



*Riding in Hiroshima*

## JAPAN

### *Cherry Blossoms and Mount Fuji*

Our 14-day tour of Japan begins and ends in Kyoto and features Japan's famous cherry blossoms as well as one of its most popular attractions - Mount Fuji. One of the most fascinating aspects of Japan is its distinctive culture. Riders will enjoy a two-week immersion into this captivating environment, riding stunning rural Japanese roads, staying in traditional Japanese hotels and guest houses and enjoying delicious Japanese cuisine. This exciting tour is filled with carefully selected attractions that will fulfill the promise of a truly premium-level Japanese motorcycling experience.

Key attractions include:

- Kyoto - one of Japan's most beautiful and historically significant cities
- Yoshino - famous for its many thousands of Sakura (cherry blossom) trees

- Koyasan, the primary pilgrimage destination and cradle of Buddhism in Japan
- The island of Myiajima, a sacred site in Japanese Buddhism and site of the famous floating gate "O Torii", one of the three most photographed attractions in Japan
- A motorcycling paradise - the north coast of Honshu, featuring breathtaking views and twisty roads with little traffic
- Mt. Daisen National Park, home of the oldest Shinto shrine in Japan
- The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawa-go, a village consisting of traditional houses with steep thatched roofs - a famous Japanese photo opportunity
- Matsumoto, with its famous black Crow Castle, surrounded by countless cherry trees
- Mount Fuji, including a free day to ride around the mountain or to visit the famous Fuji Sengen Shrine

**14 days, Begin/End in: Kyoto, Japan**

**April 7 - 20, 2018 / April 6 - 19, 2019**

## ITINERARY

**Day 1** - Arrive Kyoto

**Day 2** - Kyoto to Wakayama, 100 miles

**Day 3** - Wakayama to Kochi, 125 miles

**Day 4** - Kochi to Hiroshima, 198 miles

**Day 5** - Free day in Hiroshima

**Day 6** - Hiroshima to Matsue, 152 miles

**Day 7** - Matsue to Tottori, 155 miles

**Day 8** - Tottori to Fukui, 167 miles

**Day 9** - Fukui to Takayama, 160 miles

**Day 10** - Takayama to Yamanakako, 160 miles

**Day 11** - Free day Mount Fuji

**Day 12** - Yamanakako to Toba, 175 miles

**Day 13** - Toba to Kyoto, 110 - 150 miles

**Day 14** - Depart Kyoto

**Total** ~ 1,550 miles



*Mount Fuji*

*Claus is an outstanding guide with whom we have ridden in the past. He imparts a confidence that there is no issue he can't handle. Also, he does a great job of moving the group along without seeming overbearing. He makes an effort to know the country and the culture.*

- Bernard and Rhoda Duco, Houston, TX



*Matsumoto Crow Castle*



*Okunoin Cemetery in Koyasan*

## PRICING

**Rider:** \$9,975

**Co-rider:** \$7,500

**Single Room Supplement:** \$2,500

**Booking Deposit:** \$800 per person

Includes 400cc Japanese motorcycle: **Suzuki Gladius 400, Suzuki GSR400, Honda CBVTec 400**

Price includes upscale accommodations, ferry rides, castle and park entry fees, à la carte dining, all breakfasts, 11 dinners, airport transfers, trip booklet.

## MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES

**Suzuki 650 V Strom:** \$150

**Honda NCX750:** \$150

**Honda CB1300SF:** \$300

**Yamaha XJR1300:** \$300

**Suzuki GSXR 1300 Hyabusa:** \$300

**BMW F700GS:** \$2,800

**BMW F800GS:** \$2,800

**BMW R1200GS:** \$3,200

**BMW R1200RT:** \$3,200

## RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is totally paved with a variety of road features. The trip is ideal for two-up riding, but includes some technical mountain riding with many twisty and serpentine roads. This trip is intended for experienced riders.