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JAPAN: Cherry Blossoms Fly-Cruise Small Group Experience

16 night/17 day Itinerary - 29 March—14 April 2026

In partnership with



HERITAGE EXPEDITIONS



SMALL-SHIP, SMALL-GROUP EXPERIENCE. SEE LOCAL JAPAN IN ITS FULL SPRING COLOURS!

Travellers have loved our Japan trips over the last two years. Don't miss out on this brand-new tour timed for the spectacular cheery blossom season. This cruise takes you to some of the smaller ports away from the crowds, to beautiful national parks and traditional towns and villages.



Our pre & post cruise arrangements visit all the famous sights but also get you into local Japanese life with walking tours away from the crowds sometimes and into very local eateries – we keep the numbers small to allow this.

Heritage Explorer is a purpose-built expedition ship so can access small ports - some with zodiac access. The expedition staff and local guides ensure a rich experience. You are taken care of every step of the way! A maximum of 15 places available and singles welcome at just 33% supplement. Enquire today!

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Sunday 29 March 2026 – Auckland to Tokyo

11.15am Depart Auckland – Air New Zealand
6:15pm Arrive Tokyo, Narita Airport

We will be met on arrival by our local guide and transferred by small coach to central Tokyo and our hotel for the first two nights.

This brand-new hotel is located between the Ginza shopping area and the very interesting Tsujiki markets. It is 400m from the Tsujiki Station and 800m from Ginza Station. Each room is equipped with a fridge, microwave and washer dryer combo (very unusual for Japan). There is a restaurant on the 14th floor, and a Deli/Café on the ground floor. You will find a gymnasium in the 2nd floor and a large public bath area in the basement.



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Nights: Two
Room Type: Double or Twin
Breakfast: Included daily

Day 2: Monday 30 March 2026 – Tokyo Tour

Assemble in the lobby this morning to meet our guide for today's tour which will include an Imperial Palace Tour, Askakusa Temple, Nakamise Shopping street, Meiji Jingu Shrine and Shinjuku and Harajuku areas. We will stop for a lunch break in Shibuya (included).



After returning to the hotel around 6:00pm for a refresh we will head out to a local Yakiniku BBQ restaurant near the hotel for dinner (included)

Day 3: Tuesday 31 March 2026 – Tokyo

This morning's tour will visit the Tokyo Tower area, then the Tsukiji Fish Market. We'll head to a local restaurant for a seafood lunch. (included). After lunch the tour will disperse at the fish market. Later we will transfer to another hotel to meet up with the full passenger group joining the cruise. Cruise check-in will be conducted this evening before a full buffet dinner with other passengers. Heritage Expeditions hotel to be advised.



Day 4: Wednesday 01 April 2026 - Embark and Sail to Shizuoka

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before exploring the world's most populous city as we celebrate cherry blossom season at some of the capital's most iconic destinations. This afternoon we will make our way to the Port of Tokyo, where your Captain and Expedition Team will welcome you aboard Heritage Adventurer. This evening, join the expedition team in the Observation Lounge or up on the Observation Deck as we set sail for Shizuoka.



Day 5: Thursday 02 April 2026 – Shizuoka/Mt Fuji



This morning we sail into the Port of Shimizu, widely considered one of Japan's most beautiful ports with sweeping views of Mount Fuji dominating the skyline. Home to Japan's greatest Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu and Japan's famed green tea heartland, Shizuoka has much to explore and experience. Options today could include a visit to Fujisan Sengen Shrine at the foothills of Mount Fuji and home to around 500 cherry blossom trees, Shimizu Funakoshi-zutsumi Park where 850 cherry blossom trees in bloom frame views of Mount Fuji, Obuchi Sasaba Tea Fields and their panoramic views of Mount Fuji and lush tea plantations. At Shiraito Falls, discover one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Japan, this 150-metre wide 20-metre high cascade was named after its resemblance to hanging threads of silk. Other options could include a visit to Mount Fuji World Heritage Center, a museum dedicated to Japan's famous landmark, remote Kotokuji Temple surrounded by cherry blossom trees and offering stunning views of Mount Fuji surrounded by cherry blossoms, or stretch your legs at Japan's first toll tunnel Meiji Utsunoya Tunnel, opened in 1876 under Utsunoya Pass to connect eastern Japan with the imperial capital of Kyoto.

Day 6: Friday 03 April 2026 - Nagoya



Famous for its castles, cars, and culinary delights, Nagoya is home to a vibrant culture and Japan's fourth most populated city. Regarded as the nation's leader in automotive, machine tooling, robotics, fine ceramics and aerospace industry, it is also Japan's industrial powerhouse. Nagoya is home to cherry blossom hot spots Inuyama Castle, one of Japan's 12 original castles and designated National Treasure; the Shikinomichi 'Path of Four Seasons', where hundreds of cherry trees line the Yamazaki River for almost a kilometre; 1,400 trees lining the banks of the Gojogawa River creating a pink arch during Iwakura Cherry Blossom Festival; and Tsuruma Park, a popular spot for cherry blossom viewing parties under the trees.

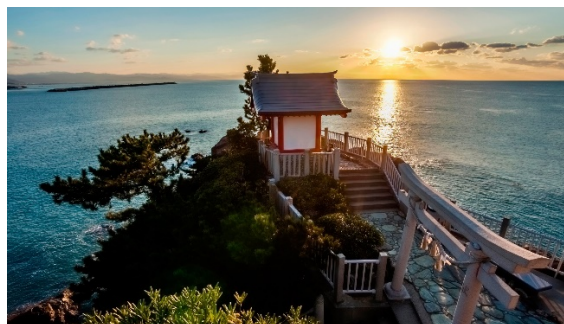
Other destinations of interest include the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology which pays tribute to the iconic badge which helped shape Japan, Atsuta Jingu Shrine, one of Japan's greatest centres of worship since ancient times and home of sacred sword Kusanagi-no-tsurugi, one of the three sacred treasures that symbolise the Imperial Throne.

Day 7: Saturday 04 April 2026 - Owase



The coastal city of Owase, famous for its seafood and walking trails, is a lively Edo-period town and former post station (rest stop with accommodation, shopping and dining for travellers) on one of ancient Japan's traditional travel routes. Our time here can be spent exploring the village and its local delicacies; Owase Shrine which is home to an ancient pair of Camphor trees, one of which is over 1,000 years old, and Tanemaki Gonbei-no-Sato garden. The latter, built in honour of the folk song legend, features Gonbei House exhibiting folklore materials and magnificent Japanese gardens featuring colourful Kawazu and Somei Yoshino cherry blossoms.

Day 8: Sunday 05 April 2026 – Kochi



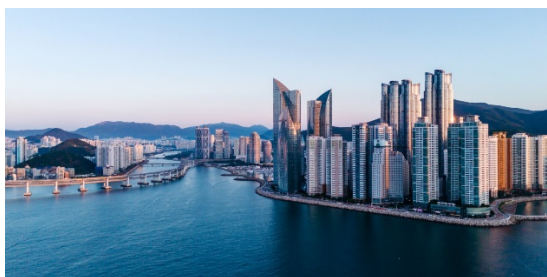
Perched on the Pacific Ocean coastline, Kochi combines a variety of natural attractions and outdoor activities with a unique culture and historical towns featuring castles, ancient sake breweries and traditional markets. A national surfing hot spot, Kochi's rugged coast has earned it UNESCO Global Geopark status while cherry blossoms abound at Kochi Castle, Mount Soda, Nishigawa Flower Park, and Nyuta. Our explorations here could include 8th Century Chikurin-ji Temple with its five-storied pagoda and stunning gardens registered as a National Place of Scenic Beauty, and Kochi Prefectural Makino Botanical Garden honouring the life's work of botanist Dr. Tomitaro Makino, the father of Japanese botany. It features more than 3,000 plant and tree species including 40 different species of cherry blossoms. While Ryugado 'Dragon River' Cave, one of Japan's three largest limestone caves, was formed over the course of 175 million years and features an 11-metre waterfall inside.

Day 9: Monday 06 April 2026 – Uwajima



This morning we explore Shikoku Island and the port of Uwajima situated deep inside the saw-toothed coast of Uwajima Bay. The city of Uwajima is emerging as the nation's largest pearl cultivation centre and we will learn the process of implanting, harvesting, extracting and sorting pearls on a visit to a pearl farm. We will also see Uwajima Castle, amid a sea of pink and white cherry blossoms, which is built on top of a hill with panoramic views over the town and harbour and the Tenshaen Garden, built in the Samurai era. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure aboard Heritage Adventurer as we sail to Busan, South Korea.

Day 10: Tuesday 07 April 2026 – Busan, South Korea



Today we cross the Sea of Japan to South Korean metropolis Busan, known for its beautiful beaches, bustling city streets, Buddhist temples, cinematic legacy, mountains and the largest fish market in South Korea. Options today could include a visit to South Korea's cherry blossom capital Jinhae, or exploring the labyrinthine streets of Gamcheon Culture Village, decorated with various murals and art pieces crafted by the locals themselves, its brightly coloured houses earning it the title 'the Santorini of South Korea', and wandering the endless isles of the Jagalchi Fish Market sampling some of the local delicacies. One of the few Buddhist temples by the sea, descend 108 steps to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple which promises to answer at least one wish through sincere prayers and has an impressive cherry blossom display. Enjoy a new perspective from 411 metres at BUSAN X the SKY tower and marvel at the engineering feat and city icon that is the Busan Gwangandaegyo Bridge.

Day 11: Wednesday 08 April 2026 – Fukuoka, Japan



The largest city on the island of Kyushu, Fukuoka is the union of the castle town of Fukuoka on the west bank of the Naka River and the merchant town of Hakata on the east bank. This buzzy metropolis combines an effortless blend of trendy yatai food stalls (which made

Lonely Planet and The New York Times 2023 travel lists) with vibrant art installations, historic ruins and colourful coastal parks. During our time here, peak cherry blossom season, there may be opportunities to explore the northern city of Kitakyushu and famed Kokura Castle, TOTO Museum and Kawachi Wisteria Garden or Nanzoin Temple with its reclining bronze Buddha (thought to be the world's largest bronze statue) and the Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, which is built on the gravesite of poet and scholar Sugawara no Michizane and surrounded by beautiful gardens, ponds and bridges with more than 6,000 plum trees.

Day 12: Thursday 09 April 2026 – Hiroshima/Miyajima



Despite its history, including being the site of the world's first atomic bomb attack on 6 August 1945, Hiroshima is a vibrant and thriving cosmopolitan community. We plan to visit the beautiful Peace Park and Museum, with its sombre cenotaph containing names of atomic bomb victims, the permanently lit 'Flame of Peace' and 450 cherry blossom trees. We plan to time our visit to Miyajima Island to experience the floating Torii Gate. Considered one of Japan's most scenic spots, it is also the location of the famed Daisho-in Buddhist temple and some 1,300 cherry blossom trees. Choose to indulge in fresh local oysters and ice cream, while native Sika deer wander the streets, and enjoy the views of the Shinto Shrine and Torii Gate.

Day 13: Friday 10 April 2026 - Tamano



From the Port of Uno-Ko, we will visit one of Japan's most famed gardens, Koraku-en, which translates as 'garden of pleasure after'. This 17th-Century formal garden has 28 acres studded with cherry blossom trees to explore and offers stunning views of the nearby towering Okayama Castle. This afternoon we will continue to Kurashiki, where we explore the old merchant quarter, and its fine 17th-Century wooden warehouses painted white with traditional black tiles along a canal framed with weeping willows and filled with koi. There will also be the opportunity to visit the Ohara Museum of Art which includes rare works by Matisse, Picasso and Renoir and collections from Japan's renowned Mingei movement, including ceramics by Shōji Hamada. For those interested in art you may wish to travel to Naoshima Island – Japan's stunning art island. Your time exploring Naoshima Island will have you admiring its architecture, art museums and Labyrinth of Cherry Blossoms, including Chichu Art Museum and Benesse House, featuring work by Japanese and international artists including the iconic pumpkins by Yayoi Kusama.

Day 14: Saturday 11 April 2026 – Osaka to Kyoto



This morning we sail into Honshu's largest port city Osaka and disembark Heritage Explorer.

On arrival we take in some of the main sights including Kuromon Ichiba Shopping Street before a Dotonburi Street tour. We will have a Okonomiyaki or similar meal for lunch (included). After lunch we will visit Osaka Castle and this afternoon we will take the one hour trip to Kyoto. On arrival in Kyoto we will visit Kiyomizu temple, Ninenzaka and Sannenzaka before checking into our Kyoto Hotel. Later, we'll head out to dinner nearby (included)



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Nights: Two
Room Type: Double or Twin
Breakfast: Included daily

Day 15: Sunday 12 April 2026



This morning, we continue our exploration of Kyoto, the historical capital of Japan. Kyoto is famous for its historic sites, stunning gardens and peaceful park settings. We will visit the Kyoto Imperial Palace. We will have a lunch break – Japanese set lunch (included) followed by a visit to Yasaka Shrine, Maruyama Park and Gion's back alleys. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Day 16: Monday 13 April 2026 – Kyoto to Auckland.



We complete our Kyoto touring this morning with a visit to Nijo Castle, before heading back to Osaka and Itami Airport.

2:05pm Depart Osaka Itami Airport on All Nippon flight NH2178
3:30pm Arrive Tokyo, Narita Airport, transfer flights
8:00pm Depart Tokyo, Narita on Air New Zealand flight NZ090
9:25am Arrive Auckland Tuesday 14 April 2026







HERITAGE ADVENTURER

Heritage Adventurer is a true pioneering expedition vessel of exceptional pedigree often referred to as the 'Grande Dame of Polar Exploration'.

Purpose built for adventure in 1991 at Finland's Rauma shipyard and specifically designed for Polar exploration, Heritage Adventurer (formerly known as MS Hanseatic) is 124-metres long, boasts the highest passenger ship ice-class rating (1A Super) and an impressive history of Polar and remote region exploration making her perfect for Heritage Expeditions signature experiential expedition travel.

Originally designed to accommodate 184 guests, we now welcome just 140 expeditioners to create a spacious, comfortable on board experience and continuation of the exceptional, personalized expedition experience synonymous with the company.

A fleet of 14 Zodiacs ensures all guests are able to maximise their expedition experience. On board, enjoy stylish, sophisticated accommodations spanning 4 decks, visit the captain and crew in the Bridge with our Open Bridge Policy and dine on gourmet fare from leading chefs.

Watch your adventure unfold from numerous spectacular indoor and outdoor viewing locations including Heritage Adventurer's famed Observation Lounge resplendent with 270-degree views and join our world-renowned team of naturalists, botanists, historians and experts as they interpret the natural and human history discovered during each voyage, as well as hosting regular lectures. And should you require a little R&R, unwind in the library, pool, gym, hot tub, sauna and steam room, indulge in some retail therapy or find a quiet place to enjoy a coffee or cocktail from the café and bar.

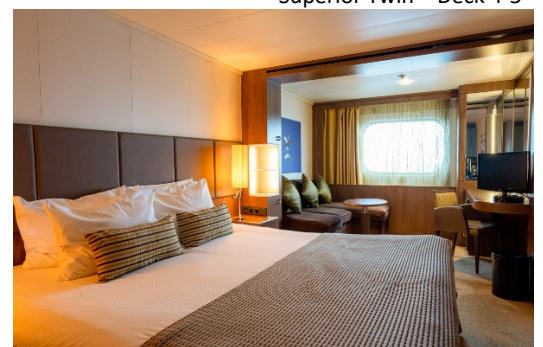
Fly-Cruise Highlights

- Return Air New Zealand premium economy airfares
- Bon Voyage tour leader from NZ to embarkation
- Small coach for transfers and sightseeing
- Three nights Tokyo pre-cruise – 4 star hotels
- Two nights Kyoto post-cruise – 4 star hotel
- Daily sightseeing in Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto
- Daily breakfast, 3 dinners, 4 lunches, pre & post cruise
- 11 night cruise on *Heritage Explorer* – max 140 passengers
- All meals for duration of the cruise
- Wine, beer, soft drinks with lunch and dinner (on cruise)
- Daily shore excursions and activities
- All cruise related gratuities

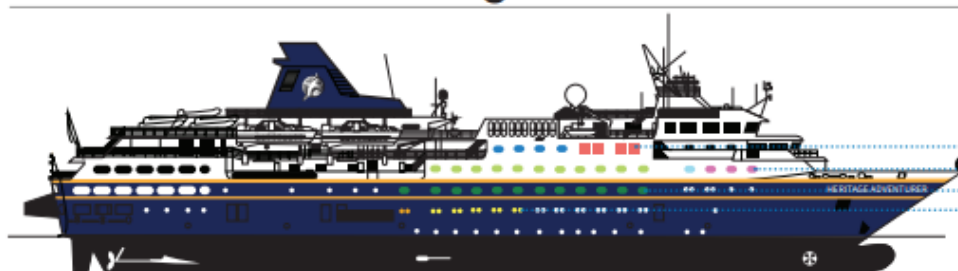


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17 Day Fly-Cruise – 29 March 2026		
Fares (from) NZ\$ per person	Flying Air NZ Premium Economy	Flying Business Class Supplement
Share Twin/Double	\$23,995	+\$5,250
Single Supplement	\$31,850	+\$5,250



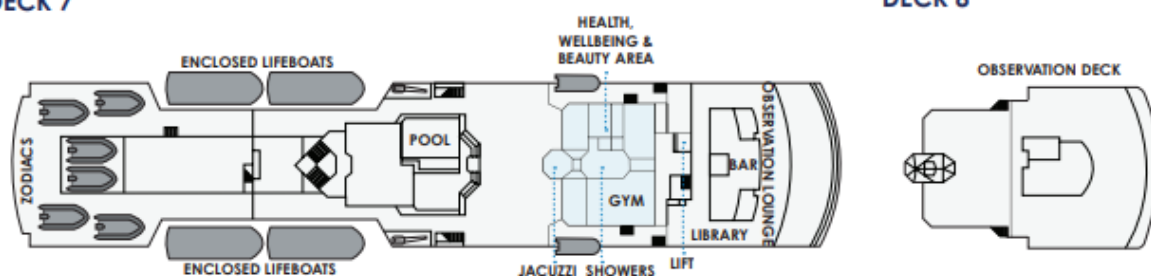
Heritage Adventurer Deck Plan



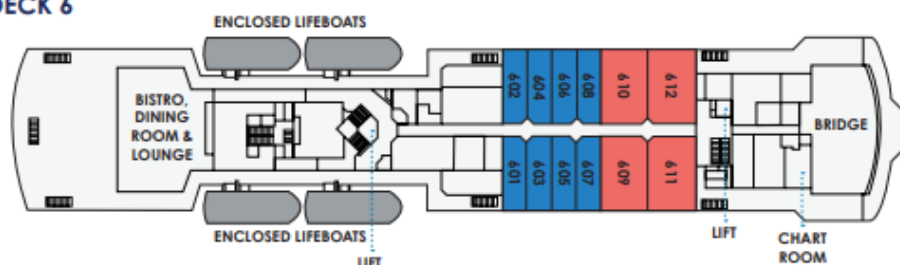
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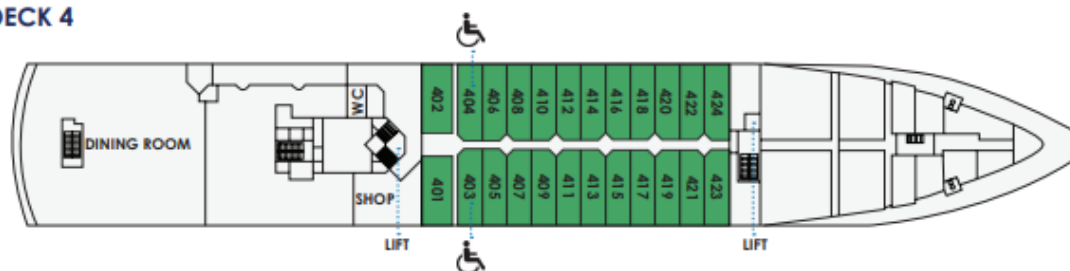
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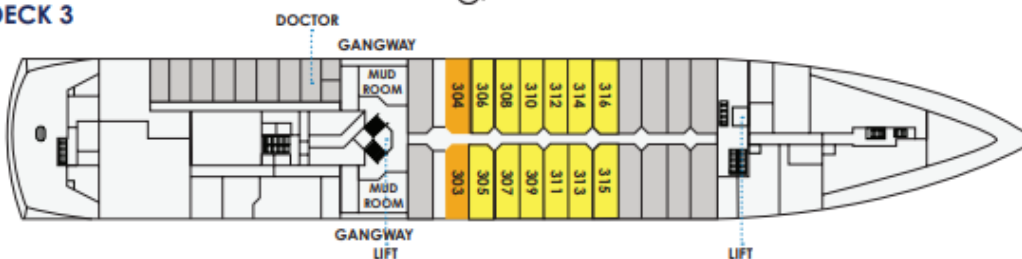
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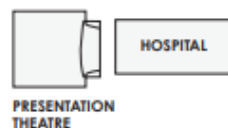
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| | ● SUPERIOR TRIPLE | | |



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