

2027
KOKUFU-TEN

BONSAI TOUR

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TOUR ITINERARY

Day One International Departure	Depart from your hometown airport and travel across the globe.	Meals
Day Two International Arrival <i>Sat February 6, 2027</i>	Arrive in Osaka at either KIX or ITM airport. Transportation will be arranged from the airport to bring you to the hotel in Kyoto.	
Day Three Kyoto <i>Sun February 7, 2027</i>	In the morning, head to Kiyomizu-dera , one of the oldest and most well-known temples in the Eastern Mountains of Kyoto. Explore the Sannenzaka and Ninenzaka historical districts. In the afternoon, visit the Daitoku-ji temple complex and check out the famous bonsai collection at the Houshun-in sub temple. In the late afternoon, visit Eisei-en Kyoto Bonsai Garden , the newly opened bonsai garden of Bjorn and Nanxi.	B, L
Day Four Kyoto <i>Mon February 8, 2027</i>	In the morning, visit Japan's most famous zen garden Ryoan-ji in Northwest Kyoto, followed by a trip to the world-famous Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion . After lunch, travel to a handful of Kyoto's most famous Japanese gardens and sites in the Arashiyama area, including Tenryu-ji and the Bamboo Forest .	B, L
Day Five Kyoto <i>Tues February 9, 2027</i>	In the morning, head to Nanzen-ji , a vast temple complex in the Eastern Mountains of Kyoto. Explore Konchi-in , Tenju-an , and Nanzen-ji . In the afternoon visit Nijo-jo Castle , followed by a trip to Ginkaku-ji , aka the Silver Pavilion, in Kyoto's eastern mountains, and learn about the connection of the temple to bonsai art and Japanese culture.	B, L
Day Six Kyoto to Tokyo <i>Wed February 10, 2027</i>	In the morning, hop on the Shinkansen Bullet Train from Kyoto and ride up to Tokyo. In the afternoon, you will be free to explore Tokyo on your own and enjoy the sites around the city.	B
Day Seven Tokyo & Ueno <i>Thur February 11, 2027</i>	In the morning, head to the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum to see the first half of the 101st Kokufu-ten Japanese National Bonsai Exhibition . Bjorn will provide commentary on some of the trees on display in the show. Spend the day exploring the show and perusing the vendor market at the Ueno Green Club. Bjorn will provide translation services for those wishing to purchase items at the vendor market.	B
Day Eight Omiya & Tokyo <i>Fri February 12, 2027</i>	In the morning, travel to the garden of world-renowned bonsai artist Masahiko Kimura to see some of the best bonsai in the world. In the afternoon, head to the Omiya Bonsai Village . We will visit the Omiya Bonsai Museum , as well as Fuyo-en and Mansei-en Bonsai Nurseries , home to some of Japan's most historical trees.	B, L
Day Nine Tokyo & Ueno <i>Sat February 13, 2027</i>	In the morning, head back to the Kokufu-ten to explore the second half of the exhibition, and visit the vendor area to make any final purchases at the show. In the afternoon, travel to Kunio Kobayashi's famous Shunka-en Bonsai Museum in Edo-gawa Tokyo. Mr. Kobayashi's garden is home to some of Japan's most famous bonsai, suiseki and ceramics. In the evening, to celebrate the completion of the tour and the friendships formed through bonsai, gather as a group for the special farewell dinner and open bar .	B, D
Day Ten International Departure <i>Sun February 14, 2027</i>	Depart from Narita Airport (NRT) or Haneda Airport (HND) back to your home country.	B

PRICING & DETAILS

Costs

Land Package (double occupancy)	\$3480 US
Single occupancy supplement	\$400 US

Land Package includes:

- 8 nights double occupancy hotel room
- All ground transportation
- Garden entrance fees
- Complete guided tour
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner/open bar
- All taxes

Land Package excludes:

- Airfare from/to home country
- Daily snacks, soft drinks & alcohol
- Souvenirs and personal items

Hotel Details

The land package includes a double occupancy hotel room (two people per room); however, you can choose to have a single occupancy room for an additional \$400 US. If you wish to stay in a double occupancy room, please arrange your roommate yourself prior to signing up. Participants will stay in a combination of four star and three star hotels, and hotels cannot be upgraded or changed after bookings are made. All booking will be handled by Eisei-en Kyoto. If you plan to extend your stay before or after the official tour dates, please make these bookings yourself. We will provide the official hotel details in early December prior to the tour.

Airfare Details

Airfare is not included in the land price. Please purchase your airfare on your own or through a booking agency. After booking, please e-mail a copy of your flight itinerary to tours@bjornbjorholm.com. Limit one checked bag, one carry-on, and one personal item per person please.

Food Details

The land package price includes 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and a special farewell dinner with an open bar. All other evenings, participants will be on their own for dinner.

Land Transportation Details

The land package price includes all land transportation from the time of arrival in Japan until departure from Japan. After finishing each day, if you choose to explore local nightlife alone, you are responsible for your own additional transportation fees. Participants will be transported by means of coach bus, train, taxi, and shuttle van throughout the duration of the tour. If you plan to extend your trip, there are no partial refunds for airport pick-up and drop-off, so please arrange your own transportation to/from airport. Tour officially ends upon checkout from the hotel on the last scheduled day.

Deposit

When signing up, we ask that you pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit. This will be deducted from the remaining balance owed.

Payment

After signing up, please pay the remaining full amount by **October 1, 2026**. Failure to pay the full balance by this date will result in cancellation of your spot on the tour. Please note, we will of course still take new reservations past October 1st if spots are still available.

Cancellation

Cancellations made after October 1, 2026 will receive no refund of fees paid to date (with the exception of medical emergencies or similar, in which case evidence will be requested).

Payment Options

Payment of the full amount owed can be made by direct bank deposit (we will provide you with these details after signing up).

Insurance

Eisei-en Kyoto recommends that participants purchase travel and/or airfare insurance. Eisei-en Kyoto is not responsible for sickness, injury, or death for the duration of the tour. Eisei-en Kyoto is also not responsible for loss of or damage to personal property during the tour. A "you break, you buy" policy is enforced at the nurseries as well, and Eisei-en Kyoto bears no responsibilities in such cases.

Itinerary Details

Itinerary details are subject to change at any time before or during the tour based on scheduling, weather, and other unforeseen issues. This includes changes to the cities and gardens that might be visited. The beginning and ending dates of the tour, though, will not change.

For further inquiries, please contact us at
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

