

Up close and personal with *Japanese ikebana floral art*

If you enjoy beautiful gardens, the subtleness of elegant design or the earthiness of ceramics then this is an adventure made just for you.

From this wonderful escorted tour with a maximum of only 16 participants you will learn that ikebana is not just flowers in a vase, it is actually capturing the beauty in nature itself. Travel with a fully qualified Sogetsu ikebana teacher while you

- Experience ikebana first hand by attending an ikebana class
- Visit the Sogetsu ikebana Autumn exhibition in Tokyo
- Wander through famous gardens and be touched by the autumn colours
- View the quirkiness of walled gardens

From Tokyo we travel to Kyoto to enjoy a Japanese tea ceremony, immerse yourself in the art of ikebana, visit Sango-Cho sculpture park then head to Fukui, the home of Sogetsu ceramics. We visit Kanazawa famous gardens and gold leaf museum before heading high into the mountains to savour the last of the rich autumn colours while viewing art in the landscape.

Tour Guide: Sandy Marker (qualified Sogetsu ikebana teacher)

Duration: 16 days/15 nights

Departure: 26 October 2015

Cost with air: \$7550 twin share

Land only: \$6350 twin share

Single supp: \$585

Inclusions: Return economy class flights on JAL, current taxes*, accommodation, all transfers and touring, daily breakfast and some meals)

*Based on taxes and charges as of 20 November 2014 – subject to change until tickets have been issued

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Book and pay \$500 non-refundable deposit by 31 December and receive
\$100 discount

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Sandy Marker Your qualified Sogetsu ikebana teacher

Ikebana has always held a special interest for Sandy and while living in Hong Kong she pursued an opportunity to learn from a Sogetsu master. On

returning to Sydney, she studied under the direction of Seiseki Umemura and is currently a Sanyo Teacher and working towards the next level. Sandy has recently exhibited at the 98th Sogetsu Annual Exhibition in Tokyo. (The exhibition the tour will see in 2015).

Sandy served as the NSW Director of The Australian Sogetsu Teachers' Association NSW Inc. for over two years during which she encouraged the Association to move into the era of new technology using the internet as a means of drawing awareness to Sogetsu Ikebana.

In early 2007 Sandy held her first solo exhibition 'Shadows' - all the works were inspired by the shadows created around living plants and flowers and the positive/negative elements of Sogetsu.

In January 2008, she was awarded first place in an International Exhibition held in Adelaide and titled 'Graduate Metal XI – Emerging Ideas in Jewellery and Objects'. Her winning work was a set of hand forged and shaped sterling silver spoons. The work was originally inspired by an Ikebana concept of Japanese Water Iris leaves blowing in the wind. Painting and fibre art are also part of her repertoire when time allows.



Expression of Interest

If you are interested in finding out more about this delightful tour please email the following details to beverley@impulsetravel.com.au or fax (02) 9651-2363.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Address:

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Home phone: Mobile

E-Mail:

Tour inclusions:

- Airport shuttle bus transfer to hotel in Tokyo from Narita International Airport
- 5 nights at a hotel in Tokyo including breakfast daily
- 1 day Sogetsu Exhibition ticket
- 1 lesson at Sogetsu Ikebana Association Headquarters
- 4 nights at a hotel in Kyoto including breakfast daily
- Private afternoon tea with apprentice Geisha
- Full day Kyoto tour
- Ikebana demonstration and Kyoto garden tour
- Full day visit to the Sango-Cho sculpture park using public transport and private coach
- 2 nights at a traditional Japanese inn including breakfast and dinner
- Full day Fukui tour using private coach
- Visit to Sogetsu ceramic kiln and ceramic museum
- 2 nights at a hotel in Kanazawa including breakfast daily
- Full day Kanazawa tour
- 2 nights at a hotel in Tokamachi including breakfast daily
- Return private transfers in Tokamachi to Hachi & Seizo Tashima Museum of Picture Book Art
- Farewell dinner
- Airport transfer from Tokamachi to Narita International Airport
- Certified English speaking guide where applicable
- All transport (train tickets) and activities
- All applicable entrance fees
- Luggage courier service where necessary
- Services of expert tour leader (Sandy Marker – fully qualified Sogetsu ikebana teacher)

Important Note: Pricing is subject to exchange rate variations and availability at the time of booking

