

Odyssey in the heart of Japan's subtropical islands

From **20/9/2027**
to **29/9/2027**

Ship: ***Le Soléal***

From **Keelung (Chilung)**
to **Osaka**



Discover and fall in love with **the subtropical islands of southern Japan**. These lands shaped by wind and sea will share their natural wonders and distinctive culture with you. Set against the gentle expanse of the Pacific, the landscapes will unfold to reveal their beauty and diversity: wild beaches lapped by translucent waters, lush mountains, ancient forests, and more. On this odyssey, where each island is a **precious natural haven**, **explore the archipelago's culture**, visit charming villages, and discover the arts and crafts, **steeped in ancestral wisdom and traditions**.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

KEELUNG (CHILUNG)

Embarkation 20/9/2027 From 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 20/9/2027 at 6:30 pm

On the north-east tip of **Taiwan**, the harbour city of **Keelung** stands on one of the most beautiful coasts on the island. Nearby is the spectacular natural park of **Yehliu**, famed for its striking rock formations. It's easy to tour the city's historical sites on trails that cross the lush green hills surrounding the harbour from Chung Cheng Park to Fort Ershawan, you can enjoy superb views of Keelung and the coastline. But the main attraction is the **Miaokou night market**, where you can taste some typically Taiwanese culinary delights.

ISHIGAKI

Arrival 21/9/2027 mid morning

Departure 21/9/2027 late afternoon

Located to the south of the main island of the **Yaeyama archipelago**, **Ishigaki** boasts all the aspects of an authentic **piece of paradise**. You have guessed it, you do not come here for its skyscrapers but for its pure emerald waters and idyllic beaches. The waters off Shiraho, on the island's south-west coast, have one of the largest areas of blue coral in the world.

MIYAKOJIMA

Arrival 22/9/2027 early morning

Departure 22/9/2027 mid afternoon

Situated between the East China Sea and the Philippine Sea, **Miyakojima** is the main island of the Miyako Islands, in the **Sakishima archipelago**. The fourth largest island in the Okinawa prefecture, it is known for its many sugar cane plantations and some of Japan's most beautiful beaches.

NAHA, OKINAWA

Arrival 23/9/2027 early morning

Departure 23/9/2027 late afternoon

Capital of Okinawa Prefecture, the town of **Naha** is located on the south-west of the island. You will love its lively atmosphere, particularly along **Kokusai Dori**, otherwise known as 'international street'. The picturesque **Makishi Public Market**, nicknamed 'Naha's kitchen' offers a profusion of colourful fish, Okinawan foodstuffs and local spices and you can sample delicacies cooked on the spot.

MOTOBU, OKINAWA

Arrival 24/9/2027

Departure 24/9/2027 early afternoon

In the north of Okinawa Island, between azure waters and rolling green hills, Motobu invites you to pause and take in its beauty. Far from the beaten path, this destination reveals landscapes imbued with quiet poetry. Framed by the silhouette of Mount Yae, Motobu unfolds through its white-sand beaches and villages where time seems to flow at a different pace. At the heart of one of the world's renowned Blue Zones, discover the Okinawan way of life and meet the "Memory Sherpas", guardians of stories and traditions who keep the spirit of the archipelago alive. Journey into Okinawa's fascinating past as you admire the ruins of Nakijin Castle, before exploring the historic district of Bise, renowned for its impressive green tunnels.

MIYANOURA, YAKUSHIMA

Arrival 25/9/2027 midday

Departure 25/9/2027 early evening

Miyanouura, on the unspoiled island of Yakushima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, reveals a natural world of remarkable richness. Between mist-covered mountains, lush forests and wild coastlines, the island is home to majestic thousand-year-old cedar trees, some of which are said to have inspired the enchanting landscapes of the film Princess Mononoke. The spectacular Senpiro Falls, cascading down a vast granite monolith, is one of the island's most iconic landmarks. Yakushima is also the guardian of ancestral craftsmanship, passed down through generations and deeply connected to its exceptional natural environment.

KAGOSHIMA

Arrival 26/9/2027 early morning

Departure 26/9/2027 early afternoon

The seaside city of Kagoshima, at the south of Kyushu Island, is best known for Sakurajima, an **active volcano** that faces Kinko Bay. A visit to this busy metropolis will remind you just how much the volcano is part of the inhabitants' everyday life: in the wake of the almost daily eruptions, a delicate layer of ash settles on everything. The top of a buried *torii* (traditional Japanese gate) measuring three metres that was 'swallowed up' by a giant lava flow in 1914 can still be seen. The **power of nature** will send a shiver down your spine.

KOCHI

Arrival 27/9/2027 midday

Departure 27/9/2027 early evening

The fourth largest island in the Nippon archipelago, Shikoku, is also the best preserved. Here, **forests and oceans** stretch as far as the eye can see. On the southern coast of the island, Kochi, the tranquil metropolis will quietly welcome you. You can enjoy a lively town, with many commercial centres and restaurants. On the menu, katsuo tataki, a local speciality with delicately grilled fish. But Kochi, overlooked by the benevolent shadow of its castle, also invites you to explore its magnificent **Katsurahama beach**, its museums and **Buddhist temples**, the site of a famous annual pilgrimage.

SHINGU

Arrival 28/9/2027 early morning

Departure 28/9/2027 late afternoon

To the south-west of the Japanese archipelago, **Shingu** is a port town in the **Kansai** region. Founded in 1933, it belongs to the **peninsula of Kii**, the country's largest. Take a trip around the Kumano Sanzan religious complex dedicated to three sacred mountains and home to two **Shinto temples**, **Kumano Hongu Taisha** and Kumano Hayatama Taisha. The latter features the famous **sacred nagi tree**, said to have been planted around 1159. Pilgrims flock to these two sanctuaries that feature on UNESCO's World Heritage list. Hop on a boat and journey to the **Dorokyo Gorge**, a natural beauty spot carved out by the emerald waters of the Kumano river.

OSAKA

Arrival 29/9/2027 early morning

Disembarkation 29/9/2027 at 8:00 am

Like its big sister Tokyo, Osaka is the product of ancestral traditions and amazing **technological innovations**. And despite its size, its location on the Pacific Ocean give it a sense of **serenity**. The main historic landmark is the 16th century **Osaka Castle**, which stands proud in the midst of majestic skyscrapers. The lively streets of Dotomburi and the bizarre Shinsekai district attract thousands of locals and visitors. A multitude of restaurants offer menus full of regional specialities: *takoyaki*, made with octopus, and other succulent dishes such as *kushikatsu* kebabs.