

# In the Wake of General MacArthur: The Legacy of World War II



The ports of call on this voyage from China to Japan introduce us to the rich historical and cultural diversity of the western Pacific. 5,000 years of Chinese history collected in the National Palace Museum in Taipei; the unique crafts and music of the people of Ishigaki; the legacy of the Ryuku kingdom represented in the UNESCO World Heritage Shuri Castle on Okinawa; the samurai houses of Chiran; the Fujisan Sengen shrine in the foothills of Mt. Fuji; the Kumano Shinto shrines near Shingu – these are just some of the fascinating places you may visit along our way from Hong Kong to Osaka.



**DATE 2019:** SEPTEMBER 26

**DURATION:** 15-DAYS/14-NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** HONG KONG

**DISEMBARK:** OSAKA, JAPAN

**SHIP:** LE PAPEROUSE

**FROM:** \$8,950

This is a **QUINTESSENTIAL PROGRAM** with included excursions, special guest speakers, and \$250 per person Shipboard Credit.

## **Created specially for like-minded, inquisitive travelers.**

As we explore the natural and cultural heritage of the distant past of islands we visit, we will also attend to a more recent chapter in their history. World War II was without doubt the defining event of the 20th century – realigning the balance of power both in Europe and in Asia, and establishing the United States as a global superpower. As we sail – metaphorically – in the wake of General Douglas MacArthur on his way to accept Japanese surrender in 1945, our guest lecturers, **James Bradley** and **Philip Hurst**, will guide us in an exploration of the origins and conduct of the war and consider with us how the war has shaped the world in which we live.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

As we combine an introduction to the historical legacy of China and Japan with an in depth look at World War II in the Pacific, some of the highlights of our voyage:

- A series of lectures and discussions with historians James Bradley and Philip Hurst
- An included, specially arranged meeting with survivors and successors at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima
- The opportunity to discover landmark iconic sites of Japanese culture, ranging from the distant past through to the present day
- Optional excursions to sites connected to World War II, including a museum in Chiran dedicated to Kamikaze pilots

### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1 – ARRIVE HONG KONG**

**Thursday, September 26**

You will be met at the Hong Kong airport and transferred to the Kowloon Shangri La Hotel (or similar). The afternoon is free to rest or to explore Hong Kong on your own. This evening gather with fellow travelers for a Welcome Cocktail Reception, where our guest lecturers, James Bradley and Philip Hurst, and our Tour Manager will introduce the program ahead.

#### **DAY 2 – HONG KONG – TOUR - EMBARKATION**

**Friday, September 27**

After breakfast at the hotel, join an excursion that includes a tram ride to Victoria Peak; a visit of the Aberdeen floating fishing village; lunch; and a tour of

the Museum of Coastal Defense's exhibits relating to World War II. Embark Le Laperouse in late afternoon.

#### **DAY 3 – DAY AT SEA**

**Saturday, September 28**

#### **DAY 4 – KEELUNG (CHILUNG), TAIWAN**

**Sunday, September 29**

On the north-east tip of Taiwan, the harbor city of Keelung stands on one of the most beautiful coasts on the island. Nearby is the spectacular natural park of Yehliu, famed for its striking rock formations. It's easy to tour the city's historical sites on trails that cross the lush green hills surrounding the harbour from Chung Cheng Park to Fort Ershawan, you can enjoy superb views of Keelung and the coastline. But the main attraction is the Miaokou night market, where you can taste some typically Taiwanese culinary delights. Optional Tours Available.

#### **DAY 5 – ISHIGAKI, JAPAN**

**Monday, September 30**

Located to the south of the main island of the Yaeyama archipelago, Ishigaki boasts all the aspects of an authentic piece of paradise. You've guessed it, you don't come here for its skyscrapers but for its pure emerald waters and idyllic beaches. Explore pristine coral reefs on a scuba-dive or snorkeling session, you may witness the 'flight' of a manta ray. The waters off Shiraho, on the island's south-west coast, have one of the largest areas of blue coral in the world. Optional Tours Available.

#### **DAY 6 – NAKAGUSUKU, OKINAWA, JAPAN**

**Tuesday, October 01**

The Japanese islands of the China Sea will surprise you with their vegetation and tropical beaches with turquoise waters. On Okinawa, the vestiges of the Ryuku dynasty, which reigned over the island for centuries before its annexation by the Meiji Empire at the end of the 9th century, are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the village of Chiran, you'll be able to discover former samurai residences from the Edo era, surrounded by harmoniously designed gardens. The Chiran Peace Museum is a reminder of the dark period experienced by its inhabitants during the Second World War. Today, they welcome visitors seeking to discover the secrets of "the island of centenarians." Optional Tours Available.

#### **DAY 7 – AT SEA**

**Wednesday, October 02**

## **DAY 8 – KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN**

### **Thursday, October 03**

The seaside city of Kagoshima, at the south of Kyushu Island, is best known for Sakurajima, an active volcano that faces Kinko Bay. A visit to this busy metropolis will remind you just how much the volcano is part of the inhabitants' everyday life: in the wake of the almost daily eruptions, a delicate layer of ash settles on everything. The top of a buried torii (traditional Japanese gate) measuring three meters that was 'swallowed up' by a giant lava flow in 1914 can still be seen. The power of nature will send a shiver down your spine. Optional Tours Available.

## **DAY 9 – UWAJIMA, JAPAN**

### **Friday, October 04**

Located on the west coast of Shikoku island, Uwajima will delight lovers of history and traditional customs. The magnificent Uwajima Castle was built in the 17th-century by the powerful Date clan and has a beautiful ornamental garden and bridge. The much-visited Taga Shrine is dedicated to fertility and is full of phalluses. As for eating, you must taste jakoten, a local delicacy based on fried fish. Optional Tours Available.

## **DAY 10 – HIROSHIMA, JAPAN**

### **Saturday, October 05**

Visiting Hiroshima is a moving experience. The town spreads along Honshu Island, along the inside coasts of Seto. While firmly focused on the future, Hiroshima doesn't forget its past, and a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and Genbaku Dome is a must. You'll enjoy the city's modern, cosmopolitan atmosphere and effervescent nightlife just as much as the peaceful stillness of its natural parkland areas such as splendid Shukkei-en, the town's historic garden.

**Special Included Programs** - Your day in Hiroshima begins with a visit to the Peace Park and Memorial Museum, commemorating the dropping of world's first atomic bomb. During your time at the museum you will meet with a survivor of the blast and successor survivors who will tell the story of August 6, 1945, and of what followed. In the afternoon, you may choose to travel by boat to Miyajima to the elegant Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site dating from the 16th century.

## **DAY 11 – TOKUSHIMA, JAPAN**

### **Sunday, October 06**

On the peaceful island of Shikoku, the smallest of Japan's main islands, you will have access to nature and traditions that have been preserved for centuries. Japanese people come from all over the country to

Tokushima to admire its folk-dance shows and visit the first of the 88 Buddhist temples on the Shikoku Pilgrimage trail or its traditional puppet theater. In the Tokushima Province, the village of Mima carefully conserves the traditional architecture of its merchants' houses and continues to keep its local indigo dye craftsmanship alive. Optional Tours Available.

## **DAY 12 – DAY AT SEA**

### **Monday, October 07**

## **DAY 13 – SHIMIZU, JAPAN**

### **Tuesday, October 08**

The former town of Shimizu is located on the Pacific coast of Japan, south-west of Tokyo. "Former" since, from 2003, it has been absorbed into the neighboring town of Shizuoka. From its port, the view onto the bay of Suruga is unique. Its Kashi-no Ichi fish market rolls out an armada of fresh fish. On the very bustling S-Pulse Dream Plaza, you'll find cinemas, a museum, restaurants and a shopping mall. In a quieter area, along the coastline, the bike rides are very enjoyable. The Miho no Matsubara beach, bordered by a magnificent pine grove, offers a breathtaking view of mount Fuji, when the weather permits.

## **DAY 14 – SHINGU, JAPAN**

### **Wednesday, October 09**

To the south-west of the Japanese archipelago, Shingu is a port town in the Kansai region. Founded in 1933, it belongs to the peninsula of Kii, the country's largest. Take a trip around the Kumano Sanzan religious complex dedicated to three sacred mountains and home to two Shinto temples.

## **DAY 15 – OSAKA, JAPAN - DISEMBARK**

### **Thursday, October 10**

Like its big sister Tokyo, Osaka is the product of ancestral traditions and amazing technological innovations. And despite its size, its location on the Pacific Ocean give it a sense of serenity. The main historic landmark is the 16th-century Osaka Castle, which stands proud in the midst of majestic skyscrapers. The lively streets of Dotomburi and the bizarre Shinsekai district attract thousands of locals and visitors. A multitude of restaurants offer menus full of regional specialties: takoyaki, made with octopus, and other succulent dishes such as kushikatsu kebabs.

Stay longer to explore Osaka and nearby Kyoto and Nara.

**NOTE- Pre- and post-cruise activities can be added – let us know what you would like to do and see!**



## ALL SUITES HAVE PRIVATE BALCONIES

Rates are per person, Double Occupancy

Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.

### Included features:

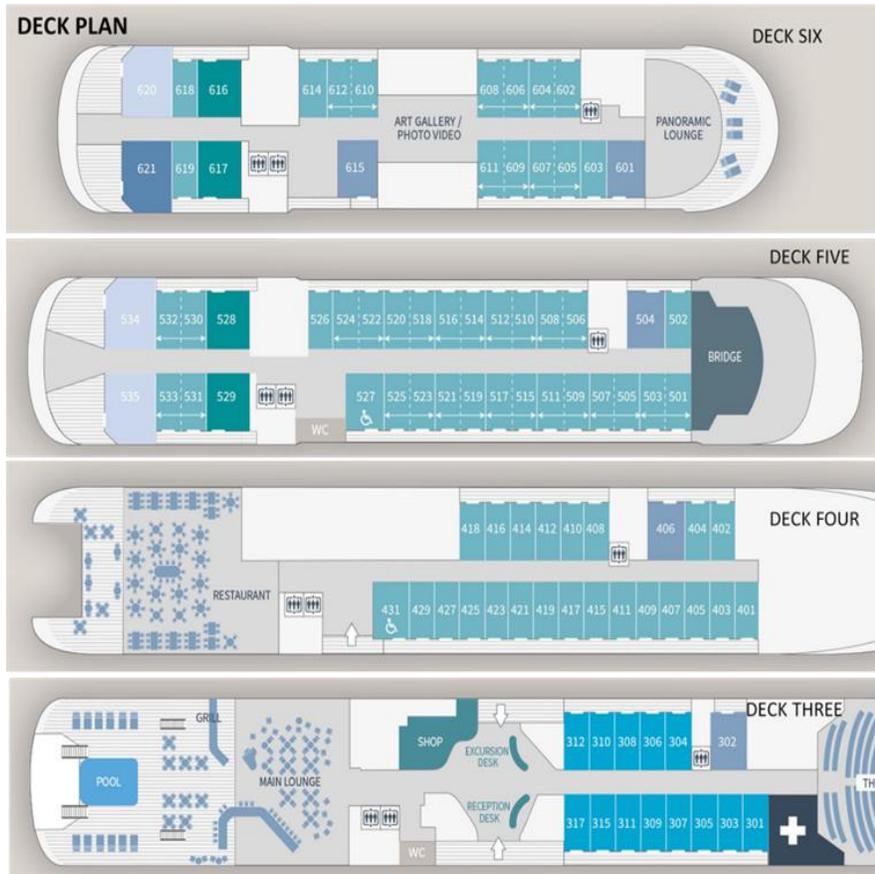
- All accommodations, meals, and excursion described above
- Gratuities to guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 13-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Paperouse, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.

### Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, Internet, etc.)

**RECEIVE \$250 PER PERSON SHIPBOARD CREDIT ON THIS CRUISE!**

| SUITE –                 | 2019 Rates |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Deluxe – Deck 3         | WL         |
| Prestige – Deck 4       | \$8,950    |
| Prestige – Deck 5       | \$9,330    |
| Presitige – Deck 6      | \$9,730    |
| Deluxe – Suite          | \$13,180   |
| Prestige Ste – Deck 5   | \$17,530   |
| Prestige Ste – Deck 6   | WL         |
| Priviledge – Deck 5 & 6 | \$19,210   |
| Grand Deluxe – Deck 5   | WL         |
| Owners Suite            | WL         |



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