

About Our Destination

Currency

The official currency of Iceland is the Japanese Yen. For updated exchange rates, go [here](#).

Languages

Japan's spoken language is Japanese. However, Modern Japanese is written in a mixture of three basic scripts: Kanji, which are Chinese ideographic symbols, as well as Hiragana and Katakana, two phonetic alphabets. There are a few thousand Kanji characters, while Hiragana and Katakana have 46.

Being Gay in Japan

Japan has no laws against homosexual activity and has some legal protections for gay individuals. In addition, there are some legal protections for transgender individuals. There are recent trends that suggest a new level of tolerance, as well as open scenes in more cosmopolitan cities (such as Tokyo and Osaka). However, regardless of one's sexuality, displays of public affection are not common in Japan and are frowned upon.

Climate

The climate in will range between high-60s to mid-70s during the day and high-50s to mid-60s at night.

Itinerary

- Friday, April 26 – Osaka, Japan
- Saturday, April 27 – Takamatsu, Japan
- Sunday, April 28 – Hiroshima, Japan
- Monday, April 29 – Karatsu, Japan
- Tuesday, April 30 – Busan, South Korea
- Wednesday, May 1 – Scenic Cruising Hashima Island / Nagasaki, Japan
- Thursday, May 2 – Kagoshima, Japan
- Friday, May 3 – At Sea
- Saturday, May 4 – Shingu, Japan
- Sunday, May 5 – Yokohama (Tokyo), Japan

Before Your Trip

What's Included & What's Not

What's included?

- Accommodations for 11 days/10 nights on the elegant Windstar *Star Legend*
- All meals on board the ship's restaurants, which feature gourmet fare
- 24-hour room service
- All non-alcoholic beverages: bottled water, sparkling water, sodas, fresh juices, tea, coffee, cappuccinos, lattes, mochas, and espresso
- Airport transfer from the ship to the Osaka (Itami) International Airport (ITM) or the Kansai International Airport (KIX) on embarkation day (April 26), is included. For the included transfer either airport to the ship, your flight must arrive by 1 pm.

- Airport transfer from the ship to the Haneda International Airport (HND) OR from the ship to the Narita International Airport (NRT) on disembarkation day (May 6) is included. For the included transfer to the Haneda International Airport (HND), your flight must depart no earlier than 12 pm. For the included transfer to the Narita International Airport (NRT), your flight must depart no earlier than 1 pm.
- Gratuity to ship's staff (*covered in NDA fees*)
- All port charges and service taxes
- Olivia's signature entertainment and programming
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

What's not included?

- Ship services and incidentals such as boutique purchases, casino, spa services, and alcohol
- Internet and wireless access
- Optional excursions in all ports of call

Travel documentation and identification

Passport

You will need a passport that is valid for six months past the date of the trip. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check with both your country's consulate and the consulates of the countries we will be visiting to make sure that you do not need an entry visa or other additional documentation.

Visa

U.S. citizens DO NOT need to get a visa ahead of time.

Vaccinations

Please check with your local Public Health Department or personal physician regarding immunization requirements for all countries on our itinerary. You may also check the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's](#) website. Click on the Travelers' Health section, then click on the Destinations link and choose one of our ports in the "for Travelers" pull-down menu.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Unexpected events can cause you to cancel your vacation. Because we are committed to this charter, we must strictly adhere to our cancellation policy as outlined in our [Olivia Terms & Conditions](#). *This is a Selected Cruise trip which falls under our cancellation penalty schedule for Riverboats, Adventures, Selected Cruises and Selected Resorts.*

2019 WONDERS OF JAPAN LUXURY CRUISE	Start Date	End Date	Cancel Penalty
Trip Date	4/26/2019		
Cancellation Fee 270 days or more prior to trip date		7/30/2018	\$500 per person
Cancellation Fee 210-269 days prior to trip date	7/31/2018	9/28/2018	25% of trip cost
Cancellation Fee 150-209 days prior to trip date	9/29/2018	11/27/2018	50% of trip cost
Cancellation Fee 120-149 days prior to trip date	11/28/2018	12/27/2018	75% of trip cost
Cancellation Fee 0-119 days prior to trip date (NON-REFUNDABLE)	12/28/2018		100% of trip cost

Travel insurance

Olivia recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to protect yourself and your trip investment from the unexpected. Now more than ever, it's extremely important to think about the unexpected. It is important to purchase the travel protection within 15 days of your initial trip deposit date to be eligible for certain coverages. Consider travel protection for trip cancellation/trip interruption, emergency medical and emergency evacuation, trip delay, baggage delay, and more.

Please refer to the [Policy/Description of Coverage](#) for a summary of the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the applicable Protection Plan.

For a travel insurance quote, more information, or to purchase a protection plan, please call Olivia at 800-631-6277 and select option 1 for a travel consultant.

Olivia's preferred travel agency



We are pleased to announce Olivia's new partnership with [Conlin Travel](#).

Conlin Travel is one of the "Top 50" Travel Agencies in the country ranked alongside some of the globe's largest agencies. In business for almost 60 years, Conlin Travel's core belief is aligned with Olivia in delivering that personal concierge service to each and every traveler, every time. A full-service, LGBTQ-friendly agency with staff located across the country, Conlin Travel looks forward to assisting you with your air travel and hotel reservations for stays outside of Olivia's pre- and post-trip packages. For air and hotel bookings, a small fee will be applied to your overall cost.

For assistance in making a reservation, please call Conlin Travel: 888-278-1698 (Monday–Friday: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm ET)

If you already have a reservation with Conlin and need emergency after-hours service, please call 800-823-1189.

Joining the Olivia.com and Facebook trip groups

If you'd like to chat with people who are going on the trip, you can also join [Wonders of Japan](#) [Luxury Cruise 2019 Group](#) on Facebook.

Special occasions

If you have any celebrations and birthdays during the trip that you have not already advised your travel consultant about, please let us know of this information as soon as possible, but no less than 90 days prior to the trip.

Olivia Honeymoons and Celebrations

Register at [Olivia Honeymoon Wishes](#) for your honeymoon, anniversary or other special celebration; browse through the selections and let your friends know just how easy it is for them to purchase a gift for you.

Olivia Travel Gear Store



To help you get ready for your next vacation, we've partnered with New Headings to create Olivia Travel Gear, our own online gear and apparel store, featuring items from leading brands, including Craghoppers, Patagonia, Teva, Outdoor Research, and Eagle Creek.

Visit olivia.newheadings.com for more information!

Travel and arrival

Air travel

Where to fly into/out of

You will need to fly into Kansai International Airport (KIX) OR Osaka (Itami) International Airport (ITM). We encourage all passengers to arrive at least a day early to avoid the stress of unexpected delays. Please see the [Vacation Stretchers](#) for the Olivia packages offered (available 9 months prior to trip).

You will need to fly out of the Haneda International Airport (HND) OR the Narita International Airport (NRT).

Suggested arrival/departure times

If you are flying into the Osaka (Itami) International Airport (ITM) or the Kansai International Airport (KIX), please arrive no later than 1 pm on April 26, 2019.

If your departing flight is out of Haneda International Airport (HND) on May 6, 2019, your flight should depart no earlier than 12 pm. If your flight is out of Narita International Airport (NRT) on May 6, 2019, your flight should depart no earlier than 1 pm.

Transfer and Meeting up with Olivia

Your transfer from the Kansai International Airport OR the Osaka International Airport, to the ship is included on embarkation day (April 26, 2019). In order to provide you with a transfer, we will need your arrival flight information. More specific information will be sent in your final informational package. Kansai International Airport is approximately 60 minutes from the cruise ship and the Osaka International Airport approximately 45 minutes cruise ship.

If you arrive on the morning of embarkation, you will be transferred to a downtown Osaka hotel where you will be able to get some rest, eat or do some exploring. Transfer time from the hotel to the pier will be available closer to the cruise date.

Please note that these group transfers are only included if within the flight arrival and departure times listed above. Flights that arrive or depart outside of these timelines may be subject to the guest hiring their own taxi transfers, which are very expensive, or risk missing the ship/flight.

Port Address

Osaka Port
Tempozan Terminal

Check-in

Embarkation and check-in will be available after 1 pm.

Luggage allowances

While there is no luggage limit on the cruise itself, airlines often restrict (or charge) for excess baggage. Because each airline is different, and the regulations change over time, please check with your airline for baggage allowances.

During your trip

Accommodations

Windstar's *Star Legend* Ship Amenities

The Windstar's *ms Star Legend* is a beautifully designed, intimate 212-passenger ship and boasts the following:

- Lounge
- Casino
- The Yacht Club
- Compass Rose Bar
- Counter-current pool and whirlpool
- Fitness Center
- Star Bar
- WindSpa
- Signature Shops
- Screening Room
- Library/Business area
- Veranda/Candles
- AmphorA Restaurant
- Photo Gallery

Room Amenities

All rooms are comfortably appointed with:

- Queen Size Bed with Luxurious Linens
- Waffle Weave Robe and Slippers
- Flat Screen TV with DVD player
- Fully-Stocked Mini Bar/Refrigerator
- Hair dryer
- Safe
- Direct Dial Phone
- L'Occitane Bath Amenities
- WiFi (internet cards can be purchased at reception)
- Fresh Flowers
- Fresh Fruit

- Granite vanity with magnifying mirror
- Walk-in closet and ample drawer space
- Bathroom with granite countertop, full-size tub, and shower
- 110/220-volt outlets

Exquisite Dining and Service

World Class Culinary Experience

Delectable cuisine, delightful surroundings, inspired wine pairings... Create the most delicious memories while you are on a Windstar yacht. Whether your pleasure is dinner in the exquisite AmphorA fine dining restaurant, lunch alfresco at Veranda, or an indulgent dessert delivered to your room from our 24-hour room service menu, you always get to choose where to dine, no reservation required. The freshest local ingredients, seasonal produce, and amazing ingenuity go into each dish, made to order just for you.

AmphorA

Here, the dining room manager seats you, but where is your decision. When you dine and with whom are entirely up to you. Each delightful dish is prepared exactly to your liking – an exquisite dinner served course-by-course with a fine selection of vintage wines.

Candles

Here's the perfect place for a romantic tête-a-tête under the stars in Candles, Windstar's signature outdoor restaurant transformed by night into a dreamlike paradise. Delectable cuisine, memorable surroundings, inspired wine pairings.

Veranda

It's breakfast and lunch alfresco! Either order off the menu or pick from the delights of the seemingly endless buffet. You will find that the choices are many in the Veranda.

Electricity

Cabins are equipped with one standard U.S. 110- and one European 220-volt outlet.

Excursions

Excursions may be booked online up to 30 days in advance. A booking number will be assigned to you and detailed instructions regarding shore excursions and activities will be sent approximately 4 weeks prior to the trip.

Gratuities

Gratuities are included in the cost of the cruise. Gratuities are provided for your cabin steward, dining room steward, bus person, maître d' and other-behind-the-scenes crew members.

Tips to your local guides on excursions are not included and, are recommended.

Internet / wireless

There is an internet center on board; minute plans are available. Pricing will be posted on board. Guests may also bring their own laptops and purchase an internet wireless plan on board.

Laundry and dry cleaning

Laundry and pressing service are available onboard. Dry cleaning is not available. Check on board for pricing.

Medical services

There is an onboard infirmary. Medical services entail an additional fee.

Money: Paying for things on board

On board, the currency is U.S. dollars. All purchases made on the ship will be charged to your onboard account, which you create when you first check in. Please check with the front office on board for further details.

Phone

Each cabin has a phone. There is an additional fee to use this phone; cost is available on board.

Room service

24-hour room service menu is available for all guests

Smoking policy

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public spaces, cabins and the starboard (right) side of all outside decks. Smoking is allowed only in **designated outdoor areas** on the port (left) side of the ship.

Spa services

There is a spa on board, and massages and other services are available for an additional fee.

Solo travelers

We will have a solos program on board, led by a solos coordinator who will ensure you have a great time.

After Your Trip

Transfers to the airport

Group transfers from the ship to the Narita International Airport (NRT) are included for flights departing after 1 pm and to the Haneda International Airport (HND) are included for flights departing after 12 pm on disembarkation day, May 6, 2019.

The distance from the ship to the Narita International Airport is approximately 2 hours and from the ship to Haneda International Airport is 40 minutes.

Vacation Stretchers

Please refer to the [Vacation Stretcher](#) page for more information.

Didn't find what you are looking for? Check out our [Olivia travel FAQ](#), or call us at 800-631-6277 (inside the U.S. & Canada) or 415-962-5700 (Outside the U.S. & Canada) and select option 2.