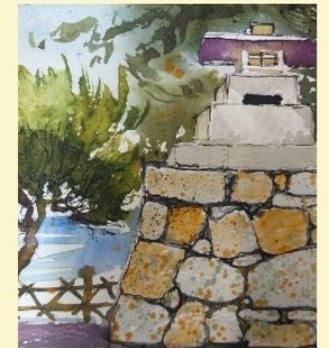


# SKETCH JAPAN! WITH JUDE SCOTT

Sketch, draw and paint in Japan.  
Experience the essence of Japan,  
the fascinating culture, the arts the  
food and exquisite gardens!

This is a leisurely trip, it is all about sketching, drawing and painting your own vision of Japan while soaking up the culture, scenery and the food! Specially tailored for both artists and non painting partners, we visit the Holbein Watercolour Factory for a personalised tour to see how our paints are made! An amazing experience! Time to shop afterwards in the showroom.

Experience the bustle of Osaka's longest shopping mall . stopping in at an amazing art store, dinner in the famous Dotonbori, tour Himeji Castle, the oldest, largest and best preserved feudal castle in Japan. Explore Ritsurin Koen Gardens with ancient bonsai trees. Travel up Shoshasan Mountain and visit Engyo-ji temple passing along serene forest trails. Time to fill the sketchbooks with Jude, take photos and gather loads of inspirational material for the future artworks!



## And there is more.....

We travel to Shikoku, one of Japan's largest Islands by coach and ferry to our hotel in Takamatsu, home of delicious Udon noodles, Kabuki Theatre and hand crafted treasures, wander the cultural Kotohira area and surrounds. Enjoy a day trip by ferry to visit the art island, Naoshima with works by Yayoi Kusama, the contemporary ChiChu art museum rumoured to house a Monet exhibition!

Visit the atomic dome in Hiroshima.

Spend a day at Miyajima with inquisitive deer, delight in the colourful tapestry of Autumn colours, the famous 'floating' Torii Gate and stunning Itsukushima Shrine....sketching opportunities everywhere here!



## What to expect.....

### *What is included-*

- 14 day tour.
- Return economy flights with Singapore airlines, including taxes and charges.
- All breakfasts and dinners.
- All internal travel, entry fees.
- Personal English speaking Japanese guide.
- Air-conditioned private coach transfers.
- Painting/sketching and drawing with tutor Jude Scott over 11 days.
- Hotels in Osaka, Himeji, Takamatsu and Hiroshima are 4 star or equivalent .

# Join us NOW!!

- \* **14 days.**
- \* **DATES-22<sup>nd</sup> Oct-4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2026.**
- \* **COST-\$8150 per person twin share.**
- \* **non painting partners \$7450**
- \* **Single supplement \$1490**



## Itinerary.....

### Jude Scott Watercolour Sketch Tour to Japan

**22 October-4<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

#### **Day 1 – 22nd October: Perth ✈ Singapore ✈ Osaka**

At night of 21 Oct, please proceed to Perth airport for the midnight flight SQ216 departing at

01:10am, fly to Singapore, arriving in Singapore at 06:35am, then connect the flight SQ620

08:40/16:10 on to Osaka. The tour guide will meet you at Osaka Kansai Airport and transfer to the hotel.

Welcome dinner served at the hotel tonight.

#### **Day 2 – 23rd October: Osaka**

After breakfast, our guide will escort us while we visit the largest Shoten Gai, a covered street shopping mall in Osaka and a specialist art shop.

Jude is an ambassador for Holbein paints and has organised a personalised tour of the Holbein Paint Factory at 1.30pm to find out all about how our watercolours are produced, definitely a 'must do' event! There will be opportunity to visit their showroom where all the paints are available for purchase. Then back for dinner in famous Dotonbori area.

#### **Day 3 – 24th October – Himeji**

After breakfast we travel to the next destination, Himeji, a modern vibrant University city by coach to our hotel. A leisurely morning, we can explore shops in the Himeji Shoten Gai, Miyuki Dori, an interesting covered shopping mall. Afternoon sketching and drawing with Jude

#### **Day 4 – 25th October: Himeji-**

Visit Himeji Castle, Japan's most famous original feudal castle. After our guided tour free time to relax, paint and sketch in the surrounding gardens and parklands with Jude. Return to hotel. Dinner at leisure.

#### **Day 5 – 26th October: Himeji**

After breakfast we travel to Mount Shoshasan. A guided visit to the Engyō-ji Temple, famously featured in The Last Samurai. Leisurely walking along forest paths will give time to take in the views of these unique surroundings, sit and sketch within the temple complex. Return to hotel. Dinner at leisure.

#### **Day 6 – 27th October: Himeji-**

After a relaxing breakfast, a leisurely day in the downtown area sketching, drawing and painting with Jude and our guide. Dinner at leisure.

#### **Day 7 – 28th October: Takamatsu**

Travel by coach and ferry after breakfast, then ferry to Shikoku Island, arriving at our hotel in Takamatsu. Afternoon free to explore, relax, or drawing and sketching with Jude.. Dinner in Takamatsu.

#### **Day 8 – 29th October: Takamatsu**

After breakfast our guide will take us for a full-day visit to the 400 year old Ritsurin Kōen Gardens, one of Japan's largest and most celebrated landscaped gardens. Explore the koi ponds, teahouses, meticulously manicured gardens, ponds and bridges, Autumn colours. Fill those sketchbooks with Jude!  
Lunch available within the gardens (to be confirmed).  
Return to hotel before dinner.

## Day 9 – 30th October: Takamatsu

After breakfast, our guide will escort us to visit to the famous area of Kotohira where we will visit the Shrine.

Walking, sketching, shopping and further exploration of local culture. Takamatsu is the home of the delicious Udon noodle and claim it was invented there, a must try! Takamatsu is also the home of Kabuki Theatre and classic Kabuki posters abound and make great souvenirs and gifts! Time to do some sketching, take photos before we return to the hotel before dinner.

## Day 10 – 31st October: Takamatsu

After breakfast a guided whole day trip to Naoshima -the art island, see sculptures by Yayoi Kusama the vibrant 'Polka Dot' artist who is now 97 and still working! A visit to the Chichu museum rumoured to house a Monet exhibition, rumoured as no photography is allowed inside! Plenty of time to explore, relax, sketch and draw with Jude. (Optional-Bike hire available at artists cost.) Back to hotel and a leisurely dinner.

## Day 11 – 1st November: Hiroshima

After breakfast we travel to Hiroshima by ferry and coach.

A visit to the Atomic Dome, the day is free for quiet reflection, relaxation, drawing, sketching with Jude or shopping. Return to hotel before dinner.

## Day 12 – 2nd November: Hiroshima

After breakfast, we ferry to Miyajima for a full-day guided tour, sketch the iconic 'floating' Torii Gate, visit the stunning Itsukushima Shrine, experience the rich and vibrant autumn colours, see the free roaming deer. Plenty of time to sketch, draw, paint and take loads of reference images!

Return to Hiroshima by ferry and hotel before dinner.

## Day 13–3rd November:

Hiroshima → Osaka ✈️ Singapore ✈️ Perth

After a leisurely breakfast we will be driven in our coach to Osaka's Kansai Airport for flight SQ623 departing Osaka at 23:20pm to Singapore.

## Day 14: 4th November: Singapore ✈️ Perth

Arrive in Singapore at 05:00am, then connect the flight SQ213 07:20 am/12:30 pm Perth.

## Tour Inclusions–

- \*Economy class flights Perth/Singapore/Osaka/Singapore/Perth
- \* 4 star hotels or similar in each city, twin share.
- \* Daily breakfast in hotel.
- \* Dinners each night.
- Entrance fees to-
- \* Himeji Castle
- \* Shoshasan Mountain and Engyo-ji Temple
- \* Ritsurin Gardens.
- \*Round trip ferry to Miyajima.
- \* Entry to Itsukushima Shrine.
- \* Round trip ferry to Naoshima Island.
- \* English speaking Japanese guide.
- \* Coach and driver for transfers and touring.

## Tour Exclusions–

- \* Personal expenses
- \* Travel Insurance
- \*Meals not included in itinerary.

## Hotel links–

### 4 star Hotels or similar class:

- Osaka Bay Prince Hotel or similar —

<https://www.seibuprince.com/ja/grand-prince-hotel-osaka-bay>

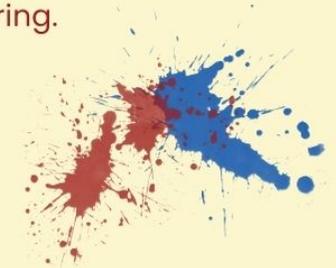
- Hotel Nikko Himeji Or similar -- <https://www.hotelnikkohimeji.co.jp/>

- Takamatsu Kokusai Hotel or similar —

<https://www.hankyu-hotel.com/hotel/ch/takamatsukh>

- Hiroshima Prince Hotel or similar —

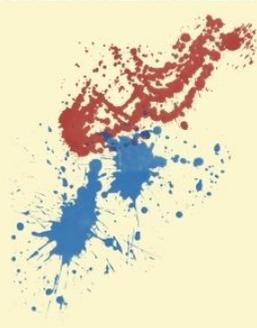
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## Tips and Hints for Japan.....

Watch this video on packing light for travel in Japan! <https://youtu.be/RAyrkU01pgM>

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- Take a pair of breathable shoes that you know are comfortable, unless you have petite feet, you will not find Western sized shoes in Japan if you develop blisters and need to buy new shoes! Comfort when walking.....and there will be a lot, is paramount!
  - Make sure the pair of shoes you take can easily be slipped off and on, everywhere we go, at the door you will need to be able to easily remove your shoes!
  - This leads us to socks! VIP in Japan..... you don't want to look down and spy a hole in your sock at a restaurant! I have found Sketchers packs of socks are fabulous, super stretchy and soft, don't wrinkle up, wash and dry overnight:)
  - Clothing- It will be Autumn and same as here, climate change means be prepared for the unexpected, some warm weather, maybe showers and maybe wind. Pack a lightweight Pancho that will fit over your backpack in case of showers or a cold wind. I do layers. Light bottoms from Uniclo that wash n dry fast, same for tops, add, a puffer vest that will pack into a tiny packet, and down coat that folds up to nothing, and a big scarf to double as a wrap, a second pair of breathable slip on slip off shoes from Sketchers. This is not the time for a fashion statement, travel light, less to carry, easy to pack and unpack.
  - Pack a hat.
  - Medicines- Japan is a country tough on all drugs, legal and otherwise! Get a list of what you are prescribed from your doctor before you travel, keep it handy with your passport.
  - This leads me to passports- please check you have the mandatory time left on your passport!
  - Photocopy the front page of your passport and pack it separately from your passport in case of loss.
  - Pack hand sanitiser.
  - Pack sanitising wipes to use on the plane, wipe down everything you need to touch even seat belt buckles n straps. The Australian Institute of Sport found it is possible to cut viruses by 75% caught by athletes who travel using this tip. Rob and I look manic as we wipe down everything when we board.....we have never had that dreaded plane 'flu or coughs since!
  - Pack small packs of tissues for use in the loo.
  - Pack your own water bottle, refill easily at airports and elsewhere.
  - Money. You cannot rely on ATM's overseas, take Yen as well, Australia Post used to give a good rate. The AUD is very high against the Yen at the moment:)
  - Phone. Japan has different power points to us, easy to buy at at Red Dot etc to enable charging.
  - Need WIFI? Best practice is to hire pocket WIFI at the airport, pay a daily rate. You hire the gadget, return at the end of your stay at the airport, plenty of advice visit YouTube.
  - Materials/Paints Etc -I will send out a materials list a little later, again, we will travel light.... I think there could be lots of art shopping for art supplies when we arrive on day 2!
  - More tips n hints to follow!



*For bookings, please email the enclosed booking form and passport copy to [eric@cbtholidays.com.au](mailto:eric@cbtholidays.com.au) and pay the deposit \$800.00 per person by 17 March 2026.*

*Any enquiries please contact Eric Wang from CBT Holidays at [eric@cbtholidays.com.au](mailto:eric@cbtholidays.com.au) or call 0423836819*



## As an Artist What Can I Expect?

This tour will provide you with unique experiences, culture and the arts of Japan. You will have abundant reference material and images to provide endless inspiration on your return to use in future artworks for years to come! You will have the opportunity to do a lot of sketchbook work and some larger paintings, there will be figurative drawing in street scenes, urban sketching with intricate buildings, gardens, koi ponds and mountain trails....whatever is your personal preference....at a leisurely pace guided by Jude.

## About Our tutor Jude Scott.

Jude Scott is a Fellow of the West Australian Watercolour Society, a professional watercolour artist and tutor. Jude is a passionate advocate of watercolour with a love of travel and tutoring in Australia and around the world and has featured in Australian art magazines. Past workshops led by Jude include Italy, France, Bali, Morocco and in WA and Tasmania and Queensland.

see: [www.judescott.co](http://www.judescott.co)

## Do I Need to be an Experienced Artist to Join the Tour?

All levels of experience and abilities are truly welcome! It is your trip! Artists are free to use whatever medium you feel comfortable with, it does not have to be watercolour!! Pencil, pen, biro, inks, watercolour, or just use a camera....what ever works for you!

The aim is to relax, have fun, indulge in some drawing sketching and or painting, record your personal and individual impressions of what you love, fill up the sketchbook/s or create larger works. We will not be doing stress!

## What is in This Trip for a Non Painting Partner?

Our guide will be on hand each day with suggestions of events available and guide you if you wish! Maybe visit a cafe, gallery, gallery, markets, shops and a museum.....meet the artists later in the day after we have finished. There will be other non painters in our friendly group so you won't be on your own. There will be plenty of options!

## Will There be Solo Travellers?

Yes!! Solo travellers are most welcome, you do not need a partner, many artists prefer to travel solo with an art group.

