 - Kushiro (Hokkaido)



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Surrounded by spectacular national parks - and sheltered from the majority of winter's ice, Kushiro is one of northern Japan's most important cities. A deep-sea fishing port that specialises in Pacific saury, Kushiro hugs the coastline of the most northerly of Japan's major islands. See the riches plundered from the ocean at the busy Washo Fish Market, dive into the native Ainu culture, or head out to explore the immersive beauty of Japan's largest wetlands. Kushiro City Museum is an imposing, castle-like structure, but there's a warm welcome waiting inside, where exhibitions showcase the area's history, and the extraordinary animals that you can meet on your adventures here. Explore Japan's wilder side at the vast wildlife oasis that is Kushiro Marshland. A world away from the country's urban metropolises, look out for the tanch -zuru red-crowned cranes, which are some of the world's rarest, and a revered symbol of luck and longevity. Spot pairs of the elegant birds, as they dance together on the plains of the wetlands. Head out to Lake Akan - in Akan National park - to see another side to the area's landscapes and encounter the bizarre marimo moss. Growing here only, it forms large, perfectly manicured bowling balls. Hot mud pools also burble, while the cone of the volcanic Mount Oakan watches over the area, echoing Mount Fuji's symmetrical splendour. Ainu Kotan is close by, and you can visit to experience the authentic culture of northern Japan's native people.

#### Day 10 - Hakodate (Hokkaido)

Gaze down over Hakodate, from the heights of its namesake peak - Mount Hakodate - to see the city stretching out spectacularly, with back-to-back twin bays splitting the ocean. Hakodate port was one of the first to open Japan up to the world, and to international trade in 1859 - a fact reflected in the architecture, with its influences from the West and beyond. The port area is a redbrick wash of warehouses turned shopping malls, all observed by the onion domes of the city's Russian Orthodox church. Elsewhere, the star-shaped Goryokaku fortress glows with natural colours and a beautiful haze of cherry blossom during the season. Goryokaku Tower, which rises up beside it, offers a sweeping bird's eye view of the green fortress and mountain backdrop. Buses trundle up the 335-metre incline to the top of Mount Hakodate, but the best way to reach the views is to jump on the ropeway, which swings high above downtown's buildings, over a carpet of pine trees. Head up to the mountain's heights as sunset approaches. With darkness sweeping in, and the lights flickering to life, the panorama is one of Japan's most spectacular. Soak it all in, and look out to the horizon, dotted with the shimmering lights of ships hauling in harvests of the city's renowned squid. The plankton-rich waters attract a delicious variety of feasting sea life to Hakodate's coast, which is then plated up in the city's numerous, skilled restaurants. For an eye-opening,

whirring morning, see the freshest produce being doled out at Hakodate Morning Market - amid a cacophony of noise and activity.

#### Day 11 - Aomori

From fiery festivals to spectacular mountain scenery, soaring temples to castles surrounded by cherry blossom blooms, Aomori is one of Japan's most enchanting destinations. Framed by dark peaks clad with dense forestry, the city enjoys a picturesque location on Japan's main island Honshu. While there are gorgeous pink tinted parks, tiered castles and towering Buddha statues to explore, the Aomori Prefecture's capital is perhaps best known for the summer festival of fire that lights it up each year. Lavish illuminated floats fill the streets during Nebuta Matsuri festival, as dancing locals wave flickering lanterns through the night sky - and drummers pound out pulsating rhythms. Nebuta Matsuri has a euphoric and energetic atmosphere which makes it stand out as an unmissable experience compared with some of Japan's more restrained festivals. At other times of the year, places like the stunning Hirosaki Castle bloom with rose-pink cherry blossom, as spring's sunshine clears away winter's plentiful snowfall. The castle's moat, glowing with the pale hue of fallen blossom, is a truly mesmerising sight to behold. Don't worry if you're too late though, you might be able to catch the pink-flush of the apple blossom which comes slightly later. Extraordinary prehistoric Jomon period history is waiting to be unearthed at the living archaeological site, Sannai-Maruyama Ruins. Or, the untouched wilderness of UNESCO World Heritage Site Shirakami Sanchi is within reach. This sprawling mass of beech trees covers a third of the Shirakami mountain range, and the dense forestry once blanketed the majority of northern Japan's land. Visit to scratch the surface of this untamed landscape's beauty and see sprawling waterfalls cascading down mountainsides, in a beautiful off-bounds landscape, where black bears roam freely.

#### Day 12 - Akita

Say the word Akita and you would be forgiven for thinking immediately of the lovable dog of the same name. But in fact, visitors to Akita will be treated not to a friendly furry face, rather to a beautiful city located on the northern tip of the island, around 500 km north of Tokyo. Lucky visitors will arrive in time for the superb sakura (cherry blossom), and surely there can be no sight more lovely than the elegant dip of the cherry trees alongside ancient Samurai residences. Akita is also home to a 2km tunnel of blossoming trees that run along the banks of the Hinokinai River, which is said to "bring a grown man to his knees and weep at its beauty". If to you, Japan is synonymous with peace



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and serenity, then a trip to one of the onsens is a superb bucket list experience. Buses and taxis are easily available in the centre of town that will take you to Mizusawa, Oyu and Oyasukyo hot springs, some of the loveliest onsens in the country. Some of the superb sights in Akita are: Senshu Park, on the former site of Kubota Castle, the elegant red-brick folk Museum (housing works by block printer Katsuhira Tokushi (1907-1971) and metalwork by Sekiya Shiro (1907-1994) and the Old Kaneko Family Home. The Akita Museum of Art opened in 2012 and is home to the largest canvas painting in the world, Events of Atika, by Foujita (1886-1968). The painting measures a staggering  $3.65 \times 20.5 \text{ m}$  ( $12 \times 67 \text{ ft}$ ). The Museum also has many works by European masters such as Goya, Rubens, Rembrandt and Picasso.

#### Day 13 - Niigata

A sophisticated sake capital, Niigata is an intoxicating, creative place of Japanese traditions and flavours. Learn of the many crafts and creativities that are practised here, from kite-making to alcohol fermentation and ceramic work, and immerse yourself in the beautiful coastline and waterfall-laced mountains of Niigata prefecture. The city evolves with each season, taking on a new appearance - whether it's the thick layers of snow during winter, or the cherry blossoms of spring. Look out for the gorgeous curved black roof tiers of Shibata Castle, rising from a picturesque bed of pale-pink flowers. Sitting overlooking the Sea of Japan, out towards the intrigues of Sado Island, where the rare Toki bird - with its scythe-like beak - lives protected. This busy port city is famous for the high-quality and pure taste of its rice. As a result, sake produced here is among Japan's finest, and distilleries will teach you the artistry behind its creation, and to appreciate the subtle flavours. Pia Bandai market is a bustling place to take a stroll and sip a morning coffee. Japan's first public park, Hakusan Park was built in 1873 and is perfect for whiling away an afternoon, among drifting lotus flowers and swaying trees. Appreciate a magical tea ceremony in the Edo-era Shimizu-en Gardens, or savour the tranquillity of the peaceful Hakusan Shrine - dedicated to the god of marriage.

### Day 14 - Kanazawa

The capital of the Ishikawa Prefecture, Kanazawa once rivalled Kyoto and Edo (Tokyo) as a town rich in cultural achievements. Kanazawa escaped destruction during World War II and accordingly has been able to preserve many of the old districts in good shape. The city is famous because of Kenrokuen. Located next to Kanazawa Castle, Kenrokuen is classified as "One of the Three Gardens of Japan". The garden has an artificial pond, and hills and houses are dotted within the 11.4 hectares. It has Japan's oldest fountain

using natural water pressure and a tea-house dating back to 1774. Close by is the Higashi Chaya Gai Geisha District, designated a National Cultural Asset and the biggest of the Geisha districts of Kanazawa. Some of the houses not only retain the original structure, but still are used as Geisha houses. Some of the streets have traditional shops creating a nostalgic atmosphere. Kanazawa is also known for its lacquer ware, Kutani-style pottery, gold-leaf workmanship and delicately painted silk kimonos.

#### Day 15 - Kanmon Strait Passage

Sail through the eye of a needle while cutting through this fabled passage of Japanese water, separating Kyushu from the country's largest island, Honshu. The two islands brush up against each other here, parted only by the scenic S-bend of water. Sail below the mighty span of sweeping suspension bridges like Kanmonkyo Bridge, while transiting this hugely important and strategic thread, which links the Sea of Japan with the Inland Sea. The natural bottleneck here has instigated historic battles on and around these waters over the centuries, tilting the history of Japan and the region back and forth. Learn of rich maritime heritage and historic agreements - like the Treaty of Shimonoseki, which was inked on these shores. Nowadays, the passage is a peaceful, pleasant affair to cruise through. Ferries and pleasure boats criss-cross the two shorelines, where a mere 700 metres of blue water separates the islands at their closest point, and tunnels - including a pedestrian route - seamlessly connect the cities of Shimonoseki and Kitakyushu. There's always something going on throughout the year, whether it's Kitakyushu city blooming with renowned cherry blossoms in spring, or the strait's waters lighting up during the firework festival - when each island celebrates and collaborates in a vibrant dual display. Equal parts scenic and storied, this is one of Japan's most beautiful and intriguing stretches of water and a fascinating passage through history.

#### Day 16 - Hiroshima

History buffs will want to write home Hiroshima. Despite being devastated in 1945, this Japanese city is known to all for its commitment peace - its ruin on the 6th August 1945 led to the end of the war and today, the Peace Memorial (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), is a constant reminder of the destruction that war brings. A walk in the leafy boulevards of Peace Memorial Park brings quiet contemplation. The Flames of Peace - set in the park's central feature pond - burn brightly and will continue to do so until all the nuclear bombs in the world have been destroyed. There are many other inspiring messages of hope around the city too; the Childrens' Peace Monument just north of the park is a



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homage to little Sadako Sasaki, who was just two in 1945. When she developed leukaemia in 1956, she believed that if she folded 1,000 paper cranes - a symbol of longevity and happiness in Japan - she would recover. Sadly, she died before she finished her task but her classmates finished the rest. If you are lucky enough to visit during the unpredictable and short-lived Sakura (cherry blossom) season, then the extraordinary sight of the delicate pink blossom floating across the water to the red gate means you can consider yourself one of the luckiest people on the planet.

#### Day 17 - Beppu (Kyushu Island)

The lantern-lit hot springs of Beppu, known for its eight scorching "Hells", is a town that's prettier than a picture. The town is found in a particularly volcanically active part of Japan (hence the abundance of hot springs, or in Japanese, onsens). The viewing pools have evocative names; think Sea Hell, Blood Pond Hell and Tornado Hell. While the names might seem a little off putting, the reality is stunning; sulphur laced air and vast spectrums of blues and reds, depending on the mineralisation of the earth. As if the gorgeous palette of colours at the onsen was not enough, Beppu is also world famous for its Sakura, or cherry blossom season. More than 2,000 cherry trees near the base of the ropeway to Mount Tsurumi make for one of Beppu's most impressive hanami (flower viewing) spots. If not lucky enough to be in the area during Sakura, from May to June rhododendrons colour the mountain. The view from this 1,375m mountain is beyond impressive, allowing you to see all the way to the Kuju Mountains, Chugoku and Shikoku. If brave enough to climb all the way to the top, the stone Buddhas that were carved into the mountainside during the Heian Period (794-1185) are a worthy reward! As with much of Japan, duality is ever present. Modernity sits very comfortably by ancient buildings. While Beppu's biggest pull is by far the hot springs and the thermal baths, nearby (10 km) Yufuin has a wealth of art museums, cafes and boutiques, catering to trend setters and urbanites alike.

#### Day 18 - Day at sea

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Day 19 - Tokyo

where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with a relentless pursuit for the future's sharpest edge. See the city from above, as elevators rocket you up to towering viewing platforms, from which you can survey a vast urban ocean, interspersed with sky-scraping needles. Look out as far as the distant loom of Mount Fuji's cone on clear days. Futuristic - second-accurate - transport seamlessly links Tokyo's 14 districts, while the glow of flashing advertisement boards, clanks of arcade machines, and waves of humanity flowing along its streets, adds to the sense of mesmerising, dizzying and glorious sensory overload. One of Tokyo's most iconic sights, don't miss the flood of people scrambling to cross Shibuya's famous intersection. Join the choreographed dance, as crowds of briefcase-carrying commuters are given the green light to cross at the same time - bathed in the light of massive neon advertisements. The culture is immensely rich and deep, with 7th-century, lantern-decorated temples, stunning palaces and tranquil scarlet shrines waiting below cloaks of incense and nestling between soaring skyscrapers. Restaurants serve up precisely prepared sushi, and wafer-thin seafood slivers, offering a unique taste of the country's refined cuisine. Settle into traditional teahouses, to witness intricate ceremonies, or join the locals as they fill out karaoke bars to sing the night away. In the spring, cherry blossom paints a delicate pink sheen over the city's innumerable parks and gardens.

Dense and delightful, there's nowhere else like Japan's kinetic capital - a city

### Day 20 - Post Cruise

- \_ \*\*Post Cruise Benefits\*\*\_
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#### Please note:

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### YOUR SHIP: SILVER NOVA

YOUR SHIP:	Silver Nova
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BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2022/2023

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S.A.L.T. Kitchen - Destination-inspired menus featuring local flavors. The Terrain menu showcases the current port, while the Voyage menu offers highlights from the journey.

Atlantide - Classic fine dining with a sophisticated ambiance.

Indulge in premium ingredients like caviar, lobster, and exquisite desserts.

La Terrazza - Authentic Italian cuisine with homemade pasta, antipasto, risotto, and bold regional wines. Enjoy stunning views from the outdoor terrace.

La Dame - French fine dining with curated tasting menus and wine pairings. Reservation fee: \$160.

Kaiseki - Japanese culinary artistry with sake, whiskey, or tea pairings. Reservation fee: \$80.

Silver Note - A lively venue with gourmet tapas, jazz, and soul music, perfect for a night of entertainment.

The Grill - Casual dining by day, transforming into the "Hot Rocks" BBQ experience at night, set in The Marquee.

Spaccanapoli - Thin, freshly made pizzas from Naples, served in an open-air setting at The Marquee.

The Pool Deck - Spacious sun deck with Silversea's largest pool and an infinity-edge whirlpool for ultimate relaxation.

The Dusk Bar - Open-air sky bar offering panoramic views and destination-inspired cocktails.

The Marquee - A relaxed outdoor venue combining The Grill and Spaccanapoli for casual dining.

Arts Caf e - A cultural hub for light bites, fresh juices, coffee, and artistic inspiration.

S.A.L.T. Bar - Locally inspired cocktails reflecting each destination.

S.A.L.T. Lab - Hands-on culinary workshops exploring local food culture.

The Shelter - An elegant cocktail bar offering signature drinks in an intimate setting.

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Dolce Vita - The ship's social hub, featuring live piano music and expertly crafted cocktails.

Panorama Lounge - A versatile space for relaxing by day and live music or DJ sets at night.

Connoisseur 's Corner - A stylish cigar lounge with premium selections.

Observation Lounge - A peaceful retreat with panoramic sea views and an in-house library.

The Venetian Lounge - A grand theatre for live performances and film screenings.

Atrium - The heart of the ship, home to key services, The Shelter, and Arts Cafe, with stunning floor-to-ceiling windows.

Boutique - Luxury shopping at sea, featuring premium brands and exclusive collections.



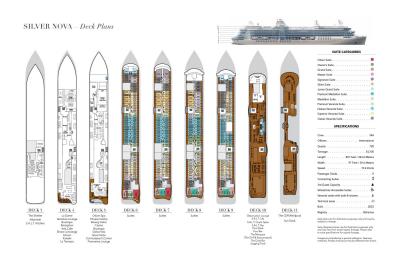
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