

DISCOVER JAPAN WITH KOI WATER BARN

Along with organizing the best **VIP KOI-BUYING TRIPS**, Koi Water Barn will now offer **BESPOKE & UNFORGETTABLE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES** in Japan tailored just for you!

Travelling in Japan is both a thrilling and bewildering experience, especially if it is your first time to visit. Although there are so many places to see and visit, the **LANGUAGE BARRIER** can make it daunting to navigate around the country on one's own. Let Tony & Saya create a once-in-a-lifetime tour for you that encompasses both the thrill of koi hunting with experiencing the rich history and beauty of Japan. We will arrange all your domestic travel & hotel bookings, arrange your schedule, and carefully consider even the smallest of details to make your trip with us as seamless and as pleasurable as possible!

Depending on the time of year and areas selected to visit, rest assured that we will put together an unforgettable journey that will take you beyond koi alone and introduce you to the beauty of Japan, where ancient traditions are fused with modern life!

Along with Tony's decades of experience of organising koi buying trips in Japan, Saya lived in Japan during her childhood years and also worked in Tokyo for many years before moving to the UK so is **FULLY BILINGUAL** and can navigate easily around Japan, making her an excellent tour guide of the country!

NEXT TRIP: END JAN / BEG FEB 2020.

Our tour will begin at the annual All Japan Koi Show held in Tokyo, followed by a trip up to Niigata, then to Hiroshima, Okayama, and other stops to be decided depending upon the wishes of our clients!



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES WITH KOI WATER BARN

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TOKYO TOUR



This amazing city has so much to offer, from modern art galleries such as the MORI MUSEUM, to high end shopping districts such as SHIBUYA & GINZA, as well as the incredible Asakusa retains the vibe of an older Tokyo, with traditional craft shops and street-food stalls along Nakamise Street near the ancient Sensō-ji temple.

TRADITIONAL TEA CEREMONY

Sadō, or Japanese tea ceremony, is widely regarded as one of Japan's most valued artistic traditions, and has had prominent influence on other elements of Japanese culture. Experiencing Sadō through this tea house will introduce you to this unique tradition in its purest form.



SUMO WRESTLING

Sumo wrestling has been a mainstay of Japanese sports for more than a millennium. See a public match in Tokyo and watch sumo wrestlers in training at Chiganoura training stable. Or even go a step further during this one-of-a-kind, behind the scenes adventure, which matches you with a real-life sumo wrestler for your own head-to-head combat session!



ZEN MEDITATION

Enjo Zen Meditation with Monks in a Buddhist Temple. Intimate, restorative and relaxing, the ancient practice of zazen will provides its practitioners with a unique, peaceful respite from the demands of daily life.





SAKE BREWERY TOUR AND TASTING

Sake, one of Japan's most famous products around the world, is often enjoyed with a variety of cuisines. However, its origins are purely Japanese. Although sake has seen an increase in popularity around the world, 98% of its consumption remains bounded in Japan. In effect, one may only be able to enjoy genuine sake in Japan. You will enjoy seeing firsthand the process of making sake, followed by a gourmet meal and fresh sake sample tasting.

TRADITIONAL RYOKAN

When staying at a ryokan, your main tasks are to soak in onsen, contemplate nature, drink green tea in your tatami-lined room, take relaxing naps, and partake of incredible, memorable meals. Cuisine is an integral part of the ryokan experience, and for most people one of the highlights.



SKIING IN NIIGATA

NIIGATA'S high average snowfall, and good quality snow make it the perfect destination for a one- or even two-day skiing or snowboarding trip.

SNOW MONKEYS & HOT SPRINGS

If you are an animal and photography lover, then this excursion is for you! The Japanese macaque, also known as the snow monkey, is a terrestrial Old World monkey species that is native to Japan and they live in areas where snow covers the ground for months each year – no other nonhuman primate is more northern-living, nor lives in a colder climate!

Watch these intelligent furry creatures interact and most famously enjoy the winter hot springs just like humans!



HIROSHIMA: PEACE PARK TOUR

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is a memorial park in the center of Hiroshima, Japan. It is dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city in the world to suffer a nuclear attack, and to the memories of the bomb's direct and indirect victims.



HIROSHIMA CASTLE

Hiroshima Castle, sometimes called Carp Castle, is a castle in Hiroshima, Japan that was the home of the daimyō of the Hiroshima han. The castle was constructed in the 1590s, but was destroyed by the atomic bombing on August 6, 1945.



MIYAJIMA

Miyajima Island (also known as Itsukushima) has been a Shinto holy place for centuries and is home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Itsukushima Shrine, a red gate (torii) rising from the water just off Miyajima's shores. Other ancient shrines and temples speckle the island, nestled among a thick forest of maple and cherry trees.



JAPANESE GASTRONOMY TOUR

Japan is a country filled with delicious eats: there are more Michelin Star restaurants in Japan than any other country, and their street food is especially appetizing. Each city and region will have different gourmet specialties (that change according to the seasons) that they are proud of like OKONOMIYAKI in Hiroshima!



*Depending on time of year & location, we will choose the best dining experience catered specifically to our guests' desires.



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