Treasures of Japan
GARDENS, ART & ARCHITECTURE
With American Horticultural Society Host
HOLLY H. SHIMIZU
Aboard the Deluxe Le Soléal
April 29 – May 8, 2022

Limited space available!
Dear Friends,

The Japanese aesthetic values the sparse, the minimal, the natural. Garden design, in particular, is an art form that the Land of the Rising Sun has been refining for over 1000 years. It is with delight, then, that I invite you on a peaceful and introspective cruise around the southern rim of Japan in spring 2022—a time when the region’s emblematic peonies should be bursting with color.

Our journey begins in the bustling Maizuru, but quickly takes a serene turn at Yushien, a traditional water garden that is famous for its meticulously tended Japanese peonies. Tour the extraordinary grounds at the Adachi Museum Garden—considered by some to be the finest Japanese garden in the country, and certainly not to be missed.

Glover Garden offers a charming change of scenery during our call in Nagasaki, featuring a collection of Meiji-era western-style homes reassembled around the house of a Scottish shipbuilder. The grounds feature a 300-year-old Sago palm and are said to be the inspiration for Puccini’s *Madame Butterfly*. Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Park, an oasis of large trees, expansive lawns, walking paths, and the ever-present A-Bomb Dome, serves as a reminder of the importance of peace. Reflect on this message at the nearby Itsukushima Shrine, a holy site marked by its dramatic torri floating in the sea.

On each shore excursion, a private coach will be chartered exclusively for AHS members. Traveling with these likeminded guests lends an exclusive feel to the voyage. And our featured speaker, Holly Shimizu, will conduct lectures and be available for informal conversation only for our group.

Sincerely,

Terry Hayes

Board Chair

American Horticultural Society

Front cover: Korakuen Garden

Back cover: Sengan-en Garden
Holly H. Shimizu, a member of the American Horticultural Society Board of Directors and retired Executive Director of the United States Botanic Garden, is an internationally recognized horticulturist. She has worked in gardens in many parts of the world and is often recognized from ten years as a host of the popular *Victory Garden* television show on PBS. Holly has received numerous prestigious awards. Most recently in 2020, she received the Scott Medal and Award from the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and additional award recognition includes the Thomas Roland Medal for outstanding contributions to horticultural education from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the Professional Award for an Outstanding Public Garden Director from the American Horticultural Society. Dedicated to heightening an awareness and love of plants through her work, she has written for numerous publications and is an international flower show judge.
FLY FROM THE USA

Saturday, April 30
MAIZURU, JAPAN | EMBARK (D)

Sunday, May 1
SAKAIMINATO, JAPAN
Visit Yushien Garden, established in 1975 as a private garden. The grounds feature a variety of landscape elements, but its main attraction is its collection of Japanese peonies, with over 250 different types that bloom in an array of colors. Then visit the Adachi Museum of Art, housing works by the great masters of modern Japanese art, and its gardens. Most of the pieces were selected by the museum’s founder Adachi Zenko (1899-1990), who collected a wide range of styles. After lunch, visit Matsue Castle, one of the few remaining original castles in Japan. (B,L,D)

Monday, May 2
BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA
Depart on an excursion to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, originally built in 1376 by the great Buddhist teacher known as Naong. Explore Haesu Gwaneum Daebul (Seawater Great Goddess Buddha), Daeungjeon Main Sanctuary, Yongwangdang Shrine, and Gulbeop Buddhist Sanctum. We will also visit the Daeyeon Arboretum, featuring 600 species of trees and plants and the Jagalchi Fish Market with a rich variety of fresh catches. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 3
NAGASAKI, JAPAN
Today we have the extraordinary privilege of being guests of the Abbot at Kofukuji Temple in the heart of Nagasaki. We will be greeted by the Abbot and guided through the temple, an arrangement exclusive to AHS travelers. Next we visit Oura Catholic Church before completing our tour in Glover Garden, situated on a hillside overlooking the port. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 4
Hiroshima | Itsukushima Shrine
Take a short ferry ride to Sakurajima Island to view one of the world’s most active volcanos. Then visit Sengan-en Garden, a fine example of a feudal lord’s garden. In the afternoon, drive through scenic tea plantations to Chiran, a small town known for its fine collection of samurai houses and their enclosed gardens. Several residences are still being used by samurai descendants. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 5
Uwajima | UCHIKO
Walk Uchiko’s picturesque old street of Yokaichi, lined with buildings from the late Edo period and the early years following the Meiji Restoration. See an old sake brewery, the Amazake Chaya Teahouse, the Uchiko-za Theater and the Kami Hagi-tei, the former home and workshop of one of Uchiko’s most influential families. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 6
HIROSHIMA | ITSUKUSHIMA SHRINE
Pay a solemn visit to Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Park and Museum and the Atomic Bomb Dome. An afternoon excursion takes us to the Itsukushima Shrine on the island of Miyajima, a holy place of Shintoism since the earliest times. The present 13th-century shrine is an accurate reflection of the 12th-century construction style favored by the most powerful leader of the time, Taiga no Kiyomori. (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 7
TAMANO | KURASHIKI | OKAYAMA
Travel by ferry to Naoshima Island’s “Art Island,” the whimsical and curious destination sprinkled with surrealist art, sculptures, and architecture. Included in our visit is the Benesse House Museum, a facility containing numerous site-specific works created for the natural environs of Naoshima or inspired by the architectural spaces they inhabit. (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 8
OSAKA | DISEMBARK (B)

PRE-CRUISE EXTENTION

THE IMPERIAL HERITAGE OF KYOTO & NARA
April 27-30, 2022
Immerse yourself in traditional Japan, between temples, meditation, Geisha dances and tea ceremony. $2,750 per person, double occupancy; $3,470 per person, single occupancy.
PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive 8-night cruise aboard *Le Soléal*. All accommodations are outside staterooms and suites and 95% feature a private balcony.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship.
- All meals aboard ship including early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner.
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- 24-hour room service.
- Open bar aboard ship, including select wines with lunch and dinner.
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SHIP CAPACITY

(*) MGO FOB Rotterdam 0.1% in US$. (**) AUSTRAL, BOREAL, LYRIAL, SOLEAL: 244 Pax

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SIGNATURE DATE

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