

A scenic view of Mount Fuji at dusk. The mountain is illuminated with a soft pink and orange glow, contrasting with the deep blue and purple hues of the twilight sky. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the scene, with a traditional red torii gate visible on the right side. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

**JapanQuest Journeys** *Bespoke Luxury Journeys to Japan*

# Welcome to JapanQuest Journeys



*Working directly with high-end travelers and serving top travel consultants and organizations worldwide*

*Spanning beyond the ordinary, allowing us to offer clients the finest of Japan*

- *Extraordinary high-touch service*
- *Access to exclusive special experiences*
- *Tailor-made journeys replete with flexibility*
- *Journeys capturing the imagination*
- *The best of Japan through the lens of insiders*

**JapanQuest** Journeys is the premier destination management firm specializing in private bespoke “tailor-made” luxury journeys to Japan.

With offices in the U.S. and Japan, we deliver a wealth of unique Japanese expertise based upon decades of first-hand experiences and an intimate understanding of the country’s cultural, historic and modern landscape.

**JapanQuest** Journeys will share extraordinary experiences and insider access – making available the “real” Japan through an extensive network of locally cultivated relationships.

We will show you the most exciting and timeless places that remain off well-trodden paths, and offer you the chance to explore Japan’s mysteries and delights undisturbed and in-depth, unlocking thousand year-old secrets one by one throughout each journey.

U.S. time zone based service by native English speaking luxury planners specializing exclusively in high-end travel solutions

## Message from our Co-Founders

**JapanQuest** Journeys embodies a uniquely different approach to experience the wonders of Japan; providing a way to decode Japan and to gain an insider's perspective---tapping into "in-the-know-locals" that capture the imagination and attention of high-end travelers worldwide. With decades cultivating local relationships and uncovering special opportunities, our private bespoke luxury journeys unlock the mysteries of Japan, making it truly accessible for our clients who want to experience a deeper side of the real Japan.

We passionately believe that **JapanQuest** Journeys is uniquely positioned to offer luxury Japan travel with an unparalleled single country focus and an extraordinary high-touch service model. Starting with world-class accommodations in some of the most exciting places in Japan, and supported by a local concierge staff throughout your stay, we take the visitor experience a step further by offering a choice of journeys through the Japan that only true locals would know. Japan is vibrant, exceptionally interesting and filled with a rich cultural heritage that permeates every corner of the country.

We know Japan exceedingly well and bring a wealth of experience to you based upon years of living in and traveling throughout the country---delving into its social, cultural and historic backbone. Japan is a captivating place and you will thoroughly enjoy how you experience this amazing country with us.



Scott Gilman  
Managing Director & Co-Founder



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Managing Director & Co-Founder

## Our Worldwide Clientele

Our clients seek an extraordinary “tailor-made” private luxury travel experience and represent high-end travelers worldwide; discerning individuals who want platinum service and desire to go beyond the surface and immerse themselves in Japan.

We focus on our client’s interests; engaging the finest planners, personal concierges, guides and drivers that exude the highest levels of knowledge, resourcefulness and thoughtful professionalism.

Each journey is completely customized, trouble-free and collaborative---reflecting your interests and desires brought together with our creativity, expertise and access into a bespoke itinerary.

Our first-hand knowledge of the best of the best in hotels, inns, restaurants, sites and special experiences leads our clients to wonderful and secret, impossible to find spots that are illusive to most.

### See What Our Clients are Saying

*“We had a trip of a lifetime! I don’t think either one of us will ever forget it and we were treated so very well by everyone. We indeed felt like VIPs.”*

*“Thanks to your excellent collaboration, we had a wonderful trip to Japan – really everything we could have hoped for and more. All the arrangements you made worked out beautifully – including the superb guide and we’re grateful for all your efforts on our behalf. Suffice it to say that we are more than satisfied and grateful for the many extraordinary doorways you helped to open and for the memories you helped us create.”*

*“We had a fabulous trip...you guys delivered on all fronts...we loved the food, the places and the people...thanks and we will certainly recommend your team to friends and family!”*



## Traveler Services and Our Difference

Our unique in-country presence deepens our knowledge of the local landscape and keeps us close to the market where personal relationships are key – providing our clients with insight and access to the most wonderful and intimate resources that will capture your imagination.

Each journey will be replete with flexibility; moving at your pace and attuned to your interests and needs. We offer choices that are creative, interesting and exclusive – customized to achieve our client's travel objectives.

Throughout each journey, our platinum end-to-end service will ensure that expectations are exceeded – bringing a level of care and attention directly that will exude the finest levels of Japanese service quality and service overlay.

We personally select all concierges, guides and drivers and continually monitor their performance under rigorous standards.



*JapanQuest Journeys' ability to deliver a unique high-end experience is unparalleled and our clients experience Japan through the lens of "insiders" who can access it and know it exceedingly well.*

***Our concierges and guides are the absolute best in Japan***

## Private Bespoke Itineraries

Each itinerary is highly customized to each client's interests and needs and will incorporate a variety of special experiences, accommodation styles and culinary choices, as desired.

For illustrative purposes, here are three sample itineraries built around our core journey **"The Essence of Japan"** differentiated to reflect either more time in areas throughout the beautiful studded Inland Sea or within Japan's picturesque countryside. They all can be combined with or incorporate elements from our Signature Journey Collection.

### *The Essence of Japan*

This 11-day journey explores the dynamic City of Tokyo and its many contemporary and traditional areas. From Tokyo, onward to the quintessential and culturally enriching former capitals of Kyoto and Nara ending in the historically important port city of Hiroshima.

### *A Journey Through the Heart of Japan*

This 13-day journey explores the dynamic City of Tokyo then progresses through the alpine areas of Takayama and Shirakawa-go, quaint small merchant villages reminiscent of times past. Heading westerly to the former castle town of Kanazawa before ending in the culturally enriching former capitals of Kyoto and Nara.

### *Contemporary and Traditional Japan*

This 13-day journey builds upon The Essence of Japan (Tokyo and Kyoto) and moves southerly to quaint Kurashiki or "Venice of Japan" and then onward to a respite on the fabulous Inland Sea and Naoshima's contemporary art scene.



*JapanQuest Journeys also offers journeys to explore the southern Island of Kyushu, the northern Island of Hokkaido and Okinawa*

*All itineraries are completely tailor-made, flexible and designed to capture our client's interests*

# Signature Journey Collection

Our **Signature Journey Collection** represents some of the most amazing and timeless places that remain off well-trodden paths and encompass fabulously beautiful, interesting and culturally enriching areas throughout Japan.

Our shorter duration 2 to 4 night stay trips are perfect for travelers in the Asia region, cruise shore excursions and for those passing through Japan seeking a very special experience. These Japan tour itineraries can also be added as extensions to any of our bespoke 'tailor-made' tours and can be joined with each other.

Combined with some of the absolute best and eclectic accommodations in the country, our journeys are masterfully crafted to meet the interests and passions of our clients.



# The Sights and Sounds of Japan

## Signature Journeys

Remote and Untouched  
(Yakushima Island)

Enchanting Kyushu  
(Karatsu & Pottery Areas)

The Great Outdoors  
(Eastern Hokkaido)

Scenic Hokkaido  
(Hokkaido)

Pure Japan  
(Sado Island)

Land and Sacred Places  
(Hakone, Shuzenji & Ise)

The Mountains  
(Matsumoto, Takayama & Post Towns)

The Spiritual  
(Kumano & Koya)

Contemporary Arts  
(Naoshima & Kurashiki)





## Luxury Hotel and Ryokan Collection

Having traveled extensively throughout Japan for many years, we have developed close and unique relationships with a great many of the country's finest hotels and ryokans. Our Collection, access and knowledge is unrivalled.

From being able to recommend a luxury hotel with impeccable service and the most splendid views of Tokyo's glittering skyline to a serene and tranquil inn in the remotest part of Japan, we will work with you to ensure that your accommodations in Japan will be extraordinary with the finest hospitality, cuisine and ambiance.



*Choose from among the finest accommodations in our **Luxury Hotel and Ryokan Collection***



## Special Experiences and Cultural Immersion

Thrilling sumo and gentle ikebana, Japanese cooking in Tokyo and a geisha dinner in Kyoto, fashion trend spotting or antique art plotting, Zen meditation, sake appreciation, the tea ceremony, private market tours, the thumping of taiko drumming and powerful kanji calligraphy---this and much more awaits our clients on their fascinating journey to the core of Japan.

**JapanQuest** Journeys' unequaled access to insider places and our formidable network of local specialists and connoisseurs ensures that our clients experience a real slice of Japan's highly diverse culture that goes far beyond having seen the sights, is close-up, hands-on and, above all, expert-guided.

**JapanQuest** Journeys will personally introduce our clients to illustrious chefs of world-class restaurants and to the friendly owners of local dining establishments thereby allowing a discovery of the rich and varied nature of Japan's quintessential food culture by letting one's palette lead into a world of hitherto unknown tastes and textures.

There are countless special experiences and we will suggest destinations that will be enriching, fun and unique.



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***We Look Forward to Planning With You!***

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## Stepping Stones To An Extraordinary Journey