“Outstanding tour! It kindled our interest in returning to Japan.”

—James Vandermade, Unseen Japan, 2015
Enjoy traveling through Japan in the company of faculty leader Thomas Fingar, MA ’69, PhD ’77. See sites that many tourists bypass on a special itinerary created just for Travel/Study. Our journey begins in Kyoto visiting several important temples and the Miho Museum, which was designed by I.M. Pei. Explore Naoshima Island to experience its modern art museums, architecture and sculptures. In Hiroshima, visit the poignant memorials and reflect on the day the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on the city. In the hot springs resort town of Beppu, overnight at a Japanese inn. Experience one of the busiest cities in the world on an optional post-tour extension in Tokyo.
Faculty Leader

THOMAS FINGAR, MA ’69, PhD ’77, is a Distinguished Fellow and Senior Scholar at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. Between 1975 and 1986 he held a number of positions at Stanford before moving to the State Department as chief of the China Division. He began to study East Asia at Cornell in the mid-1960s and focused on it more intensively as director of the State Department’s Office of Analysis for East Asia and the Pacific from 1989 to 1994. He returned to Stanford in 2009 after a 23-year career in Washington that included service as Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research and chairman of the National Intelligence Council.

Fingar’s lectures during this trip will examine U.S. policy toward Northeast Asia and Japan’s relations with its neighbors. He will draw upon his experience as a senior U.S. government official and from the course he co-teaches at Stanford on U.S. goals and policies in Northeast Asia.

- Payne Distinguished Lecturer, Stanford University, 2009
- Served as the first deputy director of National Intelligence for Analysis and, concurrently, as chairman of the National Intelligence Council, 2005—2008
- BA, government and history, Cornell University
- MA and PhD, political science, Stanford University

“A great asset to the travel study trip. Always available and engaged and obviously loves to teach.”

—Sandra Barbour, ’73, Bangkok to Bali, 2016
Itinerary

Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6

**Depart U.S. / Osaka, Japan / Kyoto**

Depart San Francisco on flights to Osaka, crossing the international date line en route. After our arrival in Osaka on Sunday, transfer to Kyoto by private coach and check in to our comfortable and well-located hotel. The evening is free to relax and rest after our flight. **WESTIN MIYAKO HOTEL**

Monday, November 7

**Kyoto**

Surrounded by mountains to the north, east and west, Kyoto was officially inaugurated as Japan’s new capital by the emperor Kammu in 794 C.E. We begin our exploration with a visit to Nijo Castle. Enjoy a typical Japanese lunch at a local restaurant and continue to Ryoanji, a beautiful example of a Zen rock garden. Finally, visit one of Japan’s most enduring sites, Kyoto’s Golden Pavilion, before returning to our hotel for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner. **WESTIN MIYAKO HOTEL (B,L,D)**

Tuesday, November 8

**Kyoto**

Travel to the Miho Museum, located in a nature preserve in the Shigaraki Mountains. The unique structure was designed by Chinese-American architect I.M. Pei to house the Shumei Foundation’s collection of Japanese teaware and rare art objects that ranges from the Mediterranean to China. Return to Kyoto after lunch to enjoy some time at leisure before dinner. **WESTIN MIYAKO HOTEL (B,L,D)**

Wednesday, November 9

**Kyoto / Nara / Kyoto**

Embark on a full-day excursion by coach to Nara, located about two hours from Kyoto. Visit the Kasuga Shrine, founded in the 8th century by the Fujiwara family and approached by a path lined with thousands of stone lanterns. Continue to the Todai-ji Temple to view its immense bronze *daibutsu*, or large Buddha, figure. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Nara National Museum before returning to Kyoto, stopping along the way at Byodo-in (“Phoenix Hall”), one of the most famous structures in Japan and featured on the Japanese 10-yen coin. **WESTIN MIYAKO HOTEL (B,L)**

Thursday, November 10

**Kyoto**

Today visit the Nanzen-ji Temple before we take a walking tour of the eastern foothills. This morning’s route follows a canal lined with cherry trees and Zen temples and ends at the Gingaku-ji Silver Pavilion, a classic medieval villa. Enjoy a free afternoon strolling the streets and visiting the shops of this alluring city. **WESTIN MIYAKO HOTEL (B,L)**

Friday, November 11

**Kyoto / Osaka / Matsuyama**

This morning we transfer by coach from Kyoto to the Osaka-Itami Airport for our flight to Matsuyama, a bustling port town on the Inland Sea on the island of Shikoku. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing, which includes the Matsuyama Castle, one of Japan’s most historic samurai castle complexes. Continue on to the Ishite-ji Temple; a Shingon temple that is an important pilgrimage site, which has been designated as a National Treasure of Japan. Late this afternoon we check-in to our ryokan accommodations and enjoy dinner at the hotel. **RYOKAN ACCOMMODATIONS TBA (B,L,D)**
Saturday, November 12

**Matsuyama / Uwajima / Uchiko**

This morning we drive to the historic town of Uwajima to visit the Tensha-en garden. Built for feudal lords of the clan, the grounds are covered with over 20 varieties of bamboo as well as wisteria flowers to promote privacy and tranquility. Enjoy a stroll around the garden’s pond before continuing on to the Date Museum to view its fine collection of Edo period armor, paintings and other samurai antiquities. After lunch, we visit the small town of Uchiko and explore its historic merchant district that boasts a number of well-preserved Edo and Meiji era dwellings and store houses. This evening we return to Matsuyama and our ryokan accommodations. **RYOKAN ACCOMMODATIONS TBA (B,L,D)**

Sunday, November 13

**Matsuyama/ Hiroshima**

This morning travel by air to Hiroshima. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Peace Memorial Park, Atom Bomb Dome and the Peace Memorial Museum. Portions of the site were designed by renowned architect Tange Kenzo and sculptor Isamu Noguchi. Enjoy the evening at leisure. **RIHGA ROYAL HOTEL (B,L)**

Monday, November 14

**Hiroshima**

The castle town of Hiroshima, for centuries the most important port city in this region, became a military base during World Wars I and II, thus becoming the primary target of the U.S.’ first atomic bomb attack in 1945. Go by ferry this morning to the sacred island of Miyajima to visit the Itsukushima Shrine and view the massive vermilion torii gate standing in the sea just offshore. Later visit the Peace Memorial Park with buildings designed by famed architect, Kenzo Tange. **RIHGA ROYAL HOTEL (B,L)**

Tuesday, November 15

**Hiroshima / Kurashiki**

Travel this morning by bus to Kurashiki, an old river port city with an immaculately preserved 18th-century merchant quarter set along a canal lined with traditional storehouses now occupied by shops, museums and teahouses. On our walking tour, visit the Ohashi House, residence of a former samurai family; the Folk Art Museum; and the Ohara Museum of Fine Art with displays of Western impressionist works as well as traditional textiles, woodblocks and ceramics. **KURASHIKI KOKUSAI HOTEL (B,L)**

Wednesday, November 16

**Kurashiki / Takamatsu / Naoshima**

This morning cross the Inland Sea to Takamatsu on the island of Shikoku. Visit the Isamu Noguchi Museum that features the works of the sculptor for whom the museum is named. Also visit the Shikoku Folk Village that displays historic structures, tools and other trappings of rural life on Shikoku, then stop at Ritsurin Park, regarded as one of the most outstanding landscape gardens in Japan. Work on the park began in the 1600s and took nearly 100 years to complete. Using adjacent Mount Shiu as a backdrop in demonstrating a principle known as “borrowed landscaping,” the park incorporates the mountain into its overall design. Continue this afternoon by ferry to Naoshima, a small island in the Seto Inland Sea. **BENESSE HOUSE (B,L,D)**

Thursday, November 17

**Naoshima**

Spend today at leisure, independently exploring Naoshima by bus, on foot or by bicycle. The community is devoted to contemporary art, with two striking museums, interactive installations housed in traditional buildings and outdoor sculptures displayed throughout the island, making it Japan’s major destination for viewing cutting-edge art. Naoshima is a place of discovery, with a unique symbiotic relationship between natural scenic beauty and art. Explore the art facilities and the Chichu Art Museum. Enjoy a festive farewell reception and dinner this evening. **BENESSE HOUSE (B,L,D)**
Friday, November 18

**Naoshima / Osaka / U.S.**

Transfer by ferry and train to the Osaka Kansai International Airport for flights home, arriving back in the U.S. the same day. (B)

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**What to Expect**

The fall is an ideal time of year to visit Japan. Temperatures in November range from the low 60s (°F) in the day and the low 50s in the evening. We consider this expedition to be a moderately strenuous program. On average, daily programs involve one to three miles of walking, often on uneven terrain. Significant walking and climbing of stairs may also be required in many hotels and airports. In some instances, such as at temples, stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Though all of our accommodations feature Western amenities and are quite comfortable, hotels in Japan tend to be less luxurious than in many other parts of the world. Please note that twin-bedded rooms tend to be more spacious than single-bedded rooms. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Information

Dates
November 5 to 18, 2016 (14 days)

Size
This program can accommodate 36 participants. Single accommodations are limited; please call for availability.

Cost*
$8,795 per person, double occupancy
$10,595 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person

Included
- 12 nights of luxury hotel accommodations
- 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 5 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to porters, guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours as described in the itinerary
- Group transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Internal flight from Osaka to Matsuyama on 11/11
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
- International and domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United Airlines from San Francisco to Osaka is approximately $1,300 as of March 2016 and is subject to change without notice.
Terms and Conditions

Deposit and Final Payment

A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space on this program. An additional $200-per-person deposit is required for each optional extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?japan2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

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Insurance

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Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the member’s price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. Call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership for more information or to purchase a membership.

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