

# Ukiyo-e Tour Tokyo & Nagano April 2019

Experience amazing collections of Ukiyo-e!

Tour Dates: April 16th to 26th, 2019

- Connect with the Masters of Ukiyo-e.. Follow their footsteps...
- Expand your Cultural Horizons..
- Experience the temples, shops and restaurants of Tokyo & Nagano

Your guide—Terry McKenna, mokuhangar artist and teacher at Karuizawa Mokuhangar School.



“For ten days I will guide our small group of five to world class collections of wonderful historic Japanese woodblock prints in Tokyo and rural Nagano. The tour includes a mix of Art & Tourism, experiences as well as visits to a great selection of Tokyo and Nagano’s attractions. Now living in Japan and having visited often over the last fourteen years, I have the knowledge and connections to deliver a once in a lifetime experience for a great price!”

## **Mokuhankan Print Party Included!**

The tour includes a visit to Asakusa and David Bull’s Mokuhankan, where you will experience printing your own woodblock print, using the traditional tools and materials, just as the wonderful Ukiyo-e of our tour were made.

## **Iiyama Paper Making Village**

Deep in Nagano is the little known Uchiyama Kamisukiya (Paper making mill and experience), where we will see the traditional process and even make our own paper.

Itinerary:	Planned Activities
Tuesday 17th	Arrival in Narita airport, travel to Ueno, settle in Accommodation and orientation in Ueno area
Wednesday 17th	Hokusai Sumida Museum & Edo Tokyo Museum, Sumida river walk
Thursday 18th	Hokusai's Grave, Mokuhankan Print party, Senso-ji Temple and Kaminarimon, Skytree (evening & weather dependent)
Friday 19th	Ota Memorial Ukiyo-e museum, Meiji shrine, Adachi institute of print
Saturday 20th	Travel to Nagano by shinkansen, visit to Zenko-ji, browsing in Nagano
Sunday 21st	Obuse Hokusai Museum,
Monday 22nd	Travel to Matsumoto, Matsumoto Castle
Tuesday 23nd	Matsumoto Ukiyo-e Museum, Matsumoto City Museum of Art, Travel back to Nagano
Tuesday 24th	Iiyama paper making village, Iiyama town, Travel back to Tokyo in evening
Wednesday 25th	Tokyo sightseeing and shopping - eg Jimbocho book & print shops, Asakusa souvenirs
Thursday 26th	Leave for Narita Airport and return home / onward travel.
The schedule will be flexible to accommodate weather, museum / gallery open days etc. or to take advantage of a special event / exhibition	

### Tour Cost

The cost is **only \$3465** per person which includes: transfers from Narita Airport to Tokyo accommodation, local transport ICOCA card, entry to venues and galleries, accommodation at Ueno (Tokyo), Nagano, and Matsumoto, Print experience at mokuhankan and guiding.

### Your Costs

**Airfare** - Choose your preferred airline, & arrive daytime 17th April.

**Food** - Choose from the huge range of restaurants available!

**Shopping** - Shop at an awesome range of beautiful and interesting shops!



## Timing

The second half of April is cherry blossom season. The blossoms bloom when they feel like it however, so there are no guarantees unfortunately.. Weather is cool and clear and maybe with some cold days as well. Nagano is slightly cooler than Tokyo, so you will need a mix of clothing and comfortable shoes.

## Accommodation

Stay in comfortable style and a convenient location close to transport, with all the facilities you would expect from modern hotels without spending a fortune.

## Travel

Travel by train between our destinations, with a bit of walking around each area. Our longest journey into Nagano will be by incredible shinkansen, otherwise we will be on local trains and subway in Tokyo and Nagano.

You should expect to walk 3 or more kilometres a day and encounter steps, especially in historic locations.



**Bookings - Secure your place now with a 25% deposit of \$866.**

The balance must be paid two months prior to departure, by February 15, 2019.

**Early Bird Discount -** for full payment before 30th November, 2018! Pay only \$3223, saving \$243!

**More Tour Information:**  
[www.mokuhanga-school.com.au](http://www.mokuhanga-school.com.au)



## Information about the Tour and Japan..

### Food and Eating

One of the great attractions of Japan is the incredible food available. Enjoy truly authentic sushi and other delicious Japanese food. There are literally hundreds of restaurants and choices available! Prices range from several hundred yen *obento* from convenience stores or supermarkets up to tens of thousands of yen at exclusive restaurants. Your guide knows many great places to eat, and we can also explore and enjoy finding new ones!

### Special Diets

True vegetarian food is limited, as *dashi* fish stock is extensively used in many recipes. If you are happy to eat fish it is no problem, and even the simplest restaurant has some traditional dish that is suitably vegetarian. Special diets are generally not catered for in Japan. If you have special diet needs or allergies, please contact us and we can discuss the possibilities with you.

### Walking and Transportation

Our tour includes walking to many of our destinations, including stairs, so a fair degree of mobility and fitness is required.

### Health and Insurance

It is highly recommended that you purchase your own travel insurance.

### Passport and Visa

You will need a valid passport, many countries citizens are automatically given a 90 day visitor visa when entering Japan. Please check with us.

### Money

Bring adequate cash - Japanese Yen! Japan is still very much a cash society. You may be able to access funds from the ATMs available in convenience stores and banks, but despite what your local bank or Australian Post will tell you, it may be impossible or at best difficult.

### Telephone, Electricity & Internet

You can bring your mobile phone but check your provider's international roaming charges. Your accommodation provides free internet access, and there is a growing number of free internet access points in Cafes etc.

All power in Japan is 110 volts, with Japanese style double pin plug.



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