

Japan Circumnavigation Autumn Bridge Cruise

with John Roberts

12 October to 24 October 2025



We will experience Japan's fascinating blend of ancient traditions and modern culture as we circumnavigate Japan's main island, Honshu, while enjoying bridge lessons and sessions on board the luxury *Seabourn Quest*.

October is the best time to visit Japan with pleasant weather and spectacular autumn colours. We arrive in Tokyo before joining *Seabourn Quest* to cruise Honshu's east coast to Hakodate on Japan's northern Hokkaido Island. We sail the Sea of Japan to visit some of Honshu's fascinating sights in Akita, Niigata, Tsuruga and Sakaiminato. After a day visiting Busan in South Korea, we will cruise Japan's Inland Sea to visit scenic Takamatsu and Wakayama. We disembark in Kobe where you may wish to extend your holiday with a visit to nearby Kyoto.

With its uncrowded six-star ships and exceptional service, *Seabourn* is consistently regarded by travel magazines as the world's best small-ship cruise line. *Seabourn Quest* has just two hundred and twenty-nine elegant ocean-front suites, most with private verandas, and all with ensembles with separate bath and shower, minibars stocked with your beverage preferences and luxury amenities. The ship's facilities include a luxurious spa, two swimming pools, six bars and four restaurants with open seating and no surcharges for fine dining.

Cruise prices*

* These discounted cruise prices have limited availability and only apply to bookings made with Bridge Away.

| Per Person | Ocean View Category A | Ocean View Category A1 | Veranda Category V1 | Veranda Category V2 | Veranda Category V3 | Veranda Category V4 | Penthouse Category PH | Owner's Suite Category O1 |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Twin/double | \$11799 | \$12099 | \$16899 | \$17299 | \$17799 | \$18199 | waitlist | waitlist |
| Single | \$20073 | \$20598 | \$28998 | \$29698 | \$30573 | \$31273 | — | — |

Cruise inclusions

- ♠ Twelve nights on *Seabourn Quest* with all meals and complimentary beverages, including fine wines and spirits.
- ♥ A comprehensive program of intermediate lessons and bridge sessions designed to complement the shore excursions offered by *Seabourn Quest*.
- ♦ Bonus US\$1500 shipboard credit per cabin (until 6/9/24).
- ♣ All shipboard gratuities.

Extras

- ♠ Airfares are an extra cost. Group airfares will be available in November 2024.
- ♥ Pre-cruise hotel and tour packages in Tokyo and post-cruise hotel and tour packages in Kyoto. Costs TBA.
- ♦ Airport to hotel, hotel to ship and ship to airport transfers.
- ♣ Tours are an extra cost. *Seabourn* offers an extensive choice of shore excursions at each port.

Itinerary



Highlights

- ♣ We will visit villages, temples and gardens as the cherry, maple, persimmon and ginkgo trees burst into colour.
- ♥ Akita with its hot springs, mountain scenery and nearby traditional samurai town of Kakunodate.
- ♦ Tsuruga with its famous Kehi Shrine dating from 702 and magnificent torii gate.
- ♣ The stunning Japanese gardens of Ritsurin Koen at Takamatsu and Yosuien at Wakayama.

| DAY | PORT | ARRIVE | DEPART |
|------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| 11 October | Tokyo | | |
| 12 October | Yokohama | | 5pm |
| 13 October | At Sea | | |
| 14 October | Hakodate | 8.30am | 6pm |
| 15 October | Akita | 8am | 6pm |
| 16 October | Niigata | 8am | 10pm |
| 17 October | At sea | | |
| 18 October | Tsuruga | 8am | 6pm |
| 19 October | Sakaiminato | 7am | 5pm |
| 20 October | Busan | 10am | 8pm |
| 21 October | At sea | 8am | |
| 22 October | Takamatsu | 8am | 10pm |
| 23 October | Wakayama | 8am | 7pm |
| 24 October | Kobe | 6.30am | |



Booking conditions

To make a booking and for more information including deck plans, please phone Bridge Away on (02) 9979 9099 or email admin@bridgeaway.com.au.

The prices shown in this brochure are cruise-only prices. Bridge Away group prices are currently considerably cheaper than prices available through a direct booking with Seabourn. The cruise is already heavily booked and some cabin categories have limited availability. The US\$1500 cabin credit with Bridge Away cruise prices is only for bookings made up to Friday 6 September 2024. A deposit of approximately 25% of the cruise cost is required within two days of booking. Deposits are refundable for cancellations up to 13 June 2025.

To ensure embarkation on Sunday 12 October 2025, it is highly recommended that passengers arrive in Tokyo on or before Saturday 11 October 2025. Pre-cruise accommodation in a five-star hotel in Yokohama will be booked for the Bridge Away group for Thursday 11 October and costs for accommodation, transfers, tours and meals advised in January 2025.

Information about group flights with Business Class and Economy Class fares for flights from Australia to Tokyo and Osaka to Australia will be available in November 2024. Cruise booking conditions and travel insurance options will be advised once you have a confirmed cruise booking.

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